



CENTER FOR BLACK STUDIES RESEARCH

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FROM OUR DIRECTOR



Dear Community,

The Center for Black Studies Research (CBSR) is thrilled to connect with our community members, partners, and stakeholders as we reflect on recent accomplishments and look forward to impactful events in the coming months. We are grateful for your continued engagement and support as we work together to advance understanding, equity, and positive change.

A Successful Symposium: The Education of African Americans: The Road to Parity in the United States

We are excited to share the success of our recent symposium, *The Education of African Americans: The Road to Parity in the United States*. The event was not only well attended but also sparked meaningful discussions around educational equity, systemic challenges, and pathways toward true parity in education for African Americans. We extend our deepest gratitude to Dean Jeff Milem, his leadership team, and the Gevirtz Graduate School of Education for their essential support and partnership in making this symposium possible. Their dedication to advancing educational justice and inclusion continues to inspire us and the broader UCSB community.

November Acknowledgments

As we enter November, CBSR proudly recognizes several important awarenesses:

- Native American Heritage Month, honoring the history, culture, and contributions of Indigenous peoples across the nation, while also acknowledging the challenges faced by Indigenous communities throughout history.
- Diwali, the Festival of Lights, is a major Hindu celebration symbolizing the victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance, observed with prayers, festive foods, and vibrant lights.
- Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, is a Mexican tradition where families honor and remember their deceased loved ones with colorful altars, festive gatherings, and offerings to celebrate life and memory.
- Transgender Day of Remembrance, observed annually on November 20, honors the lives of transgender people lost to anti-transgender violence and highlights the ongoing fight for safety, respect, and equality.

We invite our community to engage in these observances, fostering understanding, support, and advocacy in each of these areas.

Upcoming Event: Slavery By Another Name

CBSR is honored to present the premiere of our first documentary screening, *Slavery By Another Name*, on November 6, 2024 at 12:00 PM in 4603 South Hall. This powerful film explores the historical legacies of systemic oppression and is part of our ongoing commitment to bring thought-provoking content to our community. This event is co-sponsored by Wendy Eley Jackson from the Department of Film and Media Studies, as well as the College of Creative Studies, whose partnership has been instrumental in bringing this series to life.

We're also excited to announce that our next screening in this documentary series will take place during our Open House on December 10, 2024, at the CBSR. This special event offers a unique opportunity to learn more about our work, connect with our community, and join us for another impactful film experience.

Thank you for being a part of our community and our mission. We look forward to continuing to share, learn, and grow with you in the months to come. (Tettegah & Open AI, personal communication, October 29, 2024)

Warm regards,
Sharon Tettegah, Ph.D., Director

THE EDUCATION OF AFRICAN AMERICANS SYMPOSIUM



The CBSR was pleased to engage with members of the UCSB community and beyond in critical conversations around the various pedagogies used to teach African American learners in the U.S. during *The Education of African Americans: The Road to Parity in the United States* symposium. We invite you to view the recording of the symposium by clicking the button below.

This event was sponsored by the Center for Black Studies Research and co-sponsored by UCSB's Gevirtz Graduate School of Education.

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AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES: FILM SERIES

This documentary series will offer a deep dive into key moments and figures in African American history, providing important context for the ongoing struggles and triumphs in the African American experience. Our first showing will be *Slavery By Another Name* shown on November 6, 2024 at 12pm in 4603 South Hall. Light refreshments will be provided.

This documentary series is sponsored by the Center for Black Studies Research and co-sponsored by UCSB's Film and Media Studies lecturer Wendy Eley Jackson, as well as UCSB's College of Creative Studies.



UCSB ARTS AND LECTURES: JUSTICE FOR ALL SERIES



Uché Blackstock on Legacy: A Black Physician Reckons with Racism in Medicine

Through the lens of a generational memoir, emergency room physician and leading health equity advocate Uché Blackstock reflects on the deep inequities in the U.S. healthcare system and offers prescriptions for how to change them.

Campbell Hall | November 20, 2024 | 7:30 p.m.

WORKSHOP: HEALTHCARE UTILIZATION FRAMEWORK

We encourage students to join us for an engaging workshop, “Building a Healthcare Utilization Framework: Concepts, Data, and Practical Insights”, led by postdoctoral scholar Dr. Ebenezer Larnyo. This workshop is designed to equip participants with the skills to build and apply a healthcare utilization framework. We’ll explore essential concepts, influential factors, and practical tools for designing frameworks that drive informed decision-making and policy development. Through hands-on exercises, participants will learn how to apply these insights to real-world healthcare settings to improve patient outcomes and optimize resources. Ideal for those interested in data-driven strategies to address healthcare challenges.

The goals of this workshop are: 1. Build a foundational understanding of healthcare utilization frameworks, 2. Analyze key factors that impact healthcare utilization, 3. Provide tools for designing frameworks to support policy and decision-making, and 4. Enable application of these frameworks across various healthcare contexts for enhanced outcomes.

This workshop will be in person only and held on November 21st from 12:00-1:30 p.m. in 4603 South Hall. Bring your own lunch.

CBSR FALL OPEN HOUSE & FILM SERIES SHOWING 2

On December 10th, 2024 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in 4603 South Hall, we will be hosting our Fall 2024 Open House and the second showing in our documentary film series. The film will be announced in the near future. We invite all community members to join us for both of these events, where you can come learn more about what happens at the Center and gain insight on African American history. Food and beverages will be served.

CBSR TEAM UPDATES

DR. CHARLES TERRY, POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR

Dr. Charles Terry continues to lead his undergraduate student researchers, fourth year Zitong Xi who is a Statistics and Data Science major and second year Kamaya Jackson who is a Black Studies major, on forthcoming journal articles. Dr. Terry also attended the Austin Film Festival from October 24th to November 1st, where his script, *Mississippi Flood*, placed as a semifinalist. Additionally, he will be attending the History of Education Society (HES) Conference from November 7-10th, where he will be a panel participant and presenter. Dr. Terry’s presentation will center around his paper, *A Rebellious Education: Enslaved African Americans and the Fight For Literacy*.



DR. EBENEZER LARNYO, POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR



A Brighter Future for the Autism Community

A recent study published in *Frontiers in Psychiatry* has shed light on the specific health information needs of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in the post-COVID-19 era.

By analyzing discussions on the popular online forum known as Reddit, researchers, led by Dr. Ebenezer Larnyo, gained valuable insights into the challenges and concerns faced by the ASD community. The study employed a mixed-method approach, combining qualitative content analysis with machine learning techniques, including Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (Bi-LSTM) networks, to delve deeper into the emotional nuances and sentiment expressed within the online conversations.

Key themes emerged, including understanding the complexities of ASD and navigating the diagnostic process, the unique challenges and rewards of caring for an individual with ASD, and addressing the social stigma and discrimination often faced by the ASD community.

This groundbreaking research highlights the potential of digital platforms to provide tailored health information and support to the ASD community. By understanding their specific needs, we can develop innovative solutions to improve the quality of life for individuals with ASD and their families.

Full article can be found here:

www.frontiersin.org

NOVEMBER RECOGNITIONS

Click on each observance below to learn more!

**Native American
Heritage Month**

**Transgender Day of
Remembrance**

**Dia de los
Muertos**

Diwali