

In Celebration of Black History Month 2024
UAZ African American Student Affairs presents



BEYOND BOOKS: SOCIAL JUSTICE THROUGH THINGS & STUFF

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UAZ BOOKSTORE, 1ST FLOOR**

Dr. Lester began collecting and decorating his University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa) office with racist Americana from his research, teaching, and life as a Black American in 1989. For over thirty years, these things have energized his debates and enriched his teaching of African American literature and culture. As a moving library, this “stuff” enables sensory experiences in human contexts that books cannot. All of his stories are personal and explore intersectional perspectives on race, gender, sexuality, class, ability, religion, and body size. His “stuff” challenges others to confront his reality as a Black male faculty member at a mostly white college, inviting open race discussion on his terms. This event will utilize Dr. Lester’s “colored museum” to examine how people experience “difference” and social justice through “stuff.”



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