



CENTER FOR BLACK STUDIES RESEARCH

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FROM OUR DIRECTOR



Honoring April Celebrations & Recognitions

As we step into April, we take the time to recognize several important celebrations and awareness campaigns. April marks Black Women's History Month, a time to honor the incredible contributions of Black women in history, culture, and society. We also acknowledge National Minority Health Month, highlighting the importance of health equity and access for historically marginalized communities. Additionally, April is Earth Month, reminding us of our collective responsibility to protect the environment and advocate for environmental justice.

Upcoming Events

The Black Collective: A Collaborative Research Forum

We are pleased to highlight The Black Collective at the CBSR, an initiative created by Drs. Albert Rice and Antar Tichavakunda. This collaborative forum provides scholars of the Black experience with a supportive space to share current research, receive constructive feedback, and foster meaningful discussions. The next Black Collective meeting will take place on April 18, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. in 4603 South Hall. The Black Collective continues to be a valuable resource for emerging and established scholars alike, and we encourage participation from those interested in engaging with critical research on Black life and culture.

CBSR Workshop Series: Reference Management & How to Get Your Work Published

We are excited to continue our CBSR workshop series with our next session, "Reference Management & How to Get Your Work Published". This workshop will take place on May 15th, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. in 4603 South Hall. This workshop will provide students with practical tools for managing references using software like Zotero and guidance on how to navigate the academic publishing process. They will gain insight into structuring a paper, choosing journals, and responding to reviewers. We encourage all interested scholars and community members to attend this insightful discussion.

Center Updates

Dr. Charles Terry will be representing CBSR at several upcoming conferences, furthering our mission to support and disseminate research on Black studies. We are also excited to announce that CBSR is currently interviewing candidates for two postdoctoral positions. As we look ahead, Drs. Ebenezer Larnyo and Charles Terry will be completing their postdoctoral fellowships in Fall 2025, and we are grateful for their invaluable contributions to the Center.

Additionally, we are both saddened and delighted to share that Lyla Washaha will be leaving the Center for Black Studies Research and UCSB, with her last day being April 25, 2025, as she embarks on an exciting new chapter in her career. While we are truly sorry to see her go, we are thrilled for the op-

-portunity that lies ahead for her.

Lyla has been an exceptional analyst, providing invaluable support for countless events and initiatives at the CBSR. Her dedication, professionalism, and warmth have made a lasting impact, and she will be deeply missed.

Please join us in thanking Lyla for all that she has contributed to our community, and in wishing her every success in this next stage of her journey.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Office of Research at UCSB and all our stakeholders for their ongoing support. Your contributions help us continue our mission of advancing research, fostering collaboration, and providing meaningful opportunities for scholars and community members alike.

As always, we appreciate your continued engagement and support. Stay connected with CBSR for more updates, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events! (Tettegah & Open AI, personal communication, April 2, 2025)

In solidarity,

Dr. Tettegah
Director, Center for Black Studies Research
University of California, Santa Barbara

BOOK SIGNING AND Q&A WITH DR. SASHA COSTANZA-CHOCK

Sasha Costanza-Chock (she/they/ella/elle) is a nonbinary trans* femme researcher and designer who works to support community-led processes that build shared power, dismantle the matrix of domination, and advance ecological survival. Sasha is known for their work on networked social movements, transformative media organizing, and design justice. Sasha is presently the Head of Research & Sensemaking at OneProject.org and a tenured Associate Professor at Northeastern University's College of Arts, Media, & Design. Sasha is also a Faculty Associate with the Berkman-Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University and a member of the Steering Committee of the Design Justice Network. They are the author of two books and numerous journal articles, book chapters, and other research publications. Sasha's most recent book, *Design Justice: Community-Led Practices to Build the Worlds We Need*, was published by the MIT Press and is available Open Access at <https://design-justice.pubpub.org>. Sasha is an Arts & Lectures Justice for All Visiting Scholar in residency hosted by Dr. Sharon Tettegah. They will be joining us on April 30th from 12:00-1:30p.m. in 4603 South Hall for a Q&A session and book signing. Snacks and refreshments provided. [Click here to RSVP](#).



"FROM POLICY TO PEDAGOGY" WITH DR. CANDACE COFIELD

Dr. Candace Cofield will be joining us to give her presentation "From Policy to Pedagogy: Reimagining Education Through a Black Liberatory Lens' Disrupting Anti-Blackness, Centering Healing, and Building Liberatory Public Schools" on May 12, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. in 4603 South Hall. Dr. Cofield will be examining the intersection of educational policy, pedagogy, and anti-Blackness through a liberatory framework grounded in both practice and scholarship. Positioned at the nexus of educational leadership, community engagement, and culturally sustaining pedagogy, this presentation highlights the possibil-

-ities and tensions of engaging in equity work within public school systems. Participants will consider how healing-centered, identity-affirming approaches can foster systemic transformation while holding space for Black brilliance, resistance, and joy.

Dr. Cofield is the Administrator of Special Assignment for Equity and Antiracism at Hayward Unified School District and earned her Ph.D. in Education Administration from the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy. You can RSVP by clicking [here](#), or register for the livestream by clicking [here](#).



WORKSHOP SERIES WITH DR. EBENEZER LARNYO

Dr. Larnyo's workshops are designed to equip both undergraduate and graduate students with essential research and data analysis skills to empower them with the knowledge and expertise needed to identify health inequities and contribute to informed policy interventions.



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"PREPARING ANTIRACIST EDUCATORS" WITH DR. KATRINA LIU

Dr. Katrina Liu will be giving her presentation "Preparing Anti-Racist Educators: Critical Reflection and Generatively for Transformative Praxis" on June 3, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. via Zoom. In this presentation, Dr. Liu will provide analysis of preservice teachers' habits of mind and patterns of acting in relation to race and racism. She will then provide a conceptual framework and detailed approaches teacher educators can implement to support preservice teachers to transform their reflections on race into actions against racism.

Dr. Liu is a member on the Center's Advisory Committee and an Associate Professor in the College of Education at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She earned her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with specializations in teacher education and educational leadership and policy analysis. You can register for this virtual presentation by clicking [here](#).



UPDATES FROM MANAGEMENT SERVICES OFFICER TRACEY GOSS

"Our current reality is 'business as usual' colliding with 'everything must change'! The CASU team is deep into preparing for the transition to the UC systemwide Financial Management Modernization project and planning for fiscal close. We decided to take the time to be proactive by strategically planning for the work ahead, including account, process, role, and separation of duties changes inherent to using the new systems while closing out the current fiscal year using current accounts, processes, and roles. We



We have moved into phase two of our accounting shadow system and account cleanup, and we will begin to formalize our FAU account mapping to the new Common Chart of Accounts structure in April. We are sprinting to close out Concur Reports, UC Path suspense account transfers, Gateway purchases, and Summer Salary requests that should be processed earlier than previous years for this year's fiscal close. Despite all of the strategic planning, there are many unknowns with this journey. We'll see where we land!" - *Tracey Goss, MSO*

UPDATES FROM POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR CHARLES TERRY

Dr. Charles Terry is working with his research group consisting of three students: Zitong Xi, a senior majoring in Statistics Science. Maia Fuller, a junior double majoring in History of Public Policy and Law along with Film and Media Studies. Kamaya Jackson, a sophomore majoring in Black Studies. The group is meeting weekly and has begun writing a journal article examining the North Hall sit-in as part of the 1968 Black Student Movement here at UCSB. Additionally, Dr. Terry is finishing the implementation of peer review feedback into his book project entitled "A Rebellious Education: Slave Rebellions, Enslaved African Americans, and the Fight for Literacy". He has continued to attend events hosted by the UCSB Multicultural Center, the Office of Black Student Development, and the African diasporic Cultural Resource Center (AdCRC) including the Black Book Launch Luncheon. Lastly, Dr. Terry has applied to upcoming conferences including the University of Minnesota's Common Ground Consortium program.



UPDATES FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST LYLASHAH WASHAHA

"I am currently working with the rest of the CBSR staff to wrap up the 2024-2025 academic year and prepare for the coming 2025-2026 year as I transition out of my role at the Center and into my new position. It has been a privilege to be a part of the CBSR community. I've learned so much and sincerely value getting to work alongside such outstanding and committed colleagues. While I'm excited for this next chapter, I'll always be grateful for the experiences and relationships I've built here!" - *Lyla Washaha*

APRIL RECOGNITIONS

Click on each observance below to learn more!

**Celebrate Diversity
Month**

**Black Women's
History Month**

**National Stress
Awareness Month**

**National Month of
Hope**

**National Minority
Health Month**

Earth Month