AFRICAN BLACK COALITION CONFERENCE

"Be the change you wish to see in the world"

– Mahatma Gandhi
The African Black Coalition (ABC) is an alliance of the African Student Unions of the nine University of California (UC) undergraduate campuses. This organization works toward improving the conditions of students of African descent on UC campuses. Due to the rapid decline of students of African descent enrolling in and matriculating through the UC system, our coalition hopes to increase these numbers on the UC campuses and provide a stable support network for our members. Through outreach, conferences and collective actions, we jointly stand against the inequalities that students of color face on their individual campuses. We aim to empower students and reduce feelings of stress, anxiety, lack of motivation and insecurity by creating conference workshops where students can grow academically, culturally, personally and socially. Through this conference, we hope that students will gain a sense of community support and continue to build bridges between organizations that will last far beyond the conference’s end.
DEAR ABC DELEGATE,

Welcome to the Seventh Annual African Black Coalition Conference 2010, held at the University of California, Riverside. On the behalf of UC Riverside’s Afrikan Student Alliance, African Student Programs and associated students and staff, we are enthused to announce this year’s conference theme: “Be the Change You Wish to See in the World.” Without further adieu, it is imperative for us, as the leaders of our respective communities, to be proactive and evoke necessary change for the betterment of our legacy, as a people. It is also important that we utilize the lessons we have learned from our history in obtaining our aspirations to influence our collective community.

We are ecstatic to host you in our cultural melting pot, as we pride ourselves on diversity here at UC Riverside. It is the goal of the planning committee to make sure that each one of you leaves inspired, using that momentum to reciprocate positive energy and betterment within your campus and community. As well, we would like to leave you with a mental memento of the UC Riverside experience. Value this weekend as an opportunity to network and fellowship with fellow scholars, for the benefit of future endeavors. We urge you take advantage of this opportunity, for it is not often that Black students come together to discuss issues that are significant to our community and our lives.

We have assembled a variety of workshops for your enjoyment and enlightenment, with topics ranging from career development to breathing techniques. We have enlisted the assistance of community members, business professionals, faculty members, fellow students and alumni in optimizing these workshops. Our goal in regards to workshops is to ensure that you leave each workshop more competent of the issues critical to our community. Accordingly, we aim to carry on the values of community and activism, which were engraved in the conference’s foundation.

Throughout the past six years, the conference has grown significantly, with nearly six hundred delegates this year. In the years to come, we know that this conference will continue its legacy to inspire the Black Student Unions of the UC system to come together and help build a stronger, more united coalition that will create positive change for the future.

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UC RIVERSIDE’S 2010 ABC PLANNING COMMITTEE
# African Black Coalition Conference

## Conference Agenda

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  - *Leadership is the Difference* – SROUL 2356
- **Kim Wells**
  - *Establishing Your Competitive Edge/HBCU MBA and Graduate Programs* – Hub 355
- **J.W. Vines Medical Society**
  - *Overcoming Adversity on the Path to a Successful Career in the Health Sciences* – INTN 1006
- **African Americans United in Science**
  - *Health issues facing the African/African American Community/Blood Pressure, Cholesterol & Glucose Screening* – Hub 265
- **Sheila Madison**
  - *Getting More than your Foot In: A Career Development Workshop* – Hub 268
- **UC Black Alumni Association**
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- **Clais Daniels-Edwards**
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- **LUNCH & TALENT SHOW/OPEN MIC**
  - *Highlander Plaza/HUB Restaurant*
CONFERENCE AGENDA (CONT.)

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1:40 P.M. — 2:30 P.M.  SESSION (C)
- Sharron St. John
  *Falling Through the Cracks* — SPROUL 2339
- Ise Lyfe
  *Is Everybody Stupid?* — INTN 1020
- Adaora Ezike
  *Afronomics* — HUB 379
- John Johnson
  *Bridging the Gap: Black Graduate Students and Black Undergraduate Success* — HUB 355
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- Tristan Mitchell & Stephanie Roberts
  *Modern Day Slavery: Black Incarceration & Stigmas in the United States* — INTN 1002
- Brittany Kellogg-Green
  *Discovering the Art of Living in the Present: Breathing Techniques to Reduce Stress* — HUB 260
- Open Space — SPROUL 2356
- Open Space — SPROUL 2361
- Open Space — SPROUL 1102

2:45 P.M. — 3:45 P.M.  UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PRESIDENT MARK YUDOF
OPEN FORUM/Q&A
HUB 302

4:00 P.M. — 5:00 P.M.  TAVIS SMILEY
HUB 302

5:05 — 5:50 P.M.  MALE/FEMALE CAUCUS
- Male Caucus — HUB 379
- Male Caucus — HUB 367
- Male Caucus — HUB 355
- Male Caucus — INTN 1002
- Female Caucus — HUB 268
- Female Caucus — HUB 269
- Female Caucus — HUB 260
- Female Caucus — HUB 265

6:00 P.M. — 7:45 P.M.  DINNER
UCR STUDENT RECREATION CENTER

9:00 P.M. — 1:00 A.M.  DANCE
PHYSICAL EDUCATION GYM

SUNDAY, MAY 2ND (DAY 3)

8:00 A.M. — 8:30 A.M.  WELCOME/BREAKFAST
HUB 302 LOBBY

8:40 A.M. — 9:00 A.M.  DR. DANIEL WALKER
HUB 302

9:00 A.M. — 10:00 A.M.  SESSION (D)
- Dawn Ward, M.D.
  *Just Do It: How to Accomplish your Goals in Life* — HUB 367
- Toi Thibodeaux & Kafele Khalfani — QPOC Caucus — SPROUL 2356
- AWC Staff, UCLA — *I’m Black, but I’m not Black* — INTN 1002
- Sy Predcott, David Ritcherson, Samuel Bostick, & Corey Matthews
  *ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Black Male in the UC* — HUB 269
- Aaron Jones, James Garrett, Ashimadi Ladzekpo, Donald Mason, & Berhan Bayeh
  *Respect Your Roots: Be the Change They Dreamed Of* — HUB 268
- Besidone Amoruwa
  *Women in Music: The Worker Behind the Scenes & the Vixen In Front of the Camera* — HUB 355
- Rodney Nickens, Jr.
  *The Aftermath of Proposition 8* — HUB 379
- Hardy Brown, Jr.
  *The Opportunity of a Lifetime* — HUB 260
- Open Space — SPROUL 2361
- Open Space — SPROUL 1340
- Open Space — INTN 1006

10:00 A.M. — 10:10 A.M.  CONFERENCE PICTURE
HIGHLANDER PLAZA

10:10 A.M. — 11:00 A.M.  PLENARY SESSION
HUB 302

11:10 A.M. — 11:45 A.M.  VIDEO SHOWCASE
HUB 302

11:45 A.M. — 12:15 P.M.  DISCUSSION — VOTE FOR NEXT LOCATION — HUB 302

12:15 P.M. — 12:30 P.M.  CLOSING
Announcements of Critical Issues & 2011 ABC Conference Location — HUB 302
Edward Bush received his Bachelors of Arts degree in Political Science from University of California Riverside, a Master's Degree in Public Administration from California State University, San Bernardino and his Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Claremont Graduate University. Dr. Edward Bush is a published author with articles appearing in: Black Issues in Higher Education, Community College Week, Diverse Educational Horizons and the Community College Journal. He has been an invited presenter at four national conferences, including the National Association of Black School Educators, the National Association of African American Studies, the Institute for Race Relations, and the National Convening of Postsecondary Education Support Programs for Former Foster Youth. His research has focused on African American male achievement in California Community Colleges, and student leadership development.

Dr. Bush has over 14 years of experience in higher education with 11 of those years held at the Riverside Community College District. Dr. Bush currently serves as the Vice President of Student Services for Riverside City College. Prior to this appointment he served as the Dean of Student Services for Riverside Community College, Norco Campus. Dr. Bush is an adjunct instructor for the Graduate School of Education at the University of Redlands where he teaches courses in student development and organizational theory.

Edward currently resides in San Bernardino where he enjoys spending time with his wife and two children. Dr. Bush is a member of the Truth/Turner Charter School planning committee and the Tehuti Educational Consortium. Dr. Bush is a founding member of the African American Male Education Network and Development (A2.M.E.N.D). In addition, Dr. Bush is a licensed minister and serves as an Associate Pastor at Immanuel Praise Fellowship in Rancho Cucamonga. Dr. Bush was recently recognized by the Riverside Chapter of the NAACP with the Drum Major Award in Education at their annual freedom fund dinner.
TAVIS SMILEY

From his celebrated conversations with world figures, to his work to inspire the next generation of leaders, as a broadcaster, author, advocate and philanthropist, Tavis Smiley continues to be an outstanding voice for change. Smiley is currently the host of the late night television talk show Tavis Smiley on PBS and The Tavis Smiley Show from Public Radio International (PRI).

In 2010, Smiley leaves his studio chair in Los Angeles to go on the road to examine some of the country's most defining moments in four hour-long TAVIS SMILEY REPORTS primetime TV specials. The reports include going behind the scenes with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, examining one of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s greatest speeches, “Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence,” and traveling to the streets of New Orleans to mark Hurricane Katrina’s 5th anniversary.

In 2007, Smiley made television history as the moderator and executive producer of the All-American Presidential Forums on PBS, the first Democratic and Republican presidential debates broadcast live in primetime with a panel exclusively comprised of journalists of color.


His latest book, Accountable: Making America As Good As Its Promise, examines hard-hitting truths about the issues our country faces and addresses how our political leaders, corporations and, finally, American citizens themselves can enforce accountability and effect change.

TIME magazine honored Smiley in 2009 as one of “The World’s 100 Most Influential People.” The annual TIME 100 list profiles men and women whose power, talent or moral example has made a significant difference in the world.

In 2009, Smiley released STAND, his first documentary film, which he directed, wrote and produced. STAND shares the experiences of Smiley and ten Black male friends during a special road trip through Memphis and Nashville. The friends explore the impact of the civil rights movement and the role and relationships of Black men in America against the backdrop of the 2008 presidential race and the 40th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassination.

Smiley is the presenter and creative force behind America I AM: The African American Imprint. This unprecedented traveling museum exhibition, which debuted in January 2009, will tour the country for four years, celebrating the extraordinary impact of African American contributions to our nation and the world, as told through rare artifacts, memorabilia and multimedia.

Smiley’s most gratifying accomplishments are rooted in his passion to inspire the next generation of leaders. The Tavis Smiley Foundation, a nonprofit organization, was established to provide leadership training and development for youth. Since its inception, more than 6,000 young people have participated in the foundation’s Youth to Leaders training workshops and conferences.

His communications company, The Smiley Group, Inc., is dedicated to supporting human rights and related empowerment issues and serves as the holding company for various enterprises encompassing broadcast and print media, lectures, symposiums and the Internet.

Smiley’s achievements have earned him numerous awards and honorary doctorate degrees, including one from his alma mater, Indiana University. In 2009, Indiana University named the atrium of its School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) building, The Tavis Smiley Atrium. Smiley is also the recipient of the Du Bois Medal from Harvard University and the 2009 Interdependence Day Prize from Demos in Istanbul, Turkey.
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

DANIEL WALKER, Ph.D.

Research and Teaching

Dr. Walker is the author of the critically acclaimed book No More, No More: Slavery and Cultural Resistance in Havana and New Orleans (University of Minnesota Press) and the Founding Director of the Gospel Music History Project (GMHP). His scholarly articles have appeared in publications such as The Journal of Caribbean History, The Western Journal of Black Studies, The Griot, and The CLA Journal. He is a former Assistant Professor of History at Indiana University, Visiting Professor of Latin American History at Occidental College, and Associate Director of the African American Studies Program at the University of Houston. Walker also spent seven years as a full-time professor of history at San Bernardino Valley College and is annually one of the highest-rated professors at University of California, Riverside where he teaches in the Ethnic Studies Department.

A research associate at the University of Southern California’s Center for Religion and Civic Culture (CRCC) and a lead scholar with the Pentecostal and Charismatic Research Initiative, funded by a $6.9 million grant from the Templeton Foundation, Dr. Walker directs projects centered on historic social justice ministries, faith-based economic development, megachurches, Los Angeles faith communities, global religious movements, and the Church of God in Christ. He is also the creative vision and Director of Research for the Gospel Music History Archive, the world’s first keyword searchable, digital archive centered on materials related to the growth and development of Gospel Music.

Fellowships/Awards

Among the entities that have recognized Dr. Walker and his work in the form of fellowships, awards, and grants include: the Louisville Institute, the College Access Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, the Texas State Historical Association, the California Endowment, the Southern Conference on African American Studies, KGTV Television, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the African American Public Policy Institute, the Historical Society of Southern California, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., the Flora Hewlett Foundation, Indiana University, and the Haynes Foundation.

Education

Dr. Walker holds a B.A. in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from San Diego State University, a M.A. in Latin American History (with distinction) from the University of California, Riverside, and a Ph.D. in Latin American and African American History (with distinction) from the University of Houston.
WORKSHOPS

SESSION (A)

Looking Back to Look Forward
Presented by Chris Levister, Administrative Law Attorney
Location: HUB 367
Administrative Law Attorney, corporate executive, philanthropist, mentor, former ABC News Correspondent, Black Voice News special correspondent, poet and foster child, Levister takes you on a riveting journey of loneliness, depression, discrimination, barrenness and abuse. Drawing from her remarkable background, she shares how her personal tragedies provided her with the tools to defeat dysfunctional behaviors and self limiting attitudes. Join her for an experience of reflecting, renewing, restoring and reigniting the greatness within, as you are a Black woman on the rise.

Leadership is the Difference
Presented by Donavon Green, Director, External Affairs AT&T, Los Angeles
Location: SPR0UL 2356
This leadership workshop is designed to help college students discover and access their individual leadership styles and identify organizations and activities that provide the opportunity to enhance leadership skills. In this workshop, we will also discuss leadership strategies and best practices that will help you establish your personal “Brand.” Donovan will share the leadership strategies and skills he has learned and utilized to become an effective leader.

Establishing Your Competitive Edge/HBCU MBA and Graduate Programs
Presented by Kim Wells, Director, MBA Program, Howard University
Location: HUB 355
In today’s competitive job market and expanding global economy, there are two things that you can count on: 1) Having a graduate education is going to be critical in your future career and 2) The competitive edge you will receive from an HBCU MBA or Graduate Education. HBCU graduate and professional schools are a proven roadmap to business and professional success for many of the world’s leading African American business leaders and professionals. An HBCU MBA or Graduate Education will guide you through a transformation process, professional and personal success. Join us to learn more about some of the leading HBCU MBA and graduate programs and the application strategies that will help you get accepted. The MBA Program at Howard University is the #1 ranked MBA Program for Minority MBA programs by Princeton Review.

Overcoming Adversity on the Path to a Successful Career in the Health Sciences
Location: INTN 1006
This workshop will highlight challenges, obstacles and issues that students face while pursuing careers in scientific disciplines, particularly engineering, math, medicine and pharmacology. The session will place a strong emphasis on personal attributes students can enhance to improve their probability of success. In addition, the discussion will identify opportunities for partnerships with the University and local communities, which both promote students to enter disciplines in health sciences and demonstrate commitment to students’ success.

Health Issues Facing the African/African American Community/ Blood Pressure, Cholesterol & Glucose Screening
Presented by UCR African Americans United in Science and the American Heart Association
Location: HUB 265
This workshop will inform students about the risk of diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol as well as inform students about preventative measures. The American Heart Association will also be available to test students’ blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose levels.

Getting More than your Foot In: A Career Development Workshop
Presented by Sheila Madison, Founder and CEO of Sheila Madison & Associates (UCR Alumna, ’95)
Location: HUB 268
This interactive workshop walks participants through proven career development strategies. Participants will discover how to effectively and confidently create employment opportunities and gain direction over the employment search process. Topics to be discussed include how to obtain informational interviews, effective networking and the art of self promotion.

Back in the Day: Alumni and Student Reflections on Black Campus Life
Presented by the UC Black Alumni Association
Location: INTN 1002
Share your most significant memories with alumni and students to create a decade by decade picture of what life was like on campus...“Back in the Day.”

AIDS Awareness in the African American Community
Rahel Campbell, UCR Senior
Location: HUB 269
Is AIDS/HIV a “Black” disease? Our Black leaders and the media continue to portray AIDS/HIV as a “Black” disease. As students who identify as Black, how do we understand it; in terms of race, gender, class, sexuality, or all of the above? What’s the truth?

Effective Lobbying
Presented by Clais Daniels-Edwards, UCSA Legislative Director. (UCR Alumna)
Location: SPR0UL 2339
Are you tired of the administration ignoring the atrocities that are happening on campus? Do you feel like you are not getting what you want out of a meeting or that the people in charge are trying to give you the run-around? Come to this workshop to learn skills to move targets, get what you want from a meeting and how to lobby the different people that you come into contact with to make the change that you want to see.

Globalization and the African Diaspora
Presented by Danielle Benjamin & Brittany Proctor, UCR Seniors
Location: HUB 379
This workshop will discuss the components of poverty for pan-African people looking specifically into Jamaica, Haiti and Nigeria. We will demonstrate the ways in which poverty results from the devastation of direct and indirect colonization and promote an understanding of capitalism as a system that has white supremacy at its core.
WORKSHOPS (CONT.)

Index for Success
Presented by Adaora Ezike, UCR Senior
Location: HUB 260
Do you believe it is important to have the ability to switch from colloquial English to ‘standard’ English in a professional setting? Do you think your skills and qualifications mean more than your name and address? You will be surprised by what employers can index about you before the interview. Come and find out how you are sized up as well as ways to strengthen your candidacy to obtain a job.

*Open Space available in the following rooms: SPROUL 1102 & SPROUL 2361

SESSION (B)

What have We Done Lately?
Presented by Evan Word, UCR Sophomore
Location: SPROUL 2339
My workshop seeks to analyze the state of complacency in the Black community and how failure to capitalize upon the strides in racial identity and pride made during the Civil Rights Movement have led us to internal dissent and a sense of entitlement which shames our prior legacy and drive for success.

Speak up for Haiti
Presented by Yvonne Espinoza (UCSB Sophomore), Director of Activism (AHEAD) & Raven Cooper
Location: HUB 268
The purpose of this workshop is to educate students about Haiti’s history and its present conditions. We will offer solutions and our ideas that we feel are most urgent, secure and helpful for both the immediate and long-term needs of Haiti. This workshop will also serve as a tool to educate UC students on Haiti’s history and the necessary measures that should/could be taken. As UC students we have the opportunity to make real changes that are positively impactful and great because we attend powerful educational institutions. By presenting this workshop, we hope that students will take this information and the ideas about what to do back to their schools and begin to take action. We want “Speak up for Haiti” to spark a collaborative effort amongst UC students.

Style & Success: How to Enhance your Image to Advance your Career
Presented by Michael Ferrera, Owner, Michael Ferrera Custom Clothing (UCR Alumni, ‘04)
Location: HUB 355
Have you ever wondered, “Can I keep my style, my cool, my swagger in corporate america?” The answer is, absolutely! Michael Ferrera will address the importance your image plays in the workplace and how your style, positive attitude and a powerful image can help you advance in your career. You will also learn about the importance color plays in your business attire when making a great impression during job interviews. Join Michael Ferrera, UCR Alumni and owner of Michael Ferrera Custom Clothing in a session dedicated to business attire. You are welcome to ask questions and visit Michael on Twitter.com/MichaelFerrera.

Tactics/Strategies of Campus Civil Obedience’s
Presented by Stephanie Roberta, UCLA Senior & Sy Prescott, UCSD Senior
Location: HUB 269
As tuition-paying stakeholders, students hold a unique position of power that allows us to influence the social practices of our increasingly corporate institutions of higher learning. In this workshop, we will discuss basic organizing and mobilizing principles. In light of the string of racist attacks on students of color and other marginalized communities, we will be exploring how to proactively use organizing to improve campus climate for Afrikan-American students across the CSU & UC system.

Leaders in our Community
Presented by Breanna Wright, UCR Sophomore
Location: HUB 367
In order to be the change we wish to see, we must become or appoint our own leaders. We cannot look to the media to do it for us. This workshop establishes how to determine the difference between leading Blacks and leading Black leaders as well as the importance of leadership in our community and how to become a leader in the community.

The Job Market Straight Up
Presented by Deanon L. Gault-Vasconez, College Relations Manager (GEICO) & Barbara Young Western Region HR Manager (EXEL)
Location: INTN 1002
This workshop will give the participants information on the keys to securing a position with a major company. Instead of a workshop on the “how to’s” of the job search and the interview process, this workshop will plainly discuss the major things that employers are looking for when they make an employment decision.

Key aspects of the workshop are:
- The 2010 employment picture
- Applicants success and failures
- The resume as a ticket for the interview
- How a company views an applicant
- The power of communications skills
- How to market yourself and get a job offer

The co-presenters, Daenon L. Gault-Vasconez, College Relations Manager, from Geico, and Barbara Young, Western Region HR Manager for EXEL will provide the participants with information that is never directly communicated to applicants but used by companies to evaluate candidates and make job offers. If you are currently conducting a job search or plan one in the future, you should bring a pencil and paper to take notes. The information will help you to get the job you want.

Defining Black Masculinity
Presented by Sharron St. John, UCLA Senior
Location: SPROUL 1340
Black masculinity has often been critiqued as misogynistic and homophobic and Black men are most likely to be on the receiving end of the harsh criticisms. But where are the Black women? This workshop is aimed to bring to light the ways in which masculinity is defined, rewarded and elicited by Black women.
WORKSHOPS (CONT.)

Graduate School Admissions
Presented by the UC Statewide Black Alumni Coalition
Location: HUB 379
Get vital tips on graduate school admissions and hear inspirational success stories from UC alumnus with multiple degrees from the UC System on the graduate school experience.

“Coming Out” Across Cultures
Presented by Toi Thibodeaux, Program Coordinator, UCR LGBT Resource Center
Location: HUB 265
Come listen to a diversified panel of UCR students and staff talk about “coming out” across cultures, ask questions and learn more about the LGBT community. The LGBT-identified panel provides an interactive conversation about LGBT lives and issues.

*Open space available in the following rooms:
INTN 1006, SPROUL 2361 & SPROUL 1102

SESSION (C)

Falling Through the Cracks
Presented by Sharron St. John, UCLA Senior
Location: SPROUL 2339
A critical discussion on why Black students are facing academic difficulty in higher education, why we’re getting dismissed and why we’re not fighting to get back in. This workshop is for students who’ve ever faced academic difficulty and for those who are working to prevent it.

Is Everybody Stupid?
Presented by Ise Lyfe
Location: INTN 1020
Hilarious, daring, fast paced, at some points sad but all points truthful, this multimedia spoken word presentation challenges the facet of our society that is rarely addressed: “The People.” Acclaimed spoken word and hip hop artist Ise Lyfe has compiled personal photographs, photographs and magazine sources and archival documents to create a detailed look into American apathy.

Afronomics
Presented by Adaora Ezike, UCR Senior
Location: HUB 379
Today, autonomous all-Black societies, such as Harlem and Tulsa, are sparse due to an extensive history of the United States conspiring against Black success. We live in a consumerist society, and rather than being the owners, Black people are major buyers. In order to revitalize our community; economically, institutionally and culturally, we need to understand the dynamics of the system and how we can apply cooperative economics within our greater community.

Bridging the Gap: Black Graduate Students and Black Undergraduate Success
Presented by John Johnson, UCSC Doctoral student in Psychology
Location: HUB 355
The successful flow of the Black education pipeline requires all Blacks in academia to consistently lift as they climb. Black undergraduates outreach to Black high school students and Black faculty often mentor Black graduate students. Black graduate students however, often struggle to find ways to contribute to the process and “give back.” This workshop will discuss ways Black graduate students can contribute to Black undergraduate success and offer insights into the graduate school application process.

Black Americans in the International Struggle
Presented by Hui-Ling Malone (UCI Junior) & Russell Curry (UCI Alumni)
Location: HUB 367
All of us are familiar with the domestic struggles of Black Americans throughout history (Emancipation, Anti-Lynching, Civil Rights, Black Power, etc.) but most people are not aware of the extent to which Black Americans have been involved in the struggles of the oppressed all over the world from Cuba to Africa to Asia and the Middle East. Come find out how prominent figures in our history such as W.E.B. DuBois, Angela Davis, Malcolm X, Cynthia McKinney and others have been involved in these struggles.

Community Building: Strengthening your Capacity through Community Alliances
Presented by the UC State Wide Black Alumni Coalition
Location: HUB 269
This workshop will provide hands-on opportunities for applying skills and communication strategies for crossing lines of different networks. Students will learn how to advocate for change on their respective campuses by utilizing strategic alliances from their student counterparts as well as the community at large. Students will also learn about capacity building and sustainability through developing professional relationships.

The Effect of Instructional Inequalities in the Black Community
Presented by Jasmine Graves, UCLA Junior
Location: HUB 268
In the time it took you to drive to Riverside, get settled in your hotel, wake up for breakfast and get ready for today’s workshops, over 50 Black men and women were incarcerated and over 100 broth’a’s and sistah’s have lost their lives. Tired of fire fighting larger institutional issues that facilitate the social, cultural and economic genocide of our people? Please join the UCLA Afrikan Student Union as we explore the prison industrial complex, how the education system maintains inequity/freezes socioeconomic mobility, food desserts and a host of different systematic methods used to continue the plight of our community. We have a possible solution that ABC can facilitate to attack the root of a few of these issues. So please join us as we lay down our water hoses and begin attacking the roots of the ever-growing tree of oppression.

Modern Day Slavery: Black Incarceration and Stigmas in America
Presented by Tristan Mitchell & Stephanie Roberts, UCLA Seniors
Location: INTN 1002
The 13th amendment states that “Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude…except as a punishment for crime…shall exist within the United States.” As the incarceration rates for Black people continue to sky rocket to all time highs, it is our responsibility to challenge ourselves by challenging the system. In this workshop we will explore how incarceration rates of people of color drastically differ from those of white people. Why does the justice system aim to incarcerate, and not rehabilitate, Black youth? How do the system’s ulterior motives negatively affect Black people in America?
WORKSHOPS (CONT.)

Discovering the Art of Living: Breathing Techniques to Reduce Stress
Presented by Brittany Kellogg-Green, UCLA Junior
Location: HUB 260
Discover the art of living in the present moment by attending this introductory meditation workshop. Through a presentation of knowledge and experiential activities, you will learn breathing techniques which can help reduce stress, find peace of mind and reenergize you in moment. This group experience will also offer insights into the unity that can happen among centered individuals in a shared space.

*Open space available in the following rooms: SPROUL 2356, SPROUL 2361 & SPROUL 1102

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SESSION (D)

Just Do It: How to Accomplish your Goals in Life
Presented by Dawn Ward, M.D., UCI
Location: HUB 367
Life often throws you curve balls. Why is it that some people get side tracked while others continue to progress? There are several key characteristics that can assist you in accomplishing your goals in life. Dawn Ward, M.D., will provide you with her life experiences and offer a background to help you follow your aspirations.

Caucus: QPOC Queer People of Color (closed space for people who identify as QPOC)
Presented by Toi Thibodeaux, Program Coordinator, LGBTRC (UCR) & Kafele Khalfani, Assistant Director for Resident Life, Housing Services (UCR)
Location: SPROUL 2356
Grounded in open dialog, this space is for people who identify as “Queer People of Color” (QPOC) to speak openly about their life experiences and share their stories with others.

I’m Black, but I’m not Black
Presented by the AWC Staff, UCLA
Location: INTN 1002
This workshop explores the differences and similarities between groups of people throughout the world who identify with the African Diaspora, yet fail to see their connections to one another.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Black Male in the UC
Sy Prescott, David Ritcherson, Samuel Bostick, Corey Matthews, UCSD Seniors
Location: HUB 269
As we know it, the status of the Black male is constantly being threatened in the University of California system. Currently, the Black male is tokenized in their everyday experience in the UC system. What constitutes a Black male? What is it to be Black in higher education, more specifically a Black male? Come learn and discuss the issues that Black males face within the institution of higher education.

Respect Your Roots: Be the Change They Dreamed Of
Location: HUB 268
African/Black/African American/Creole or whatever, we have our ROOTS in Africa. Image is everything nowadays but the image we see in the mirror, does it match who we are and our history? Come out and learn about the rich ancestry of African and African American Culture and how it relates to who we are today, how we must know who we are and utilize this knowledge in order to press toward a brighter future.

Women in Music: The Worker Behind the Scenes & the Vixen in Front of the Camera
Presented by Besidone Amoruwa, UCR Senior
Location: HUB 355
This workshop will elaborate the roles women play in the music industry as well as how they are portrayed in front of the camera through discussion and video. This is an open space for women and men to discuss and view women in music.

The Aftermath of Proposition 8
Presented by Rodney Nickens, Jr., UCLA Graduate Student
Location: HUB 379
The aftermath of Proposition 8 heightened national awareness around the issue of homophobia in the Black community. This workshop will address exactly what are the historical roots of homophobia in the Black community and what are Black gay activists doing to empower their communities in spite of it. What is homophobia and what does it mean to Black Americans and Californians? Are Blacks really more homophobic than whites? Why don’t Black people discuss homosexuality and sexuality in general? This workshop will demonstrate how detrimental homophobia is to the Black community as a whole and how crucial visible Black gay men and women are in alleviating homophobia in the Black community through collective activism.

The Opportunity of a Lifetime
Presented by Hardy Brown, Jr., Executive Director, BV Foundation / The Opportunity of a Lifetime
Location: HUB 260
The Opportunity of a Lifetime is a virtual professional development program designed to develop diverse students. This exciting workshop will expand your thinking while challenging you to conduct research. The workshop will be broken up into teams where each team will have a chance to create something from nothing. In this workshop, you will experience team work, leadership, time management, creativity and the chance to sell your idea to executives from corporate America.

*Open space available in the following rooms: SPROUL 2361, SPROUL 1340 and INTN 1006
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In the context of the campus and student populations we were created to serve, we carry out our collective mission by providing the following:

- Advising, counseling, and crisis intervention
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- Peer support
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