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NEIU PRESIDENTIAL LECTURE
FEATURING NDP ALUMNA
DR. KEEANGA-YAMAHTTA TAYLOR
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022



Dr. Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor is an alumna of NEIU with a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies. She is currently a Professor at Northwestern University teaching African American Studies.

Dr. Taylor is a MacArthur Fellow "Genius Grant" recipient. This award is given yearly to individuals demonstrating, "extraordinary originality and dedication in their creative pursuits and a marked capacity for self-direction".

Dr. Taylor is an accomplished author. In addition to being a Pulitzer Prize finalist, she is the author of: *#Blacklives matter to Black Liberation and Race for Profit*

Join us September 15, 2022
Northeastern Illinois University, Main Campus, Auditorium
5500 St. Louis Ave.
7:00 pm

The lecture will also be livestreamed on neiu.edu/lectures.

Alumni Appreciation Page



Kendall L. Straughter- UWW Alumni, 2017

"I enjoyed my experience being an NEIU student. I was able to find a place that I called home due to developing a mentor relationship with my professors and staff members from the Carruthers Center. I gained so much theoretical knowledge from the University Without Walls (UWW) program. The challenging and different writing from professors has improved my writing as a graduate student. Dr. Barden was able to motivate me to be bold and go after opportunities that she envisioned for me. I am currently working at the University of Chicago in the Laboratory schools. I recently was admitted to the University of Chicago, Crown Family School of Social Work."



Lacourdaire Camargo- BAIS Alumna, 2020

My experience with the BAIS program was transformative because I found a lot of staff support to help me navigate as a student. I met Jennifer Blair (a BAIS advisor) at one of the workshops and she helped me get things started. The BAIS program is notable for life and work experience. This opportunity gave me access to locating resources such as introducing me to staff in the Career Center and financial aid. I am currently a Master's Degree Student in UIC's Public Administration Program."

Calendar of Events, September 2022

- 09/13 – Block Event- Located in B Building, In front of B147
- 09/13 – Tik Talk Influencer, "The Latino Teacher" – 5p 6p Alumni Hall Auditorium
Instagram @pedrosocenter
- 09/15 – Presidential Lecture Featuring NDP Alumna Dr. Keeanga Yamahtta-Taylor
Find more information [here](#)
- 09/16 – Bronzeville Arts Tour (Carruthers Ctr) 6:00pm – Gallery Guichard 436. E. 47th
Find more information [here](#) or email Dr. Johnson at: z-johnson@neiu.edu
- 09/16 – 09/17 NEIU Weekend – Music Food, Events
- 09/19 – Math Accuplacer Prep Workshop – For more info email: ndp@neiu.edu
- 09/21—Nontraditional Student Club" 8 PM till 9 PM (Location TBA)

Meet the Nontraditional Degree Program Staff



Kimya Barden, PhD

Interim NDP Director/Associate Professor of Urban Community Studies

Dr..Barden's love for supporting adult matriculation in higher education is complemented by her teaching and research interests which focus on the specific ways trauma and parenting impact adult development.



Zada Johnson, PhD

UWW Faculty Advisor/Associate Professor of Urban Community Studies

Dr. Johnson has worked with adult students for the majority of her 27-year teaching career. Her academic training is in anthropology and her research interests include African American culture, popular culture and Chicago's historic Bronzeville community.



Jennifer Blair, MFA, MA

Program Specialist/BAIS Advisor

Jennifer Blair enjoys working with adult students on the completion of their baccalaureate degrees. She believes that advising is a conversation and aspires to be collaborative, comprehensive, and affirmative in her work. Her academic background is in literature, art and linguistics



Jacqueline Butler, MA

Program Specialist, BAIS Advisor

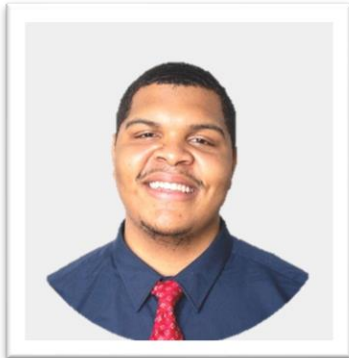
Jacqueline Butler is a Program Specialist for the B.A in Interdisciplinary Studies major. She has a strong background in student advocacy with over 30 years' experience working in education with both K-12 and higher education students. Her message is, no matter what happens in life, always stay hopeful and never give up.



Arish Ali

Math Tutor & Tech Support

Arish Ali graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology in 2021. He is currently completing his Master's in Computer Science at NEIU. Arish can assist students in Math and Computer Science/CLEP and DSST test preparation.



Curtis Atkins

NDP Student Worker

Curtis loves to be a team player working efficiently with his colleagues. He also enjoys doing social media marketing that fulfills the need for engagements and likes. He is currently a junior and will be in his senior year in 2023.



Calling all NDP students and Alums!!

Yes, we mean you!!

Everyone knows 1 person with a ton of work experience and a sincere desire to graduate from college. Pay it forward and tell them about NDP!

- 1. They can earn their Bachelor of Arts in 24 mos.**
- 2. Class schedules can be molded around their work.**
- 3. They may be eligible for Scholarships to offset their tuition cost**

Prospective Student Meeting are scheduled.

- a. Bachelor of Arts Interdisciplinary Systems (BAIS) 9/26 at 6 p.m.**
- b. University without Walls (UWW) 09/29 at 630 p.m.**

For Additional info: Call 773-442-6030 or email ndp@neiu.edu