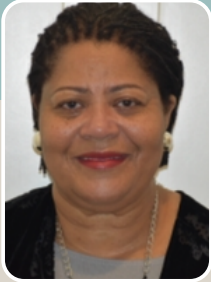




Center for Black Studies Research **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**



Statement from Our Director

Welcome to our November newsletter! Please note our upcoming presentations. We hope to see you at our events. Thank you to those who visited with us for our LiveandLives events.

SEEDS Winter 2023!



"We are excited to announce that after a hiatus for Fall quarter, the SEEDS program is returning for Winter and Spring quarter of the 2022-23 academic year. A hallmark of the SEEDS program is a chance to interact with outstanding speakers that work on transdisciplinary issues intersecting the mission of the Center for Black Studies Research and the methods of data and computing. Even for those not associated formerly with the program, there will be plenty of opportunity for the broader CBSR and Campus community to join in and learn from the associated webinars. Of course one of the most critical parts of the program is the chance for undergraduates to have structured discussions with both the postdocs of the Center and the associated mentors. We are incredibly grateful to inaugural SEEDS guides and mentors including ZAINAB BANSFIELD, MICHELLE BROWN, MIRIAM BURNETT, CRYSTAL CARR, DANYELLE DAWSON, FAITHE DAY, DARREN HENRY, JOSEPH INCANDELA, BYRON JOHNSON, SPENCER LAVERE SMITH, PAIGE MILLER, JOAQUIN NOGUERA, TIMOTHY SHERWOOD, AMBUJ SINGH, NAOMI TAGUE, SHARON TETTEGAH, and RACHEL WEISSLER, the outstanding staff of CBSR, our campus partners in both the UCSB Library and Housing, and most critically the SEEDS Scholars themselves for their outstanding work."

- Dr. Timothy Sherwood

SEEDS is an Living and Learning Community

We are proud to announce that the SEEDS living and learning community is up and live on UCSB's campus housing site! Thank you to Marian Bankins, Ayanna Ross and Brandon Langford!! We appreciate your support and all the hard work that you do!

Please click the picture to the right for more details.

The screenshot shows the UC Santa Barbara Campus Housing website. The navigation bar includes: Apply, Prospective Students, Current Residents, Family/Visitors, Housing Options, Faculty/Staff, Services. The main content area is titled "Anacapa Residence Hall" and lists the location: "Anacapa Residence Hall, San Miguel Residence Hall, San Nicolas Residence Hall". Below this is a photo of the building. To the right, there is a section titled "Student Engagement & Enrichment in Data Science (SEEDS)" which describes the program as a Data Science Living and Learning Community for UCSB students of color. It mentions that students must apply to be a SEEDS Scholar and lists the locations of the LLCs: Santa Rosa Residence Hall, San Joaquin Villages, and Manzanita Village. Contact information for Sharon Tettegah, Ph.D., is provided. At the bottom, the location is listed as: "Manzanita Village, Santa Cruz Residence Hall, Santa Rosa Residence Hall, San Joaquin Villages".

Successful Collaboration with the DEI Office

The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, in partnership with the Center for Black Studies Research, hosted a two day “Meet and Greet” entitled, “Visioning & Versioning Just Futures,” UC Santa Barbara Michael Douglas Dean for the Division of Humanities and Fine Arts, Professor Daina Ramey Berry, and featuring Virginia Tech University Vice President Dr. Menah Pratt-Clarke, founder of The Black College Institute, a transformative program of success at VirginiaTech. This keynote event was followed by a second day of dialogue among Assistant Professors at UC Santa Barbara, including Sarah Rosalena Brady, Art, Faithe Day, Black Studies, Micaela J. Diaz-Sanchez, Iman Djouini, and A.J. Rice, about the challenges of being intellectuals of color at a historically-white university in California. Food, music conversation, and questioning defined this two-day celebration about the potential for “Another University” to emerge at UC Santa Barbara. Conceived by Associate Vice Chancellors Sharon Tettegah and Kim Yasuda and featuring an exhibition of photographs from Sheila Pree’s Young Americans series selected by Jeffrey C. Stewart.



Gratitude for Dr. Stephanie Masta



LIVEANDLIVES was thrilled to share it's inaugural presentation from Dr. Stephanie Masta with all those who attended! Dr. Masta is an Associate Professor of Curriculum Studies in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, in the College of Education at Purdue University.

In her talk Dr. Masta discussed the importance of community-centered learning, and why Indigenous epistemological work is the future we need in colleges and universities. Her talk, as well as all future talks, will be found as a recorded session at liveandlives.com.

Gratitude for Mr. Charles Sleeper

Thank you to Mr. Charles Sleeper, for giving LIVEandLIVES' second talk in our speaker series on diverse epistemologies in STEM! Mr. Sleeper has a B.S. in Computer Science with an interest in High Performance Computing, Natural Language Processing, and Machine Learning.

In his talk Mr. Sleeper discussed his experience in higher education as a Southern Arapaho and how his people's knowledge has come to help him in academia.



Upcoming LIVEandLIVES Speaker



Join us in welcoming our next guest speaker, Dr. Ronald Gordon. Dr. Gordon is a food and resource economist with comprehensive economic and policy experience as well as analytical skills that are derived from an extensive employment background within the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). In his talk Dr. Gordon will be discussing the nexus between agricultural production and food and income security.

Please RSVP [here](#) to join us in welcoming Dr. Gordon at the CBSR in South Hall Room 4603 on December 2nd from 2:00-4:00 PM PST. If you would like to watch the talk via ZOOM livestream register at [this link!](#)

Winter 2023 Speakers

Dr. Menah Pratt-Clarke

For Black History Month one of LIVESandLIVES speakers will be Dr. Menah Pratt-Clarke. Dr. Pratt-Clarke is the Vice President for Strategic Affairs and Diversity at Virginia Tech. She is also Professor of Education in the School of Education in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, with affiliations in Africana Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, and the Department of Sociology.

Dr. Pratt-Clarke's talk will offer a new conceptual tool for Black women's revolutionary-revelation writing and be held **via ZOOM February 6th at 4:00 PM PST**. Be sure to look out for more details and the registration link!



Dr. Margarita Bianco

The CBSR welcomes Dr. Margarita Bianco, who is an Associate Professor in the School of Education and Human Development at the University of Colorado Denver. Professor Bianco teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in special education, educational psychology and urban community teacher education. Keep an eye out for more details in future newsletters!

Dr. Bianco's talk will be held in person at the CBSR in South Hall Rm 4603 on **March 10th from 12:00-1:00 PM**.

