



CENTER FOR BLACK STUDIES RESEARCH

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## FROM OUR DIRECTOR

### Director, Dr. Sharon Tettegah

Welcome, UCSB Community and Supporters,

We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome as we begin the 2023-2024 academic year. We are excited about our Fall 2023, October Newsletter at the at the Center for Black Studies Research, University of California, Santa Barbara.

This newsletter is meant to disseminate information in recognition of the amazing scholarship and celebrate our community at the CBSR. Our goal is to highlight experiences, research, and achievements within the CBSR. As we continue to promote interdisciplinary scholarship with a focus on Black Studies, this newsletter will serve as a hub for sharing our stories, ideas, and opportunities.



Our mission is to foster a space where voices, perspectives, and contributions are not only recognized but celebrated. With each issue, we aim to bring you insightful symposia and colloquia, updates on our research initiatives, spotlights on our talented post-doctoral scholars, graduate and undergraduate student fellows, and a glimpse into the impactful events and programs hosted by the CBSR.

We invite you to explore, engage, and connect with us through this newsletter. Whether you are a part of our academic community, an alum, a friend, or someone interested in the advancement of Black studies and culture, there is a place for you here.

Together, we can build a stronger, more inclusive future where Black history, culture, and scholarship are at the forefront of academic discourse. We hope this newsletter serves as a source of inspiration, reflection, education, and connection.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to journeying with you as we continue to make history together. (Open AI, personal communication, September 22, 2023)

Warm regards,  
Dr. Tettegah

# 2023-2024 AT A GLANCE

## CBSR



The Center for Black Studies Research and UCSB's Bioengineering Department are co-sponsoring Dr. Manu Platt, director for the NIH-wide Center for Biomedical Engineering Technology Acceleration. Be sure to join us for Dr. Platt's seminar October 24, 2023 at 2 PM in Henley Hall.

We are truly excited to welcome Dr. Della Moseley, President of the WELLS Health Center and co-sponsor of the Radical Healing Collaborative. Dr. Moseley will present on "Healing Healers Heal: A Definition, Expansion, and Insistence for Our Wellness", November 6, 2023 at 4:00 PM in 4603 South Hall. This event is a collaboration amongst the Center for Black Studies Research, American Psychological Association's Division 17 (Counseling Psychology), Healing Spaces GGSE, and Counseling and Psychological Services at UCSB. Thank you to Drs. Helen Neville (UIUC), Alison Cerezo (UCSB), Meridith Merchant and Brian Olowude for helping to coordinate and support this event!



## COMING IN 2024



The CBSR and UCSB's History Department will be co-sponsoring Dr. Vernon Burton, inaugural Judge Matthew J. Perry Distinguished Chair of History and Professor at Clemson University, for his talk "Picturing Justice: Race & the Supreme Court". Join us for Dr. Burton's talk January 24, 2024 at 5:00 PM in 4603 South Hall and his informal chat January 25, 2024 at 12 pm in 4502 South Hall.

Professor of Psychology at Claremont McKenna College, Stacey Doan presents May 6, 2024 at 12:00 PM in 4603 South Hall.



## LIVE AND LIVES



We're excited to welcome Anatola Araba, a futurist, film maker, and founder of Reimagine Story Lab, for her presentation "Imagination: A Bridge To Brighter Futures in the Age of Artificial Intelligence". Happening January 18, 2024 at 4:00 PM in 4603 South Hall

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Associate Director, Dr. Waverly Duck, will be organizing a mini-conference on February 22-23, 2024, titled “An Ethnographic Portrait of the Criminal Legal System,” at the Center for Black Studies Research, commemorating Black History Month. The conference will delve into a thorough ethnographic examination of the criminal legal system, to spotlight viable solutions. Drawing inspiration from the notable work “The Anti-Black City” by Black Studies Professor Jaime Alves, the conference will convene a distinguished panel of scholars. They will explore various topics, from the afterlife of imprisonment to prison abolition. Some eminent participants include MacArthur Award-winning Professor Reuben Miller and the Chair of African American Studies at UC Berkeley, Nikki Jones, who will share insights from their extensive body of research. The discourse will traverse various dimensions of the criminal legal system, encompassing policing, the impact on children with incarcerated parents, and the experiences of women, girls, and teens. The conference aspires to foster a comprehensive dialogue on reforming and reimagining the criminal legal system by bringing together a diverse pool of scholars and experts from across the USA.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOMING OUR NEWEST POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR

“Hi my name is Charles Terry and I’m the new postdoctoral scholar at the Center for Black Studies Research. I am extremely excited about this position and invested in the work. I received my Ph.D. in Educational Policy Studies from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) where I was fortunate enough to study under Dr. James Anderson. I have always been passionate about conducting research and am heavily invested in the experience of black students in college. During my time at UIUC, I taught a variety of Educational Policy and other courses, including those focused on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Social Justice, as well as Identity and Difference in Education. For my efforts, I was named to the UIUC List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent from Fall 2020-Spring 2022. My goal is to continue to be an asset for black students. Thank you for the warm welcome.”



### TUNE INTO OUR PODCAST

The CBSR now has a podcast, curated by former SEEDS fellow Zoe McCullough. The podcast can be found on Spotify under @UCSBCenterforBlackStudiesResearch and on Youtube under @ucsbcbsr. Be sure to keep an eye out for the pilot coming soon!



# ICHANGE

“The IChange Network is in transition as the Cohort 3 APLU grant funding begins to sunset. Grant recipients had the option to continue to work towards STEM faculty DEI by remaining a member of the Aspire Alliance.



The University of Santa Barbara has agreed to remain a member of the cohort and recently participated in Aspire’s Embracing Perspectives: Exploring Dynamic Approaches for Fostering Equitable Communities. The Center is committed to working with the IChange Network to find solutions to the challenges against higher education’s diversity, equity, justice, belonging and inclusion.”

-Allison Clark, IChange Coordinator

# SEEDS

## STUDENT COHORT

SEEDS is thrilled to continue into its third year with it amazing group of student fellows and mentors! Below you can find a little bit about each of the students and their mentors continuing in the program this year. We’re proud of all our 32 alumni fellows who have graduated since starting the program, we wish them the best in their future endeavors!



Eyob Teshome, Sophomore  
Major: Computer Science  
Mentor: Ebenezer Larnyo, CBSR

Arnav Kumar, Senior  
Major: Computer Science  
Mentor: Tim Sherwood,  
Computer Science



Nancy Mahmoud, Junior  
Major: Biopsychology  
Mentor: Michael Beyeler, Computer Science,  
Psychological & Brain Sciences

Miao Lei, Sophomore  
Major: Mathematics  
Mentor: Byron Johnson,  
Psychological & Brain Sciences



Fatima Aguilar, Senior  
Major: English, Sociology  
Mentor: Michael Beyeler, Computer Science,  
Psychological & Brain Sciences

Keya Panchal, Junior  
Major: Statistics and Data Science  
Mentor: Joe Incandela, Physics



Bianca Ramos-Medina, Senior  
Major: Statistics and Data Science  
Mentor: Tim Sherwood,  
Computer Science



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