Join us for a Social Justice Initiative Mellon Project Event

Science, Sexuality and (In)Security

Friday, February 28th, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Art Annex, UC Davis Campus

This roundtable event will focus on emergent ethical concerns around race/ethnicity, reproductive technologies, and the production of national ontological insecurities. The dialogue will center on how "New" racism and sexism, and "Old" homophobia manifest in the 21st century to regulate and contain sexual and reproductive freedom and mobility.

Program Outline
9 am  Arrival - Coffee and Tea
9:30 am  Opening Remarks and Introductions
10 am  Roundtable 1
11:45 am  Roundtable 2
1:15 pm  Lunch Break
2:15 pm  UC Davis Initiatives and Research
3:15 pm  Presenter’s Responses: Implications for Research, Policy, Future Directions
3:45 pm  Final Remarks and Close

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Amina Mama is a Professor WGS at UC Davis, is a Nigerian-British researcher, scholar and feminist who has lived and worked in various European and African tertiary institutions, developing transformative research and pedagogic methodologies. She serves as editor of the gender studies journal Feminist Africa.


Lisa C. Ikemoto is on the faculty at University of California-Davis School of Law, a Bioethics Associate of the U.C. Davis Health System Bioethics Program, and a Faculty Associate of the U.C. Davis Center for Science and Innovation Studies. Her research areas include reproductive and genetic technology uses, health care disparities, and public health law.

Kim TallBear is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin. Her current research project is “Constituting Knowledge across Cultures of Expertise and Tradition: Indigenous Bio-scientists.” She is the author of Native American DNA: Tribal Belonging and the False Promise of Genetic Science (University of Minnesota Press, 2013).

Elena R. Gutiérrez is an Associate Professor in Gender and Women’s Studies and Latin American and Latino Studies at the University of Illinois, Chicago and a Visiting Researcher at the Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice at the UC Berkeley. She is the author of Fertile Matters: The Politics of Mexican origin Women’s Reproduction (University of Texas Press, 2008).

Camisha Russell is a UC President’s Postdoctoral Fellow at UC Irvine. Her dissertation, The Assisted Reproduction of Race: Thinking Through Race as a Reproductive Technology, which she is currently revising for publication, explores the role of race and racial identity in the ideas and practices surrounding assisted reproductive technologies.