Subject: #ShutDownAcademia, #ShutDownSTEM, #Strike4BlackLives

Dear CBEE Community,

Our nation is convulsing with grief for George Floyd, killed May 25 in Minneapolis; for Drejson “Sean” Reed, killed May 6 in Indianapolis; for Breonna Taylor, killed March 13 in Louisville; for Ahmaud Arbery, killed February 23 in Glynn County, Georgia… and for Tyrese West, killed June 15, 2019 at the age of 18 in Racine, Wisconsin.

Tyrese was riding a bicycle at night without a light. He was shot three times by a police officer. Tyrese was killed less than three miles from where I went to junior high school.

Black lives matter.

In support of #ShutDownAcademia, #ShutDownSTEM, and #Strike4BlackLives tomorrow, June 10, I have rescheduled all of my meetings to other days. I encourage you to do the same.

For CBEE, I want us to be part of the solution in addressing systemic racism and fighting discrimination towards the Black community.

Personally, I will work with educators at Oregon’s majority-black public schools, including Boise-Eliot School, Woodlawn Elementary School, and Jefferson High School, to support in-person learning experiences to encourage college-going paths for the Black community. I will provide hands-on educators in residence programs for Black K-12 teachers in CBEE. I will initiate research partnerships with historically black colleges and universities by providing resources to enable proposal development.

Please work with me to promote inclusion and diversity and eliminate systemic anti-Black racism in academia and STEM.

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