

MSU-African American and African Studies (MSU-AAAS)
**THE EMERGING BLACK STUDIES DISCIPLINE:
MICHIGAN REGIONAL WORKSHOP AND OUTREACH EVENT – III**



9:30 am – 2:00 pm; Saturday, November 17th,
MSU UNION – PARLOR C

Emerging Black Studies Discipline III (Ten Years at MSU) is themed in celebration of MSU-AAAS' 10th Year Anniversary. The event will orient prospective graduate students interested in academic study pursuit in teacher-scholar and professional careers in the Black/Africana Studies discipline. There will be two panels – one with Michigan Black Studies directors and the other with MSU-African American and African Studies' PhD students. Panelists will be posed with two questions for us to deliberate and debate.

What is in the Black Studies name? Then What Should We Call Ourselves? What is the impact on the discipline from Naomi Schaefer Riley's attack on Northwestern University's Black Studies PhD students?

A keynote luncheon lecture will present the topic “*The Black Studies Discipline's Impact on the Michigan Community: Education, Enlightenment and Careers*” and MSU-African American and African Studies graduate students will orient Michigan's undergraduate seniors and graduating Masters Degree students on routes to a graduate (PhD, Masters-to-PhD and Masters-Professional) in the Black Studies discipline for academic year 2013-14.

PROGRAM

9:00 am – 9:30 am: Breakfast & Registration - Meet & Greet

9:30 am – 9:50 am, Welcome: Rita Kiki Edozie, Director-African American & African Studies

10:00 am – 11:30 am Panel 1: MSU-African American & African Studies Doctoral Students

In Response to the Attack on the Legitimacy of Black Studies: What is the impact on the discipline from Naomi Schaefer Riley's attack on Northwestern University's Black Studies PhD students?

Moderator, Jeffery Robinson, Alumni and Adjunct Professor of African American Studies, MSU

Dominick Quinney, 5th Year Doctoral Student, African American and African Studies

Emilie Ndione Diouf, 3rd Year Doctoral Student, African American and African Studies,

Maria Martin, 2nd Year Doctoral Student, African American and African Studies

David Kalonji Ato Walton, 2nd Year, African American and African Studies

Comlanvi Sitou Akibode, 2nd Year, African American and African Studies

Olaocha Nwabara, 1st Year Doctoral Student, African American and African Studies

Albert 'AJ' Rice, 1st Year Doctoral Student, African American and African Studies

Robert Stevenson, 1st Year Doctoral Student, African American and African Studies

Kunihiko Minamoto, 1st Year Doctoral Student, African American and African Studies

11:40 am – 1:00 pm, Panel 2: Michigan Black/Africana Studies Directors

What's in a Black Studies Name? Then What Should We Call Ourselves?

Moderator, Rita Kiki Edozie, Director, African American & African Studies, MSU

Melba Boyd, Chair, Distinguished Professor, Africana Studies, Wayne State University

Victor Okafor, Director, African American Studies, Eastern Michigan University

Ahmad Rahman, Fmr. Director African & African American Studies, U of MI-Dearborn

Sherry Johnson, Coordinator, African American Studies, Grand Valley State U

James Pritchett, Director, African Studies Center, Michigan State University

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm: Luncheon and Speaker

*The Black Studies Impact on the Michigan Community:
Education, Enlightenment and Careers*

Carl Taylor, Professor of Sociology and African American Studies, Michigan State University

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