

Dear Colleagues:

It is a pleasure to invite you to contact the National Council for Black Studies' (NCBS) Commission on Assessment and Program Review for your next program review. Co-chaired by Dr. Adele Newson-Horst (ANewson-Horst@MissouriState.edu) and Dr. Ronald Stephens (Stepher2@ohio.edu), the Commission is comprised of scholars in the field who are dedicated to maintaining high quality in departments and academic programs. The Commission (through its Program Review Corps and Consultant-Evaluator team of experts) provides rigorous examination and evaluation of Black/Africana Studies units.

Review teams begin with the fundamental question: Is the department achieving its mission? Fundamentally, program reviews assist in aligning departmental mission and goals with those of the larger college and/or university. The NCBS team documents the quality of a program for use by students, parents, alumni, donors, new faculty and staff as well as campus leaders. The team also shares best practices across areas and suggests ways to attend to practical matters such as resource use and improved processes.

For more than 30 years, NCBS teams have reviewed a number of Black Studies departments across the country. The departments include: City College of New York, Tennessee State University, California State University Dominguez Hills, San Diego State University, California State University North Ridge, the College of Wooster, Chicago State University, California State University Los Angeles, the University of Michigan Flint, among other institutions.

Please contact us for your next academic program review or assessment needs. We also provide coaching in fundraising/development and personnel challenges.

Sincerely yours,

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