LTT 2020 Summer Highlights

There have been a lot of changes in the program these past few years and this Summer proved to be an enormous challenge and illuminator of what is to come of LTT. After news of the pandemic and consequential travel bans, LTT Fellows, mentors, and leadership developed a virtual hybrid version of LTT in which UDS Fellows interned in person and BiCo Fellows participated remotely. The Fellows were incredibly adaptive to this version of LTT, especially under the gravity of the pandemic and the most recently publicized uprisings against the ongoing violence against Black people in the U.S. (and globally).

This Summer, LTT Fellows worked with:

- Titaya Schools
- Dalun ICT Center
- Simli Radio
- Black is Beautiful

In addition to their internship work, this cohort embraced an active centralizing of global/diasporic Blackness and Black Study/ies through:

- research discussions and talks
- inquiry projects
- Dagbani language learning and partnered practice
- Dagomba cultural learning through hybrid dance lessons
- committees on Research, Health & Safety, and Communications

Fellows, Mentors, and LTT leadership collaborated synchronously and asynchronously to build the program each week, each person bringing invaluable additions to our handbook, resource booklet, topics for discussion, and our Dagbani learning materials. With the remarkable success of this hybrid virtual program, many new possibilities and formats for LTT have opened up!
Moments of Sharing Out

Fellows presented their inquiry projects in a virtual Symposium, facilitated discussions with guest lecturers, and shared reflections on their experience with friends and stakeholders of the program.

Inquiry Projects

- **Slavery: The Northern Ghana Perspective**
  - Ibrahim Z. Muta-Ali & Dunee Desmond UDS '21

- **Migration in Ghana: From Rural Areas to Urban Areas**
  - Lisa Adanye BMC '23

- **Colorism in Ghana and Resistance**
  - Laila Ali BMC '23 & Mammie Barry BMC '22

- **Child Welfare in Ghana**
  - Abubakar Salamatu UDS '21

- **Changing the Narrator**
  - Monet Dubose BMC '21

- **Falling of Shea Trees in Daluq**
  - Ameyaw Joycelin Emefa & Salifu Memunatu UDS '21

- **Family Ancestry and Ancestral Artifacts**
  - Lauren L. Lattimore BMC '21

- **Understanding Blackness from My Upbringing**
  - Hayat Shibeshi BMC '23

Hosted Talks

- **Pan-Africansim**
  - Dr. Gnaka Lagoke, Assistant Professor of History and Pan-Africana Studies, Lincoln University

- **The Prohibition of Violence Against Women in International Human Rights Law**
  - Pretty Mubaiwa, Ph.D Candidate in Human Rights Law, University of Capetown

- **Connecting the Dots to your Next Opportunity**
  - Deborah Ahenkorah Osei-Ogekyum, BMC '11, CEO of African Bureau Stories and Co-Founder of Golden Baobab
New LTT Engagement Opportunities

Cohort Book Clubs
Quarterly Research Discussions
Expanding ICT's Timeline

Inter/Intra-cohort mixers
Formation of Advisory Committee
LTT Internship Development

A TYPICAL FRIDAY IN OUR COLLABORATIVELY MADE SCHEDULE

FORMER BICO FELLOWS SHARING MEMORIES W/ 2020 FELLOWS

SNAPSHOT OF VIRTUAL DAGBANI LEARNING
OTHER NEWS AND UPDATES:

- The leadership team is building a collaboration w/ Lincoln University, an HBCU near Oxford, PA and Kwame Nkrumah's alma mater

- Sabea and Alice have been developing a course for Spring 2021 on Black Study/ies, language justice, and education, including fieldwork opportunities with LTT.

- LTT is being registered as an organization in Ghana! Leave suggestions for edits or additions on our constitution in the comments here!

2020 MENTORS:

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THANK YOU FOR READING!

{And thank you to Monet Debose (LTT '20) for designing this beautiful new logo for LTT}