



The President's Corner—Alicia Gonzales, CSU San Marcos

It was an honor to organize last year's 2022 California Sociological annual conference in virtual form. Last year's theme was "Community Cultural Wealth." The conference was very well attended by many enthusiastic participants. Dr. Tara Yosso's keynote address was a huge success, bringing in a record number of participating members over the span of the past several years of virtual CSA conferences. It was a pleasure to have met so many of our CSA family, our faculty, undergraduate and graduate students, and supportive allies, you are the heart and magic of the CSA. I was fortunate to speak to many first time and continuing attendees who said they felt energized and motivated to align and incorporate a community cultural wealth perspective of social justice into their own research and teaching. This aligns with our CSA mission to stand for, affirm, and promote social justice through such experiential and intersectional knowledge in our research, teaching, and community service.

I am also very pleased to introduce to you our new CSA President-elect, Michael "Mike" Chavez, who is organizing this year's annual conference. Please join me in welcoming him at our annual conference this year. Mike brings great enthusiasm to our first much-awaited in-person conference since 2019. Our theme this year is "Academia and Praxis: The Labor and Obligations of Creating a More Just World." Our keynote speaker is the honorable Dr. Melina Abdullah, former chair of Pan-African Studies at California State University Los Angeles. She is a scholar and civic leader who co-founded the Los Angeles Black Lives Matter Grassroots movement. As a mover, shaker, and matriarch of the current Black Lives Matter Grassroots movement in Los Angeles, she brings a wealth of knowledge to our conference. Please join us for her keynote address this November.

The CSA council is excited for the upcoming 2023 CSA Annual Meeting and invites you to join us at the Sacramento Holiday Inn on November 3-4, 2023. We also invite all CSA members to organize sessions and present your work in one of our many open sessions. Please directly contact the session's organizer to submit a paper. The sessions and organizers are listed at: <https://cal-soc.org/2023-conference/>.

For program and session questions, contact our president-elect, Mike Chavez, at the following address: csaprogramchair2023@gmail.com. More information is also available on our website at: <https://cal-soc.org/>. We look forward to meeting you all in person again finally. You are so important.



The 2023 California Sociological Association Annual Meeting will be held on November 3-4, 2023 in Sacramento, CA at the Holiday Inn located at 300 J Street. For more information, please contact: Mike Chavez, Riverside City College (csaprogramchair2023@gmail.com)

Message from the President Elect and 2023 Program Chair **—Michael “Mike” Chavez, Riverside City College**

I would like to welcome you all to the 2023 annual meetings of the California Sociological Association. As your President-Elect, it is my privilege to share this year’s conference theme: “Academia and Praxis: The Labor and Obligations of Creating a More Just World.” As a budding sociologist in graduate school, I was introduced to the call for a public sociology that would center the necessary, but often lacking presence of the public intellectual. It certainly shaped my own career as a teacher and an activist and there is no doubt that the current state of things would benefit greatly from the work that we all do.

Perhaps no scholar embodies this spirit of justice, activism, and critical pedagogy than this year’s keynote speaker. Dr. Melina Abdullah. Dr. Abdullah is a mother, professor, and former chair of Pan African Studies at Cal State Los Angeles. As a womanist scholar-activist, her work both in and outside of the classroom uplifts the imperative of struggle for the liberation of oppressed people. In addition to authoring numerous scholarly articles and book chapters, she is a visionary leader, organizer, and one of the founders of the Black Lives Matter Grassroots movement. Her commitment to justice serves as a model for what authentic praxis can look like. I look forward to her talk and sharing with us her experience and wisdom.

This year’s conference will be our first meeting in-person since 2019. Please join us at the Sacramento Holiday Inn on November 3-4, 2023. As we come back together as sociologists devoted to advancing our field and please consider submitting to one of our great sessions. More information is available on our website: <https://cal-soc.org>.

See you in Sacramento!

Odds and Ends

- Please visit the California Sociological Association on Facebook.
- Is your department doing something especially well—receiving awards, preparing students for employment or graduate study, promoting research skills, or service learning? Please let the rest of us know by contacting J. Vern Cromartie (j_vern_cromartie@yahoo.com).

Conference Hotel

The 2023 CSA Conference, also known as the 2023 CSA Annual Meeting, will be held in person, at the Sacramento Holiday Inn Downtown-Arena. This is a nice location and the same place we used for several years before the pandemic. To help us meet our contract obligations with the hotel, please book your room by calling 1-916- 446-0100 or this site: <https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/find-hotels/select-roomrate?>

Student Awards

We continue our tradition of offering student awards for community college, undergraduate, and graduate students. Faculty -- please consider nominating your best student. For more information, go to this site: <https://cal-soc.org/awards/>

Student Stipend

We have received a generous donation to cover conference registration and membership. Students that apply for the stipend and attend the conference will be reimbursed for their fees after the completion of the conference. More information will be posted on the conference webpage at this site: <https://cal-soc.org/2023-conference/>

Message from the Executive Director, —Tim Kubal, Fresno State University

Since its origins in 1990, the California Sociological Association has provided a forum for faculty to unite and exchange ideas. The association began with the belief that we benefit from working together and sharing sociological thinking about California and beyond. The CSA has been especially successful in providing a relatively small forum that facilitates positive and encouraging interpersonal communication. The CSA welcomes involvement of teachers, applied sociologists, and students throughout California, including UC, CSU, community colleges, and private institutions. The CSA also provides a forum to unite allied disciplines in the social sciences around a shared interest in thinking sociologically. The CSA has greatly benefited from the efforts of diverse people, and our future depends on everyone's continued involvement.

This year will be especially important as we revive our tradition of in-person meetings after two years of online meetings during the pandemic. I look forward to an enlightening conference filled with lively sessions. I especially encourage everyone to attend the keynote speaker on Friday night, and remind you that conference registration fees for presenters and session organizers include a buffet dinner during the keynote ceremony. The menu includes meat and fish, as well as vegetarian and vegan options, along with a cash bar. The keynote speaker will fill our minds with thoughtful and provocative ideas that will hopefully spill into ongoing discussion throughout the night and the following day. The conference would not be possible without the dedicated team of volunteers who serve as the governing council for the CSA, as well as all the other people that serve as session organizers, presenters, and audience. Thank you.

Conference Webpage and Social Media

- The 2023 conference webpage is as follows: <https://cal-soc.org/2023-conference/>
- The CSA is on social media -- please follow, like, post and share.
- Instagram: @CSAMembership
<https://www.instagram.com/csamembership/>
- Twitter: @CSAMembership
<https://twitter.com/csamembership>
- Facebook: @California Sociological Association
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CSA Seeking New Executive Director

The CSA Governing Council announces an opening for a new Executive Director of the CSA. If you are interested, please contact Alicia Gonzales at the following email address: CSAPresident2023@gmail.com .



CSA 2023 Keynote Speaker



Dr. Melina Abdullah on “Academia and Praxis: The Labor and Obligations of Creating a More Just World”

Dr. Tara Yosso Melina Abdullah is Professor and former Chair of Pan-African Studies at California State University Los Angeles. She earned her Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of Southern California in Political Science and her B.A. from Howard University in African American Studies. She was appointed to the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission in 2014 and is a recognized expert on race, gender, class, and social movements. Abdullah is the author of numerous articles and book chapters, with subjects ranging from political coalition building to womanist mothering.

Professor Abdullah is a womanist scholar-activist—understanding the role that she plays in the academy as intrinsically linked to broader struggles for the liberation of oppressed people. Professor Abdullah is a leader in the fight for Ethnic Studies in the K-12 and university systems and was a part of the historic victory that made Ethnic Studies a requirement in the Los Angeles Unified School District. She was among the original group of organizers that convened to form Black Lives Matter and continues to serve as a Los Angeles chapter lead and contributes to the national leadership. She is co-host and co-producer of the weekly radio program *Beautiful Struggle*, which airs on KPFK, part of the Pacifica radio network. Dr. Abdullah also serves on boards for the Black Community, Clergy and Labor Alliance (BCCLA), California Faculty Association-Los Angeles, Los Angeles African American Women’s Public Policy Institute, Los Angeles Community Action Network (LA-CAN), National Association for Ethnic Studies, Reverence-Wellness Salon, and Strategic Concepts in Organizing and Policy Education (SCOPE).

Melina is the recipient of many awards, most recently the 2016 Racial Justice Award presented by the YWCA, the 2016 Fannie Lou Hamer Award for outstanding community service presented by the Coalition of Mental Health Professionals, 2016 Fannie Lou Hamer Award presented by the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, 2016 Sacred Sistahs Award, 2016 California Teachers Association Human Rights Award, 2016 BCCLA Ella Baker Award, 2015 Freedom Now Award, and the 2015 Communitas Award. She was recognized by *LA Weekly* as one of the 10 most influential Los Angeles leaders, “Urban Girl of the Year” by 2UrbanGirls, and one of the 15 “Fiercest Sisters” of 2015 by *Fierce*. She has appeared on MSNBC, CNN, TV One, ABC, PBS, KTLA, KCET, BET, Free Speech TV, and Al-Jazeera, and is featured in the films *13th*, *When Justice Isn’t Just*, and *Justice or Else*. Melina is originally from Oakland, California. She is a single “soccer mama” of three children and resides in Mid-City Los Angeles.

Call for Papers (Presentations) and Call for Student Award Nominees

California Sociological Association Annual Meeting

**Theme: “Academia and Praxis: The Labor and Obligations
of Creating a More Just World”**

Location: Holiday Day Inn, 300 J Street, Sacramento, CA

Date: November 3-4, 2023

To present at the conference, begin by finding a session in the list below that best represents the topic of your research, and emailing your proposed presentation title (and abstract/paper if available) to the relevant session organizer.

Undergraduate Students should present in either the “student session” or the “undergraduate student session.”

You will find the list of sessions on pages 6-9. Other questions related to the conference or the CSA can be answered by Dr. Tim Kubal, our executive director. He can be reached at: tkubal@csufresno.edu

Please consider submitting nominations for our student awards. We continue to sponsor a community college student award, an undergraduate student award, and a graduate student award. Winners receive a monetary gift and plaque, and will be announced at the awards ceremony during the virtual conference. See more details here <https://cal-soc.org/awards/>.

Send papers or abstracts to an organizer listed on the following pages. Please do not send the same paper or abstract to multiple session organizers. The deadline is October 15, 2023.

Please copy and distribute.



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Editor's Corner—J. Vern Cromartie, Contra Costa College

Remembering Zahieb Mwongozi

On June 19, 2023, I attended the funeral of Zahieb Mwongozi (aka Craig L. Erving, Rev. Craig Erving, Craig 17X, and Ali Baba). It was held on Monday, June 19, 2023 at Mount Olive Christian Deliverance Center in Oakland, California at 2000 40th Avenue. After the funeral, the committal service and burial took place in Rolling Hills Memorial Park. It is a cemetery located in Richmond, California at 4100 Hilltop Drive.

Zahieb, a native of Oakland, was a dear friend of mine since 1981 when he performed the lead role in Marvin X's play *In the Name of Love*. I wrote a review of the play for the *Grassroots: Berkeley's Community Newspaper* in Berkeley, California wherein I said that Zahieb delivered an outstanding performance and reminded me of a young Glynn Turman. Zahieb was truly a renaissance man who made outstanding contributions as an actor, poet, musician, recording artist, journalist, African dancer, paralegal, ordained minister, and instructional assistant. For example, Zahieb was the author of a wonderful collection of poetry titled *Waterpipe Dreams*; founder of Beacon Community Outreach as a ministry of the Universal Life Church; founder of Beacon Family and Community Law Advocates; founder of Imperative Media Matrix; and founder of Imperative Records. Under the aegis of Imperative Media Matrix, Zahieb published an online journal of poetry named *The Poet's Bench*.

As he engaged in many other interests, Zahieb also served a stint as an instructional assistant to me in the Sociology Department at Contra Costa College. In addition, Zahieb was a griot of the Hip Hop Movement who knew intimate details about its history and served as one of the primary interviewees for the 2018 article I wrote regarding that social movement for *Africology: The Journal of Pan African Studies*. If there is one word that reflects the essence of my dearly departed friend Zahieb, it is "self-determination." Zahieb will be sorely missed by his friends, clients, and family—especially his two daughters who he loved deeply.



Editor's Note: This photograph shows Zahieb Mwongozi sitting in the Oakland Museum on the replica wicker chair throne of Huey P. Newton during a 2016 exhibit on the Black Panther Party.

Salaam Zahieb Mwongozi Salaam

you said As-Salaam-Alaikum
and i said Wa-Alaikum-Salaam

with those words
we walked into the lives
of each other
with a call and response
inspired by Malcolm X
and became brothers
even though you
were born in Oakland, California
deep in Panther land
and i was born in Screven, Georgia
deep in Geechee land

on the poet's bench
i heard your thunderclaps
and you heard mine
i had my red sun songs
and you had your waterpipe dreams

on the poet's bench
we sat together
and heard the Black bird
sing

on the poet's bench
we sat together
and saw the Black bird
sing

on the poet's bench
we sat together
and saw the Black bird
say Black man listen

on the poet's bench
we listened to the ancient rhythms
of Africa touching us deep in our poetic souls

on the poet's bench
we often talked about what we learned
from the Black bird

on the poet's bench
we often talked about the Black bird
named Marvin X being a Jegna
in our lives

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on the poet's bench
we often talked about a sage
named Kokavulu Lumukanda
being a Jegna
in our lives

on the poet's bench
we often talked about a sage
named Fritz Pointer
being a Jegna
in our lives

on the poet's bench
we talked about our differences
with Marvin X, Kokavulu Lumukanda,
and Fritz Pointer
as well as our profound love
for all three Black men as Jegnooch

on the poet's bench
we talked about the power and soul
of your brother Rudi's song
called *Faith and Deeds*

on the poet's bench
we talked about the power and soul
of your brother Rudi's song
called *God is On Our Side*

on the poet's bench
we talked about our October lives
as soul brothers
and we helped each other
in the good times
and the bad times

my brother
i will never forget your laughter
and your booming voice

my brother
i will never forget your smile
and your beaming face

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my brother
i will never forget the coolness
of your walk because you were
one of the super cool
double cool
triple cool Black men
Haki Madhubuti talked about
when he told us to think Black

on the poet's bench
you wrote poems with thunderclaps
that rose high above the flux
and high above the cloudbursts
over Oakland

on the poet's bench
you told us how
the Black Panther Party fed you
as a child and Oakland was in your soul
you even once wrote that Huey P. Newton
died for our sins

on the poet's bench
you told us how the Prophet Muhammad
inspired you to marry the widows
and adopt the orphans

all of that was you
with your big heart
on the poet's bench

you are now gone
to what our beloved Gil Scott-Heron
called the other side
but you will never
be forgotten

i salute your spirit with Amen,
Ashe, Hotep, As-Salaam-Alaikum,
and Wa-Alaikum-Salaam

rest in peace my dear brother
rest in peace my dear brother
rest in peace my dear brother.

--J. Vern Cromartie
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