

## [Smithsonian Virtual Events](#)

### → **Wednesday, 2/10 @ 4pm-** [Innovative Lives: Uncharted Power](#)

- ◆ On Wednesday, February 10, join us for Innovative Lives: Uncharted Power, featuring Nigerian-American inventor, CEO, and venture capitalist Jessica O. Matthews. Matthews' work is at the intersection of disruptive technology, renewable energy, and human behavior. She is the co-founder of Uncharted Power, and inventor of Soccket, a soccer ball that harnesses the kinetic energy of the ball during normal game play and stores it for later use. During the live program, Matthews will share stories about her background, inspirations, and inventions leading to 12 patents, starting with her first invention at the age of 19. Moderated by: Monica M. Smith, Head of Exhibitions and Interpretation, Smithsonian's Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation.

### → **Thursday, 2/11 @ 5pm-** [In Dialogue: Social Smithsonian Objects and Social Justice – Race and Medicine](#)

- ◆ Each month, educators from the National Portrait Gallery will partner with colleagues from across the Smithsonian to discuss how historical objects from their respective collections speak to today's social justice issues. For this program, NMAAHC Public Programs Department Academic and Social Justice Lead Leslie P. Walker will have a discussion with NPG colleague Beth Evans about race and medicine as represented by related objects.

### → **Sunday, 2/21 @ 12-3pm-** [African Americans in STEM Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon](#)

- ◆ Join the National Museum of African American History and Culture and blackcomputeHER.org as we celebrate National Engineering Week and Women's History Month with the African Americans in STEM Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon. Participants will create and edit Wikipedia pages for African American STEM professionals highlighting the impacts on their communities, nation, and the world. The creation and editing of Wikipedia pages will benefit K-12 students and teachers by sharing the narratives of African American STEM professionals, both the past and present. Register [here](#) and join us for one or both weeks! We recommend that participants create a Wikipedia account prior to the start of the Edit-A-Thon. Training will be provided for new editors. This event is presented with support from Wikimedia DC, the regional outreach organization for Wikipedia and the other projects of the Wikimedia Foundation.

### → **Wednesday, 2/24 @ 5pm-** [Wind Down Wednesday: Good Trouble](#)

- ◆ During this long, cold winter, we invite you to wind down with a free virtual program that fosters creativity and mindfulness. In partnership with independent mixologists, crafters, artists, and other experts, Wind Down Wednesday offers an optimistic approach to the middle of the week. In February, we celebrate African Americans' contributions to U.S. culture and history – but this important recognition should not be limited to 28 days of the year. As the late congressman, leader and activist John Lewis would remark, the work we need to do often involves making “good trouble.” In honor of his activist spirit, we will discuss the museum's newly acquired portrait of Lewis and pay homage to his quest for civil rights. Learn about Lewis's organized efforts to lead the nation toward racial equality and the good trouble he made. This conversation about civic awareness, empowerment and community will help you discover how to activate your voice and increase your civic involvement – all year long. Invited guests include Mixin' Mimi, who will craft a mocktail and cocktail to get us into the spirit.

### → **Sunday, 2/28 @12-3pm-** [African Americans in STEM Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon](#)

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