February Newsletter
Hello and welcome to BCaT Lab's February newsletter! We have a jam-packed program of events for you this month, as well as some big plans for future programming…

Announcements
Updated Lab Opening Hours

The lab hours have changed - we will now be open from Tuesday to Thursday, with the podcast room available for use on Tuesdays, our regular programming of Lunch and Learn, Applies and Eats sessions on Wednesdays, and our Writing Lab on Thursdays.

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February Overview

Check out our busy month ahead!
You can register to attend upcoming events at the link below:

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Introducing our new programming - the BCaT Bookclub! Every month we will be reading a different author's latest publication.

We will be hosting weekly bookclub meetings paired with guest talks and Q&As from that month's author. Join us in our Lunch and Learn slot to discuss the author's book from 12-1pm.

Every month, the first five in-person visitors to the BCaT Bookclub will receive a free copy of the book! Copies will also be made available in the library catalogue.
Podcast Room

Sign up to use our podcasting room on Tuesdays from 10-3. You can book up to two hours per Tuesday by following the link below:

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Upcoming Events

Big Brands are Watching You

For February’s BCaT Bookclub we welcome Dr Francesca Sobande, associate professor in digital media studies at Cardiff University, to discuss her new monograph ‘Big Brands are Watching You’.

Dr Sobande will be joining us for a talk and Q&A session on 28th February during our Lunch and Learn slot, from 12-1pm. Don’t miss it!
BCaT Eats
Join us for our regular monthly line-up of BCaT Eats sessions!
We’ll be hosting games nights, movie nights, and of course, good food <3

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BCaT Applies
We’ll be using the next two months of BCaT Applies to help you prepare for your applications to some of our lab’s major conferences, AoIR and NCA.

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Douglass Day

Join us again for the annual Douglass Day transcribe-a-thon on Frederick Douglass' chosen birthday, Valentine's Day!

We'll be supporting the events programming from 11am - 3pm, including activities such as:

- Transcribing the correspondence of Frederick Douglass
- Singing Douglass a happy birthday - with cake!
- The 4th annual Douglass Day bakeoff

Sign up here!

Brought to you by
Cafe, David C. Driskell Center, BCaT (Black Communication & Technology) Lab, Multicultural Involvement & Community Advocacy (MICA), Michelle Smith Collaboratory
Who Owns Black Data?

We’re so excited to attend ‘Who Owns Black Data: Slavery & Data’, hosted on March 29, 2024 from 9-5pm in Baltimore by the Black Beyond Data Ecosystem at Johns Hopkins University and Morgan State University.

This historic convening will gather a distinguished group of scholars, librarians, activists and archivists to discuss, elucidate, and provide public answers to the question: who owns and controls the Black historical and cultural record?

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Black Feminist Worldmaking

This week, our own Dr Catherine Steele was in conversation with Dr Meredith Clark as the keynote for the 3rd annual bell hooks symposium on Black Feminist Worldmaking.

Watch the Recording Here
DISCO Network's upcoming publication "Technoskepticism: Between Possibility and Refusal" offers a critical road map of the contemporary digital landscape in regards to race relations, disability history and care activism.

Refusal is a precious space of possibility. People of color and disabled people have long navigated this space between saying yes and saying no to the newest technologies in ways that can empower and energize our awareness of the possibilities skepticism can create.

Technoskepticism was co-written by an inter-generational group of 14 scholars at a five-day retreat in summer 2023, and is under review with Stanford press.

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Critical Approaches to Black Media Culture

BCaT Lab goes to NOLA! Alisa Hardy, Andrew Lowe, Tynesha McCullers and Rianna Walcott will be presenting on a panel on ‘Digital Technologies and Practices’.
Digital Migration’.

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New Blogpost!

Check out our latest blogpost for an update on our fall semester, including highlights from our lab events, conference presentations, and collaborative project!

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