

*In Honors...*



*Black Lives Matter*

*MCHC*  
*2021*



## Friday, February 26

**9:00-9:15** Welcome

**9:15-10:30 Plenary 1:** “Implicit Bias in Academia: Mirrors and Windows”

*Black Lives Matter* student panel I

Moderator: Nida Khan, Montgomery College

Malik Barry, Towson University; Giuliano Gargiulo, University of Baltimore

Sai Jallow, Hood College; Jisela Ramos, Towson University; Mikaili Robertson, Hood College

### **10:45-12:00 Session 1**

Black History Every Month, Breakout Room 1

Moderator: Bruce Thompson, Frederick Community College

1. Jolisse Gray, Notre Dame of Maryland University  
“*Unbought and Unbossed: The Woman Who Paved the Way*”
2. Maxwell Pardoe, McDaniel College  
“The Hopes for Black Intelligentsia: Understanding W.E.B. DuBois’ Talented Tenth for Today”
3. Raquel Sobczak, McDaniel College  
“Religio-Racial Identities During the Great Migration”

The World of Education I, Breakout Room 2

Moderator, Lisa Algazi Marcus, Hood College

1. Makenzie Baldwin, Hood College  
“Place-Based Education and Its Impact on Students”
2. Faith Mae Kiser, Hood College  
“Low-Income After-School Music Programs: Monstrous Effects of Cutting and Defunding”
3. Erin Lafferty, Hood College  
“Why Early Reading Matters and Improving Outcomes for Young Children At-Risk for Reading Difficulties”

Unearthing the Truth, Breakout Room 3

Moderator: Sally Farley, University of Baltimore

1. Maya Bradley, Montgomery College  
“Research Ethics: A Response to Inhumane Experimentation”
2. Lynne Regules, Frederick Community College  
“The Myth of the Volunteer U.S. Military: Food Insecurity and Social-Emotional Needs in the Middle Class”
3. Caylee Winpigler, Hood College  
“The Lloyd C. Culler Memorial Fountain and its Place in Baker Park”

The World of Government and Public Policy, Breakout Room 4

Moderator: Alison R. M. McCartney, Towson University

1. Signé Kula, McDaniel College  
“Homegrown Terrorism”: The Role of the United States’ Domestic Policy in Creating Foreign Terrorist Threats against the United States”
2. Taryn Painter, Towson University  
“Bridging the Gap: The Connection between UNRWA’s Palestinian Refugees and Black Americans”
3. Natasha Jafari, Frederick Community College  
“Addicted and Left Behind”

**Lunch Break: Room open for eating and chatting**

**Breakout Rooms open for Speed Dating (our transfer networking event)**

**12:30-1:45 Session 2**

Comparative Racism, Breakout Room 1

Moderator: Jocelyn Briddell, University of Maryland, Eastern Shore

1. Madison Gerow, Hood College  
“Executive Order 9066 and Japanese American Internment”
2. Kinsey Walker, Hood College  
“Treatment of the Uighurs in China”

Topics in Psychology, Breakout Room 2

Moderator: Lisa DiDonato, Frederick Community College

1. Chelsea D. Bean, University of Baltimore  
“Reflections of Resting Bitch Face in Neutral Expressions”
2. Olivia Borkowski-Johnson, Harford Community College  
“The Impact of Animal-Assisted Therapy: Veterans Who Have Experienced PTSD Symptoms”
3. Olivia Longo, Towson University  
“Investigating Family Members’ Experiences Following Pediatric Traumatic Brain Injury”

Structural Racism I, Breakout Room 3

Moderator: Bruce Thompson, Frederick Community College

1. Alexzander Baetsen, Montgomery College  
“Social Media for Social Change: The Success of the *Black Lives Matter* Movement”
2. Mikaili Robertson, Hood College  
“Black Athletes and COVID-19: One more challenge to face?”
3. Charlotte Wintle, Frederick Community College  
“Can the Jury Selection Process Be Reformed to Eliminate Racial Discrimination?”

The World of Education II, Breakout Room 4

Moderator: Abram Fox, Towson University

1. Esmeralda Flores, Frederick Community College  
“The Benefits of Learning Spanish as a Second Language for Early Education Students of American Public Schools”
2. Rachel Schneider, Towson University  
“An Evaluation of Culturally Responsive Practices: Addressing the Speech and Language of the United States’ Growing Majority Minority Population”

**2:00-3:15 Plenary 2:** “Implicit Bias in Contemporary American Society: Rushing to Judgment”

*Black Lives Matter* student panel II

Moderator: Samantha Santoro, Towson University

Brandan Buckner, Montgomery College; Sai Jallow, Hood College;

Vinita Obi, University of Baltimore; Ali Werlang, Frederick Community College

### **3:30-4:45 Session 3**

#### Racial Issues in Crime and Policing, Breakout Room 1

Moderator: Terry Cooney, Towson University

1. Vinita Obi, University of Baltimore  
“Racial Profiling and Implicit Racial Bias in America”
2. Hudson Finch Batista, Montgomery College  
“US Police Shooting Analysis”
3. Lewis Laury, Towson University  
“Road to Decriminalization: The Rise of Illicit Drugs in Baltimore City”

#### The World of Film, Breakout Room 2

Moderator: Alison R. M. McCartney, Towson University

1. Oluwasolabi Afolabi, Towson University  
“Representations of West African Families on Television and in Film”
2. Damian Ambrozewicz, Harford Community College  
“Film Adaptation and Evolution”
3. Jazlynn Renae Aguon, Frederick Community College  
“Religious Pluralism in the Middle East: Christians, Muslims, and Jews for Jerusalem”

#### Women’s Voices, Breakout Room 3

Moderator: Jocelyn Briddell, University of Maryland, Eastern Shore

1. Audrey Hall, Montgomery College  
“The Recidivists: A Fictional Narrative of a “Comfort Woman” in WWII”
2. Rachel Sell, Hood College  
“Deborah Sampson: A Heroic Legacy or a Fictitious One?”
3. Anne Yemima Benie, Montgomery College  
“Education of Women in *Côte d’Ivoire*”

#### Just Science, Breakout Room 4

Moderator: Richard Fulton, Frederick Community College

1. Angela Bueso, Frederick Community College  
“Bee Population Decline”
2. An Hong Dong, Montgomery College  
“Sleep/Wake Transition Probabilities as a Tool for Studying Sleep Maturation”
3. Janelle Sangalang, Notre Dame of Maryland University  
“Using *Caenorhabditis elegans* as a Toxicology Model for Novel Antibiotic Compounds”
4. Katherine Duckworth, Frederick Community College  
“Not Just in the Bones: Race in Forensic Anthropology”

**4:45-5:15 Happy Hour:** Room open for eating and chatting  
Breakout rooms open for Speed Dating

**5:15** Presidential Welcome and Address

**5:45** Awards Presentation, MCHC Executive Board

**6:30 Plenary 3:** “I Can’t Teach: Scholars of Color Reflect on Talking about Race  
in the Age of *Black Lives Matter*”

Alison Rios Millett McCartney, Towson University; Bryn Upton, McDaniel College  
Darryl L. Peterkin, Morgan State University

**8:00:** Student caucus and networking meeting (all welcome)

Maryam Iftikhar, Maria Elena Silva & the MCHC Student Engagement Team

# Portz Award Nominees 2021

## Two-Year Colleges



Audrey Hall, Montgomery College



George (TJ) Strawbridge, Harford Community College



Kaitlin Wachter  
Frederick Community College



Samantha Lokey, Wor-Wic Community College



# *Portz Award Nominees 2021*

## *Four-Year Colleges and Universities*



Cesia Calero, University of Baltimore



Lewis Laury, Towson University

Caylee Winpigler,  
Hood College



## Saturday, February 27

### 9:00-10:15 Session 4

#### Art and Social Justice, Breakout Room 1

Moderator: Kara Rogers Thomas, Frostburg State University

1. Lily Fitzherbert, Frederick Community College  
“Is Disney Doing Enough for the LGBTQIA+ Community?”
2. Jaclyn Bryant, Frederick Community College  
“A Study of Country Music and Social Justice Movements”
3. Reeve Kennedy, Frostburg State University  
“How Early American Poetry Relates to America Today”

#### The World of Politics, Breakout Room 2

Moderator: Joan Naake, Montgomery College

1. Nina Bundy, Towson University  
“The Future of American Justice: Why Your Vote Matters”
2. Kristina Pickering, Notre Dame of Maryland University  
“Citizenship in 2020”
3. Dalanda Diallo, McDaniel College  
“Lives over Tribes: Ethnocentrism and Military Violence in Guinean Elections”

#### Global Health, Breakout Room 3

Moderator: Rio Napoli Clements, Towson University

1. Raissa Abbasi, Towson University  
“The Impacts of Terrorism on Child Health in Afghanistan”
2. Pankhuri Kabthiyal, Montgomery College  
“Effect of different concentrations of tea on population of *Escherichia coli* as measured by distance between the wafer and area of inhibition post disc diffusion testing”
3. Onyedikachukwu Onyemeziem, Towson University  
“Maternal Education versus Childhood Stunting in Malawi”

#### Living with COVID, Breakout Room 4

Moderator: Christopher Jones, Harford Community College

1. Madison Alley, Harford Community College  
“Screen Time: Is It Really Worth It?”
2. Meghan Moir, Hood College  
“Analysis of the Effectiveness of the Universal Use of Online Teaching Within Chemistry Curriculum”
3. Lia Finch, Frederick Community College  
“Distractibility in Virtual Learning Environments”

### 10:30-11:45 Session 5

#### Structural Racism II, Breakout Room 1

Moderator: Joan Naake, Montgomery College

1. Haja Sannoh, Towson University  
“School Integration & Mortality Rates”
2. Christopher Saca, Montgomery College  
“Upward Social Mobility for Low Income and Minority Households in the United States Must Be Improved”
3. Nadia Pineda, Montgomery College  
“High Exposure of Air Pollution in Low Socioeconomic Neighborhoods”

Potpourri, Breakout Room 2

Moderator: Alison R. M. McCartney, Towson University

1. Abigail Sweeney, Towson University  
“Fitness Technology and Workout Intensity During COVID-19”
2. Hashmat Sherani, Montgomery College  
“The Revival of Hebrew”
3. David Staub, Frederick Community College “Standardizing Unmanned Aerial Aircraft (UAVs) into Emergency Management”

Literary Worlds, Breakout Room 3

Moderator: Terry Cooney, Towson University

1. Aisha Sowe, Towson University  
“Politics in Literature: *The Desert and the Drum*”
2. Allison Trumpler, Notre Dame of Maryland University  
“The Monstrous Creation of Circe”
3. Justin Williamson, Towson University  
“The Evolution of Lilith: The World’s First Feminist”

Math in Real Life, Breakout Room 4

Moderator: Craig Laufer, Hood College

1. Jonah Lever, Harford Community College  
“How a Major League Batter’s Height Impacts their Performance”
2. Emma Wachter, Frederick Community College  
“Using Lagrange Multipliers to Solve Optimization Problems”

**11:45-1:00 Plenary 4:** ‘I Can’t Breathe’: Effects of Implicit Bias on Mental and Physical Health”

*Black Lives Matter* student panel III

Moderator: Maryam Iftikhar, Hood College

Malik Barry, Towson University; Ngan Huynh, Montgomery College

Vinita Obi, University of Baltimore; Jisela Ramos, Towson University

**1:00-1:30 Elections, Business Meeting and Wrap-Up**



## Zoom links for 2021 MCHC Conference

### Friday, February 26

UB OTS (zoom-ub2@outlook.com) invites you to a Zoom meeting.

Meeting Topic: 2021 MCHC Conference (Day 1)

Meeting Time: Feb 26, 2021 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://ubalt.zoom.us/s/96536358368>

Phone one-tap: US: +13017158592,,96536358368# or +13126266799,,96536358368#

Meeting ID: 965 3635 8368

### Saturday, February 27

UB OTS (zoom-ub2@outlook.com) invites you to a Zoom meeting.

Meeting Topic: 2021 MCHC Conference (Day 2)

Meeting Time: Feb 27, 2021 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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