

# **THE AFRICAN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN DIASPORA STUDIES PROGRAM**

**presents the 34th Annual**

## **Conference on African American and African Diasporic Cultures and Experiences**

**Black Studies Matters, Black Stories Matter!  
Black Knowledge Practices, Black Futures**

**20-23 FEBRUARY 2023**

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH  
CAROLINA GREENSBORO**

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# ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

**Our annual conference, established in 1989 with the first conference taking place in 1990, brings national and international speakers and showcases student participation from majors, minors, and alumni who often go on to careers in leadership and advocacy. Community partners include area educators, librarians, farmers, environmentalists, preservationists, museums, and partner colleges and universities. Keynote speakers have included Annette Gordon-Reed, bell hooks, Michael Eric Dyson, Cornel West, and Lenora Fulani.**

## THE THEME

**CACE 2024 addresses the importance of Black Studies and Black Stories. The conference addresses music, poetry, movement and wellness; stories of resilience and Black futures; culture, politics and economics—knowledge as action; and the lively arts. Come learn about Hip Hop and education, walking Black history at UNCG, public history and social justice, environmental movements, farming and food security, geographies and cultures of the diaspora, African American stories in digital media, Black wealth and class struggle, poetry and performance as resistance, and more.**

**In addition to four keynote events, this year's conference features traditional papers, panel discussions, roundtables and other creative formats that highlight the processes of Black Studies and its advocacy for Black stories in higher education and the community at large.**

**Attendee  
Registration:**



# EVENT PROGRAM

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

**FREESTYLE:  
MUSIC, MOVEMENT, POETRY, AND WELLNESS  
EUC ALEXANDER**

- 9:00AM    *OPENING REMARKS:*  
*Christina Yongue, AP Associate Professor,  
Public Health Education***
- 9:30AM    “Enhancing Cultural Wellness Within  
UNCG—A Juneteenth Tour”  
*Christina Yongue, Nakia Hoskins***
- 11:00AM    “What Have You Heard? Stories Rooted in  
Blackness”  
*Valerie McConnell, Crystal Thompson***
- 12:30PM    “Leveling the Stigma: A Guide for Mental  
Health Literacy”  
A Conversation with Lori Hinsley,  
University Health Services  
*Jerron Alford***
- 2:00PM    *Negotiating Gender and Sexuality in  
Dancehall and Hip-Hop:*  
“Dancehall Most Hated: Byron Messia as  
Hope’s Badman”- *Taylor Stirm*  
“Violent Discourse in Byron Messia’s Single  
“Talibans” - *Ben Matney*  
“She Takes a Stand: Exploring Female  
Agency in Shenseea and Megan Thee  
Stallion’s Single ‘Lick” - *Lauren Harris*  
Dr. David Aarons, Chair**
- 3:30PM    “Our Experiences on AADS Study Abroad in  
Tanzania” *Stephanie Fisher-Huynh, Geneva  
Nicholson, Mark Garcia, Duncan Lauer*  
Dr. Hewan Girma, Chair**

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- 5:00PM**    *Hip-Hop and Education:*  
“Freestyle: An Audio Ethnography”  
- *Joshua D. Jordan*  
“Celebrating Hip-Hop: A Teacher, A  
Friend, a Parent in Black Communities”  
- *Volii Brown*  
“The Black Sound Experience: A Cultural  
Soundtrack of Equality and Justice”  
- *Natalie Paul*  
*Demetrius Noble, Chair*

**CHANGE IN LOCATION:**  
**CURRY 225 (CURRY AUDITORIUM)**

- 7:00PM**    **KEYNOTE EVENT:**  
“The Poetry Café Celebration of  
Black Excellence”  
*Josephus Thompson III,*  
Poet Laureate, City of Greensboro  
With *D. Noble*, AADS Professor

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

**STORIES OF RESILIENCE AND BLACK FUTURES**  
**EUC ALEXANDER**

- 9:00AM**    **OPENING REMARKS:**  
*Dr. John Z. Kiss*, Dean,  
College of Arts and Sciences
- 9:30AM**    “The Place of History, Preservation, and  
Adaptation in the Quest for Neighborhood  
Resiliency in East Wilson, NC”  
*Monica T. Davis, Lisa Y. Henderson*
- 11:00AM**    *Listening in: Emerging Histories, Affective  
Mapping:*  
“The Emerging History of al-  
Muhamasheen: The African Diaspora in  
Yemen” - *Amala Jones*  
“Locating Identity and Narrative  
Relationship within Affective Mapping”  
- *Asha Gowan*  
*Dr. Omar Ali, Chair*

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- 12:30PM** **“Black Stories Matter! Disrupting Systems of Oppression through Educational Engagement”**  
*Rhonda Jones, Paula Damasceno, Shelbi Webb, Asia Bingaman*  
*Juanita Thacker, Moderator*
- 2:00PM** **“Medical Masculinity and Indian Ocean Slavery”**  
**(followed by a movement workshop)**  
*Shireen Hamza*  
**Sponsored by EEIAO**
- 3:30PM** **“Lennie Hicks: Stories of a Black Panther Messenger”**  
**A Conversation with Crystal Thompson**  
*Lennie Hicks*
- 5:00PM** **KEYNOTE EVENT:**  
**“Black on Black: On Our Resilience and Brilliance in America”**  
*Dr. Daniel Black, Clark Atlanta University*  
**Private Reception Follows**

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

**CULTURE, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS:  
KNOWLEDGE AS ACTION**  
**EUC ALEXANDER**

- 8:00AM** **“Supporting Black Studies through the Teaching of Writing: Composition as Cultural Responsiveness”**  
*Amber White, Angela Jacobs*  
*Brianna Yancey, Chair*
- 9:30AM** **“Decolonizing Foodways: Cultural and Sustainability Perspectives”**  
*Plaxedes Chitiyo, Hewan Girma*
- 11:00AM** **KEYNOTE EVENT:**  
**“The Future of Black Farmers: A Conversation with Crystal Thompson”**  
*Kamal Bell, Sankofa Farms*

# EVENT PROGRAM

- 12:30PM** “The Future of the African American Male Librarian: Education and Activism”  
*Marcellaus A. Joiner, Carlos Grooms, Forrest Foster*
- 2:00PM** “Black Girls Matter: Perceptions of (In)Visibility and Beauty of Black Girls: A Roundtable”  
*Cerise Glenn, Kina Bostick, Kelis McCleod*
- 3:30PM** “Supporting Black Studies in Librarianship: A Roundtable on Ethnic and Minority Concerns”  
A section of the North Carolina Library Association Panel Discussion  
*Brittany Champion, Joan Hill, Candace Jacobs*  
*Carlos Grooms, Moderator*

## CHANGE IN LOCATION: CONE BALLROOM A

- 5:00PM** “Student Leadership and the Vote: A Roundtable”  
*Awa Mbai, Maleak Whitaker, Jalen Bailey, Jyeshia McKinney, Mama Diatta, Jordan Moss*  
Facilitated by *Erica Nolan, Kendall Sanders, Timea Faucette*
- 7:00PM** **KEYNOTE EVENT:**  
“The Myth of Black Buying Power: Racism, Media, Economics, and the Future of Black Studies”  
Conversation with AADS Professors *Dominick Hand and Demetrius Noble*  
*Dr. Jared Ball, Morgan State University*

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

### THE LIVELY ARTS: STUDENT VOICES EUC CLAXTON

- 10:00AM** Breakfast Reception
- 11:00AM** “The Arts as Advocacy: Exploring Black Womanism Through Photography” *Mikhaila Lambert*  
*Mei Mendez, Chair*

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**12:00PM** **“African Americans in Media Art: Curatorial Mixtapes”**  
***Shalia Fuentes-Matthews, Alexa Smith, Teionnah Mathis, John Davenport, Zaachea Simmons, Lena Berry Hassan Pitts, Chair***

**2:00PM** ***A Resilient Race: A Comparative Analysis of Black History through UNCG Museum Studies Student Capstone Projects:***  
***“All Aboard! Increasing Diversity at the North Carolina Transportation Museum” - Deborah Aronin***  
***“Conducting Coltrane: Uncovering Small-Town Roots of a Musical Mastermind” - Tori Hinshaw***  
***“The Black Female Architects of Higher Education: Brown, Burroughs & Bethune” - Dira Lessington***  
***“Greensboro Sports History: A Community’s Playing Field” - Lone Jacquet***  
***Torren Gatson, Chair***

**ART EXHIBITS:** **“Nostalgia: The Rich Colors, Culture, and Traditions of Ghana”**

**Artist Belinda Hodasi Jones**  
**Gatewood Studio Arts Building, UNCG,**  
**527 Highland Ave.**  
**Now through February 29, 2024**

**Making Room: Familiar Art, New Stories**  
**Weatherspoon Art Museum, UNCG, 500 Tate St.**  
**Now through April 6, 2024**

**Coming Soon:**  
**“Exploring Black Womanism Through Photography”**  
**Artist Mikhaila Lambert, AADS Major**  
**Greensboro Project Space**  
**Dates TBA**

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**Muslim Students Association**  
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