

Diversity Caucus – Past Events and Meetings

2023-2024 Events

- **Sankofa Lecture Series – Dr. Felipe Agudelo** (Associate Director of Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion for Boston University's School of Medicine) presented **"Social Media and the Construction of Racial Discourses"**

Dr. Felipe Agudelo's lecture explored how ambient digital racism is constructed in social media platforms and navigate the impact that racial counter-narratives have in a social justice movement like Black Lives Matter.

Wednesday, September 27, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m via Zoom ([Event flyer](#))

2023-2024 Diversity Caucus Meetings

Meetings are open to all QCC Faculty, Staff, and Students. The Diversity Caucus meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month remotely via Zoom from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

2023 – 2024 Meeting Dates:

- October 4, 2023
 - November 1, 2023
 - December 6, 2023
 - February 7, 2024
 - March 6, 2024
 - April 3, 2024
 - May 1, 2024
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2022-2023 Events

- **Sankofa Lecture Series – Dr. Crystal Edwards** (Assistant Professor and Program Coordinator in the Africana Studies Department at San Francisco State University) presented **"The Continued Relevance of Africana Studies in the Academy and Beyond"**

From its inception, Black Studies has had to defend its legitimacy and contributions to academia and the larger society. With the recent block of the African American Studies AP curriculum in Florida, Dr. Crystal Edwards' presentation will highlight the continued

significance of Africana Studies due to the unique focus on both the creation of theory and praxis.

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 from 12:30-1:30pm via Zoom ([Event flyer](#)) ([Watch the video](#))

- **Sankofa Lecture Series - Dr. John Frederick Bell** (Assistant Professor of History at Assumption University) presented "**Degrees of Equality: Abolitionist Colleges and the Politics of Race**"

The abolitionist movement not only brought an end to slavery, it also inspired the large-scale admission of African Americans to U.S. colleges and universities. Dr. John Frederick Bell's talk will analyze the rise and fall of interracial reform at abolitionist colleges and discuss the implications of those experiments for racial justice then and now.

Thursday, September 22, 2022 from 1-2pm in HLC Room 109A ([Event flyer](#)) ([Watch the video](#))

2022-2023 Diversity Caucus Meetings

Open to all QCC Faculty, Staff, and Students. The Caucus meets on the 4th Thursday of each month remotely via Zoom from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- September 22, 2022
- October 27, 2022
- January 26, 2023

Diversity Caucus has changed its' meeting schedule. The Diversity Caucus meetings will be held every 1st Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on zoom.

- February 1, 2023
 - March 1, 2023
 - April 5, 2023
 - May 3, 2023
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2021-2022 Events

- **Dr. Raymond Winbush, Research Professor and Director of the Institute for Urban Research, Morgan State University**

Raymond Arnold Winbush aka Tikari Bioko is an American-African scholar and activist

known for his systems-thinking approaches to understanding the impact of racism/white supremacy on the global African community. His writings, consultations, and research have been instrumental in understanding developmental stages in Black males, public policy and its connection to compensatory justice, relationships between Black males and females, infusion of African studies into school curricula, and the impact of hip-hop culture on the contemporary American landscape.

(source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raymond_Winbush)

Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 12:00pm on Zoom ([Raymond Winbush Flyer](#))

- **Sankofa Lecture Series - Dr. Lamont Slater** (Assistant Professor of Humanities at Talladega College) presented **The Importance of Memorialization**

Dr. Slater's talk will focus on the ways in which society approaches topics of memorialization, especially in grappling with histories that include genocide. In particular, Dr. Slater will look at inclusivity of the Black experience in such memorialization.

Monday, February 14, 2022 at 1pm on Zoom ([Flyer](#)) ([View the recording of Dr. Slater's presentation](#))

- **People of the Dawn**

Took place November 30, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. on Zoom ([Flyer](#)) ([View the event recording](#))
Presented virtually by the Plimoth Patuxet Museum

- **Open Mic - Creative Writers Jam**

Event was held on December 1, 2021 ([Open Mic Flyer](#))

- **Mental Health and Our Criminal Justice System**

Event was held on December 6, 2021 ([Mental Health Event Flyer](#))

- **Sankofa Lecture Series - Ms. Carlyn Ferrari** presented **Black Women and the Politics of Privacy**

November 18, 2021 - There is no recording of the event, but all are welcome to view the [PowerPoint Presentation](#).

- **Sankofa Lecture Series - [The Imagined Future Project](#)** with **Professor Barrington Edwards** from the Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 12:30pm on Zoom ([View event recording](#))

- **Women's History Month - March**

View our [virtual slideshow](#) as part of the annual celebration of Women's History Month and the achievements of women and their central role in U.S. history.

2021-2022 Diversity Caucus Meetings

Open to all QCC Faculty, Staff, and Students. The Caucus meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month remotely via Zoom from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

- September 28, 2021
 - October 26, 2021
 - November 23, 2021
 - January 25, 2022
 - February 22, 2022
 - March 22, 2022
 - April 26, 2022
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2020-2021 Events

- **Julia, Toda en Mi (Julia: All in Me) with filmmaker Ivonne Belen** – Film presentation and discussion
Tuesday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. ~ ([Event flyer](#)) ([View Recording of Event](#))
- **Moving Beyond Monolingual Policy and Practice: Culturally and Linguistically Responsive Pedagogy to Support English Learners in Community College**
Presented by Teresa Varriale González and Déborah L. González, PhD
Wednesday, April 28 at 11:00 a.m. ~ ([View Recording of the Event](#))
- **Poetry Jam!**
Come hear our students read their original poems or other poems that they love. All are welcome!
Wednesday, April 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Combined Earth Day and Stand Against Racism Webinar** ~ 8 Billion Angels ~ Global Documentary and Panel Discussion
Co-hosted with the QCC Environmental Science Program
Thursday, April 22, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- **Crocodile River Music Presentation**
Part of the Social Justice Speaker Series, a project of QCC's Sociology Department. Includes a performance by Crocodile River Music and discussion of the role of the arts in social justice. This is a great family event.
Friday, April 16, 2021 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. ~ ([Flyer and Zoom Information](#))
- **Sankofa Lecture Series - Dr. Lorelle Semley from Holy Cross** presented **Bordeaux, Forgotten Black Metropolis**

Dr. Lorelle Semley's talk discusses the role of Black people in the making of Bordeaux, France. Known for its wine and historic architecture, the port city's expansion since the eighteenth century was tied to the forced and free migration, artisanal labor, and intellectual work of African and Caribbean women, men, and children.

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. ~ ([Flyer](#)) ([Watch the Video](#))

- **A Human Touch to Recovery: Hector Reyes House presented by Dr. Aaron Mendel**

Co-sponsored by the Sociology Department, the Office of Community Bridges, and the Diversity Caucus

Thursday, April 15, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. ~ ([Flyer and Zoom information](#))

- **The President's Office Doesn't Have Afros - Present Mia Hazlett discussed hair discrimination and the Crown Act**

Through her own experiences and story-telling, Ms. Hazlett helps bring awareness to the importance of the Crown Act.

All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend this lunchtime presentation on Monday, March 29, 2021 at 12:00pm. ([Watch the Video](#))

- **Sankofa Lecture Series - Dr. Anika Wilson**

Dr. Wilson's research is on folklore & rumor as it relates to health and health care in southern Africa...her presentation will be about comparing the conspiracy theories that emerged in Malawi regarding the AIDS pandemic to conspiracy theories there regarding COVID.

Thursday, March 4, 2021 ~ ([Watch the Video](#))

- **An Afternoon with Tim Wise** - A webinar with anti-racist author and speaker, Tim Wise. ([Watch the Video](#))

- **Local Native American History Presentation** - With Dr. Thomas Doughton and Mr. Colin Novick - Monday, December 7, 2020 ([Watch the Video](#))

- **Sankofa Lecture with Dr. Christy Clark-Pujara** - Wednesday, October 14, 2020 ([Watch the Video](#))

- **Sankofa Lecture with Dr. Nana Osei-Quarshie** - Thursday, October 22, 2020 ([Watch the Video](#))

2020-2021 Diversity Caucus Meetings

Open to all QCC Faculty, Staff and Students. The Caucus will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month remotely via Zoom from 2:00–3:00 p.m.

- September 22, 2020

- October 27, 2020
- November 24, 2020
- January 26, 2021
- February 23, 2021
- March 23, 2021
- April 27, 2021

Resources

- [20-21 Diversity Caucus Brochure](#)
 - [19-20 Calendar of Diversity Caucus Meetings](#)
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2019-2020 Events

- [Jorge A. Sierra Presentation](#) sponsored by the Diversity Caucus and the Disability Awareness & Advocacy Club- March 11, 2020 - 12:00 p.m. - HLC 109AB - [Video](#)
 - [Psi Beta Honor Society and Psychology Club Guest Lecture Series](#) - "Pornography and Public Health", March 10, 2020 - HLC109B
Dr. Emily Rothman, Professor of Public Health, Boston University
 - [Sankofa Lecture](#) - February 28, 2020 - ~ HLC109A - Smith College Associate Professor Jeffrey Ahlman - [Video](#)
 - [Black History Month Event](#) ~ February 25, 2020 ~ HLC109B ~ 11:00 a.m.
The History of the Black Vote sponsored by the Black Student Union and League of Women Voters Worcester
 - [Diversity Fare](#) - Respect and Love Film ~ November 6, 2019 ~ 12:00 p.m. - HLC109AB
 - [Sankofa Lecture](#) - October 8, 2019 ~ Dr. Jarvis Givens
 - [Sankofa Lecture](#) - October 17, 2019 ~ Dr. Mary Hicks
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2019-2020 Diversity Caucus Meetings

- Meeting Notes ~ [2/25/20 \(draft\)](#)
 - Meeting Notes ~ [1/28/20](#)
 - Meeting Notes ~ [10/22/19](#)
 - Meeting Notes ~ [9/24/19](#)
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2018 - 2019 Events

- [Annual Stand Against Racism Event](#) - April 26, 2019 ~ [View photos](#)
- [Juracan](#) ~ March 28, 2019 ~ 6:00 p.m. ~ HLC Room 109AB
- [American Textures Film](#) ~ February 27, 2019 ~ 12:00 p.m. ~ Hebert Auditorium
- [Diversity Dialogue/Brave Space Discussions](#) ~ Spring Dates (2/6, 3/6, 3/27, 5/1) ~ 12:00 p.m. ~ HLC109A
- [We Grow into Courage](#) - A dramatic reading of civil rights texts ~ February 7, 2019 - 6:30 p.m. ~ Hebert Auditorium
- [Sankofa Lecture Series Event](#) ~ Dr. Alison Okuda ~ October 19 at 1:00 p.m. ~ Hebert Auditorium
- [I Stand with Immigrants Event](#) ~ October 24 at 12:00 p.m. ~ Hebert Auditorium
- [Sankofa Lecture Series Event](#) ~ Dr. Chad Williams ~ October 26 at 1:00 p.m. ~ Hebert Auditorium
- [Diversity Dialogue/Brave Space Discussions](#) ~ November 14 ~ 12:00 p.m. ~ HLC109B
- [Diversity Dialogue/Brave Space Discussion - Session 2](#) ~ November 30 ~ 1:00 p.m. ~ HLC109B

Sankofa Lecture Series - [2018-2019 Lectures](#)

2018-2019 Diversity Caucus Meetings

The Caucus meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month in the Social Justice Community Space, HLC 101 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.:

- 9/25/18 ([Meeting Notes](#))
 - 10/23/18 ([Meeting Notes](#))
 - 11/27/18 ([Meeting Notes](#))
 - 1/29/19 ([Meeting Notes](#))
 - 2/26/19 ([Meeting Notes](#))
 - 3/26/19 ([Meeting Notes](#))
 - 4/23/19 ([Meeting Notes](#))
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Previous Events

- Stand Against Racism - Friday, April 27, 2018, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - HLC 109AB ~ [Flyer](#)
- [Sankofa Lecture Series](#) - Monday, October 2, 1:00 p.m., 109B ~ [Watch the Presentation](#)

- Diversity Caucus Meeting - Tuesday, October 24, 2:00 p.m., HLC101 ~ [Minutes](#)
- Sankofa Lecture Series - Friday, November 3, 1:00 p.m., Hebert Auditorium
- Diversity Caucus Meeting - Tuesday, November 28, 2:00 p.m., HLC101 ~ [Agenda](#)
- I AM JAZZ Reading and Discussion - Thursday, December 7, 12:30 p.m. pizza, 1:00 p.m. presentation ~ [Flyer](#)
- Diversity Caucus Meeting - Tuesday, January 23, 2:00 p.m., HLC101 ~ Webinar: Racist Messages on Campus - Respond, Recover & Rebuild from Vandalism, Symbols & Slurs
- ZUZU African Acrobats - Wednesday, January 31, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Hebert Auditorium
- Diversity Caucus Meeting - Tuesday, February 20, 2:00 p.m., HLC101 - [Minutes](#)
- Diversity Caucus Meeting - Tuesday, March 27, 2:00 p.m., HLC101 - [Minutes](#)
- Diversity Caucus Meeting - Tuesday, April 24, 2:00 p.m., HLC101 - [Agenda](#)