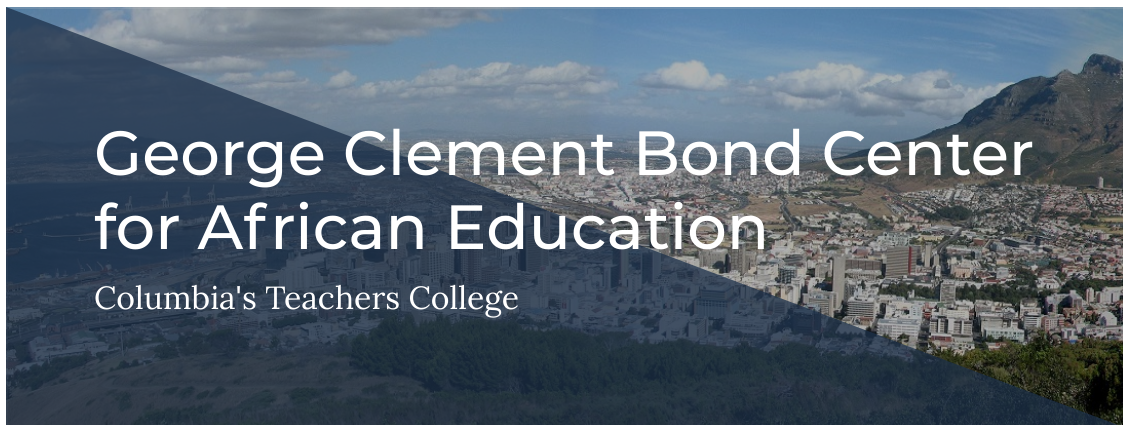


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## Announcements

**We are excited to welcome Professor Mary Mendenhall as the incoming Director of CAE for the upcoming 2023-2024 year!**



"It will be an honor and a privilege to serve as the Director of the Center for African Education beginning in September 2023. I welcome the opportunity to build on the amazing work that Dr. S. Garnett Russell and all of the student staff members and volunteers over the years have contributed to the Center's research and programs. I look forward to further expanding the network of

faculty to identify new opportunities to conduct meaningful research that contributes to expanding our mutual understanding of educational issues and innovations taking place across the continent."

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**Thank you to Dr. S. Garnett Russell for her dedicated service as Director of CAE from 2014-2023.**



Dr. Garnett Russell has served CAE as Director for over 9 years. Over that time, her dedicated service to leading the Center has helped realize George Clement Bond's mission to advance research and teaching about education in Africa and in the African diaspora, including Latin America and the Caribbean. Dr. Russell has worked assiduously with students, staff, and faculty to further promote the Center's objectives by fostering community, promoting research and interdisciplinary study, and cultivating partnerships and collaborations within and outside the TC Columbia community. Dr. Russell has fostered engagement with TC alumni both in the International & Comparative Education Department (ICEd) and in the wider TC community to support student career exploration and networking on the African continent and in the Diaspora. Additionally, she has increased the center's presence and collaborations with other TC programs like Music & Music Education and Curriculum & Teaching.

We thank Dr. Garnett Russell for her support and service to the center.

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## **Grants & Awards**



## TRAVEL GRANT 2023 AWARDEES



Meet our 2023 Travel Grant Awardees! We have the privilege to award two MA students, Ismael Hammoudi and Sarah Etzel, and one PhD student, Kemi Richardson, with the Travel Grant for Summer 2023.

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**DCI Grant Event: Invisibility and Erasure Mini-Conference Wins  
the Outstanding Community Impact Award**

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The Invisibility & Erasure Mini-Conference helped participants to unpack their experiences with decolonization in their research work. The conference allowed researchers and practitioners to critically engage with their work and collaborate with others in the greater TC community to devise a "tool-kit" of decolonizing methods and reflections that any researcher can employ throughout the research process. The conference was a day of deep learning and unlearning. The Center is honored to accept the award for Outstanding Community Impact for this event and would like to extend thanks to the participants and planning team.

**Congratulations to Our PhD. Graduate Assistant, Theresa Cann, for the Shirley Chisholm Award!**





Theresa has been an active member of the TC community, particularly in her work with the George Clement Bond Center for African Education (CAE). In her role as a graduate research assistant, she has launched several new initiatives including an Academic Collaborators Program with colleagues at universities on the African continent, the introduction of Peer Advising to support students in our program who have an interest in the African region and the diaspora, expanding the library research orientation to include a tour of the Africana Studies Library at Columbia University and the training and mentoring of Masters' Graduate Assistants. In addition, she took the lead in organizing two conferences: one on "Decolonizing the University" and the other on "Erasure and Invisibility in Research." For both conferences, there was a wide range of participants including students and colleagues at TC and colleagues from African institutions. We are so proud of you, Theresa!

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and how they navigated the intricacies of working in the field.

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