

Fall 2021, Volume 2



Campus Engagement

November Power Hour



Dr. Frederick Engram led CAAS' November Power Hour. He delivered a powerful and insightful message that addressed **Critical Race Theory** and **contemporary racial discrimination**. Much has been said in the media about these important topics over the past few months. Dr. Engram corrected many misconceptions, and addressed the relevance of **"institutional racism."**

This event was co-sponsored with the **Black Student Association**!

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CAAS Afternoon of Arts & Letters









CAAS Afternoon of Arts & Letters



In December, CAAS held its **"Afternoon of Arts & Letters."** As always, **Dr. Safisha Hill** led students, staff, and faculty in recognizing the **Nguzo Saba—the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa**. Her **Afrocentric** perspective always elevates the room and captures people's attention.

We also recognized students graduating with a **minor in African American Studies, and Jai'Lah Johnson our Social Work intern!** We wish the following students all the best in their future endeavors. **Congratulations!**

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Alpha Phi Alpha Panel Discussion





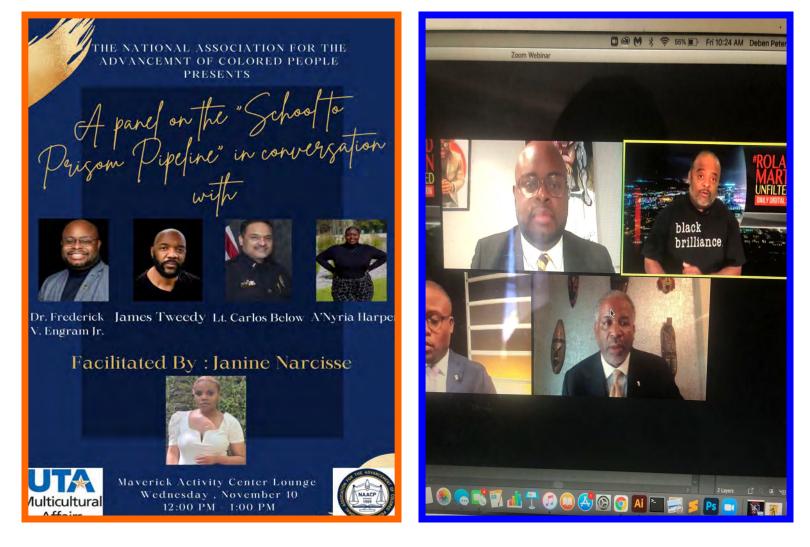
In November, Bro. Dr. Shelton moderated a discussion featuring two notable African American political leaders in our community. This event was sponsored by UT Arlington's Zeta Chi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Bro. Michael Evans currently serves as Mayor of Mansfield, while Bro. Roderick Miles serves as Tarrant County Commissioner. They shared wisdom and key insights on various important matters—both national and local—as they concern the African American community.

> Onward & Upward!



NAACP Panel Discussion



Dr. Frederick Engram was a featured panelist for the NAACP's discussion on the "School to Prison Pipeline." He was a natural fit for this event since he teaches a class on this topic!

Also, **Bro. Dr. Engram** was a featured panelist for a virtual discussion featuring various prominent members of **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.** —including Bro. Roland Martin, who served as the keynote speaker for **CAAS' 10th Annual Opening Lecture** in September.

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Community Engagement

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Dr. Shelton Chairs Fort Worth "Panel of Experts"



In November, **Dr. Shelton** chaired the **City of Fort Worth's "panel of experts,"** who were asked to help the provide insights on a **new museum or cultural center that focuses on African American life.** The five-member panel featured leaders from across the United States, including **Dr. Harry Robinson, the founder and president of the African American Museum in Dallas.**

Some topics to be decided include **where** the museum or cultural center should be located, **whether** it should include a **restaurant or jazz club**, and **local histories** that can be preserved for future generations. The **three-day workshop** included in-depth interviews and focus groups with City leaders and community stakeholders, a townhall discussion, creation of an online survey, and many hours of deliberations. Dr. Shelton gave a major presentation on the panel's findings at the **Como Community Center.**







Established in August 2012, the **Center for African American Studies (CAAS)** at the University of Texas at Arlington aims to cultivate an exceptional transdisciplinary experience through teaching, civic engagement, and community-based research focused on the diverse contextual conditions of Blacks in America and society at large. Our purpose is to foster the development of student, faculty, and community capacity to create progressive solutions that address social problems.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Power Hour Lecture Series February 2, 2022 (Stephone Coward of BlackBankUSA)

10th Annual Conference February 17th, 2022 (Dr. Angela Davis of the University of California at Santa Cruz & Dr. Rashawn Ray of the University of Maryland)

Power Hour Lecture Series April 6th, 2022 (Dr. Yvette Wingate, Tarrant County Health Equity Coordinator)

An Afternoon with Ms. Opal Lee April 13th, 2022 (Juneteenth as a Federal Holiday and National Museum in Fort Worth)



