

Westminster Conversations

Holding the Space:

Shining a Light on Black Academics 2025



Conference Programme Schedule

Wednesday 15 January 2025

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Conference Programme Schedule

CONFERENCE OPENS: 09.30am

Time	Activity	Location
09.30	Registration, refreshments and posters	The Hideaway
10.00	Conference opening: Dr Yaz Iyabo Osho , Principal Lecturer and Director of Academic Professional Development at CETI, University of Westminster Prof Peter Bonfield OBE , Vice-Chancellor and President, University of Westminster Prof Dibyesh Anand , Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Westminster	Fyvie Hall
10.05	Opening keynote: Dr Deborah Husbands , Reader in Psychology, University of Westminster	Fyvie Hall

PARALLEL PRESENTATIONS 1: 10.45 – 12.00

Session 1 – Theme: Addressing racial equity: **Room: Cayley**
 Tackling systemic inequities and advocating for change in higher education

Name	Affiliation	Title of Presentation
Danielle Chavrimootoo	Dorcas Inclusive Education	Understanding decolonial praxis and experiences of implementing activities in university
Dr Gloria Botchway and Dr Lucy Currie	Representing the Sisters in Higher Education Network (S.HI.NE)	Language, culture and heritage, as a tool for self-identity, self-care and wellbeing

Session 2 – Theme: Critical pedagogies: **Room: 250**
 Social justice, decolonial and anti-racist work in higher education

Name	Affiliation	Title of Presentation
Roseanne Chantiluke	University of Bristol	Praxis as pedagogy, pedagogy as praxis: personal reflections on student activism and teaching as a Black researcher
Jason Forrest	University of the Arts	Critical Pedagogy Addressing Climate Justice
Kevin J Brazant	University of the Arts	On Air, Off Script: Exploring Race and othering in curriculum development through Podcasts

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Session 3 – Theme: Career trajectories: **Room: 251**
 Career pecarity, promotion, progression and/or strategies for success in the higher education sector

Name	Affiliation	Title of Presentation
Dr Abigal Muchecheti	Oxford Brookes	Who gave you permission to be here?
Naomi Alormele Dr Yaz Osho	Loughborough University University of Westminster	Negotiated spaces: black women academics' experiences in UK universities: recommendations for institutions and the sector

POSTER PRESENTATIONS: 12.00 – 12.30

Activity	Location
Poster Presentations and Networking	The Hideaway

LUNCH BREAK: 12.30 – 1.30 **The Hideaway**

PARALLEL PANELS SESSIONS: 1.30 – 2.30

Panel 1: The Black PhD Experience: Stories of Strength, Courage and Wisdom in UK Academia **Room: Cayley**

Theme: Journeying through academia: Strategies and accounts of navigating, surviving and thriving in higher education spaces	Panellists: Dr William Ackah, Dr Wayne Mitchell, Dr Hanna Akalu and Dr Barbara Adewumi
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Panel 2: Cultivating Anti-Discriminatory Practice: Integrating Social Justice into Forensic Clinical Psychology Training in UK Academia **Room: Fyvie Hall**

Theme: Critical pedagogies: Social justice, decolonial and anti-racist work in higher education	Panellists: Dr Shola Apena Rogers, University of Birmingham; Justine Aina, Durham and LSE; Dr Julie Blake, CO-INNOVATE and Dr Gauri Kelkar, University of Birmingham
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Panel 3: Cultivating Anti-Discriminatory Practice: Integrating Social Justice into Forensic Clinical Psychology Training in UK Academia **Room: Fyvie Hall**

Theme: Intersectional Experiences: Navigating Multiple Identities as Black Academics	Panellists: Lildonia Lawrence, Rianna Raymond-Williams, Jason Selormey, Nicholas Nanikhan
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PARALLEL PRESENTATIONS 2: 2-30 – 3.30			Room: 250
Session 1 – Critical pedagogies: Social justice, decolonial and anti-racist work in higher education			
Name	Affiliation	Title of Presentation	
Sam Morgan	Manchester Metropolitan	Critical Reflexivity: Using a Decolonial Emotional Pedagogy in Legal Research and Higher Education	
Karina Graham, Ufuoma Jones, Dr Tracey Rehling, Prof Julia Carroll, Prof Rosie Kneafsey; Prof Amanda Rodrigues Amorim Adegboye	Coventry University West Midlands Ambulance Service University NHS Foundation Trust University of Birmingham	Empowering Ethnically Diverse Paramedic Students through Asset-Based Frameworks: Advancing Social Justice and Inclusion in Higher Education	
Session 2 – Journeying through academia: Strategies and accounts of navigating, surviving and thriving in higher education spaces			Room: Cayley
Name	Affiliation	Title of Presentation	
Dr Hadiza Kere Abdulrahman and Ruona Meyer	University of Lincoln	'PhD interrupted': Surviving Cancer in the Classroom—reflections from two Diasporic Academics	
Lonceny Kourouma	University of Westminster	Weaving the Black Tapestry: A Decolonising Counter-Storytelling of Black Doctoral Student Lived Experiences in the UK, Analysed with Loom Analysis	
Session 3 – Identity: Intersectionality, its form and implications			Room: 251
Name	Affiliation	Title of Presentation	
Selina Jacques-King	University of Wolverhampton	"I am Black before I am anything else": Exploring British Sign Language Interpreters of Colour in the UK	
Prof Dawn Edge and Dr Perpetual Eze-Idehen	University of Manchester	Navigating Intersectionality in Academia: Challenges and Strategies for Black Women's Advancement	

REFRESHMENTS: 3.30 – 3.50

Time	Activity	Location
3.50	Closing keynote: Dr Melanie-Marie Haywood, Director of Education Development Service (EDS), Birmingham City University	Fyvie Hall
4.30	Closing remarks: Dr Yaz Iyabo Osho, Dr Andy Pitchford, Head of CETI, University of Westminster Student performance: Joel Marquis-Kumba (Music Production, Performance and Business, BA Honours, University of Westminster)	Fyvie Hall
4.45	CONFERENCE CLOSE	