



CENTER FOR BLACK STUDIES RESEARCH

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



As we approach the final stretch of the Spring Quarter, we extend our sincere gratitude to the CBSR community, faculty, students, staff, and campus partners, for your continued engagement in advancing Black Studies research, justice, and community-centered scholarship. May has been a powerful month of reflection, dialogue, and forward momentum, and we look forward to closing out the quarter next month with continued energy and purpose.

### Program & Research Highlights

#### *Faculty and Postdoctoral Impact*

We celebrate the outstanding work of our postdoctoral fellows, Drs. Larnyo and Charles Terry, whose scholarship continues to catalyze campus-wide and national conversations.

- Dr. Larnyo led a dynamic workshop series titled “Community Health and Data Equity in the African Diaspora,” engaging researchers and students across disciplines.
- A co-authored paper by Postdoc Dr. Larnyo, Dr. Tettegah, and others has been accepted for publication in *Frontiers in Public Health*. The article, titled “Technology Access, Socioeconomic Status, and Healthcare Disparities Among African Americans in the U.S.,” examines the digital divide and its implications for health equity.
- African Americans and Education: Mining the Pedagogical Crisis and the Need for Parity” has been accepted for publication in *Race & Policy*. This work is co-authored by Dr. Tettegah, postdocs Drs. Terry and Larnyo, and colleagues, and it addresses structural disparities in education and the urgent call for equity in pedagogical frameworks.

### Campus Engagement

On May 12th, CBSR welcomes Candice Cofield

*Candace Cofield: Reimagining Education Through a Black Liberatory Lens*

CBSR welcomes Candace Cofield, educator and advocate for transformative justice in education, for a powerful presentation titled: “From Policy to Pedagogy: Reimagining Education Through a Black Liberatory Lens – Disrupting Anti-Blackness, Centering Healing, and Transforming Public Schools.” Her talk challenges systems of inequity in K–12 education and calls for healing-centered engagement rooted in Black liberatory traditions.

## *Undergraduate Scholars on the Rise*

CBSR-supported undergraduate researchers who presented at UCSB's 2024-2025 Undergraduate Research Colloquium, covering topics from health justice to Black feminist theory. We're proud to mentor the next generation of Black Studies scholars.

## **May Events in Recognition of National Commemorations**

CBSR honors national recognitions throughout May with the following events:

- **Mental Health Matters: Healing Circles for Black Communities** (May 8 & May 22). These guided sessions support reflection, restoration, and culturally relevant mental health practices.
- **Intersections of Identity: AAPI and Black Solidarity Panel** (May 16). Co-hosted with UCSB's Multicultural Center and Asian American Studies, this event explores cross-community solidarity and anti-racist coalition-building.
- **Mothering While Black: A Tribute and Talk** (May 10). In celebration of Mother's Day, this intimate event centers Black maternal labor, joy, and intergenerational care through poetry, stories, and shared space.

## **Institutional & Administrative Updates**

*Upcoming Guest Speaker: Dr. Katrina Liu (June 3, 2025 @ Noon via Zoom)*

CBSR is honored to welcome Dr. Katrina Liu, faculty member at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and esteemed CBSR Advisory Board member, for a special Zoom talk on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 12:00 PM (PDT). Please register in advance via Zoom (see flyer for registration). Her presentation is titled: "Preparing Anti-Racist Educators: Critical Reflection and Generatively for Transformative Praxis." Dr. Liu's work centers critical pedagogy, culturally sustaining teacher education, and justice-based frameworks in K-12 and higher education. A Zoom registration link will be sent via campus email.

### *Advisory Committee Recognition*

We are grateful for the continued guidance of our Advisory Committee members: Drs. Eileen Boris, Tony Baylis, Beth Pruitt, Tim Sherwood, Marcus Mathis, Stacey Doan and Katrina Liu

### *Staff Appreciation*

With deep thanks to our CBSR administrative team:

- Tracey Goss, Management Services Officer
- Marselina Oritz, Financial Administration Coordinator
- Karla Partida Torres, Payroll and Administration Coordinator

Your work sustains the heart of CBSR.

## **Looking Ahead**

- Dr. Katrina Liu Guest Talk - June 3, 2025 noon via Zoom

## Closing Reflections

As we observe Mental Health Awareness Month, AAPI Heritage Month, and Mother's Day, CBSR reaffirms its commitment to intersectional scholarship, healing, and intercommunal solidarity. We look forward to finishing the quarter in shared purpose.

Stay connected

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 Watch for our June newsletter for summer updates and highlights

In community and solidarity,

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

## “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 possibilities 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.



The next workshop in this series, "Reference Management and How to Get Your Work Published", will be held 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. It is encouraged to bring a laptop.

Dr. Larnyo will be giving an additional workshop this month, "Transitioning from the Academic Space into the Real-World Job Market", on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. in 4603 South Hall. Students nearing the completion of their programs often face challenges in transitioning from academia to industry. This workshop will equip them with the tools and strategies to identify opportunities, market their academic skills, and successfully navigate the non-academic job market.

## "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



The CASU team is continuing its deep dive into all things associated with the Financial Management Modernization project. As with all of our financial administration colleagues across campus, we are participating in mandatory training and UAT testing. Fiscal close is closing in on us and Oracle cutovers are looming throughout the month of June. We are doing what we can to be organized and prepared for this massive structural change. We are also continuing our work with procurement, event coordination and general administration and we look forward to setting aside time to attend upcoming CBSR events with you!

## UPDATES FROM POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR CHARLES TERRY

Dr. Charles Terry is preparing his presentation for the University of Minnesota's 5th Annual Common Ground Conference "Advancing Black Intellectualism: Technology and Culture." He will be presenting his research on enslaved African Americans, rebellions and anti-literacy laws on May 16, 2025. Additionally, Dr. Terry has continued working with his research group of three undergraduate students on an article examining the North Hall Sit-In as part of the 1968 Black Student Movement here at UCSB. Finally, Dr. Terry has continued attending events hosted by the AdCRC and Multi-Cultural Center here on campus at UCSB.



## UPDATES FROM POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR CHARLES TERRY



This month, I am excited to present one of my research projects, which explores the interplay between Technology, Socioeconomic status, and Healthcare disparities among African Americans in the US, at the 5th Annual Common Ground Consortium Conference, hosted by the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Minnesota. This conference brings together Black scholars and celebrates Black Intellectualism by fostering meaningful academic exchange.

In addition to the conference, I will continue leading my monthly research workshops. Two sessions are scheduled for May. The first will focus on using reference management tools effectively and offer guidance on navigating the peer-review publication process. The second workshop is tailored for undergraduates exploring graduate school options and graduate students preparing for postdoctoral fellowships and research careers. It will provide practical tips for strong applications and succeeding in these next steps.

## MAY RECOGNITIONS

Click on each observance below to learn more!

**National Wildfire  
Awareness Month**

**National Mental Health  
Awareness Month**

**Asian American, Native  
Hawaiian and Pacific  
Islander Heritage Month**

