



Brock University, May 24-26, 2013

Conference opening featuring keynote address by:
The Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, C.P., C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D.

Black Canadian Studies Association Conference

Where are you from? Reclaiming the Black Presence in Canada

Keynote Address Topic: "On the value of advancing Black Studies in Canada."

Location: Brock University (Market Hall)

When: May 24, 2013

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm (Doors open at 5:30pm)

Opening event includes:

Greetings by an Aboriginal Elder

Poetry Reading: Selections from The Great Black North

Musical performance: The Weary Travellers

Greetings: Dr. Afua Cooper, Co-Chair of the Black Canadian Studies Association

Announcement: Dr. Jack Lightstone, President of Brock University

Books: Brock Bookstore, Accents on Eglinton

Art display

The Rt. Hon. Michaëlle Jean was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. After fleeing the brutal regime of Dictator Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, she arrived in Canada, with her family, as a refugee in 1968. Excelling in school, she pursued her undergraduate and graduate studies in Italian and Hispanic languages, literature and comparative literature at the University of Montreal, where she taught at the Faculty of Italian Studies. During her studies Ms. Jean worked for 10 years with shelters for battered women, helping to establish a network of emergency shelters across Quebec and elsewhere in Canada.

Sworn in on September 27, 2005, the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, 27th Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, since Confederation in 1867, assumed the function of Head of State. She ensured that the institutional space she occupied could become, more than ever before, a meeting place where dialogue prevails and citizen voices are heard. On October 1st, 2010, Ms. Jean was appointed UNESCO Special Envoy for Haiti where she spearheads a multilateral initiative to overhaul the education system and protect culture and heritage in Haiti.



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Free public event with refreshments

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