Have you heard? The Institute on Black Life is celebrating an important milestone. As of 2016, we have been a part of the USF community for thirty years! Founded, developed and nurtured by Dr. Juel Smith, IBL has thrived as a center of knowledge and scholarship. There have been numerous innovative initiatives and collaborative projects over the years. Honoring brilliant minds, IBL has welcomed national and international scholars to USF. In the name of global engagement, IBL has sponsored faculty trips to conferences in African countries and worked collaboratively with colleagues in African universities to establish global relationships. Locally, IBL has supported community-based projects that address a range of critical issues. We are very appreciative of our community supporters! In the name of student success, IBL has maintained a robust scholarship program that awards at least 10 scholarships each year. Indeed, IBL has witnessed profound changes over the years, but change has been transformative. In 2009 we formed a closer partnership with the Department of Africana Studies, embracing an interdisciplinary body of faculty members who would become the core IBL advisory committee. Now in 2016, we are very excited to be a part of the new School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies. As we continue to evolve, IBL maintains its mission to engage local, national and international communities in conversation on issues related to Africa and its amazingly complex diaspora. Join us in the fall as we celebrate IBL’s 30th anniversary and move forward with a bold vision for greater achievement as a global research center.

Cheryl R. Rodriguez, Ph.D., Director IBL
USF faculty, students, staff and community members presented sessions and interactive learning experiences that underscored the importance of collaboratively building knowledge as a tool for social change.

Activists have visions and dreams of the world as it should be. They also have the courage to engage in struggle so that those visions and dreams may eventually become realities for all. With this conference, IBL explored the intersection of teaching, research, service and activism and the meaning of this intersection for faculty, students and the community.

KEYNOTE:
Bianca Williams, Ph.D.
University of Colorado, Boulder
Creating Our Own Sanctuary: Scholar-Activism in the Era of #BlackLivesMatter

Dr. Williams spoke about the relationships between her public activism, her pedagogical practices and her identity as a faculty member. The investigative thread that binds these components is the question: “How do Black people develop strategies for enduring and resisting the effects of racism and sexism, while attempting to maintain emotional wellness?”

Williams is a Black feminist anthropologist and Associate Professor in the Ethnic Studies Department at UC, Boulder. She is a contributor to the blog, “Savage Minds”.

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2016 USF Institute on Black Life Symposium
USF undergraduate and graduate students participated in the 2016 conference poster session and workshops

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With appreciation and gratitude to all who participated in the IBL 2016 annual symposium

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- **Susan Greenbaum, Ph.D.,** Professor Emerita of Anthropology USF and founding Director of the Office of Community Engagement & Partnerships
- **H. Roy Kaplan, Ph.D.,** USF Africana Studies
- **Marilyn Williams, M.A.**
- **Barbara Cruz, Ph.D.,** Professor, USF Department of Teaching and Learning
- **Nicholas Bardo - USF Graduate Assistant, Teaching & Learning**
- **Kevin Yelvington, Ph.D.,** Professor, USF Department of Anthropology
- **Kate E. Temoney, Ph.D.,** Visiting Instructor USF, Department of Religious Studies
- **Cecil Greek, Ph.D.,** Associate Professor, USF, Department of Sociology
- **Laurel Graham,** Associate Professor and Associate Chair, USF Department of Sociology
- **Jennifer Friedman** Associate Professor, USF Department of Sociology
- **Lena Young Green - Tampa Heights Civic Association**
- **Chloe Coney,** Director for US Rep. Kathy Castor, Florida District 14
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**IBL Advisory Committee Outstanding Faculty Service Award**

In recognition of extraordinary service in advancing the mission and goals of IBL and AFA, this annual award recognizes faculty members who demonstrate outstanding service, and assistance that goes above and beyond.

**Barbara Cruz, Ph.D., Teaching & Learning**
**Laurie Lahey, Ph.D., Africana Studies**
**Omotayo Jolaosho, Ph.D., Africana Studies**
Where a woman rules, streams run uphill. ~ Ethiopian proverb

Institute on Black Life Programs 2015-2016

The Institute on Black Life is actively engaged in a broad range of research projects, university-based events, and collaborative projects with organizations both at USF and in the greater Tampa Bay community. IBL programs include lectures by local, national and international scholars.
Throughout the year, IBL was engaged with a number of community-based issues and concerns. Local activists and residents held a forum to discuss Tampa Bay Express (TBX), a multibillion-dollar highway expansion project, held a forum on the USF campus, April 12th. Co-organizers of the forum were Cecil Greek, Associate Professor of Sociology, the USF Office of Community Engagement, and the Anthropology Graduate Student Organization. There was impressive representation from the faculty, graduate students and alumni. Panel members, Dr. Cheryl Rodriguez and Dr. Beverly Ward spoke to the very compellingly historic impacts of the original I-275 construction.

As members of the Hillsborough County Historical Advisory Council, Dr. Rodriguez and Elizabeth Dunham, provide historic and preservation research for the historic marker program of the BOCC. In 2016, markers will be installed in Carver City- Lincoln Gardens, Drew Field and the Central Avenue Historic District at St. Peter Claver School.

Train the Trainers Partnership with the Hillsborough County School District
Dr. Rodriguez and Dr. Kissi developed and facilitated training for 30 Hillsborough County Public Schools high school Social Studies teachers on the topics, History of Africa and the History of Africans in America & the Diaspora. Participants shared what they learned on the annual Hillsborough County Professional Study Day, 2015. The program will be offered again during Summer 2016.
In collaboration with colleagues at the University of Ghana, Dr. Cheryl Rodriguez completed a book on global Black feminisms. Additionally, she wrote an essay for an upcoming volume on Black anthropologists. She also presented papers at three national conferences and published the essay, “Mothering While Black” in *Transforming Anthropology*.

Dr. Edward Kissi continues his work as an internationally-recognized scholar of genocide studies. He has developed a genocide prevention principle for the African continent with specific regional human rights and genocide prevention policy suggestions. The principle and its policy proposals will be published in September 2016, in *African Security Review*.

As always, Dr. Laurie Lahey had an impressive year of teaching, scholarship and service. While she continued to teach her many and large classes with distinction, she also published a chapter in the edited volume, *Beyond Civil Rights*. Underscoring her scholarship on Black-Latino activism, Dr. Lahey presented a paper at the Latin American Studies Association Conference held in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Congratulations to Dr. Tayo Jolaosho for completing a very outstanding first year as a faculty member in the Department of Africana Studies! She played a major role in the IBL spring symposium by encouraging her class to contribute to the student poster session. Dr. Jolaosho was also awarded three USF grants to continue her research on protest songs in South Africa.

We are very proud of Dr. Kersuze Simeon-Jones for her successes in teaching and research. She received the 2015 Provost’s Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award. Also, her article, “Lost in Desirada: Who is Her Daughter’s Keeper,” was published in *Women’s Studies: An Inter-disciplinary Journal*.

Thank you to our Adjunct Instructors:
Dr. H. Roy Kaplan, Dr. Festus Ohaegbulam, Dr. Linda Tavernier-Almada, Khalianh Fleming, MA
Staff
Elizabeth L. Dunham, IBL Project Coordinator
Irina Rivera, AFA
Student Assistants
Jaida Pena, Victor Garcia
CONGRATULATIONS to the 2016 USF graduates - Bachelor of Arts in AFRICANA STUDIES

Kenneth Holland
Kai Halina Jones
Alexandra C. Parker (Cum Laude)
Daniel K. Schadrac (Cum Laude)

2016 USF Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences/Africana Studies/Communications
Shirah Israel

2016 USF Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Economics, Africana Studies
Courtney K. Pledge

Daniel Schadrac

Congratulations to Daniel Schadrac a Spring 2016 USF graduate with a B.A. in Africana Studies. In the Fall, Daniel will pursue a double Master’s degree, here at USF, in Social Work and Public health, concentrating in Maternal & Child Health. Daniel is the recipient of the 2016-2017 Catherine and John Lott Brown Endowed Minority Scholarship administered by the Institute on Black Life and the prestigious Delores Auzenne Fellowship.

Jaida Pena

Congratulations to Jaida a Spring 2016 USF graduate with a B.S. in Public Health and a minor in Maternal and Child Health. While attending USF, she was a member of the Maternal and Child Health Organization, SISTUHS Inc., and an associate of relentless dance troupe inc. Jaida worked for the Department of Africana Studies for three years. In the fall, she plans to attend a bridge program to become a midwife.
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Daniel Schadrac - *Social Work & Public Health MA program*

**Ruth and Jerry Bell Endowed Scholarship**

D’Shaun Adams - *Biomedical Sciences*

Amber Imeh - *Computer Engineering*

Amber Sena-Diaz - *Biomedical Sciences*

**Bright House Scholarship**

Rey Diaz - *Civil Engineering*

**Robert Louis Allen Endowed Scholarship**

Nelly Arenas - *Elementary Education*

**Ivory Club Endowed Scholarship**

Evangeline Aneke - *Public Health*

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