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**Help Combat Racism Through Education at the
USU's "Black History Workshop Series"**

Northridge — The University Student Union (USU) invites CSUN students, faculty, staff and community members to attend our dynamic “Black History Workshop Series” on Zoom. You can join us for an informative and compelling two-part series, facilitated by CSUN’s Africana Studies Professor, Dr. Marquita Gammage. The first workshop will be on Wednesday, July 29 and the second workshop will be on Thursday, July 30, both from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Take this opportunity to learn more about the history of Black people and the impact of “race neutral” policies in America, from the long enslavement period to present day mass incarceration and discrimination

“We want to provide CSUN community members a chance to educate themselves and better understand the history they don’t usually show us in school,” says Jessica Aceves, Diversity and Inclusion Operations Assistant, “We want to illuminate the injustices the Black community continues to face in America and share how you can help combat racism through education.”

The first workshop will focus on the historical establishment of the racial caste systems in America starting from enslavement to ongoing mass incarceration. We’ll take a closer look at the utilization codes and the Supreme Court Rulings to contextualize the systemic racism embedded in America’s polling practices. In addition, we’ll be providing



insight on important social movements throughout the years such as Civil Rights and Black Lives Matter as well as the Black community's response to assaults on Black human rights and citizenship.

The second workshop will then focus on the development of “race neutral” policies that have specifically targeted and impacted the Black community. We will go further into detail on the War on Drugs and analyze national statistical data on drug use and sales by race. We'll also dive into the different policing tactics used against Blacks and whites as evidence of how skewed structural racism is within the broken system.

In times like these, it's important to inform and educate yourself in order to diminish the racist agenda within America's institutions. Join us via Zoom (meeting ID: 925-4874-6919) to discover how we all have a role in creating social change. For more information, please visit csun.edu/usu.

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The University Student Union (USU) is committed to inclusion, diversity and personal growth for all students while providing services such as study areas, a computer lab, TV lounge, prayer room, lactation room and wireless printing kiosks in addition to a variety of food options and a wide range of events. The USU includes the Student Recreation Center, Oasis Wellness Center, Pride Center, Veterans Resource Center, USU Board of Directors, Computer Lab, Games Room, USU Events and more. For additional information, please visit www.csun.edu/usu.