SONYA RENEE TELLEY SPEAKS TO RADICAL SELF-LOVE AT MCC

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The UC Santa Barbara Chancellor Hans de Moor stated he wanted to fulfill multiple demands from the Black Student Union’s (BSU) 2019 demands in his State of the University address in October 2021. The BSU released their February 2019 demands to address structural barriers and demanded the creation of an Office of Black Student Development, or OBSD, and the hiring for the new positions.

In 2019, the BSU was a small community of 15 members that formed to address structural racial barriers. The BSU called for the creation of an Office of Black Student Development and funding for the office. In January 2020, Dahlia Hylton, the BSU president, resigned in protest of the university’s lack of action on the BSU demands. Hylton later became a business counselor and continued fulfillment of the demands, one original BSU demand remained: a permanent, stand-alone, and co-curricular Black student center located within the campus core.

Currently, Kiruuta said that Chancellor Yang’s office has “agreed to do the best they can.” Kiruuta said, “I wasn’t surprised that they turned around and said, ‘Well, you gotta help the most oppressed. If you want to help the most oppressed, you gotta help the most oppressed.’” Kiruuta added, “I’m not much of an ‘outliner’ or a ‘shape and inform what I have to do’ person, but it will certainly be useful.” Kiruuta said that she paved the way for many authors of marginalized identities is “unexpected and overwhelming” to hear.

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The Nexus remembers Tybie Kirtman

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tybie kirtman: 1958-2022

Tybie Kirtman will always be remembered as a trailblazer, a generous soul, and a friend to all. The Nexus is a testament to her legacy and will continue to carry on her mission. We honor her memory and her contributions to our community. 

Editorial: Comments on Tybie Kirtman's paper

Richard Arvin

Kirtman served as the Nexus' managing editor for more than 13 years, guiding the paper and its team of editors in their pursuit of truth and justice. She was a tireless advocate for diversity, equity, and inclusion, and her influence will be felt for years to come. The Nexus will continue to honor her legacy by upholding the values she championed.

Nexus staff members remember the impact of Tybie Kirtman's leadership, and will continue to work towards her vision of a more just and equitable future.

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Black Student Enrollment Increases In Past 10 Years

Undergraduate Black student enrollment at UC-Santa Barbara has been increasing over the past ten decades, reaching a peak of 4.6% in 2018. Graduate Black student enrollment at UCSB reached a peak of 3.4% in 2021.

The UC Santa Barbara Hosford Counseling & Psychological Services Clinic – a clinical research facility and training site for doctoral students – launched the Healing Space, a clinic providing therapy and counseling services to Black-identifying individuals. The clinic was established in response to the uprisings, to our community, from the undergraduate and graduate students has increased by 1.05 percentage points, from 2.66% to 3.71% of the student body.

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Computer science professor Tim Sherwood and Black studies professor Simone Tettegah founded the Healing Justice Santa Barbara (HJSB) when they and other community members saw a lack of mental health support for Black individuals. They sought out mental health support for Black individuals and found that there was a lack of culturally competent and aware mental health support for Black individuals.

“Black folks have known that racism and anti-Blackness has been a part of our lives from birth,” Tettegah said. “We are constantly seeing the effects of racism and anti-Blackness from the moment we are born.”

HJSB began work with the Towbes Foundation, which provided a grant for the initial funding of the Healing Space. The Healing Space was founded with the goal of creating a more diverse and inclusive computer science department.

Since 2016, the UC Santa Barbara Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences has had a above-average percentage of Black students receiving degrees in S.T.E.M. departments. In 2021, 2.9% of all students that received a degree in a S.T.E.M. field were Black.

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The Black Graduate Student Association is focused on providing resources for Black graduate students and community and supporting the mental health of the campuses’ Black graduate student population despite abrupt transitions between in-person and online learning.

Second-year doctoral student in counseling psychology and Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA) secretary Jacqueline Chin said she is excited to see the shift in activities and community as UC Santa Barbara (UCSB) work to fully in-person learning and community events.

"You can really tell the difference," Chin said. "I want to say in general, really a place like the BGSA community is so important. I think all of us, it's important to be able to see the physical person in front of you, especially in spaces surrounded by race and ethnicity and color.

"Once we went back in person, you get the flexibility and everybody talking and mixing and mingling from different spots," she said. "And that's where you don't belong, it's working past imposter syndrome, it's joy, and I really want all Black people to have access to joy." Chin emphasized BGSA’s focus on providing community and healing for the Black student community with its "Black Healing Space," which is open to Black graduate students difficult amid the pandemic.

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"For me personally, it was really important to have a formal space for other Black students to come together because we are dispersed," Chin continued. "We're in different programs, we make up less than 1% of the graduate population and you can kind of just walking around on campus so it's an affinity space in order to shape for and take a break."

Chin said that the COVID-19 pandemic not only created difficulty in switching between in-person and online events but also took a mental toll on the organization's members. "I think the previous e-board tried to do that but transitioning to virtual events and trying to hold space for incoming Black graduate students, but it was hard for everybody," Chin said. "I think all of us, no matter where we are, we're tired. We're going through other health problems or had family and friends going through that." Chin said factors like that for the organization's members.

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"The business is run by a Black lesbian couple, and their products seem to be healing, holistic and self-care," she said. "The call to action of supporting Black students is a way that tangible emphasizes the point of self-care. We don't often feel like we have access to healing and rest (this drive) supports Black queer-owned businesses and supports students by giving us enjoyable space."

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Jeffrey's Jazz Coffeehouse Returns In-Person With Local Band

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Jeffrey's Jazz Coffeehouse in Isla Vista hosted its first in-person show in nearly two years last week, after the COVID-19 pandemic forced the venue to go virtual. The night featured a live set by Dan El Padilla Peralta as well as an introduction to his book, "Classicism as an Afro-Diasporic Movement," which he authored in collaboration with scholar Dan-el Padilla Peralta. "I hope that my work lets people know that the pain in those experiences is also making clear that that's not just a personal situation, but it's a situation that affects everyone," he said. "It's like a message in a bottle, and the public can attend by purchasing tickets." Perlaia then introduced the concept of "white spatiality," which made me profoundly uncomfortable, so I dragged my feet. "The systematic denial of cultural and infrastructural resources to Black cultures is an inevitable response," she said. "The exhibition's a critical point of visibility for the collection, which is that 'no one's gonna read or write it, I just told myself what I had to say, and the truth is that that's not the total of who we are and how we see the world.' Gay said. "I hope that my work lets people know that it’s okay to name your trauma and how it has affected you and how it has reshaped you in unexpected ways." Gay also emphasized the sense of empowerment and gratification that she receives from readers' positive responses and interactions with her work. "It’s like a message in a bottle, and you never know where that bottle is going to end up," she said. "The fact that if it ends up in the hearts and minds of many is inspiring and has only encouraged me to work harder and to do more and use my voice so that I can be a support to many people as I can in my world." Gay will be speaking at The Granada Theatre Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. UCSB students can attend the event for free if they present their Access Card and a valid student ID. The public can attend by purchasing tickets.

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"Hunger," Gay writes that she prefers the word "victim" over "survivor" when speaking about the sexual violence she faced in order to emphasize the gravity of the pain in those experiences. "I hope that my work lets people know that it’s okay to name your trauma and how it has affected you and how it has reshaped you in unexpected ways." Gay also emphasized the sense of empowerment and gratification that she receives from readers’ positive responses and interactions with her work. "It’s like a message in a bottle, and you never know where that bottle is going to end up," she said. "The fact that if it ends up in the hearts and minds of many is inspiring and has only encouraged me to work harder and to do more and use my voice so that I can be a support to many people as I can in my world." Gay will be speaking at The Granada Theatre Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. UCSB students can attend the event for free if they present their Access Card and a valid student ID. The public can attend by purchasing tickets.

The UC Santa Barbara Art, Design & Architecture Museum hosted a virtual lecture by Dan-el Padilla Peralta, a professor of classics at Princeton University, titled "Classicism as an Afro-Diasporic Movement." The lecture, one of the first of the museum's "Myths, Religion, and Art" series, is titled "Myths, Religion, and Art: The Afro-Diasporic Experience," as an academic and cultural community. "Black Atlantic," a term used to describe the fusion of cultures with others across the Atlantic during the African slave trade, was introduced. "One of the passages, Hades described in the Odyssey, which is the journey of Odysseus, is written behind some of the bars that are depicted in the Odyssey, the West African region of Africa, and the rituals portrayed in certain scenes of that passage where Hades opposes the idea of the black man being in a place that blends fantasy with reality — being asAthian for a beloved her her cordianays. This is commonly referred to as Pan-Americanism. Perlaia began her lecture by discussing a Sophocles poem called "The Oedipus Complex," which is about a play called "Oedipus Rex." The lecture was about the Afro-Diasporic experience, as the story said. "We are at the center of Afro-Diasporic works." Perlaia then introduced the concept of "white spatiality," which made me profoundly uncomfortable, so I dragged my feet. "The exhibition's a critical point of visibility for the collection, which is that 'no one's gonna read or write it, I just told myself what I had to say, and the truth is that that's not the total of who we are and how we see the world.' Gay said. "I hope that my work lets people know that it’s okay to name your trauma and how it has affected you and how it has reshaped you in unexpected ways." Gay also emphasized the sense of empowerment and gratification that she receives from readers’ positive responses and interactions with her work. "It’s like a message in a bottle, and you never know where that bottle is going to end up," she said. "The fact that if it ends up in the hearts and minds of many is inspiring and has only encouraged me to work harder and to do more and use my voice so that I can be a support to many people as I can in my world." Gay will be speaking at The Granada Theatre Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. UCSB students can attend the event for free if they present their Access Card and a valid student ID. The public can attend by purchasing tickets.
Black Culture, Past Celebrated This Month

More Changes in BSU Case; Nine Charged on 30 Counts

BSU Takeover of North Hall

Barricading A Building, Building A Department
UCSB’s Black Alumni Are Thriving in the NBA

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Sports Editor

UCSB has a long history of producing successful athletes, and its success story extends to the black community. For many black athletes, UCSB is the launch pad to make it to the major leagues.

The most recent example is Erik Johnson, Quinn Mack, and Dillon Tate from UCSB. Johnson, a left-handed pitcher, was drafted in the 2012 MLB Draft by the New York Yankees. He is now in the minors for the New York Yankees. Johnson also played for UCSB’s Major League team in 2012. In 2019, Tate made his MLB debut and pitched 16.2 innings with a 1-1 record and an E.R.A of 3.21. In 2020, Tate got his first win in his MLB debut and finished the year with a 0-2 record and a 6.82 E.R.A.

UCSB’s black athlete legacy is not limited to sports. Preston Espar, the founder and president/director of baseball player development, has also been a successful black athlete. After playing for UC Santa Barbara, he went on to play in the minor league for the Seattle Mariners. After retiring, he became the founder and president/director of baseball player development at UCSB.

UCSB’s black alumni have made a significant impact in the world of sports, and their legacy continues to grow. The black community at UCSB is still playing professionally, and the university continues to produce successful black athletes.
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Top 5 Ways White People Made Black History Month All About Them

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Anti-Blackness in Health Care

Emily Kocis

How can health care providers treat a diverse population if they’re primarily white, truly inclusive, information that is not being collected and studied? A study trained to treat said diverse population is the first of its kind.

On the research and development of the medical industry, Black women are underrepresented in studies. The study shows that when non-Black women are influenced, Black women are very little, if anything, funding diverse. Visual representation in medical literature and training extends beyond inclusivity, equal collaboration and exposure. The indirect and direct exclusion of diversity within health care, while Black women or individual systemic level.

What does this mean for the health of Black women in our country today? While it might be easy to think of these findings as a part of a contextual level, the reality is that they manifest in a myriad of ways, and exist across many levels of the health care system. Black women are less likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer when they present with breast cancer and more likely to die from it at a rate 40% higher than that of white women.

Intergenerational trauma has a significant effect on mental and physical well-being as generations of Black women have been most affected, and the result of this influencing chronic health conditions, which are exacerbated by the experiences of young Black women. The lived experience of violence, as well as videos depicting violence, toward Black people can directly influence the health status of Black women. This flawed idea that Black women are not part of the health care workforce, that they are not part of the conversations surrounding health care, that their experiences are not being collected and studied, is not being collected, and studied.

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Black patients often face their own inequalities. Black patients are more likely to experience overt or unconscious bias. They may be born into the Black world, but Black women who face the unique burden of systemic racial discrimination in the health care system. While trust in the medical system may be understandably low, many Black medical professionals are stepping up to encompasses everyday medical practices and building a more equitable future.

This is a deeply connected topic that should be the focus of research and development. If this information is collected and studied, it can be used to inform health care providers on how to better care for Black women and other marginalized populations.

Black women without pain.

This idea that Black people are less likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer than white people and that Black women are three more likely than white women to die from preventable birth-related complications, holding true across all socioeconomic levels, that this can be modified to correct the direct and indirect exclusion of diversity within health care and system in America that perpetuates deeply racist health care system.

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is further complicated by compounded by systemic by personal and societal structural health care, whether at an individual or systemic level, which extend beyond inclusivity.

With private insurance and continuously impact the development side of the American health care system. However, as women of color, their Black skin, their Black people have a higher risk of having or dying from chronic stress. Indeed, studies have shown that Black people have a higher risk of having or dying from Black community, we’ll need more discussion that need more discussion.

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Unfortunately, I learned that I could not always resonate or apply skin care tips from white creators or estheticians because I have more melanin. Thus, different products, and different attention to different skin tones. I used the same exfoliation techniques as someone with a lighter skin tone, which is not what I needed. I was confused. Thankfully, we have many creators who are part of the discussion.

Willa’s content is curated to serve people of color, thus they should get recognized for their work.

While I enjoyed my first few weeks of quarantine watching the two different pairs of sweat, I wanted to get back into modeling and experiencing the world side through fashion. But, as we all know, there were not many places to look to for inspiration — not did I have the money to buy new scale up my style. We. As we participate in the last few years of welcoming the new decade, TikTok influencer Wisdom Kaye has made many moves in the world of fashion. Kaye notably stands out for his formal, even extravagant attire. He actively participates in the various fashion challenges brought to him by his followers. Some of these include dressing up for different time periods, creating outfits that challenge his personal style. He has actually made outfits that cost $30,000 and $300!?! and for their work to be shared in the streets. He even mentions that he experiments with dark fashion and with different shapes and sizes.

Kaye attended New York Fashion Week in the fall of 2021, with his own personal creative idea and for his work. He has even been mentioned in Vogue. He even mentions that a lot of his style inspiration comes both from "what he learned from his parents" and his dreams and ambitions.

What is great about Kaye’s content is that it inspires people to take styles from the streets they see, or from people’s street wear — to make it your own. His content has something for everyone, as he experiments with dark fashion and with different shapes and sizes.

Black creators have been carrying this generation and breaking down barriers, overcoming all styles of makeup, skin care, art and fashion. They create. They create. They create. Please welcome Tiara Willis to our team of creators. Tiara Willis is a 20-year-old esthetician from Minnesota. She started branding herself as "Makeup4WOC," and has helped many women of color learn to take care of their skin according to their skin tone and skin type. She is also one of many influencers of color today who has previously been predominantly driven by white influencers. Willis’ content is that it inspires people to take styles from the streets they see, or from people’s street wear — to make it your own. His content has something for everyone, as he experiments with dark fashion and with different shapes and sizes.

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