



CENTER FOR BLACK STUDIES RESEARCH

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FROM OUR DIRECTOR



Dear CBSR Community,

We hope this newsletter finds you well as we dive into the exciting events happening this month at UCSB and within the CBSR community. Here's what's coming up:

1. Launch of the Black Collective with "The Black Mixer":

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Black Collective, spearheaded by CBSR faculty affiliates, Dr. AJ Rice and Dr. Antar Tichavakunda! The Black Collective is a collaborative forum for scholars of the Black experience to share their research projects and foster intellectual and social ties across campus. The Black Collective aims to provide a supportive and affirming environment for scholars to engage in discussions and receive feedback. Two programs will drive this initiative: the Black Collective Working Group for ongoing research discussions and the Black Mixer, a quarterly social event. While the Black Collective centers and uplifts the research of Black scholars at UCSB, it welcomes participation from all staff, faculty, administrators, and graduate students interested in expanding our understanding of the Black experience.

To kick off the Black Collective, join us for the inaugural event, The Black Mixer, on May 9th, 2024, at 5:00pm in UCSB's 4603 South Hall. Enjoy food from the local, Black-owned restaurant, Soul Bites, and connect with like-minded scholars in a relaxed atmosphere.

2. "A Taste of Africa" Community Event:

CBSR postdoctoral scholars, Dr. Ebenezer Larnyo and Dr. Charles Terry, in collaboration with various student organizations, are hosting "A Taste of Africa" community event. This two-day event aims to immerse the UCSB community in the diverse and rich cultural traditions of the African continent. Join us on Friday, May 17th, at Storke Plaza from 12-3pm for cultural activities and presentations, followed by contemporary African performances and community building on Saturday, May 18th, at the IV Theater from 7-9:30pm.

3. SEEDS Fellows Research Presentation:

Don't miss the SEEDS fellows' research presentations on May 10th, 2024, at 4pm in UCSB's 4603 South Hall. Hear from our student fellows about the research they've been conducting with their mentors. [Visit our website](#) to learn more about the current student fellows and mentors.

We look forward to your participation in these enriching events and appreciate your continued support. (Tettegah & Open AI, personal communication, May 8, 2024)

Warm regards,
Dr. Tettegah

THE BLACK COLLECTIVE: BLACK MIXER

The CBSR is excited to announce that CBSR faculty affiliates, Dr. AJ Rice and Dr. Antar Tichavakunda, are launching the Black Collective! The Black Collective is a collaborative forum for scholars of the Black experience to share current research projects to a supportive, affirming audience that will provide generative feedback. The Black Collective also serves to connect like-minded scholars at UCSB to foster strong intellectual and social ties across campus. These goals will be primarily achieved through two programs: 1) The Black Collective Working Group, where scholars discuss ongoing research projects, and 2) The Black Mixer, a quarterly social event that will feature food, wine and a relaxed atmosphere. Although the Black Collective hopes to center and uplift the research of Black scholars at UCSB, the space is open to all staff, faculty, administrators, and graduate students whose research aims to expand our understanding of the Black experience both in the United States and beyond.

The Black Collective will officially launch on May 9th, 2024 with its first social event, The Black Mixer. This inaugural event will be happening in UCSB's 4603 South Hall at 5:00pm. Food from the local, Black-owned restaurant, Soul Bites, will be served. [Please click here to view the flyer and register.](#)

SEEDS: RESEARCH POSTER PRESENTATION

Join us May 10th, 2024 at 4pm in UCSB's 4603 South Hall to see our SEEDS fellows present on the research they've been conducting with their mentors! [Visit our website](#) to see who the current student fellows and mentors are.



A TASTE OF AFRICA

CBSR postdoctoral scholars, Dr. Ebenezer Larnyo and Dr. Charles Terry are collaborating with the Nigerian Students Association, the East African Students Association, and the A.S. Commission on Culture, Arts, and Joy Justice, to put on a community event, "A Taste of Africa". This event is aimed at providing the UCSB community with a unique opportunity to immerse themselves in the diverse and rich cultural traditions found across the African continent. Attendees will have the chance to savor authentic African cuisines, feel the rhythmic and therapeutic beats of traditional drumming, witness captivating dance performances, appreciate the intricacies of diverse African arts, and indulge in the beauty of African fashions. Participants will also get the opportunity to learn about African history, cultures, and understand current happenings on the continent in terms of education, healthcare, and economics.

Day one, Friday (5/17), will occur at the Storke Plaza from 12-3pm. The event will feature activities and several presentations of the diverse cultures from within the continent of Africa and the Black diaspora.

Day two, Saturday (5/18), will occur at the IV Theater from 7-9:30pm and will feature contemporary African performances and community building. Dr. Tettegah will provide an overview of the events on day two.

"RETHINKING RESILIENCE" WITH DR. STACEY DOAN



Join us at the Center June 10th, 2024 at 2pm in UCSB's 4603 South Hall to hear Dr. Stacey Doan share psychobiological health research on the costs of social mobility and discuss how the discourse of resilience can be harmful to disadvantaged youth. Find out more by [clicking here](#), [here to RSVP](#) for this event in persons, or [here to register for the livestream](#).

CBSR CORNER

DR. EBENEZER LARNYO, POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR

“I had the privilege of presenting my research on cognitive function in developing countries’ elders at the Anthropology Department. Witnessing the interest from faculty, staff, and students was truly rewarding. Special thanks to Professor Nic Thompson Gonzalez for this opportunity! Additionally, I was invited by the Office of Admission to present my research on using technology to reduce healthcare disparity among African Americans at the 2024 Jumpstart event. This event allows prospective students to experience the research and student life at UCSB firsthand.



I have also been collaborating with Lyla Washaha in organizing the SEEDS research colloquium. This exciting event will provide a platform for students to showcase their research alongside their mentors.

Beyond research, I’m actively involved in planning this year “A Taste of Africa” event (May 17-18, 2024). Join us on this vibrant journey to explore the rich tapestry of African culture! You’ll experience authentic cuisine, rhythmic drumming, captivating dance performances, diverse art exhibits, stunning fashion, and historical presentations. We invite the entire UCSB and Santa Barbara community to celebrate with us! To this end, I’d like to give a big shout-out to the Director, the Associate Director, and the amazing staff at the Center for helping coordinate this event.”

DR. CHARLES TERRY, POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR

Dr. Charles Terry is composing a research group of young undergraduate scholars. This group will be focusing on research projects specifically focused on Black Studies and there will be updates in the near future. Additionally, Dr. Terry is helping Dr. Larnyo plan the upcoming event, A Taste of Africa, which will be held on May 17, 2024 from 12-2 pm on the Storke Lawn Plaza and May 18, 2024 from 7-9 pm at the Isla Vista Theater. Furthermore, Dr. Terry is continuing working, revising, and implementing feedback for his book which is in the peer review process with Palgrave MacMillan. Moreover, he is also working on booking upcoming guests for the Center for Black Studies Research podcast with the help of CBSR Assistant Lyla Washaha. Finally, Dr. Terry has continued collaborating with other scholars at the CBSR, including Center Director Dr. Tettegah and Dr. Larnyo on research journal articles which will be forthcoming in publication soon.



MAY RECOGNITIONS

Asian American
Pacific Islander
(AAPI) Month

ALS Awareness Month

Bladder Cancer Awareness Month

Mental Health
Awareness Month