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Welcome to the Black Doctoral Network's Western Regional Conference. We in the College of Ethnic Studies are delighted to host you and encourage you as you seek to connect, collaborate, and cultivate the necessary connections needed to advance your research and the cause of Black advancement through your scholarship and activism.

The College of Ethnic Studies is relatively new. Only three years old, I am honored to be the inaugural Dean. The College was formed from the crucible of activism and through a decades-long movement. Our Pan African Studies

Department describes itself as the "intellectual arm of the revolution." The Department of Chicana(o)/Latina(o) Studies also has roots in sixties activism. The Department of Asian Asian American Studies, our newest department, embraces our history and legacy of activism and actively engages in community matters as part of its scholarship. We are developing a Department of Native American and Indigenous Studies. Intersectional and interdisciplinary, we embrace the motto, "not higher education as usual, but higher education unusual." In other words, in the image of the first African American to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard University, WEB DuBois, we recognize there can be no scholarship without activism, no college without community, and no teaching without learning.

An African proverb says, "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." This BDN conference allows you to go far with like-minded scholars who join you in their commitment to purposeful scholarship. Savor this opportunity to get to know your peers, learn more about BDN, to fully engage in the workshops and poster sessions that will expand your knowledge base and enhance your work. This conference provides a fantastic opportunity to expand your network and knowledge base.

More than forty states have introduced legislation to outlaw teaching about race. At least sixteen states have passed such laws. Dr. DuBois said, "Either the United States will destroy ignorance, or ignorance will destroy the United States." You emerging scholars are the antidote to ignorance. I appreciate each of you and your presence here.

I am blessed to work with an extraordinarily supportive team in the College of Ethnic Studies, including Department Chairs Drs. Wai Kit Choi (AAAS), Anita Revilla (CLS), and Lawson Bush (PAS). My office team -- has made it possible for us to offer support and hospitality to conference attendees and BDN.

Please enjoy this sacred space of collaborative scholarship, personal and professional development, and personal renewal.

A luta continua The struggle continues,

Wianne Malveaux

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Welcome from the Conference Chair

Dear Colleagues, Students, and Friends:

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 2023 Black Doctoral Network Western Regional Conference here in Los Angeles, California. We are honored to have the support of California State University, Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University, University of California, Los Angeles and California State University Stanislaus as our valued sponsors.

I would also like to extend our sincere gratitude to California State University, Los Angeles College of Ethnic Studies for hosting this year's conference, and for their unwavering commitment to promoting academic excellence and diversity within our community. We especially would like to offer our appreciation and thanks to Dr. Julianne Malveaux, Dean of the College of Ethnic Studies, and her team members, Christina Twyman, Anthony Montero-Camacho, and Uniqua Roberson, who have worked with us to ensure this event's success.

To all participants, we appreciate your presence here today and the valuable contributions that you bring to our gathering. The *Connection, Collaboration, and Cultivation* conference theme aims to bring together Black scholars and professionals from diverse fields and backgrounds to foster a supportive community that promotes growth, learning, and innovation. The theme emphasizes the importance of building meaningful connections, encouraging collaborative efforts, and cultivating a thriving network of Black leaders who can inspire and uplift one another. Through engaging discussions, workshops, and networking opportunities, attendees will have the opportunity to learn from one another, share their experiences and expertise, and collectively work towards advancing the Black community in various domains.

Furthermore, I am delighted to invite you all to our national conference taking place from October 19-21, 2023, in Atlanta, Georgia. We encourage you to save the date and join us for what promises to be an inspiring and enlightening experience.

Once again, thank you for your presence here today, and we look forward to your active participation in this conference.

It has been my great honor to serve as Conference Chair. I hope you will enjoy the conference and, as always, bring a friend or two next year!

Sincerely,

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Deandra S. Taylor, Ed.D. Executive Director Conference Chair Black Doctoral Network Inc.



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Conference

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Dr. Camille Valentine

Keynote Speaker



Dr. Kris Marsh received her PhD from the University of Southern California in 2005. She was a Postdoctoral Scholar at the Carolina Population Center at the University of North Carolina before joining the faculty of Maryland where she has been tenured since 2014.

Dr. Marsh's general areas of expertise are the Black middle class, demography, racial residential segregation, and education. She has combined these interests to develop a research agenda that is divided into two broad areas: avenues into the Black middle class and consequences of being in the Black middle class.

Dr. Marsh recently released her new book titled *The Love Jones Cohort: Single and Living Alone in the Black Middle Class.* Drawing from stratification economics, intersectionality, and respectability politics, The Love Jones Cohort centers on the voices and lifestyles of members of the Black middle class who are single and living alone (SALA). While much has been written about both the Black middle class and the rise of singlehood, this book represents a first foray into bridging these two concepts. In studying these intersections, The Love Jones Cohort provides a more nuanced understanding of how race, gender, and class, coupled with social structures, shape five central lifestyle factors of Black middle-class adults who are SALA. The book explores how these Black adults define family and friends and decide on whether and how to pursue romantic relationships, articulate the ebbs and flows of being Black and middle class, select where to live and why, accumulate and disseminate wealth, and maintain overall health, well-being, and coping mechanisms.

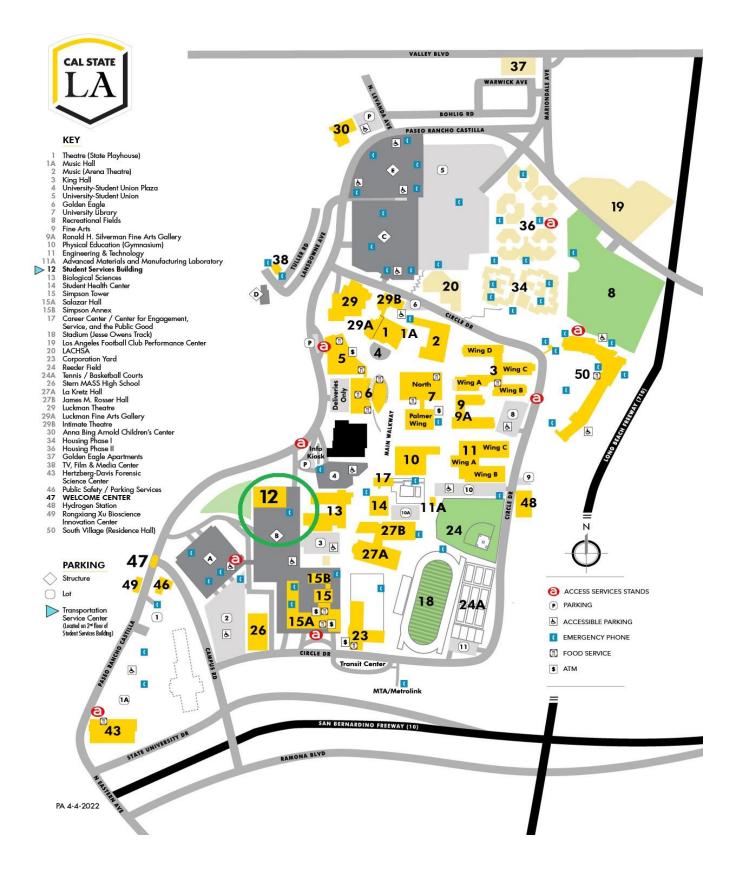
Professor Marsh also teaches courses on Research Methods, Race Relations and Racial Residential Segregation. She has been a visiting scholar at the University of Southern California, University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg and the University of Johannesburg.

Dr. Marsh has served as a contributor to CNN in America, the Associated Press, NBC Washington, and AI Jazeera America and is frequently asked to contribute to the Washington Post. She served as the Secretary of the District of Columbia Sociological Society and the Managing Editor of Issues in Race & Society. Dr. Marsh was awarded the Jacquelyn Johnson Jackson Early Career Award from the Association of Black Sociologists in 2015 and received the Core Fulbright U.S. Scholar award for 2017. Dr. Marsh was elected Chair of the Section on Race, Gender and Class of the American Sociological Association in 2019.



Map of California State University, Los Angeles

All conference activities will be held in the Student Services Building (12). Attendees should use Structure B for parking.



Conference Program

All conference sessions will take place in the California State University, Los Angeles <u>Student Services Building</u> located at 5151 State University Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90032

Speaker Lounge: All presenters must check-in at the registration desk upon arrival. Presenters are welcome to use rooms SSB2115 and SSB4115 to prepare for presentations.

8:00AM - 5:15PM	Registration & Information Table	SSB Atrium/Lobby
8:00AM - 9:00AM	Breakfast	SSB Lower Level Patio
9:00AM - 9:45AM	Opening Ceremony & Keynote Presentation	SL 120
	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Kris Marsh, University of Mar	yland
10:00AM - 11:10AM	Panel Sessions 1	
	The Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste: Examining the Methods for Bridging the Gap in Higher Education	SL 120
	Rethink, Reframe, and Reconstruct: Changing the Landscape of Education	SSB 3120
	Representation Matters: The Leaders We Always Knew We Needed	SSB 5121
11:25AM - 12:35PM	What's Next in STEM? Education and Development for Students of Today Panel Sessions 2	SSB 6121
11.20AM - 12.001 M	Virtual Platforms as a Tool for Cultivating Minority	SL 120
	Leadership Development The Non-Traditional Student: Unpacking the Education Experience of Disadvantaged	SSB 3120
	Population How to Get Over: Strategies to Overcome Stress,	SSB 5121
	Career Stagnation, and Opposition Inclusivity: Issues Impacting Mental Health and	SSB 6121
12:35PM - 1:15PM	Social Conditions of Marginalized Groups Networking Lunch	SSB Lower Level Patio
1:20PM - 2:00PM	Research Poster Session	SSB Atrium/Lobby
2:15PM - 3:15PM	Workshop Sessions 1	
	Strategies to Promote Success and Well-being of Black Students in Higher Education You Can't Quit and You Can't Get Out of the Game	SL 120
		SSB 3120
	Coloring the Rainbow: Addressing the Mental Health Needs of LGBTQ Persons Dealing with Faith-Based Sexual Exclusion	SSB 5121
	The Retention of Homeless Students in Post- Secondary Settings	SSB 7115

3:30PM - 4:30PM	Workshop Sessions 2		
	Pathways to Increase Diversity in Graduate School Admissions and Employment in Health Science that Impact Health Equity Introducing the Black Transgender Child	SL 120 SSB 3120	
	Don't Breathe It In: White Supremacy Mindset Traps to Avoid While Dissertating aka Cultivating a Dissertation Writing Process That Doesn't Suffocate Your Blk Genius (RE)claiming Blackness as Joy	SSB 5121 SSB 6121	
4:45PM - 5:15PM	Frame Your Degree: How to Avoid Academic Bullying in Seeking a College Degree Closing Ceremony	SSB 7115 SL 120	
	Announcement of Undergraduate Research Poster Competition Winners		
6:00PM - 7:15PM	Post-Conference Networking Social		
8:00PM - 11:00PM	Millennium Biltmore Hotel Bar 506 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90071 After-Hours Social Activities		
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LET'S GET SOCIAL!

Post-Conference Networking Events

Join conference attendees as they unwind and connect at the after-hours social activities.

Millennium Biltmore Hotel Bar

506 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90071 **6:00PM – 7:15PM**

Purchase food & drinks on your own.

71Above 633 W 5th St 71st floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071 8:00PM – 11:00PM

Perch 448 S Hill St, Los Angeles, CA 90013 8:00PM – 11:00PM



Panel Sessions 1 10:00 AM - 11:10 AM

The Mind is a Terrible Thing to Waste: Examining the Methods for Bridging SL 120 the Gap in Higher Education

Moderator: Carmita Haynes, Ed.D., Wiley College

First Being Last is Not an Option: Creating Student Success Pathways for First-Generation Higher Education Students in Texas Dr. Kamshia Childs, Texas A&M University-Commerce

School Daze: Understanding Black Doctoral Student Retention through a Comparative Analysis of Student Experiences at HWI and HBCU Ms. Hillary Diane Webb-Ganaway, New York University

Rethink, Reframe, and Reconstruct: Changing the Landscape of Education SSB 3120

Moderator: Shimeka Bruton, Ph.D., Westcliff University / America On Tech

Sustaining Liberatory Collaborations: Lessons from an Anti-Racist Pedagogy Learning Community JamesCrawford, MA, University of California, San Diego Ramon Stephens, MA, University of California, San Diego

Decolonizing Instructional Practices in Elementary Education for Instructional Leaders in Urban Schools Dr. D'Andrea Robinson, The Education Chronicles LLC

The Perceived Impact of Online Course Design on the Persistence of Students at HBCUs Alana Stevenson, MBA, University of Louisiana Monroe

Representation Matters: The Leaders We Always Knew We Needed SSB 5121

Moderator: Dr. Tara M. Collins, Grand Canyon University

Leading From Behind. The Dynamic Impact of Mentorship & Empowerment Dr. Samose Mays, The Minority Recreational Leadership Academy

What's Next in STEM? Education and Development for Students of Today SSB 6121

Moderator: Keiara Auzenne, MBA/JD, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego

Development of Rechargeable Cement Concrete-Based Batteries Using Iron and Nickel as Anode and Cathode Materials Mercy Sammy, Tennessee State University

Panel Sessions 2 11:25 AM - 12:35 PM

Virtual Platforms as a Tool for Cultivating Minority Leadership Development SL 120

Dr. Gary L. Myers III, Central Washington University Olivia Zavala, Central Washington University Janiyah McNair, Central Washington University Allyanna Madera, Central Washington University Luiza Hovhannisyan, Kent State University

The Non-Traditional Student: Unpacking the Education Experience of SSB 3120 Disadvantaged Population

Moderator: Shimeka Bruton, Ph.D., Westcliff University / America On Tech

The Variation of Blackness, Addressing the Hidden Nuances of Afro-Caribbean, Black, Gay, Asylum Seekers in Higher ED(US) Travis Richards, Loyola Marymount University

Perceptions of the Individualized Transition Planning Process for African American and Latinx students who attend Alternative Schools Dr. Develyn Biagas, Northern Arizona University

How to Get Over: Strategies to Overcome Stress, Career Stagnation, and SSB 5121 Opposition

Moderator: ODessa-Elise Downing, Ed.D., California State Polytechnic University-Pomona

Impostor Phenomenon in the Workplace: Narratives from Men and Women of Color Dr. Camille Valentine, Alliant International University, Valentine Coaching & Consulting, LLC, OD Docs, Inc.

Dr. Renee Cromer, Alliant International University, Amplified Strengths, OD Docs, Inc.

Mind over Matter: Mindful Attention and Awareness for Discriminatory Distress of African American Post-Secondary Educators Dr. Von Simmons, Pepperdine University

Black Women and Higher Education Career Journeys: Navigation and Sense of Belonging

Arah M. Parker, Ed.D, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

Inclusivity: Issues Impacting the Mental Health and Social Conditions of SSB 6121 Marginalized Groups

Moderator: Carmita Haynes, Ed.D., Wiley College

Psychosocial Adjustments of Caribbean-American Amputees in New York City: A Mixed-Methods Study Mavis Smith, LCSW, Yeshiva University

How Digital Exclusion During The COVID-19 Pandemic Further Exacerbated Conditions For Pregnant Black Mothers Mr. Marcus Jones, Yeshiva University Sharon Turnage, LMSW, Yeshiva University

NOTES:

Research Poster Session (Student Services Building Atrium/Lobby) 1:20 PM - 2:00 PM

★ Selected for the Undergraduate Research Poster Competition

★ Coercion & Conditioned Consent: Social-Autonomy During the Rwandan Genocide Against the Tutsi

Lina Abdellatif, University of Notre Dame

- Advancement Toward a Machine Learning Algorithm to Analyze Agriculture Chinwe Aghadinuno, Southern University and A&M College
- College Students Glued to Their Screens: Rise of Addictive Behaviors Alexis Barry, Howard University
- ★ Closing the Opportunity Gap Among Black Students in the CSU System Jamie Booth, California State University, Monterey Bay

Nanostructured Porous and Laminate Coatings for Biodegradable Magnesium-Based Implants with Tunable Water Permeability

Pratap Deshmukh, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

Analysis of Cannabis Extracts LC-MS/MS, NMR, and Measuring the Anticancer Activity of Glioblastoma Cancer Ashraf Duzan, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

- ★ Modeling Neural Network Dysfunction in Rett Syndrome with Mosaic Organoids Angel Emodi, University of California, Los Angeles
- Hair Combing Interactions in Black Families: A Time of Sensitivity Jasmine Jones, University of Illinois at Chicago
- ★ Investigating the Role of Microrchidia Proteins (MORCs) in Mammalian Development Shyl Lamba, University of California Los Angeles
- Crash Reduction Factors for Median Cable Barriers: A Case Study in Tennessee Jeannine Mbabaz, Tennessee State University
- ★ Students of Color Sense of Belonging in Physical Spaces on a Small Liberal Arts College Campus Adanech Muno, Whittier college
- ★ Assessing the Impact of Chronic Unpredictable Mild Stress on the Persistence of Habits Gift Nnamdi, University of California, Los Angeles

Using the COVID-19 Pandemic as a Relatable Reference to Teach Synthetic Biology and Broaden the Synthetic Biology Workforce

Jessica Norcott, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

- Influence of the Physical Environment of Family Dwelling on Children's Development: A Sustainability Neema Olagbemiro, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
- ★ Chronic Stress Promotes Insensitivity to Action-Outcome Contingency Chukwuebuka Oragwam, University of California, Los Angeles
- ★ Understanding Bacterial Proteasome Core Particle Assembly Geovanna Ordonez, University of California, Los Angeles
- Elevated Levels of Cytochrome Oxidase in Betz Cells of Primate and Carnivore Motor Cortex Yaman Sebai, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- Deposit-Induced Corrosion of Nickel-Chromium Alloys Harjot Singh, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

The Digital Wellness of Our Youth: An Examination of the Impact of Mass Media on Youth Mental Health

Brielle Smith, Howard University

★ The Effectiveness of University Student Resources for Black Students at CSU Monterey Bay Anastasia Swann, California State University, Monterey Bay

Psychopathology of the Insomniac American Nightmare: Whiteness, Gentrification, and the Supposed American Dream in Five Points, Denver, Colorado Tiffany Tasker, University of Colorado Denver

★ The Effect of Liquor Store Openings on Housing Prices: Evidence from Pennsylvania Anaya Truss-Williams, University of Maryland, College Park

POSTER COMPETITION JUDGES

We would like to acknowledge and thank our judges for their time and effort!

Debra Moreno Garcia, Ph.D., California State University, Los Angeles Lynda Gibson, Ph.D., University of Illinois at Chicago Álvaro Huerta, Ph.D., California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Chrystal Johnson, M.S., California State University, Fullerton Carla Koehler, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles Gregory Payne, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles Melanie A Stagnaro, Ph.D., California State University, Los Angeles Vanessa Stout, Ph.D., California State University, Los Angeles

Workshop Sessions 1 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

Strategies to Promote Success and Well-being of Black Students in Higher SL 120 Education

Workshop Leader: Dr. James M. Thomas, California State University, Los Angeles Dr. Serie McDougal, California State University, Los Angeles Dr. Stanley Talbert

In this workshop, participants will learn three such strategies to promote the success and well-being of Black students: collaboration among mental health providers, mentorship and collaboration among students and faculty, and entrepreneurship and leadership.

You Can't Quit and You Can't Get Out of the Game SSB 3120

Workshop Leader: Dr. Oswald Cartwright, Systamatic LLC

In this workshop, participants will develop an understanding of competition in the work environment, how to counterpunch when arguing, how to create buy in for your ideas and proposals, and how to recover from mistakes.

Coloring the Rainbow: Addressing the Mental Health Needs of LGBTQ SSB 5121 Persons Dealing with Faith-Based Sexual Exclusion

Workshop Leader: Dr. Dontá Morrison, Out Here Health

This workshop will discuss why many LGBTQ persons of color have shifted their spiritual views and currently label the traditional church as a source of discontent. The honest and transparent dialogue will provide mental health professionals with insight on how to engage those who have experienced faith-based sexual exclusion.

The Retention of Homeless Students in Post-Secondary Settings SSB 7115

Workshop Leader: Ms. Kennesha Smith, Louisiana State University

In this workshop, participants will (1) increase their awareness of homelessness in the postsecondary setting (based on current research), (2) discuss supportive services needed to retain and ultimately support homeless students (based on current practices utilized by universities and research) (3) and receive resources that can aid in the support of homeless students.

Workshop Sessions 2 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Pathways to Increase Diversity in Graduate School Admissions and **Employment in Health Science that Impact Health Equity**

Workshop Leaders: Angelita P. Howard, EdD, MBA, Morehouse School of Medicine Dorothy Bouldrick, DHA, Morehouse School of Medicine Hari Drayton, DCJ, Morehouse School of Medicine

This workshop session will help leaders consider pathways programs in health science that can increase diversity in the workforce and graduate degree programs.

Introducing the Black Transgender Child

Workshop Leader: Uchenna L. Umeh, MD, MBA, CLC, Dr. Lulu's Life Coaching Lounge

In this workshop, participants will learn the basics about the transgender community with a hyper focus on the Black transgender child and their family. They will learn how to become active allies and how to create safe spaces for the Black transgender child/persons.

SSB 5121 Don't Breathe It In: White Supremacy Mindset Traps to Avoid While Dissertating aka Cultivating a Dissertation Writing Process That Doesn't Suffocate Your Blk Genius

Workshop Leader: Dr. Adrienne Danyelle Oliver, Write Avenue

In this workshop, participants will learn how to create purposeful and intentional writing processes that cultivate Black joy and rest throughout doctoral matriculation. By the end of this workshop, scholars will learn what white supremacy mindset traps to avoid and how to create restorative pathways within the dissertating process.

(RE)Claiming Blackness as Joy

Workshop Leader: Dr. S Renee Mitchell, I Am MORE (Making Ourselves Resilient Everyday)

In this workshop, participants will share research-based strategies of how Black people can become more-intentional spirit-gardeners of ourselves and others. This interactive session will offer strategies, short films, journal writing and materials that leverage Black joy to improve mental health, fight stress and pain and increase their happiness – while also spreading joy to others.

Frame Your Degree: How to Avoid Academic Bullying in Seeking a College **SSB 7115** Degree

Workshop Leader: Veronica D Carey, PhD, CPRP, CDE, Drexel University

By attending this workshop, participants will understand how getting a college degree can be one of the most challenging, painful, and difficult experiences of their lives, but doesn't have to be such.

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