

WINTER 2024

BLACK IN ANATOMY

NEWSLETTER



UPDATES

Happy New Year! In this [newsletter](#), we are excited to share our 2023 highlights with you, as well as new updates for 2024!

IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY 31

Summer Research Funding

FEBRUARY 6-7

Black Men's Brain Health Conference

FEBRUARY 12

POP-AART Application

MARCH 22-25

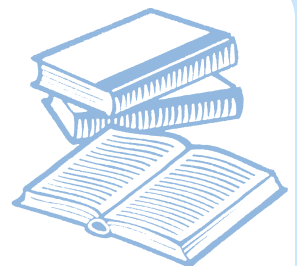
Anatomy Connected 2024

**For more information go to page 7 of the newsletter*

BOOK CLUB

**INTERESTED IN A BLACK IN ANATOMY
BOOK CLUB OR WRITING GROUP?**

Let us know if you would be interested in joining us for a book club or a writing group by filling out this quick [survey](#).



[Fill Out Our Survey](#)

BLACK IN ANATOMY WEEK HIGHLIGHTS



This past fall Black in Anatomy celebrated our **third anniversary** on October 15th and the third annual Black in Anatomy Week!

BLACK IN ANATOMY

MISSION

To create a safe space to network, uplift, support, and amplify Black contributions to anatomical science.

3
YEARS!



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VISION

An empowered, educated, and diverse community where Black bodies and minds are respected and valued by all who use anatomy.

Visit blackinatomy.org!

1 BLACK IN ANATOMY ROLL CALL

On October 16, we featured 12 members in the Black in Anatomy Roll Call. Check out our [Twitter/X](#) feed and [website](#) for ongoing features and updates!

2 DAY OF REFLECTION

On October 17, we paused to reflect and encouraged our community to educate themselves about troubling anti-diversity, equity and inclusion legislation in their own state, region, or country.

3 PRESENTATION BY SHAWN BOYNES

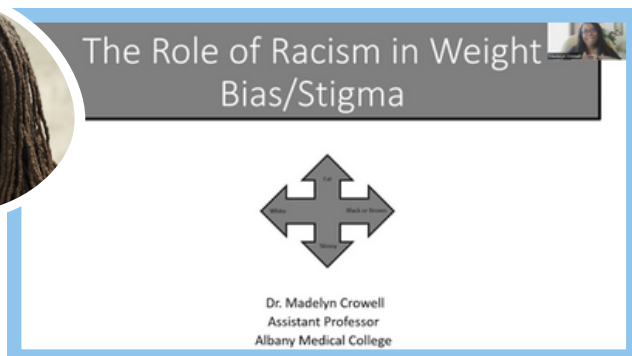
On October 18, Shawn Boynes, the CEO of the American Counseling Association discussed his leadership journey as a Black man and the importance of mental and physical health and wellness in "The Black Body: A Focus on Leadership and Self-Care."



4 BLACK IN ANATOMY COMMUNITY SOCIAL

On October 19, we met new members, networked and shared some new ideas at our community social.

5 SEMINAR BY DR. MADELYN CROWELL



On October 20, Dr. Madelyn Crowell treated us to an educational, timely, and body-positive seminar on “The Role of Racism in Weight Bias and Weight Stigma.”

Dr. Crowell suggested tips on **“What anatomists and medical educators can do:**

- Use person first language when addressing people of larger body sizes in our classroom and in the literature.
- Get rid of terminologies such as obese and morbidly obese.
- Be an advocate for your donors.”

6 BLACK IN ANATOMY ART

On October 21, we closed out the week with our annual “Paint & Celebrate” with Board Certified Medical Illustrator Ni-ka Ford, where we painted “Full of Potential.”



Also, be sure to download the 2023 Black in Anatomy Coloring Pages provided by Primal Pictures.

[Find Them Here](#)

BLACK IN ANATOMY MERCHANDISE

For Black in Anatomy Week 2023 we introduced new merchandise!
You can still order yours here throughout Black History Month!



COMMUNITY UPDATES

ASHLEY WALKER, PHD CANDIDATE

Ashley Walker passed her qualifying exams and is officially a PhD Candidate in Anatomical Sciences Education in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology at the University of Florida.

ZANA SIMS, PHD

Dr. Zana Sims has started a postdoctoral position in the Department of Integrative Anatomical Sciences at the University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine, after successfully defending her dissertation, "Cervical Root Morphology and Diet in Extant Catarrhines: Implications for Dietary Reconstruction in Miocene Fossils," at Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, Center for Functional Anatomy and Evolution. Her dissertation research was funded by the Leakey Foundation.



SODIQ KOLAWOLE LAWAL, PHD

Dr. Sodiq Kolawole Lawal has been appointed as an anatomy lecturer in the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Botswana. He also presented his research on changes in the hippocampus of diabetic rats following antiretroviral drugs at the American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) meeting, CELL BIO 2023 in Boston, Massachusetts, in December.



MELISSA A. CARROLL, PHD

Dr. Melissa Carroll gave a presentation on the Global Neuroanatomy Network (GNN) at the 10th Asia Pacific International Congress of Anatomists (APICA) and the 20th Australian and New Zealand Association of Clinical Anatomists (ANZCA) in early December in Dunedin, New Zealand.



IRYNA SAVINOVA, MD STUDENT

Iryna Savinova, MD student at McMaster University and the Communication Lead for Black in Anatomy, received the 2024 Medical Student Rising Star Certificate of Excellence from the Canadian Association for Medical Education (CAME).





NI-KA FORD, MS, CMI



Catch up and listen to Ni-ka Ford on the [Body Banter Podcast](#) as she discusses “Embracing Variation in Medical Illustration!”



SEAN MCWATT, PHD

Dr. Sean McWatt started a new position as an Assistant Professor (Teaching Scholar Track) within the Faculty of Health Sciences at Western University in London, Ontario, Canada.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

1

Dr. Izuchukuwu Okafor and Jude Amechi published a paper in *Medical Science Educator*, “[Cadaver Dissection Experience for First Time Dissectors: a Hypothetical Three-Pronged Approach for Student Preparation.](#)”

2

Dr. Melissa Carroll published a paper, “[Imposter Syndrome and Ambiguity Tolerance in Practicing Physical Therapists: An Exploratory Correlational Study](#)” in the *International Journal of Medical Education*.

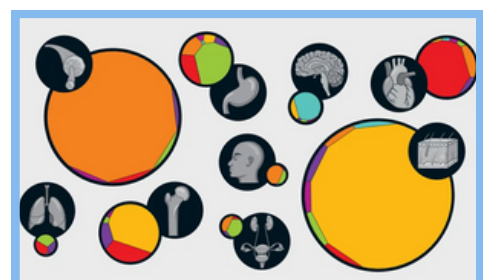
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“[Pioneers of Color: A Counternarrative of Foundational Figures in Forensic Anthropology's History](#)” in *Forensic Anthropology*, is a collaborative paper co-authored by several authors of color, including Black in Anatomy members, Chaunessey Clemmons and Dr. Allison Nesbitt.

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Read “[See Your Body's Cells in Size and Number](#)” and see icon illustrations by Ni-ka Ford in *Scientific American*.

Photo credit Ni-ka Ford and Jen Christiansen, January 1, 2024 Scientific American.



ANATOMY CONNECTED 2024

SYMPOSLIA AT A GLANCE

Going to Anatomy Connected 2024 in Toronto, Canada, this March? Be sure to check out these symposia with members of the Black in Anatomy community!

1

The Art of Failing in Anatomy; No Scientist is an Island **Erin Marie Williams-Hatala** (Chatham University) - *Professional Member*

2

Design Thinking and Visual Communication through the Lens of the Medical Illustrator; Beyond the Books: Exploring the Potential of Design, Interactivity, and Learner-centered Thinking in Anatomical Education **Shehryar (Shay) Saharan & Naomi Robson** (University of Toronto) - *United Member*

3

Did your project get accepted for a poster or oral presentation for Anatomy Connected? Please submit the information [HERE](#) so that we can share with our members prior to the annual meeting in Toronto, Ontario, Canada!

OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER RESEARCH FUNDING

Deadline: January 31, 2024

The Brush Arbor/Starkville Colored Cemetery Community Engaged Field Program hosted by Mississippi State University is accepting applications for the 2024 Cohort until January 31, 2024. This is a fully funded summer research opportunity for advanced undergraduate students and graduate students interested in anthropology, history museum studies, archaeology, Black studies, and related fields. Dr. Jesse Goliath, an Assistant Professor of Biological Anthropology is part of the leadership team.



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[Apply Here](#)

BLACK MEN'S BRAIN HEALTH CONFERENCE

Date: February 6-7th, 2024

2024 Black Men's Brain Health Conference (BMBH) is free to attend (in-person or virtually) on February 6-7th at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The BMBH conference centers around brain science research among Black men between scientists, academics, clinicians, practitioners, and the community.



[Register Here](#)

POP-AART APPLICATIONS

Deadline: Rolling submission, next official review is February 12, 2024

Portfolios of People: Advancing Anatomical Representation Together (POP-AART) is a project funded by the American Association for Anatomy (AAA) to diversify the pool of medical illustrations available to anatomy educators. Participating illustrators can be paid for both pre-existing illustrations and for newly commissioned works based on reference photography provided by the project.

[Apply Here](#)



RESOURCE LIST

1

"[KenHub Atlas of Anatomy](#)," a new atlas edited by Black in Anatomy United Member, Mike Pascoe, that has an explicit emphasis on diversifying how bodies are represented and how toponyms are emphasized.



2

Bookmark [IllustrateChange.com](#) for original, new illustrations in 2024 from the Association of Medical Illustrators (AMI) Diversity Fellows!



3

For dermatology quick facts, study resources, DEI perspectives, and cases check out “[Skin Curriculum](#)”, co-founded by Black in Anatomy Communications Lead, Iryna Savinova!



4

The [Global Neuroanatomy Network \(GNN\)](#) has launched and is open to new members. Register for access to accessible, peer-reviewed neuroanatomy teaching resources! Dr. Melissa Carroll is Co-PI and part of the innovation team.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Thank you for joining us on our mission to create a safe place to network, uplift, support, and amplify the Black contributions to anatomical science!

Members, share your research, teaching and career updates with us! We have a form for that too!

[Share Your Updates Here](#)

STUDENT TRAINEE MEMBERS

- Olaseni Victoria Ayomidamope
- Symone Brown
- Dora Ozioma Ekechukwu
- Mara Fields
- Senjobi Abimbola Heritage
- James Onah Ikpa
- Jude Nnaka
- Oloya Johnson Nyeko
- Rachelle Saint-Fort
- Zana R. Sims
- Amarriah Valentine
- Ashley Walker

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS

- Madelyn Crowell
- Ni-ka Ford
- Shaimaa Ramadan Abdelmohsen Amin
- Nicole Jackson
- Raechel McKinley
- Cristy Tower-Gilchrist

UNITED MEMBERS

- Sarah Gluschitz
- Stephanie Lathe
- Lindsey Koper
- Nathier Rhoda

MEMBERS IN ANONYMITY

There are many other wonderful individuals who chose to remain anonymous who we also wish to acknowledge.

Welcome, and thank you to all of our many unlisted/anonymous members!

NEW MEMBERSHIP FORM

- Are you a student or professional in anatomy or an anatomy-related field?
- Do you have a passion for anatomy?
- Are you interested in volunteering with Black in Anatomy?

Apply to become an annual member of Black in Anatomy, Inc.!

[APPLY HERE](#)

DONATIONS

Black in Anatomy, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose continued growth and future success are largely dependent on donations.

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