



NEBRASKA  
WESLEYAN  
UNIVERSITY

# THE NWU PASSPORT

OFFICE OF GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

*Issue 3*

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- IRO - Weekly Meetings:
  - Tuesdays at 3:45 in Prairie Wolf A/B
    - Follow IRO on Instagram [@nwu.iro](https://www.instagram.com/nwu.iro)
- NWU International Film Series
  - Wednesday, March 16th at 7 pm in Olin B
  - **Once in a Lifetime/Les héritiers**
    - France, 2014, 106 min, Docu-Drama/Comedy, NR
  - FREE and open to the public (masks required), international snacks provided

### IN THIS ISSUE

- [Frederick Douglass and Audre Lorde](#)
- [Chadwick Boseman and Amanda Gorman](#)
- [Marian Wright Edelman and Senator Cory Booker](#)
- [Contact Us](#)

### SUMMER/FALL 2022 DEADLINES

Final Deadline: March 1, 2022



[nwustudyabroad](https://www.instagram.com/nwustudyabroad)



[@NWUStudyAbroad](https://twitter.com/NWUStudyAbroad)

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH: STUDY ABROAD

In honor of Black History Month, we are using this issue to highlight prominent Black Americans who have studied, taught, or lived abroad and what they have learned from it. It is important to note, however, that historically many have gone abroad to try to escape racism. While some felt like they were successful, others ran into new forms of biases. Continuing the conversation in all different parts of the world is just one of the ways we can continue to make the world a more equal and welcoming place for everyone.



## FREDERICK DOUGLASS IRELAND 1945

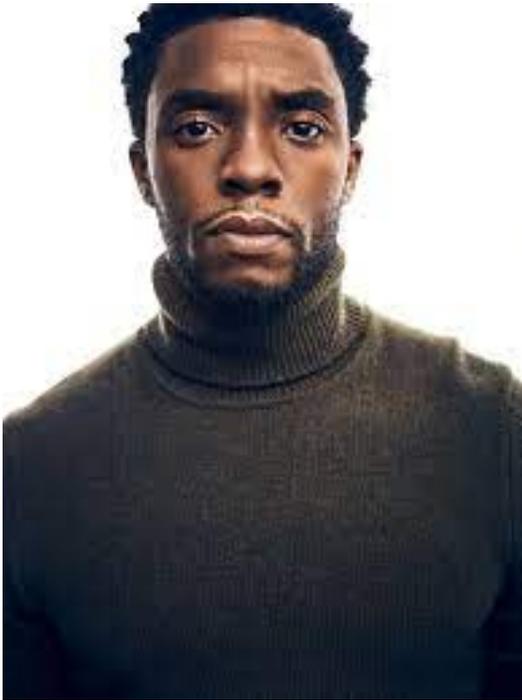
Frederick Douglass fled the USA to Ireland in 1945. He reflects in a letter written to friend, William Garrison, the difference in treatment that he experienced. He says "...the entire absence of everything that looked like prejudice against me, on account of the color of my skin—contrasted so strongly with my long and bitter experience in the United States, that I look with wonder and amazement on the transition." You can read more of his letter here: <https://glc.yale.edu/letter-william-lloyd-garrison-january-1-1846>



## AUDRE LORDE NATIONAL UNIVERISTY OF MEXICO 1954

Audre Lorde was a writer, feminist, and civil rights, activist. She was self-described as a "black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet" who "dedicated both her life and her creative talent to confronting and addressing injustices of racism, sexism, classism, and homophobia. Lorde studied abroad at the National University of Mexico in 1954. She went to escape racist McCarthyism and then discovered feminist and lesbian movements.

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH: STUDY ABROAD



## CHADWICK BOSEMAN GHANA

Chadwick Boseman attended the Oxford Summer Program of the British American Drama Academy at the Balliol College of Oxford in England. While in college, he traveled to Africa for the first time. Boseman went to Ghana with a professor where they worked "to preserve and celebrate rituals with performances in a proscenium stage." Boseman went on to say that studying abroad in Ghana was "one of the most significant learning experiences of [his] life."



## AMANDA GORMAN IES ABROAD TO MADRID SPAIN

Amanda Gorman was the first-ever U.S. National Youth Poet Laureate. She was also the youngest inaugural poet in U.S. History speaking. She is also an award-winning writer and cum laude graduate of Harvard University. Gorman found that teachers were able to recognize that her passion for coming to Spain was so much larger than just being in the classroom. She shared "It was about 'how will this experience at IES Abroad Madrid make me a better poet, a better person, and a better student so that when I come back to Harvard, I have all of those blessings to take with me.'"

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH: STUDY ABROAD

## MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, AND THE SOVIET UNION



Marian Wright Edelman is an American activist for children's rights. She is the founder and president emerita of the Children's Defense Fund. Edelman's strong desire for an international perspective took her to the Sorbonne in Paris, France, the University of Geneva in Switzerland, and the Soviet Union as a Lyell Fellow. Originally, she wanted to use these experiences to have a career in United States Foreign Service but after returning to the United States during the Civil Rights Movement: she served as a prominent figure influencing other leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr.

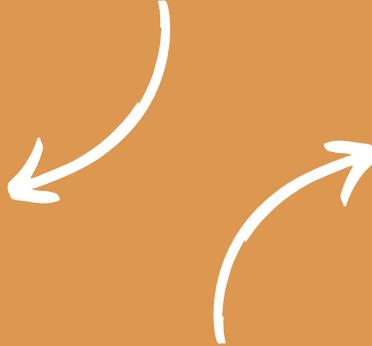
## SENATOR CORY BOOKER UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD



Cory Booker is the United States Senator of New Jersey. He assumed office in 2013. Before becoming a senator, Booker was the Mayor of Newark, New Jersey. He received his undergraduate and master's degree from Stanford University before being awarded a scholarship to study abroad at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom: where he earned a degree in U.S History. Booker then went on to obtain his Juris Doctor from Yale Law school. In Yale, he founded Shabtai, a global Jewish leadership society. He has continued his career in politics and even ran for the presidency in 2020.

Thinking about going abroad?

Schedule a meeting with our Advising Specialist



Sign up to receive more information from us



## CONTACT US OR VISIT US

Office of Global Engagement  
Room 35, Lower Level Student Center  
[studyabroad@nebrwesleyan.edu](mailto:studyabroad@nebrwesleyan.edu)

**Sarah Barr**  
Director of Global Engagement  
[sbarr@nebrwesleyan.edu](mailto:sbarr@nebrwesleyan.edu)

**Yoko Iwasaki-Zink**  
International Student Advisor  
[yiwasaki@nebrwesleyan.edu](mailto:yiwasaki@nebrwesleyan.edu)



[nwustudyabroad](https://www.instagram.com/nwustudyabroad)



[@NWUStudyAbroad](https://twitter.com/NWUStudyAbroad)

