



Center for Women, Gender
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2024 ANNUAL REPORT

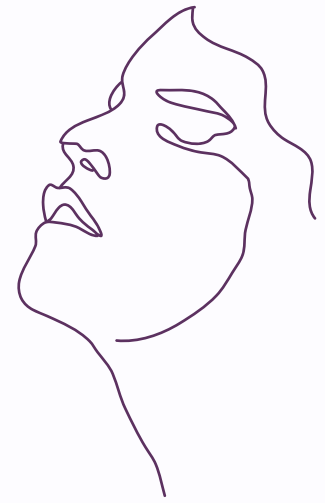


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WHO WE ARE



At Howard University the Center for Women, Gender, and Global Leadership is focused on **developing the next generation** of Black Women and Black Feminist conscious leaders.



As the first and only interdisciplinary research center dedicated to **addressing gender issues** faced by Black women in leadership, this initiative fosters solutions and drives conversations to promote essential change.



The Center for Women, Gender, and Global Leadership understands the vital role women play in our society. Our programming and partnerships—which champion transformative leadership, global engagement, research, service learning, and building impactful partnerships—will provide robust knowledge, advocacy and positive outcomes for all.

LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I have stated as the Executive Director beginning in November 2023, that transitions take time, and they can be challenging. The year 2024 witnessed the Center for Women, Gender and Global Leadership (CWGGL) continue its transition journey. During this transitional phase, the internal structure of the CWGGL was reconfigured. The Program Coordinator position was created, and we welcomed Ms. Imani Hopkins to serve in that role in August 2024. We relied on our work study students and student ambassadors to push our mission in their work with the CWGGL. Drs. Anita Plummer and Amy Quarkume continued in their respective roles as Associate Directors of Faculty Engagement and Student and Community Engagement.

Our personnel capacity was one of our biggest challenges in 2024. Despite this challenge, we were able to remain visible both on and off campus. We sponsored and co-sponsored superb events with well-known and respected guests from the international community, the scholarly community, and Howard University. Some of them include fireside chats with Drs. Patricia Hill Collins and Patricia McFadden, Ms. Erica Williams, and Ms. Yassine Fall, lectures by Drs. Pearl K. Ford Dowe, Ana Lucia Mosquera-Rosada, Menah Pratt Clarke, and Howard's own Professor Kimberly Jones. We recruited students to participate in the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) sponsored by the Marriott Corporation.

I am appreciative of the opportunities that allowed me to bring attention to issues that affect many women across the globe such as gender-based violence. I discussed and examined gender-based violence in a global perspective at the International Conference for Medicolegal Death Investigation and Integration of Gender-based Violence and Equity. The conference was sponsored by the School of Medicine, Department of Pathology at Howard University. My participation at the GenNext Annual Symposium focused on the need to strive for a more inclusive workforce in the fast-paced and ever-changing humanitarian aid sector.

It was my pleasure to participate in three student events: the AfroSoul Symposium: Embracing our Shared Narratives Across the African Diaspora sponsored by the graduate students in the Department of African Studies, Freshman Seminar sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Summer Leadership Institute sponsored by the Department of African Studies.

The mission and vision of the CWGGL were also highlighted in my participation at the NextGen Symposium for its fellows, a podcast sponsored by Howard University's Center for HBCU, Research, Leadership, and Policy, and an interview with Voice of America following the 2024 presidential election. I even served as one of the judges at the Pitch Competition that is part of WBENC.

I am grateful to our staff, students, and co-sponsors for their commitment and dedication to the vision and work of the CWGGL. We look forward to continuing our partnerships in 2025 and we invite others to join us on this journey to showcase and strengthen Black women's leadership at Howard University, the community, nation, and world.

Cassandra Veney, PhD
Executive Director



Meet Our Team



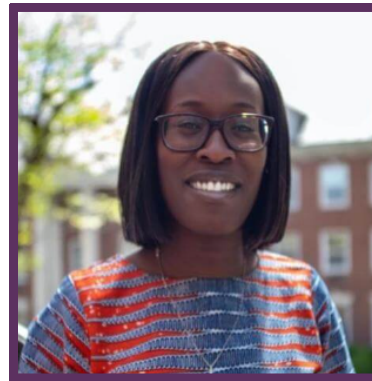
Dr. Cassandra Veney
Executive Director



Imani Hopkins
Program Coordinator



Dr. Anita Plummer
Associate Director,
Research and Faculty
Engagement



**Dr. Amy Yeboah
Quarkume**
Associate Director ,
Student Engagement



Kobii Spruill
Undergraduate
Communications
Intern



Akofa D. Bruce
Undergraduate
Community
Outreach and
Communications
Intern



Gaelle Casto
Undergraduate
Administrative
Intern



Sydney Mathis
Undergraduate
Evaluations and
Reports Intern

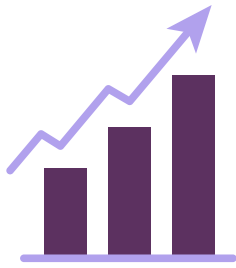


Student Engagement & Research



We collectively work to bring about positive social change on gender issues through scholarship, research, discussion, and service.

Impact By Numbers



We held...



19 events this year



Had the honor of
hosting...

**At least 18
guest speakers!**

Social Media Insights

**Demographics:
18- 24 years old
87.5% Women
12.5% Men**

Instagram Highlights

**Over 4,800 accounts
reached**

**200+ accounts engaged
with our account**

**Increased our following
by over 300 followers**



Global Changemakers Student Fellowship



GLOBAL CHANGEMAKERS STUDENT FELLOWSHIP

Introducing the Global Changemakers Student Ambassadors is an innovative program aimed at cultivating the next generations of leaders across all fields. Focusing on the advancement of Black women within the Howard University campus and beyond.

A CHAT AND CHEW DISCUSSION ON

The Resignation of Dr. Claudine Gay



Black Women and the Burden of Leadership in Higher Education

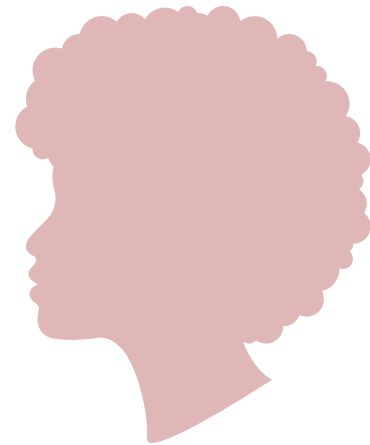
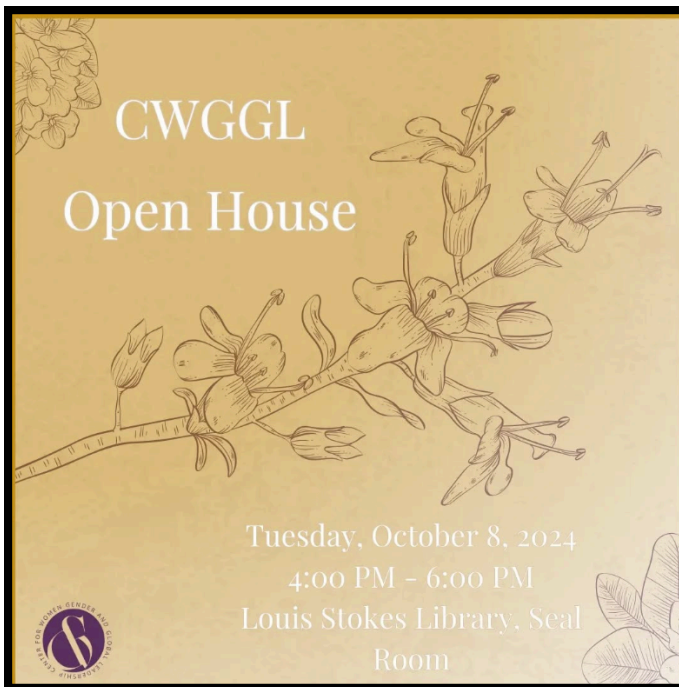


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Friday | January 26 | 3-4:30 PM | Browsing Room | 1st Floor of Founders Library

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We gathered to discuss the recent resignation of **Dr. Claudine Gay** from the Harvard University presidency and the tragic passing of **Dr. Antoinette “Bonnie” Candia-Bailey** from Lincoln University (Missouri).



The Center hosted both a fall and spring open house! In the spring, Students of Howard University had the opportunity to connect with and **welcome our new director** and a community that celebrates the strength and resilience of women. Students also had the chance to get free headshots taken.



BARBARA D. SAVAGE

Merze Tate
The Global Odyssey of a Black Woman Scholar



SAVE THE DATE

DATE: MARCH 18 2024
LOCATION: THE BROWSING ROOM
FOUNDERS LIBRARY
TIME: 2PM

THE HOWARD UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

**THE MERZE
TATE LECTURE**

 **BARBARA SAVAGE**



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The Howard University Department of History, Center for African Studies, and the Moorland Spingarn Research Center welcomed **Dr. Barbara D. Savage**. She shared her book on Dr. Merze Tate, “The Global Odyssey of a Black Woman Scholar” and lecture on the legacy of the pioneer.

The poster features a background of newspaper clippings. On the left, a green box contains the name "Dr. Menah Pratt Clarke". Below it is a book cover for "blackwildgirl" by Menah Adeola Eyaside Pratt, which includes a portrait of the author and colorful abstract shapes. On the right, a dark green box contains the title "BLACKWILDGIRL" and subtitle "A Writer's Journey to Take Back Her Superpower". Below this, another green box lists the date "April 10th" and time "1:30 PM - 6:00 PM" in the "HSL SEAL ROOM". A "SCHEDULE" section lists "1:30 - 3:30 PM" for "STUDENT ENGAGEMENT" and "4 - 6 PM" for "BOOK TALK & SIGNING". At the bottom right is the Howard University logo (1867) and the Center for Women, Gender & Global Leadership. A social media icon and handle "@HUWomensCenter" are at the bottom left.

The Center for Women, Gender, and Global Leadership hosted **Dr. Menah Pratt Clarke** for a discussion and book signing.

She discussed her memoir "BLACKWILDGIRL: A Writer's Journey to Take Back Her Superpower."



The Center for HBCU Research,
Leadership, and Policy



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Her Truth and Service **Lucy Diggs Slowe in Her Own Words**



Amy Yeboah
Quarkume, Ph.D.
Editor



Lucy Diggs Slowe
Dean of Women

Lucy Diggs Slowe Institute Webinar

Stepping into Tomorrow:
Preparing Black Women at HBCUs
for a Modern World

Thursday, April 4, 2024 4:00pm EST



Registration URL: https://howard.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_y3007CMwTeKLGs9z4I49Mw

Author **Dr. Amy Yeboah Quarkume** guided us through an exploration of her latest work, "Her Truth and Service: Lucy Diggs Slowe in Her Own Words," uncovering untold stories, inspiring service, and enduring truths of this iconic figure in African American history.

THE HILL + **HOWARD UNIVERSITY**
Events

Black Women in Politics

Moderated by Cheyanne M. Daniels

The Switch Up
With Cheyanne M. Daniels

Stacey Abrams
Founder, Fair Fight Action; Howard W. Keller Endowed Chair of Race & Black Politics, Howard University; Former Representative (D-GA)

Rep Joyce Beatty (D-OH)
Member, Congressional Black Caucus & Ranking Member, Subcommittee on National Security

Whitley Yates
Director of Diversity & Engagement, Indiana Republican Party

Roxy Ndebumadu
District 4 Councilmember (R), Bowie City Council

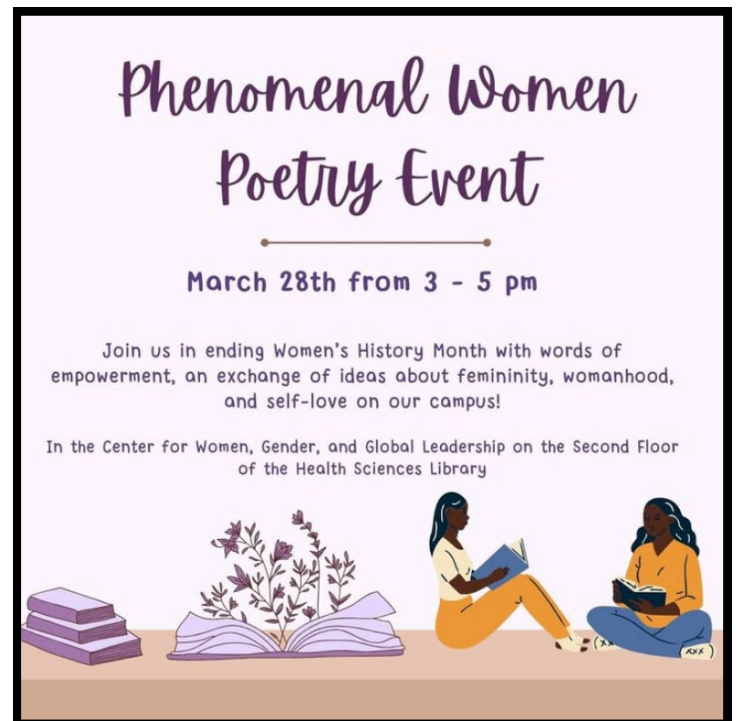
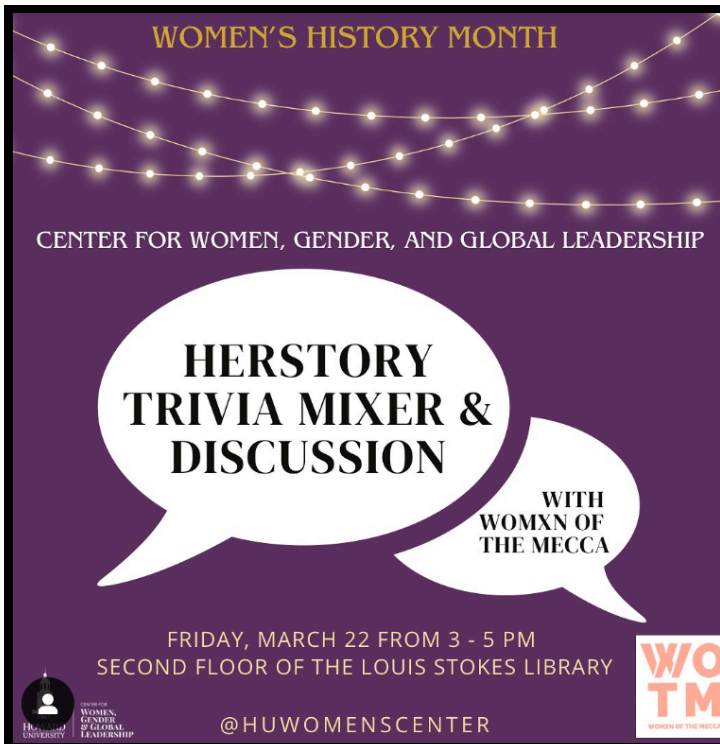
Adrienne Shropshire
Executive Director, BlackPAC

Gabrielle Wyatt
Founder, The High Level Project

Kimberly Klack
Congressional Candidate (R-MD)

Thursday, March 21, 9:30 AM ET
WHUT Howard University Television, Student Resource Center, 2222 4th St NW, Washington, DC 20059


We supported **The Hill and Howard University** to bring together black women who are engaged on local and national levels to share what it means to be a Black woman in politics.



Led by **our student ambassadors** and in collaboration with "**Women of The Mecca**" we tested the community's knowledge of the rich history of women at Howard University. Along with that, they also hosted an open mic for students to share their poetry and engage in empowerment in the Center.




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The Inclusion of Women in Environmental Social Justice and Equity

Presented By
Dr. Kimberly Jones
Associate Provost and Professor
Department of Civil and
Environmental Engineering

Monday, March 25
4 PM - 5:30 PM
Louis Stokes Library Seal
Room



We held a panel discussion with **Dr. Kimberly Jones** on The Inclusion of Women in Environmental Social Justice and Equity.



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The Department of Sociology and Criminology
presents

A Transnational Black Feminist Fireside Chat Dr. Patricia McFadden & Dr. Patricia Hill Collins

Moderated by, Dr. Carolette Norwood, Professor and Chair of Sociology and Criminology



Founders Library Browsing Room
Friday, April 19th

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM
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The Center for Women, Gender and Global Leadership, in partnership with the Howard University Department of Sociology, hosted “A Transnational Black Feminist Fireside Chat with **Dr. Patricia Hill Collins** and **Dr. Patricia McFadden.**” These esteemed guests answered questions from students about their extensive work.

The Role of Women in Liberation Struggles A Fireside Chat with Ms. Erica Williams

Moderated by, Dr. Carole Boyce Davies, Professor and Chair, Department of English



Thursday, September 26

2:00-4:00 PM

College of Medicine, Mudd Building

Red Room Auditorium, 3rd Floor



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The CWGGL along with the Center for African studies hosted “The Role of Women in Liberation Struggles: A Fireside Chat with **Ms. Erica Williams**”. Ms. Williams is the founder and curator of the Eric Williams Memorial Collection Research Library, Archives & Museum. Her father, Dr. Eric Williams, served as the first Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago. This event celebrates the 80th anniversary of his book, “Capitalism and Slavery” published in 1944.

**CHAT AND CHEW
COMMUNITY REFLECTIONS**



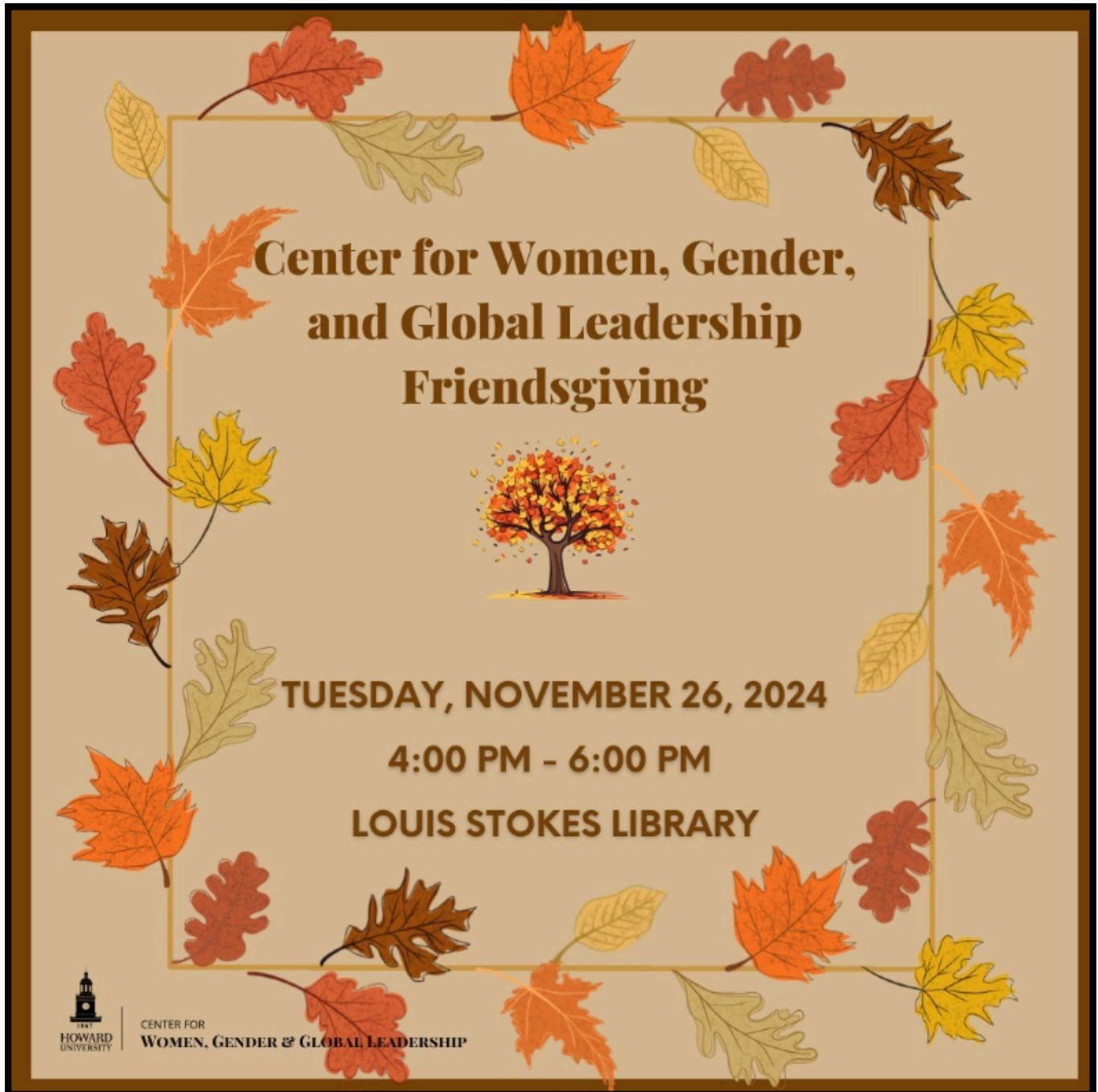
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2024 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

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This event was aimed to open up a safe space for the Howard University community to speak openly about their thoughts on the outcome of the 2024 Election, with a special focus on Vice President Kamala Harris' loss.



We invited the Howard Community to celebrate and connect with others during our Friendsgiving event!



Global Engagement



We're building strategic alliances and partnerships with other bodies, including higher education institutions, businesses, corporate entities, and international organizations.

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November 6, 2024



By Kelvin Childs

Yassine Fall, minister of African integration and foreign affairs for Senegal, rose from modest beginnings to being a global leader in activism for social justice and economic empowerment across the continent. Fall credits her time at Howard University, where she earned a master's degree in economics, as an experience that rooted her in the world at large and instilled in her the importance of giving back.



The Center co-sponsored a Fireside Chat with **Yassine Fall**, minister of African integration and foreign affairs for Senegal, where we honored her remarkable achievements and contributions to global progress. Fall also talked about the responsibilities Howard Alumni have



The center collaborated with the Political Science Department and The Ronald W. Walters Leadership & Public Policy Center to host “The Radical Imagination of Black Women”, A Conversation with **Dr. Pearl Dowe** focusing on Black women’s leadership in the political sphere. The discussion allowed the audience to have insight into Dr. Dowe’s book and research into the ambition Black women use to drive their leadership despite marginalization.

The Political Science Department and The Bunche Center for
International Affairs Presents:

*Comparative Perspectives on Race in the Americas: 'Afro-Peruvian Women and the
Politics of Race and Gender and the New Media in Peru'*

Ana Lucía Mosquera-Rosado



Tuesday, February 20, 2024

5:00pm- 7:30pm

Douglass Hall Rm.221

2419 6th St NW, Washington, DC 20059

Please contact Dr. Kwame David Dixon(david.dixon@howard.edu) for more information.



Ralph J. Bunche
International Affairs Center



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The Ralph Bunche Center and our center collaborated to host **Ms. Rosado** to discuss the state of Black and Feminist Politics in Peru in her seminar "Afro-Peruvian Women: The Politics of Race and Gender and the New Media in Peru".

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SOUL OF THE YARD

PODCAST

GUESTS

Dr. Cassandra Venev
Howard University

Dr. Tiffany Hinton
Elizabeth City State University

Dr. Danielle Williams
Norfolk State University

EPISODE #3

TAKE OFF THE CAPE: UNDERSTANDING THE EXPERIENCE

BLACK WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Moderated by Dr. Melanie Carter, Director of the Center for HBCU Leadership, Research and Policy and joined with our very own executive direction, Dr. Cassandra Venev along with other esteemed guest such as Dr. Tiffany Hinton, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer Elizabeth City State University and Dr. Danielle Williams Director of Student Support Services Norfolk State University to discuss the unique institutional experiences Black women encounter in higher education.

JOIN US AS WE DISCUSS

BEING A GLOBAL MINDED LEADER

Guest Speaker: Deniece Laurent-Mantey
Executive Director | U.S. Department of State | Fmr
Director for Africa | White House National Security
Council | Howard University Alum

Tuesday, October 15

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Virtual Lecture and Workshop



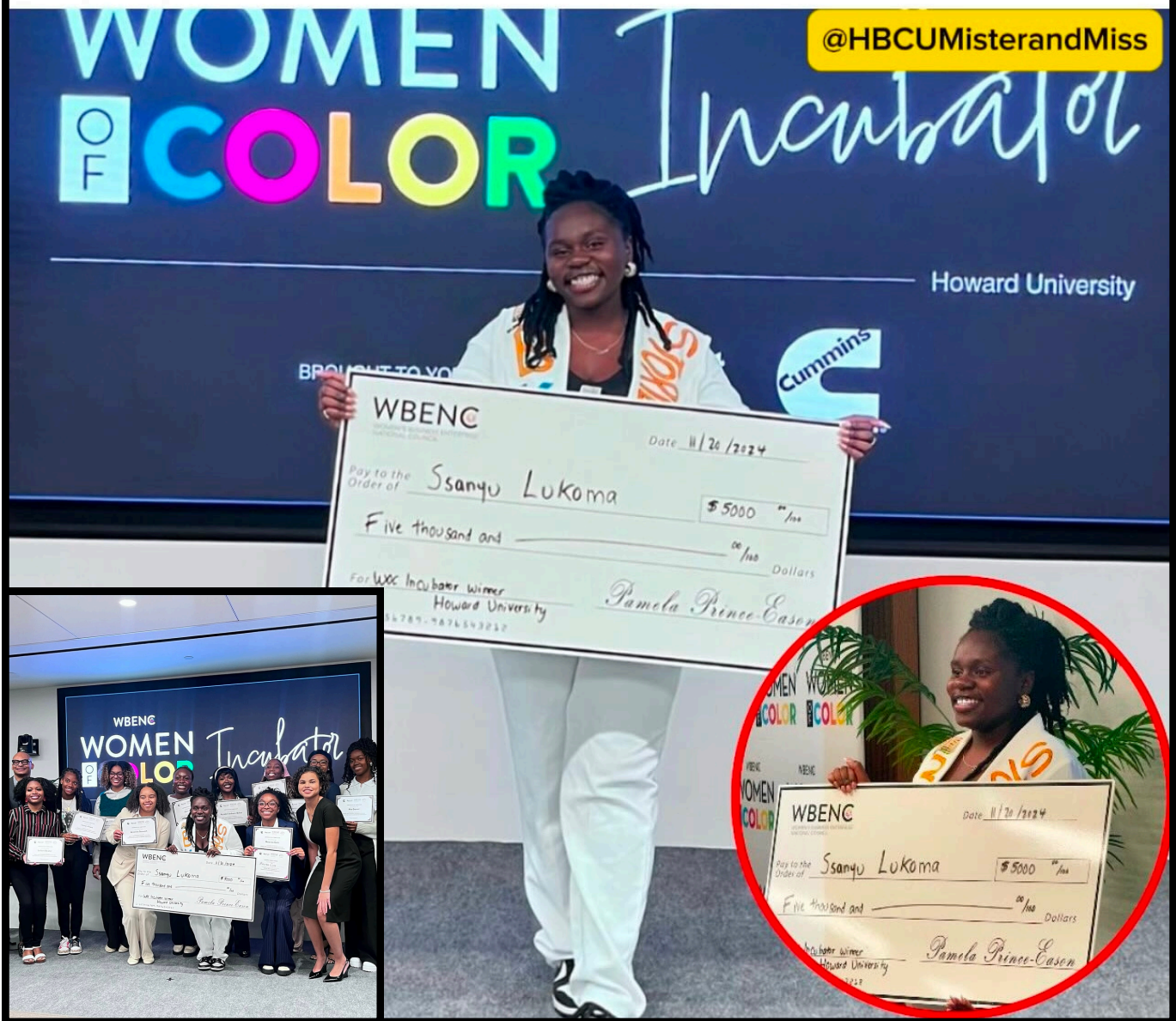
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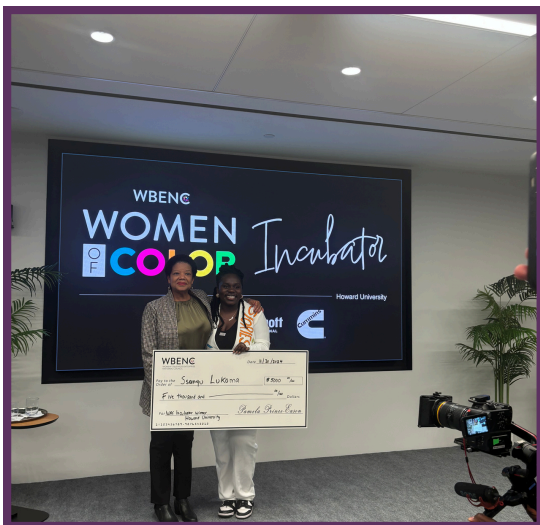
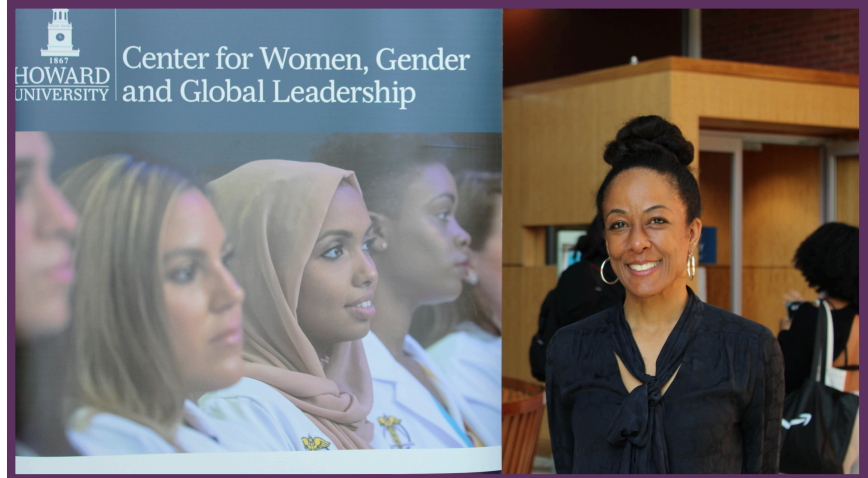
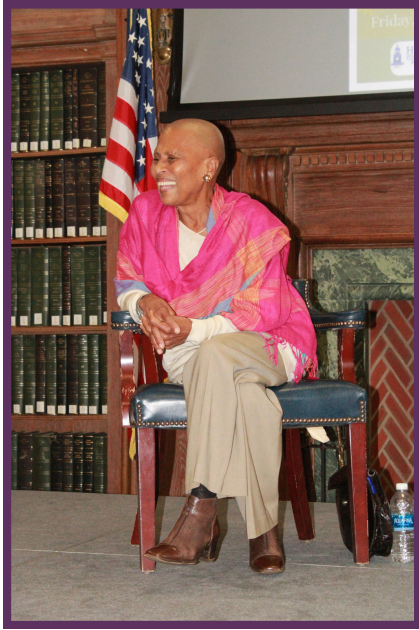
We welcomed **Deniece Laurent-Mantey**, Executive Director at the U.S. Department of State and former Director for Africa at the White House National Security Council, as our guest speaker! She shared her insights and experience on what it means to be a global leader in today's world.

Howard University Student Ssanyu Lukoma Wins \$5K for Her Nonprofit, Brown Kids Read



Our Center honored a Howard University Student, **Ssanyu Lukoma**, for receiving \$5K for her Nonprofit, through the Women of Color Incubator! (WBENC)

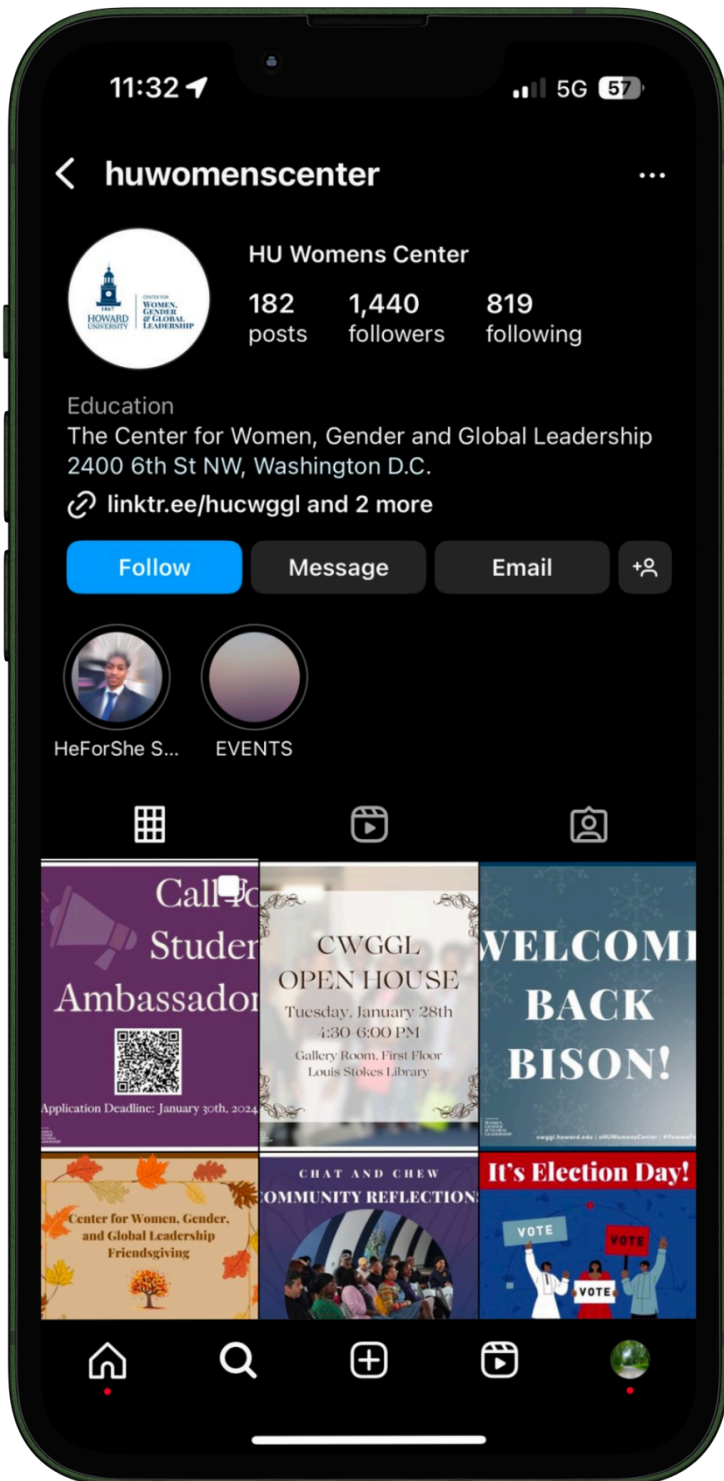
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