



Welcome to the SDSU Department of Africana Studies

# 50th Anniversary Symposium

**8:00 - 8:50 am**

**Continental Breakfast, 3rd Floor Terrace**

**9:00-9:10 am**

**Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Dr. Sureshi M. Jayawardene,  
Symposium Chair

Dr. Adisa A. Alkebulan, Chair,  
Department of Africana Studies

**9:15 - 10:30 am**

**Panel 1: Africana Art and Activism**

Dr. Ronald Williams II  
Professor Shellie Stamps

Dr. Anthony Merritt  
Dr. Daniela Gomes

**Moderator:** Dr. Charmane Perry

**10:45 - 12:00 pm**

**Panel 2: Africana Science and Tech**

Dr. Danielle Wallace  
Dr. Jennifer Williams  
Professor Ajani Brown

**Moderator:** Dr. Taharka Ade

**12:15 - 1:45 pm**

**Keynote Luncheon:**

“Triple Fronts out of the Emergence  
of Africana Studies: Afro-futurism,  
Gender Studies, and the Humanity  
of Afrocentricity”

**Speaker:** Dr. Molefi K. Asante

**Lunch:**

**Courtyard**

**2:00 - 3:15 pm**

**Panel 3: Intellectual and  
Research Innovations**

Dr. Serie McDougal III

Dr. T. Hasan Johnson

Dr. Damariyé L. Smith

Dr. Antwanisha Alameen-Shavers

**Moderator:** Dr. Brandon Gamble

**3:30 - 4:45 pm**

**Panel 4: AFRAS Alumni**

Dr. Kamala Gipson-McElroy

Dr. Larry Brown

LaQuana Williams

Trimaine Davis

**Moderator:** Dr. Priscilla Ocen

**5:00 pm**

**Closing Remarks**

Dr. Charles Toombs, former Chair,  
Department of Africana Studies  
(1999-2001; 2013-2019);

President, California Faculty Association

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