



CENTER FOR BLACK STUDIES RESEARCH

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FROM OUR DIRECTOR & ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR



**Director,
Sharon Tettegah**

We are moving forward at the CBSR in terms of fulfilling the Public Mission. As a reminder, the Public Mission of the Center is to support several levels of university-community engagement. In fulfilling our mission, we have partnered with Ontraport. For more information about Ontraport please visit their website here: <https://ontraport.com/>. Our partnership with Ontraport will provide opportunities for several types of internships for our undergraduate research fellows at their local offices in Santa Barbara.



**Associate Director,
Stephanie Batiste**

The Center for Black Studies Research presentations have been so illuminating and inspiring this year that I eagerly look forward to this quarter's talks. The energy and conversation about each vibrant field continues to stretch my purview. I hope you'll register and join us for as many as you can.

SUPPORT THE INSTITUTE!



The Learning Institute for Visionary Epistemologies in STEM and Interdisciplinary Studies (liveandlives.com) is dedicated to providing space and place that promotes and supports research representing diverse values, ways of knowing, and being. This year we've engaged with many speakers from various backgrounds with many different cultural perspectives and varying ideologies. We would like to build on this foundation by further engaging with the community to bring in even more speakers to share their research, recruitment of student ambassadors, holding more interactive workshops, and creating growth opportunities for students. If you would like to be a part of helping us achieve these objectives, we encourage you to check out our [online store](#) where you can purchase liveandlives.com merchandise and 100% of the money from your purchase will go towards these developments." *Note: The funds, from the sale of the merchandise, would provide financial resources to support our student ambassadors and junior scholars at the liveandlives.com institute.*

UPCOMING SPEAKERS



Assistant Professor of Critical Literacy in the School of Education at UC Riverside, Dr. Alice Lee connects with LIVE and LIVES to give her talk "Towards a Black Epistemological Literacy Education". Dr. Lee's talk will be given on April 24th, 2023 from 12:00-1:30 p.m., in 4603 South Hall.

Appetizers and refreshments will be served. Please [RSVP at this link](#) or register for the [livestream here!](#)

Associate Director of the CBSR and Professor of English at UC Santa Barbara, Dr. Stephanie Batiste joins LIVE and LIVES to give her presentation "SpacesBetween on Feeling, Trauma, and Embodied Knowledge". Dr. Batiste's talk will be given on May 8th, 2023 from 12:00-1:30 p.m., in 4603 South Hall.



Appetizers and refreshments will be served. Please [RSVP at this link](#) or register for the [livestream here!](#)



Assistant Teaching Professor in the College of Creative Studies at UC Santa Barbara, Dr. Iman Djouini connects with LIVE and LIVES to give her talk "Between Languages: The Modular Typography of Dardja on Social Media". Dr. Djouini's talk will be given on May 24th, 2023 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Please register for the [livestream here!](#)

PARTNERING WITH ONTRAPORT

Sara Hetyonk, People Operations Vice President at Ontraport, and her team joined us earlier this month to share information about internship opportunities with our SEEDS' fellows at the CBSR. In fact, we are excited to announce, one of our SEEDS' fellows joined Ontraport as an intern. What a great opportunity for our interns who are interested in workforce development! Sara was so excited to partner with the CBSR. She stated, "The transition from University to a new job can be overwhelming and uncertain. Ontraport hopes our continued partnership with UCSB's SEEDS program and the Center for Black Studies Research will help students navigate their journey from classroom to office. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the students who had wonderful questions for our team. We are excited about the next generation of young talent to join the workforce, especially the talent developed in programs such as SEEDS at USC.""



HEAR FROM OUR STUDENT FELLOWS!

We asked our SEEDS fellows, all whom have been in the program since its start in 2021, to share about their experience in the program so far and here's what they had to say!

Sophomore and Computer Science major, Eyob Teshome shares about his time in our bi-weekly discussions with mentor Dr. Ebenezer Larnyo, "I really like the talks we have with Dr. Ebenezer every other week. I felt like it was well prepared and students were also interacting so it was more of a group talk rather than just a presentation by one person."





Thanh Thach, a junior and Anthropology major, felt that "others should know about the mentorship program in SEEDS, because it is extremely helpful and diverse."

Junior and English major, Sabrina Chisholm expresses that "SEEDS helped me gain research experience in data science as a humanities major, bridging the gap between science and the humanities for me. It helped to cultivate an interdisciplinary mindset that is integral in our changing world."



Nayeli Jiron, a junior who is working on an Anthropology major with a Biological emphasis, reflects that "SEEDS is a program where students grow in different areas of research with the goal of introducing us to the world of research in the areas [where our] interest lie. It's a fellowship that leads students to take the lead in their path of research."

Russell Liu, a senior who is a Financial Math and Statistics major, shares how the program has helped him, "SEEDS helped me gain research experience in data science as a humanities major, bridging the gap between science and the humanities for me. It helped to cultivate an interdisciplinary mindset that is integral in our changing world."



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UCSB PhD student, Ana Cardenas Gasca, joins SEEDS to give a virtual presentation May 22nd, 2023 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Please register for this virtual event [here](#).

Professor in the Family, and Population Health Department and Interim Director for the Center for Anti-Racism in Nursing at the University of Washington School of Nursing, Dr. Monica McLemore joins SEEDS to give a virtual presentation May 3rd, 2023 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.



Please register for this virtual presentation [here](#).



Assistant Professor in both the Computer Science and Psychological & Brain Sciences departments at UCSB, Dr. Michael Beyeler, joins SEEDS to give a virtual presentation May 15th, 2023 from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Please register for this online event [here](#).

ICHANGE

The IChange Committee successfully submitted the narrative and action plan portions of the final IChange Network Annual Report. The committee's next step is the completion and submission of the campus self assessment. As we shared in last month's newsletter, incremental progress has begun to occur at UCSB. When asked to identify your institution's greatest accomplishment(s) resulting from your participation in the IChange Network over the last three years, the committee's response was as follows:



Although a formal program did not evolve from the IChange program, the presence of the IChange program on the campus of UCSB prompted more proactive conversations among some of the senior leadership, deans and faculty. This includes on-going conversations with senior leaders and the UCSB IChange grant PI. Last quarter, the IChange committee met with the UCSB STEM Deans, collectively for the first time, to gain their feedback on the proposed Audacious Goal, which has now become the Action Plan for STEM programs at UCSB. One IChange committee member shared, "There are people who now know each other who are having conversations that would not have been possible without the presence of IChange on campus." As this committee member reminded us, large institutions can be resistant to any type of change but to remember that glaciers carve mountains. These are encouraging first steps.

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UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Urban ethnographer and North Hall Chair Endowed Professor in the Sociology Department at UCSB, Dr. Waverly Duck joins the CBSR to give his talk "How I learned What I Learned" by Studying Interaction Orders: How "Troubled" Interactions Violate "Trust Conditions" to Produce Deviance". Dr. Duck's talk will be given on May 1st, 2023 from 12:00-1:30 p.m., in 4603 South Hall.



Appetizers and refreshments will be served. Please [RSVP at this link](#) or register for the [livestream here!](#)



Professor in the English Department at Brown University, Dr. Kevin Quashie will be joining us May 4th, 2023 to give his talk "The Matter of Black Sentences", via Zoom from 3:30-5:00 p.m. For those who would like to convene in person, please go to 4502 South Hall.

Professor in the English and Comparative Literature Department at Columbia University, Dr. Shana Redmond will be joining us May 18th, 2023 to give her talk "Agencies of Menace: The State, the Car, and the Music in Between". Dr. Redmond's talk will be given at UCSB's Multicultural Center Theatre at 6:00 p.m.



CELEBRATING EARTH MONTH

FUN FACT

Earth Month was started by an activist group after they witnessed a massive oil spill in Santa Barbara in 1969.

WHAT YOU CAN DO!

Not everyone may be in the same position as others to make eco-friendly choices in their day to day life but here are some options that may be suitable for everyone at all points of life.

Use re-usable bags for groceries / re-use the plastic or paper bags you have from previous shopping trips.

If you're in a place financially, choose to support local, small businesses whether it's grocery shopping, clothes shopping, essentials, etc.

Minimize your use of plastic products. Not only is plastic very harmful to our environment but it also has detrimental effects on our health.

Be an educated consumer, many companies/corporations use ingredients that are harmful to both your well-being and the environment. These companies/corporations also maintain processes of production that have negative effects on the planet.

This last one is simple, compost!

—MAKE EVERYDAY—
EARTH DAY

22ND APRIL

REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE - RESTORE

