



CENTER FOR BLACK STUDIES RESEARCH

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## FROM OUR DIRECTOR



Dear CBSR Community,

As we welcome the month of March, we take time to honor the contributions of Black women across the diaspora in recognition of Women's History Month. Their resilience, scholarship, activism, and creativity continue to shape the landscape of Black Studies and beyond. At the Center for Black Studies Research, we remain committed to amplifying their voices and celebrating their impact.

### Upcoming Events & Highlights

We are excited to host several enriching events in the coming months, each reflecting our commitment to research, education, and community engagement:

#### David Anthony Taylor – Black Pearls of Genealogy, March 11th

Family historian David Anthony Taylor will lead an exploration of the Black Pearls of Genealogy website ([TheBPOG.org](http://TheBPOG.org)), offering valuable tools for researching African American history. This event is an invaluable resource for those delving into family history and the African American experience.

#### Workshop by Postdoc Dr. Ebenezer Larnyo, April 10th

Dr. Larnyo will be hosting an engaging workshop for undergraduate and graduate students on Modeling Environmental Exposures and Race, aimed at advancing research methodologies and fostering critical discussions surrounding healthcare policy. Stay tuned for details on how to participate.

#### The Black Collective – Organized by Drs. Rice & Tichavakunda, April 18th

This dynamic space continues to serve as a vital forum for scholars and community members, offering a platform for intellectual exchange and collaboration.

### Acknowledging Our Team

The continued success of the Center would not be possible without the tireless dedication of our staff. We extend our deepest appreciation to:

CASU: Tracey Goss, Marselina Ortiz, and Karla Partida Torres for their exceptional work supporting the CBSR.

Lyla Washaha for her outstanding contributions to the CBSR's administrative efforts. Her dedication is integral to our mission, and we are grateful for all that she does.

### Special Announcements

#### Docuseries Update

We have concluded our docuseries on African American Life in the United States for this year. Thank you to everyone who joined us in exploring these critical narratives. We look forward to resuming the series in

Fall 2025.

### Co-Sponsored Events

We are pleased to co-sponsor several upcoming events this Spring 2025 Quarter, including:

- The Department of Political Science on the scholarly contributions of Cedric Robinson
- ARTISTS' FUTURES with Professor Iman Djouni

### **Thank You to Our Supporters**

We deeply appreciate our supporters, collaborators, and community members who continue to enrich the Center for Black Studies Research at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Your commitment and engagement are what make our work possible. (Tettegah & Open AI, personal communication, March 3, 2025)

Wishing you all a meaningful and inspiring Women's History Month!

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

## **"BLACK PEARLS OF GENEALOGY" WITH DAVID TAYLOR**



Family historian David Anthony Taylor will be exploring the Black Pearls of Genealogy website, TheBPOG.org, and the wealth of free tools it offers to support research into African American history. The BPOG is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich histories of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). Under David's leadership, the organization has divided its website into two primary sections: the Ancestral Memorials and the Research Portal. With the Ancestral Memorials being dedicated to honoring and commemorating the lives of the formerly enslaved, the United States Colored Troops (USCT), and past and current local heroes within BIPOC communities. While the Research Portal is a resource that offers a wide array of tools and records to assist researchers in exploring the lives and historical contributions of people of color in the United States. Mr. Taylor will be presenting March 11th, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. in 4603 South Hall. [Click here to RSVP for in person.](#) [Click here to register for the livestream.](#)

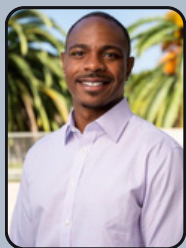
## **WORKSHOP SERIES WITH DR. EBENEZER LARNYO**

Dr. Larnyo's workshops are designed to equip both undergraduate and graduate students with essential research and data analysis skills. More importantly, they aim to empower students with the knowledge and expertise needed to identify health inequities and contribute to informed policy interventions.

The next workshop in this series, "Modeling Environmental Exposures and Race", will be held on April 10th, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. in 4603 South Hall. This workshop will introduce participants to the interplay between environmental exposures and racial disparities in health outcomes. Attendees will learn how to model environmental data and integrate race as a critical variable to identify inequities and inform policy interventions.



## BLACK COLLECTIVE WORKING PAPER SERIES



The Black Collective, created by Drs. Albert Rice and Antar Tichavakunda, is a collaborative forum for scholars of the Black experience to share current research projects with a supportive, affirming audience that will provide generative feedback.

The Collective also serves to connect like-minded scholars at UCSB and foster strong intellectual and social ties across campus. These goals are pursued through two programs:

1) A Working Paper Series, where scholars discuss ongoing research projects and share works-in-progress, and

2) The Scholar Mixer, a quarterly social event that features food, wine and a relaxed atmosphere for scholars to dialogue and expand their cross-campus academic and social networks.

They will be holding their first Working Paper Series meeting on April 18, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. in the Center for Black Studies Research in 4603 South Hall. You can RSVP and submit any works you'd like to share by clicking [here](#).



## UPDATES FROM MANAGEMENT SERVICES OFFICER TRACEY GOSS

"Throughout March, the CASU team will dive into User Acceptance Testing (UAT) of various Oracle Enterprise Performance Management system components along with many of our financial management colleagues across campus. We will continue to clean up, translate, and map CBSR current FAUs and projects to the future Common Chart of Accounts (CCOA) structure. Given this heavy 'back-office' financial schedule, we look forward to attending the CBSR's upcoming programming events featuring Mr. David Anthony Taylor and Dr. Ebenezer Larnyo, and hope many of you will join us." - Tracey Goss, MSO



## UPDATES FROM POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR CHARLES TERRY



Dr. Charles Terry has continued working with his undergraduate research group, composed of Kamaya Jackson and Zitong Xi. They have recently added Maia Fuller, a third year undergraduate who is double majoring in History of Public Policy and Law, and Media Studies. The research group has been meeting weekly to work on a journal article examining the 1968 Black Student Movement here at UCSB, with a focus on the North Hall sit-in. Additionally, Dr. Terry is making progress on the peer feedback for his book proposal and sample chapters, and regularly meeting with his editor. Lastly, Dr. Terry has persisted with his engagement with the broader UCSB community through his attendance of events on campus, including the MCC Community Forum and the Black Alumni and Student Connect.

## CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Click on each woman below to learn more about their impact!



Wangari Maathi



Daisy Bates



Michelle Obama



Sister Rosetta  
Tharpe



Ida B. Wells



Audrey Lourde



Constance Baker  
Motley



Claudia Jones



Sahle-Work  
Zewde



Harriet Tubman