

# National Council for Black Studies, Inc.

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## Call for Papers

2015 Conference Theme: Black Studies Praxis:  
Reaffirming Its Emancipatory Mission From Local to Global Spaces

**March 11-14, 2015**

The Westin Los Angeles Airport  
5400 West Century Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90045



The National Council for Black Studies, Inc. (39<sup>th</sup> annual conference) is accepting abstracts for individual paper, poster, panel, session, roundtable discussion, workshop, town-hall meeting that explore the Black experience locally, nationally, and/or globally from a variety of perspectives. Of particular interest are presentations that comparatively explore these experiences, as well as those that examine the discipline of Africana/Black Studies using multi-layered frameworks and methodologies. Papers that incorporate various combinations of race/nationality, class, gender, and sexuality, through the lens of but not limited to Afrocentric, cross and multicultural, diasporic, feminist, post-colonial, post-modernist or transnational interpretative schemes are welcomed. Send a 150-400 word abstract for a panel (one for the panel subject and one for each panelist), and/or individual paper and poster presentations. For roundtable discussions submit a 500 word abstract that explores the discussion topic.

- For questions and support on abstract submission e-mail: [adrienne.sedgwick@uc.edu](mailto:adrienne.sedgwick@uc.edu)
- Send your abstract to: <http://convention2.allacademic.com/one/ncbs/ncbs15/>
- To register for the conference go to: [http://www.ncbsonline.org/conference\\_registration1](http://www.ncbsonline.org/conference_registration1)

**Local 2015 Conference Host Committee:**

- Department of Africana Studies: California State University, Northridge
- Department of African American Studies: University of California, Los Angeles
- Department of African American Studies: Loyola Marymount University
- Africana Studies Department: California State University, Dominguez Hills
- Department of African American Studies: California State University, Long Beach
- Department of Pan-African Studies: California State University, Los Angeles

The National Council for Black Studies (NCBS) is the leading organization of Africology professionals in the world. For more than 30 years its members have been at the forefront of driving the development of Africology (Black Studies/Africana Studies) as a respected academic discipline, committed to putting theory into practice which has led it being on the front lines of community issues throughout the African Diaspora centered in a guiding philosophy that advocates that education should engender both academic excellence and social responsibility. NCBS members include top scholars, community leaders and students focused on a variety of issues related to the African world community. NCBS thus supports their efforts by working steadfastly to:

- Establish standards of excellence and provide development guidance for Black Studies programs in institutions of higher learning
- Facilitate the recruitment of Black scholars at all levels
- Promote scholarly Afrocentric research on all aspects of the African world experience and make this information more accessible to the general public
- Assist in the creation of multi-cultural education programs and materials for K-12 schools
- Provide professional advice to policy makers in education, government and community development

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Moreover, NCBS was established in 1975 by African American scholars who recognized the need to formalize the study of the African world experience, as well as expand and strengthen academic units and community programs devoted to this endeavor.

NCBS was formed out of the substantial need for a national stabilizing force in the developing discipline of Africology (Africana/Black Studies). Hence, the roots of the organization run deep in the evolutionary growth of the discipline of Africology given that the organization was formed only seven years after the establishment of the first Black Studies program in the United States. Today, the purpose of the NCBS is multidimensional and the scope of its functioning is quite broad in its commitment to academic excellence and social responsibility.

NCBS offers six membership type options. Whether you are a department chair, faculty member, student, non-academic or community supporter, there is a membership level that offers the benefits you want and the support you need. For the membership options, go to: [http://www.ncbsonline.org/membership\\_types\\_\\_rates](http://www.ncbsonline.org/membership_types__rates).

