

Regional Journalists Expand the Knowledge, Skills, and Networks of HBCU-Africa Correspondents

(Washington, DC, USA, July 5, 2024) - The Center for African Studies at Howard University is pleased to announce that the HBCU-Africa Correspondents Corps (HBCU-ACC) has achieved a major milestone. Over the summer semester, the HBCU-ACC Program broke its internal targets and hosted the largest slate of guest lectures by international reporters and bureau chiefs in the program's history.

Over the past three months, the HBCU-Africa Correspondents received guest lectures on current affairs and emerging issues in international reporting and global public relations from:

- **Agence France-Presse**
 - Bahira Amin - Deputy Bureau Chief for Egypt and Sudan
- **Bloomberg News**
 - Onur Ant - Managing Editor for Middle East and North Africa
- **Mail & Guardian**
 - Luke Feltham - Editor for Thought Leader
- **Nation Media Group**
 - Bernard Mwinzi - Managing Editor
- **New York Times**
 - Ruth McLean - Bureau Chief for West Africa
 - Greg Winter - Deputy Editor for International Desk
- **Reuters**
 - Sisipho Skweyiya - Video Producer for Africa
- **Vox**
 - Ellen Ioanes - Weekend Reporter
- **Wall Street Journal**
 - Gabriele Steinhauser - Deputy Bureau Chief for Africa
 - Nicholas Bariyo - Africa Correspondent

The guest lecture series provided the HBCU-Africa Correspondents with an opportunity to learn from leading practitioners in the field. It also opened the door to one-on-one print interviews for the HBCU-Africa Correspondents. Some published examples include:

- Bruce, Akofa, "[Continuous Learning: An Interview with Bahira Amin.](#)" Center for African Studies at Howard University, June 28, 2024.
- Tasneem Vania. "[A Snapshot of 21st Century West Africa: An Interview with Leslie Fauvel.](#)" Center for African Studies at Howard University, June 5, 2024.
- Sabela, Enzokuhle. "[Honing Your Skills and Finding Your Path: An Interview with Luke Feltham.](#)" Center for African Studies at Howard University, May 17, 2024.

The guest lecture series was made possible by tapping into the professional networks of the program director for the HBCU-ACC, Michael Walsh. However, the day-to-day management for the guest lecture series was handed over to the student leadership of the HBCU-ACC.

Reflecting on their experience with managing the series, the student leaders provided the following remarks:

- Akofa Bruce (HBCU-ACC President): “The guest lecture series has been incredibly fruitful. Learning from people with lived experience in the field you are trying to pursue is meaningful beyond words. By indulging our cohort through offering advice and sharing anecdotes, our cohort has been able to visualize the many dimensions and paths this field has to offer.”
- Aurelia Mouton (HBCU-ACC Vice President): “It has been such an invaluable experience. Stepping into the world of foreign correspondents has taught us so much and we will keep these lessons with us moving forward. We are quite lucky to create a network with established professionals.”

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