

IN HONOR OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Alameda County Behavioral Health Department Division of Health Equity
In Partnership with the San Mateo County African American Community Initiative

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BLACK DON'T CRACK?

Dispelling the Myth, Uplifting Excellence,
Mental Health and Wellness in the African American Community

Friday, FEBRUARY 24, 2023 | 10am – 12pm | Via Zoom



Keynote Speaker, Dr. Wade Nobles

PANELISTS INCLUDE:

Dr. Karyn Tribble, Director ACBH • Kimi Watkins-Tartt, Director ACDPH

Dr. Angela Coombs, Psychiatrist, ACBH

Dr. Wade Nobles, Psychologist/Educator/Author

Dr. Khalid White, Educator/ Entrepreneur

Ken Jones, PEER Mentor, San Mateo County

Shuja Johnson, Executive Director, Black Men Speak

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Dr. Wade W. Nobles is considered one of the leading architects in the development of the discipline of Black psychology in the USA. He is co-founder and Past President of the Association of Black Psychologists; the founder and former Executive Director of the Institute for the Advanced Study of Black Family, Life and Culture, Inc.; a full, tenured professor Emeritus (retired) in the Department of Africana (Black) Studies, at San Francisco State University; and one of the leading architects in the African centered educational movement. Dr. Nobles is the author of over one hundred (100) articles, chapters, research reports and books; the co-author of the seminal article in Black Psychology, ***Voodoo or IQ: An Introduction to African Psychology*** and the author of ***Seeking the Sakhu: Foundational Writings in African Psychology***, an anthology of over thirty years of African centered research and scholarship. His most recent publication, ***The Island of Memes: Haiti's Unfinished Revolution*** (2015) is a radical blending of Black Psychology and African centered historiography. Dr. Nobles served as senior lead author of the Alameda County Behavioral Health Services' **Research and Planning Design Initiative for an African American Wellness HUB Complex**. Dr. Nobles' professional career, as a teacher, researcher, academician, and scholar has been a consistent and formal engagement in the on-going theoretical development and programmatic application of African (Black) psychology, African centered thought, and cultural grounded scholarship to address the liberation and restoration of the African mind and world-wide development of African people.



Dr. Karyn Tribble has over 25 years of experience in the behavioral health field and is an experienced and dynamic administrator. She currently serves as the Alameda County Director of Behavioral Health Care Services and is responsible for the oversight and provision of related services to the culturally, ethnically, and linguistically diverse residents of Alameda County. Prior to her current position, Dr. Tribble served as the Chief Administrative Officer of Behavioral Health Services for Alameda Health System. She has held a number of other roles in the behavioral health field across the Bay Area and on the East Coast. Dr. Tribble has also held leadership roles in the San Francisco and East Bay Areas, including executive leadership in health care settings and local government, and in forensic, public health, and community-based organizations serving individuals across the lifespan. Dr. Tribble holds a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Psychology from Howard University in Washington D.C.; a Master's degree in Social Services from Bryn Mawr College; and a Master's degree and Doctor of Psychology degree in Clinical Psychology both from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is also a California Licensed Clinical Social Worker.



Damon Shuja Johnson is the Executive Director of Black Men Speak. He is a returning Family Member, who was formerly incarcerated. He has been home now for 3 years after serving 34 years, in California's Prison Industrial Complex. He is known as brother Shuja and advocates for the health and wellness of Oakland. He supports his community by giving resources, and strength, building relationships, and acquiring skills to enhance my community's ability to foster healing from trauma, stigma, and discrimination faced by men and women of color.

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Ken Jones is a San Francisco/Daly City native, dedicated Father of two, and works for the County of San Mateo Reentry program as a Peer Mentor. After being formerly incarcerated in the penal system in two different states, he has devoted his life to supporting those in need. Ken was a lead counselor/case manager in a nonprofit residential treatment facility working specifically dealing with co-occurring community. Not only has he helped to bridge the gap from incarceration to society, but he is also an active participant in the recovery community for over 18 years.



Dr. Khalid White (He/Him/His) is an award-winner in the fields of Education, Film and Literature. A career educator, Khalid began educating California's youth and young adults in 2004. Presently, he is an African American Studies Professor at San Jose City College, located in the heart of California's Silicon Valley. As an entrepreneur, Khalid owns the multi-media company Blkmpwr (Black Empower), LLC. www.blkmpwr.com. The company focuses on education, empowerment, and equity. A proud HBCU alum and CA Community College advocate, Khalid is a co-founder of the Pipelines to Possibilities (P2P) program, connecting the two systems of higher education to increase faculty diversity. <https://pipelines2possibilities.org>. Khalid continues to serve in the intersections of education, public health, and community, advancing equity, inclusion, and social justice.



Dr. Angela Coombs serves as the new Associate Medical Director at Alameda County Behavioral Health where she works administratively in the office of the medical director and clinically at Oakland Community Support Center in East Oakland. Prior to joining the county, she served as the Medical Director at ONTrackNY's Washington Heights/ Columbia University site, a first-episode psychosis program serving transition age youth. She is passionate about addressing mental health disparities facing marginalized and minoritized communities and improving workforce diversity.



Kimi Watkins-Tartt serves as Director of the Alameda County Public Health Department. In this capacity she is responsible for providing overall direction, planning and organization of the programs and operations of the Public Health Department. Ms. Watkins-Tartt has worked for over 25 years within the local public health community and brings a wealth of experience in public health administration, policy development, as well as community health planning and coordination. Ms. Watkins-Tartt has a long-standing passion and commitment to health equity and social justice. She is a founding member and current Co-Chair for the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative (BARHII) and serves as Vice Chair of the Health Equity and Social Justice Committee of the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO).