



CENTER FOR BLACK STUDIES RESEARCH

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY PRIDE MONTH!

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FROM OUR DIRECTOR



Director, Dr. Sharon Tettegah

”CBSR Community,

Thank you so much for providing your support for the Center for Black Studies Research.

We decided to send out a May/June newsletter to reduce the number of emails we usually send out. In recognition of last month, Mental Health Month (May) and this month, Pride Month (June), we are celebrating by combining both.

We have accomplished some amazing things over the last five years. From 2018-2019 through 2022-2023, we have sponsored and co-sponsored over 41 Black Studies’ research focused presentations, workshops, and other programming, and 20 research presentations, lectures, and other programs that focus on People of Color, which include Indigenous/Native Americans, Black/African American, Latinx, Mexican, Chicanx, and Asian American.

As we close this fiscal year, and start a new fiscal year July 1, 2023-2024, we would like to say our good-byes and welcomes. Dr. Stephanie Batiste, our outgoing Associate Director, contributed in so many ways to the CBSR for two years. She was able to curate and launch the Brilliance Undergraduate Research Program that is focused on the Black Radical Tradition. She also successfully invited speakers that represent humanities and arts research. What amazing contributions Dr. Batiste made to the CBSR!

The CBSR also says farewell to Dr. Joaquin Noguera. He was a postdoc at the CBSR for several

years working with undergraduate students in the Brilliance and SEEDS programs. We will truly miss his presence. He is moving on to a new faculty position at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Congratulations, Dr. Noguera!!!

Welcome to our new Associate Director, Dr. Waverly Duck who is also the North Hall Chair in the Department of Sociology. We look forward to seeing the new programs that Dr. Duck will bring to the CBSR during 2023-2024.

What an amazing line-up of scholars we have had at the CBSR. Thank you to our faculty scholars, postdocs, graduate and undergraduate research fellows. I also want to take this time to thank Dr. Tim Sherwood (co-Director of SEEDS), from the Computer Science Department, for his leadership in the SEEDS program this year. We had an amazing list of speakers because of Dr. Sherwood.

Finally, thank you to all of our guests that visited the CBSR this year! We are excited about our guests in 2023-2024. Enjoy your summer! We will resume our newsletter Fall 2023. ”

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Associate Director, Dr. Stephanie Batiste

”It’s been lovely to have the opportunity to serve as the Associate Director for the CBSR for the past two years. It has been my goal to connect undergraduates to the research mission of UCSB by participating in research oriented undergraduate events on campus and inaugurating the Brilliance Program for undergraduate research mentorship. I am grateful to scholars who participated fully in the Brilliance Program and allowed research training and mentorship to ignite their critical thinking skills, self-confidence, and intellectual passion. Research in Black Studies at UCSB is diverse in subject and resource, method, perspective and approach. Being in communication with Center affiliates and fellows has only heightened my wonder at the rigor and revelation of innovative thought, inquiry, and creativity underway. I am ever grateful for interdisciplinary engagement that broadens my own perspectives. A visionary interdisciplinarity has been powerfully wrought as a Black Studies imperative by Center Director Sharon Tettegah. The intellectuals who have visited to share their work over the past two years have been such great company at the CBSR, as have the staff, post-doctoral, and predoctoral fellows. (The presentations are recorded! [Check them out.](#)) The inherent and cultivated commitment of all this work to equality, justice, belonging, and cutting edge anti-racism makes this body of critical practice rooted in Black life experience, theorizing and making it so essential to prismatic epistemological and social transformations. There is so much more to be done.

Onward all in precision and play!”



Postdoctoral Scholar, Dr. Joaquin Noguera

”It is with great joy and gratitude that I announce that I have accepted a position as an assistant professor in the School of Education at Loyola Marymount University (LMU). I am excited by

the opportunity to join LMU and support their program, Educational Leadership for Social Justice. This also means I will be leaving the CBSR. I am very grateful to Dr. Sharon Tettegah and the CBSR community for embracing me and allowing me to learn and teach and contribute to various projects and efforts that have been initiated and undertaken by and within the CBSR and the larger UCSB community. Thank you all. I truly appreciate the CBSR as a space that centers and promotes Black people and culture, critical thinking, and social justice. I hope there will be opportunities to collaborate and support the Center further in the future.

In community and solidarity”



Associate Director (Incoming), Dr. Waverly Duck

”I am honored to begin this new journey in my academic career as the Associate Director of the Center for Black Studies Research. My entire career has been dedicated to studying the everyday lives of Black folks throughout the Diaspora. Hence, the position aligns with my passion for supporting, teaching, and supplying opportunities for scholars interested in the dynamic stories of Black folks in the US and abroad. I want to thank Sharon Tettegah for her leadership at the Center and for providing me with this fantastic opportunity. I genuinely look forward to engaging the Center for Black Studies Research’s mission by supporting and contributing to the Social Sciences, STEM, Fine Arts, and Humanities research agendas and programs. Equally, I am thrilled to work with students, post-docs, and faculty to develop campus collaboration strategies around research and academic programming.”

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UPCOMING SPEAKERS



Dr. Sharon Tettegah, Dr. Alison Cerezo, Dr. Terrance Wooten, and Dr. DeLeon Gray’s talk entitled ”Righting the Historical Record: Highlighting the Significant Contributions of Black Psychologists in American Schools” is postponed until Fall 2023



SEEDS PRESENTATION AT ONTRAPORT

The Center for Black Studies Research presented the information on technology and the SEEDS program to Ontraport. Ontraport is a local tech company that plans to provide internship opportunities for the CBSR SEEDS interns. Thank you to our SEEDS fellow, Arnav Kumar, for presenting with Dr. Tettegah!



SEEDS

🌸 SPRING SOCIAL 🌸

After having mostly online communication since the start of the program, it was wonderful to have the SEEDS fellows come together in person for a casual social event where they had the opportunity to engage and connect with one another. Here's what some of the SEEDS fellows had to say about their experience at the Spring Social!



Sophomore and Computer Science major, Eyob Teshome, recounts "I had a great time at the social event. I got to meet up and talk with people that were in the SEEDS program that I never had the chance to see before."

Sabrina Chisholm, who's a third year English major, reflects that "the social was really nice! It was great to see people in person that I have known online over the past few years. I really appreciated the diversity in food, since I'm gluten free and there was gluten free pizza and salad offered (thank you!)."



Senior and Financial Math and Statistics major, Russell Liu thought that "It was really good, as it gave us an opportunity to get to know each other better."

Freshman, Miao Lei shares "I think this social event was a wonderful chance for me to communicate with other members. I also got some useful information from talking to other excellent members."



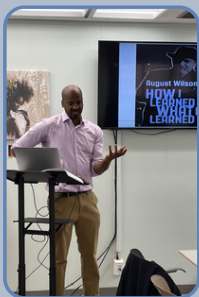
THANK YOU TO OUR PRESENTERS!

We would like to extend a big thank you to our speakers we've had since our last newsletter, for joining the Center to share their knowledge with our community!



Dr. Daniel Araya, senior partner with World Legal summit and senior fellow with Centre for International Governance Innovation, joined us to share his knowledge around "Augmented Intelligence in the Global Age: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Learning and Work".

Assistant Professor of Critical Literacy in the School of Education at UC Riverside, Dr. Alice Lee, shared her work around the importance of incorporating Black Language when teaching literacy methods in her talk "Towards a Black Epistemological Literacy Education".



Dr. Waverly Duck, North Hall Chair Endowed Professor of Sociology at UCSB, joined us to discuss his knowledge around interaction orders.

Dr. Monica McLemore, Professor in the Child, Family, and Population Health Department at the University of Washington School of Nursing, shared her knowledge on mechanisms to advance health equity.



Professor in the English Department at Brown University, Dr. Kevin Quashie gave his talk "The Matter of Black Sentences".

Associate Director at the CBSR, Dr. Stephanie Batiste, gave her heartfelt presentation "Spaces Between on feeling, trauma, and embodied knowledge".





Assistant Professor in both the Computer Science and Psychological & Brain Sciences departments at UCSB, Dr. Michael Beyeler, gave our SEEDS fellows a presentation entitled "Learning to See Again with a Bionic Eye".



Professor in the English and Comparative Literature Department at Columbia University, Dr. Shana Redmond engaged with community to discuss, "Agencies of Menace': The State, the Car, and the Music in Between".



UCSB Assistant Teaching Professor in the College of Creative Studies, Dr. Iman Djouini, connected to give a fascinating virtual presentation, "Between Languages: The Modular Typography of Dardja on Social Media".



UCSB PhD student, Ana Cardenas Gasca, joined SEEDS to give a virtual presentation, "Fostering Human Connections with Augmented Reality".



Dr. Bekisizwe Ndimande, Professor in the Department of Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching at University of Texas at San Antonio, joined us to give his talk "Unravelling the Hegemony of Neocolonialism in the Global South: The Significance of African Epistemologies in Knowledge Production".

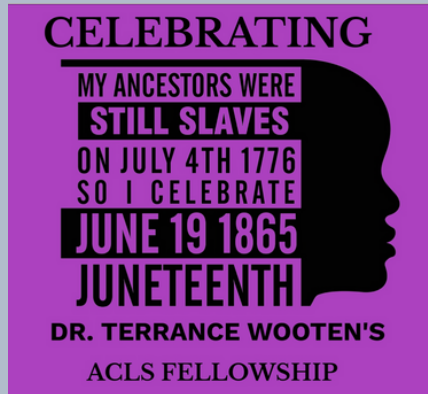
STAFF APPRECIATION

A staff brunch to celebrate staff appreciation week! Director, Sharon Tettegah, took our administrative staff for a delicious brunch in downtown Santa Barbara.



CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

Join us Monday June 19th from 12:00-4:00 p.m. in 4603 South Hall to celebrate Juneteenth! We will also be celebrating Dr. Terrance Wooten's ACLS fellowship!!



HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH & PRIDE MONTH

May was National Health Awareness month. We have provided some resources below for information purpose.

June is National Pride Month and below are some of the ways you can celebrate with community throughout California!



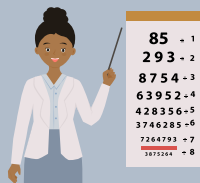
[Mental Health Awareness Month](#)

[National Women's Health Week](#)



[National Senior Health and Fitness Day](#)

[Healthy Vision Month](#)



[Sacramento Pride](#)

[LA Pride in the Park](#)



[Fresno Pride](#)



[Orange County Pride](#)



[Art After Dark](#)

[San Francisco Pride](#)

