

**A Black Education Network (ABEN)**  
and  
**Stanford University Graduate School of Education**  
present the  
**18<sup>TH</sup> SUMMER INSTITUTE**



**Pedagogies & Practices**  
**for**  
**Successfully Reaching**  
**African American**  
**Students**

**Wednesday and Thursday,**  
**June 14—15, 2023**

Located at  
Stanford University's  
Oak Room,  
Tressider Student  
Union Building



# ***Welcome to ABEN's 18th Summer Institute!***

**June 14 – 15, 2023**

**Stanford University**

**Tressider Student Union Building - Oak Room**

## **DAY 1: JUNE 14**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**Registration and Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

**Welcome, Libation, Black Education Framing**

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Dr. Christopher Emdin**

11 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**— BREAK —**

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Collaborative Community Conversations**

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

**Review Themes**

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**— LUNCH —**

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Queen Taese Snowden**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Tyson Amir**

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Collaborative Community Conversations**

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Closing Remarks & Evaluation**

## **DAY 2: JUNE 15**

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

**Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

**Welcome, Libation, Black Education Framing**

9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

**Dr. Joi Spencer**

11 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

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**— LUNCH —**

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Meet in Groups or Individually to Create Plans**

3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

**Report Outs**

3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Closing Remarks, Evaluations, Book Give-aways**

## Meet the 2023 Summer Institute Presenters!



**DR. CHRISTOPHER EMDIN** is the Robert A. Naslund Endowed Chair in Curriculum Theory and Professor of Education at the University of Southern California where he also serves as Director of Youth Engagement and Community Partnerships at the USC Race and Equity Center. He is also Scholar/Griot in Residence at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

He previously served as Associate Director of the Institute for Urban and Minority Education and Director of the Science Education program at Teachers College, Columbia University. Dr. Emdin is an alumni fellow at the Hip-hop Archive and Hutchins Center at Harvard University and was STEAM Ambassador for the U.S. Department of State, and Minorities in Energy Ambassador for the U.S. Department of Energy.

Dr. Emdin holds a Ph.D in Urban Education with a concentration in Mathematics, Science, and Technology; Masters degrees in both Natural Sciences and Education and Bachelors degrees in Physical Anthropology, Biology, and Chemistry.

He is the creator of the #HipHopEd social media movement, Science Genius BATTLES and the CREATE Accelerator. He was recently named one of the 27 people bridging divides in the United States by *Time* magazine and the Root 100 list of most influential African Americans. He is the author of numerous award-winning works including *Urban Science Education for the Hip-hop Generation* and the *New York Times* bestseller, *For White Folks Who Teach In the Hood and the Rest of Ya'll Too*. His latest books, *Ratchetdemic: Reimagining Academic Excellence* and *STEM, STEAM, Make, Dream: Reimagining the Culture of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*, and *Critical Pedagogy for Healing: Paths Beyond "Wellness," Toward a Soul Revival of Teaching and Learning* are currently available wherever books are sold.

Additional information about Dr. Emdin's work can be found at <https://chrismemdin.com>



**JOI SPENCER, PH.D.** is the dean of the School of Education at the University of California, Riverside.

Her work is centered on educational equity in higher and K-12 education, and her research investigates the mathematics learning opportunities of African American and other minoritized youth. She is CO-PI on the National Science Foundation (NSF) grant, "Bridging the World of Work and Informal STEM Education," and she recently submitted a \$3.1 mil NSF grant on racial equity in STEM. Both studies seek to understand and build affirming and liberatory STEM learning experiences for Black, Latinx, and other minoritized youth.

Spencer has chaired the editorial board for the *Journal for Research in Mathematics Education* (JRME) and is the past president of the California Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators (CAMTE). Her most recent publication, "*Access, Power and Participation in Mathematics Classrooms*," captures the role of observation in advancing equity in the teaching and learning of mathematics. Her recent book, *Anti-Black Racism at School: Creating Affirming Educational Spaces for African American Students*, was published by Teachers College Press (Fall 2022).

Prior to her appointment at UCR, Spencer spent 16 years at University of San Diego (USD) where she served in a variety of roles including professor of mathematics education, associate dean, and interim dean of the School of Leadership and Education Sciences (SOLES). Spencer launched a doctoral program in Education for Social Justice, implemented a school-wide professional development on anti-racism, and established SOLES' first Diversity Post-Doctoral Fellows Program. Her earlier work included five years as a middle school teacher in East Palo Alto.

The daughter of working-class parents, Spencer grew up in South Central Los Angeles. "Having the opportunity to serve California, my home, and specifically the Inland Empire, gives me great joy," Spencer said. "The students and communities that UC Riverside serves represent the face of California's future. Many of them have had to struggle a bit harder to obtain a college degree, have had to navigate systems that were not always in their favor, and did so with grace, resilience, and determination. This is the kind of place where I want to be."

Dr. Spencer holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from Stanford University and a Ph.D. from UCLA. Notably, Spencer is the first woman and person of color to serve as permanent dean of UCR School of Education. Dr. Spencer can be reached by email at: [soedean@ucr.edu](mailto:soedean@ucr.edu)

## Meet the 2023 Summer Institute Presenters!



**QUEEN TAESE** also known as the Queen of Black Homeschooling, is an award-winning master educator for almost three decades, a bestselling author, international keynote speaker, curriculum developer, Black homeschool/educational consultant, and visionary who is a trailblazing businesswoman and homeschool mother for over 25 years.

She has taught over 100,000 hours through homeschooling her own seven children and countless others, as well as worked directly with over 75,000 Black children and families in diverse settings.

Queen Taese is the founder of the Liberated Minds Black Homeschool and Education Institute, which is getting ready to celebrate its 12th Annual Liberated Minds Black Homeschool & Education Expo. It is known to draw thousands of Black families and assists them in connecting with Black curricula, books, resources, training, and a like-minded community that builds loving and long-lasting relationships, and offers unconditional support. The Liberated Minds Institute is also the umbrella for its very own accreditation program and educational certifications. It is the facilitator of the largest International Black Homeschool Virtual Campus

called Homeschool HUEUniversity, which has over 1,500 student registrations in a plethora of Afrikan-centered courses that provide classes in all subjects for three generations inclusive of children, parents, and grandparents.

For additional information about Queen Taese's work, visit: <https://liberatedminds.com>



**TYSON AMIR** is an author, musician, educator, community organizer, and freedom fighter born and raised in the Bay Area. Tyson's first book, *Black Boy Poems*, was nominated by the Librarians of America for the "In the Margins Social Justice Award," making it a librarian recommended text for high school students. It has become a well-loved text and part of the modern Black literary canon. His second book, *Black Boy Poems Curriculum*, is used as a guide for liberatory and revolutionary curriculum and instruction in K-12 schools across the country.

Tyson is the founder and director of the Black Literary Collective and Freedom Soul Media Education Initiatives (FSMEI), a consulting firm for revolutionary education. FSMEI has worked with over 120 schools, delivered more than 350 programs, and served more than 30,000 students through its groundbreaking, revolutionary programming, PDs and workshops, curriculum, and culture, community, and climate building.

Tyson's innovative revolutionary education work has been featured at ABEN's Summer Institute at Stanford University, Hip Hop Ed Conference at

Columbia University, Teachers 4 Social Justice in San Francisco and Chicago, California Association of Teachers of English, California Association of African American School Administrators, and the Association of California School Administrators.

You can find out more about Tyson Amir at: [www.fsmei.org](http://www.fsmei.org) and [www.tysonamir.com](http://www.tysonamir.com)

About our Logo

ABEN'S logo is a depiction of the West African Adinkra symbol known as "Sankofa." It has been chosen because it signifies the importance of learning from the past which is the foundation of our cultural excellence.



# 2023 Summer Institute Information

## ABOUT ABEN

The California Alliance of African American Educators (CAAEE) was founded in 2001. In 2012, the CAAEE began incubating A Black Education Network (ABEN) to extend its work nationally by hosting a summit in Chicago the next 2 years, and regional summits in Atlanta, Philadelphia, Detroit and Los Angeles in 2015. In 2017, the CAAEE began the transition of its brand to ABEN. In 2018, it completed the transition, and is presently hosting the 18th Summer Institute in partnership with Stanford University. We've provided professional development and academic and cultural excellence in collaborative student programming to numerous schools across the U.S. During the pandemic, we hosted several virtual tours to Africa providing hundreds of young participants online opportunities to visit Kenya, Ghana and Nigeria.

In addition, we created ASI (ABEN STEM INITIATIVE), a unique program to immerse students in a STEM ecosystem in order to increase their knowledge and interest in science, technology, engineering, and math fields. The program also infuses African and African-American history and culture in order to promote individual and collective work and responsibility. The infusion of history also increases students' awareness, knowledge, and connection to African and African-American people, places, and things. Character development and career / college preparation are fundamental aspects of the program— encouraging students to learn accountability and behaviors that reinforce personal growth and development.

We also help to build the capacity of other Black-led organizations (BLOs) and entities. What ABEN does has been accelerated in recent years as we have garnered more and more funds to do our own work. In addition to re-granting, it also teaches board development, the fundraising cycle, grant writing, strategic planning, partnership development, and other skills necessary to build strong organizations.

To meet our highly-esteemed board members and Wisdom Circle as well as our Team, please visit our website at [www.aben4ace.org](http://www.aben4ace.org). As always, the Institute sells out quickly. **Register TODAY!**

## INSTITUTE AUDIENCE

Teachers, administrators, parents, professional developers, support providers, school board members, undergraduate and graduate students who work with African American students. To optimize the institute experience, we strongly encourage school districts to send representatives as part of a team.

## REGISTRATION COST

*Breakfast and lunch are included for both days.*

**Registration Deadline is June 2, 2022**

**\$950: 1 Person / \$900: Per Person for a Team of 5**

## ONLINE REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

The fastest and easiest way to confirm attendance is online: <https://tinyurl.com/46cvbbxp>

*Alternatively:*

- Download the registration form & fill out separately for each team member / attendee.
- Send registration forms by postal mail with payment enclosed early.
- We must receive registration form(s) and payment(s) by **June 2, 2023**.
- No email, fax or phone registrations will be accepted.
- Please make checks payable to: **ABEN**

Mail to: **ABEN SUMMER INSTITUTE**  
**P.O. Box 3134**  
**San Jose, California 95156**

*Other pertinent information will be emailed upon receipt and processing of payment.*

## LODGING

*There is no Institute hotel, although many can be found on-line in the Stanford area with varying amenities and costs.*

Please download, save, complete and print a separate form for each participant.

Or save time and effort by registering & paying on-line at:

<https://tinyurl.com/46cvbbxp>



www.aben4ace.org

Agency / School Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip code

Mr.  
  Mrs.  
  Ms.  
  Dr.  
 Name

Job Title

If a teacher, number of years:

Summer Mailing Address

City

State

Zip code

Phone

Email

**Registration (Deadline is June 2, 2023)**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$950 for 1 PERSON

\_\_\_\_\_ \$900 per person for a TEAM of 5

**Total Payment Included:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Reminder:**

- Download the registration form (last page), fill one out separately and submit for each team member / participant.
- Send registration forms by postal mail with payment enclosed, no later than June 2, 2023.
- No other email, fax or phone registrations will be accepted.
- Please make check or money order payable to: **ABEN**

Mail to: **ABEN SUMMER INSTITUTE**  
 P.O. Box 3134  
 San Jose, California 95156

Should you have questions or encounter issues with on-line registration, please call: (408) 977-4188 or email: [abenmedia@aben4ace.org](mailto:abenmedia@aben4ace.org)

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