



**Black Canadian Studies Association (BCSA) Annual Meeting |
Réunion annuelle de L'Association des Études Noires Canadienne (AENC)**

York University, May 29-31, 2023 | Université York, 29-31 mai 2023

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME | PROGRAMME DE LA CONFÉRENCE

DAY 1 | MONDAY, MAY 29 | JOUR 1 | LUNDI 29 MAI

Session 1. 8:30 – 10:00 | 8h30 – 10h00 (Vanier College – VC 001)

Black Studies in Education I | Études des Noir.e.s en éducation I

Chair | Président : Feisal Kirumira (UAlberta)

Patrina Duhaney (UofCalgary) – “The University of Calgary’s Faculty of Social Anti-Black Racism Task Force’s Plan of Action.”

Feisal Kirumira and Jane Sewali-Kirumira (UAlberta) – “Reckoning with Scarborough Commitments: Re-imagining Black Empowerment as Anti-Black Hate Policy Implementation.”

Beverly-Jean Daniel (TMU) -- “I learned to love the skin I’m in”! Black female negotiations of racial and academic identities in post-secondary educational spaces.”

Session 2. 8:30 – 10:00 | 8h30 – 10h00 (Founders College – FC 108)

Embodiment and Resistance | Personnification et Résistance

Chair | Président : Janelle Joseph (UofT)

Janelle Joseph (UofT) – “Nah! Refusing Embodied Resilience: Black Student-Athletes in Ontario University Athletics.”

Jellisa Ricketts (York) – “Contextualizing Black (Dis)placement in Ontario Within a Carceral Domiciliate Network.”

Shanice Bernicky (CarletonU) – “(Hair)itage: Using Type 4 Hair to Reconcile Struggles of Race and Identity Through Research-Creation.”

10:00 – 10:30 | 10h00 – 10h30 Break | Pause

Session 3. 10:30 – 12:00 | 10h30 – 12h00 (Vanier College – VC 001)

Historical Approaches to Black Wellness | Approches historiques au bien-être des Noir.e.s

Chair | Président : Cheryl Thompson (TMU)

Emilie Jabouin (TMU/York) – “Talking ‘Mental Health’: Black Men’s Suicides Alongside Mrs. Bradford’s House of Pleasure.”

Shanique Mothersill (York) – “Aliveness: The Poetics of Black Canadian Women’s Refusal.”

Session 4. 10:30 – 12:00 | 10h30 – 12h00 (Founders College – FC 108)

Black Studies in Education II | Études des Noir.e.s en éducation II

Chair | Président : Janelle Joseph (UofT)

Janelle Brady (TMU), Rachel Berman, and Nicole Agyenim-Boateng – “Black refusals in Early Childhood and Care through Pro-Black Classrooms: A review of the state of ECEC in Ontario.”

Richard Douglass-Chin (UofWindsor) – “Maroonage and the University Undercommons: RAACES’ Celebratory Acts of Resistance and Black Joy.”

12:00 – 13:30 | 12h00 – 13h30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 | 13h30 – 15h00 (Accolade Building West - ACW 109)

OPEN PROGRAMMING

Dionne Brand: A Brief Reading in Autobiographies (BCSA/ACCUTE)

15:00 – 15:30 | 15h00 – 15h30 Break | Pause

Session 5. 15:30 – 17:00 | 15h30 – 17h00 (Vanier College – VC 001)

PANEL: Black Student Conversations I | Conversations sur l’étudiant.e noir.e I

Chair | Président : Cherie Daniel (NBGN)

Cherie Daniel, Crystal Garey, Renee Whitaker, Marcus Singleton, NBGN (National Black Graduate Network) – “Black graduate students in conversation around Black feminist theory: The battle for anti-invisibility and Black voice.”

Session 6. 15:30 – 17:00 | 15h30 – 17h00 (Founders College – FC 108)

Black Reflection, Resistance, and Refusals II | Reflection, résistance, et contestations des Noir.e.s II

Chair | Président : Kyra Philbert (UBC)

Kyra Philbert (UBC) – “Nurse Angélique” (Performance)

Michaela Bridgemoham – “duppy as cosmos: paths of relations through immaterial to material making.”

17:00 – 17:30 | 17h00 – 17h30 Break | Pause

17:30 – 19:00 | 17h30 – 19h00 (Vanier College VC 001)

OPEN PROGRAMMING

Cheryl Foggo & Sylvia D. Hamilton

Black Canadian Filmmakers in Conversation: On the Imaginings of ‘Nah’ (BCSA/FMSAC)

DAY 2 | TUESDAY MAY 30 | JOUR 2 | MARDI 30 MAI

Session 7. 8:30 – 10:00 | 8h30 – 10h00 (Founders College – FC 203) *HYBRID*

Black Studies in Education III | Études des Noir.e.s en éducation III

Chair | Président : Nicole Bernhardt (Wilfrid Laurier)

Lerona D. Lewis (UofOttawa) and Philip S. S. Howard (Mcgill) – “The Negro Community Centre School Lunch Program in Montreal, 1955-1981: Lessons in Black community organizing.”

Nyasha Nyereyemhuka (WesternU) – “Demystifying the Black Excellence Effect: Black Women Principals’ Pursuit of Organizational Support.”

Alleson Mason (UWinnipeg) – “Black Students Matter: An Examination of How Black Led Supplementary Education Programs are Contributing to Students Education in Edmonton, Alberta.”

Session 8. 8:30 – 10:00 | 8h30 – 10h00 (Founders College – FC 108)

PANEL: Black Children and Youth | Enfants et Jeunesse Noir.e.s

Chair | Président : Andrew Campbell (OISE)

Andre Laylor and Travonne Edwards (UofT) – “We were ripped from our family’: The significance of relationships and family bonds for Black youth navigating out-of-home care in Ontario’s child welfare system.”

Session 9. 8:30 – 10:00 | 8h30 – 10h00 (Founders College – FC 109)

PANEL: Discussions on Afro-Indigenous Belonging | Discussion sur l’appartenance Afro-Autochtone

Chair | Président : Takwana Nhau (CarletonU)

Ann Marie Beals, Kayla Webber, and Ciann L. Wilson (Wilfrid Laurier) – “Proclaiming Our Roots (POR) – Afro-Indigenous Digital Storytelling on Turtle Island.”

10:00 – 10:30 | 10h00 – 10h30 Break | Pause

10:30 – 12:00 | 10h30 – 12h00 (Vanier College VC 001)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12:00 – 13:30 | 12h00 – 13h30 Lunch

Session 10. 13:30 – 15:00 | 13h30 – 15h00 (Founders College – FC 203)

PANEL: Discussions on Afro-Pessimism and the Humanities | Discussion sur l’Afro-pessimisme et les sciences humaines

Chair | Président : Joshua Falek (York)

Joshua Falek, Evelyn Amponsah, Patrick Teed, Bahar Banaei, and Marcelle-Anne Fletcher (York) – “Opening Up Pandora’s Box: On Afropessimism’s Unflinching Critique of Humanities.”

Session 11. 13:30 – 15:00 | 13h30 – 15h00 (Founders College – FC 108) *BILINGUAL*

Black LGBTQ+ in Canada and Sites of Diaspora | Collectivité LGBTQ+ noires et sites de diaspora

Chair | Président : Shalom Brown (UofT)

Vincent Mousseau (Dalhousie) – “« Ma capacité à me définir est tributaire de ce que l’on veut m’assigner » : Une exploration du développement identitaire des personnes Noires LGBTQ+ au Québec.”

Vange Holtz-Schramek (McMaster) – “In My Tenement”: Jackie Shane in but not of Toronto.”

Andrew Campbell (OISE) – “The Power of Counter Narratives: LGBTQIA+ Issues in Jamaica.”

15:00 – 15:30 | 15h00 – 15h30 Break | Pause

Session 12. 15:30 – 17:00 | 15h30 – 17h00 (Founders College – FC 203)

PANEL: Black Teachers in Quebec | Enseignants noir.e.s au Québec

Chair | Président : Leron D. Lewis (UofOttawa)

Leron D. Lewis (UofOttawa), Gloria Ann Cozier, Blandine Mbonyumuvunyi, Jodania Ossee, and Saba Ajaz Raja (La Salle Multicultural Resource Center Research Group Montreal) – “Nah... not under our watch! Black teachers in Quebec supporting Black youth in schools.”

Session 13. 15:30 – 17:00 | 15h30 – 17h00 (Founders College – FC 108)

Black Student Conversations II | Conversations sur l'étudiant.e noir.e II

Chair | Président : Dalia Elsayed (ConcordiaU)

Takwana Nhau (CarletonU) – “Dear Graduate Student: A Genealogy of/to Becoming?”

Dalia Elsayed (ConcordiaU) – “Canadian Education Institutions and the Construction of Blackness; Black Women Navigating Educational Spaces.”

Christopher Smith (UofT) – “SNAP! Or, Queer Gestures Towards a Black Studies In/Thru Canada.”

Session 14. 15:30 – 17:00 | 15h30 – 17h00 (Founders College – FC 109)

Black Artistic Expressive Cultures I | Cultures d'expression artistique noires I

Chair | Président : Cheryl Thompson (TMU)

Shanice Wolters (TMU/York), “Magnifying and Destabilizing “Primitive” Taxonomies: Materials, Images, and Methods of Faith Ringgold’s Picasso’s Studio”

Collette "Coco" Murray (York), “Un ‘loc’ de riddims in meh body.”

Shaunasea Brown (Wilfrid Laurier), “On Be(long)ing: Second-Generation Black Caribbean Canadian Women Artists Creating a Different Kind of “Canadianness”.

18:00-20:00 | 18h00-20h00 (OPTIONAL BSCA RECEPTION)

DAY 3 | WEDNESDAY MAY 31 | JOUR 3 | MERCREDI 31 MAI

Session 15. 8:30 – 10:00 | 8h30 – 10h00 (Founders College – FC 203)

Mapping Race and Blackness Across Space and Place | Configuration spatiale et temporelle de la race et de la condition noire

Chair | Président : Boluwaji (Bolu) Olaniru (Women’s Focus Canada Inc.)

Keisha Jefferies (York) – “African Nova Scotians as a Distinct People: A Black Feminist Qualitative Study.”

Ornella Nzindukiyimana (St. Francis Xavier) – “Anatomy of a fever pitch: The Black player, transnationalism, and multiculturalism in the Canadian national soccer team’s history.”

Jordanne Amos (UofT) – “An Intracontinental Migration Analysis of African Diasporic Presence in Nunavut, Canada.”

10:00 – 10:30 | 10h00 – 10h30 Break | Pause

Session 16. 10:30 – 12:00 | 10h30 – 12h00 (Founders College – FC 203)

New Approaches to Black Canadian Studies | Nouvelles approches des études sur les Noirs.e.s canadiens.e.s

Chair | Président : Titi Aiyegbusi (UofT)

Debbie Ebanks Schlums (York) and Adrian Kahgee (visual artist) – “Shtaataahaa! Raatid! Everything is already here! Archipelagic Mniidoo-Worlding with Odeimin Runners: From Turtle Island to the Caribbean.” *INSTALLATION*

Boluwaji (Bolu) Olaniru (Women Focus Canada Inc.) – “Exploring the Black immigrant woman’s experience in higher education and the relationship between their comfortably of the status quo.”

Rhonda C. George (York), Lydia-Joi Marshall and Tiyondah Fante-Coleman (Black Health Alliance and UofT) – “Harm, Help, or Disengage? Reflections of Community-based Health Research Partnerships with Black Communities.”

12:00 – 13:30 | 12h00 – 13h30 Lunch

Session 17. 13:30 – 15:00 | 13h30 – 15h00 (Founders College – FC 203)

Black Care Work and Community II | Services de soins noirs et communauté II

Chair | Président : Natasha Dixon (York)

Natasha Dixon (York) – “Surviving Against All Odds: An Exploration of Caribbean Immigrant Mothers who are Nurses’ Resiliency despite the COVID-19 Pandemic”

Krystle Skeete (York) – “Never a Victim: An Examination of the Mental health consequences of Negative Police Interactions Amongst Black Youth in Toronto ”

Kisha McPherson (TMU) – “Kiss Teeth and Cornrows: How Black women and girls navigate cultural appropriation and oppression using social media tools.”

15:00 – 15:30 | 15h00 – 15h30 Break | Pause

Session 18. 15:30 – 17:00 | 15h30 – 17h00 (Founders College – FC 203)

Black Artistic Expressive Cultures II | Cultures d'expression artistique noires II

Chair | Président : Lydia-Joi Marshall (Black Health Alliance)

Sylvia Ijeoma Madueke (UAlberta) – “Black Canadian Women Writers in Translation.”

Ola Mohammed (York) – “Revolutionary Refrains.”

END OF CONFERENCE | FIN DE LA CONFERENCE

Please be advised when attending our conference that many of our members have severe nut allergies. We thank you for your consideration.