

46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE ON  
AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES, INC.

**DECONSTRUCTING  
AND  
RECONSTRUCTING  
THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE**



**Southern Conference on African American Studies, Inc.**  
**46<sup>th</sup>~Deconstructing and Reconstructing the Black Experience**  
**February 6-7, 2025**  
**(VIRTUAL CONFERENCE)**

**Thursday, February 6, 2025**

**Opening Plenary**

**12:00 PM**

**Welcome**

**President Sharron Herron-Williams**

**Opening Speaker**

**Dr. David Jackson, Griot**

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**SCAASI BUSINESS MEETING**  
**1:00-1:55 PM**

Opening Remarks:

Sharron Herron-Williams

Secretary's Report:

Alecia D. Hoffman

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Steve Miller

*The Griot* Report:

Tashia Bradley

Awards

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*Session 1*

**2:00-3:15 PM**

**Reconstruction through Resistance**

**Panel Chair: Wali Kharif**

- ❖ **James Jones:** "False Memories Without Benefit: How Attempts to Revive the Black Panther Party Grossly Miss the Mark."
- ❖ **Bishop Nathanyel Ben-Israel:** "And the Truth Shall Make Us Free: Deconstructing Lies and Reconstructing the Truth."



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- ❖ **Matthew Simmons:** “Let Our Voices Be Heard: Black Middle-Class Non-Participatory Politics and Political Maroonage in Philadelphia.”
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*Session 2*

**3:25-4:25 PM**

**The International Presence in Deconstructing and Reconstruction of the Black Experience**

**Panel Chair: Alecia D. Hoffman**

- ❖ **Larry Kenneth Alexander:** “The British Imperial Government’s Exercise of its Supreme Legislative Authority in 1766, which England’s Highest Court Affirmed in 1772 *Somerset v. Stewart* Case, Creates Provocative New Reconstructive Narratives for Black American Since America’s Government Adopted Anglo-Saxon Jurisprudence and English Law Over Thomas Jefferson’s Strident Objections in July 1776.”
- ❖ **Reginald Bess:** “Samuel Meffire: Ich, ein Sachse-Mein deutsch-deutsches Leben/Sam-The German, The Officer, The Men—The Life and Times of East Germany’s First Black Police Officer.”

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*Session 3*

**4:35-5:30 PM**

**Reconstructing the African American Experience through Public Policy**

**Panel Chair: Ron Goodwin**

- ❖ **Ron Goodwin:** “The Welfare State in Action.”
  - ❖ **Stacey Close:** “A Road Less Traveled: Dr. Benjamin Foster, Jr., A Voice for Quality Public Education and Public Act 19-12.”
  - ❖ **Ian Abbey:** “Panthers at War: Prairie View and Military Service.”
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**Friday, January 7, 2025**

**12:00-12:15 PM**

**WELCOME TO THE SCAASI CONFERENCE**

Sharron Herron-Williams



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Session 4

12:25-1:30 PM

**20<sup>th</sup> Century Game Changers**

**Panel Chair: Abel Bartley**

- ❖ **Abel Bartley:** “Homer Jordan: The Unrecognized Hero Who Changed Black Quarterbacking in the South.”
- ❖ **Sharlene Sinegal-DeCuir:** “Forging a Path: Chief Justice Brenette Joshua Johnson’s Path to Louisiana Supreme Court.”
- ❖ **Bertis English:** “‘The Law is a Mistress’: Attorney Oscar W. Adams Jr and the Freedom Struggle in Twentieth-Century Alabama.”

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Session 5

1:35-3:15 PM

**Educative Experiences to Deconstruct and Reconstruct the African-American Narrative**

**Panel Chair: Eunice Matthews-Armstead**

- ❖ **Eunice Matthews-Armstead:** “The Star Model: An Innovative Approach to Anti-Oppressive/Diversity Training.”
- ❖ **Vahid Atashbari, Maryam Hosseini, and Julietta Raymond:** “Deconstructing and Reconstructing Identity: Social Separation and Digital Spaces Among African American Engineering Students.”
- ❖ **Edward Opoku-Dapaah:** “The Responses to Positive Health Care Experiences Amongst Black Americans.”

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Closing Remarks/Next Conference

SCAASI President

# Adjournment



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*See you Next Year.*

