



Center for Black Studies Research MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

LIVEANDLIVES IS LAUNCHED!

The Learning Institute for Visionary Epistemologies (liveandlives.com) website is now live! What is LIVES? LIVES is a learning institute for visionary epistemologies in STEM and non STEM fields. Our goal includes fostering an environment where diverse ways of knowing are welcomed, cultivated, and supported. Our focus is on understanding and deploying knowledge from cultural perspectives and diverse ideologies. We focus on how and what individuals from diverse cultures know, what is valued and how knowledge is understood. We operate from the premise that there are many ways of knowing in all spaces including academia. Please take a moment to explore the new site, we are actively working to upload content at the moment.

KNOWLEDGE



MEET OUR 2022-2023 POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS



From Dr. Joaquin Noguera

"Being a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Black Studies Research has been a powerful learning experience for me and an incredibly rich opportunity to be in community with amazing and beautiful scholars, students, and people. My time at the CBSR has allowed me room to explore and apply my strengths and interests and unapologetically center Black peoples, cultures, experiences, and perspectives as a scholar, educator, and mentor. I have learned more about how I can contribute to Black Studies spaces and gained deeper insight into the strengths that I bring as a scholar to a university campus. I believe in the motto, "know thyself in order to serve," and my experiences as a PostDoc at the CBSR have given me the opportunity to develop knowledge and skill that will enable me to be of greater service to any learning community and to the world."

Introducing Dr. Ebenezer Larnyo

Dr. Ebenezer Larnyo works as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Assistant Professor at the Institute of Information Systems Engineering and the Department of Health Policy and Management, Jiangsu University, Zhenjiang, China. He also works as a Senior Research Consultant at Melian Dialogue Research Limited, United Kingdom. He holds a Ph.D. in Management Science and Engineering from Jiangsu University and a Master's Degree in Computer Science and Technology from Jiangsu University of Science and Technology, both in Zhenjiang, China. Dr. Larnyo is a recipient of the Level-One Jiangsu Provincial Government Scholarship for Outstanding Achievements in Scientific Research, 2020, and several other academic and research laurels. He does interdisciplinary research in digital & eHealth, health informatics, epidemiology, big data & machine learning, technological innovation management, technology adoption, and optimization at the intersection of healthcare, public sector administration, and computer science. He has authored and co-authored several peer-reviewed articles published mostly in "Q1/Q2" ranked "S/SSCI" indexed journals.



POST-DOC INTERVIEW: DR. JOAQUIN NOGUERA

What do you enjoy most about being a PostDoc?

"I have truly enjoyed meeting, thinking, and being in community with the people that make up the Center for Black Studies Research as well as the Black Studies department. Dr. Tettegah and Dr. Battiste are both kind, experienced, and very knowledgeable, and I benefit greatly from simply having access to them both. I also really enjoy being able to continue learning, independently through my continued studies but also in community through the SEEDS program and alongside other postdocs, and from the Black Studies faculty. Finally, I appreciate having time for writing and making the research that I have carried out accessible to the public."

What are you looking forward to in your 3rd year?

"The first two years of my appointment also required that I teach a course in the department of Black Studies, which I really enjoyed. I was given the opportunity to redesign a course as I saw fit and I felt really good about the course that I put together. I received glowing evaluations from the students that took my course for both years that I taught and I had a really fun time creating a critical and engaging learning environment for students. Although I love teaching, it is very time consuming because I take very seriously my commitment to supporting the students that enroll in my class. This year, I won't be teaching and I look forward to having more time that I can dedicate to writing and collaborating with a few select UCSB faculty."

POST-DOC INTERVIEW: DR. EBENEZER LARNYO

When do you plan on arriving at UCSB?

"I will start my new appointment as a postdoctoral scholar at the Center for Black Studies Research at UCSB on November 1, 2022."

What are you looking forward to in your role as a Postdoc?

"I am looking forward to this amazing new role as it will not only afford me the opportunity to advance my research and academic training in one of the most diverse research centers at UCSB under the supervision of Professor Sharon Tettegah and other astute faculties but also exchange ideas, knowledge, and cultures. Furthermore, I look forward to the chance to venture into new research endeavors, particularly employing data analytics to examine broadening participation in STEM and other relevant fields. This new role will also allow me the opportunity to mentor and guide students in creating an avenue for them to conduct interdisciplinary research aimed at highlighting and addressing socioeconomic, political, historical, and cultural issues that continues to reinforce inequalities within Black and other minority communities, an avenue that is very rare in other research centers around the world."

ANNOUNCEMENT

This newsletter covers the months of August and September. Once the 2022 Fall Quarter commences we will return to our monthly newsletters.

