From the Director

Dear Alumni, Friends, and Supporters of African American Studies:

The past year has been one of tremendous change and new challenges. I am looking forward to a new year filled with exciting possibilities for growth.

First, let me introduce myself:

My name is Marlo D. David, and I am the new program director for the African American Studies and Research Center. I joined the Purdue faculty in the fall of 2009 in the English Department and the Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program. During that time, I served the AASRC as an affiliate faculty member, planning events and teaching courses related to my concentration in contemporary African American literature and culture. When I was invited to take on this new position as director, I was excited and honored to have the opportunity to lead this important program.

Our challenges include our consistent push for inclusion on campus and in our communities. Our challenges include our consistent push for inclusion on campus and in our communities.

For that reason, we are dedicating our annual symposium this year to the theme “50 Years of Black Studies: Intellectual Histories and Institutional Demands.” We commemorate the establishment of the field of Black Studies in 1968 at San Francisco State University and the development of the field globally.

Purdue University has a special attachment to 1968, as well. That year, nearly 150 black students marched across campus to demand the Inclusion of Black experience in the university’s curriculum, the integration of student organizations, and the hiring of more black faculty. Dr. Helen Bass Williams, the first Black faculty member at Purdue, also arrived in 1968.

With that history in mind, we must rise to our new global challenges with the same spirit of determination that spawned this field 50 years ago. I look forward to sharing our accomplishments, updates on our faculty, students, and alumni, and plans for our future in this edition of NOMMO.

Sincerely,

Marlo David
Director
“I am a Black Woman:” Celebrating the Life and Work of Poet Mari Evans
September 2017
Black Arts poet, playwright, and children’s book author, Mari Evans, who passed away on March 10, 2017 at the age of 97, was honored at an afternoon celebration of her life. Evans, a long-time resident of Indianapolis, was a visiting scholar at Purdue University from 1978 to 1980. She was known for her powerful writing detailing black cultural and political self-determination of the late 1960s and 70s.

After Charlottesville: Confronting Racism in America

After Charlottesville: Confronting Racism in America - Teach-In Panel Discussion
October 2017
Purdue faculty provided mini-lessons on the events leading up to and following the white supremacist violence in Charlottesville, Virginia in August 2017. Dr. Ronald J. Stephens (AAS), Dr. David Atkinson (HIST), Dr. Caroline Janney (HIST), and Dr. Valeria Sinclair-Chapman (POL) each provided insight from their scholarly vantage points. The event also generated a special “Dialogues” section of essays in the journal Politics, Groups, Identities.

“I Am a Black Woman”

October 2017

Talkin’ and Testifyin’

Talkin’ and Testifyin’ Works in Progress Series
November 2017
American Studies graduate student Keturah Nix delivered a lecture entitled “Immortal Hustler: “The Commemorative Legacy of Booker T. Washington in America.” Nix, who is also an award-winning teaching assistant in the African American Studies program, shared a chapter of her dissertation, which seeks to revise commonly held beliefs about Washington’s intellectual contributions and legacy.

Harriet Jacobs Annual Lecture

Set the World on Fire – Harriet Jacobs Annual Lecture
March 2018
Dr. Keisha Blain, assistant professor of history at the University of Pittsburgh, presented the annual Jacobs lecture on her new book Set the World on Fire: Black Nationalist Women and the Global Struggle for Freedom. Dr. Blain is president of the African American Intellectual History Society, Senior Editor of the journal Black Perspectives, and a contributing writer and editor for a host of publications, including the Washington Post, Newsweek, and Salon.

Policing in Public—Town Hall Discussion

September 2018
Dozens of students, faculty, staff, and community members attended the town hall event to discuss the ways that Black people are policed in public, entitled “Why are You Calling the PoPo: A Conversation on Permit Patty and BBQ Becky. In response to the increase in video documentation of white people calling the police on Black people while doing everyday tasks, the participants were asked to share their experiences, identify the historic and contemporary factors leading to this problem, and discuss solutions.
Upcoming Events– Spring 2019

Harriet Jacobs Lecture
Black History Month
Sankofa Summer Abroad: Culture and History in Ghana
Maymester 2019

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http://www.cla.purdue.edu/african-american/courses/spring.cfm
Welcome

Ms. Ariel Smith is our newest Graduate Assistant in African American Studies. She will assist Dr. Nadia Brown with our AAS27100 Introduction to African American Studies course. Welcome aboard Ms. Smith.

Dr. Marlo David is the new director of the African American Studies and Research Center. She brings new ideas and innovative skills to the department. Welcome aboard Dr. David.

Farewell

Congratulations on your success: you will be missed!

Dr. Freeman Marshall is the new Director of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies in the College of Liberal Arts and the School of Interdisciplinary Studies. Welcome aboard Dr. Freeman Marshall.

Thank you for the excellent work you did as director of African American Studies and Research Center for the past years.
ALUMNI CORNER

ReChard Peel

As a 2014 Graduate of The African American Studies program at Purdue, I gained a great deal of knowledge and experience that has truly transformed my career and personal foundations. Since graduating from Purdue I have been focused on providing access, resources, and knowledge for Black college students throughout the country, by working as a student affairs professional. The African American Studies program taught me about equity, justice, and pride in one’s own culture and background, and now I seek to create more equitable environments and instill pride and a sense of belonging in other Black college students.

I have worked at several institutions of higher education over the last four years including, the University of Notre Dame, Grand Valley State University, and (currently) Vanderbilt University. In 2017, I received a master’s degree in higher education and student affairs. I won the “Outstanding Masters Thesis Award” for my thesis entitled “Racial Ideology” and Black Students’ Leadership Experiences at a Historically White Institution. I also received the “Graduate Deans Award” for Excellence in Promoting Diversity and Inclusion at Grand Valley State University”. I have presented at several national conferences about issues related to the Black experience. I currently serve as Program Coordinator for Inclusion Initiatives at Vanderbilt University, where I teach an eight week non-credit social justice seminar discussing issues of power, privilege, and racism. I also advise the African Student Union. I hope to continue to use the tools I learned at Purdue to continue to advocate for Black people and for college students through my work. I am looking to enroll in a PhD program that will allow me to research and use a critical lens to resolve barriers to access and belonging for Black college students.

MSNBC LIVE AT PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Students and staff from across the political spectrum came out to view the taping of “MSNBC Live with Katy Tur” on Purdue’s campus on the Wednesday afternoon of October 10, 2018 in the Purdue Memorial Union. The hour-long news segment is currently touring college campuses, including University of California, Los Angeles; Clark Atlanta University; and the University of Nevada, Reno. Some students who attended are taking an Introduction to African American Studies course taught by Dr. Nadia Brown, an Associate Professor of Political Science and African American Studies.
Remmers Award Launches Students

Our Annual Remmers Award Program was held on April 2, 2018, from 3:00-4:00 pm. The Remmers Award supports students pursuing social science research at both the masters and doctoral level. In the process of completing theses and dissertations, students are often faced with additional expenses related to printing surveys, transcribing interviews, and coding data; however, awards such as the Remmers Award provide additional funds to offset these expenses. Since the 1985-86 academic year, AASRC has coordinated the selection of Remmers Award recipients. We are pleased to have contributed to the success of many Purdue alumni.

Our winners this year are:

Courtney Griffin-Oliver, Doctoral Student, Psychological Sciences, Cognitive Psychology
Jasmine C. Jackson, Doctoral Student, Political Science, American Politics
Ariel D. Smith, Doctoral Student, American Studies, Black Entrepreneurship

Purdue University at NCBS, Charlotte, NC 2019

The National Council of Black Studies conference provides an opportunity for undergraduate students to interact with established scholars. Year after year, students participate in this conference and come back with a better appreciation for their classroom experience and often a desire to pursue graduate studies. The conference has also become a place where Purdue alumni reconnect over the years. We hope to see several of you in Charlotte in March 2019.

African American Studies at ASALH

AASRC proudly co-sponsored the 103rd annual conference of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) in October in Indianapolis, Indiana. The theme of the ASALH conference, “African Americans in Times of War,” commemorated the centennial of the end of the First World War in 1918, exploring complex meanings and implications of this international struggle and its aftermath. AASRC sponsored the annual conference film festival. A number of AASRC core and affiliate faculty and graduate students shared their research in the annual meeting.

The film festival was held October 4-6, 2018 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown. It featured several films on each day, each followed by a 30 minute discussion led by a scholar.
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