Rebekah Taussig will challenge everything you think you know about disability as she invites us into her experience of living in a body that looks and moves differently than most. “What would it mean for disabled folks if society saw us as acceptable, equal, valuable parts of the whole?” she writes in her memoir, Sitting Pretty: The View From My Ordinary Resilient Disabled Body (HarperOne).

Taussig, who has been paralyzed since age 3, is a mom, wife, author, disability advocate, and educator with a Ph.D. in creative nonfiction and disability studies. Before pivoting to writing, speaking, and consulting, Taussig taught passionately for almost a decade from freshmen in high school to upper-level college classes and continues to offer writing workshops.

She is also one hell of a fighter on a mission to show that disabled people have incredible value; as she argues, a more inclusive world is a sturdier, kinder, more imaginative world for all of us. A storyteller at heart with a great sense of humor, Taussig invites us to think differently about disability as she invites us to reframe our assumptions and challenge our own experiences of inclusion. In her work as a disability advocate, Taussig has worked to bring nuance to the collective narratives being told about disability and has contributed to the expansion of representation, identity, and community. Taussig is the recipient of the Hefner Heitz Kansas Book Award in Literary Nonfiction for Sitting Pretty.
Tuesday, February 27
Fireside Chat with Brandice Daniel
6 p.m.
Keebley University Center Theater (KUC)
Brandice Daniel is the founder of Harlem's Fashion Row, where she has been instrumental in promoting inclusivity and representation in fashion and bridging the gap between brands and designers of color, who were historically overlooked by the industry.

Tuesday, March 12
National Women’s History Month Opening Ceremony and Trailblazer Awards
2 p.m. • Tucker Theatre
Celebrate this year’s National Women’s History Month with opening remarks for the month’s festivities and Trailblazer Awards ceremony.

Tuesday, March 12
Women of True Grit
1–5 p.m. • Tucker Theatre
This conference features groundbreaking women of strength and determination who were “firsts” in their respective fields.

Thursday, March 14
National Women’s History Month Lunch and Learn: “B.E. True Blue”
Noon–1 p.m. • Student Union, Room 210
Join us for this month’s Lunch and Learn. The National Women’s History Month theme welcomes MTSU students, faculty, and staff to learn how to “B.E. True Blue” through the keywords “belong” and “engage.” Guest Dr. Monica Smith shares with us her vision for our success. Lunch provided.

Friday, March 15
Restorative Justice: Thinking about Belonging and Engaging with Our Criminal Justice System
9–10 a.m. • Honors Building, Room 107
Our three speakers examine criminal justice from a variety of perspectives that challenge us to think about the system we have now and whether it serves our purposes as a society. If not, how might we reimagine and reform it? These are the questions and perspectives that this panel discussion will tackle.

Friday, March 15
Closing the Gender Negotiation Gap: The Power of Entitlements
12:30 p.m. • Business and Aerospace Building, Room N127
Women are less likely to negotiate than men, a finding linked to gaps in economic outcomes, such as the gender wage gap. Learn more about the research and the potential of transparent and merit-based recruitment practices to eliminate gender disparities within labor market outcomes. Contact daniel.am@mtsu.edu for more information.

Saturday, March 16
Writing HerStory
11 a.m.–3 p.m. • Student Union, Second Floor Conference Room
“Writing HerStory” is a creative and therapeutic event designed to help individuals explore and express their thoughts, feelings, and experiences through the power of storytelling. This event provides a safe and supportive space for participants to use writing as a tool for self-reflection, healing, and personal growth.

Monday–Wednesday, March 18–20
National Women’s History Month Craft Night Pick Up
9–11 a.m. or 1–3 p.m. • Student Union, Room 330
Pick up a kit and craft with us! We will be painting kits from Murfreesboro Board and Brush. Optional Zoom to craft together Wednesday, March 20, at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20
Human Trafficking—The Classroom Experience
12:40–2:05 p.m., Academic Classroom Building, Rooms 110 and 112 and Zoom
Guest speaker Dr. Celia Williamson will discuss differences between trauma-responsive and trauma-informed work and provide ways that professional helpers and community can both identify victims and support them to reclaim their power and move from survivors to thrivers. Co-sponsored by the Distinguished Lecturer Fund, College of Behavioral and Health Sciences, and the National Women’s Health Committee.

Wednesday, March 20
Human Trafficking—Putting a Name to my Face
6–8 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m. • Academic Classroom Building, Room 104
Guest speaker Dr. Celia Williamson will discuss differences between trauma-responsive and trauma-informed work and provide ways that professional helpers and community can both identify victims and support them to reclaim their power and move from survivors to thrivers. Co-sponsored by the Distinguished Lecturer Fund, College of Behavioral and Health Sciences, and the National Women’s Health Committee.

Thursday, March 21, and Friday, March 22
Movie Night
5 p.m. and 8 p.m. • Student Union Theater
Join SPARE for a movie night that celebrates women, engagement, and belongingness. Title TBA at mtsu.edu/campuslife.

Thursday, March 21
TXM Women’s Panel
6 p.m. • Learning Resources Center (LRC), Room 221
Join us for a panel of women local to MTSU and the community who work in the fashion industry.

Friday, March 22
MTSU Women and Friends Idea Sharing Session
3 p.m. • Miller Education Center, Second Floor Meeting Room
We invite all women and allies to a meeting to share ideas about how to improve the lives of women on campus. Sponsored by the Women’s History Collective.

Thursday, March 28
National Women’s History Month Keynote Speaker: Rebekah Tausig
6 p.m. • Student Union Ballroom
Cosponsoried by The Distinguished Lecture Fund and the Disability and Access Center
Rebekah Tausig will challenge everything you think you know about disability as she invites us into her experience of living in a body that looks and moves differently than most. She is a fighter on a mission to show that disabled people have incredible value, as she argues, a more inclusive world is a stronger, kinder, more imaginative world for all of us. Closed captioning and ASL interpretation provided.

Monday, April 1
Advocate for Women in STEM
6 p.m. • Science Building, Room 1006
Gender diversity in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields brings diverse perspectives to the STEM-based workforce. As girls typically lose interest in science and math throughout their education, increasing the availability of science, technology, and math classes promotes girls in the STEM field. As an African American woman, I attribute my career path to a STEM foundation through such efforts I experienced when I was young, which is why I advocate for Women in STEM.

Saturday, April 6
My Beautiful Black Hair: 101 Natural Hair Stories from the Sisterhood
10:45 a.m. • Student Union Ballroom
My Beautiful Black Hair is a book about Black women’s embracing of their natural hair. One hundred and one Black women share their stories of learning to love their natural hair and the immense power that self-love. St. Clair Detrich-Jules was inspired to write the book when her little sister, Olivia, came home from preschool where a classmate had told her that her hair was ugly. St. Clair wanted to send a message to Olivia and young Black women everywhere that their hair is beautiful just the way it is. Co-sponsored by the Distinguished Lecture Fund and the Interracial and Diversity Affairs Center, presented in conjunction with the LGBT Plus College Conference