ARCHIVIST AVAILABLE TO DISCUSS AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY AND
HOW TO UNLOCK HEREDITARY MYSTERIES

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas (February 7, 2022) – Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) Instruction Librarian Kimberly M. Gay is honoring African American History Month, sharing her knowledge on how African Americans can trace their ancestry. Her research presentation titled “Let’s Get Gritty with researching African American Genealogy and Heredity” outlines how to develop a concise methodology for researching at local, county, state, national and international levels.

“Genealogy is about linking a family’s history from past to present,” says Gay. “Through United States Census records to government documents, the task of finding information on a family’s history can be exhausting, especially when it's coupled with finding research on an African American family's history.”

With over 30 years of genealogy research, Gay has been assisting African Americans with learning the best practices for finding relevant and reliable genealogy resources of the African American Diaspora. She can provide them the ability to recover lost family history through slave records, breed books, deed books, slave advertisements, 1850 and 1860 slave schedules, plantation tax rolls, slave master records, and much more.

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