

# Center Report

May 2022



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#### Message from the Director

I had no idea when I envisioned the creation of the Center for Women, Gender and Global Leadership (CWGGL), how that journey would begin. The generous gift from Howard University Trustee Jim Murren, and Heather Hay Murren set my path to this journey of creating a center of excellence for Black women, feminist activism and transformational global leadership. It has been seven months since the center officially launched on October 20, 2021, and I am humbled to see how far we have come.



With the announcement of the gift from Howard University Trustee Jim Murren and Heather Hay Murren in November 2020, I immediately begun mapping the structure and design of the new center, and programming was well on the way before we officially launched on October 20, 2021.

The biggest pre-launch event was in March 2021 when President Frederick signed on as a gender champion under the UN Women HeForShe Campaign. The second event that brought a sense of pride and achievement was the center's first program to celebrate International Women's Day, and this was done in the midst of the raging global pandemic, where we celebrated women first responders at Howard University Hospital.

Each day, I am learning to be the best leader I can be. I will be drawing from my personal experiences and the wise counsel of those who have freely given up their time and talent to mentor me. My leadership nugget for this quarter is:

"Surround yourself with people who value you, who respect your vision, who hold you up and not tear you down. A leader's worth begins with how much they value their strengths, skills and capabilities."

Dr. J. Jarpa Dawuni

Today, I am delighted to share with you our first report. What you will find here is a testament to my commitment to ensure that we built a solid foundation for a center that has the potential to truly be a global center of excellence for Black women. My small but growing team at the center has been an invaluable support to what we have achieved thus far. I am ever grateful to the Global Council of Leaders, the Advisory Board, Executive Council, Student Ambassadors and our team of volunteers and external supporters. The journey has just begun, and we need all the support we can get to scale up and expand beyond the frontiers of Howard University. With the continued commitment from the University administration, the support of faculty, staff, and students, I have no doubt that we will continue to grow and have a global impact.

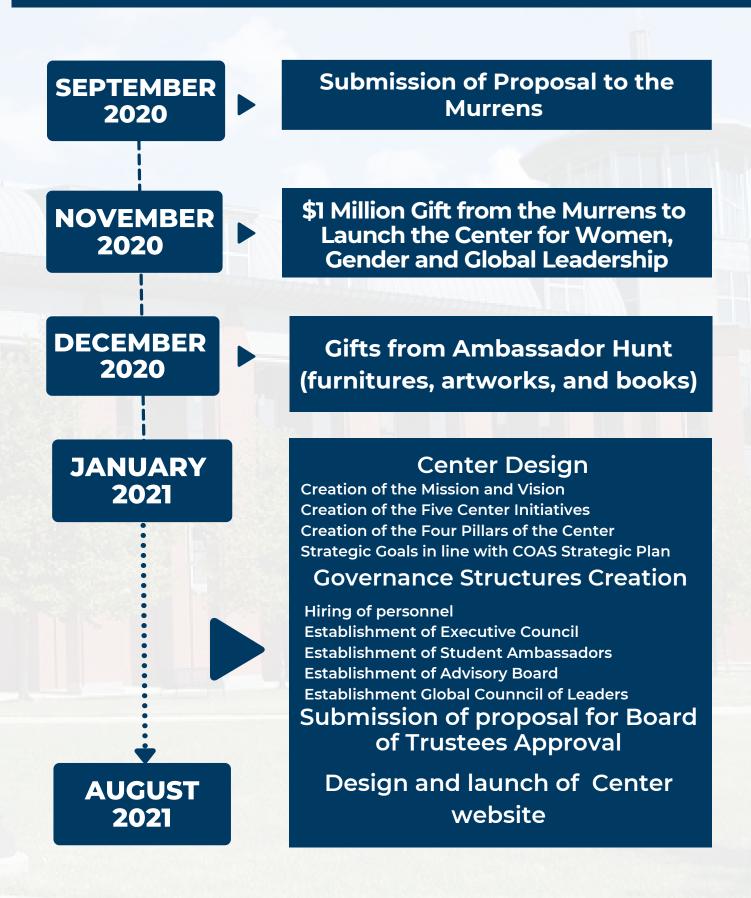
Please join us in celebrating the work we have done in the past seven months of our existence. My leadership style is based on collaborative and inclusive decision-making. I welcome the opportunity to collaborate with partners who share our vision. I have always maintained that the center is a blank canvas, and everyone is invited to the table to contribute their ideas, talent, time, treasure, and activism in painting a beautiful picture of what women's leadership ought to be. I also draw on the wise sayings of my ancestors through the African proverb "if you want to walk fast, walk alone, if you want to walk far, walk together." I invite you to walk with us at CWGGL to a place where the rights and leadership of all women are respected, acknowledged, and valued. Together we can build a center that meets the needs of the people we serve.

J. Jarpa Dawuni, Esq., Ph.D.

Founding Director, Center for Women, Gender and Global Leadership Associate Professor of Political Science



#### PRE-LAUNCH TIMELINE



#### OCTOBER 20TH 2021



#### OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE CENTER FOR WOMEN GENDER AND GLOBAL LEADERSHIP





HOWARD UNIVERSITY CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE

#### CENTER FOR WOMEN, GENDER AND GLOBAL LEADERSHIP

# Inauguration

October 20th, 2021 | 11am-1pm VIRTUAL

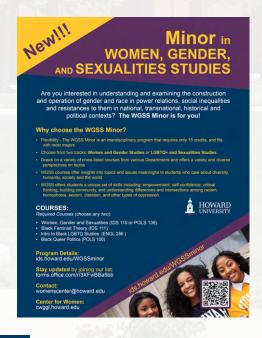


IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT WOMENSCENTER@HOWARD.EDU

# CENTER PROGRAMS

#### STUDENT PROGRAMMING TIMELINE









#### **FACULTY PROGRAMMING**

Programs	Description	
Faculty Collective	The Faculty Collective is an interdisciplinary forum for Howard faculty and staff, created to support and encourage Discussion, Scholarship, and Activism on gender and women's issues on campus, nationally and internationally.	
Interdisciplinary Collaborative Networks	The Interdisciplinary Collaborative Network (ICN) aims at contributing to the fulfillment of the goals set by the Center for Women, Gender, and Global Leadership (CWGGL). To achieve this goal, the ICN creates a space for Howard University faculty to carry out research on women and gender studies and foster service-learning. The scope of gender studies is vast as it includes disciplines ranging from the humanities to the sciences.	
Mothers of the Mecca	The mission of Mothers of the Mecca is to reimagine the stigmas associated with parenthood when faculty and students are wearing multiple professional hats and instill pride and community around parenting at Howard University. In research efforts, the project aims to capture the student, faculty, and staff parent population as well as the experiences and needs of the community.	

#### **RECURRING PROGRAMS**

Events	Description	
Chat & Chew	Chat and chews are co-sponsored with various organizations on campus. They offer an opportunity to discuss, in an informal setting, the important issues within an academic field.	
Global Leadership Dialogue Series	For GLDS, the Center invites global thought-leaders and policymakers to share their experience and provide guidance for the future generations in their field.	
Guest Speaker Series	The GSS offers insights on the work of scholars. It is an opportunity for scholars to discuss their publications and answer questions that students may have.	
Fireside Chat	Fireside chats are interactive dialogues between professionals of different fields on a topic chosen by the Center. This allows the audience to gain insights from different perspectives.	
Roundtable Discussions	The roundtable discussions provide a platform in which the participants engage on topical issues.	

# CENTER RESEARCH

# WOMEN AT HOWARD UNIVERSITY PROJECT

Research Topics	Authors  Moustapha Hoyeck	
General Overview		
Department of African Studies	Babajide Tella	
College of Education	Alexia Kilgore	
Department of Afro-American Studies	Tiffanee Moore	
Department of Political Science	Angela Pashayan	
Athletics	Brianna Clark, Jade Crocke, Alexis Dotson	
School of Social Work	Chelsea Hood	
Howard University General Administration	Crystal Yuille	
Howard University Graduate School	Frederic Arsene	
College of Pharmacy	Omotola Ogundipe	
School of Communications	Sarah Breyfogle	
Department of Architecture	Simone Ruskamp	
College of Engineering	Arielle Miller & Celeste Brown	

# GIFTS RECEIVED BY THE CENTER

#### \$1 Million Gift from Heather and Jim Murren to Launch the Center for Women, Gender and Global Leadership

November 2020



"We cannot overstate the importance of advancing Black women's leadership at this moment in history...Women already represent a significant and growing proportion of the labor force and a vocal component of civic life. This gift seeks to capture that energy, develop this exceptional talent pool and push our country forward, with women at the helm..."

#### Gifts from Ambassador Hunt



December 2020











#### Howard University Center for Women, Gender and Global Leadership Receives Support to Provide More Research for Women of Color





"To help tackle some of the problems affecting women and families in the United States today, we must support more innovative solutions and provide more resources...We envision a world where Women and Girls of Color have a chance to contribute, participate, and live a better life and are excited to contribute to Howard's journey in enriching the voices of future leaders and decision-makers".

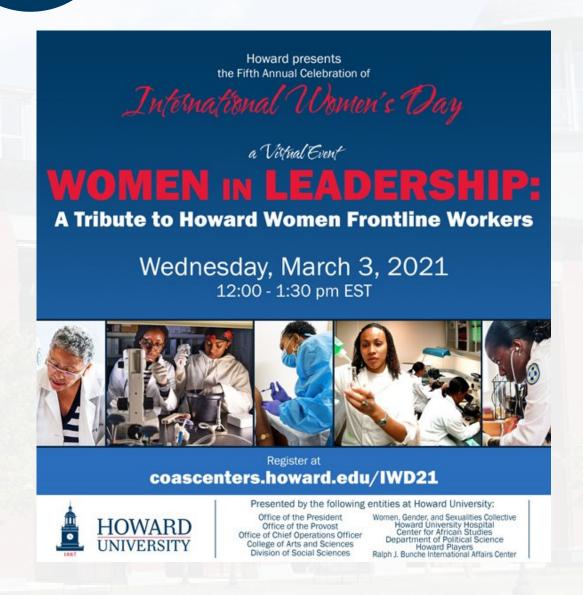
#### **Ada Williams Prince**

Director of Program Strategy and Investment for Pivotal Ventures

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FIRST YEAR



#### International Women's Day



In the midst of the pandemic, Howard University's College of Arts and Sciences held its 5th Annual celebration of International Women's Day. The virtual event was an occasion to acknowledge and celebrate the leadership of Howard women front line workers in the fight against the Covid 19 pandemic.

March 2021

#### Howard University Joins UN Women's Global HeForShe Initiative





Increase representation of women in leadership

"The voices of strong women are needed today more than ever, and I am excited to see our society embrace more women in leadership roles...As the proud father of a dynamic young 14-year-old who is coming into her own as a woman, and the leader of a school that educates a student body that is predominantly women, I will be there to support their collective strides to shatter the glass ceilings that dare to limit their ambitions".

April 2021 Fireside Chat with President Frederick and the Executive Director of UN Women Dr. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka



The first fireside chat hosted by the Center featured President Wayne A. I.

Frederick and United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of U.N. Women Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka. They discussed the pivotal role of Howard University in leading the charge for HBCUs in the global fight for gender equity.

September 2021

#### Global Leadership Dialogue Series: Women in Health with Dr. Kizzmekia Corbett



Dr. Kizzmekia S. Corbett was the guest of the first of the Global Leadership Dialogue Series. As an assistant professor of immunology and infectious diseases at Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Dr. Corbett discussed her groundbreaking research, global public health and the status of Black women in health.

SEPTEMBER 2021

#### Women of Color Incubator



#### **WBEN®**

Apply to join WBENC's Women of Color Incubator, a premier six-week program designed for Black female student entrepreneurs enrolled at Howard University with idea to early-stage ventures.



# PREMIER INCUBATOR FOR BLACK FEMALE STUDENT ENTREPRENEURS

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE SEPTEMBER 23,2021** 



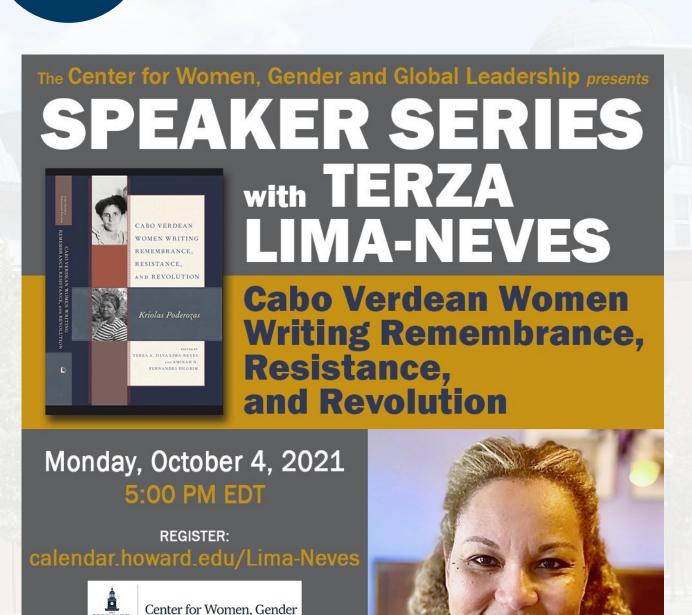
ATTENDANCE IS FREE FOR ACCEPTED STUDENTS
APPLY TODAY!

FOR MORE INFORMATION SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT https://bit.ly/3yDmjzl

Howard University hosted the premier incubator for Black female student entrepreneurs. This six-week program for Black Women Student Entrepreneurs at HBCUs is designed to provide current students and recent graduates with the resources they need to strengthen their business ideas.

OCTOBER 2021

## First Speaker Series Dr. Terza Lima Neves



For its first Speaker Series, the Center for Women Gender and Global Leadership collaborated with the Center for African Studies to host Dr. Terza Lima-Neves. Dr. Lima-Neves discussed her book: Cabo Verdean Women Writing Remembrance, Resistance, and Revolution: Kriolas Poderozas.

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## Chat and Chew Women in STEM with Karsh Scholars



#### Chat and Chew

A discussion on the experiences of women in STEM with Karsh Scholars



Friday, October 29th, 2021 | 2-3 PM Louis Stokes Health Science Library Seal Room

By Invitation Only

On October 29th, the Howard University Center for Women, Gender, and Global Leadership hosted its first Chat & Chew event in the Louis Stokes Health Sciences Library. The panel featured Howard University STEM professionals, including Dr. Noha Hazzazi, Dr. Arielle Miller, and Dr. Goulda Downer. The event was sponsored with Karsh STEM Scholars.

#### JANUARY 2022

#### **Center Open House**









The Center Open House was a great opportunity to inform students abou the mission, vision, and numerous resources that the Center is offering. Several promotional materials were distributed to students and many showed interest in getting involved in the Center's activities.

#### **Black Feminist Book Club** Launch



#### Center for Women, Gender university and Global Leadership

#### Launch of the Black Feminist Book Club

Please join the Black Feminist Book Club in a discussion featuring prominent scholars and writers who have made significant contributions to the literary world.



Professor Patricia Elam Walker **English Department** 



Dr. Dana A. Williams Dean of the Graduate School

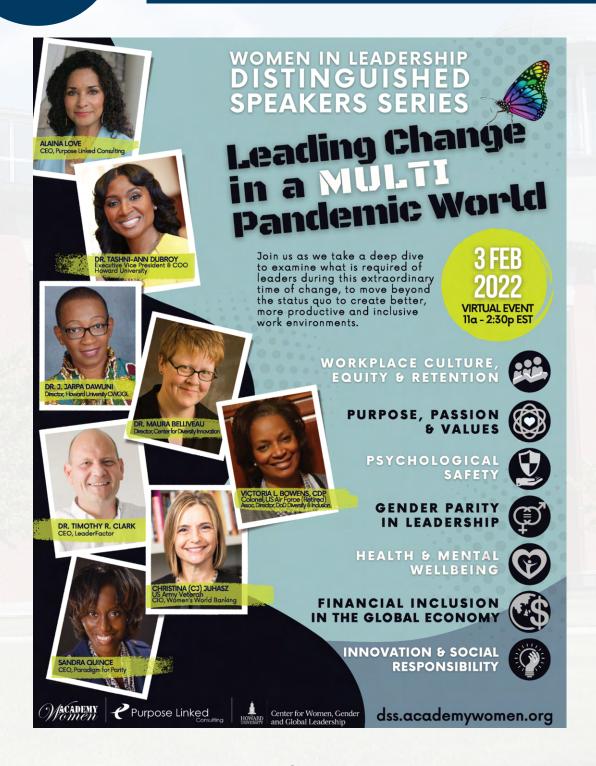
Friday, February 4th, 2022 3 PM - 4:00 PM **Virtual Event** 

Co-Sponsor: The Howard University Social Justice Consortium

Register Here: https://bit.ly/3ApEoE3

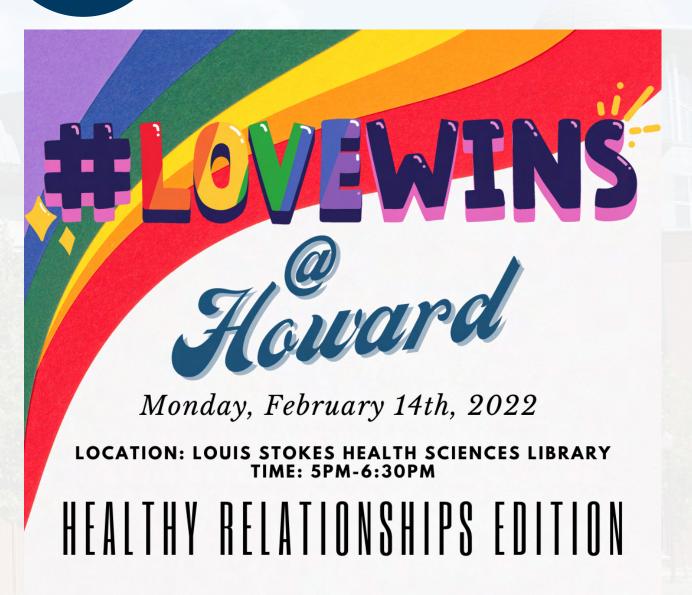
The Launch of the Black Feminist Book Club at Howard University featured Dana Williams, Dean of the Graduate School and Patricia Elam Walker, Assistant Professor in the Department of English. The panelists discussed the place of Black women in literature both as authors and characters. The discussion was moderated by Chanice McClover-Lee, Founder and President of The Black Feminist Book Club.

# Women in Leadership <u>Distiguished Speakers Series</u>



On February 3rd, the Center for Women, Gender and Global Leadership co-sponsored this event with Academy Women. This was an occasion for women leaders to share their experience leading change in a multi pandemic world.

# Love Wins @Howard co-sponsored with Office of Intercultural Affairs



Sponsored by



Campus Life





Center for Women, Gender and Global Leadership



Interpersonal Violence Prevention Program

The #Lovewins @ Howard event was co-sponsored with many organizations and mainly with the Office of Multicultural Affairs. The event focused on celebrating love in different ways, and it offered the Howard community an opportunity to discover what it takes to have healthy relationships with others.

#### **HBCU HeForShe Summit**



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#### **HBCU** Presidential Summit on Gender Equality: UN Women HeForShe Campaign

Moderator: Dean Danielle Holley-Walker **Howard Law School** 



Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis President of Benedict College



Dr. Wayne A. I Frederick President of Howard University



Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston dent of Norfolk State University

**Responsive Leadership and Community Engagement** 

Friday, February 25th, 2022 10AM-12PM Register Here: https://bit.ly/3HxPIRe

#HU4She

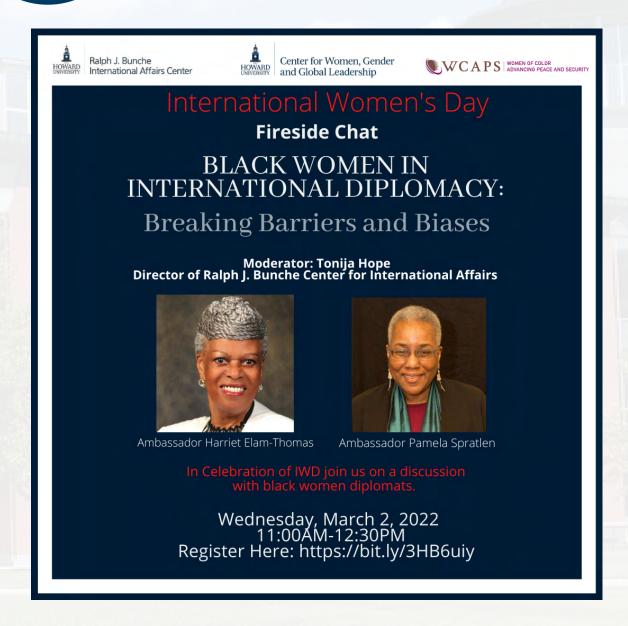


HeForShe

The first HBCU Presidential Summit on Gender Equality under the Howard University HeForShe Campaign was held on February 25, 2022. The event featured President Wayne A.I. Frederick, President Javaune Adams-Gaston of Norfolk State University, President Roslyn Clark Artis of Benedict College, and a student leader in each of the institutions. The discussion was focused on the roles and responsibilities of HBCUs in the fight for gender equality.

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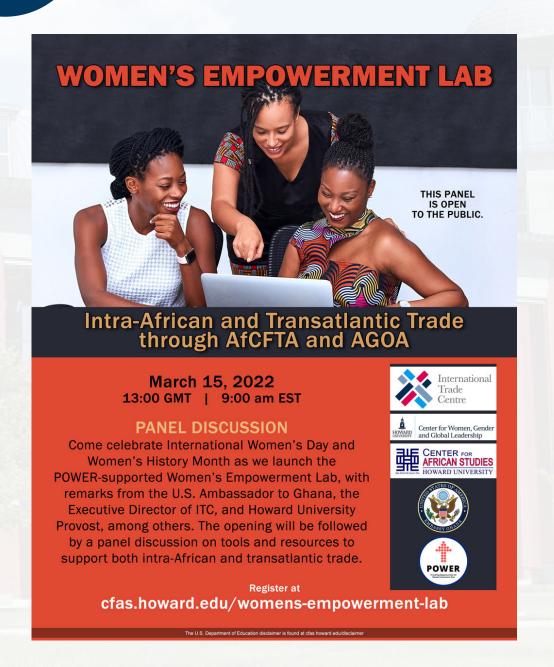
# International Women's Day Fireside Chat



In celebration of International Women's Day, the Center for Women, Gender and Global Leadership highlighted Black women in diplomacy. The event featured two retired diplomats, Ambassadors Elam Thomas and Spratlen, who offered insights on the challenges that Black women encounter in foreign affairs. The former also ambassadors provided valuable advice to students wishing to pursue a career in diplomacy.

MARCH 2022

#### Women's Empowerment Lab



As part of Women's History Month celebrations, the Center co-sponsored this event, which featured remarks by U.S. Ambassador to Ghana and Ghanaian Ambassador to the US. The event provided women entrepreneurs in Ghana and the U.S.-based African diaspora - with the information and tools needed to seize opportunities offered by the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), while presenting an opportunity to form business connections both locally and across the Atlantic.

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# TITLE IX @ 50 co-sponsored with the Title IX Office





Title IX Office

## Title IX @ 50: Where We've Been and Where We Need to Go



Tanyka Barber, M.H.S., J.D.

Join us for a special Women's History Month conversation with Tanyka Barber (she/her), Partner at TNG/Association of Title IX Administrators (ATIXA).

In collaboration with The Student Title IX Advisory Committee

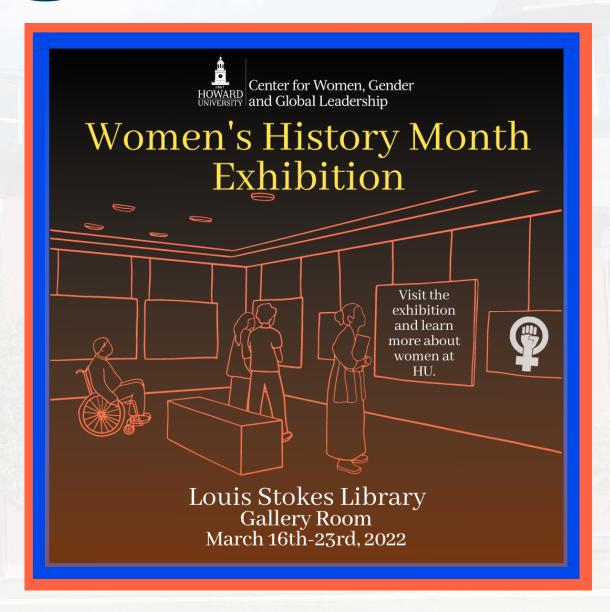
Tuesday, March 15th, 2022 4 PM - 5:30 PM

**REGISTRATION:** 

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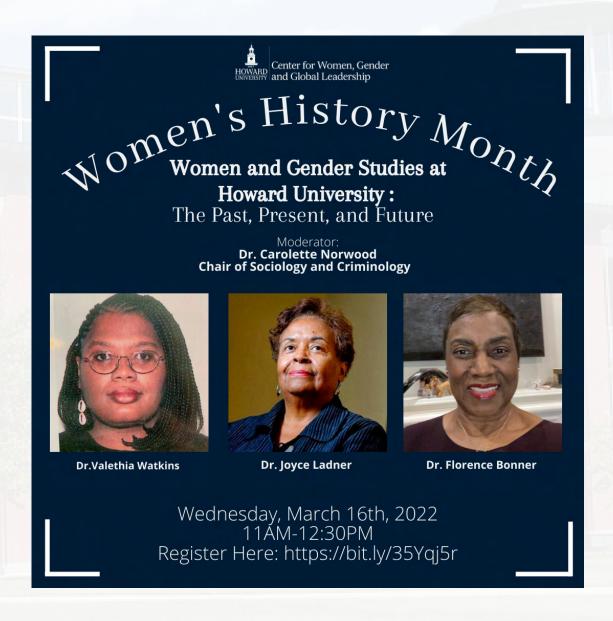
This event marks the 50th anniversary of the passage of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. It featured Tanyka Barber who discussed Title IX's impact on gender equity in higher education, from college athletics to institutional responses to gender-based harassment and violence. In her discussion, Ms. Barber also examined the specific challenges and opportunities facing HBCU's as relates to Title IX.

# Women's History Month Exhibition



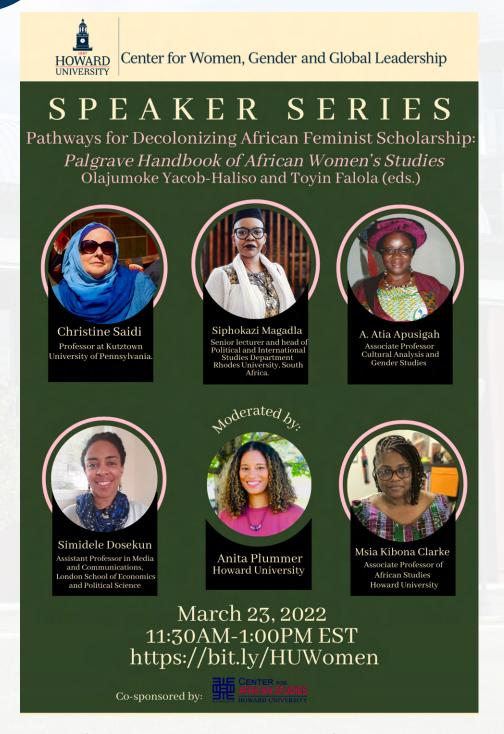
During the Summer 2021, the Center launched the Women at Howard Research Project. The Project aims to historicize women's roles in academia across the various schools and colleges. It is an anthology of reports documenting the contributions of women in academia. Each report thoroughly covered women's representation in academia across the different schools and colleges. A summary of each report was displayed on a poster available for public viewing for a week.

### Women's History Month Roundtable



As part of the Center's programming for Women's History Month, this event was organized to revisit the history and status of women and gender studies at Howard University. The panel featured illustrious guests including Dr. Joyce Ladner, the only woman to have ever served as President at Howard.

# Speaker Series: African Women Studies Co-sponsored with the Center for African Studies



This Speaker Series event co-sponsored with the Center for African Studies featured authors and editors of the handbook. The speakers discussed the gendered roles and positions of African women and the structures, institutions, and processes of policy, politics and knowledge production that continually construct, deconstruct, and reconstruct African women and the study of them.

## LAUNCH OF MOTHERS OF THE MECCA



On March 24th, 2022, The Center for Women, Gender, and Global Leadership hosted the Launch of the Mothers of the Mecca, along with the Faculty Advisors for the organization, Dr. Bahiyyah Muhammad and Dr. Nicole Jenkins. The organization is seeking HU students, faculty, staff, and alumni who are interested in community, resources, and research around parenting.

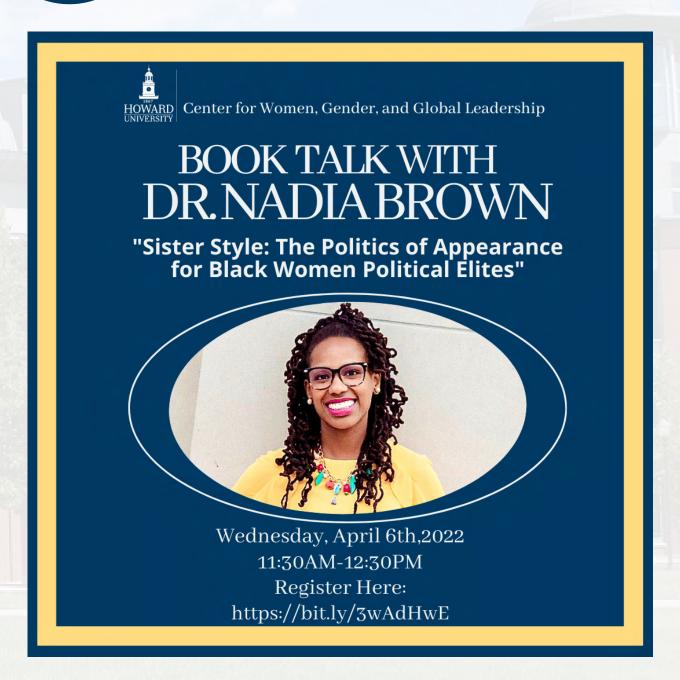
## Environmental Justice Panel Co-sponsored with HUSA



The Environmental Justice Panel invited the Howard University community to hear from environmental scholars and practitioners. It offered to students the chance to learn more about internship opportunities in environmental justice.

**APRIL 2022** 

#### Book Talk: Dr. Nadia Brown



In this book talk, Dr. Nadia Brown discussed her book "Sister Style:
The Politics of Appearance for Black Women Political Elites",
which explores topics of style, appearance, class and how these
elements intersect to inform the politics of appearance for Black
women in certain social spaces.

APRIL 2022

### Global Leadership Dialogue Series Fireside Chat with Her Excellency Dr. Abena P.A. Busia



In this Global Leadership Series, Ambassador Busia provided insights on what it means to use poetry as a weapon for resistance. Throughout the discussion, she read multiple poems depicting the resilience of Black women.

## PHOTO ALBUM

# CENTER INAUGURATION WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER THASUNDA BROWN DUCKETT, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF TIAA







October 2021







## FIRST CHAT AND CHEW WOMEN IN STEM WITH KARSH SCHOLARS







October 2021







### **LOVE WINS @HOWARD**

#### **CO-SPONSORED WITH OFFICE OF INTERCULTURAL AFFAIRS**







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### WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ROUNDTABLE & SYMPOSIUM

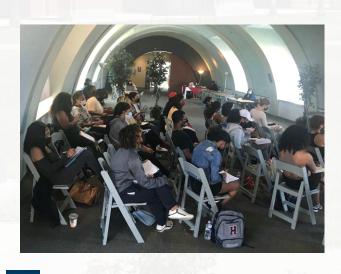






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# LAUNCH OF THE MOTHERS OF THE MECCA







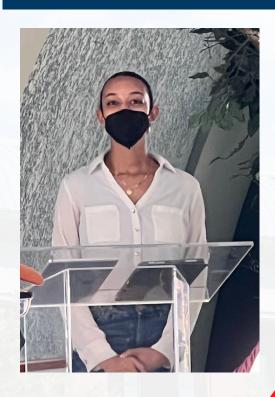
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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PANEL**





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