



CUSAG

The Cultural Systems Analysis Group

Community Action Anthropology

The 4th University-Community Dialogues on Critical Social Justice & Community Health Issues: “Local Responses to the African American Incarceration Epidemic”

Co-Sponsors: University of Maryland-HBCU Scholarship Fund and the Nyumburu Cultural Center

November 19, 2015, 1-4:30 pm

Location: Nyumburu’s Multipurpose Room, University of Maryland, College Park

The University-Community Dialogue integrates three of the post-retirement projects initiated by University of Maryland Anthropology Professor Emeritus and CuSAG Director, Dr. Tony Whitehead. These include (1) a portion of the community research component of Whitehead’s *Applied Urban Ethnography* class; (2) a series of public forums on critical health or social justice issues; and (3) a fundraiser for the UMD-HBCU Graduate Mentoring Scholarship Fund.

Community research, or ethnographic fieldwork is the cornerstone of cultural anthropology. Each term the students in Dr. Whitehead’s ethnography class focus on a specific critical health or social issue, learn ethnographic methods for studying the issue, and then do fieldwork in a local community to learn how the issue is being addressed by various service organizations. The topic for the current Dialogues is the *African American Incarceration Epidemic*, which basically refers to not only the disproportionate impact of the US mass incarceration on the life course of African American individuals; but also on black families and communities. https://s3.amazonaws.com/btr.shows/show/7/958/show_7958039.mp3. The U-C Dialogues were created to complement students’ fieldwork efforts. This event also provides an opportunity for organizations to recruit students for volunteer and internship possibilities.

*The Dialogues are free and open to the public. But donations to the UMD-HBCU Scholarship Fund would be greatly appreciated. Anthropologically themed T-shirts are available for donations of \$30 or more. See <http://tony-whitehead.squarespace.com/donations> for donation information and to view T-shirts. Those looking for opportunities for end of the year tax deductions might also consider the Fund for donations larger than \$30.

- 1:00-1:30pm Welcome, Introductions, and Introduction to Program Format
- 1:30- 1:50 pm Local Responses to the African American Incarceration Epidemic
- 1:50-2:10pm Organizing of Dialogue Topics and Formation of Groups.
- 2:10-2:40pm Group Dialogues
- 2:40-2:50pm Break
- 2:50-3:20pm Groups Organize Dialogues for Presentation to Full Body
- 3:20-4:00pm Groups Present to Full Body
- 4:00-4:20pm Now What? Full Body Dialogue
- 4:20-4:30pm Closing of Dialogues
- *5:00-8:00pm Dr. Whitehead’s Birthday Celebration and Donors’ Dinner.** Those making donations to the UMD-HBCU Scholarship Fund are invited to join Dr. Whitehead and his family at the Hyattsville, MD Common Restaurant; but [must register online no later than November 17](#). Guests are expected to pay for their own dinners.