50 YEARS OF BLACK STUDIES

BLACK STUDIES SUMMIT
Thursday April 4, 2019 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM
McGregor Memorial Conference Center - Room BC
(495 Gilmour Mall Detroit, MI 48202)

PROGRAM

1:00 – 1:15 PM  Welcome

- Keith Whitfield, Provost, Wayne State University
- Stephanie Hartwell, Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Science, Wayne State University
- Charles Ferrell, Vice-President, Public Programs and Community Engagement, Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

1:15 – 2:15 PM  Panel 1  Where Are We In African American Studies?

Chair, Lisa Doris Alexander, Associate Professor, African American Studies, Wayne State University

Presenters:
- Jamon Jordan, President, Association for the Study of African American Life and History - Detroit Branch
  “The Law of Resistance: 7 Civil Rights Cases in Detroit and their Legacy in the Fight Against White Supremacy”
- Daphne Ntiri, Professor, African American Studies, Wayne State University
  “Gender, Literacy and Africana Womanism: Theoretical Discourse in the Discipline”
- Victor Oguejiofor Okafor, Head, Department of Africology and African American Studies, Eastern Michigan University
  “Africology/Black Studies in the 21st Century: Key Challenges and Opportunities”

2:15 – 2:30 PM  Break

2:30 – 3:30 PM  Panel 2  Where Should We Be Going?

Chair, Melba Boyd, Distinguished University Professor, African American Studies, Wayne State University

Presenters:
- Ivy Forsythe-Brown, Director, African and African American Studies, University of Michigan, Dearborn
  “Black Studies at UM-Dearborn: Merging the Major with Mission”
- Kenneth Jolly, Professor of History, Black Studies Program, Saginaw Valley State University
  “Unity of Research and Social Action: A Long History of Black Studies in Michigan”
- Paula Barreto, Director, Cor da Bahia; Professor of Sociology, Universidade Federal da Bahia (UFBA)
  “Studies on Racial Inequality and Racial Discrimination from an Intersectional Perspective: Recent Challenges in Brazil”
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3:30 – 3:45 PM  Break

3:45 – 4:45 PM  Panel 3  What Does Black Studies Have To Do With Black Liberation?
Chair, Stephen Ward, Associate Professor, DAAS, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Presenters:
• Lisa Ze Winters, Associate Professor, African American Studies and English, Wayne State University
  “Where Do We Go From Here?”

• E. Prasad Venugopal, Associate Professor, Physics and African American Studies, University of Detroit Mercy
  “Teaching the Intersection of Race & Histories of Science & Technology”

• David Goldberg, Associate Professor, African American Studies, Wayne State University
  “General Baker on Black Liberation and the Role of the University”

4:45 – 5:00 PM  Break

5:00 – 6:00 PM  Community Discussion & Closing Remarks

Facilitated by:
• Kefentse Chike, Instructor, Department of Africology and African American Studies, Eastern Michigan University; African American Studies, Wayne County Community College District; African American Studies, Wayne State University

• Mary Frances Phillips, Visiting Assistant Professor, African American Studies, Wayne State University; Assistant Professor, Department of Africana Studies, Lehman College, City University of New York

• Heaster Wheeler, Assistant Secretary of State, Michigan; former Executive Director, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Detroit

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