

# DEPARTMENT OF AFRICANA STUDIES AT A GLANCE



## VISION

The Department of Africana Studies is the primary intellectual unit at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte holistically dedicated to the interdisciplinary study of Africa and the global African Diasporas; and it shall comprehensively pursue the production, dissemination, and application of Africana-centered knowledge as the basis for seeking improvement to the multifaceted human conditions of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## MISSION

The mission of the Africana Studies Department is to educate and mentor students, discover and disseminate new knowledge, and engage diverse communities on the experiences of Africa-descended populations worldwide, with emphasis on culture, history, social policy, health, environment, entrepreneurship, race and diaspora studies, sustainability, social justice, and social responsibility within the critical liberal arts tradition.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- ◆ B.A. Africana Studies
- ◆ B.A. Africana Studies with Concentration in Health and Environmental Studies
- ◆ Minor in Africana Studies
- ◆ Graduate Certificate in Africana Studies (including 4+1 Early Entry program)
- ◆ Number of undergraduate majors and minors: 110+
- ◆ Average number of Student Credit Hours (SCH) per Academic Year: 7300+
- ◆ Number of Faculty: 7 tenure-ladder and 4 part-time

## ANNUAL PUBLIC ACADEMIC EVENTS

- ◆ Dr. Bertha Maxwell-Roddey Distinguished Africana Lecture (*fall*)
- ◆ Artist-in-Residence (*spring*)
- ◆ Africana Studies Conference (*spring*)

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNERSHIPS

- ◆ The Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American History + Culture
- ◆ LATIBAH Museum
- ◆ Juneteenth Festival of the Carolinas
- ◆ Friends of Old Westview Cemetery, Inc.



## COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNERSHIPS

- ◆ The Ebony Society of Philatelic Events and Reflection (ESPER)
- ◆ NC National Alliance of Black School Educators
- ◆ Yoruba Language-in-Community Outreach
- ◆ Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

## OCCASIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- ◆ Charlotte Papers in Africana Studies
- ◆ Digital Africana Studies

## SELECTED FACULTY RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND CAREER AWARDS

- ◆ Nigerian National Order of Merit
- ◆ All-Africa Okigbo Prize for Poetry (twice)
- ◆ Association of Nigerian Authors' Poetry Award (four times)
- ◆ BBC Arts and Africa Poetry Award
- ◆ Carnegie Foundation Fellowship (twice)
- ◆ Certificate of Special US Congressional Recognition for Excellence in Service
- ◆ Choice magazine's Outstanding Academic Title
- ◆ Commonwealth Poetry Prize
- ◆ Fonlon-Nichols Lifetime Achievement Award
- ◆ Duke University School of Medicine Fellowship
- ◆ Fulbright-Hays Fellowship (thrice)
- ◆ Gilder-Lehrman Center Fellowship
- ◆ Kathryn T. Preyer Scholar in American Legal History
- ◆ National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship (twice)
- ◆ National Humanities Center Fellowship
- ◆ Social Science Research Council Research Grant
- ◆ University of Texas Africanist Award for Research Excellence
- ◆ UNC Charlotte's Bank of America Award for Teaching Excellence Finalist
- ◆ UNC Charlotte's First Citizens Bank Scholar Medal Award
- ◆ Wenner-Gren Foundation Research Grant