

## Calendar of Events

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February 5, 2026

**History & Science Panel**  
05:15 PM - 07:00 PM EST

*Thursday, February 5, 2026*  
*Reception: 5:15 pm, Panel: 6:00 pm*

*Roots 101 African-American Museum, 124 N 1st St, Louisville, KY, 40202*

*RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/history-science-tickets-1979812499481>*

February 6, 2026

**KAS Education & Engagement Committee**  
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*Thomas More University*

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