

Wednesday, August 5, 2026

5:00-7:00 pm

Executive Committee Meeting

Track 61

7:00-9:00 pm

Conference registration set-up

Track 61

Thursday, August 6, 2026

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Registration - Foyer

8:00-9:10 a.m.

SESSION 1 - 5

1. Salon Noir Book Talk

Embassy

Detroit Never Left: Black Space, White Borders, Latino Crossings.
Organizer: **Nicole Trujillo-Pagan**, Wayne State University

Discussants:

Melissa Valle, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Mary E. Pattillo, Northwestern University

Alford A. Young, Jr., University of Michigan

Zaire Dinzey-Flores, Rutgers University

2. Collective Building as Liberation

Track 61

Complete Panel: New World Building: Care, Cooperation, and Art as Keys to our Collective Futures.

Panelists:

Jamillah Bowman Williams (Session Organizer), Georgetown University

Suyent Rodriguez Candeaux, “Black Resistance Movements through the Arts and Transnationalism”, University of New Mexico

Ana Vasan, “Care as Principled Struggle”, University of Chicago

Nara Roberta Silva, “Reclaiming Political Education for Movement-Building”, Brooklyn Institute for Social Research

Amber Jones, "Foundations of Solidarity: Building Sustainable, Alternative Futures for Black Liberation Through the Four Pillars of Collective Care & Solidarity", E.A.S.E and Baltimore Roundtable for Economic Democracy,

3. Politics, Resistance, and Liberation

Consulate

Individual Papers

City Under Steam: Toxic Facilities as a Site of Negotiation and Contestation.

Major Eason, Harvard University

The Social Safety Net Paradox: How Policy Interventions Have Widened Racial Wealth Inequality. **Kristen Ukeomah**, Brown University

From The Crisis to The Final Call: Black Press Resistance and Racial Consciousness Across a Century.

Alberta Lampkins, SociAI Consulting, LLC and A.L. Savvy Publications

4. Salon Noir Book Talk

Ambassador

The Inequalities of Special Education in Low-Income Communities. **Markeisha Ross**, Essex County College

Discussant: **Dr. Akil Khalfani**, Essex County College

5. Interactive Workshops

Madison Ballroom

We Do Language: The Transformative Power of Prose in Liberatory Praxis. **Tuesday Barnes**, Morgan State University

From Trauma to Triumph: My Story, My Power.
Organizer: Rev. Dr. Xenia Barnes, RDB Speaks

Learning Center's for(De)Carceral #WELLBEING (LC4DW's) Instructive Spaces & Places, Clinical Sociology and Social Work Have Been Waiting for!! **Khalfani Mwamba**, University of Washington; **Townsend Price-Spratlen**, Ohio State University

9:20 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

SESSIONS 6 - 10

6. Space, Place, and Black Geographies

Embassy

When Black People Lived in Oakland. **Benjamin P Bowser**, California State University East Bay

On the Ave (in Jamaica, Queens) A Look at Food in a Changing Landscape. **Melinda Mills**, Vermont State University

Senior Black Men in Space: Homeplace, Masculinity, and Community in the Greater Waukegan Area; **Jonathan Savidge**, Loyola University Chicago

On the Boundaries of Violence: Mapping the Spatial-Temporal Correlation between Homeless Deaths and Encampment Sweeps in Seattle, WA 2008-2024; **Kennedy E Patterson**, Northwestern University

Essential & Necessary”: Political Economy, State Classification, and the Making of a Crisis Class. **Shane Appiah**, Northwestern University

7. Black Campus Movements

Consulate

Individual Papers

Black Campus Leaders and the Gendered Frontlines of Racial Redress. **Caleb Dawson**, University of California Santa Barbara

Abolition Dissonance: How Carcerality in Schools Persists in the Anti-Carceral Movement. **Pharren Miller**, University of California, Los Angeles

Culture, Community, Curriculum: How Institutional Contexts Matter for Black Collegians. **Sagen Kidane**, Brown University

Teaching Black Lives Matter in an Anti-DEI Era. **Rachelle Brunn-Bevel**, Fairfield University.

8. Community, Networks, and Belonging Listening to Community, Locating Safety:

Ambassador

Complete Panel:

“Listening to Community, Locating Safety: Uplifting Critical Messaging About the Co-production of Safety in an Era of Municipal Retrenchment.”

Organizer: Demar Lewis IV, University of Maryland, College Park

Panelists:

Demar Lewis IV, University of Maryland, College Park

Stephane Andrade, Vassar College

Philip V. McHarris, University of Rochester

9. Identity, Intimacy, and the Social Life of Blackness

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Individual Papers

The MOTHER Road.....An examination of the Black Experience on the iconic route 66...the 100th year celebration; Lyle Q. Foster

Lyle Q. Foster, Missouri State University

Black Bruins: Understanding the Needs of an Undervalued Resource: Understanding the Needs of an Undervalued Resource. **Merhawi Tesfai**, UCLA

10. Work, Precarity, and the Political Economy of Black Life

Madison Ballroom

Individual Papers

Imposter Syndrome Isn't the Problem. The Room Is: Why Cognitive Dysmorphia Forms in Crooked Rooms.

Jessica Maureen Oladapo, Kankakee Community College

It comes with the skin: Microaggressions, Identity, and the Emotional Labor of Black Women Community Supervision Officers: **Stephanie Smith**, Texas A&M University

We Measure What We Value: Mapping the Multilevel Topology of Racialization in Federal Organizations. **Nancy Toure**, University of Illinois Chicago

An Intersectional Analysis of Stigma among Female College Sugar Babies. **Darion McKinley**, Temple University

Neither Closure Nor Crossing: Selective Permeability as Black Elite Boundary-Work; **Chinyere Odim**, Brown University

10:40 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

SESSIONS 11 – 15

11. (Immediate Past Presidential Plenary: Early Career Scholars) The Afterlives of Blackness: On Black Aliveness and Embodiment, On Black Feeling and Modernity

Madison Ballroom

Organizer: Derrick R. Brooms, Morehouse College

Emerging Scholars

Elizabeth Adetiba, University of Rochester; “Plaguing Blackness: Racialized Disease Narratives in the Afterlives of Slavery”

Brittney Miles, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; “Black Beyond Beauty: Embodying a DuBoisian Poetic Sublime and Black Interiority”

Corey J. Miles, Tulane University; “Drowning While Black: Dark Waters and Racialized Emotions”

Korey Tillman, Northeastern University; “The Fire This Time: How Policing Holds Together Race, Space, and Time”

12. Health, Care, and the Politics of Survival

Track 61

Individual Papers

“Ain’t No Help for Us”: Structural Exclusion, Unmet Health-Related Social Needs, and Community Survival Among Chronically Ill Black Women in Atlanta.

Shanae Stover, Georgia State University

Doula Wellbeing as Institutional Performance: A Black Sociological Framework for Racialized Maternity Care.

Ola Kalu, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

Teen Takeovers: The Racialization and Criminalization of Teen Gatherings. **Erica Lee Ross**, Chicago State University

13. Migration, Diaspora, and Transnational Black Life

Ambassador

Salon Noir Book Talk

Not All In: Race, Immigration, and Health Care Exclusion in the Age of Obamacare
(Johns Hopkins University Press, 2025)

Organizer: Tiffany Joseph, Northeastern University

Vilna Bashi, Northwestern University

Victor Ray, University of Iowa

Derron Wallace, Brown University

14. Black Culture and Intersectionality

Consulate

Intersectionality at the Intersection: An Examination of Race, Sex, and Traffic Stop Outcomes.
Marshae Capers, University of Maryland

If Frantz Fanon Had Lived. **Benjamin P Bowser**, California State University East Bay

Cleaved Identity: Bonding, Distancing, and Relational Worlds in Elite Mobility Preparation.
Gary Mitchell, Duke University

15. Filming Screening:

Embassy

From Film to Action: Understanding Environmental Injustice Through Underwater Projects

Lauren Taylor, Howard University

12:00- 1:15 pm.

Lunch on your own

1:30 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.

SESSIONS 16 – 20

16. Race, Institutions, and the Labor of Navigation

Embassy

Complete Panel:

Where You From? Earned Degrees and the Geography of Race- Ethnic Inequality.

Panelists:

Walter R. Allen, University of California, Los Angeles

Cassandra Gonzalez, University of Southern California

Tabia Shawel, University of California Los Angeles

17. Institutions, Education, and Black Belonging

Consulate

Individual Papers

Black Mothers' Navigation of Historically White Private Pre-K through 6 Schools in the Northeast: Racial Advocacy Work, Performative (In)Justice, and (Dis)Repair. **Kristie A. Ford**, Mount Holyoke College

The Limits of Equity: Black Liberation and the Governance of Reform in LAUSD's Black Student Achievement Plan. **Kahlila Williams**, USC Rossier School of Education

The Making of Failing Schools with Black Students: An Analysis of Policies that Offer a Symbolic Gesture". **Michael D. Royster**, Prairie View A&M University

It's On Me and In Me: Black Male Faculty Experiencing Resilience and Resistance in Academia. **Calago Hipps**, Georgetown University and **Danny Malone Jr.**, Texas A&M University, San Antonio

18. Race, Knowledge, and Sociological Imagination

Ambassador

The 9th Pan African Congress and Pan Africanism Today. **Dr. Akil Khalfani**, Essex County College

Racialization of Haitians in the United States: Anti-Blackness in Immigration Policy and Identity Formation. **Caryalyn Jean**, American University

The Global Erasure of Blackness: The Civil Rights Crisis of Census (Under)Counting; **Tanya Hernandez**, Fordham University

I'm Rooting for Everybody Black: Investigating the Association between Identity and Support for International Sports, **Quintin Gorman Jr.**, University at Buffalo, SUNY

Disrupting Tri-Racialization: Multiethnoracial Latino Identity Formation in a Black-Centered City. **Kayland Arrington**, Georgia State University

19. Work, Precarity, and the Political Economy of Black Life

Track 61

Individual Papers

Oligarchic-Corporate Benefactors: Expanding perceptions of corporate actors as a root cause of structural social inequalities and human rights violations. **Corliss Wilson**, Morgan State University

The Labor of Searching for Work: How Carceral Stigma Fosters and Constrains Opportunities for Black Women. **Erica Banks**, Smith College

Racial Capitalism and the Gentrification of Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. **Anthony Browne**, Hunter College/CUNY Graduate Center

Unequal Returns: Family Structure, Race, and Holistic Intergenerational Mobility; **Janeria Easley**, Emory University.

20. Community, Policing, Womanhood

Complete Panel

Madison Ballroom

“On the Black Women Side: Experiencing the Baltimore City Police Department Consent Decree as Researchers, Stakeholders, and Members of the Community”

Dr. Natasha C. Pratt-Harris; Morgan State University

Dr. Asha Layne; Morgan State University

Alliyah Moore, Howard University

Melanie Hardy, The University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Aajah W. Harris; Morgan State University

Kimberly Wilson; Morgan State University

Catherine Pugh; Morgan State University

2:50- 4:00 pm

Sessions 21-24

21. Education, Discipline, and Carcerality

Embassy

Complete Panel:

“Sociological and Political Context for Carceral Institutions and Communities”.

Organizer: Nicole Oehmen

Panelists:

Beverley Lindsay, American University

Bahiyyah M. Muhammad, Howard University

22. Black Politics, Resistance, and Liberation Struggles

Consulate

Individual Papers

Colin Kaepernick and Sports as a Tool of Liberation: Ten-Years Later; **Lori Latrice Martin**, Louisiana State University

Beyond the Playmaker’s Board: How Racialized Organizations Shape the Coaching Landscape for Black Men. **Reignah Johnson**, University of Maryland-College Park

These Streets Are Calling Our Name: Mapping Constrained Repertoires of Action in Black Organizing in France. **Fania Noël**, CUNY Grad Center

Freedom in Our Own Words: Malcolm X and the Language of Liberation. **Essence Wynter**, Howard University

Black Globalism: A Theoretical Framework. **Omar Akbar**, Morgan State University

23. Salon Noir Book Talk

Ambassador

Laboring in the Shadows: Precarity and Promise in Black Youth Work

Organizer: Bianca Jontae Baldrige (Author) Harvard University

Discussants:

Derrick Brooms, Morehouse College

L'Heureux Lewis-McCoy, New York University

Derron O. Wallace, Brown University

Carla Shedd, Georgetown University

24. Film Screening.

Track 61

Setting the Record Straight: W.E.B. Du Bois and His Place In World History. **Sandra L. Barnes**, Brown University

4:15-5:20 pm

Sessions 25-28

25. Cultural Narratives, Media, and Technology

Embassy

Individual Papers

Social Media vs. Reality: Investigating Black masculinities & manhood through podcasts and interviews. **Jalen Ballard**, Georgia State University

The Influence of Amicus Briefs on the United States Supreme Court in Bakke (1978): Examining an Intellectual White Space as a Case Study. **Gunercindo Antoneo Espinoza**, University of Minnesota at Twin Cities

It's the Wild West: Teacher Sensemaking, Street-Level Discretion, and the Divergent Responses to AI in Education": Responses to AI in Education. **Quentin Jenkins Jr.**, Brown University

26. Gender, Sexuality, and Black Life

Consulate

Individual Papers

(Im)possible Citizens: Crisis, LGBTQ Advocacy, and the Law in Jamaica. **Clayton Covington**, Harvard University

Police Stress and Social Exchange: An Exploratory Analysis; **Yolanda M. Leott**, Roger Williams University

The Making of Healthy American Men: Antimalarial use during World War II; **JaQuon Epps**, Johns Hopkins University

Joy as Method: Black Queer Placemaking in Higher Education and Family. **Amina Melendez-Mayfield**, Arizona State University

27. Knowledge, Power, and the Sociology of Black Thought

Ambassador

Salon Noir Book Talk

Invisible Mothers: Unseen Yet Hypervisible after Incarceration.

Janet Garcia-Hallett, University of New Haven

28. Black Sociological Thought and Liberation

Complete Panel

Track 61

Learning from the Past as We Move Toward the Future: Panel of Past ABS Presidents;

Sandra Barnes, Brown University

Barbara Scott, Northeastern Illinois University (Emeritus)

Regina Dixon-Reeves, University of San Diego

Ben Bowser, California State University East Bay (Emeritus)

Aldon Morris, Northwestern University

5:25-6:40 pm – Presidential Opening Plenary

**Sponsored by Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
Madison Ballroom**

**Dr. Aldon Morris – “Du Boisian Liberation Sociology. Fabulous Triumphs and
Daunting Challenges.”**

7:00- 10:00 pm – Welcoming Reception (cash bar)

The Foyer

Friday, August 7, 2026

8:00-3:00 pm.

Registration - Foyer

8:00-9:10 am

Sessions 29-33

29. Migration, Diaspora, and Global Blackness

Embassy

Individual Papers

The African American Dream? Comparing Black Immigrant and Native-Born Black American Beliefs about Social Mobility. **Beka Guluma, University of Maryland, College Park**

The Black Immigrant Experience. **Nesya Small, Florida A&M University**

Umoja Lived Here: Mobilizing Sociologies of Black Canadian Liberation. **Sarah George, Carleton University**

Umoja Lived Here: Graduate Student Scholar Activism and Sociologies of Black Canadian Liberation. **Sarah George, Carleton University**

30. Race, Institutions, and the Labor of Navigation

Consulate

Individual Papers

The Hidden Burden of Racialized “Diversity-Labor”: Conceptualizing The Cost of The ‘Diversity Must Benefit All’ Ideology to Black Students. **Amy Jones-Haug, Knox College**

We Are Not Immune: Power, Discipline, and Black Women in Black Institutional Spaces. **Aajah Harris, Morgan State University**

Why Race Still Matters in Trump’s America: An Examination of Racial Identity Formation in Making America Great Again. **Asha Layne, Morgan State University**

Black Views on Trump, Harris and Race: Racial Identification and Political Ideology Among Black Respondents Differentiated Ancestry and Gender. **Enid Logan, University of Minnesota**

Racial Retrenchment: Anti DEI Institutional Attacks and the Remarginalization of Black Lives. **Owen M. Brown, Jr., Medgar Evers College (CUNY)**

31. Black Placemaking and Environment

Ambassador

Individual Papers

"A'ight, Imma Head Out": Black Women's Off-the-Grid Homesteading as Spatial and Ecological Liberation. **Alliyah Moore, Howard University**

The Material Glare of Systemic Racism and How Black Placemaking Inputs Rays of Joy. **Gwendolyn Purifoye, University of Notre Dame**

32. Health, Care, and the Politics of Survival

Track 61

Individual Papers

Bottoms Up! Liminal Transformation(s) Toward Addiction Recovery and a Social Ecology of Resilience. **Townsend Price-Spratlen**, Oklahoma State University

A National Assessment of Black Maternal Health: A Cross-Sectional Analysis of Epistemic Injustice and Recognition Gaps in Maternal Care. **Carla D. Brailey**, Texas Southern University

Black-White Differences in Wealth, Health, and Healthcare Access in the Rural, Suburban, and Urban South. **Chelsey Adams**, University of Georgia

Analyzing the West African Understanding of Mental Health and Illness in Relation to the Second-Generation Population. **Abou Ibrahim-Biangoro**, University of California, San Francisco

Gendered Perceptions of Well-Being in Guyana: Empirical Findings and Applied Implications; **Irma Bailey**, Morgan State University and **Leon C Wilson**, Morgan State University

33. Black Cultural Thought Madison Ballroom

Complete Panel: On Black Methods, On “Beautiful” Writing.

Panelists:

Corey Miles, Tulane University

Raquel Douglas, Brown University

9:20- 10:30 am

Sessions 34-38

34. Identity, Intimacy, and the Social Life of Blackness Embassy

Individual Papers

Cleaved Identity: Bonding, Distancing, and Relational Worlds in Elite Mobility Preparation. **Garry Mitchell**, Duke University

Not an Immigrant Case: African American Race Structures as Generative Power. **Kalasia Ojeh**, Kean University

35. Black Cultural Production, Memory, and Meaning-Making Consulate

Individual Papers

Raised Black: The Gift of Black Mid-Century Consciousness. **Deirdre Royster**, New York University

The Lynching Science of the Early NAACP. **George Weddington**, University of New Mexico

The Black Totem Pole of France: Understanding Modernity and Coloniality in Immigrant Integration. **Temi Alao**, Emory University

36. Race, Institutions, and the Labor of Navigation Ambassador

Complete Panel

Sustaining Black Community-based Educational Spaces : Disrupting Gentrification through Collaborative Multisector Resistance.

Panelists:

Bianca Jontae Baldrige, Harvard University

Zora Haque, Harvard University

Shantá Harrington, Harvard University

Nora Ngo Mitchell, Harvard University

Georgina Rivers, Harvard University

37. Education, Youth, and the Making of Black Futures Track 61

Complete Panel

“Page Not Found: How K-12 Equity-Focused Districts Adapt to Federal Constraints.”

Panelists:

John Diamond, Annenberg Institute at Brown University

Jonathon Acosta, Annenberg Institute at Brown University

Edom Tesfa, Brown University

38. Space, Place, and Black Geographies

Madison Ballroom

Complete Panel: From a Dark Place: Retheorizing Black Possibilities using Place.

Organizer: L'Heureux Lewis-McCoy, New York University

Panelists:

Linsey Edwards, New York University

Nadirah Farah Foley, Washington University

Jacelyn Omusi, New York University

10:40-11:50 am

Sessions 39-43

39. Black Feminist Thought and Praxis

Embassy

Complete Panel

“Aunties, Homegirls and Sista’s: The importance of Black Feminist Praxis for Black Women Faculty in Academia”

Panelists:

Veronica Newton, Georgia State University

Jelisa Clark, Georgia State University

Celine Ayala, Ph.D., Georgia State University

40. Culture, Media, and the Politics of Representation

Consulate

Individual Papers

For Play, Pay, or to Pave the Way: Understanding Motivations of College Content Creators.

Olugbenga Joseph, Northwestern University

Cancer Ghosting and the Reformation of Social Networks. **Virginia Leach**, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Confronting Normalization of Anti-Black Social Science in the OMB & Census: Toward Intersectionality as Liberatory Critical Inquiry & Praxis. **Nancy Lopez**, The University of New Mexico and **Yasmiyn Irizarry**, University of Texas

Sociological Approaches to Design Justice. **Amina D. Massey, PhD**, Colloqate Design

41. Salon Noir Book Talk

Ambassador

Shameless: The Making of Black Gay Identities in LA by Terrell Winder (New York University Press)

Organizer: Terrell Winder (Author) University of California, Santa Barbara

Discussants:

Juan Battle, CUNY Graduate Center

Sandra Barnes, Brown University

Shantel Buggs, Florida State University

42. Emerging Scholar (Presidential Plenary)

Track 61

Global Crowns: Black Women's Emotions and Experiences with Natural Hair across the Globe. **Nicole Dezrea Bao**, Howard University

43. Politics, Resistance, and Liberation I

Madison Ballroom

Individual Papers

A Comparison of Two Social Movements and the Lure of Apathy and Complacency: The Case of John of Patmos and Martin Luther King Jr.; **Michael D. Royster**, Prairie View A&M University

Toward a Community Healing Agenda for Urban Policy. **Talib Hudson**, The New Hood

Towards Black Liberation through Sustainability Transition in Times of Climate-Crisis: Case of Businesses in a Postcolonial Tourist Destination. **Abbie-Gayle Johnson**, University of Nottingham

Where Rigor Lives: Youth-Led Spaces and Intellectual Life Beyond School.
Lawrenzo Howell, Brown University

12:30- 2:00 pm Awards Celebration Luncheon

- **Sponsored by Sociology Department, Howard University**
- **Ellis Monk, Harvard University**

Luncheon Speaker -Dr. Calvin John Smiley, Hunter College-City University of New York

Grand Central Ballroom

2:10- 3:20 pm

Sessions 44-48

44. The Complexities of Black Womanhood
Embassy

Individual Papers

College Completion Among Black Neurodiverse Women: Naming Institutional Harm as a Tool of Liberation. **Makayla Graham**, Texas Southern University

A Deep Dive into the Archives: Anna Julia Cooper as A Race Woman. **Rita Jacobs, Howard University**

Black Women's Narratives about Life, Identity, and the Politics of Hair; **Sha'Kurra Evans**, University of Illinois Chicago

45. Education, Youth, and the Making of Black Futures
Consulate

Complete Panel: On the Frontlines of the Classroom: Graduate Student Instructors, Media, and Meaning-Making in a Contested Era.

Panelists:

Lauren L. Taylor, MPA, Howard University

Essence Wynter, Howard University

Alliyah Moore, Howard University

Jessica Moulite, Howard University

46. Salon Noir Book Talk

Ambassador

Locating Racism in the World by Ainsley LeSure, published by Oxford University Press on April 21, 2026,

Discussants:

Marcelle Medford, Bates College

Ainsley LeSure, Brown University

Kevin Quashie, Brown University

Derron Wallace, Brown University

Demetrius Murphy, Boston College

47. Knowledge, Power, and Black Sociological Thought Track 61

Individual Papers

Du Boisian Sociology as a Tool of Black Liberation: A Catalyst for Change in the 21st Century.
Hayward Derrick Horton, SUNY-Albany

A Call to Scholarly Activism. **Sean Cardinalli**, New Mexico State University

We Don't Know What We Don't Know: Resisting Mania and Mayhem at the Intersection of Social Justice and Artificial Intelligence (AI); **Andrea S. Boyles**, Tulane University

Decentering Extraction: Womanist Governance for AI and the African Diaspora. **Kenya Johnson**, Morgan State University

48. Institutions, Education, and Black Belonging Madison Ballroom Individual Papers

Black Parents at War? Navigating Anti-Blackness and Institutional Barriers in U.S. Public Schools. **Danielle Andrews**, Rice University **and Ryann Williams**, Rice University

"Finding Ways to be True to Oneself": Black Men Collegians Learning about and Explorations of Black Masculinities. **Derrick R. Brooms**, Morehouse College

The Lies and Limits of Financial Literacy for Black Americans. **Erika Houston Brown**, Texas Women's University

Ethics and Everyday Sacredness Among Young Black People with Diverse Sexual Identities. **Sandra L. Barnes**, Brown University

Black Agrarian Soul: The Worldview Behind Black Farmers' Fights Against Resource Apartheid and Land Theft. **Raquel Douglas**, Brown University

Messy Coping Mechanisms: Black Women's Memories as Gifted Black Girls; **Jessica Shotwell**, UCLA

3:30-4:40 pm

Sessions 49-53

49. Health, Care, and the Politics of Survival
Embassy

Individual Papers

Street Race Revisited: Using the 2024 Collaborative Multiracial Post Election Survey (CMPS) to Understand Discrimination and Health Inequities within the Black Latino and non-Black Latino Population. **Yasmiyn Irizarry**, University of Texas **and Nancy Lopez**, The University of New Mexico

Thinking Race, Feeling Stigma: Racial Salience and Health Disparities across Gender and Sexual Identity. **Ryann Williams**, Rice University

"I STILL SHOW UP": Black Doulas' Love, Labor, and Care in Carceral Facilities.
Denae Bradley, John Hopkins University

Homecoming: African Return Migration to Senegal. **Dialika Sall**, City University of New York

50. Criminalization, Resistance, and Black Life
Consulate

Individual Papers

Neutralizing Victimization: Race, Masculinity, and Post-Victimization Decision-Making Among Young Men of Color; **Arlana K. Henry**, Rutgers University-Newark

Navigating Broken Systems: Reducing Reliance on Policing Through Community-Based System Training; **Raiana E. Davis, MPH, MS**, Morgan State University

51. Presidential Wellness Interactive Workshop

Ambassador

Embodied Resistance: Pilates and Barre Praxis: Wellness Liberation for Academics. **Nishaun T. Battle**, Virginia State University; **Bahiyyah Muhammad**, Howard University

52. Teaching Symposiums

Track 61

Being Black and Navigating Higher Education without Wearing White Masks. **Chad J. Sloss**, Wittenberg University

Girl, Get Up! A Scholarly Reassessment of Black Women and Girls Achievement Beyond the Paradigm of Rarity. **Remi Zellers**, Morgan State University

Completion at What Cost: Black Feminist Disability Framework and Liberation for Black Neurodiverse Women in Higher Education. **Makayla Graham**, Texas Southern University

"But Some of Us Are Brave": Imagining Black Feminist Liberation in the Classroom. **Ashley Crooks-Allen**, Grinnell College

53. Roundtables

Madison Ballroom

The Morgan State HBCU PhD Experience: Using Applied Sociology to Reform Criminal Justice, Promote Community Development, and Advocate for Liberation. **Jada Williams**, and **DeAndre Brown**, Morgan State University,

Constructing Student (Un)Belonging(s): An Intersectional Ethnographic Analysis of High School Common Spaces; **Dalia Mota**, University of Notre Dame

Cultural Continuities: Maintaining Conformity to Beauty Norms and Straight Hair in the Matrix of Domination. **Katie Duarte**, Smith College

Laugh Now, Cough Later: Quare Framing of COVID-19 Pandemic in Comedic Podcast, The Read. **J. Gourdin**, University of New Mexico

Re-Considering Sociological Understandings of Race. **Kayla Thomas**, Bates College

“Learning Center’s for(De)Carceral #WELLBEING (LC4DW’s)Instructive Spaces & Places, Clinical Sociology and Social Work Have Been Waiting for!!”; **Khalfani Mwamba; Townsend Price-Spratlen; Roxann Mascoll**, M.S., MSW, LICSW;

4:50-6:00 pm

Sessions 54-58

54. Migration, Diaspora, and Transnational Black Life
Embassy

Complete Panel:

Separated by Borders, Shaped by Systems: A CRT Analysis of Immigration, Fatherlessness, and Jamaican Women.

Panelists:

Dr. Malcolm Drewery, Morgan State University

Dr. Melissa Buckley, Coppin State University

55. Digital Posterboard Sessions
Consulate

(Digital Poster) The Significance of an African American Heritage Trail as a Liberation Tool in the Ozarks; **Lyle Q. Foster**, Missouri State University

(Digital Poster) From Atomism to Liberation: Enhancing Sociological Imagination Through Racially and Culturally Just Trauma-Informed Care . **Tiera Brown**, Morgan State University

(Digital Poster) Race/Ethnicity, Predicted Probabilities of Kinship Caregiving, and Care Intensity Among U.S. Women— **Onyekachukwu C. Arah**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill / Carolina Population Center

56. Roundtables
Madison Ballroom

Criminalizing Black Dissent: Paul Robeson and the Peekskill Riots of 1949. **Joshua Dellacruz**, SUNY Albany

"Using Black Sociological Thought as a Tool of Liberation". **Nandi Gayles**, Providence College

Social Currency and Belonging Among Adult Learners at Urban HBCUs: A Qualitative Case Study in the Washington, D.C. & Maryland Corridor. **Jenene Lee**, Morgan State University

Mutale Nkonde; Roundtable; Title: The Role Black Sociologist Play In Reducing AI Bias
University of Cambridge

Meaning Making: Media, Misogynoir, and the Manosphere; **Quin (Shaquintay) Johnson-Wedderburn**, Morgan State University

Is This Really Progress: Rethinking DEI and the Issue of Representation in Schools. **Qayyum Ogunsanya**, Rutgers University

57. Identity, Intimacy, and the Social Life of Blackness

Track 61

Individual Papers

Rethinking Experiences of Love, Connection, and Affection for Black Mothers and Daughters. **Amarah Gray**, Rice University

Dating Across the Color Line: A Quantitative Investigation of Race Consciousness and Intergroup Contact among Black Adults. **Autumn Raynor**, Rice University; **Quintin Gorman Jr.**, University at Buffalo

The Institutional Logic Colonization of Intimate Life: Black professionals, Upward Mobility, and Life Course Sequencing. **Marbella Hill**, North Carolina State University

What About Your Friends? Examining the Relationship Between Black Young Adults' Social Networks and Their Mental Health. **Tia Dickerson**, Columbia University

7:00-11:00 pm.

ABS House Party

Grand Central Ballroom

Saturday, August 8, 2026

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Registration - Foyer

8:00-9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Sponsored by Ellis Monk, Harvard University

8:15- 9:25 am. ABS SPECIAL SESSION

58. Interactive Workshop: ABS Relationships and Mentoring Program (RAMP)
Madison Ballroom

Organizer and Moderator: Mary Pattillo, Northwestern University

9:30-10:40 am.
Madison Ballroom

59. Salon Noir Book Talk

“Fighting for a Foothold: How Government and Markets Undermine Black Middle-Class Suburbia.” Angela Simms, Barnard College-Columbia University

Book Discussants:

Victor Ray, University of Iowa

Dorothy E. Roberts, University of Pennsylvania

R. L'Heureux Lewis-McCoy, New York University

10:50-12:00 pm.

Madison Ballroom

60. Care, Well-Being, and Liberation: Roundtables

Care as Liberation: Black Environmental Activism and Relational Resistance in Chicago.

Gabriel Pellebon, Chicago State University

Structural Rest as a Sociological Strategy for Black Liberation. **DeJa Love**, Morgan State University

The Significance of an African American Heritage Trail as a Liberation Tool in the Ozarks; **Lyle Q. Foster**, Missouri State University

61. Black Joy, Arts, and Well-Being as Transformation

10:50-12:00 pm.

[Madison Ballroom]

Interactive Workshops:

Methods of Institutional Defiance: Hairetage Conversations™ as an Arts-Based Methodology of Agentic Coping & Black Ontological Resistance.

Organizer: Dwuana Bradley, Johns Hopkins University

From Front Stage to Freedom: Black Emotional Labor, Authenticity, and the Practice of Joy.

Organizer: Dr. Christian Joy Lewis, Nightingale College

What Our Feelings Know: Emotion, Power, and Black Sociological Thought. **Dr. Christian Joy Lewis**, Nightingale College

Mothers and Daughters, an Applied Sociology Workshop. **Dr. Natasha C. Pratt-Harris,**
Morgan State University, Aajah W. Harris; Morgan State University

From Theory to Praxis: Coalition Building, Care, and Survival for Black Educators. **Tuesday**
Barnes, Morgan State University

12:00-1:20 pm. **Lunch on Your own**

1:30-2:40 pm

62. Interactive Workshops
Madison Ballroom

"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner": Using Art as a Tool for (Y)Our Liberation. **Lashanah**
Thomas-Walker, Georgia State University

Funding Opportunities at the William T. Grant Foundation. **Melissa Wooten,** William T. Grant
Foundation

Front Porch Conversations: Dissolving the Hierarchical Disconnection Between Scholarship and
Community. **Zariah Nicole,** Johns Hopkins University

Leveraging AI for Advanced Methodologies in Global Sociological Research. **Nicole Dezrea**
Bao, Howard University **and Bunnarith Bao,** Data For Good Institute

2:50-3:50 pm **Town Hall/Business Meeting**
Madison Ballroom

3:50-4:30 pm **Closing Presidential Plenary**
Madison Ballroom Nishaun T. Battle
Reuben B. May

4:30-6:00 pm **Executive Committee Meeting**
Track 2

Future ABS Conferences

57th Annual Conference of the Association of Black Sociologists
Chicago, IL
Royal Sonesta
August 5-7, 2027

58th Annual Conference of the Association of Black Sociologists
Baltimore, MD
Royal Sonesta Harbor Court
August 8-10, 2028