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Lived Black Experience

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Workshop Agenda:

9:00am – Registration

9:30am – ABRC introduction: Dr. Robert Trotter

9:45am – Welcome and workshop introduction: Jermaine Barkley and Dr. Linnea Evans

10:00am – Presenting on focus group study findings: Dr. Evans and Ann Carver

11:00am – *Ghostly Trajectories: Ecologies of Black Health in Arizona*: Dr. Mako Ward

12:00pm – Lunch and networking

1:00pm – Panel and Q&A: Panel includes Dr. Olga Davis

2:15pm – Workshop wrap up and overview

This free workshop will focus on the state of Black health in Arizona. In partnership with the Arizona Biomedical Research Centre (ABRC) and NAU's Center for Health Equity Research (CHER), the Flagstaff Lived Black Experience Community Coalition will convene a panel of Arizona-based researchers and practitioners focused on Black health to discuss the ways in which racism embedded in policies, practices, and interpersonal interactions across the state influence the well-being of Black Arizonans.

Workshop Hosts:



Dr. Linnea Evans is a mixed-methods researcher whose research broadly examines social exclusion processes that link racial and ethnic minoritized groups to disadvantaged health, particularly through pathways that affect the body's physiological stress response system. Her work has largely focused on Black Americans, particularly in adolescence and young adulthood.



Jermaine Barkley has been a resident of Flagstaff for over a decade. He received his undergraduate degree in Psychology from Northern Arizona University and his Masters in Sociology from Arizona State University. Jermaine began his career in the fields of criminal justice and social work - working as a crime victim advocate from victims of domestic violence, as well as in fields of homeless services and mental health. He currently serves as the Vice Chair for both the African Diaspora Advisory Council and Lived Black Experience Project and has a passion for fostering dialogue to create an environment for understanding and change.

Speaker and Panelist Bios:



Ann Turnlund Carver is a researcher and doctoral student at Arizona State University School of Social Work, Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC). At SIRC, Ann conducts on behalf of the National Institute of Health Community Engagement Alliance to COVID-19 (CEAL) addressing health equity and disparities with communities of color in Arizona. Her doctoral studies center on peer support and racial identity and stem from her 25 years of experience in policy, practice and training on child welfare disparities affecting Black children and families. Ann acts as an independent consultant and subject matter expert on child welfare and co-chairs the Arizona Citizen's Review Panel on Youth in Transition to Successful Adulthood on behalf of the Arizona Department of Child Safety. Most importantly, Ann is a mother to two dynamic and unapologetically Black teen daughters.



Mako Fitts Ward, PhD is Director of the Social Transformation Lab and Assistant Professor of African American and Women and Gender Studies in the School of Social Transformation at Arizona State University. Her research and collaborative partnership work amplify community social networks and data-informed learning opportunities for organization leaders on diversity, equity and inclusion at the individual and organizational levels. She is a co-editor of *The Pandemic Reader: Exposing Social (In)justice in the Time of COVID-19* (DIO Press, 2021) and served as research lead on the Women in the Mix Study sponsored by The Recording Academy©. Her writing has appeared in a wide range of academic journals, edited volumes and popular news blogs, including Huffington Post, The Conversation and Ms.

Speaker and Panelist Bios



Dr. Olga Idriss Davis is Associate Dean of Barrett, The Honors College, Downtown Phoenix Campus, and Full Professor of Communication in the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication at Arizona State University. Her scholarly work examines the critical-cultural nature of communication, with a focus on the social determinants of health and health equity among underrepresented communities. She approaches research from a community-based participatory framework, involving culturally grounded intervention research in evidence-based contexts. Her dedication to community efforts is seen in her community-embedded research that is translational and participatory in its vision, application and dissemination, and in her development of curriculum that aims to shape the research of next-generation health disparities scholars in the field of health communication. As Principal Investigator of the African American Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Health Literacy Demonstration Project, an NIH-NIMHD-funded project with ASU's Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center (SIRC), she partnered with Black Barbershops to promote knowledge and community efforts toward eliminating the CVD mortality rate among African American men.

As Principal Investigator of the Community Engagement and Outreach Core of the Center's P-20 NIH-NIMHD Center of Excellence grant, Davis created a community advisory board, collaborating with university and community stakeholders alike. From her early work on the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921 in Tulsa, Oklahoma, building trust with diverse communities as a researcher has been central. Her collaboration with the Refugee Women's Health Clinic as Founding Board member ushered in the development of Community Health Navigators (CHNs) in approaching the health and wellness of Refugee women in Phoenix, Arizona. Davis' work extends from cultural competence training of third-year medical students to the use of narrative discourse intervention--how humans create identity and co-construct their world through the nature of telling stories—to explore the lived experiences of African American cancer patients and caregivers within the community of the Coalition of Blacks Against Breast Cancer (CBBC). Currently, her collaborative research team examines the effects of Obstructive Sleep Apnea in the lives of professional Black athletes and the broader African American male community to enhance health literacy and trust-engagement in the community. Dr. Davis employs use-inspired research to address the difficult questions about our urban and diasporic communities with the goal of achieving an equitable and healthy future for all communities.

2022 ABRC – Previous Workshops:

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