

Black women's dialogue is a collaboration that Counseling Center (CC) has with the Office of Black Student Achievement (OBSA) over the past 3 years. Staff from the OBSA and counselors from the CC serve as the dialogue facilitators.

Our goal is to provide a safe space for Black women to discuss issues impacting them as Black women on a diverse urban college campus. We discuss a variety of topics including self-care, racial identity, racism, relationships, hair, skin color, how we treat each other as black women, intersecting identities, and issues related to being first generation college students. We encourage open dialogue and respect for the other's point of view. It provides the opportunity for student engagement, exposure to role models, awareness of issues impacting women of color, and coping strategies to help students manage the stressors associated with being a woman of color.

We also host a Black People's Dialogue in February in which we typically bring in a panel or an expert to discuss Black relationships.

This year we provided a film series during Black history month in which we viewed Black films with students and then had a discussion following the film. Queen and Slim, School Daze, Higher Learning.

We will have 2 Black People's Dialogues this summer given the racial unrest to allow students to discuss the impact of the racial unrest on them and offer resources for coping. June 18th and July 16 at 4 p.m. on Webex.