



A Message from MCAN's Board Chairs

As another academic year nears its close, we cannot help but reflect on the difficulties of the past year. COVID lockdowns, racial injustice, and inequities abound and the attention turned to the issues at Carleton have made for an exhausting year, but one that has also highlighted the need for the MCAN community. Your demands for change and accountability on campus have fueled our work and advocacy. While there are still significant changes that must occur, we are proud of the steps that we have taken to effect some changes. We also recognize the need for support for our current students and recent graduates and to build a broader MCAN community. We hope you will keep an eye out for upcoming opportunities and will find ways to engage or re-engage with MCAN and Carleton. The MCAN Board fully recognizes that the inequities we have experienced at Carleton influence our experiences as alumni. While we cannot change these past experiences, our goal is to find ways to heal our community and collectively encourage Carleton to acknowledge these experiences and create systems to prevent these occurrences in the future.

On a personal note, as my time on the Board ends, I am increasingly grateful for this opportunity and hopeful that with our continued efforts, Carleton will become the institution it purports to be for all students who hear the words "You are a part of Carleton, and Carleton is a part of you."

Micah Evans Rivera '02 (Co-Chair) with Jennifer Lopez '02 (Co-Chair)

Reunion 20+21 MCAN Reception



Friday, June 18, 5 - 6 p.m. CDT

Join MCAN alumni for a reception to connect and socialize. When you [register for this event](#), you are encouraged to share a song that reminds you of your time at Carleton. All registered attendees will be sent a curated Spotify playlist of song entries and recipes for Carleton-themed cocktail and mocktails to enjoy during the reception.

News from Campus



Carleton's Office of Intercultural & International Life (OIL) Reorganizes

The Office of Intercultural and International Life (OIL) plays a key role in affirming, supporting, and engaging both students of color and international students at Carleton. OIL has fostered a strong peer leader program, offered events and opportunities to bring students together to discuss critical issues and current events, and cultivated a sense of belonging at Carleton. But as time and circumstances have changed, so too have the needs of our students, and moving forward, two distinct offices will take the place of one: the [Office of Intercultural Life](#) (OIL) and the [Office of International Student Life](#) (ISL). To learn more, [read the news](#) from the Dean of Students Office.

Sayles Girls: First-Year Black Women Support Group

The Sayles Girls are a group of Black women and femmes from the Class of 2024 who share a common sisterly bond like no other. What started as a study group in Upper Sayles to maintain the academic standards of Carleton has since branched out into a beautiful support group for these BIPOC women on campus. Read the story in [The Carletonian](#) to learn more.

May 13 Eid al Fitr Celebration 6:00 p.m. CT

Join us to celebrate the end of Ramadan with talk by [Iman Jafri '15](#), Associate Chaplain for Muslim and Interfaith Life. For more information and the Zoom link, [email Jan Truax](#) in the Chaplain's Office.

George Floyd's Death Anniversary Recognition

From May 18 through May 25, the Office of Intercultural Life will recognize the one-year anniversary of George Floyd's murder with a display in Sayles-Hill. Using profiles of Black and African Americans who have been killed by police officers within the last decade, this display will help create awareness around the realities of this problem and show that George Floyd was one among the many who have been killed by law enforcement. This display will also be important in providing campus community members with some understanding of why movements like Black Lives Matter exist.

Upcoming Speakers of Interest

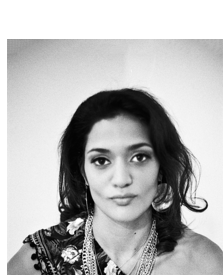
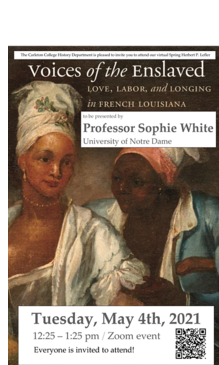


Wednesday, April 28 at 4:30 p.m. (CT) - Dr. Ted Thornhill One Year Later: George Floyd, Black Lives Matter, & the White Backlash

Ted Thornhill is an associate professor of sociology and founding director of the Center for Critical Race and Ethnic Studies at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers. His research examines racist and antiracist policies and practices within organizations. Visit the [April 28 event listing](#) for more information and to register.

Tuesday, May 4 at 12:25 pm (CT) - Professor Sophie White

As part of a year-long initiative, the History Department is hosting the [Lefler/Broom Lectures](#) on history and racism, which we invite all alums to join. The next lecture will be on May 4 and feature Professor Sophie White from the University of Notre Dame. She will be speaking on her new book, *The Voices of the Enslaved*. Visit the [May 4 event listing](#) to learn more and register.



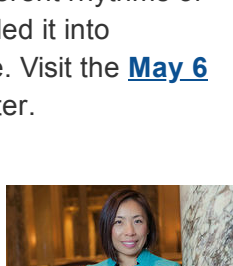
Thursday, May 6 at 12:00 p.m. (CT) - Maria Isa "Bomba to Hip-Hop Tools of Resistance, Communication and Unity"

Maria Isa is an award-winning singer, songwriter, actress, rapper, activist, youth worker, mother, wife and international recording artist born in Minnesota and raised on St. Paul's West Side barrio. Maria was raised by the influences of many different rhythms of Afro-LatinX and Indigenous history and channeled it into performing arts and activism at a very early age. Visit the [May 6 event listing](#) for more information and to register.

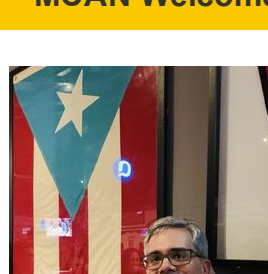
Convocation

Friday, May 7 at 12:30 p.m. (CT) - Sia Her

Sia Her is a cultural bridge builder with a passion for establishing relationships and trust in communities. As the executive director of the Minnesota State Council on Asian Pacific Minnesotans, she advises the governor and legislature and advocates on behalf of Asian Pacific American communities. Visit the [May 7 event listing](#) for more information and to register. *Sponsored by the Office of Intercultural and International Life*



MCAN Welcomes David Wallace-Jackson '87 P'19 P'23 to the Board



"I grew up in Ypsilanti, Michigan, where my parents settled in 1967. They were both a long way from home. My mother was born and raised in Ponce, Puerto Rico; my father was born in Spanish Harlem and raised in the Bronx. Ypsilanti was a very different world than they knew and an unusual spot for two Puerto Ricans to settle, but they never left. I left home in 1983 to attend Carleton—a place that was new to me, and have essentially been in Minnesota ever since. I am happy to once again volunteer my time to the college and the MCAN board where I have previously served." To read more of David's bio, visit the [MCAN Board webpage](#). Welcome, David!

Being an Ally

MCAN advocates for Carleton's BIPOC students, alumni, faculty, and staff to feel included and valued. Each of us has a role to play in creating an open, engaging, and productive living and learning environment, which includes being an Ally to Carleton's BIPOC community. Being an Ally makes relationships more human and makes Carleton a better place to live and learn.

- Allies are supportive and accept BIPOC people for who they are and may personally advocate, challenge bias, and support equal civil rights, gender equality, and social movements
- Allies use their privilege and voices to help others understand the importance of equality, fairness, acceptance, and mutual respect
- Allies strive to be friendly and open-minded and are willing to talk, listen, recognize personal boundaries, and confront their own prejudices and stereotypes
- Allies are well versed on the impact and issues faced by Carleton's BIPOC community
- Allies express support in group and in 1:1 settings
- Being an Ally is a learning process

Allies can communicate, come up with ideas and solutions, and build supportive, cooperative relationships with BIPOC friends, classmates, and colleagues.

Why I Volunteer

What has always impressed me about Carleton as a student, alum, and parent of an alum is how open we all are to sharing and helping each other as best we can. I believe that it is a common characteristic that is deeply held and continually practiced. It is with me. I serve as I benefited from the help from countless people while I was a student—out of a debt of gratitude I want to pay that kindness forward. I serve because I want to help Carleton continuously improve. - **Lou Reynaldo '86 P'20**



Join the MCAN Board

Contributions by alumni through volunteering, mentorship, or financial support are critical to the well-being of the College and to the long-term success of the Multicultural Alumni Network. We are actively recruiting new board members! Learn more and submit a [volunteer interest form](#) today.

Ways to Connect with MCAN

Interested in what's happening on campus and beyond in our MCAN community? Check out our recently redesigned [MCAN webpages](#), like us on [Facebook](#), and follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#)!

Do you have questions, comments, or ideas you'd like to share with the MCAN board? Reach out via our [online form](#), interested in getting more involved? Check out information on how [alumni can get involved](#) and [how students can get involved](#) with MCAN.

2020-2021 MCAN Board of Directors

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