



Inspiring Stories of Excellence: A Showcase of

Black Heritage Professionals in the College of

Health, Science & Society at UWE Bristol

BLACK HISTORY IS ALL OUR HISTORY

TIME FOR CHANGE, ACTION NOT WORDS

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Black History Month (BHM) presents an opportunity to celebrate the achievements and history of Black people and this communities. This year, the theme for BHM 2022 is "Time for Change: Action not Words."

It gives me great pleasure to introduce this collection of stories of the excellent contributions of several inspiring Black professionals to the fields of Science, Health, Education and Society.

Why is this important?

People of Black heritage have for centuries contributed immensely to knowledge and societal development, many of these contributions have been hidden, lost or ignored. As a result, this has impacted the experiences of Black heritage communities in professionals' spaces and in society. The has led to a lack of representation in the academy and other professional environments, a lack of progression into senior roles and a significant awarding gap among others.

To change this, we need more action and less words. This collection brings to life the stories of excellence and the many ways Black heritage professionals in the College of Health, Science and Society at UWE Bristol are shaping the future of their diverse fields and making their mark in society, shaping futures and what will be our collective history.

Thank you for being part of this journey.

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Or Emmanuel Adukwu

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Alisha Airey

Senior Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic Project Consultant



- Born and raised in Bristol
- Jamaican heritage
- Graduated a first degree BA(Hons) Business Studies in 2012 from UWE Bristol
- Started working at UWE Bristol in 2012
- Previous roles included working at a barristers chambers in Bristol
- Widening participation student

Alisha Airey has worked at UWE Bristol for over 10 years. She's a multi-award winning professional in the field of diversity, equity and inclusion. In her current role as the Senior Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic Project Consultant in the College of Health, Science and Society. She leads and develops activities to support and empower Black, Asian, minoritised students. Including a college-wide Student Advocate Programme. Outside of work, Alisha is the Co-founder and Director of a training and consultancy business that specialises in race-equity training which includes building Anti-racist organisations/teams and policies.



Notable achievements to date:

Two time winner of the SU student experience award (UWE) Shortlisted for the Times Higher awards on her joint work in Unconscious Bias Training within Health Care Trusts Winner of the SU Welfare Awards in 2019 Winner of the Top 100 rising star awards in the category of

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Speaker at the Women in Higher education conference in 2020 Recognised in the BME Power list in Bristol in 2018

Co-lead on brining in culturally appropriate wellbeing support now on offer for staff and students at UWE Bristol. The first university in South West to develop this unique offer.

Coordinator of the BME and Africa Staff Network
Initiated the first student advocacy programme at UWE Bristol
Previous board member at South Gloucestershire Race Equality
Network

Coordinated a national conference on the experience of Black, Asian, Minoritised health care students





Dr Angelina Sanderson Bellamy Associate Professor of Food Systems

- 🛑 Born in Ventura, California
- She graduated from Stanford University with Honours in Human Biology
- In 2011, she received her PhD from Stockholm University in Ecology
- 2014-2016 she was Director for the InTeGrate Programme at Stanford University to increase Black, Asian & Minoritised groups in STEM disciplines in academia
- Angelina was Associate Dean of Environmental Sustainability at Cardiff University, before taking a position at UWE in 2021 as Associate Professor of Food Systems
- Angelina juggles her career with raising three children and coaching their football and Junior lifeguard teams.
- Fun fact: Angelina is a certified lifeguard!





- Angelina has won over £9.8 million in research funding on how to make our food systems healthier, more sustainable and just, including a new project for £5 million from UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) to build the AgriFood4NetZero Network.
- She served on the Task and Finish group at Cardiff University for promoting diversity in Leadership, where she worked with the Vice Chancellor to implement an action plan for increasing the number of Black, Asian, Minoritised Ethnic academics in leadership roles across the university.
- Angelina also Chaired the process to implement Cardiff University's first Biodiversity Action Plan.
- To ensure that her research leads to positive impact, Angelina is also working with Welsh Ministers and Welsh Government to improve food policies, including advising on the Food (Wales) Bill.
- Angelina also has research projects in Mexico, Costa Rica, Colombia, Brazil and Zambia and has advised Rainforest Alliance's banana certification criteria as their appointed agrochemical expert.

Bigboy Tendai RakataLecturer in Diagnostic Radiography





- Born and raised in Sadza rural area, Zimbabwe.
- Graduated in 2007, with 2.1 in Diagnostic Radiography, National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Zimbabwe.
- Worked as Diagnostic Radiographer in Zimbabwe (2007-2009) and Botswana (2009 2013).
- Graduated with a Masters Degree in Radiography (2013), NUST.
- Became a Lecturer in 2014 at NUST.
- Participated in the fight against Tuberculosis (TB) and HIV among artisanal miners in Zimbabwe through Targeted Screening for TB Project (2017-2020).
- Graduated with a Master of Science in Medical Ultrasound (2021), NUST.
- Joined UWE Bristol in 2021.

Bigboy is the current module Leader for Physical Sciences and Imaging Technology 2 (PSIT 2), taught in Year 2 Diagnostic Radiography programme. PSIT 2 equips student radiographers with underpinning knowledge and skills to practice safely with ionising radiation. This course empowers students with theoretical grounding to be able to adapt in the rapidly everchanging world of medical imaging technology and demands.



- Bigboy also teaches and develops content for Ultrasound imaging on the PSIT 1 and Advanced Imaging studies modules contributing towards the BSc Diagnostic Radiography.
- Bigboy's research focuses on various areas in medical imaging θ has presented his
 research at several international conference including RASCO Kenya 2016 and ISRRT
 World Congress in Trinidad and Tobago, 2018.
- Bigboy is also a member of the editorial Board for the Zimbabwe Journal of Health Sciences.
- Outside work Bigboy enjoys social activities like playing pool, BBQs and running/walking.

Dr Carl Berry Lecturer in Criminology

- Born and raised in Bristol UK
- Left school aged 15 without qualifications
- He was awarded a Doctorate degree in 2021
- Now lecturing Criminology at UWE Bristol



His expertise lies in the electronic monitoring of criminal offenders and he has a strong research interest in probation, surveillance and the use of technology in crime and justice. He is teaching and developing content in the School of Social Sciences on the units: Perspectives in Criminology, Criminology in Action and Introduction to Criminal Justice. His aim is to provide students with the critical tools to understand key issues concerning crime and justice, so they may positively contribute to their communities.

He has worked as a Probation Mentor assisting offenders on early release from prison or serving community penalties to reintegrate back into society and published his research in the prestigious European Journal of Criminology.

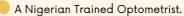




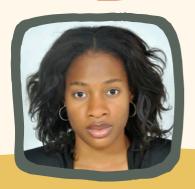
He is a trustee for Wrestle for Humanity: a sportsbased community project that aims to tackle gang violence, knife/drug crime and mental health issues.



Chizoba Esio-Bassey Lecturer in Public Health



- Chizoba Has an MSc in Public Health and PhD in Health Economics
- She is currently lecturing at the University of West of England teaching both BSc and MSc Students.





- Chizoba's area of teaching covers Public health and social care
- Her research interests include eye health, nutrition and other public health issues in low and middle income countries.
- She carried out a novel study that used a Markov model as well as a
 value of information analysis to assess the impact of home
 growing/community farming of biofortified vitamin A cassava and
 maize to prevent nutritional blindness in children.
- Chizoba was part of a team that carried out a World Health
 Organisation funded scoping review on Iron, vitamin A and magnesium
 to update dietary requirements for children globally.
- Chizoba served as an elected Volunteer Representative in the Student Union Government at University of East London in 2013/2014.
- She has also worked as a Student Ambassador at the University of East London as well as a Seminar Lead Coordinator for the PhD Bitesize Seminar Series at the University of East Anglia during her PhD.

Claudia Enninful Lecturer in Adult Nursing

- Born in Ghana, moved to the UK at age 14
- Graduated with a first degree in Biomedical Science
- Masters in Adult Nursing
- Registered Nurse (theatre/recovery)
- Became a lecturer in Adult Nursing at age 28



Post registration, she started her first role in theatre/recovery.

She also worked in intensive care for a period of time.



Currently teaching on the following courses: Anatomy, physiology and pharmacology, Fundamentals of nursing practice, Principles of nursing, Pharmacology & medicines management, Sustainable global public health, Episodes of care 1, Introduction to evidence in practice – for which she is the pathway lead.

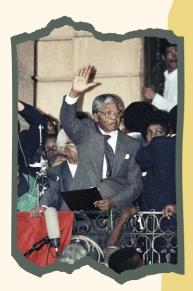


Clay Christopher Johnson Senior Learning Technologist





- Born in Durban, South Africa, during the height of apartheid.
- Graduated with honours degree in Computer Science Education, in 2007.
- In 2016, received a scholarship to complete CSCI-E50 at Harvard's Extension School.
- And in 2018, he received a Masters degree in Computer Science Education from UKZN.
- Relocated, with his wife and three children, to GB in December, 2019.
- Taught Computer Science at the Ralph Allen School, in Bath, before joining UWE in June, 2020.
- Clay teaches Digital Learning Design within the School of Education, here at UWE, and leads a team of technical, TEL and instructional staff.



- Fun fact: Clay was part of a guard of honour for President Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela, when he received the key to the City of eThekwini in 1998.
- Among other roles, most notably he worked as a Senior Firefighter, and was part of a gold winning team at the 2000 World Firefighter Games.
- After a gruelling 6-month selection process, in 1998, he was one of the first people of colour to make selection for Durban's Dive Search & Rescue Unit.
- Was part of a world first for high-school robotics, in South Africa.
- Completed the Stepping Up Leadership Programme run, in partnership, with Bristol City Council.
- Designed the S-Block Digital Education centre and is part of a £6 million College bid for a new Innovation Centre.
- Has supported Project Zulu and has helped the School of Education & Childhood connect with the Daigo Project.
- Currently, he is investigating Hybrid and Blended Learning models all while exploring the possibilities of education within the Metaverse: Ready Player One is now on the horizon.

Denise McDowall

Senior Lecturer/Professional Lead (Adult Nursing)

- Born in the beautiful Caribbean island of Trinidad & Tobago
- Completed her Diploma in Higher Education (Project 2000 Nursing Programme 1995) at the University of Greenwich followed by BSc in Specialist Practice. She pursued clinical roles in Cardiac, Gynaecology, ENT, Orthopaedics and Ophthalmology theatres & Day Surgery. Held dual roles as Senior Theatre Practitioner and Clinical Education Facilitator at UHBW Trust
- Joined UWE on secondment in 2013 and was offered a permanent Senior Lecturer position, post secondment. Completed PGCert Ed and MSc in Professional Practice at UWE
- She pursued a clinical academic role of Practice
 Academic Team Leader with an honorary contract
 at UHBW, is currently the Link Tutor for Villa College
 Maldives & Sri Lanka BSc Programme and has
 recently been offered the role of Professional Lead
 for year 2 Future Nurse Programme (Adult Nursing)
 at UWE
- Apart from teaching, Denise enjoys playing badminton, jet skiing and writing poetry and inventing culinary concoctions in the kitchen!







- Denise's area of expertise is teaching and facilitating learning including Leadership & Supervision and Assessment and Clinical Decision Making
- She has an interest in student engagement and self-directed learning and is currently working on the final stages of her research manuscript (in this area) to submit for publication
- As an Academic Personal tutor, her goal is to promote an equitable student
 experience for students of all ethnic groups so she was proud to see her 1st
 ethnically diverse group of her personal tutees group of student nurses (insert),
 complete their Adult Nursing Programme with her support in 2018
- \bullet She was Nominated for best practice awards for supporting Nursing & Midwifery students at UHBW in Partnership with UWE in 2014
- Completed the Elevate Leadership Programme for Female Ethnic Minority Leaders in May 2022





Dr Emmanuel Adukwu Deputy Head, School of Applied Sciences

- Emmanuel is Nigerian, Graduated with a BSc Hons, Biomedical Science (Coventry University), Masters (MMU, Manchester) and PhD in Applied Microbiology (University of Northampton).
- In 2007, he joined ICON plc, the #1 clinical research organisation worldwide as a Clinical Trial Coordinator
- Chair of the Early Career Scientist (ECS) committee for the Society for Applied Microbiology (SfAM) between 2011-2014
- As Chair, he led the 1st SfAM ECS conference which celebrated its 10th year in 2022
- Currently Director and Trustee at SfAM and is also a committee member at the African Initiative Group for Microbiology
- He enjoys writing poetry, reading, football photography, blogging and travelling.
- Fun fact: He worked as an extra on the film set of 11th Hour with Sir Patrick Stewart in 2006.
- His research has demonstrated impact on health and wellbeing by informing guidelines for global public health and clinical practices.
- Coordinated several global clinical trial projects for major therapeutics.
- Expert reviewer for several international scientific and higher education institutions.
- Recipient of the UWE VC Staff Excellence Award, ICONs Award for Contribution to
 the African UK student community; Selected to the Bristol BME Powerlist (2018); He
 was nominated for a National Diversity award, a Royal Society of Biology
 Bioscience Teacher of the Year award (2019) etc. and has been shortlisted for other
 awards.
- Invited guest speaker at >70 engagements including the Inside Government Employability conference (2018), World Microbe Forum (2021).
- Co-created the Aspiring Professionals Hub a web based platform with a blog readership in >180 countries worldwide.
- Created the Africa Week event bringing together UK African diaspora and nonafricans to educate, community and celebrate African culture and heritage.
- Contributor to the Fabric Africa Bristol City Museum exhibition (2018-2019) and recognised on the UWE Black Hall of Fame (2020-2022).
- Co-convener of the Crater Festival Nigeria in 2019 and co-convener "Your Mind, My Business" public televised discussion on mental health in Nairobi, Kenya in 2019.
- Member of Bristol City Council delegation to Bordeaux, France in may 2022 as part
 of the 75th twinning anniversary and the Bordeaux Slavery Memory Week.

Dr Emmanuel Nsiah Amoako

Lecturer in forensic science

- Born in Ghana, West Africa.
- In 2014, graduated from KNUST, Ghana, with BSc (Hons) in Biochemistry
- In 2016, completed an MSc in forensic science from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, UK.
- In 2020, completed PhD in Law (regulation of forensic science) from the Northumbria University, Newcastle, UK.
- Followed up with Research Assistant job at Northumbria Law School and worked on various commissioned projects on the use of science in policing and the criminal justice system.
- Joined UWE Bristol as a Lecturer in Forensic science in August 2021.







Area of teaching & research

Forensic science quality assurance; the use of science in court; and building capacity for competent and ethical forensic science practitioners.

Most notable contributions and achievements

- Recipient of the Commonwealth Shared Scholarship in 2014 to study MSc forensic science at the University of Strathclyde
- Fully-funded PhD Studentship by the Northumbria Research Development Fund.
- While studying for his PhD, he co-founded the Science and Justice
 Research Interest Group at Northumbria Law School. The Group has
 provided advice to policymakers and lawmakers in the UK on
 different aspects of forensic science.
- Emmanuel's research has made contributions to the UK
 Parliamentary Science and Technology Committee inquiries on the
 provision and regulation of forensic science services in England and
 Wales.
- Employability champion for the forensic science subject group and a member of the SoAS employability team at UWE.

Dr Faatihah Niyi-Odumosu Senior Lecturer in Applied Human Physiology





- Born and raised in Lagos state, Nigeria
- A Clinician and Commonwealth Scholar with great passion for teaching and research
- MBChB from Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ogun state, Nigeria (2008); MSc in Medical Physiology, University of East London (2013); and PhD in Clinical Exercise Physiology, from Loughborough University (2019)
- Worked as a GP for 4 years before academia and has never regretted it.
- Faatihah has diverse international teaching experience, joined UWE as a Senior Lecturer in April, 2021
- A Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA) with PGCTHE (2022)
- Married to a Nephrologist, and juggles her passionate career with raising 3 lovely energetic boys, no wonder she is called "BrainyQueenF", and how she does it is still a mystery!

- Faatihah lectures on the healthcare science, biomedical science, and biological science programmes and currently supervises 3 doctoral students.
- Her research is cross-disciplinary: lifestyle medicine/intervention in type-2 diabetes, chronic kidney disease, and cardiovascular disease; assistive and rehabilitation robotics; surgical intelligence in cardiovascular medicine/surgery
- She is a Co-I on a UKRI funding for £1.8M project (Fitbees) to encourage sustainable physical activity for under-represented groups currently not engaging with the digital fitness market
- Awarded the UWE Vice Chancellor's Challenge fund 2022-2023 on the use of AI
 to interpret video recordings of key hole cardiac surgeries to appraise surgeons'
 performance, optimise surgical tasks, and identify training needs (IVA HEART)
- She also won a cross-faculty grant on integrating AI and AR in pre-operative planning of key hole cardiac surgery (AI/ARMICVS)
- She is the current employability champion of the healthcare science programme and a member of College ethics committee
- She is currently the Secretary of the low & middle income countries (LMIC)
 International Society for Physical Activity and Health (ISPAH) research council

Gillian Ottley Senior Lecturer in Midwifery

- Born in Tobago, West Indies
- Graduated in the UK as a nurse in 1992 and as a midwife in 1995
- BSc Degree (First Class Honours) Professional Midwifery Practice
- MSc Advancing Midwifery Practice
- Module Lead: Clinical Midwifery Practice (Year 3)
- Module Lead: Managing Maternal Critical Care (Optional Module, Year 3)
- Module Lead: Managing Maternal Critical Care (Postgraduate)
- Module Lead: Return to Midwifery Practice CPD Module
- Fellow, Higher Education Academy







Co-wrote the Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity strategy for the BSc Midwifery Programme

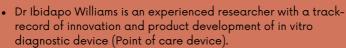
- Special interest in developing student midwives' knowledge of Recognition and Vigilance (with reference to the care of women from all ethnicity groups).
- Peer Reviewer for the British Journal of Midwifery
- Recent appointment as an External Examiner for the BSc Midwifery Programme (City University)
- Contributed to the NMC's Education Programme Standards User Testing Research
- A member of Health Education England's Maternity Support Worker Project (stage 1, now completed)
- Wrote the medicines management strategy for the BSc Midwifery Programme
- Co-led the Maternal Pain following Caesarean Section Project at UWE
- A member of the UWE's Task and Finish Hybrid Working Group
- Previous matron and ward manager (co-located birth centre θ postnatal ward respectively)

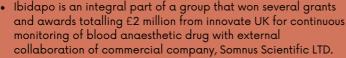


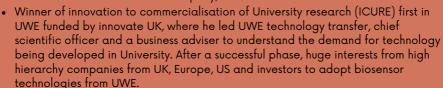


Dr Ibidapo Stephen Williams Projects Team Lead & Research Fellow

- 🦲 Ibidapo was born in Ilesa, Nigeria
- He graduated from Obafemi Awolowo University with Honours in Microbiology
- In 2011, He achieved a Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Biotechnology and later in 2017, He achieved a PhD in Molecular Biology and Toxicology both degrees from De Montfort University, Leicester.
- Between 2015 & 2017, He was the Lead scientist for the University spin out, drug discovery company CYP Design LTD, De Montfort University before joining UWE in 2018 as a Research Fellow where he has led different scientific research projects & commercialisation of University technologies and networking.
- lbidapo is a father and a sportsman, plays football and lawn tennis.







- Principal investigator and winner of UWE Vice chancellor's Early Career research award 2022 for Biosensor for continuous monitor of antibiotics.
- Since he joined UWE, he trains and co-supervises post graduate students towards completion of their projects related to molecular biology.
- In 2017, he won £120K from innovate UK for development of a biosensor device that monitors vitamin D in blood where he was the principal investigator.
- Ibidapo is a member of MediLink South West, animal free research UK.



Janet Ige Senior Lecturer in Public Health

- Born in Lagos, Nigeria- the most populous city in Africa
- Graduated from Bowen University, Nigeria with a First-class in Biochemistry, and as the best graduating student in her department
- In 2016, she completed her Masters degree in Public health at UWE, Bristol, achieving a distinction
- In June 2022, she successfully defended her PhD viva on physical activity among racially minoritised groups in the UK
- She started her career as a Research
 Associate at UWE Bristol, and was appointed
 to Senior Lecturer in Public Health in 2021







- Research interests: physical activity, lifestyle modification, health promotion, non-communicable diseases, built environment and health
- Research skills: evidence synthesis, mixed-methods research
- Area of teaching: health promotion, health protection, research methods and non-communicable disease epidemiology

Notable achievements

- Recognised among the Black Hall of Fame at the University of the West of England
- Contributed to a parliamentary briefing for MPs on health in private rented housing
- Nominated for Outstanding Teaching Awards in the Student Experience Awards

Jo Forbes-Cooper Senior Lecturer, MSc Environmental Health





- Born and raised in Bristol parents from the Caribbean
- Graduated in 1996 with a BSc in Environmental Health with Honours
- Post Grad Diploma in National Occupation Health and Safety
- Qualified General and Registered Mental Health Nurse
- She has been lecturing at UWE since 2012



- Currently working with the Curator from Glenside Museum to include the contribution of commonwealth nurses to the NHS dating back to the 1950s and 60s
- Incorporate previous nursing profession into teaching on how the environment can has an impact on human mental and physical health
- Incorporated Public Health into Food Control modules
- Introduced Psychology into the Business world to the courses
- Manage the Dissertation Module and Food Safety Modules on the environmental health programme

João Raphael da Silva Lecturer in Criminology

Afro-Brazilian early-career (Critical) Terrorism
Studies scholar concluding a Ph.D. (Social
Work and Social Policy – Ulster University |
Belfast, Northern Ireland/UK). In this context,
Mr. da Silva was a Visiting Ph.D. Researcher at
the Centre of Discourse Studies (Barcelona,
Spain). Also abroad, he had been awarded an
M.A. (International Relations – Central
European University | Budapest, Hungary) and
a B.A. (International Relations – Centro
Universitário La Salle do Rio de Janeiro | Rio
de Janeiro, Brazil)





Before joining UWE Bristol, Mr. da Silva had worked as a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Roehampton's School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and as a Teaching Assistant at Ulster University's School of Applied Social and Policy Sciences. He has also worked abroad as a Research Intern at the Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (Vienna, Austria) and the Institute of International Relations Prague (Prague, Czech Republic)

In Brazil, Mr. da Silva does voluntary work as an English Tutor at the Instituto Sumaúma, supporting Black and Indigenous people to pursue a master's degree. He has written op-eds for The Intercept Brasil and the leading Brazilian newspaper, Folha de São Paulo

Kane Allen

Senior Lecturer in Initial Teacher Education





- Born in Bristol, England
- Graduated from Glamorgan University with Honours in Public Services
- In 2015, received a PGCE from UWE
- 2015-2021, taught in KS2 in schools situated in Bristol and South Gloucestershire
- In 2021, he became a lecturer in Initial Education at UWE. He specialised in maths and physical education
- In 2022, he became a Senior Lecturer and Co-lead for equality, diversity and inclusivity (EDI) in the school of Education and Childhood.





- Kane juggles his career with raising his two children
- Fun fact: Kane was under-18 indoor champion in athletics
- Kane is a course leader for the Professional Practice module on the IPGCE at UWF
- As a part of the EDI outreach project, Kane travels to local schools to help promote primary ITE to Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic societies and underrepresented groups
- Kane is studying for a Masters which will include a case study to determine the barriers the Black population face en-route to becoming teachers
- Kane is a part of a team working collaboratively with the Church of England to help improve the number of Black teachers in middle leadership in schools



Lewis Wedlock Associate Lecturer

- Born and raised in Bristol UK
- Graduated in 2019 with first class honours (Psychology with Sociology)
- In October 2020 co-designed and delivered the "Flourish" module to Foundation Year students and year 1 sociology, making him one of the youngest active lecturers in the UK (22 years old).
- Lewis is also social action lead at Project Zazi (Off The Record, Bristol), and is an active mental health professional working with young people in Bristol.





- Flourish has been taught at foundation level and in year 1 sociology. Flourish
 combines positive psychology literature, coaching methods and personal
 development theory to provide space for students to explore themselves with as
 much curiosity as the subjects they are studying. In 2022, Lewis began delivering
 Flourish for the psychology department, embedding these sessions into the Critical
 Thinking module.
- Lewis also teaches and develops content for the "Green Skills" and "Equity Modules" on the "Psychology of Growth".
- In his mental health work, Lewis practices "intersectional youth work", combining therapeutic delivery with cultural, historical and identity exploration. His masculinity series for teenage males has resulted in him being seen as an "expert" in youth masculinities.
- Lewis contributed to and consulted on The Messenger Review, which was one the biggest investigations and shake ups in NHS history.
- Lewis is the Creative Director of Black Bristol, an interactive timeline exploring some of Bristol's most important, but often unacknowledged history.

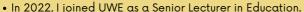


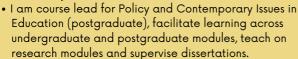
Malcolm Richards Senior Lecturer in Education





- Malcolm Richards, Senior Lecturer in Education
- Born in Hackney to Caribbean (Guyana and St Lucia) parents of African descent.
- Speaker of English, Caribbean patois (English) and learner of Italian.
- Graduate of the Black supplementary school movement in England (Josina Machel and Dimbaleh)
- Qualified teacher, former senior leader, advisory teacher for local authority, and school governor.
- Scholar-activist, education trade union representative for Black members regionally and nationally
- Co-owner of Bookbag, an independent bookshop in Exeter (UK: Devon), co-founder of Africa Writes - Exeter festival and a founding trustee of Exeter UNESCO City of Literature.
- Lives in rural Devon, with wife and two daughters.







- Since 2020, I have made multiple public contributions including co-edited a book on education in Cuba, contributed to award-winning publications, and presented at eight peer reviewed conferences (national and international).
- I have contributed to books, articles, and research, and am regularly invited as a speaker for community-led education projects.
- I am currently co-developing a number of projects which explore themes on Race and Education, including research on "a living histories of teaching by Black teachers across English schools", and facilitating a digital network for teacher-community-led anti-racist knowledge production.
- My research interests include teacher education and teaching development, Black Studies in Education, dialogue and dialogic education, critical race methodologies, anti-racist pedagogies, transformative digital education, and professional teaching cultures in education.



Dr Mwidimi Ndosi Associate Professor in Rheumatology Nursing

- Born in Moshi, Kilimanjaro in northern Tanzania.
- He completed BScN (Hons) at the University of Dar es Salaam (1995) and pursued clinical academic roles.
- In 2001, he moved to the UK to take a clinical post in musculoskeletal care at Harrogate District Hospital.
- He pursued MSc Nursing at the University of Bradford and moved into research at the University of Leeds.
- Mwidimi completed his PhD, at the University of Leeds, looking into outcomes of nurse-led care in people rheumatoid arthritis, the first RCT to evaluate cost-effectiveness of rheumatology nurse-led care in the UK.
- At Leeds, he worked in different clinical, research and academic roles before joining UWE Bristol in 2016.
- Mwidimi is a family man and enjoys photography.
- Fun fact: Mwidimi only climbed Kilimanjaro in 2020!







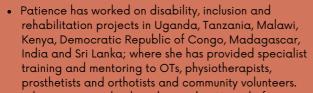
- Mwidimi has published over 70 peer-reviewed papers, 70 abstracts and 20 invited speaker engagements.
- His research has demonstrated impact on health and wellbeing by informing clinical guidelines.
- He has led international taskforces to develop and disseminate recommendations for clinical practice.
- During the pandemic, he was invited in over 30 BBC Swahili TV and radio interviews to address COVID-19 misinformation and vaccine hesitancy. The message was broadcast in 7 East and Central African countries.
- He has held leadership roles in the European Alliance of Associations for Rheumatology as a member of several task forces and the current Chair of Health Professionals in Rheumatology Committee.
- He is a Co-Editor of Rheumatology Advances in Practice, a journal of the British Society for Rheumatology.
- Recently, he received the British Society for Rheumatology Droitwich Lecture 2022
 Award awarded to an individual with international standing who has made an
 outstanding contribution to rheumatology.

Patience Mutiti Lecturer in Occupational Therapy





- Born in Zimbabwe, Patience graduated from the University of Zimbabwe with a BSc Honours Degree in Occupational Therapy.
- She migrated to the UK in 2005 and worked as a senior occupational therapist across different settings in the NHS, before specialising in wheelchair service delivery and postural management.
- In 2013, Patience crossed over to international development, working with Motivation Charitable Trust to develop professional wheelchair services and rehabilitation services in Africa and South Asia
- She provided clinical leadership to Motivation's Global Clinical &Technical Specialists Team, before taking a position at UWE in January 2022 as Lecturer in Occupational Therapy (OT).





- In her previous role, she relocated to Uganda for a
 three-year project where she developed 4 wheelchair services for adults and
 children with complex mobility and postural requirements and supported the Ministry
 of Health to review and publish the Uganda Wheelchair Standards.
- She subsequently served on the International Society of Wheelchair Professionals -Training Working Group, Professional Standards Board, and Wheelchair Educators Package Development Group.
- She collaborated with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine to review and update the Ubuntu: Getting to Know Cerebral Palsy training package, developed for use in less resourced settings.
- Patience is passionate about giving back to the community she came from. She is a
 founding member of mOTivate OTs, a global association of Zimbabwean OTs working
 in collaboration with the University of Zimbabwe to provide mentorship and career
 guidance to undergraduate OT students.

Dr Rachael U Chidugu-Ogborigbo Senior Lecturer in Biosciences

- Born in Nigeria
- She graduated from Ahmadu Bello University with a 2:1 in B.Sc. Zoology and a Distinction in M.Sc. Parasitology from the University of Port Harcourt.
- In 2011, she secured a lectureship position with the Department of Animal and Environmental Biology, University of Port Harcourt.
- Between 2014-2018 she was a Commonwealth Scholar and achieved a PhD in Ecogenotoxicology from the prestigious University of Birmingham.
- Rachael was a Research Associate at the University of Birmingham and Chemistry Tutor with Coventry University Group of schools before joining UWE as a Senior Lecturer in 2019.
- Rachael has a vibrant family life sustained by her solid faith in Jesus Christ.





Rachael's research spans across the field of Ecotoxicology, with the
deployment of sea sponges sentinels for environmental pollution
biomonitoring, bioaccumulation and bioavailability of toxic environmental
chemicals.



- Her current research projects are focused on natural products and drug discovery from marine sponges, biomonitoring of organic and estrogenic chemicals in the aquatic ecosystem, and Investigation of sea sponge associated extremozymes.
- Rachael discovered a new sea sponge species for the first time in the Niger Delta area of Nigeria in 2015.
- Rachael is passionate about teaching, she lectures students at all undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Rakhee Aggarwal Deputy Head of Health and Social Wellbeing



- Hi, my name is Rakhee and I am a very proud Kenyan born and brought up woman. I lived in a small town called Nyeri, and moved to the UK when I was 11 in 1985.
- Kenya will always be home and I miss it dreadfully when I think back to living a life where we all lived and worked together with no bias.

I am mental health nurse, and my career journey saw me being a ward based nurse working with offenders, and then transitioning into academia in 2004. I have held a variety of leadership roles at UWE Bristol over my 18 years, and, strive to change the culture and be person centred in the way in which I work.





I have been working in the NHS in a strategic position for the last 6 years; influencing and challenging the board at South Western Ambulance Service, and since 2020 at Salisbury District Hospital. I am also undertaking NHS Chair training and Chair a shadow board, as well as chairing the People and Culture Board Committee.

The resounding thing for me in my life are my parents words: "you will always have to work twice as hard to achieve what others will take for granted". I find it a shame that I hear that from the generation coming up behind me. But one day....

Dr Sanda Umar Ismail Senior Lecturer in Public Health

- I am a Ghanaian and I have been working as a lecturer and researcher in the field of public health for the past decade at UWE Bristol.
- I am the Link Tutor for the MSc Public Health programme in the Joint Education Partnership between UWE, Bristol and Hainan Medical University, China.
- I have worked as a consultant for the UWE Bristol's Mental Wealth Strategy.
- I love playing football and have played at the semi-professional level in local leagues in Ghana, West Africa and Manchester, UK.





- I have ten years of teaching experience in leading and contributing to a range of MSc Public Health modules at UWE Bristol, Manchester Metropolitan University, University of Central Lancashire and Queen Mary University London.
- I am an academic supervisor for the Southwest Public Health Training programme, a training programme preparing registrars to take up roles at consultancy level in public health.
- I am passionate about dementia research from a public health perspective. I
 have led and contributed to various research projects in this field with
 successful research grants amounting to over £200,000 within the last five
 years.
- I have made significant contributions to the field of dementia research with some of my peer-reviewed publications rated as internationally excellent in the Research Excellence Framework assessment.

Tanisha Barrett Mental health nurse lecturer







- Tanisha completed her mental health nursing degree at University of Nottingham
- She has worked in mental health for over 10 years and worked in a variety of settings including: acute inpatient, as community psychiatric nurse, in private healthcare, in A and E, in schools and youth clubs and within higher education.
- Tanisha is also a qualified CBT therapist and supervisor
- Whilst at Bristol University she guest lectured at UWE on anti oppressive mental health practice and at the Bristol medical school.
- She was the co-wellbeing lead on antiracism board for the medical school
- Tanisha completed research on young peoples body image with the centre for appearance research at UWE.
- Tanisha joined UWE as a mental heath nurse lecturer in 2021

Tanisha was featured in Rife Magazines '30 under 30 most influential in the South West' in 2021. Tanisha is a published poet and was shortlisted for the Aryamati Prize. She had a poetry pamphlet published in 2021 and has had work featured in various anthologies, magazines and zines. Tanisha was the poet in residence for the House of Rhymes and has had two poems featured on BBC upload. Tanisha used to be a writer for the Kiwi collective and had a wellbeing column in their monthly magazine.

In a world where there is a lack of culturally relevant curriculum and recognition of Black people to humanity, Black professionals must be recognised and celebrated.

I am incredibly proud of our UWE Bristol Black lecturers and researchers, and their devotion to their specialist fields, as the future of Science, Health and Social Sciences cannot be fully shaped unless the voices of Black and ethnically underrepresented professionals is heard loud and clear.

Rania Regaieg

UWE Students' Union President

These next pages are dedicated to showcasing the black postgraduate doctoral researchers in the College of Health, Science and Society.

Doctoral research encompasses
those studying PhDs and Professionals
Doctorate programmes and
represent the future of the academy.
They are also important role models
for other students to look up to. The
researchers included in this exhibit
highlight the broad diversity of our
research community and interests.

Jerro Saidykhan PhD Student



PROJECT TITLE

Promoting Access To Haemostasis Testing In Resource-scarce And Emergency Settings Using Paper-based Lateral Flow Diagnostic Screening Assays For Coagulation Disorders

SUPERVISOR

Prof Anthony Killard

YEAR OF STUDY

4th

NATIONALITY

Gambian

CONTACT DETAILS



RESEARCH CENTRE

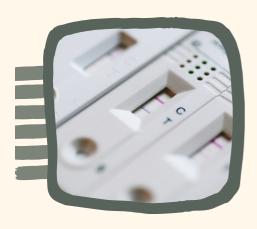
Centre for Research and Biosciences

SCHOOL

School of Applied Sciences

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

BSc in Chemistry, University of the Gambia; MSc in Analytical Chemistry, Kingston University London



At the completion of my PhD, I hope to continue research in developing simple and low-cost diagnostic methodologies/ devices with a view to enhancing access to healthcare in low resource and remote areas.

Chikamso Ede PhD Student

PROJECT TITLE

Innovation in rapid diagnostics and therapeutic management for wound care; Development and application of 'multi-species' wound biofilm models



SUPERVISORS

Dr Robin Thorn

NATIONALITY

Nigerian

SCHOOL

School of Applied Sciences

YEAR OF STUDY

1st

RESEARCH CENTRE

Centre for Research and Biosciences

CONTACT DETAILS



PREVIOUS EDUCATION

Msc.- Clinical and Molecular Microbiology (University of Nottingham) Bsc. Hons.- Microbiology (Godfrey Okoye University, Nigeria)

Chika is a molecular microbiologist in training, looking to develop a rapid and effective diagnostic approach in detecting wound infections. Her research is funded by College of Health, Science and Society Dean's Scholarship and she is a member of the Microbiology Society UK. Her struggles with navigating through science subjects in secondary school inspired her to start the STEMmiss foundation.

The STEMmiss initiative is geared towards encouraging young black girls to choose careers in STEM and adopt Godly values from a young age. When she is not in the lab doing science, she pursues her other passions which includes; writing, graphic design, watching K-drama and building an online inner circle of women who uplift each other through weekly Bible studies.



Eugenia Ntekor PhD Student

PROJECT TITLE

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Care in Cape Coast, Ghana: Socio-cultural beliefs and its implications on resources, services provision, access, and engagement.

SUPERVISOR

Dr Stuart McClean and Dr Jo White

YEAR OF STUDY

1st

NATIONALITY

Ghanaian/British

RESEARCH CENTRE

Centre for Public Health and Wellbeing

SCHOOL

School of Health and Social Wellbeing

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

First Degree: University of Cape Coast, Ghana- English, History Major 2nd Degree: Msc Social Work- University of Bristol

Eugenia (Eugie) is a first-year doctoral student with the Department of Public Health and wellbeing. Her research is investigating socio-cultural beliefs about mental health and mental illness and how this impacts/influences services, resource provision, and policy implementation for children and adolescents in Cape Coast, Ghana. Eugie is passionate about mental health services provision in sub-Saharan Africa, especially for children and young people, an area that currently has major shortfalls and severe treatment gaps.

Over the past 14 years, Eugie has worked as a specialist mental health practitioner, Approved Mental Health Practitioner (AMHP), and a Best Interest Assessor (BIA) working in Bristol and its environs. She has also worked within Emergency Duty Teams in local authorities around the South West, carrying out emergency interventions for child protection cases, Adult care, Homelessness, Refugees and Asylum Seekers, and mental health, out of hours. Eugie is a mum of three. She loves carrying out mummy duties with her trio. She also enjoys cooking and exploring the world. In her spare time, Eugie watches Netflix series (any good ones). Though she loves music, Eugie cannot dance for her life!!

Mubarak Abdi Mohamud PhD Student

PROJECT TITLE

The 'Black' Student Experience – A Critical Race Theory Perspective



Prof Richard Waller and Dr Sarah Gillie



British

YEAR OF STUDY

3rd

SCHOOL

Faculty of Arts, Creative

RESEARCH CENTRE



CONTACT DETAILS



PREVIOUS EDUCATION

Postgraduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, 2016
BA (Hons) Business Enterprise, First Class Honours, 2013
Access to Higher Education, Business Administration and Management, Distinction, 2010

During the day I'm a Senior Lecturer in Strategy at UWE Bristol which is my dream job. I am also involved in many institutional, community and programmes aimed at improving the lives of the disadvantaged and unprivileged.

The form these projects vary – from curating the "Five secrets to success" for the university to running feasibility studies to local businesses. I'm currently studying and Educational Doctorate which focuses on Black and Minority Ethics (BME) students through the lens of Critical Race Theory at Higher Education Institutions. It aims to investigate the uniqueness of their student experience through their perspective through a counter-story methodology.

By reimagining the site of education through the context of Critical Race Theory, this study will explore the stories students will tell and the policies that shape them. I love to make new connections all the time so please reach out.



CONTACT DETAILS

Praise Tochukwu Nnaji PhD Student

PROJECT TITLE

Application of novel extremozymes from marine sponges in industrial food production

SUPERVISOR

Dr Rachael Chidugu-Ogborigbo, Dr Emmanuel Adukwu, and Dr H. Ruth Morse

YEAR OF STUDY

2nd

NATIONALITY

Nigerian

RESEARCH CENTRE

Centre for Research in Biological Sciences

SCHOOL

School of Applied
Sciences

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

BSc Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria, MSc, University of Calabar PGDE University of Port Harcourt

Praise Nnaji is an early career scientist and a doctoral degree student whose research interest are in areas of microbial biotechnological, marine sponges, sustainability studies and educational development.



He is self-motivated, purpose driven, ready to take on new academic and business proposals. Praise currently serves as president of an inter-denominational campus fellowship in UWE and a member of the African Staff Network (ASN) in UWE.

He has authored scientific articles published in journals and a textbook. He is happily married and spends his leisure with family members, gospel music group, composing songs and playing the piano.



Samuel Kyei PhD Student

PROJECT TITLE

Maximising the potential benefits of UWE Bristol's greenspaces to improve student mental health

SUPERVISORS

Prof. Danielle Sinnett and Dr Issy Bray



Ghanaian

SCHOOL

Faculty of Environment and Technology

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

MSc Public Health BSc Biological Science Education

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1st

RESEARCH CENTRE

Centre of Sustainable Planning and Environment and Centre of Public Health and wellbeing



CONTACT DETAILS



I am a young researcher with a keen interest in interdisciplinary and diverse research methodologies. I am interested in investigating the impact of the built and natural environment on the health and lives of people. I am equally enthusiastic about understanding health behaviour determinants among populations from different backgrounds.

I am excited to work with researchers from various backgrounds and perspectives to help them in any way I can while also expanding my experience. A key drive to my undying passion for research and other academic prospects is to give back to society and improve the lives of many.



Olivia Tsitsi Mutonono PhD Student

PROJECT TITLE

Improving positive racial identity in primary school children through positive image-reading

SUPERVISOR

Dr Jane Carter and Dr Karan Vickers-Hulse

CONTACT DETAILS



YEAR OF STUDY

3rd

RESEARCH CENTRE

Bristol Inter-disciplinary Group for Education Research (BRIDGE)

<u>NATIONALITY</u>

Black British

SCHOOL

School of Education and Childhood

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

BSc Hospitality Business Management
MSc Financial Management at Sheffield Hallam University,
PGCE Primary at University of Derby
Educational Doctorate at University of West England Bristol

Olivia has been a primary school teacher in Essex since 2019. Her research seeks to investigate the impact of increased exposure to children's books which have better representation of characters from the Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities on primary school children from diverse communities.



The unique and invaluable experience she has gained from being born and bred in Zimbabwe, then as a migrant child at 14 years of age in the UK, the various roles she has held as well as her Christian Faith have contributed to her identity. She endeavours to promote positive racial identity.

Oluwadamilola Racheal Okeyoyin PhD Student

PROJECT TITLE

The Effects Of Herbal Tea And Supplements On The Human Microbiota And Metabolism

SUPERVISORS

Dr Emmanuel Adukwu, Dr Oliver Gould and Dr Vivien Rolfe



Nigerian

SCHOOL

School of Applied Sciences

YEAR OF STUDY

1st

RESEARCH CENTRE

Centre for Research and Biosciences



CONTACT DETAILS

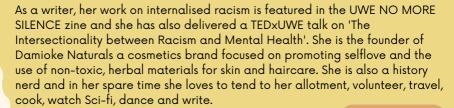


PREVIOUS EDUCATION

Masters of Research in Applied sciences (Colorectal cancer research) UWE Bristol
BSc. Hons. Biomedical science- UWE Bristol

Dami is an aspiring research scientist passionate about Herbal Medicine. Her research is funded by Pukka Herbs and she is a member of the Society for Applied Microbiology (SfAM). She is an advocate for neurodiversity (ADHD), equity, diversity, inclusivity, and educational advancement as she was the former Vice President Education of UWE Students' Union 2021-2022 and is the current Treasurer of the UWE Doctoral Society.







Stephanie Jay Udoh PhD Student

PROJECT TITLE

Oral microflora in patients with Type 2 diabetes and their response to oral formulations targeting periodontal complications.

SUPERVISOR

Dr Saliha Saad, Prof Aniko Varadi & Dr Emmanuel Adukwu

YEAR OF STUDY

Final

NATIONALITY

Nigerian

CONTACT DETAILS



RESEARCH CENTRE

Centre for Research and Biosciences

SCHOOL

School of Applied
Sciences

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

BSc Biomedical Science, UWE Bristol

Stephanie is a PhD candidate at UWE, working in partnership with Colgate-Palmolive. Also, a creative producer and photographer, Stephanie has been a key part of the Bristol creative scene since 2016 when she founded SEPH Group, a creative management company focused on nurturing creative talent and providing a platform for creatives to express themselves through art. Her work has been featured at the Arnolfini, the BBC, ITV, Channel 4, Bristol City council, WeAreParable and Rising Arts.

Currently, Stephanie sits as a Director and Trustee on the board of St George's Bristol, chairing the EDI committee. Her first solo exhibition Dance Articulate was launched at the UWE Engineering building in September 2022. The 3-day showcase used paint to explore the relationship between dance and mental health, promoting and emphasising the narrative of dance and other art forms as a therapeutic process. In fact, a piece dedicated to the EndSARS victims of October 2020 was purchased by the school of Applied Science at UWE Bristol in honour of their memory. You can find out more about the exhibition here dapilot.format.com

Sunday Nkopuyo PhD Student

PROJECT TITLE

Environmental Risk Assessment Of Toxic Chemical
Pollution In The Aquatic Ecosystem: Potential Tool For
Environmental Health Biomonitoring & Policy Enactment

SUPERVISORS

Dr Rachael Chidugu-Ogborigbo, Dr Kevin Honeychurch & Dr Lyn Newton

NATIONALITY

Nigerian

YEAR OF STUDY

2nd

SCHOOL

School of Applied Sciences

RESEARCH CENTRE

Centre for Research and Biosciences



CONTACT DETAILS



PREVIOUS EDUCATION

BSc Animal and Environmental Biology, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria MSc Environmental management, University of the West of England

Sunday is a passionate researcher in the field Ecogenotoxicology. His research is focused on assessing the environmental risk of toxic chemicals in water, sediment and sea sponges by deploying mechanistic studies (genotoxic effects, metabolic activities, and oxidative stress response) and toxicological/Analytical techniques (Comet assay, P450 expression, ICP-MS, GC/MS, and HPLC) to address pressing environmental policy issues such as chemical legislation and Marine protection in the Niger Delta region of Nigeria.

Sunday is also a Biology and Geographic Information System lecturer at the University of the West of England International College. Furthermore, Sunday is a member of the British Toxicological Society and the Zoological Society of Nigeria. His hobbies are Reading, Singing, Playing the Piano and Travelling.



Uzoma Igwe PhD Student

PROJECT TITLE

Infection Prevention and Control in Health Care
Facilities in Nigeria

SUPERVISOR

Dr Emmanuel Adukwu & Dr Sanda Ismail

YEAR OF STUDY

3rd

NATIONALITY

Nigerian

RESEARCH CENTRE

Centre for Research

SCHOOL

School of Applied
Sciences

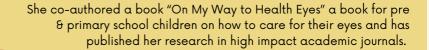
PREVIOUS EDUCATION

MSc, Clinical Ophthalmology, University College, London Doctor of Optometry (O.D.), Abia State University, Nigeria

CONTACT DETAILS



Uzoma is a PhD candidate at UWE, working on a project looking into preventing and managing infections in healthcare facilities in Nigeria. She is a qualified Optometrist and previously served as Senior Special Adviser to the Commissioner for Health on primary healthcare in Nigeria and further championed a bill to a State House of Assembly on incorporating eyecare services in all the primary health care services in Nigeria. She co-founded Eye Socket International, a non-profit organisation promoting eye care services to rural and disadvantaged communities.



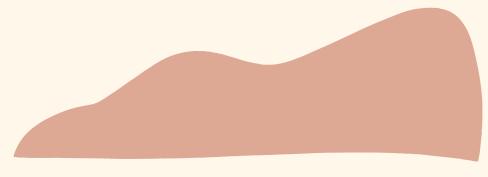
The College of Health, Science & Society Black History Month staff visibility project provides inspiration to our students and each other. In the Higher Education sector there is lack of visibility and recognition of Black academics, researchers and technical staff, so by acknowledging and showcasing the great contributions and achievements of our Black colleagues this project helps us celebrate them as the role models they are. 99

Dr Antony CA. Hill

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