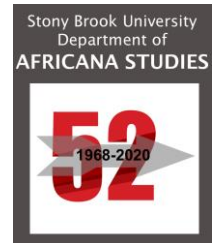


# AFRICANA STUDIES FALL 2020



September 1, 2020

## CONGRATULATIONS

To the Africana Studies Class of 2020. Dr. Zebulon Miletsky put together a zoom graduation for our beloved students and we, the staff and faculty all helped!

Please enjoy the you tube show at

<https://youtu.be/Pv6Hu1jxcfc>

Shout out to William Johnson, Jr. who received his MA in AFS in May, 2020



*The campus is waiting for us to return*

## WELCOME TO AFRICANA STUDIES

We have been working from home, teaching on zoom, staying in touch with each other and with our students. Ann Berrios, 631 632 7470, [Ann.Berrios@stonybrook.edu](mailto:Ann.Berrios@stonybrook.edu), will be in Monday-Friday, 10:00AM-2:00PM and reachable by phone and email at other times



### Faculty activities and Awards

At a Stony Brook Town Hall, **Dr. Abena Asare** reflected on the death of George Floyd. Listen to her talk at <https://abenaasare.net/2020/06/19/reflections-at-stony-brook-university-town-hall-june-18-2020/>



On Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, **Dr. Tracey L. Walters** gave the opening address of the Stony Brook Town Hall entitled The Global Dimensions of Black Lives Matter! Where do we go from here? Panelists included faculty from Africana Studies, English, History, Sociology and the President's Office for Diversity.



Dr. Zebulon Miletsky was awarded the \$5,000 teaching fellowship from the HistoryMakers for 2020 entitled "Innovations in Pedagogy". This award is funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. TheHistoryMakers is the largest oral video African American history collection. Visit



[Thehistorymakers.org](http://Thehistorymakers.org) to learn more.

**Dr. Shimelis Gulema** received the **Andrew Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship** allowing him conduct research in South Africa during the summer of 2021.

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*Welcome Dr. George Aumoithe, Assistant Professor, Global Studies*

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### **DR. GEORGE AUMOITHE**

Dr. George Aumoithe is an Assistant Professor of Global Health. He earned his Ph.D. from Columbia University in 2018 and completed postdoctoral training in legal history at Princeton University in 2020. Dr. Aumoithe's research focuses on the effect of anti-inflationary economic policy and colorblind legal ideology on public hospitals. His research interests engage problems in political economy, social welfare policy, public health, curative medicine, and epidemic preparedness. In 2019, Dr. Aumoithe organized a national conference called [Law, Difference, and Healthcare: Making Sense of Structural Racism in Medico-Legal History](#). He directs the inaugural Global Health and Health Inequality Mapping Lab in Africana Studies. Dr. Aumoithe is currently completing a book manuscript tentatively titled *Medical Scarcity: The Political Economy of Healthcare Rights in America*. In Fall 2020, he teaches AFS 381 / WST 381 "AIDS, Race, and Gender in the Black Community."

### **THE DOROTHY HURLEY FELLOWSHIP**

Congratulations to two recipients of the Dorothy Hurley Fellowship: Ms. Mary Seymour and Ms. Alliyah Dookie who have just begun their journey to the AFS Masters degree. We wish them well.

### **THE AFRICANA STUDIES BLACK LIVES MATTER BLOG:**

Have you been to a demonstration in honor of Black Lives Matter and have photos to share? You can be part of our photo blog! To submit your shots, please go to: <https://you.stonybrook.edu/afsbml/>

### **THE AFRICANA STUDIES ON ZOOM:**

Africana Studies classes are on zoom. Special lectures will be as well so please stay posted! Stay safe, stay well and take care with all.



**John Lewis**  
**1940-2020**