



DAY 2 AGENDA PROGRAM TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026 | 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AMONG AFRICAN POPULATIONS: CIS IN PRACTICE

LOCATION: ROOM 612, CARL R. WOESE INSTITUTE FOR GENOMIC BIOLOGY (IGB) (1206 W. GREGORY DR., CHAMPAIGN)

Moderator: Jenny Davis PhD, Associate Professor- Department of Anthropology and American Indian Studies. Director for American Indian Studies Program, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Time: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM | Format: In-person. Recording Live Talks

9:10 – 10:40 AM |

Taiye Winful, PhD – Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Title: Utilizing Stress Narratives to Examine the Etiology of Inflammatory Responses: A Biocultural Study of Embodiment and Salivary C-Reactive Protein in Nigeria

Anne Namatsi Lutomia, PhD – Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for Indigenous Science
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Title: Attaining SDG5: Bridging the Gender Digital Divide Using Analog and Digital Technologies in Rural Kenya

Esther Ndumi Ngumbi, PhD – Assistant Professor, Department of Entomology and African American Studies
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Title: Co-Creating Knowledge and addressing pressing challenges in Agriculture on the Kenyan Coast: Reflections from Partnering with Farmers

10:40 – 10:45 AM | Break

10:45 – 11:45 AM |

LaKisha David, PhD – Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Title: Community-Collaborative Genetic Genealogy: Reconstructing Extended Families between Kassena Communities in Ghana and the African Diaspora

Carter Clinton, PhD – Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences
North Carolina State University

Title: Sacred Ground, Shared Futures: Community Stewardship and the Hillsborough Legacy Project
Questions and answer session after the talks.

Q & A Session

11:45 – 12:00 PM | Break

12:00 – 12:55 PM | Keynote Address

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ambroise Wonkam, MD, PhD, DMSc – Medicine Henry J. Knott Genetic Medicine Professor & Director, McKusick-Nathans Institute & Department of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Title: Harnessing African Genomic Variation to Understand Human Evolution and Improve Health Globally

Q & A Session

12:55 – 1:00 PM | Closing Remarks: Ripan S Malhi, PhD – Professor, Department of Anthropology & Director of Center for Indigenous Science

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