Gertrude B. Lemle Teaching and Scholarship Center
Director’s Report

The following is a summary of the programming events for the Center during the 2021-2022 academic year. The center’s new name and expansion of purview was reflected in the attempt to balance pedagogically oriented panels with spotlighting the scholarship of Oberlin faculty. The events are divided between Fall and Spring semester scheduled events. The events on average attracted 10-15 participants with Dr. Renee Romano’s February 24th event attracting 60-70 participants. The attendance patterns reflected great interest by faculty in research based discussions and issues around race in the classroom. New faculty were engaged by the panels presented during New Faculty Orientation on “Syllabus Construction” and “National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity”. For 2022-2023 academic year the Center will continue its regular monthly lunch presentations balancing between teaching interests and faculty research. The Center will continue to collaborate with Dr. Sabriya Rosemond of HHMI, reestablishing the Lemle Center Fellows in conjunction with the DARTs. Goals for 2022-2023 include inviting guest speakers in collaboration College departments, organizing a symposia within the GLCA and increased attention to faculty/staff scholarship.

Fall 2021

**Title: “NCFDD Workshop” New Faculty Orientation**
**Date:** August 31, 2021  
**Panelists:** Amanda Schmidt (Geology), Elizabeth Wilmer (Mathematics) and Charles Peterson (AAST)  
**Place:** StudioC  
Resources for your scholarship through Oberlin’s institutional membership in the National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, or NCFDD. Discussion of NCFDD webinar: “Every Semester Has a Plan” with Charles Peterson, Associate Professor of Africana Studies and Director, Gertrude B. Lemle Teaching Center, Amanda Schmidt (Geology) and Elizabeth Wilmer (Mathematics)

**Title: “Syllabus Workshop” New Faculty Orientation**
**Date:** September 1, 2021  
**Panelists:** Rachel Evelleth (Geology), Harrod Suarez (English) and Charles Peterson (AAST)  
**Place:** StudioC  
Syllabus workshop with Charles Peterson, Director of the Gertrude B. Lemle Teaching Center and Associate Professor of Africana Studies, Rachel Evelleth, Assistant Professor of Geology, and
Harrod Suarez, Associate Professor of English and Comparative American Studies, will discuss constructing and developing syllabi for your courses. Please bring drafts of your syllabi in progress.

**Title:** “Practical Pedagogy and Living Classrooms: Repairing and Archiving the Future of Africatown, AL”  
**Date:** October 21st, 2021  
**Presenters:** Eboni Johnson (Mary Church Terrell Library) and Janet Fiskio (ENVS)  
**Place:** StudioC  
will discuss Oberlin College's partnership with Africatown, Alabama. Africatown is the place where the last ship of enslaved peoples landed in the U.S. in 1860. Since then, Africatown has been a sanctuary for Black Americans and a leader in civil rights activism, continuing into the present with its work for environmental justice. Johnson and Fiskio will describe their partnership in constructing the Africatown Digital Archive, a public and digital humanities primary research archive that seeks to support Africatown's intellectual sovereignty over its history.

**Title:** "Paths to Technical Innovation in Teaching."  
**Thursday, November 18, 2021**  
**Presenters:** Al Barroni and Joseph Lubben  
**Place:** StudioC  
**Description:** The incorporation of technology into teaching and learning can be expensive and time consuming. However, in some situations, it can be very beneficial. Some examples will be provided showing where certain technologies have been beneficial--both in and out of the classroom--and why they were beneficial. How to find support for exploring possible solutions for your teaching and learning goals will also be addressed. As time permits, we will invite others to share their own experiences.

**Title:** Koreatown, Los Angeles: Race, Immigration, and the American Dream  
**Date:** Thursday, December 16th  
**Presenter:** Dr. Shelley Lee  
**Place:** StudioC  
The Gertude B. Lemle Center for Teaching and Scholarship invites you to lunch with us as Dr. Shelley Lee (Comparative American Studies) discusses her forthcoming book, Koreatown, Los Angeles: Race, Immigration, and the American Dream (Stanford University Press, Summer 2022). Dr. Lee will be discussing the context, content and process of researching and writing her new work.

**Title:** Office of Foundation, Government & Corporate Grants Informational Session
Date: February 10th, 2022 (delayed by weather)
Presenters: Pam Snyder director of the Office of Foundation, Government & Corporate Grants
Place: Zoom
The Gertrude B. Lemle Center invites you to an informational session conducted by Pam Snyder, Executive Director, for the Office of Foundation, Government & Corporate Grants, to learn about Oberlin's competitive internal grants for faculty, including student research and teaching assistantships for collaborative work with faculty, and funds for faculty research and creative endeavors, international travel, and research leave. This remote program will be held:

Spring 2022

Title: Teaching about Race and Racism: One White Professor's Perspective
Date February 24th, 2022
Presenter: Dr. Renee Romano (HIST)
Place: StudioC
In this lunchtime talk, Renee Romano, the Robert S. Danforth Professor of History and Professor of Comparative American Studies and Africana Studies, will draw on her nearly thirty years of experience teaching about race to explore how white faculty members can work towards being anti-racist educators and can become more effective teachers of students of all racial backgrounds.

Title: Oberlin HHMI DART (Departmental Action and Reflection Team) Presentations
Date March 3, 2022
Host: Dr. Sabriya Rosemond
Place: Zoom
The Gertrude B. Lemle Center for Teaching and Scholarship and the HHMI Inclusive Excellence Initiative Leadership team at Oberlin invites colleagues from across campus to join us to learn about the progress of the initiative. We are currently in the second year of our DART (Departmental Action and Reflection Team) phase. During this time DARTs have been learning more about the issues that serve as barriers to participation in STEM for students who have historically been excluded from STEM and using this to inform departmental change at all levels. During this Brown Bag lunch members of previous DARTs will share the products of their continued efforts. We will also learn about the visions that current DARTs will use to shape departmental change.

Title: Suture: Trauma and Trans Becoming
Date: March 31st, 2022
Presenter: Dr. KJ Cerankowski (CAST)
Place: StudioC
This is a reminder inviting you to KJ Cerankowski’s (CAST) Lemle Lunch Talk discussing his recently published book, Suture: Trauma and Trans Becoming (punctum books 2021). In particular, KJ will focus on publishing with an open-access press, experimenting with genre, and getting support for your research through Oberlin’s Grant-in-Aid.

**Title: SSCI DAC Author’s Reception**
Date May 18th, 2022
Hosts: Dr. Annemarie Sammartino (HIST) and Dr. Charles Peterson (AAST)
This is a reminder that in the spirit of community and celebration the Social Sciences DAC is having a book party for Social Sciences DAC (and related) faculty who have published books during the pandemic on Wednesday, May 18th at 4:30 in StudiOC. Refreshments will be served and we hope that you will attend!

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r5K8i5bXxp39j7VDUQRRkQceOtQzvCoKdbgKZmX3UZ8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1r5K8i5bXxp39j7VDUQRRkQceOtQzvCoKdbgKZmX3UZ8/edit?usp=sharing)