

BLACK FACULTY STAFF ASSOCIATION

2023 RECAP NEWSLETTER



BFSA IN RED FOR UMSL'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Upcoming Events

- African Americans in History and the Arts - Feb. 22 @ 3pm in ABH 001
- African American Women in Leadership - Dr. Jennifer Simms, Dr. Channon Peoples, and Dr. Sha-Lai Williams - Mar. 13 @ 3pm/Location is TBA

Next General Meetings:

February 21, 2024
March 20, 2024
April 17, 2024
May 15, 2024

A Little Inspiration:

"Never be limited by other people's limited imaginations."

- Dr. Mae Jemison



Welcome Back Mingle

We began the year reconnecting to share joy about our summers and plans for the Fall semester. BFSA gathered in the Fireside Lounge for cake, coffee, and chatter. The space was filled with smiling and camaraderie.



Holiday Mingle

We ended the year with holiday cheer! BFSA hosted a Holiday Mingle to celebrate the holiday season, and our successes throughout the year. Finance and Legal Studies professor and UMSL Voices of Jubilation member Dr. Yiuman Tse, stopped by to perform live music as he lead us in songs.

Dr. Jerome E. Morris Public Lecture Series: Jason N. Vasser-Elong, MFA

Jason Vasser-Elong is an Assistant Teaching Professor in the Pierre Laclède Honors College and a doctoral candidate in the College of Education at UMSL, where he earned a Master of Fine Arts in creative writing and studied cultural anthropology and African Diaspora studies. He is the author of *Shrimp* (2Leaf Press, 2018). His current research is centered on student learning environments with an additional focus on peacemaking in literature. Vasser-Elong gave an engaging lecture to the BFSA group, entitled *Rhyme & Reason: Poetics in Form and Practice*.



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