This community conversation is the inaugural “Black Matters” panel at the Department of African American and African Studies Community Extension Center. Join us to discuss with Ohio educators from Columbus and Westerville school districts, The Ohio State University, and Columbia Teachers College about broad topics such as: how Black girls are introduced to STEM education; underrepresentation of Black girls and women in STEM fields; mentoring Black girls and women in STEM; and STEM to STEAM: incorporating the arts and humanities.

Panelists:
- Ranthingy Edmonds, Ross Assistant Professor, OSU Department of Mathematics
- Alesia Gillison, Chief Engagement Officer for Columbus City Schools
- Felicia Moore Mensah, Professor, Columbia Teachers College
- William K. Ragland, II, Assistant Principal, Westerville North High School

Moderator:
- Simone Drake, AAAS Professor & Chair