A four-part virtual series bringing together Harvard alumni for a conversation on the universal themes and unique facets of being black within the entrepreneurial ecosystem.

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HAE is using its platform to start the necessary conversation of highlighting the challenges faced by black entrepreneurs, recognizing how bias affects nearly every aspect of their entrepreneurial journey, and focusing on how investors, founders and companies can be catalysts for change.
SEPTEMBER 16  1PM EDT, ZOOM
BLACK ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN AMERICA: AN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE
A discussion of the history and experiences that define Black entrepreneurship in America.

MODERATOR: Jill Johnson, ‘90, Co-Founder /CEO, Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership

PANELISTS:
James H. Lowry, HBS, Senior Advisor, The Boston Consulting Group
Ron Mitchell, ’92, HBS ’97, Founder, Virgil Holdings
Susan Smith Richardson, HKS ’04, CEO & Board Member, Center for Public Integrity

SEPTEMBER 23  1PM EDT, ZOOM
WALKING THE WALK: THE BLACK ENTREPRENEUR EXPERIENCE
A moderated conversation among Black founders and entrepreneurs about their personal journeys and challenges.

MODERATOR: Tracy Ty Moore II, ‘06, Co-Founder, VeraVis

PANELISTS:
Selena Cuffe, HBS ’03, President, Magic/Sodexo
Ryan Leslie, ’98, Founder and CEO, SuperPhone
Mandy Price, HLS ’06, CEO and Co-Founder, Kanarys
Lisa Skeete Tatum, HBS ’98, Founder, Landit

SEPTEMBER 30  1PM EDT, ZOOM
OVERCOMING THE WEALTH GAP: SOLUTIONS FOR FUNDING BLACK ENTREPRENEURS
A moderated conversation among Black investors centered around the structural inequities built into accessing capital, the fundraising process and steps that the investor community should be taking.

MODERATOR: Joe Hurd, ’91, HLS ‘95, Managing Director, SOSV; Venture Partner, Good Growth Capital

PANELISTS:
Greg Campbell, HBS ’77, Managing Partner, Medingenii Capital
Jill Johnson, ’90, Co-Founder/CEO, Institute for Entrepreneurial Leadership
Kimberly Marshall, ’03, Investor and Advisor, Launch with GS
Jarrid Tingle, HBS ’19, Partner, Harlem Capital Partners

MARCH 2021
SIX MONTHS LATER: HAS ANYTHING CHANGED?
A moderated conversation among the panelists on looking back over the last six months.