



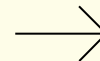
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**GENERAL MEETING**



# **BLACK GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION**

October 15, 2025



# AGENDA

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| <b>01</b> | <b>LAND &amp; LABOR ACKNOWLEDGMENTS</b>    | <b>04</b> | <b>PLANS FOR 2025-26 + OPEN DISCUSSION</b> |
| <b>02</b> | <b>MEET YOUR E-BOARD</b>                   | <b>05</b> | <b>COMMUNITY RESOURCE</b>                  |
| <b>03</b> | <b>“WELCOME BLACK TO SCHOOL”<br/>RECAP</b> | <b>06</b> | <b>WRAPPING THINGS UP</b>                  |

# Land Acknowledgement

UCR occupies the traditional, current, and future lands of the sovereign Cahuilla, Serrano, Luiseño and Tongva first nations. We offer this acknowledgment as an invitation for ourselves and other settlers, arrivants, and displaced people to interrogate what it means to participate in the settler colonial structures of American Universities—particularly “land grant” institutions like UCR, to inform ourselves about the persistent structures of settler colonialism, to interrogate the complex histories of enslavement and settler colonialism, to question the naturalness of the territorial borders of the United States, and to take seriously calls for Land Back and making decolonial futures.

# Labor Acknowledgement

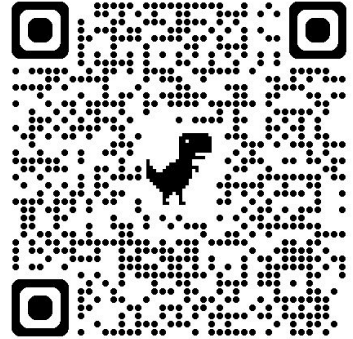
We want to acknowledge the labor, freedom, and life extracted from Black people to sustain the U.S. and systems of higher education. We acknowledge that this country would not exist without the uncompensated, enslaved labor of Black people. The labor, knowledge, culture and traditions violently stolen through chattel slavery, white supremacy, and settler colonialism built the U.S. economy and infrastructure and this history cannot be separated from the present. Current political attacks on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), affirmative action, and policies supporting racial justice, reflect ongoing efforts to deny and delegitimize this history. These attacks dishonor those who fought and died for the rights we continue to defend today.

We also acknowledge the labor of (im)migrant communities—voluntary, involuntary, trafficked, forced, and undocumented—whose contributions have shaped this country. We emphasize that policing, surveillance, militarization, and incarceration continue to disproportionately harm Black, Brown, Indigenous, Two-Spirit Queer (2SQ), trans, and historically economically oppressed communities, ultimately render all members of campus and its surrounding communities less safe.

# Action Items

Rather than offer these acknowledgements as a symbolic gesture that reinforces complacency and to prevent this acknowledgment from descending into performativity, we have provided several action items to explore as a community:

1. Land Grab U discloses the means by which the United States “land-grant” university system was developed and sustained via the theft of Indigenous lands. <https://www.landgrabu.org/>
2. “Decolonization is Not a Metaphor” by Eve Tuck and K. Wayne Yang
3. *Black on Both Sides: A Racial History of Trans Identity* by C. Riley Snorton
4. Scan QR Code to Access “Know Your Rights” information and the hotline for the Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice



# MEET YOUR BOARD MEMBERS





# Welcome *Black* to School!



## BLK GSA Fall Events

- General Meetings: 1-hour monthly meetings to share BLK GSA events and programs, community resources, and open community dialogue
- Research Kickbacks: 2 hour open space to share research, get feedback, and learn from our amazing community; light refreshments provided
- Feel free to come in and out of these events as you go throughout your day

## FALL QUARTER EVENTS



15

OCTOBER

**FIRST GENERAL  
MEETING** 1-2 PM

RESEARCH KICKBACK 2-4 PM

12

NOVEMBER

**GENERAL  
MEETING** 1-2 PM

RESEARCH KICKBACK 2-4 PM

3

DECEMBER

**GENERAL  
MEETING** 1-2 PM

RESEARCH KICKBACK 2-4 PM

**ONGOING**

**MENTORSHIP PROGRAM  
COMMUNITY BUILDING**



**INTEREST FORM**

FOR MORE INFO :  
OFFICIALBLACKGSAUCR@GMAIL.COM



## BLK GSA THRIVE Mentorship Program

- Join for the community, stay for the academic and professional connections.
- Mentors and mentees will receive a certificate of completion and an invite to our THRIVE mentorship end-of-year celebration
- Mentors and mentees will be matched at the start of winter quarter in January
- Informational Meetings: Monday, Oct 20 at 7 pm and Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 12 pm via Zoom

## Join BLK GSA's Mentorship Program



*Providing opportunities to improve the quality of life for the diverse Black community of UCR graduate students through cultural celebration and mentorship by way of self-care, comradery, academic support, and more.*



### Mentors

2<sup>nd</sup> year graduate student  
and beyond



### Mentees

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year graduate  
students

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# OPEN DISCUSSION

*What events would you like BLK GSA to host this year ?*



**Join Official BLK GSA GroupMe**

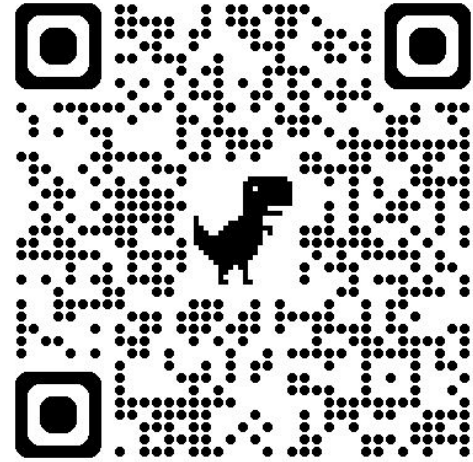
# BLK GSA Community Link Up

*Join us in Moreno Valley next Saturday for a spooky movie night!*



# Reminders

- Scan to QR code to sign in for this general meeting
- Look out for emails and Google Calendar invites from  
<officialblackgsaucr@gmail.com>
- Next general meeting: Nov. 12
- Immediately following: Research Kickback featuring Brittany Cummings-Barkley



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**BLK GSA PRESENTS...**

**RESEARCH**

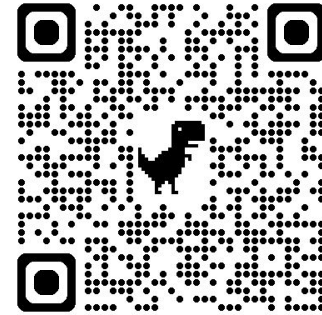


**15 OCTOBER  
2 - 4 PM**

**KICKBACK**

**FEATURING:  
BRITTANY CUMMINGS-BARKLEY**

**STUDENT SERVICES  
BUILDING 2201**



**Scan to Sign Up for  
Upcoming Kickback**

# THANKS!

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