



November 2, 2021



### Faculty Development Grant Program applications are open

The program provides seed money for basic and translational research, scholarly activity and creative work for assistant professors or instructors with less than \$100,000 in yearly funding. Applications for the 2022-23 program are due Dec. 15; guidelines are [online](#).

► [Hear five past recipients discuss their projects in these YouTube videos](#) — including Teaira McMurtry, Ph.D., who is working on a project aimed at demonstrating the expressive power of Black language to in-service and pre-service teachers.



### How can simulations correct for a 'failure of imagination'? A UAB philosopher explains

Lindsay Brainard, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Philosophy, delves into the tools modern scientists use to generate new hypotheses in biology, medicine, astronomy — and philosophy.



### Kasman inducted to Steinway & Sons Teacher Hall of Fame

Tatiana Kasman, instructor of piano in the Department of Music, is one of 44 music educators who were selected; her name is on display at the Steinway & Sons factory in New York City.

### Federal order requires COVID-19 vaccination for university employees (i.e., UAB Workgroups A and F)

UAB is required to ensure all university faculty and staff (Workgroups A and F) are fully vaccinated for COVID-19 by Dec. 8, 2021, unless they have an approved medical, disability or religious exemption. [Read FAQs on the UAB United site](#). **Those who wish to request a medical, disability or religious vaccine exemption must use this online form to do so by the Nov. 5, 2021, deadline.**

#### Things to know



### UAB plans to keep indoor masking through 2021

UAB's safety protocols are proving largely effective, and the university plans to continue to require masking indoors until the end of the calendar year while it monitors changes in viral transmission.

### Oracle HR and Finance is changing its look

Oracle will be unavailable 5 a.m. Nov. 12 through 8 a.m. Nov. 15 for an upgrade that will streamline user experience and make the home screen and navigation more accessible; the new version will mimic the current business process functionality.

### Missed the State of the University last week? Watch it online

During his annual address Oct. 27, President Ray Watts discussed UAB's leadership in combatting COVID-19 and highlighted mission-wide strides made during the pandemic.

### Get your tickets for UAB Football vs. LA Tech

Get four tickets for \$40 to UAB Football vs. LA Tech 11 a.m. Nov. 6 in Protective Stadium. And don't forget: The free Blazer Express shuttle will begin pickup 7 a.m. at the Hill Student Center and drop off at the BJCC East Exhibit Hall. Bus rides are open to the public and continue for one hour after game conclusion.

#### More news online

Get campus news at [uab.edu/reporter](http://uab.edu/reporter) and COVID-19 updates at [uab.edu/uabunited](http://uab.edu/uabunited). If you have news you want to share with UAB faculty and staff, use the [Request Publicity form online](#).

#### Things to know



### Learn to utilize PolicyMap

Get tips and tricks for using PolicyMap, a mapping and research resource open to employees and students through the Lister Hill Center for Health Policy. Email [lhc@uab.edu](mailto:lhc@uab.edu) to register.

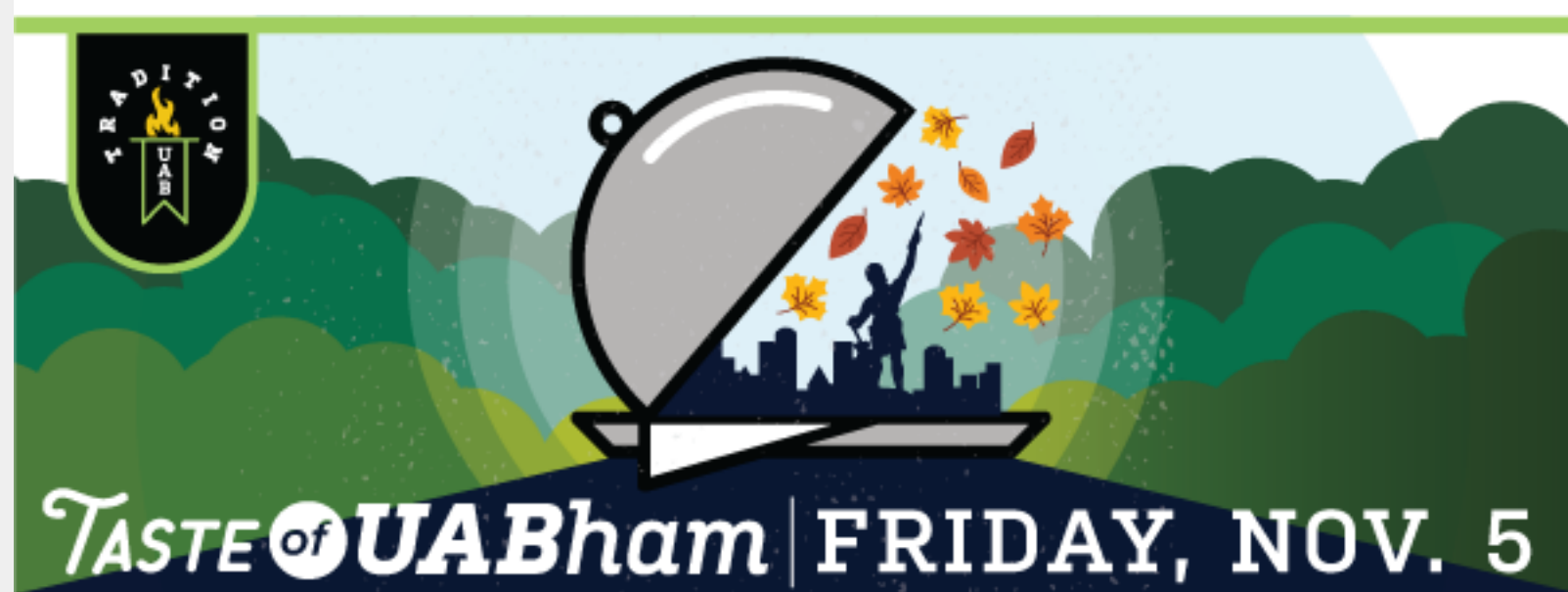
### Explore how legacies of prejudice continue to affect medicine

Author and scholar Harriet Washington will speak on racism in medicine in a discussion moderated by College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kecia Thomas 5-6 p.m. Nov. 4 on Zoom; the discussion is presented by the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Institute for Human Rights, Lister Hill Center for Health Policy and Student Multicultural and Diversity Programs.

### Discover why head and neck cancer rates are high in Nepal

Sadeep Shrestha, Ph.D., professor of epidemiology, will discuss the factors behind the prevalence of head and neck cancers in the South Asian country, which is the focus of his pilot project with the Sparkman Center for Global Health, 10 a.m. Nov. 11 on Zoom.

#### Mark your calendars



### Enjoy food and fun during 'Taste of UABham' this Friday

Sample Jamaican, Indian, Southern and Cajun food from food trucks, get a chair massage, see demonstrations from intramural clubs and play yard games during the free Taste of UABham festival 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 5 in the Hill Student Center, its patio and amphitheater and adjacent Lot 5A.



### Learn to use rubrics, checklists in online courses Nov. 5

Discover different types of rubrics and checklists for grading and communicating expectations for activities and assessments in online courses 10 a.m. Nov. 5 on Zoom.

### Discuss diversity in the classroom Nov. 10

Explore debates on how race and racism are examined in the classroom during a discussion moderated by Michelle Allen, E.D., diversity education director in the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, during a Social Justice Cafe 4 p.m. Nov. 10 on Zoom.

### Get your music fix with Robert Cray Band, Chris Thile

Blues favorite Robert Cray Band returns to Birmingham 7 p.m. Nov. 9; check out a free inside look at the history of blues music hosted by a local blues expert one hour before the show. And composer, vocalist and mandolinist Chris Thile, a member of Punch Brothers and Nickel Creek, will perform 7 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Alys Stephens Center. Tickets for both events are \$49.

#### One more thing



### Monarch butterfly-inspired art on show at UAB Solar House

Students from the Department of Art and Art History partnered with more than 90 art students from local high schools to reflect upon and illustrate monarch butterfly migrations; the "I\_Butterfly" exhibition can be viewed by appointment 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday through Dec. 14 at the UAB Solar House.

Check the campus calendar for more events

Lectures	Arts	Athletics
Follow us on Twitter		Visit us on Facebook
Direct questions about the eReporter to <a href="mailto:reporter@uab.edu">reporter@uab.edu</a> .		
Read UAB Reporter	Request Publicity	
Clinical Trials	UAB Home	