**Description:** Mainstream sociologists are beginning to explore the scholarship of pioneering sociology including W. E. B. Du Bois, E. Franklin Frazier, Oliver Cox, Charles Johnson, Ida B. Wells and Anna Julia Cooper. Because of systemic racism, pioneering black sociologists attended historic black colleges and universities (HBCU’s) and spent their entire careers teaching and producing scholarship within them. Yet, mainstream sociology knows little about these HBCU’s and their importance in producing black scholars that deeply affected American sociology. In my talk, "Pioneering Black Sociologists: The Centrality of Historically Black Colleges and Universities" I will address the erasure of HCBU’s and how it affected American Sociology.

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