

Throughout February, we'll be celebrating the inspirational stories and work of Black chemists. Watch your inbox each week!

# Celebrating Black History Month



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## Alice Augusta Ball

Ms. Alice Ball (1892–1916) achieved notable firsts in her short lifetime: first African-American woman to earn her master's degree at the University of Hawaii, first woman instructor in the UH chemistry department, and perhaps the first African-American to publish in *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* She leveraged her expertise in natural product isolation to extract the active chemical from the chaulmoogra tree, which led to the first injectable treatment for leprosy. Find out more about Ball's inspirational story at these links:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice\\_Ball](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_Ball)

<https://scientificwomen.net/women/ball-alice-121>

<https://www.uhfoundation.org/impact/students/woman-who-changed-world>

<https://www.biography.com/scientist/alice-ball>



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## Bart Bartlett

Dr. Bart Bartlett is using his expertise in materials chemistry and inorganic chemistry to combat the world's energy crisis. He is inventing and optimizing materials to capture solar energy using fundamental studies of these inorganic materials and their properties. Originally from St. Louis, Bartlett is now a world-renowned professor at the University of Michigan. Learn more about Bartlett's research and story at these links:

<https://lsa.umich.edu/chem/people/faculty/bartmb.html>

<http://www.umich.edu/~bmbgroup/>

<https://cen.acs.org/articles/88/i39/Bart-M-Bartlett.html>

<https://cen.acs.org/people/profiles/ACS-Scholar-alumnus-Bart-Bartlett/98/i11>

**Also check out "Trailblazers 2021: We have been here all along" in *C&EN*, including spotlights on UD Profs. LaShanda Korley and Thomas Epps**

<https://cendigitalmagazine.acs.org/2021/02/22/trailblazers-2021-we-have-been-here-all-along-2/content.html>

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