



CENTER FOR BLACK STUDIES RESEARCH

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Click on any image to learn about Black women who've been change makers throughout history

## FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Welcome to our March 2023 newsletter! Many things are going on at the Center for Black Studies Research in 2022-2023. We have presentations across all fields of study and disciplines (please see below). If you notice, our most prominent discipline is Black Studies and our major field is Social Science. However, since the CBSR is interdisciplinary, many disciplines and divisions overlap.

Our speaker this Thursday is Dr. Brandon Ogbunu is a faculty in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Yale University. He will speak about his interdisciplinary research in evolutionary biology, genetics and epidemiology. Please come out to hear Dr. Ogbunu at noon at the CBSR or join us online via [Zoom](#). Please note that all of our talks this year are available in person, and virtually via Zoom.



Our newsletter is organized by the following sections: Spotlight, IChange, Live and Lives, SEEDS, CBSR, Arts and Lectures, and Resources. Our remaining speakers for Winter and Spring 2023 represent biology, big data, linguistics, policy, technology, art, health, literature and many other disciplines, subjects and areas of interest.

In celebration of Women's History Month, please click on the images of the 36 Black Women who were change makers. The link will take you directly to the Chicago Tribune (credited for the work).

Thank you very much for supporting the CBSR and its diverse interest in Black Studies!

Sharon Tettegah, Director



## ICHANGE

The IChange Committee is working to submit the final IChange Network Annual Report. This report contains an annual review, stated action items, and a campus self assessment. Since the implementation of the IChange grant, incremental progress has begun to occur. The committee met with the STEM Deans to discuss goals and action items that could be implemented in an effort to improve STEM diversity, equity and inclusion at UCSB involving faculty. These conversations have yielded more concentrated efforts towards improving DEI efforts to recruit STEM faculty. The presence of the IChange program on the campus of UCSB has promoted more proactive conversations among senior leadership and faculty in STEM. The Ichange committee would like to thank everyone for contributing towards the Ichange initiative on the UCSB campus in these last three years.



We would like to give a special thanks to working group leaders Hillary Campbell, our quantitative leader, Elizabeth Jensen, our qualitative group leader and Angela Pitenis, Shelly Gable and Beth Pruitt, communication leaders. Last but not least other committed iChange team members: Ben Refuerzo, Dan Conroy-Beam, Jeffrey Stewart, Kim Yasuda, Lisa Stewart, Lubi Lenaburg, M. Ofelia Aguirre Paden, Ricardo Alcaino, Steven Velasco, Susannah Scott, and Timothy Sherwood.

## LIVE AND LIVES

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

Senior partner with the World Legal Summit and senior fellow with the Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), Dr. Daniel Araya joins LIVEandLIVES to give his talk "Augmented Intelligence in the Global Age: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Learning and Work". Dr. Araya's talk will be given on April 12th, 2023 from 12:00-1:30 p.m., in South Hall 4603.



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



Assistant Professor of Critical Literacy in the School of Education at UC Riverside, Dr. Alice Lee connects with LIVEandLIVES 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 South Hall 4603.

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 South Hall 4603.



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!](#)

## SEEDS

### PARTNERING WITH ONTRAPORT

We're partnering with a local tech company, Ontraport, to connect SEEDS student fellows with internship opportunities! We look forward to Ontraport's People Operations Vice President, Sara Hetyonk, and her team joining us to speak with students April 6th, 2023. We can't wait to see what the partnership will bring for our students and the Ontraport company.



### UPCOMING SPEAKERS



UCSB CBSR Postdoctoral Scholar, Dr. Ebenezer Larnyo, joins us to give his presentation "One Size Doesn't Fit All: Understanding the Healthcare Seeking Behavior of Older Adults with Moderate to Severe Cognitive Limitations in the Context of Developing Countries". Dr. Larnyo will present April 5th, 2023 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

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

UCSB PhD student, Ana Cardenas Gasca, joins SEEDS to give a virtual presentation May 1st, 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](#).

Associate Professor of Health Care Policy (Biostatistics) in the Health Care Policy Department at Harvard Medical School, Dr. Laura Hatfield connects with SEEDS to give her talk "Difference-in-Differences: More than Meets the Eye". Dr. Hatfield's talk will be given on April 10th, 2023 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. via Zoom.



Please register [here](#)!

## CBSR

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS



Associate Professor in the Black Studies Department at UCSB, Dr. Roberto Strongman joins us to give his talk "Creolization in the Work of Harmonia Rosales". Dr. Strongman's talk will be given on April 17th, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., in South Hall 4603.

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 1, 2023 from 12:00-1:30 p.m., in South Hall 4603.



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Professor in the English Department at Brown University, Dr. Kevin Quashie will be joining us May 4th, 2023! More details to come.



Professor in the English and Comparative Literature Department at Columbia University, Dr. Shana Redmond will be joining us May 18th, 2023! More details to come.

## CO-SPONSORED ARTS & LECTURES EVENTS



Dr. Thema Bryant was sponsored by Arts & Lectures. The CBSR was a co-sponsor. What an amazing event! Dr. Bryant was introduced by one of our campus partners, Dr. Alison Cerezo, Director of Healing Spaces, who did an amazing job! The Q&A was managed by Jason Fly, one of the graduate students at Healing Spaces. I do not think we could have asked for a better team to introduce and facilitate the Q&A program for Dr. Bryant. If you have not read any of her work, I suggest you do so if you are interested in learning how to be your authentic self while healing from any type of trauma!!! To learn more about Dr. Bryant's literature please visit <https://drthema.com/homecoming/>

*-Dr. Sharon Tettegah*

## RESOURCES



UNBOUGHT is a music theatre piece presenting the dramatic stories of three African American women: journalist and women's suffrage activist Ida B. Wells, Shirley Chisholm, the first African American in the U.S. Congress and first African American woman to run for President, and Sally Hemings, the slave with whom Thomas Jefferson fathered six children. The music is drawn from classical, jazz, and popular works by African American composers. Please visit [this link](#) for more information.