

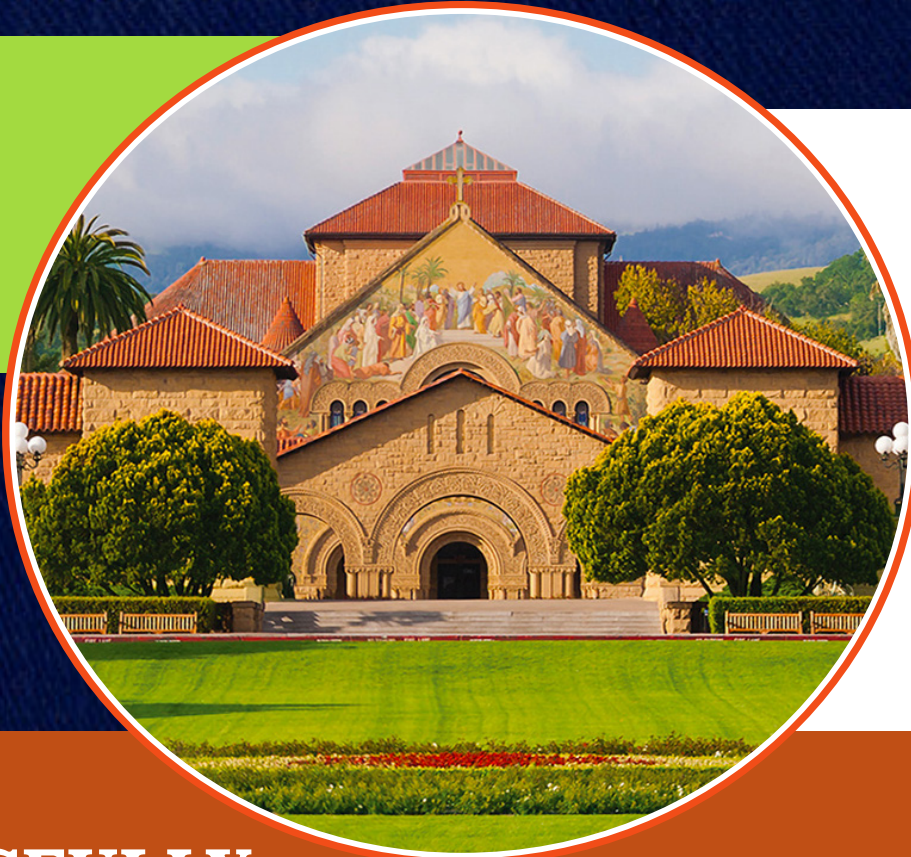


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19TH

SUMMMER INSTITUTE

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of EDUCATION
PRESENT



**PEDAGOGIES
AND
PRACTICES**

**FOR
SUCCESSFULLY
REACHING AFRICAN
AMERICAN STUDENTS**

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

**JUNE 20-21,
2024**

STANFORD UNIVERSITY'S
PAUL BREST HALL
EAST & WEST ROOMS





WELCOME TO ABEN'S 19TH SUMMMER INSTITUTE JUNE 20 & JUNE 21, 2024



DAY 1 – THURSDAY

7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST

8:30 - 9 a.m.

Welcome, Libation, Black Education Framing

9 - 11 a.m.

Dr. Maulana Karenga

11 - 11:15 a.m.

BREAK

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Noni Ervin

12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

LUNCH

1:15 - 2:15 p.m.

Dr. Linda Humes

2:15 - 3: 15 p.m.

Mama Makini Niliwaambieni

3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Collaborative Community Conversations

3:45 - 4 p.m.

Closing Remarks and Evaluation

DAY 2 – FRIDAY

8 - 8:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST

8:30 - 9 a.m.

Welcome, Libation, Black Education Framing

9 - 10 a.m.

Dr. Alecia Blackwood

10 - 11 a.m.

Dr. Theresa Robinson

11 a.m. - 11:15 p.m.

BREAK

11:15 - 12:15 p.m.

Dr. Thomishia “Mishi” Booker

12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

LUNCH

1:15 - 3 p.m.

Meet in Groups or Individually to Create Plans

3 - 3:45 p.m.

Report Outs

3:45 - 4 p.m.

Closing Remarks, Evaluations, Book Give-aways



— SUMMER INSTITUTE PRESENTERS —



DR. MAULANA KARENGA

DR. MAULANA KARENGA is professor and chair of the Department of Africana Studies, California State University, Long Beach. An activist-scholar of national and international recognition, Dr. Karenga has played a major role in Black intellectual and political culture since the 60s, especially in Black Studies and social movements including, the Black Power Movement, Black Arts Movement and the Million Man March, for which he wrote the Mission Statement. He is executive director of the African American Cultural Center (Us) and the National Association of Kawaida Organizations. Also, he is the creator of the pan-African cultural holiday *Kwanzaa* and the *Nguzo Saba* and author of numerous scholarly articles and books, including: *Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture*; *Introduction to Black Studies* and *Maat, The Moral Ideal in Ancient Egypt: A Study in Classical African Ethics*. To learn more visit: www.MaulanaKarenga.org.

NONI ERVIN

NONI ERVIN is the creator of **Kinara Park Kids®**, where they are Developing Community, Character, and Positive Values by Utilizing the Seven Timeless Principles of Kwanzaa in Everyday Life. What began as the re-write of her father's book *How to Celebrate Kwanzaa Year 'Round (1998)* has become a movement. She partners with several international organizations to deliver Global Classroom Exchange virtually to students of all ages worldwide. Additionally, through their sister nonprofit, Black 4 Charities, they are Using The Principles of Kwanzaa to Build, Restore, and Celebrate Cultural Creative Genius and Ingenuity. She is the founder of **The Kwanzaa Awards** (www.KwanzaaAwards.org) and co-author of *Living Your Kwanzaa: Seven Core Values and Cultural Principles to Cultivate, Harvest, and Share*, which is a father-daughter collaboration (June 2024). She has a Business Operations and Strategic



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Development background and lives in the Pacific Northwest with her husband of 20+ years and two sons. Mrs. Ervin enjoys writing poetry, prose, and children's books. She is an African-American Writers' Alliance (AAWA) member, where she serves on the Leadership Council.

DR. LINDA HUMES

DR. LINDA HAZEL HUMES is currently a doctoral lecturer in the Africana Studies Department at John Jay College in New York City. Her area of research is African American storytelling and culturally responsive education. She is the Chair of the education committee for the National Association of Black Storytellers. Dr. Humes is the founder of **Yaffa Cultural Arts Inc.** The Honorable Eric Adams gave the organization a proclamation for excellence in arts in education. Dr. Humes is a storyteller and folklorist who performs and conducts workshops nationally and internationally. Her CD, *Kwanzaa- A Time to Celebrate*, received the 1999 Silver Parents Choice Award. Her latest CD, *On the Shoulders of Our Ancestors* and children's book, *The Night Anansi Stole Kwanzaa*, is meeting rave reviews. Her theatrical credits include the entertainment reporter for PM Magazine and principal work in commercials, television, and film. Dr. Humes was one of 40 women honored in 2017 by the American Museum of Natural history for the 40th anniversary of the Margaret Mead Film Festival. To learn more, visit: www.yaffaculturalarts.org



MAMA MAKINI NILIWAAMBIENI

MAMA MAKINI NILIWAAMBIENI hails from Trenton, New Jersey where she was a co-founding member of a private pre-primary and elementary school, the African People's Action School. She relocated to Washington, DC in 1989 and worked as a primary teacher at Sankofa Fie's Watoto School. In 1999, she was asked to serve as founding principal of a private school for boys with special needs between the ages of 7 and 21 which focused on social

emotional and academic development while utilizing restorative-like processes to connect with families and students. In 1994, Mama Makini founded **Amankwa Enterprises**, an educational consulting company that provides training to teachers, parents, and trainers of rites' programs. She conducted the Ankobea Society's adolescent rite of passage program for girls for over 25 years. In 2011, she developed Sankofa Emma, a rite of passage program for adult women which has graduated over 75 women. From 2012 to 2017, Makini conducted training for New York City's 1199 SEIU Training and Employment Fund's Care Coordination Department and delivered a cultural competence, sensitivity, and humility-based curriculum to professional and para-professional health care workers. Mama Makini was formally trained in Balanced and Restorative Justice in Education (BARJE) by Youth and Families in Crisis and has worked since 2017 as a consultant trainer for Schooltalk/Restorative DC. Her experience as an educator and school leader assists in providing insight into implementing restorative practices to staff, parents, and students school-wide and at home. Additionally, she assisted in the development of a presentation which helped practitioners use restorative practices while addressing race, equity, inclusion, and diversity. She coaches leadership and teaching staff, conducts training with leadership teams, behavior teams, and facilitates community building and responsive circles with students and staff from elementary school through high school. Makini holds a bachelor's degree in organizational management from Catholic University in Washington, DC.

DR. ALECIA BLACKWOOD

ALECIA BLACKWOOD, an experienced and passionate master teacher with over 20 years in education, is not only an author and international speaker but also a former Fulbright-Hays Scholar for Namibia and Botswana. Throughout her career, she has shared her knowledge worldwide and served as an education consultant for various institutions, including private and Catholic schools, public schools, non-profit organizations, and homeschooling families across Canada, America, the Caribbean, and several African countries. Dr. Blackwood is recognized as one of the leading experts in the USA



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on Ubuntu pedagogy, a humanistic approach to fostering student engagement in teaching and learning. In addition to her scholarly pursuits, she actively volunteers with a non-profit organization that provides cultural education for Black students. Furthermore, she leads the Sankofa Youth Initiative, a study abroad program that offers middle and high school students the opportunity to engage in STEAM projects in Ethiopia and Ghana during the summer. Currently, Dr. Blackwood is an Assistant Professor of Education at Longwood University, where she passionately mentors aspiring educators, instilling innovative teaching methods. Beyond her academic commitments, Alecia enjoys embarking on travel adventures, indulging in gourmet cooking, and cherishing precious moments with her family.



DR. THERESA ROBINSON

DR. ROBINSON is an Associate Professor and Director of Secondary & PK12 Education at Elmhurst University, IL. She earned a B.S. in Biological Sciences and Secondary Education and a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis on science and environmental education. She has taught grades 9-12 science in Chicago Public Schools and has dedicated her career to preparing teachers to teach STEM in culturally relevant and sustaining ways. She serves as the Principal Investigator for a **National Science Foundation Noyce**

STEM Teacher Scholarship Program. The grant addresses the critical shortage of diverse STEM teachers locally and nationally. In 2023, Dr. Robinson founded the **George Washington Carver: Center for the Advancement of Science Education** to dismantle sources of inequity in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. The mission of The Carver Science Center is to promote racial equity in STEM, addressing barriers to academic achievement, the STEM workforce, and scientific advancement. She is an active member of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA), National Association for Research in Science Teaching (NARST), American Educational Research Association (AERA), board member of A Black Education Network (ABEN), and President Emeritus of the board of Girls Like Me Project Inc. (GLMPI)

DR. THOMISHIA “MISHI” BOOKER



DR. THOMISHIA “MISHI” BOOKER is a licensed therapist, author, and educator. She is the founder of **Hey Carter!**, a children’s brand focused on increasing representation and uplifting Black children, especially Black boys. Her brand has been featured in major outlets such as *Forbes*, Netflix, and The Today Show. She has authored 16 children’s books including her bestselling title ***Brown Boy Joy***. Dr. Booker earned a Master’s in Social Work and a Doctorate in Education Counseling Psychology. She is a licensed therapist and began her career working in early childhood mental health managing 0-5 programs in San Jose where she grew up. She has experience providing mental health services in a variety of settings including schools, private practice, and healthcare. She currently works in a Level 1 trauma center as the Director of Outpatient Programs. Dr. Booker supports schools to decolonize educational spaces to ensure Black children have access to culturally relevant curriculum and pedagogy. Thomishia is passionate about loving and protecting Black children.



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.



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 19th 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: 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.

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

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

ONLINE REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

The fastest and easiest way to confirm attendance is online: <https://tinyurl.com/bp9dt4e5>

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 6, 2024**.*
- *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.



www.aben4ace.org

— SUMMER INSTITUTE REGISTRATION —

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/bp9dt4e5>

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 6, 2024)

_____ \$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 6, 2024.
- No other email, fax or phone registrations will be accepted.
- Please make check or money order payable to: **ABEN**

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

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