Welcome!

The department of Africana Studies celebrates 50 years of excellence in research, teaching and service at Stony Brook University. We are marking this occasion with a series of events including, a co-sponsored lecture on 2/28/2018 with prize-winning architect Rodney Leon, designer of the NYC African Burial Ground, a retrospective on the Africana Studies department, and a fall banquet.

There are exciting new changes in the department. We have been approved for a revision to the AFS curriculum. The new Africana major offers the existing interdisciplinary degree, but also specialized tracks in Public Health and Disease and Social Justice and Human Rights. Our new tracks in Human Rights and Social Justice and Health and Disease are open for enrollment, and as always, the interdisciplinary degree remains available to students. Later this year, we’ll also be launching a new campaign to highlight the BA/MAT program. At the graduate level, we’re looking to take our courses online.

We have an exciting roster of programming for the spring. As noted above, events include a lecture by Leon, designer of the African American Burial Ground, a special presentation by Illyasah Shabazz, daughter of civil rights icon Malcolm X and author of the book Growing Up X, a lecture on the legacy of the life of MLK Jr. and Malcolm X, and a program on mental health and wellness. Most notably, we are looking forward to bringing students to Ghana in summer 2018.

Our faculty are busy preparing for lectures on and off campus, they are involved in the new Center for Social Justice, Inequality, and Policy, and they continue to lend their support to community outreach projects internally and externally. Other faculty are working on the second annual H.S. writing contest, serving as mentors for the Student African American Brotherhood and the Student African American Sisterhood. We are entering our third year of partnership with the Tri Community Youth Center, which enables Stony Brook Students to hone leadership, team building, and communication skills through their mentoring of the Tri Community Youth Center of Huntington, Long Island.

We are continuing our comprehensive campaign designed to provide much needed resources for faculty, students and staff. The Africana Studies department ison this campaign to support experiential learning opportunities for undergraduates, fellowships, and seed funding to support student and faculty innovation.

Your gift, whether it’s the renewal of your support or the decision to give for the first time, allows us to do what we do best – innovative, creative research and teaching that’s the hallmark of a great public university. I hope you’ll consider making a gift today or speaking with the College’s development representative, Assistant Dean Rebecca Bair, rebecca.bair@stonybrook.edu.

I’m encouraged by the responses I’ve received from many of you to my recent emails, and I hope more of you will stay connected with me and other faculty in our department. We enjoy hearing where life has taken you!://www.facebook.com/sbuafricana/https://twitter.com/sbuafricana

Please stop by to speak with us about your future, review our Events schedule and see how you can get involved!
Africana Studies goes to Washington, D.C.

Africana Studies faculty invited Stony Brook University students to the Smithsonian Museum of African American History in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 12th. Pictured at left are faculty with AFS Major, Genevieve Ruzicka.

Dr. Dawn Harris publishes book

The University of Georgia Press is proud to announce the publication of Punishing the Black Body by Dr. Dawn Harris of Africana Studies, Stony Brook University.

Africana Studies Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

.....with groundbreaking seminars: 50 Years Strong, Wednesday, February 14th at 1:00PM in SBS S224 and Rodney Leon on Wednesday, February 28th at 4:00PM in SBS S224. Stop by for friendship, reflection and refreshment!

Africana Studies Goes to Ghana

Africana Studies is planning a trip to Ghana for qualified students. This is an opportunity to visit Africa and earn six credits. Watch for more information in the Africana Studies Department.
Africana Studies welcomes Dr. Adryan Wallace from the University of Hartford

Dr. Wallace’s research interests include gender, political economy, Islam and the dynamic interactions of politics and culture on political institutions. The majority of her work focuses on how Muslim women in West Africa are able to articulate their development interests within the context of Sharia law and secular political institu-

SURC Conference

Dwayne Moore, Sarah Eller, Greer Mayhew and Kelly Smith presented at SURC Conference hosted by President Samuel Stanley in April of 2017 at Suffolk County Community College, Brentwood College Campus

Sisterhood of the Yam

Africana Studies invites Stony Brook University undergraduate women to a consciousness raising group that meets in SBS S202 every second and fourth Wednesday of the month during lunch.

Africana Studies High School Essay contest

Odeya Lahav Rosenband (Ward Melville) and Marilyn Jaime (Brentwood High School) win Africana Studies Essay Contest: What do Civil Rights Mean to Me? The contest was held in spring 2017

AFS 283 Students Mentor College Bound High School Students

Selected students come to Africana Studies each Wednesday to get pre-college guidance from Dr. Walters’ AFS 283 (Community Service) enrollees. The High School students and their mentors have a snack before embarking on topics such as note taking, SAT prep, current events and public speaking. The program is now in its third year and has proven to be a resounding success for everyone involved.
Emeriti Faculty Set up Scholarships

Dr. Anthony Hurley established the Dr. Dorothy L. Hurley Fellowship (for an AFS graduate student) in honor of his late wife and former Stony Brook University Director of AIM/EOP.

Dr. Floris Barnett Cash’s children set up a graduate scholarship in honor of their mother.

This year, Africana Studies awarded the scholarships to Angelique Lucien (Dr. Floris Barnett Cash) and Ildi Tillmann (Dr. Dorothy L. Hurley)

Ms. Mary Seymour, Proud AFS Major

Mary Seymour - Seniors AFS Honors
Theatre Artist/Playwright/Actress/Director
Artistic/Creative/Director of Seymour Creative Collectives
Mary co-starred on Broadway in the Tony Award-winning plays Raisin the Musical, and Hair: The American Tribal Love-Rock Play. Mary, is a founding member of the 70’s Iconic international music trio Musique. In 2012 she attended Yale University School of Drama directing project. Mary received an AS Degree with Highest Distinction from Suffolk Community. Mary is a member of Alpha Sigma Lambda, Phi Theta Kappa: on The Board of Directors Youth Empowerment Group (YEP) in Central Islip. Mary is a proud wife, mother and grandmother. She embraces the possibilities of the next step in her quest for knowledge. Mary wishes to inspire, and encourage all people to embrace learning. Especially her fellow baby-boomers a generation filled tradition, wisdom and faith.

Dwayne Moore AFS/Sociology Major

Dwayne Moore was a very active member of the AFS department. Our faculty was impressed with his intellectual acumen, his professionalism, and his unwavering ambition. In addition to serving as a TA for many AFS faculty, he was also instrumental in the development of the department’s mentoring project with Tri-Community Center of Huntington Station. Dwayne was involved in curriculum planning and co-leading workshops on college readiness, scholarships, class conduct, and academic goals. His engagement with the Tri-Community students was so impressive, after the first year, he was given the responsibility to train new mentors and co-supervise the team. Also, for two executive summers, he taught summer classes to the Tri-Community students who attended the summer program. Dwayne’s experience with the Tri-Community group peaked his interest in pursuing a career in education. This Fall, he began an M.A. program in Higher Administration Education at the University of Buffalo. In 2016, Dwayne received Africana Studies’ Richard B. Moore scholarship funded by the Stony Brook Foundation.

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