

# **Black Lives Matter Association Northwest Vista College Professional Development Sessions:**

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1. Cultural Integration
2. Curriculum Mapping
3. Student Voices: NVC Black Student Union



# Cultural Integration and Code-switching

Dr. Brenya Buchalski

Activity Learning Outcome:  
Each workgroup will collaborate on equity and justice steps that represent cultural integration and systemic change.

# Northwest Vista College Anti-Racism Commitments

## Commitment #1:

Public Commitment to be an Anti-Racist College

## Commitment #2:

Commitment to Act for Racial Equity

## Commitment #3:

Commitment to Transformation Through Achieving Actions Against Racism and Inequality

# BLMA Session I Presenters

## Cultural Integration & Code-switching



**Brenya Buchalski,  
MA., JD.**

Faculty



**Melissa Monroe-  
Young, MA, APR**

NVC Marketing &  
Strategic  
Communications  
Adjunct Faculty



**Sandra D. Garza,  
PhD**

Assistant Professor &  
Coordinator  
NVC Mexican  
American Studies  
Program

# Cultural Integration & Code-switching: Breakout Room Discussion Prompt

Participants will brainstorm **anti-racist strategies** that they believe can be immediately implemented by Strategic Leadership at NVC.

# Cultural Integration & Code-switching: Main Session Report Out Instructions

Each Cultural Integration Workgroup will designate a leader to report out **one anti-racist action step** towards NVC's anti-racist pledge or 3 commitments.

# Is Your Class Curriculum **Biased**?

*Want to learn how to make your class content more inclusive?*

**NVC Faculty Chad Mueller, Dr. Brenya Buchalski  
and Dr. Julie Moore-Felux will show you how to:**

- **Acknowledge curriculum bias**
- **Recognize stereotypes in your existing class content**
- **INFUSE quality African-American studies content**
  - **Include pragmatic student learning outcomes**

# Is Your Class Curriculum **Biased?**

## Learning Objective:

The goal of this course is to help NVC faculty make an explicit effort to bring **intersectional discussions to classroom dialogue and study**, promoting a safe space where ethnic, racial, cultural, religious, and gender differences are respected.



# BLMA Session II Presenters

## Curriculum Mapping



**Chad Mueller,  
MA.**

Faculty



**Dr. Brenya  
Buchalski, MA., JD.**

Faculty



**Julie Moore-Felix,  
Ph.D.**

Faculty

# Why Black Student Success Matters

**A Conversation with Members of the NVC Black Lives Matter Association and students from the NVC Black Student Union**



Students:

**Arizechukwu Okolo  
Alencia Warner  
Chance Moreno**

Staff:

**Valarie White  
Brenya Buchalski  
Daniel Johnson  
Mallory Plummer**

# NVC Black Student Union Quotes

Black Student Union's intentions is to improve the quality of life for African Americans and other minorities through educational and social opportunities by doing meetings (with faculty/staff), and getting out into our community to make (positive) change

**Alencia  
Warner**

*NVC Black Student Union*

The murder of George Floyd...opened people's eyes the structural problems that America has. I'm a Black male in American and regardless if I like it or not, people are going to look at me for that first. (Black Lives Matter) has helped me to realize we do have problems in this country and pontificate ways we can solve them.

**Arizechukwu  
Okolo**

*NVC Black Student Union*

I think it would be helpful if there were a Black History X in (NVC) history classes that would present historical figures because they don't get as much play as we would like. Northwest Vista could put on a crash course into organizing and what it means to build a social movement which are outside the realm of politics, but seek to help people and improve their lives

**Chance  
Moreno**

*NVC Black Student Union*



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## Want to Join The Northwest Vista College Black Lives Matter Association?

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Welcome to all NVC & Alamo Colleges  
District Employees  
Full & Part-Time Members Are Welcome