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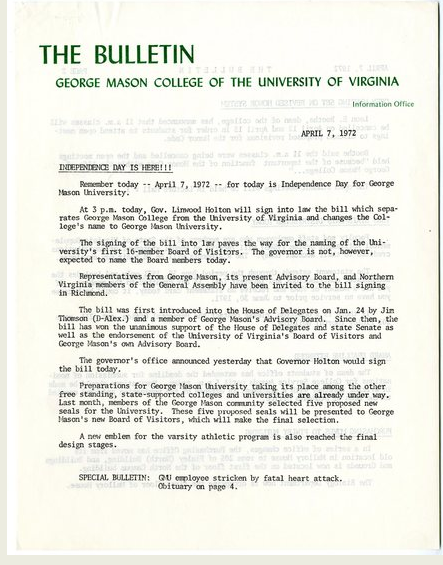
### IT'S MASON'S TIME!

Next week marks a special week in the university's yearlong 50th anniversary celebrations, and we hope you will join us!

On Monday, April 4, the Enslaved People of George Mason Memorial will be officially dedicated at 1:30 p.m. on Wilkins Plaza. Faculty and students affiliated with the [Center for Mason Legacies](#) were instrumental in proposing and designing this memorial, and we are excited for our community to come together for this dedication.

On Thursday, April 7, the official 50th Anniversary [Commemorative Celebration](#) will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. RSVP for this special event and luncheon [here](#). April 7 is also [Mason Vision Day](#) - Mason Vision Day is an opportunity for our community to come together to identify and support a deserving initiative on campus. This year, Mason Vision Day centers on the [Green Machine!](#)

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The Bulletin, George Mason College of the University of Virginia, April 7, 1972.



The newly-elected 1964-1965 Student Government officers pose in front of the sign at the entrance to George Mason College on Leesburg Pike, May 2, 1964.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY IS HERE!

In honor of Mason's 50th Anniversary celebration, the Libraries' [Special Collections Research Center \(SCRC\)](#) is proud to present "We Are Mason: A Student History" - a new exhibition which will run from April through August 2022. "We are Mason" illustrates Mason's first fifty years as an independent university (officially recognized on April 7, 1972) as well as the fifteen years prior that mark its development from a fledgling branch college. The exhibition focuses on Mason's students, who have always been the main reason our institution exists and carries on into the future.

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### INVITATION TO RESEARCH DISCUSSION AND RECEPTION

The Center for Mason Legacies is pleased to announce an upcoming panel discussion and reception surrounding their research for [Black Lives Next Door](#), to take place on Friday, April 22, 2022, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Fenwick Library, Room 2001. The panel discussion will feature George Oberle (director of the Center for Mason Legacies, history librarian, and assistant term professor), LaNitra Berger (senior director of Office of Fellowships and associate director of the African and African American Studies program), Anthony Guidone (doctoral student researcher), Eliza Buckner (undergraduate student researcher), and will be moderated by Rosemarie Zagarri (University Professor). The keynote will be offered by Spencer Crew (Robinson Professor).

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### CENTER FOR MASON LEGACIES FEATURED IN RECENT NEWS

Earlier this week, Wendi Manuel-Scott (associate director of the Center for Mason Legacies and professor of integrative studies and history at Mason) was [interviewed on NBC4](#) regarding the Enslaved People of George Mason memorial. Last month, LaNitra Berger (senior director of Office of Fellowships and associate director of the African and African American Studies program at Mason) and student researchers were [interviewed](#) about their ongoing work with the [Black Lives Next Door](#) project.

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### GEORGE OBERLE RECOGNIZED WITH NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR

George D. Oberle (director of the Center for Mason Legacies, history librarian, and assistant term professor) was a recipient of this year's I Love My Librarian Award - a national award program administered by the American Library Association (ALA). With this award, he is recognized by ALA for his amplification of historically underrepresented voices and the dedication he brings to uncovering and teaching about hidden histories. Oberle was one of ten librarians selected from more than 1,300 nominations from library users across the country.

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