Welcome to Africana Studies

Africana studies is vital to the intellectual growth and development of all students who endeavor to learn about the rich histories, lives, and cultures of people of African heritage within the United states and across the globe. Through our courses, scholarship, and programming, our department provides students with an opportunity to think beyond Western European Intellectual traditions. In our current climate of racial tension, along with the global discourse on terrorism, ethnic war, and health epidemics, this is indeed the time to take courses in Africana Studies to gain a better understanding of the national and international black community’s response to and experience with these issues.

An exciting new development in the department is our restructuring of the Richard B. Moore Library. Our private library boasts of an impressive collection of books and artifacts from the United States, Africa, and the Caribbean. The Richard B. Moore library serves as an important resource for students who need access to books related to the African diaspora. This Spring the library will be open for both studying and researching. We also offer a limited library loan service.

Look out for invited lecturers who will give presentations as part of our series Africana Studies presents.

Also, stay on the lookout for announcements and application forms for two department scholarships: the Bliss Verdon Scholarship and the Richard B. Moore scholarship.

Our dedicated faculty are prominent scholars in their field and excellent teachers and mentors. Please do not hesitate to visit them during their office hours. If you are new to our courses, welcome. If you're thinking of taking a course, please do, you won’t regret doing so.

Best,
Dr. Tracey Walters
Chair, Africana Studies
Spring 2015
Spring 2015 Courses

AFS 221 Intro to Modern African History  Dr. Gulema
AFS 277 Modern Color Lines  Dr. Asare
AFS 345 Women in Africa & The Caribbean  Dr. Harris
AFS 560 Sexualities: African and Caribbean  Dr. Harris
AFS 393 Caribbean Immigrants  Dr. Fouron
AFS 542 Caribbean Transnational Identity  Dr. Fouron
AFS 102 Themes in Black Experience II  Dr. Owens
AFS 396 Topics in African American History  Dr. Owens
“Malcolm & Martin”
AFS 337 Politics of Africa  Dr. Gulema
AFS 346 Political & Social History of Africa  Dr. Gulema
AFS 320 Black Pop Culture & Terrain  Dr. Miletsky
AFS 394 Black Nationalism in America  Dr. Miletsky
AFH 330 Pan-African Literature II  Dr. Walters
Contemporary African Diasporic Literature  Dr. Walters

Also look out for brand new courses offered for 2016!

Hip Hop Intellectual Theory
The LBGTQ Experience in Communities of Color
Human Rights

Summer 2015 Courses

Session I
AFS 227 The Modern Color line MW
AFH 390 Topics/ Spike Lee TUTH
AFH/EGL 249 African American Music and Literature TUTH

Session II
AFS 381 AIDS, Race & Gender in the Black Community  MW
AFS 325 The Civil Rights Movement  MW

Black History Month 2015 UNITY Forum
with
Social Activist Kevin Powell

Also look out for brand new courses offered for 2016!

Hip Hop Intellectual Theory
The LBGTQ Experience in Communities of Color
Human Rights

SBU student s served on the UNITY Forum panel which discussed leadership and social activism on campus and community, at the Black History Month 2015 UNITY Forum.
Welcome to Africana Studies!

We welcome our new Assistant to the Chair, Ann Berrios. Ann is instrumental to our department’s ability to carry out the day to day business of Africana Studies. Having worked at Stony Brook since 1983, Ann is well equipped to navigate our campus’ complexities.

T. Olubunmi Olosunde has joined AFS as an Adjunct Professor. She received her Ph.D. in English from Howard University, and she is a Stony Brook Alum, with a BA in Sociology and Africana Studies. Her research interests include black feminism, black trauma, African diasporic women’s literature, and post-colonial Caribbean literature.

Africana Faculty

Dr. Tracey Walters
Chair

Dr. Georges Fouron

Dr. Leslie Owens
Graduate coordinator

Dr. Shimelis Gulema
Undergraduate Coordinator

Dr. Abena Asare

Dr. Dawn Harris

Dr. Zebulon Miletsky

Dr. E. Anthony Hurley

Dr. Dr. Leslie Owens

Dr. Shobana Shankar

Dr. Crystal Fleming

Dr. Abena Asare

Dr. Dawn Harris

Dr. Zebulon Miletsky

Dr. E. Anthony Hurley

Dr. Dr. Leslie Owens

Africana Grad Students

Shevonne L. Cleveland

Ildiko Tillmann

Patrice Bryan

Faith Akinbonmi

Dr. Barbara Frank

Affiliate Professors

Dr. Mark Chambers
Lecturer

Dr. Oyeronke Oyewumi

Dr. Shobana Shankar

Dr. Crystal Fleming

Dr. Mark Chambers
Lecturer

Dr. Oyeronke Oyewumi

Dr. Shobana Shankar

Dr. Crystal Fleming

Dr. Mark Chambers
Lecturer

Dr. Oyeronke Oyewumi

Dr. Shobana Shankar

Dr. Crystal Fleming
The Richard B. Moore Africana Studies Research library is open and available for use.
Tues. 1:00 PM - 3:00PM
W&F 12:00PM-4:00PM

Upcoming Events

March 2nd Call for Scholarships. “Bliss Verdon” & Richard B. Moore
March 4th Africana Studies Open House 1- 2:30 PM SBS 224
Spring Break March 16-21
March 30th “Women in Science, Humanities and Social Sciences” HUM 1006
April 1st, Africana Studies Film Screening Series part I “Dark Girls” 1:00PM - 2:20PM SBS 224
April 7th “Fiction or Memoir, Finding the Truth” Elizabeth Nunez HUM 1006
April 9th "The Art of African American English: The verbal dexterity of MC’ing, Rap Battling, and Free Styling"
April 15th Africana Presents Tiffany Joseph Lecture, Sociology 1:00PM - 2:00PM SBS RM S224
April 15th Scholarship Applications due
May 1st Spring Fling with DJ Loira Limbal @ Staller Lawn

Upcoming Lectures & Presentations
Malcolm X and the 50th Anniversary of his Assassination
Graduate Student Colloquium