

**Faculty Senate Committee on the Status of Faculty of Color (FOC)  
End of Year Report  
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**Composition:**

- Nine faculty members appointed by the FSSC
- Three consultants
- One graduate student

**Charge:**

As the Faculty Senate Committee on the Status of Faculty of Color (FOC), our charge, responsibility and mission continue to include:

1. Formulating initiatives to increase Creative/Research and/or Teaching resources for Faculty of Color (including funding from external sources).
2. Collecting and maintaining a repository/clearinghouse of information about/by and for Faculty of Color through an on-line presence; while continuing to engage in an ongoing dialogue and research partnership with entities such as the Academic Center on Research

in Diversity (ACCORD) and the office of Institutional Diversity Equity, Advocacy and Leadership (IDEAL) regarding race and ethnicity at Temple University and beyond.

3. In accordance with Faculty Senate directives, as a standing committee of the faculty senate, FOC also seeks to provide: (a) consultation, (b) review, (c) ratification, and (d) recommendation . . . acting as advisor to the administration on any matters related to race and ethnicity for the Temple University community, in general, but particularly, for faculty, graduate and undergraduate students of color.
4. Collaborating with the Academic Center on Research in Diversity, (ACCORD), The Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, Advocacy and Leadership (IDEAL), Center for the Advancement of Teaching (CAT) and other university entities to help ensure the continued commitment to race and ethnic diversity within the ranks of faculty and graduate students.

## General

FOC typically holds meetings twice per semester; our meeting schedule may increase based on our programming and activity plans.

In early April 22, David Brown and LiRon Anderson-Bell announced they would be stepping down as Chair and Co-Chairs for the 2021-2022 academic year. Committee members Tara Tripp (CLA) and Candrice Heath (LKSM) will serve as co-chairs for the 2022-23 academic year.

## Programming: Chat in the Stacks

Four the 14<sup>th</sup> year, FOC has continued its collaboration with Temple Libraries/Charles Library and presented another year of engaging and well-attended Chat in the Stacks events, open to Temple students, faculty, staff, alumni, neighbors and friends. Due to ongoing COVID-19 safety protocols, the series was presented in virtual format via Zoom in 2022-23. Below is a summary of the year's programming:

### Latanya Jenkins Memorial and Fund

On September 30, 2021, we held the first Chat in the Stacks as a memorial to Latanya Jenkins, former FOC member and longtime Temple University librarian (Africology and African American studies and Government Information), who passed away on April 13, 2021. In addition to celebrating Latanya's incredible life, legacy and scholarship, we also announced the creation of the Latanya Jenkins Memorial Fund to support DEI programming and library science professional development. Thus far, \$595 has been raised for the fund, and we continue to encourage contributions to ensure the fund will thrive.

**BEYOND the PAGE**

Temple University Libraries and the Faculty Senate Committee on the Status of Faculty of Color present

**Chat in the Stacks: Honoring the Memory of Librarian Latanya Jenkins**


Thursday, September 30  
2:30-4:30 pm, EDT

Join us to remember Latanya via Zoom.

library.temple.edu/events

## The Road to Reform: A Conversation with Philly District Attorney Larry Krasner

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES  
**CHAT IN THE STACKS**



**The Road to Reform: A Conversation with Philly District Attorney Larry Krasner**

Join us for a conversation between Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner and Tara N. Tripp, assistant professor in Temple's Department of Criminal Justice. If you are interested in learning more ahead of the program, check out this [eight-part documentary, Philly DA](#), that follows DA Krasner throughout his first term. The documentary is licensed by the Libraries and available to anyone with a Temple login.

On February 24, 2022 we continued the speaker series with a conversation between recently re-elected Philadelphia District Attorney Larry Krasner and Tara N. Tripp, FOC member and assistant professor in Temple's Department of Criminal Justice.

## Spring Tribute – Coach Nikke Franke

The final/Spring Chat in the Stacks is typically reserved for a tribute to someone who has made an impact in the Temple community. On April 14, we honored Nikki Franke, CPH '78, '88, now in her 49<sup>th</sup> season as Temple women's fencing Head Coach. Coach Franke was (and remains) the first Black woman hired to coach an NCAA fencing team. Her Temple teams have earned 874 victories in NCAA competition, making her one of the winningest collegiate coaches in the sport, including a Temple women's foil team championship in 1991–1992. Coach Franke is also the co-launcher of the Black Women in Sport Foundation.

