

**BLACK
CANADIAN
STUDIES
ASSOCIATION**



BCSA

*2020-2021
Annual Report*

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AGENDA

Annual General Meeting of the BCSA
03 June 2021

1. Check-in and confirmation of quorum
2. Agenda
 - Additions to the agenda
 - motions from the floor
 - discussion items from the floor
 - **vote to approve agenda**
3. Approval of 2021-2022 annual report
4. Hearing of motions
 - presentation and vote on motions
 - i. Revised by-laws [submitted by the Executive Committee]
 - presentation and vote on motions received from the floor
5. Discussion items submitted prior to deadline
 - New website [submitted by the Executive Committee]
 - Future relations with the Federation for Humanities and Social Sciences [submitted by the Executive Committee]
6. Nominations and Election: 2021-2023 Executive Committee
 - presentation of nominations received prior to May 6th deadline
 - i. *Student representative*: Sarah Mason-Case [via Cherie A. Daniel]
 - call for nominations from the floor
 - discussion and vote
7. Discussion items from the floor and any further business
8. Adjournment

Letter from the Co-Presidents

Fellow members of the BCSA,

As the outgoing presidents of the BCSA we submit this Annual Report for your approval. As we conclude the second of two, single-year terms in this role, we thank you all for your support of the BCSA and your participation in our association despite another year of extraordinary hardship and instability for us all.

When we gathered for our Annual General Meeting last year, we were just beginning to realize the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic that had gripped the world. We hoped that in 2021, we would be able to convene a conference and general meeting in person. Instead, a year later, we continue to find ourselves amidst ongoing lockdowns, as new variants and ongoing “waves” of the virus continue to threaten our families and communities. Research over the past year has repeatedly shown the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on Black people and communities, and the ways in which these impacts are directly related to racialized social inequity and systemic anti-Black racism. We express our care and concern for all whose health and well-being have been directly and severely impacted by the virus, and offer our sincere condolences to all who have lost loved ones.

The pandemic has also highlighted the overall death-drive of racial capitalism and ongoing practices of imperialism. **We insist that we are ALL essential and NO persons are disposable.** We are horrified by the overall lack of concern for the lives of people held in various long-term “care” facilities. We are outraged by the genocidal conditions under which people are incarcerated in prisons across Canada. We are disgusted by the murderous thuggery of police forces and the governments who continue to increase police power and funding for militarized violence. We express our profound gratitude to all frontline health workers, and to all of our many colleagues who are working to support our communities through their research and activism. We especially recognize the efforts of BCSA members Dr. Roberta Timothy (University of Toronto), Dr. Barbara-Ann Hamilton-Hinch, and Dr. OmiSoore Dryden (Dalhousie University), in addressing the impact COVID-19 is having on African Nova Scotian and Black communities in Canada.

Since we accepted the co-presidency of the BCSA two years ago in June 2019, the BCSA membership has grown ten-fold. Our finances have nearly quadrupled, creating the opportunity to update our association website and to provide honoraria to students who have participated in our May webinar panel series. The new system for membership that we established during our first term denies no one access to membership based on financial status, and has proven to be a highly successful way to grow our community. As we did not inherit a centralized archive of association records, we have sought to establish one through outreach to former executives, the meticulous and transparent documentation of executive activities, and through the development and documentation of clear policies and practices. This has been particularly

challenging in relation to our banking situation, documented in detail in Dr. Dryden’s financial report.

Once again this year, we have sought to encourage conversation and exchange among members on our listserv, have maintained a public presence through our Twitter account, and have taken political positions and issued statements in keeping with our principles and mandate. The 2020-2021 Executive Committee of the BCSA—**Alana Butler, Philip Howard, Barbara-Ann Hamilton-Hinch, Cherie A. Daniel** and ourselves—have met monthly throughout the year, and collaborated in all decision-making and planning. Despite our shared and sustained collective efforts, however, we have yet to resolve significant tensions with the leadership of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. This spring after inviting discussion and surveying the membership at large, as well as failed attempts to negotiate sufficient access to the Congress for our members, the BCSA chose not to participate in Congress 2021. This situation has been well documented in public statements available on our website and Twitter page. As has been the case for two years now, the future of the BCSA membership in the Federation is uncertain; indeed the ongoing questions and concerns we have raised about anti-Blackness and coloniality in the practices of the Federation have prompted many other associations to reconsider their own membership in the Federation as well. During this year’s AGM, we hope to engage in a rigorous discussion about the BCSA’s membership in the Federation and participation in future Congresses, as well as our overall role as an academic association for Black Studies. We hope that others will assert themselves to form a new executive committee for our association, to lead our collective work and to continue to build on the vision of Dr. Afua Cooper and other founding members of this first national association for Black Canadian Studies.

We are grateful for the opportunity to have served as the co-presidents of this association for the past two years, and have worked diligently to fulfill our mandate and strengthen its potential. Whatever the collective decisions regarding the BCSA moving forward, we remain steadfast in our commitments to anticolonial solidarities for drastically different ways of being in universities and organizing ourselves and our work as scholars.

Yours in struggle,



OmiSoore Dryden

Associate Professor and James R. Johnston Chair in Black Canadian Studies, Dalhousie University

rosalind hampton

Assistant Professor of Black Studies, OISE, University of Toronto

Co-Presidents (2019-2021), Black Canadian Studies Association

Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

date: June 29, 2020

location: online, Zoom platform

Chair: OmiSoore Dryden

Minutes: Tatjana Vukoja, Assistant to the James R. Robinson Chair in Black Canadian Studies

Present

(Past President, 2009-2019) Afua Cooper;

(2019-2020 Executive Committee) OmiSoore Dryden, Rosalind Hampton, Philip Howard, Claudine Bonner, Sam Teclé, Roberta Timothy, Cheikh N'Guirane;

AJ Bedward, Ian Brown, Alana Butler, Cora-Lee Conway, Cherie A. Daniel, Henry Daniel, Barbara-Ann Hamilton-Hinch, Jennifer Kelly, Terrence Lewis, Tisha Nelson, Tola Mbulaheni, Ntombi Nkiwane, Jean Ntakirutimana, Ornella Nzindukiyimana, "MJ" [TBC]

1. BCSA 2019-2020 Annual Report.

The report had been submitted to the membership in advance of the meeting, on 15 June 2021. An overview of the report was presented to the AGM by the executive members present.

- New membership system and the events surrounding the planned 2020 conference were reviewed.
- Executive Committee recommendations were presented and discussed.
 - Recommendation to make all executive positions (except student representative) accessible only to faculty members amended following discussion—Black community members /professionals outside of academia are also to remain eligible for executive roles.

VOTE. Dr. Dryden called the question and asked the members to vote in an online poll to accept the annual report and recommendations therein (1. yes, I accept the annual report; 2. No, I don't accept the annual report and 3. I abstain from accepting the annual report).

Dr. Dryden asked that only voting members complete the poll.

- The **annual report was accepted in full**, with the noted amendment re. eligibility to serve on the executive committee.

2. Motion from the floor: AJ Bedward

Whereas the black Canadian study Association stated objectives are to foster collective action, challenge the eurocentrism of Canadian Studies and actively encourage and support such subsequent generations of Black scholars, researchers, community historians and culture workers and whereas diverse Black communities in Canada and diaspora have expressed inaudible concerns towards policing and its many forms including having cops on University and college

campuses and whereas there is both documented experiences of Black scholars research, Community historians and culture workers being harassed, targeted and killed by police on and off campus and whereas many members of the BCSA vocally expressed their endorsement towards a reduction of the scope of policing in Canada and across the black diaspora, be it resolved that the BCSA lobby universities in Canada to remove police and school resource officers at all schools at all levels across Canada and be it resolved that members of the BCSA be encouraged to a cavalry advocate for the removal of police and school resource officers from their respective University administration.

Seconded by S. Teclé.

- Discussion: Motion recognizes recent student organizing at Ryerson and elsewhere in Ontario where student activists have launched a provincial campaign to remove police from post-secondary schools
 - Concerns about safety on university campuses were shared, particularly related to calling on campus police/ security when in danger, especially a concern for some Black women
- Friendly Amendments: Refer to “all forms of policing” rather than “police and school resource officers; (S. Teclé) an open letter to all presidents of Canadian universities, refer to reallocation of funds currently used for policing on campus

VOTE. Dr. Dryden put forward the amended motion:

*Be it resolved that the BCSA executive will draft a letter [to Canadian university presidents] addressing (a) the removal of police and policing from college and university campuses, and (b) the reallocation of funds; to be sent to all present at the June 29th 2020 AGM for input and approval before being made public. **MOTION CARRIED.***

3. Elections. The following members were elected and accepted positions on the Executive Committee for a one-year term (2020- 2021):

Co-Presidents:	OmiSoore Dryden and Rosalind Hampton
Co-Vice Presidents:	Roberta Timothy and Alana Butler
Treasurer:	Philip Howard (*interim)
Members-At-Large:	Cheikh Nguirane (*emphasis on French translation), and Barbara-Ann Hamilton-Hinch
Secretary:	<i>no nominees</i>
Student Reps:	Jamilah Dei-Sharpe and Cherie A. Daniel

4. Adjournment: 9:00 PM ADT (moved by C. Bonner)

Membership and Donations Report

rosalind hampton

The new membership policies we implemented last year continue to be very successful in helping us to grow and stabilize our association. During the 2020-2021 academic year we have welcomed another 36 members to the BCSA.

The new BCSA membership year aligns with the typical academic year. Each year, the renewal period will begin August 1st, and memberships for the previous academic year will expire on August 31st. Each membership is for one academic year and includes access to the members' listserv and all BCSA events, involvement in decision making, and participation in one AGM toward the end of the year. In transitioning to this system following two years marked by highly exceptional circumstances, the BCSA Executive decided (1) to honour all memberships established since 2020, until August 2021; and (2) to honour all memberships established in 2021 until August 2022.

Registered Members and Donations: 2019-2021 overview [to date 25 May 2021]

		Total # of registered members	# of all paid memberships (\$)	# of members with fees waived	donations from members
June 2019		9	9	n/a	n/a
2019-2020	new	48	31	17	325.00
	renewed*	4	3	1*	100.00
30 June 2020		52	34 (\$3,600.00)	18	\$425.00
01 July 2020- 25 May 2021	new	36	33 (\$4,780.00)	3	\$300.00
Active memberships 25 May 2021		88	67	21	

[* includes honorary membership of the founding president]

Preview: 2021-2022 academic year (begins 31 August 2021)		# of paid memberships (\$)	# of members fees waived (\$)	donations from members
renewals to date		5		\$150
New memberships (2021)		20		
memberships due for renewal	65			
total registered members to date (31 May 2021)	25	22 (\$3,330.00)	3	

HOW TO RENEW YOUR CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

- During the month of August, send an email to bcсамembers@gmail.com with the subject line MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL. In the body of the email please note any changes since you completed your 2020-2021 membership form and the amount of fees you are paying.
- E-transfer any annual fees to bcсамembers@gmail.com

If you are living outside of Canada and do not have access to e-transfer, please contact the 2021-2022 executive to arrange a mailing address to send your cheque

Our sincere gratitude to all supporters of the BCSA:

Your generosity helps us to make the BCSA an accessible association for all who wish to participate.

The BCSA has received a total of \$1393.00 in donations (01 July 2021-25 May 2021).

ALL donations received by the BCSA are allocated to supporting the participation of students and low-income members in the association.

Our thanks to the following members who made donation in addition to their membership fees this year:

- *Richard Douglass-Chin*
- *OmiSoore Dryden*
- *Sherry Edmunds-Flett*
- *rosalind hampton*
- *Jill McConkey*
- *John Serieux*
- *Malinda Smith*
- *Bathseba Opini*

Our special thanks as well, to non-members who made unsolicited donations to our association as an act of solidarity, in response to the BCSA's withdrawal from Congress 2021:

- *Julie Rak*
- *Candida Rifkind*
- *Danielle Fuller*
- *Athena Elafros*
- *James Schneider and Phillipe*
- *Jessica McDonald*

These donations were applied to providing a \$200 honorarium for each graduate student participant in our webinar panel series.

year	Member donations	Non-member donations	Total annual donations (to date)	Spent	TOTAL donations in fund
2019-2020	425.00	n/a	425.00	0	425.00
2020-2021	450.00	943.00	1393.00	600 (honoraria)	\$1218.00

Membership list

All memberships are due for renewal in August 2021 unless otherwise stated.

ABESHU, GEMECHU [August 2022]

AKINOLA, OLIBANJI
AREGUY, FITSUM
ARMSTRONG, DENISE
BAGIRAKANDI, MELISSA
BEDWARD, AJ
BERHARDT, NICOLE

BEUTIN, LINDSAY [August 2022]

BONNER, CLAUDINE
BOSE, SARIKA
BROWN, IAN
BUCKLE, MICHELLE
BUTLER, ALANA
CAGULADA, ELAINE
COLLINS, TYA
CONWAY, CORA-LEE

COOPER, AFUA [honorary]

DANIEL, CHERIE A.
DEI-SHARPE, JAMILAH
DJOMO, ADRI
DOUGLAS, MARIBA

DOUGLASS-CHIN, RICHARD

DOWNEY, CORRENDA

DRYDEN, OMISOORE [August 2022]

DUHANEY, PATRINA

EDMUNDS-FLETT, SHERRY [August 2022]

EZENWA, CHINELO [August 2022]

FEMI-COLE, MEGAN
GODDARD-DURANT, SADIE

GORDON, TIFFANY [August 2022]

GRANT, PAIGE

HAMILTON-HINCH, BARBARA-ANN [Aug. 2022]

HAMPTON, ROSALIND [August 2022]

HARTMAN, MICHELLE [August 2022]

HENRY, NATASHA

HOWARD, PHILIP [August 2022]

JABOUIN, EMILIE
JACK DAVIES, ANITA
JAMES, CARL E.

KABA, ADAMA

KAMBOURELI, SMARO [August 2022]

KAMNING TALA, PASCALINE
KANIKI, NICOLE
KELETA-MAE, NAILA
KIRK, JESSICA P.

KNIGHT, MELANIE

LEWIS, TERRENCE O.

LITCHMORE, RASHELLE

MADIBBO, AMAL

MAGASSA, MOUSSA

MALIK, MAYA [August 2022]

MASON, ALLESON

MASON-CASE, SARAH

MASON-JOHN, VALERIE

MAYR, SUZETTE [August 2022]

MBULAHENI, TOLA

McCONKEY, JILL [August 2022]

MÉAN, JEAN-FRANÇOIS [August 2022]

MILLER, DESMOND A.

MODESTIN, NADINE [August 2022]

MOTAPANYANE, MAKI

MOUSSEAU, VINCENT [August 2022]

MUCINA, DEVI

MULLINGS, DELORES

NELSON, TISHA

N'GUIRANE, CHEIKH

NÉMÉH-NOMBRÉ, PHILIPPE [August 2022]

NKIWANE, NTOMBI

NXUMALO, FIKILE

NYELADE, RICHARD ATIMNIRAYE

NZINDUKIYIMANA, ORNELLA

OPINI, BATHSEBA

OKANTA, NATHAN

POWELL, NADINE

ROCHAT, DESIREE

SAMUELS-JONES, TAMEKA

SAUNDERS-N'DAW, AMORELL

SERIEUX, JOHN [August 2022]

SINGLETON, MARCUS

SMITH, MALINDA [August 2022]

SOUFFRANT, KHAROLL-ANN

SRAHA-YEBOAH, MICHELLE

TECLE, SAM

THOBANI, SUNERA

TIMOTHY, ROBERTA

WALROND, JEAN

WATCHMAN, RENAE [August 2022]

WENTWORTH, ANNETTE

Financial Report OmiSoore Dryden

The BCSA is a member of **Credit Union Atlantic** in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Current signing officers on this account are OmiSoore Dryden, Co-President, and former executive members Claudine Bonner and Afua Cooper. As the only current executive member located in Halifax, NS and a signatory on the account, I am the one giving what would normally be the Treasurer's report.

The BCSA fiscal year is now calculated from July 1st to June 30th. Prior to the 2020 this was not the case, hence revenue and expenses associated with an annual conference at the Congress for the Humanities and Social Sciences were calculated in the following year's budget. For example, in the 2019-2020 annual report, the "Congress" line refers to expenses related to the 2019 Congress, incurred *prior* to the term of the 2019-2020 Executive Committee.

Membership and Donations:

- Our membership continues to grow. Please see Membership Report
- Have increased in the last year. As part of the current membership structure, it is possible to make donations to support the participation of low-income members
- In addition, this past year a number of non-members have donated their Congress fees to the BCSA.

Matters of note:

- In the 2019-2020 annual report it was reported that BCSA expected to receive a cheque in the amount of \$1758.70. This was received and deposited into the account on July 8, 2020.
- As we have not participated in the last two Congresses, we have not paid fees to the Federation for 2020 and 2021. It will be up to the AGM and incoming executive committee to determine the BCSA's relationship with the Federation and attending Congress.
- \$5000 has been paid to update and migrate the BCSA website to the following domain blackcanadianstudiesassociation.ca
- \$1175.92 has been used to cover French translation costs for official association documents (annual report and by-laws)
- \$600 from the donations made to the BCSA from non-members has been used to pay students who participated in the web series a small honorarium

UPDATE ON BANKING SITUATION:

It was agreed in the last AGM that we would be changing the banks, in order to better facilitate the functioning of a national organization. The current bank, **Credit Union Atlantic** is not user friendly for people outside of Halifax Nova Scotia. This is one of the reasons that (former Treasurer) Claudine Bonner is still listed as a co-signatory/joint owner of the bank account. All banking at the Credit Union must be done in person and have 2 signatories (with the exception of e-deposits). In the attempt to change from the local credit union to a nationally accessible bank we came to understand a more complicated situation:

- BCSA is registered with the Joint Stocks Registry, situated in Nova Scotia. In 2019, we did not receive clear information about the Association's banking arrangements, and did not understand why a national association was incorporated in Nova Scotia. We also did not know that the association was 2 years in default on reporting and fees. The annual fees are \$31.15
- At the end of the 2019-2020 term, we decided that as a national organization it didn't make sense to be registered with the Nova Scotia Registry.
- When we began the process of setting up the new account, we came to realize that we first needed to address the registry issue more directly.

Four of the five directors listed on the registry are no longer members and/or executives of the BCSA

- Before a new bank account can be established, the Joint's Stock Registry needs to be brought into good standing, by:
 1. payment of fees and providing financial statement owed from 2017-2021
 2. updating the listed directors with the most recent executive members
- After this has occurred it will be possible to deregister the BCSA from the Nova Scotia registry (at a cost of roughly \$12)
- Once the Association is deregistered, a new bank account can be established at a nationally accessible bank (CIBC, BoM, TD, etc) with 2 members of the incoming executive (i.e. President and Treasurer) named as co-signers
- Once the new account has been set up, Claudine Bonner and OmiSoore Dryden will get a bank draft to transfer the balance from the current account into the new account, and will close the Credit Union account.

BCSA Statement for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

REVENUE	July 1 2020- (as of 21 May 2021)	July 1 2019- June 30 2020 [updated]
Membership dues	4780.00	3350.00
Previous year's congress	0	3560.00
Donations	1393.00	425.00
Total	13,509.77	7335.00
EXPENSES	2020-2021 (as of 21 May 2021)	2019-2020
Bank fees	110.00	110.00
Website costs	5427.00 (hosting & domain, redesign and migration)	427.00
Previous year's congress	0	1301.30
Federation membership	0	1369.53
Student honoraria	600.00 (webinar series)	N/A
Professional Translation costs	1175.92 (\$500.00, annual report + \$675.92 by-laws)	N/A
Varia	500.00 (reimbursement to C.Bonner)	31.15
TOTAL	7812.92	3238.98
SURPLUS	5696.85	4096.02

CREDIT UNION BALANCE	2020-2021	2019-2020
Opening	6468.07 (1 July 2020)	3595.30 (1 July 2019)
Reporting date	13,399.77 (21 May 2021)	6468.07 (30 June 2020)

Conference Committee Report

Alana Butler, Barbara-Ann Hamilton-Hinch & Philip Howard

In the wake of the cancellation of Congress 2020 because of the pandemic, the Black Canadian Studies Association executive hoped to hold a 2021 annual conference, which as a member of the association of the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, we would host as part of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences. The BCSA executive is aware that many of its members look forward to the opportunity to share their work at BCSA conferences, as one of the many ways to participate in the life of the Association. Given the ongoing pandemic, the executive chose to poll the membership to determine its interest in a 2021 conference. The results of the poll suggested members were interested in a half-day conference or symposium, potentially as part of the 2021 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences. The executive appointed a Conference Organizing Sub-committee of the executive to work toward a 1 to 1 ½ day event which would include the BCSA conference and Annual General Meeting. The sub-committee consisted of Dr. Alana Butler, Dr. Barbara-Ann Hamilton-Hinch & Dr. Philip Howard.

With the experience of holding our conference as part of Congress since 2018, and understanding the enormous amount of bureaucratic labour it entails for a small Association like the BCSA, the Conference Organizing Sub-committee made a request of Congress for support in meeting these requirements, to which the Congress organizers seemed open.

This request was made by email from Philip Howard in response to email reminders to complete forms and other administrative tasks that the Congress had already been sending to the BCSA. Dr. Howard's email also followed up on the unfulfilled commitment by the Federation to guarantee a future Congress with a theme related to Black Studies and/or anti-black racism¹. Laura Chajkowski, Director, Congress and Events responded to schedule a meeting, and informed us that our request about a future Congress theme was to be forwarded to Gabriel Miller². The subcommittee had a helpful meeting with Laura Chajkowski, December 17, 2020, during which we were made aware of arrangements for the 2021 virtual Congress. We reiterated in that meeting and in a follow-up email message to Laura Chajkowski on December 21, that:

"for reasons of accessibility and the ethos of our organization, we would like:

1. first and primarily, to be assured in writing of a future in-person Congress meeting on a Black Studies theme, with details about the year the Federation anticipates this will occur. We realize that next 2022 is unlikely. We also realized that this decision is outside of your portfolio. We have therefore copied Gabriel Miller on this message. While the theme needn't be determined

¹ Email from Philip Howard to Laura Chajkowski, copied to sub-committee member Alana Butler, sent December 9, 2020, 3:09 PM

² Email from Laura Chajkowski to Philip Howard, copied to sub-committee member Alana Butler, sent December 9, 2020, 3:21 PM

immediately, we would like assurance that it will be determined at the appropriate time in consultation with the Black Canadian Studies Association.

2. to be assured that Congress registration fees will be waived, at minimum, for student and community members attending the BCSA conference only, given that the BCSA will not be charging a registration fee.”³

We received a message from Gabriel Miller on December 21st 2020, promising to follow up before the end of the year.

The Conference Organizing Sub-committee eventually heard from Gabriel Miller on January 4, 2021. This message declined both our requests. We responded on January 13, 2021, that the Black Canadian Studies Association would therefore withdraw from Congress 2021. The BCSA made its decision known publicly via twitter on February 9, 2021 and in a message to members via the BCSA listserv on March 27, 2021. The Congress Organizing Sub-committee proceeded to plan the format of our 2021 Conference. After considering several options, the sub-committee decided to arrange a series of 2-hour webinars to take place during the month of May. Presenters were invited from among those members who had submitted proposals for the 2020 conference before it was cancelled. We would like to thank the BCSA Student Representative, Cherie A. Daniel, for her contributions to organizing and promoting this webinar panel series.

The final program is as follows:

- Webinar 1: Health and Black Communities (May 6, 2021)**
Dr. Roberta Timothy, Dr. Barbara-Ann Hamilton-Hinch, Tola Mbulaheni
- Webinar 2: Black Cultural Studies as a site of Resistance (May 13, 2021)**
Dr. Delores Mullings, Dr. Ornella Nzindukiyimana
- Webinar 3: Education and Anti-Black Racism (May 20, 2021)**
Dr. Beverly-Jean Daniel, Dr. Andrew Campbell, Dr. Adrien Djomo, Adama Kaba
- Webinar 4: Theme Politics, Policies and Anti-Blackness (May 27, 2021)**
Dr. Melanie Knight, Dr. Janelle Joseph, Dr. Olibanji Akinola, Jessica Kirk

Respectfully submitted by
Conference Organizing Sub-committee, 2021
Alana Butler, Barbara-Ann Hamilton-Hinch & Philip Howard

³ Email from the subcommittee to Laura Chajkowski, copied to Gabriel Miller, subject: “BCSA participation in Congress 2021”, sent Dec. 21, 2020.

RACE-BASED DATA : COVID-19

- Lack of race based and intersectional data : Limited interventions that directly address impact COVID-19 on African/Black people (CANADA)
- Race-based data : Little interventions that directly address impact COVID-19 on African/Black people (US)
- Lack of race-based data : Limited interventions that directly address impact COVID-19 on African/Black people (UK)
- No race-based (ethnic) data from Brazil, France, Germany, Spain, other parts of Europe, Middle East, Central and South America
- Very little intersectional data
- Africa (continent doing ok) with the exception of, South Africa, Morocco, Egypt.



||| Roberta Timothy

Dr. Roberta Timothy discussing her research on the Health & Black Communities panel; May 6, 2021



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Getting Started

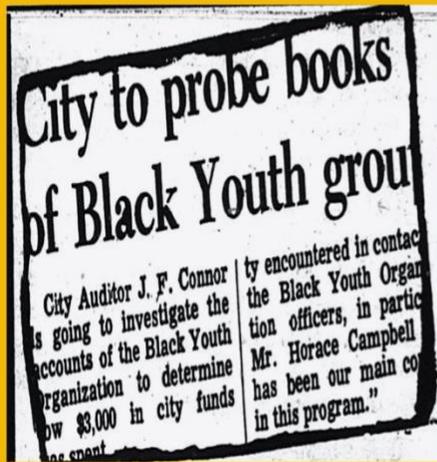
Land acknowledgement	Situating myself
Key Question	Anecdote : "Racism isn't the only issue"



||| Adama Kaba

PhD student Adama Kaba presents her research about the literature on Black K-12 students in Québec public schools; May 20, 2021

Surveillance of Black Movements



The allegation that there is no record of how the money was spent...



Brother Horace Campbell, director of Black Education Project and a member of the Black Studies Union of the University of Toronto, accused the white press and city bureaucrats of a conspiracy to create disharmony in the Black community.

...ing to charges of misappropriation of city funds and unavailability to accounts for same. Brother Campbell was one of the background to this movement in the specific community project under the provision of mental health services to the Black Youth Organization per se. Her use of these meetings, it is way

The allegation that he could not be found...



When the settlement House could no longer handle the situation they had a series of meetings to discuss the possibility of a Black Youth Organization. The Black Youth Organization was formed in 1968. The Black Youth Organization was formed in 1968. The Black Youth Organization was formed in 1968.

These are the facts



City to probe books of Black Youth group

City Auditor J. F. Connor is expected to continue his probe into the accounts of the Black Youth Organization in a report to be submitted to the city council. The Black Youth Organization has been accused of misappropriation of city funds.

BLACKS IN TORONTO GO ON TRIAL

By Donald Berry

The Black community in Toronto is on trial. The work of City Hall, it was alleged that the Black Youth Organization and specifically Horace Campbell of the Black Studies Union have failed to account for a sum of money placed at the disposal of the community, and that they cannot now be found.

On receiving the report CONTRAST called Campbell and found him at home. He charged (satellite with spring to discuss the Black community in general and himself in particular at the Black Youth Organization.

1. The newspaper continued with the article was sufficiently. The budget had made up to give the public some explanation in so far as the money which had been given to the Black Youth Organization under the category of public funds. The fact "satellite" seems to be the fact that no money was money in question. The money was given to the Black Youth Organization. The money was given to the Black Youth Organization. The money was given to the Black Youth Organization.



||| Melanie Knight

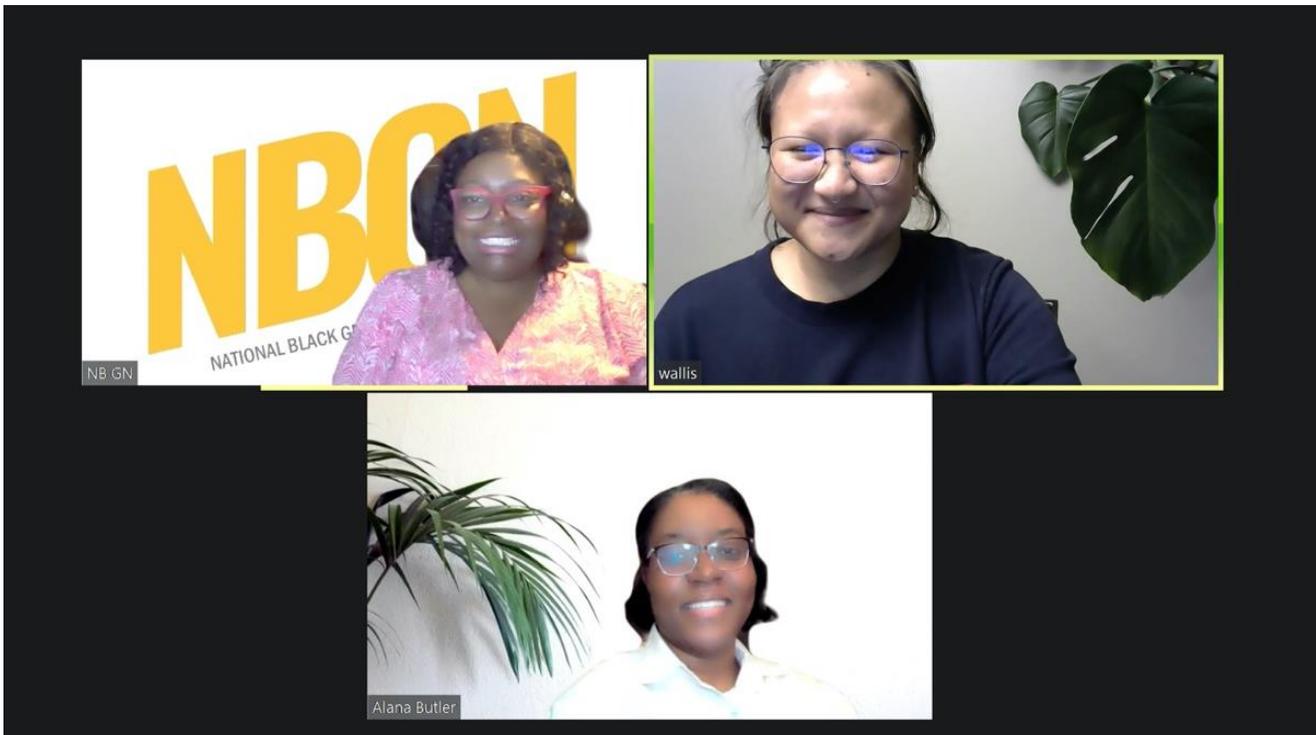
Dr. Melanie Knight discusses her research examining the activism of Black-led organizations in Toronto; May 27, 2021



Dr. Barbara-Ann Hamilton-Finch
Long-standing BCSA member and
Executive Committee member (2020-2021)



Dr Philip Howard
BCSA Executive Committee member
(2017-2021)



NBGN Chill & Chat, January 23rd 2021

Cherie A. Daniel, PhD student, NBGN Coordinator & BCSA Student Representative (2020-2021)

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Student Representative's Report: The National Black Graduate Network

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I cannot believe that it has been a year since we started this journey of the NBGN, and just a few months before our official one-year launch anniversary!

On behalf of the NBGN I would like to thank both the executive and general members of the BCSA for their support. Although we could not launch at Congress 2020 as planned due to COVID-19, we officially launched our network and website in August, and held several events during the academic year. We have been working this year to build an online community and continue outreach to students in all provinces and territories. In the Winter term, we were fortunate to have Festus Ajayi join our team, a Ph.D. candidate from MUN who has greatly assisted with planning events, outreach and speaking on panels.

In the fall, the NBGN hosted a book discussion for Dr. Rosalind Hampton's book *Black Racialization and Resistance at an Elite University*. The format was roundtable style, with NBGN members Mariba Douglas, Marcus Singleton and myself in conversation with Dr. Hampton.

In the Winter term, our "Chill & Chat" series was born: a monthly gathering for NBGN members to informally chat with a Black professor. In January, we welcomed Dr. Julia Rackal, who tackled every issue ranging from health to social justice, personal care, and even dating. Dr. Alana Butler was our next guest and spoke on forming a coalition in academe and positioning oneself through community networking and support as a Black scholar in predominantly white university spaces. Dr. Christopher Smith joined us in March and answered questions about his research journey, the challenges Black professionals face, and offered suggestions on navigating the Ph.D. process through a global pandemic. Also in March, Dr. Andrew B. Campbell joined us for a session in which he emphasized the need for Black Graduate students to place a premium on themselves and their work, and not forget the importance of self-care, especially in these current uncertain times.

For our final Chill & Chat of the year at the end of April, we were joined by Dr. Rosalind Hampton, who spoke to us about the importance of building community among Graduate students and keeping grounded in our academic pursuits. Emmanuel Rutayisire a recent Masters of Arts Graduate spoke to us about research-creation. His Master's thesis, titled "Sensuous Clothing – Cultivating a Hidden Fashion Curriculum that Moves and Bends with Living Atmospheres," focuses on the many ways clothing and fashion can be a site of critical knowledge. We also had a very practical discussion with Sarah Mason-Case around being a Graduate student and contract course instructor. Sarah provided insight into managing the pressure of being a racialized scholar in these spaces. Lastly, Catherine Grant, a first year Ph.D. student in history read a beautiful reflective poem about the times we are in and what she has been thinking about.

This winter we also participated in two collaborative events. The first of these was with the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies (CAGS), in which NBGN members Tricia Alcendor and Tisha Nelson sat on a panel to discuss issues affecting Black Graduate students. The second, was with the Centre for the Study of Canadian and International Higher Education (CIHE), featuring Tricia Alcendor, Marcus Singleton, Maxine Malcom, Festus Ajayi, and myself. Hosted by Summer Cowley, this panel tackled many topics including the short-term goals and the long-term vision for the NBGN, what supports are we creating to enhance research collaboration on Black Studies in Canada, and the experiences of our members within the network. We thank Professor Creso Sá for their support of the NBGN through CIHE, and for providing a platform and space to promote our network. We are hoping to continue joint ventures with both CAG and CIHE again in the upcoming school year.

Over the summer, we plan to have supportive “check-ins” online with our members who are completing their MRP’s, Master’s theses, Ph.D. theses, or undertaking Comprehensive Exams. We also have recently connected with the Black Graduate Studies Association at the University of Alberta, and are working on a collaborative event to be held in the fall with the new executive.

With this year’s activities and our 170 members strong, the NBGN has a solid foundation and is off to a great start! The in-coming coordinator will be able to continue to engage the members and build our nation-wide community. I hope to remain involved in the network and to work behind the scenes to support the new coordinator. I also look forward to continuing to work with Festus and other members who have indicated they have some time to volunteer, to continue our organizing and outreach with graduate students across Canada.



Best of wishes for the Summer and I look forward to engaging with everyone in the Fall. Please stay safe and remember the importance of self-care.

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