

# CGEST Monthly Newsletter January 2020

## Welcome

Wishing you a Happy New Year from the CGEST team.



### Dr. Kimberly Scott

Welcome to our newsletter of 2020! Our team is busy planning our Women of Color in STEM Entrepreneurship Conference. Taking place (March 18-20, 2020) on The Big Island of Hawaii. This month we are focusing on one of our core conference committee members Noelani Kalipi. Click below to read more about Noelani and her contribution to the conference by creating a multi-generational conversation on the topic on underrepresentation in STEM careers.

Noelani Kalipi

## Women of Color in STEM Entrepreneurship Conference



Click on the button below register!

Register Now!

### Information

- **Why Attend:** Contribute to the **solution**; Participate in interdisciplinary teams to **co-construct** action-oriented plans that transform STEM pathways for **underrepresented girls/women of color**.
- **Who Should Attend:** Entrepreneurs, Academics, Educators, Venture Capitalists, Angel Investors, College and Graduate Students, Male Allies, Non-profit leaders, and **anyone** interested in addressing race-gender-ethnic disparities in computing.
- **What Will We Do:** Participate in an **ideation garden**; **mentor** girls attending a pre-conference; ignite and **inspire** each other; form new change-oriented **collectives**.
- **What to do next:** Book your room. Go to **QR Code** to find out more.



Please click on this image above to navigate to our website. If you have not done so, **Book your Room Now.**

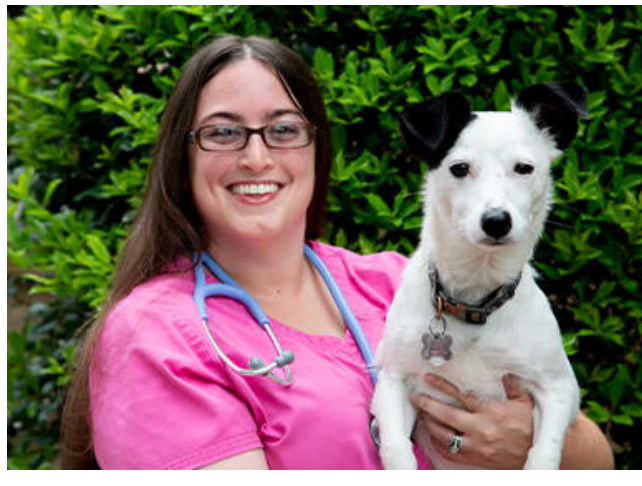


### 2019 Black African Convocation - Learning from *the Lived* Experience

For the 73 Black African Arizona State University students, December 18 will be remembered as the day they engaged in a cultural celebration that honored their academic achievement. As everyone waited to see their graduate, the beat of the African drums mixed in with the voices of loved ones, friends, and guests filled the hall. Dr. Tara Nkrumah delivered the faculty keynote speech for this year's Black African Convocation held in the Student Pavilion. Addressing the graduates, Nkrumah shared her academic journey and words of wisdom from the theme of "Learning from *the Lived Experience*". She reflected on the success of Black African's being a product of the African culture to engage in servant leadership. Highlighting the importance of service, mentorship, and a life of purpose, Dr. Nkrumah advised the new graduates to compete only with yourself, take captive your thoughts, and remember your African legacy of persistence, spirituality, and intelligence. Click here to read the entire speech.

Dr. Tara Nkrumah  
Postdoctoral Researcher

Dr. Nkrumah's Blog



### "I (Don't) Want to Be a Vet"

Once a peer told me "science is evil". I write a response to their opinion utilizing the programs CompuGirls and CompuPOWER to depict science as something that can be changed by those using it to work for them. There is this idea that STEM fields all sit in a box with well defined dimension for a well defined set of people, meaning designed for nerdy and mostly white men. Girls are frequently directed to being vets, to taking on jobs in science related fields deemed feminine. When we want more women to enter other "less feminine" fields, then we pinkify. From slapping pink on everything to turning to STEAM to make science fields more for girls, but often this results in a "feminized" science sometimes going so far to limit or obscure the STEM aspects.

Intern Insights

## CGEST Welcomes



Ronie Moore  
Public Allie AmeriCorps Intern

Ronie is an Undergraduate student studying Biological Sciences and working on a certificate in African and African American Studies. Working as an Intern with CompuPower through Public Allies was a humbling step in the right direction for her career in activism. Ronie is very involved in the community at ASU as she is an active member of the presidents council for the Black African Coalition. She currently sits as the Vice President for the college chapter of the NAACP, as well as for a Black women's empowerment organization by the name of Zaria. Through this work, Ronie has gained a passion for non-profit work and plans on incorporating the idea of intersectionality in her research career. Working for CGEST was a great opportunity because it gives her the opportunity to work directly within that environment. She is also interested in working within the field of Astrobiology and Space Exploration; incorporating Biology into the realm of space. She hopes to eventually travel abroad with her research and work for NASA.

## Upcoming Opportunities

Women of Color in STEM Entrepreneurship Conference, March 18-20th 2020 - This will be in Hawaii! NEXT STEPS are to register before November 30th to take advantage of **Early Bird Registration** and book your hotel by using the **Link!**

Join us as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the **John P. Frank Memorial Lecture with Emily Bazelon**, author of two national bestsellers, *Charged and Sticks and Stones*.

Emily is a co-author of the New York Times bestseller, *The Tennis Courts* and the author of the award-winning book *Charged and Sticks and Stones*. She was also a regular guest on the *Colbert Report* and was the recipient of the *Washington Post*, *Vogue*, and *This American Life*. She is a graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School.

The John P. Frank Lecture is the Center for Gender Equity in Science and Technology's highest honor. It is presented annually to a woman who has made significant contributions to the field of gender equity in science and technology. The award is named in honor of John P. Frank, a pioneer in the field of gender equity in science and technology.

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### John P. Frank Memorial Lecture

Join us on Tuesday, January 28th, 2020 as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the John P. Frank Memorial Lecture with Emily Bazelon, author of two national bestsellers, *Charged and Sticks and Stones*.

Emily Bazelon is a staff writer at the New York Times Magazine, the Truman Capote Fellow for Creative Writing and Law at Yale Law School, and a co-host of the Slate Political Gabfest, a popular weekly podcast. Before joining the Times Magazine, Emily was also a regular editor for the *Colbert Report* and her work has appeared in outlets including the *Atlantic*, the *Washington Post*, *Vogue*, and *This American Life*. Emily is a graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School.

**Location: At ASU's School of Music, Evelyn Smith Music Theatre.**  
**Doors open at 6:00pm.**  
**Lecture starts at 6:30pm.**

## Thank you for Reading!

The Center for Gender Equity in Science and Technology (CGEST) at Arizona State University applies intersectionality as a framework that examines multiple identity markers (i.e. privilege, oppression, power) to reimagine equitable stations. CGEST enacts culturally responsive schooling that centers learning from the student's community and identity. Through its programs, CGEST provides resources in its curriculum to understand and critique STEM education so that historically marginalized groups see themselves shaping their culture and future in STEM.



The CGEST E-Newsletter provides updates on each of our areas of work and share upcoming opportunities for involvement and support and was updated by Kalani Rice, Program Manager for CGEST. We hope you enjoy the material and would love to hear from you regarding any feedback you may have.

We invite you to follow us on our various social media platforms to stay up to date!



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