



Our vision is a university community that consistently and enthusiastically fosters, supports and celebrates the achievement of Black employees at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Carolina Black Caucus – February 2014 Updates

CBC Activities

- 1. Monthly Meeting – Tuesday, February 12 12:00 p.m. Union 3102**
- 2. “Welcome” Reception for Vice Chancellor Felicia Washington (TBD - March)**

2014 Remaining Spring Semester Monthly Meetings:

March 5 (Change from March 12) and April 9 (12:00 p.m.)

40th Anniversary CBC Celebration – Friday, May 16 – 6:00 p.m. Friday Center

Invited Guests include:

Presidents Rosalind Fuse-Hall (Bennett College) & Elmira Mangum (Florida A&M) and!



Felicia A. Washington has been appointed the University's new Vice Chancellor for Workforce Strategy, Equity and Engagement, effective Feb. 1. She is an experienced attorney in issues involving employment, compliance and discrimination. As approved by the Board of Trustees, the new name for the position reflects its expansion to combine principal responsibility for the offices of Human Resources, Equal Opportunity/ADA and Diversity and Multicultural Affairs.

“Black & Blue Tour” - Friday, February 21 – 3:00 p.m. The tour is a walking tour of black history on campus. This free tour starts inside Morehead Planetarium

<http://wunc.org/post/black-and-blue-tour-focuses-african-american-history-unc>

“Gathering Honey: Stories of Black Southern Women Who Love Women” – Friday, February 28 – 8:00 p.m. (Stone Center) E. Patrick Johnson is a scholar, artist, and activist, Johnson has performed nationally and internationally and has published widely in the area of race, gender, sexuality and performance.) <http://processseries.unc.edu/events/gathering-honey/>

NC Voter is launched! A grassroots project to make sure everyone in North Carolina has the opportunity to exercise their constitutional right to vote. Did you know?

Beginning in 2014, some of the changes include:

- *early voting is shortened from 17 days to 10 days;*
- *same-day registration is no longer available (registration ends 25 days prior to an election);*
- *more partisan poll observers and more people can challenge a voter's right to vote;*
- *no out-of-precinct voting on election day (if you vote in the wrong precinct, it won't be counted);*
- *the procedure for absentee ballots has changed; and*
- *straight party voting is eliminated.*



Please visit early and often. <http://www.ncvoter.org/>

Document our History – We are working with the University Archives and Records Management to further add to the permanent recognition of Blacks on campus. If you have photos, written documents or any items that could possibly be added to a [virtual museum](#) in celebration of our 45th anniversary, please contact cbcinfo1@unc.edu . We will also conduct oral interviews at the 40th Anniversary celebration on May 16.

New Caucus Website!! Special thanks to student ambassador, India Jenkins, and OJ McGhee for their coordination and effort to help showcase our activities and community support to the world!

www.unc.edu/cbc or www.unccbc.com

Who is new on campus? No one should ever feel isolated. We want to know if there are new hires (faculty, staff, administrators, coaches, post-docs, etc.) in your unit or department. We wish to welcome them to the university. Send information and your good news to cbcinfo1@unc.edu Note: We have updated our membership database. New 2014 Policy: Online payments for membership only.

Non-CBC Events and News

1. Need or want to keep informed about UNC? Join the UNC in the News listserve. They provide a sampling of links and notes about Carolina people and programs cited recently in the national, regional, state, and local media. Please share any questions, comments or suggestions at news@unc.edu.

2. Brothers Helping Brothers (BHB) is a group offered through UNC's Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) for men of color. The group provides a safe and supportive place for men who would like to discuss issues impacting their Carolina experience. The group will discuss such topics as identity, role expectations, communication issues, self-concept, academic success, managing stress, and other topics that the group feels would be pertinent to their personal success and achievement. BHB meets Tuesdays 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. The founder and facilitator is CBC member, Dr. Raé Lundy (rnlundy@email.unc.edu) Please feel free to refer your students to this important resource!



3. Celebrate our Black Athlete Pioneers! Men's Basketball game vs. Wake Forest on **February 22** (12:00 p.m.) will feature a tribute to those men who participated in Carolina Athletics and laid the foundation of success on and off the court and field. Be there!

4. Dr. Cornel West - Friday, Feb. 28 (7:00 p.m. Memorial Hall). Professor of philosophy and Christian practice at Union Theological Seminary, West will discuss "Then & Now: Race in the South" as part of a Martin Luther King, Jr. and Black History Month Bridge program.

Before the speech, a unity dinner and discussion, "Then & Now: His Dream of Unity," starts at 5:00 p.m. in the Sonja Haynes Stone Center



5. Ronald McNair Program is taking nominations from faculty and staff of Carolina sophomores who are underrepresented and/or first-generation or low income and interested in research. <http://mcnair.web.unc.edu/apply/>

6. The Annual Minority Health Conference (February 28 - Gillings School of Global Public Health) was launched by the Minority Student Caucus in 1977 and has been conducted nearly every year since then. Major objectives are to highlight health issues of concern to people of color and to attract students interested in minority health to the School. <http://www.minority.unc.edu/sph/minconf/>

7. Road Trip! Fun and fellowship for all... CBC Member, Eileen Lewis, is coordinating a bus trip to the wonderful city of Charleston, SC. June 20-22. Contact Eileen at elewis8@gmail.com for more information.



http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=WrhIXE8tz2E

8. Connect on Campus!

A) Sister Circle Gatherings - Annice Fisher's gathering is for faculty/staff/students and meets once per month. Fisher, Transfer Coordinator for Undergraduate Education, can be contacted at fisherae@email.unc.edu

B) Graduate Student Chat - Roy Charles' is for female graduate students. Charles, the Director of Diversity, Recruitment & Retention at the Graduate School can be reached at rac@email.unc.edu.

C) New! Sister Talk is a group for women of color who would like to discuss any relational, transitional change that is impacting their ability to successfully be the *best they can be*. The group will discuss such topics as relationships, self-care, work/life balance, academic success, managing stress, self-image, and other topics that the group feels would be pertinent to their personal success and achievement. Meeting times: Every other Wednesday 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Student Union, Room 3102. Facilitator: DeVetta Holman-Nash, MPH. The first meeting of the spring semester is this Wednesday, January 29.

9. The Center for Student Success and Academic Counseling (cssac.unc.edu) is sponsoring a **Symposium for Minority Women Undergraduates** on **March 20** (5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Student Union/Great Hall). This event will highlight the varied experiences of these students at Carolina and identify issues and concerns that affect their success in this campus community.



10. UNC Campus Recreation invites you to participate in **Get Fit with H.I.I.T** (high intensity interval training)! Get Fit with H.I.I.T is a 10-week healthy lifestyle and physical activity challenge available to UNC-Chapel Hill students and employees. HIGH INTENSITY INTERVAL TRAINING is the most time efficient and effective way to exercise to see results! The goal of UNC's GET FIT with H.I.I.T is to help participants achieve an optimal state of health through modification of diet, exercise and lifestyle. With the support of a team and coach, participants will have weekly fitness workouts and receive nutrition information. The program provides motivation, support, and the resources to be successful! For more information, please visit

<http://campusrec.unc.edu/fitness-programs>



The Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History

Now Open!

Re/Iterations of Resistance: Moments, Martyrs, Movements

This exhibit features photographs of people and places in social justice movements and moments in American History. The exhibition revisits, interrogates and re-evaluates important social justice moments and struggles, as well as those who made the ultimate sacrifice as martyrs for social justice. *Re/Iterations of Resistance: Moments, Martyrs, Movements* will be shown at the Stone Center's Robert and Sallie Brown Gallery and Museum through April 25, 2014.

Please attend and participate in the Stone Center programs!

Visit <http://sonjahaynesstonectr.unc.edu/> for more details on events.

Institute of African American Research

1. Spring 2014 Graduate Student Brown Bag Talks – 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (Stone 309C)

- Orisanmi Burton, Anthropology *“Black Radicalism & Prison Resistance”* – Jan. 29
- “Local Black Communities & University Research” – Feb. 26

2. February 17 (4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Wilson Library) *“African American English: Thinking about Dialect and Education”*

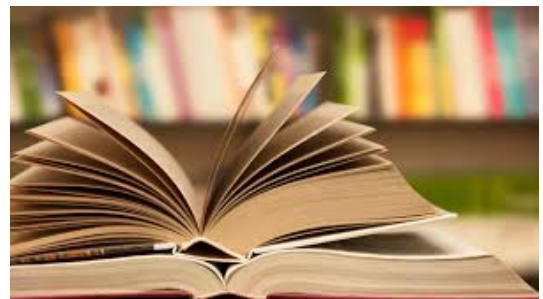


Recommended Readings and News

Research Finds That for Black Women, Exercise Can Fend Off Aggressive Breast Cancer



Scientists at Georgetown University in Washington and Boston University, conducted a 20-year study of 45,000 African American women as part of the [Black Women's Health Study](#). One finding of the study is that Black women who exercise at least once each week were less likely to develop an aggressive form of breast cancer than Black women who did not exercise. The data also



showed that Black women who exercised for three or more hours a week were 47 percent less likely to develop aggressive breast cancer than Black women who exercised one hour per week. Lucile Adams-Campbell, a professor of oncology at Georgetown and one of the lead researchers, stated, “Knowing that exercise may protect against breast cancers that disproportionately strike Black women is of great public health importance.”

Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality Issues Its First Annual Report



The Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality recently issued its first annual report entitled *The State of the Union on Poverty and Inequality 2014*. In the report, some of the nation’s leading economists examine labor markets, poverty indicators, income and wealth inequality, the safety net, and poverty’s impact on health and education.

One of the key findings of the report is that due to the most recent Great Recession, the “official poverty rate increased from 12.5 percent in 2007 to 15.0 percent in 2012, and the child poverty rate increased from 18.0 percent in 2007 to 21.8 percent in 2012. The current poverty rates for the full population and for children rank among the very worst over the 13 years since 2000.”

Rosalind Fuse-Hall: Share your talents with HBCUs



By Dr. Rosalind Fuse-Hall, President of Bennett College - January 17 (Excerpts from 21st annual Sonja Haynes Stone Memorial Lecture)

The intersection and entanglement of the historically black colleges and universities and historically white institutions have “shaped” my world view and informed my career in higher education. Historically black colleges are part of my heritage. My mother and father, graduated from Shaw College and Morehouse College, respectively. My sisters, my brother, my aunts and cousins all graduated from HBCUs.

In my mind, only one college was for me: Spelman College, the institution for black women in Atlanta, Ga., next door to Morehouse. However, by the time I graduated high school in 1976, my mother was a widow, with two girls born 14 months apart. My mother, a dedicated public school teacher who was frugal by nature, informed us that with her salary private college tuition was not an option.

Then, my best friend said, “Let’s apply to Carolina,” and we did.

Read more - <http://www.thedurhamnews.com/2014/01/17/3531918/rosalind-fuse-hall-share-your.html>



Why the Race of the New Football Coach at University Of Texas Matters

University of Texas president Bill Powers (left) and athletic director Steve Patterson (right) introduce new Longhorns head football coach Charlie Strong during a press conference January 6, 2014 at Darrell K. Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium in Austin, Texas. The Texas Longhorn football team is trying to regroup after several disappointing seasons under veteran coach Mack

Brown. The University of Texas hired Charlie Strong last week to usher in a new era in Austin. He will be the first black head coach of any men's sport at the university. Strong has not been a popular hire with some of Texas' billionaire boosters, despite having led an impressive career since 1986. Read more - <http://www.npr.org/2014/01/14/262426263/charlie-strong-first-black-head-football-coach-at-u-of-texas>

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“I saw no African people in the printed and illustrated Sunday school lessons. I began to suspect at this early age that someone had distorted the image of my people. My long search for the true history of African people the world over began.”

John Henrik Clarke



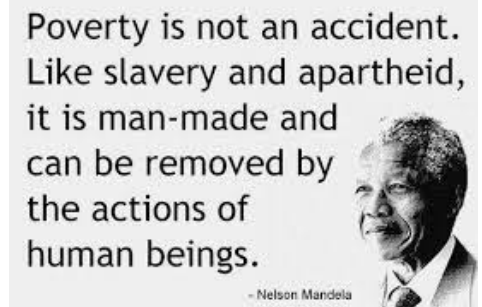
Advocacy

The local Organizing Against Racism group (<http://www.meetup.com/Organizing-Against-Racism/>) is very active and would also like to work with the Caucus to heal our nation. It is strongly recommended to attend one of the

Anti-Racism Workshops by the Racial Equity Institute, LLC. Over 150 UNC employees have participated in this powerful training... including President Tom Ross. Stay tuned for the next dates. Contact: dstro@unc.edu or <http://rei.racialequityinstitute.org/>

Key links: <http://www.naacpnc.org/> and <http://www.ncpolicywatch.com>

Stay informed, get involved and don't let others do the heavy lifting for you!



Being Black at Michigan:

University initiates talks with students following protest



Student leaders of a movement promoting racial diversity at University of Michigan have handed out seven sweeping demands aimed at increasing black enrollment and inclusion on the Ann Arbor campus, but they say priority No. 1 is starting a conversation. That conversation should begin soon.

University leaders — mainly the provost and head of student affairs — are in the process of setting up a meeting with the students leaders of the Black Student

Union this week. They'll start a conversation touching on the BSU's seven demands, which the student group unveiled Monday, two months after initiating its viral Twitter campaign #BBUM, in which black students shared their experiences being a racial minority on campus.

Read more - http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2014/01/being_black_at_michigan_talks.html

Historic Thousands on Jones St. People's Assembly Coalition – February 8

“A MOVEMENT, not a Moment!” - The HKonJ Annual Mobilization has grown from approximately 3,500 attendees in 2007 to approximately 15,000 in 2012! Each year, on the 2nd Saturday, in February, at 9:00 a.m., thousands of HKonJ marchers flood downtown Raleigh, NC where the “HKonJ People’s Assembly” convenes and ultimately marches to the North Carolina General Assembly on Jones Street. HKONJ STANDS TO PROTECT “LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.” The HKonJ coalition pushes back against radical ultraconservative legislation, which violates the rights of children, African Americans, Hispanics, women, LGBTQ individuals, and others who are considered “minorities.” There will be a bus leaving from the United Church of Chapel Hill on Martin Luther King Jr./Airport Road (Hwy 86). <http://www.hkonj.com/>

Angelique Kidjo (Hayti Heritage Center)

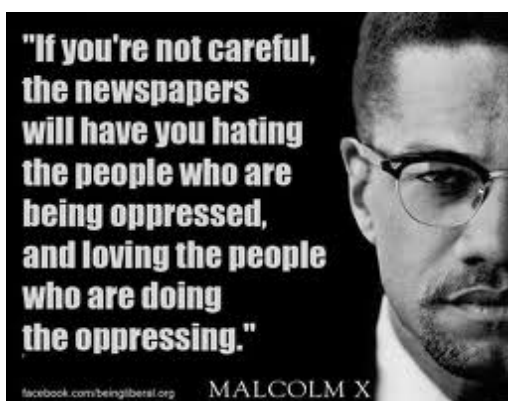
Wednesday, February 5 | 7:30PM

In an expansive career marked as much by extraordinary musical achievement as passionate advocacy for her homeland of Africa, Angelique Kidjo has found many ways to celebrate the rich, enlightening truth about the continent’s women beyond the media spotlight. On Eve, her highly anticipated Savoy Records debut named for her own mother as well as the mythical “mother of all living,” the Beninese born, Grammy Award winning singer/songwriter builds on this ever-evolving legacy with a 13-track, three interlude set of melodically rich, rhythmically powerful expressions of female empowerment. <http://www.carolinatheatre.org/events/angelique-kidjo>



The Art of Cool Festival





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<http://www.unc.edu/cbc>

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“In every community, there is work to be done. In every nation, there are wounds to heal. In every heart, there is the power to do it.” ~ M. Williamson