OBSA Arts Engagement Turns 3!

By Nick Daily, OBSA Assistant Dean

Now in its third year, the OBSA Arts Engagement program will explore solidarity across identities in its events and collaborations for 2018-2019. Beginning with the masterful poetic stylings of Chaun Webster, tackling big ideas like gentrification and colonization, and continuing with transmasculine empowerment and the making of art that moves us, this series is not to be missed!

Join us as we collaboratively engage communities around questions of the role of artists centering whiteness and using art to imagine the world we want to live in exists now. With collaborative partnerships with Pomona College Museum of Art, the CMC Center for Writing and Public Discourse, the Queer Resource Center of The Claremont Colleges and more, we will showcase building solidarity across and within our identity categories. ALL ARE WELCOME to OBSA Arts Engagement events. For more information, contact me at Nick.Daily@claremont.edu

OUR FEATURES

MEET THE STAFF

OBSA 101: A TUTORIAL

FALL EVENT CALENDAR

SPOTLIGHT ON SOCIAL LUNCH

MENTORSHIP RETREAT RETROSPECTIVE

FELLOWSHIPS, JOBS & WORKSHOPS

OUR BLACK ALUMNI WANT TO MENTOR YOU

Starting the year right means blossoming in the months ahead.
Our Staff

OBSA Professional staff (shown; left to right)
Lydia Middleton, Dean and Director
Nick Daily, Assistant Dean
Dr. Latreace Cox, Administrative and Events Coordinator

OBSA 2018-2019 Student staff:
Cleopatre Thelus (CGU), Graduate student manager for Alumni Engagement, Assessment and Outreach
Esme Taylor (CGU), Graduate student manager for Mentorship
Victor Ultra Omni (Pitzer) Undergraduate student manager for Mentorship

Contact us
obsa@claremont.edu
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1. SUBSCRIBE! VIA QR CODE OR WEB
If you identify as faculty, staff or a student of African descent, you’re probably already on our email list. All are invited to subscribe today (opt-in/opt-out) to get our news and announcements!

2. ATTEND!
OBSA offers a range of workshops, social events, special outings and more, and has dozens of partnerships across the colleges. You’re invited!

3. ACCESS!
Register (yellow form) for card swipe access to use the facility after hours: OBSA’s common spaces in the main house, garden & back house/bungalow.

4. POST!
Use OBSA’s main house posting wall to share an event, activity or opportunity. Post on OBSA’s moderated facebook page to share news. Send us announcements for our newsletter.

5. DROP IN!
During business hours you can use OBSA’s conference rooms, bungalow (Cable TV, kitchen) and garden for meetings, relaxation or study.

6. RESERVE!
Contact obsa@claremont.edu to reserve the bungalow or conference room for any event, for free. Host student org. meetings, retreats & more!

7. SCHEDULE!
Contact us to set a time to meet with our Deans or OBSA staff members. Have a sensitive issue? Need advice or counseling? Let’s set up a time to chat.

8. GET FUNDED!
Students can apply for the OBSA Building Partnerships Grant to support unique projects. Contact Assistant Dean Nick Daily to learn more!

9. CREATE!
OBSA’s Arts Engagement program promotes student learning and expressions through a social justice lens. Look out for these amazing events!

10. PRESENT!
Showcase your work at the annual OBSA Black Intersections Conference, a vibrant intellectual and cultural experience that features the scholarship of students, faculty and staff.

We do news. We do announcements. We don’t spam.
SUBSCRIBE TO OBSA: http://bit.ly/OBSASubscribe
OBSA & CAMPUSWIDE SEPTEMBER EVENTS

LEKAN JEYIFOUS
Nigerian American architect and artist. "Atemporal Futures: Immanence and Imminence."
AT EDMUNDS HALL 101
POMONA COLLEGE
Presented by IDAS

9.19 @4:15pm

BEING & BECOMING AFRO-LATINX:
Colorism, Socialization, and Identity Formation Among Afro-Latinxs - Dr. Elizabeth Hordge-Freeman and Edlin Veras
AT BENSON AUDITORIUM
PITZER COLLEGE
Presented OBSA and the Sociology Field Group @ Pitzer
AN OBSA ARTS ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

9.25 @12:15pm

IDAS, IDAAS AND IDCLS OPEN HOUSE
Learn more about Intercollegiate Dept of Africana Studies, Intercollegiate Dept of Asian American Studies and the Intercollegiate Dept of Chicano Latino Studies.
AT INTERCOLLEGIATE LOUNGE
LINCOLN HALL
POMONA COLLEGE

9.26 @4:30pm

DR. NIKKI ELLIOT
“Establishing a Culture of Wellness in Higher Education”
AT ROSE HILLS THEATER
POMONA COLLEGE
Presented by The Pomona College English Department, Office of the President, Office of the Dean, Office of Student Affairs, and the Religious Studies Department; OBSA
AN OBSA ARTS ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

9.27 @4:15pm

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OBSA & CAMPUSWIDE OCTOBER EVENTS

10.6 @4:15pm

CHAUN WEBSTER

"GeNtry!fication: or The Scene Of The Crime"
AT CMC ATHENAEUM(lunch and book talk), CMC CARE CENTER (writing workshop)
Presented by CMC Center for Writing and Public Discourse, CMC CARE Center, The MMC Athenaeum, the Gould Center for Humanistic Studies and OBSA
AN OBSA ARTS ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

10.11
11:45am (lunch)
12:15pm (book talk)
4:15pm (writing workshop)

10.25 @4:15pm

UMAR RASHID
Artist Talk and Reception
AT THE POMONA COLLEGE MUSEUM OF ART
Reception to follow
Presented by OBSA and the Pomona College Museum of Art
AN OBSA ARTS ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

10.29 @4:15pm

ROGER GUENVEUR SMITH
Actor & Director in Conversation with Professor Carolyn Ratteray. His career span decades, and he is perhaps best known for his role as Huey Newton in the film "A Huey P. Newton Story."
AT ROSE HILLS THEATER
POMONA COLLEGE
Presented by IDAS

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ABOUT SOCIAL LUNCH

OBSA’s Social Lunches are longstanding traditions that bring students, faculty, staff and community members together for meals. Initially occurring the first Wednesday of each month during the academic year, each event has a family cookout atmosphere and music. Our goal is to bring together 7C communities of African descent that exist across the colleges and shared service units. Since 2015, Social Lunch has evolved into 2 fall lunches and 2 winter dinners to continue to nurture a welcoming, Black student-centered environment.

Additionally, the program now includes a monthly theme and an array of meal options. Open to all, Social Lunches and Dinners do not require RSVPs. For 2018, our program includes Wings & Welcome Lunch (Oct 3, 12-1pm in OBSA), Health and Wellness Lunch (Nov 7, 11:30am-1pm in OBSA), Soul Food Dinner (Dec, date TBA, at Pomona College), and the Black History Month Dinner (Feb, date and location TBA). Subscribe to OBSA for reminders and updates.

OCT 3: WINGS & WELCOME, 12-1PM, OBSA

NOV 7: HEALTH & WELLNESS, 11:30AM-1PM, OBSA

DEC: SOUL FOOD DINNER

FEB: BLACK HISTORY MONTH DINNER

WINGSTOP WITH VEGAN • GF • VEGETARIAN OPTIONS

2 BLACK OWNED FOOD TRUCKS: VEGAN AND SOUL FOOD; CHAIR MASSAGES; RESOURCE TABLES

TRADITIONAL SOUL FOOD SELECTIONS; VEGAN + GF OPTIONS

KICKOFF DINNER FOR OBSA’S MONTHLONG BHM PROGRAMMING; INTERNATIONAL FOOD SELECTIONS.

7C GUESTS

65% CLAREMONT COLLEGES STUDENTS

35% CLAREMONT COLLEGES FACULTY AND STAFF

SEE YOU OCTOBER 3!

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OBSA MENTORSHIP RETREAT RETROSPECTIVE

HIGHLIGHTS
Hopes & Fears
Intersectionality Exercise
Faculty and Staff Panel on Resilience
Mentor Group Time
Nature Walks
Birthday Singalongs (a la Stevie Wonder)
Letters to Self
Community Discussion
Bonfire, S’mores & Dance Party

FACULTY AND STAFF PANELISTS
Dr. Maryan Soliman (SCR/Black Studies/IDAS)
Dean Vince Greer (CMC/Dean of Students/CARE Center)
Dean Lydia Middleton (OBSA/TCCS)

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION BY THE NUMBERS
56 Mentees
20 Mentors
5 Undergraduate colleges represented

RETREAT PHOTO GALLERY

Want more photos? Follow "Obsa Claremont" on facebook
**OBSA FELLOWSHIP, JOB, WORKSHOP & CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHT**

**APPLY!**

**HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL NSF FELLOW: Sept 18, 11:30am-1pm, Chicano Latino Student Affairs (Tranquada Student Services Ctr, 2nd Floor. 757 College Way)**

Join Dr. Celina Mojica (dir. Postdoctoral affairs at UC Irvine) for a workshop about how to successfully apply to the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program, a competitive and highly sought after opportunity. RSVP early to CSLA@CUC.CLAIREMONT.EDU by September 16. Lunch provided. Open to all.

**HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY APPLY TO GRADUATE SCHOOL: Sept 25, 11am-1pm, Chicano Latino Student Affairs**

CSLA presents a workshop on how to navigate the graduate school application process. Join Daniel Fagrega, Graduate Division, UC Irvine for an informative discussion. Open to all. RSVP to CSLA@CLOREMONT.EDU by Mon Sept 24. Lunch Provided. Open to all.

**DEMYSTIFYING THE TECHNICAL RESUME AND INTERVIEW: Sept 25, 12-1pm, Shanahan-B460 (HMC)**

The talk will focus on software development resume and tips on how to build a stellar resume and navigate technical interviews! Microsoft engineers and the Mudd/SC technical recruiter will be there to guide you through each step! RSVP: http://tinyurl.com/y7m9d0qe

**CALIFORNIA FORUM FOR DIVERSITY IN GRADUATE EDUCATION CONFERENCE: Oct 27, 7am-4pm, UC San Diego.**

Preparing underrepresented groups with advanced study in a wide range of disciplines at the doctoral level. Meet representatives of the nation’s leading graduate schools, attend workshops and panel sessions. Students ALSO receive access to a GRE prep course at a greatly reduced cost.

**Sept 17: California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education**

The Forum will take place on October 27th, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, with student check-in commencing at 8:00 am. There is no charge to students to attend, and free lunch and bus transportation is provided.

Please note, the online student registration will not open until Monday, September 17, 2018 (see oct 27 listing below)
https://www.caldiversityforum.org/index.php

**ROBERT DAY SCHOLARS INFO SESSION: Sept 18 & 19, 4:30pm, Bauer Center South Forum (CMC)**

Equips future leaders for success in a wide variety of career fields. Visit our website: www.cmc.edu/rdscholars apply via handshake by: Friday, October 5th @ 12 PM
??Karold@cmc.edu and bmiley@cmc.edu

**BE AN ENVIROLAB ASIA STUDENT FELLOW!**

Deadline: September 28, 2018

EnviroLab Asia is a dynamic 5C program that focuses on understanding environmental issues in East and Southeast Asia. Application due: September 28, 2018.
??Karin Mak, Project Administrator of EnviroLab Asia, at kmak@cmc.edu. Submit application here:
https://tinyurl.com/StudentFellows

**BE A UCLA LAW FELLOW!**

Deadline: September 28, 2018

The Law Fellows Program provides early academic development to high-potential undergraduate students and college graduates. To be eligible to participate, applicants must: have at least a 3.3 cumulative undergraduate GPA achieved at a four-year institution. Contact outreach@law.ucla.edu for application.

**BE A FINANCIAL ANALYST IN SILICON VALLEY! (for seniors/recent graduates). Deadline: Oct 1**

Brownson, Beahms & Foxworth, an independent wealth management organization is looking for seniors or recent graduates of color, for Financial Analyst positions located in Silicon Valley, starting July 2019. Campus interviews start October 16. Position is on handshake: Job ID #1860602. Learn more at www.BBFadvisors.com.
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7C VIRTUAL STUDENT-ALUMNI
MENTORING PROGRAM

Are you a current student at The Claremont Colleges looking for mentoring from an alum?

Are you an alum with resources, support and advice to share with a current student?

Join The Office of Black Student Affairs 7C Virtual Mentoring Program!


- 1 to 1 Mentoring between alumni and students
- Apply online and share your matching preferences
- Opt in or out at any time
- Self-directed conversations or in-person meetings, designed to create stronger student-alumni engagement
- Complete required satisfaction surveys (3x yearly) about your virtual mentoring experience
- OBSA staff make matches based on applicant preferences
- Receive virtual mentoring announcements with suggestions, information and resources for program participants

Stay connected with the OBSA Black Alumni Association LinkedIn Page:
https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13528126