



The MultiCultural Center presents

Resilient Love Series

Dr. Françoise Cromer, Dr. H. L. T. Quan, Dr. Marisela Marquez, Dr. Tiffany Willoughby-Herard,
Dr. Jasmine Noelle Yarish, Dr. Greogry Freeland, and Elizabeth P. Robinson.
Moderators: Dr. AJ Rice and Dr. Chase Hobbs-Morgan.

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Enduring Legacy of Cedric J. Robinson in Teaching, Research, and Activism

In the Fall of 2016, UCSB's Division of Student Affairs launched the Resilient Love series to ask how we might respond ethically and honorably to hate and violence. The series features visiting artists and academics as it seeks to promote conversation and creative work that will forge a love-driven response to hate, hurt, and fear. Since its inception, we have hosted Kimberlé Crenshaw, Favianna Rodriguez, David Kyuman Kim, Sharon Bridgforth, and Tim Wise.

This roundtable panel will celebrate the enduring legacy of Dr. Cedric Robinson from the perspective of his former students and PhD alums in Political Science, Black Studies, and Chicana/o Studies, UC Santa Barbara. Whereas Dr. Robinson's scope of influence was beyond the academic arena and included the Division of Student Affairs, Division of Academic Affairs, and the entire University of California system, our discussion will focus on the impact of Dr. Robinson's teaching on the scholarship and career path of his students. In addition, each panelist will share their story of resilience and love in the trajectories to promote feminist social justice. They will be joined by Elizabeth Robinson and other former students to help expand the scope and nature of Dr. Robinson's impact, including those who did not finish, or turned to become lawyers, or took another path outside of academia.

Thursday, May 8th
Panel: 4:00-5:30 pm
Reception: 5:30-7:00pm
MCC Theater & Lounge

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Publication Award for her journal article, "Black women take their health into their own hands." Her collaborative teamwork in developing an award-winning summer bridge program (Fastrak) at Saint Elizabeth University with intensive first-year support services, resulted in the exceptional retention of program participants. Dr. Cromer earned her Masters and Doctorate of Philosophy degrees in Political Science from the University of California, Santa Barbara advised by Dr. Cedric J. Robinson. She received her Bachelor's degree in Economics with a minor in African Studies from Saint Lawrence University.
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Cedric J. Robinson (ed, 2019), *Growth Against Democracy* (2012), and with C. A. Griffith as co-Producer/co-Director, *Queer, Broke & Amazing!* (2024), *América's Home* (2014), and *Mountains That Take Wing* (2009). Email: hq@asu.edu



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