

Conference Schedule

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Friday 24

Open to the public

Opening events

Location: The Market Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm (Doors open at 5:30pm)
Keynote address by
Rt. Hon. Michaëlle Jean

Day 2 Saturday 25

Panels open to conference registrants only

Panel 1: Equity in Education

9:00-10:30
Welch Hall 204

1. Edwin Laryea (PhD. Candidate) and Makanfi Bijou Kromah (undergraduate)
"Expanding the Equity Debate: Listening to the VOICES of African Canadian Refugee Students"
 2. Dr. Gale Solomon-Henry and Dr. Ann "E. Lopez African Indigenous Knowledges: Relevance, space, and urgency in today's schooling experience of Black youths"
 3. Desmond Miller (PhD. Candidate)
"Playing for Education:
Black Canadian Youth Attaining Post-Secondary Education through US Athletic Scholarships"
- Chair: Dr. Dolana Mogadime

Panel 2: History and Cartographies of Blackness and Belonging

9:00-10:30
Welch Hall 206

1. Danielle Pittman (BA. Hons)
"African Canadians Overseas Service during the Great War"
 2. Emilie Jabouin (PhD. Candidate)
"Imagining and Articulating black Possibilities: Mary Ann Shadd as an example of Canadian citizenship"
 3. Cora-Lee Conway (PhD. Candidate)
"Women, Race & Power: Black Female Politicians in Canada: Memorial Landscapes & Present Perceptions"
- Chair: Funke Aladeje (PhD. Candidate)

Panel 3: The Literature of Blackness, Place, Space and Belonging

9:00-10:30
Welch Hall 208

1. Jodie Glean (MA)
"The Black Experience in Canada: Writing African Canadians into Existence"
 2. Dr. Andrea Medovarski
"Roughing it in Bermuda: Susanna Strickland Moodie and the Black Diaspora"
 3. Dr. Pilar Cuder-Dominguez
"A Diaspora of One: Esi Edugyan's Half-Blood Blues and Hans J. Massaquoi's Destined to Witness"
- Chair: Dr. Lisa Tomlinson
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Panel 4: The Africentric Alternative School in the TDSB: Ambivalences, Paradoxes, and Challenges

10:45-12:15
Welch Hall 204

1. Dr. Philip Howard -Course Director, Faculty of Education, York University
 2. Dr. Carl James- Professor, Faculty of Education, York University and Director of York University's Centre for Education and Community (YCEC)
 3. Jacqueline Spence- Principal, Africentric Alternative School, Toronto District School Board
 4. Leopold Campbell- Vice Principal, Africentric Alternative School, Toronto District School Board
 5. Julia Samaroo (PhD. Candidate), Faculty of Education, York University
 6. Sam Teclé (PhD. Candidate), Graduate Program in Sociology, York University
- Chair: Dr. Jean Ntakirutimana

Panel 5: Historicizing the Politics and Practice of African Canadian Citizenship

10:45-12:15
Welch Hall 206

1. Dr. Amoaba Gooden
"Confronting the changing nature of Blackness in Canada"
 2. Dr. Jade Ferguson
"Finding Canaan: Black Citizenship and Anti-Lynching Activism in Canada"
 3. Jared G. Toney (PhD. Candidate)
"Race and the Diasporic City: Afro-Caribbeans in Toronto in the Early Twentieth Century"
- Chair: Prof. David Austin

Panel 6: Literature of the Black Atlantic and Erasure

10:45-12:15
Welch Hall 208

1. Dr. Daniel McNeil
"Honest Intellectuals: The Generational Affiliation of Fanon's Children"
 2. Jan Anderson (MA Candidate)
"Searching for Black Canadians in the Erasure of Africville"
 3. Kevan Cameron
"A Spoken Philosophy: The Argumentative Logic and Metaphysical Edutainment of poetry, hip-hop and the Black experience"
- Chair: Dr. Felipe Ruan, Brock University

12:15-1:45 – Lunch

Location: Pond Inlet
Black Canada, race and the state: A conversation with
Prof. David Austin and Barrington Walker
Moderated by
Dr. Amoaba Gooden

Panel 7: Africa and the Diaspora

1:45-3:15
Welch Hall 204

1. Dr. Ormosa Ntobo and Ms. Martha Obare
"The Constitution as an Instrument of Transformation of Kenyan and Canadian Societies: A comparative study of race, ethnicity, institutions of justice and security"
 2. Dr. Charles Conteh
"A Portrait of the Complex Tapestry of Africa in a Globalizing World"
 3. Moyo Rainos Mutamba
"Original Peoples of Turtle Island and People of African Descent and the Possibility of Decolonial Solidarities"
- Chair: Richard Ndayizigamiye

Panel 8: Educational Trajectories of Black Male Youth in Canadian Urban Centres

1:45-3:15
Welch Hall 206

1. Emmanuel Tabi (PhD. Candidate) and Yasmin Lalani (PhD. Candidate)
"Black Male Youths' Conceptualizations of Resilience"
 2. Dr. Lance T. McCreedy
Schooling Experiences of Black Queer Male Youth
 3. Anthony Briggs (PhD. Candidate) and David Pereira (PhD. Candidate)
"Black Male Youths' Beliefs About the Costs and Benefits of Postsecondary Education"
- Discussant: Dr. Carl James
Chair: Dr. Kevin Gosine

Panel 9: Religion, War and Peace

1:45-3:15
Welch Hall 208

1. Dr. Elaine Brown Spencer
"Private Pain in Public Pews"
 2. Dr. Richard M. Reid
"Black British North Americans in the American Civil War"
- Chair: Dr. Carol Duncan

Panel 10: Castrating Blackness: Challenges, resistance and subversion

3:30-5:00
Welch Hall 204

1. Glorie Tapo Chimbanga (PhD. Candidate)
"Blackness: It's a Phallic Fantasy"
2. Sam Teclé (PhD. Candidate)
"Determining Blackness: Resistance, expression and subversion"
3. Yafet Tewelde (PhD. Candidate)
"Fighting Castration: Black Power and COINTELPRO in Canada"
4. Francesca D'Amico (PhD. Candidate)
" 'The Mic Is My Piece': Appropriating the Gendered 'Cool Pose' in Canadian Hip Hop"

Panel 11: Issues in Education and Employment Equity

3:30-5:00
Welch Hall 206

1. Nicole Bernhardt (PhD. Candidate)
"Racialized Precarious Employment and the Inadequacies of the Canadian Welfare State"
 2. Alana Butler (PhD. Candidate)
"Someone Who Looks Like Me Too: Black Student Responses to the Presence of Black Faculty in Canada and the U.S."
 3. Dr. Delores V. Mullings
"The Stench of Modern Day Anti-Black Racism in the Federal Public Service"
- Chair: Dr. Jennifer Kelly

Panel 12: Promised Land to the North Star

3:30-5:00
Welch Hall 208

1. Dr. Boulou Ebanda de B'beri
"Black Canadian Scholarships in the 21st Century: Exploring Different Models of Knowledge Mobilization via the Promised Land Project's Outcomes"
 2. Dr. Claudine Bonner
"The Promised Land Project: Black Women and the Civil Rights Movement in Nova Scotia"
 3. Deirdre McCorkindale (PhD. Candidate)
"Follow the North Star to 'Racial Inferiority'"
- Chair: Dr. Afua Cooper

Day 3 Sunday 26

Panels open to conference registrants only

7:00-11:00 – Dinner

Location: Pond Inlet - Open to registrants and public - \$25
DJ Big Jacks
Performance by Bosquiat Clique

Panel 1: Blackness, Identity and Visual Culture

9:00-10:30
Welch Hall 204

1. Felicia Mings (MA Candidate)
"Interwoven Threads: Fashioning Black Canadian Identity through Hilary & Denise"
 2. Camille Turner (Hons. BA)
"Black Sonic Geographies"
 3. Rosalind Hampton (PhD. Candidate)
"Being Black (...aka light skins are a likkle bit wack)"
- Chair: Dr. Sharon Morgan Beckford

Panel 2: African Canadian Health and Well-Being

9:00-10:30
Welch Hall 206

1. Sandria Green-Stewart (PhD. Candidate)
"The Experiences of A Caribbean Healthcare Care Worker in Canada, 1960s-1990s"
 2. Dr. Jane Ekong
"When Culture, Myths, Religion and Health Collide: What Do We Do?"
 3. Dr. Paula Hastings
"West Indian Medical Students Combat the 'colour bar' at Queen's and McGill during the First World War"
- Chair: Dr. Delores V. Mullings

Panel 3: Education and Achievement

9:00-10:30
Welch Hall 208

1. Mel Atkinson (PhD. Candidate)
"Schooling and Black Student Achievement"
 2. Pat Wright (B.Sc., M.Ed)
"Does the Dream Live on?"
 3. Dr. Jean Walrond
"Caribbean Cultural Identities and Education in North American Schools"
- Chair: Dr. Tamari Kitossa

10:30-10:45 – Break

Panel 4: Race, Stereotypes, and Spectacles: A Panel Comparing "Black (Canadian) Atlantic" and Diasporic Italian (Canadian) Negotiations of Issues of (Mutual) Otherness

10:45-12:15
Welch Hall 204

1. Dr. George Elliott Clarke
"Juxtaposing Ho Che Anderson's Italian, Cultural References and Quentin Tarantino's Django Unchained; or Exploring the Radical Results of African-Canadian Utilization of Giallo and Italian-American Fusion of 'Blaxploitation' and the 'Spaghetti Western'"
 2. Dr. Camille Isaacs
"Othello-Desdemona-Iago Revisited: The Movement from Italianness to Whiteness in African-Canadian Literature"
 3. Dr. Joseph Pivato
"The Negative Depiction in Films and Other Media of Blacks and Italians"
- Chair: Chair: Dr. Jennifer Kelly

Panel 5: Appropriation and Playing at Blackness

10:45-12:15
Welch Hall 206

1. Dr. Philip S. S. Howard
"Blackface Humour on Canadian University Campuses: Race-making and Resistance in the Ostensible Post-Racial"
 2. Aman Sium (PhD. Candidate)
"The Race to Blackness: Confronting non-black 'innocence' in the appropriation of black oppression narratives"
 3. Evra Trought-Pitters
"The Over-representation of Black Students in Special Education Settings"
- Chair: Dr. Anthony Stewart

Panel 6: Blackness and Performance

10:45-12:15
Welch Hall 208

1. Paul Watkins (PhD. Candidate)
"Soundin' Canaan: Creative and Scholarly Approaches to African Canadian Literature"
 2. Klyde Broox
"LIVASPORIC LIVALOGUE: (Conversing on Canada Dub & the Black Atlantic)"
 3. Collette Murray (BA. Hons)
"African Indigenous Knowledge: dissemination of West African Dance and Drum, cultural commodification and racism"
- Chair: Kevan Cameron

12:15-1:45 – Lunch
Location: Loewenberger
"Poetry and Empowerment"
Readings and discussion by Afua Cooper and Kevan "Scruff Mouth" Cameron
Moderated by Richard Ndayizigamiye

Panel 7: Sexualities and Queering Black Canadian Studies

1:45-3:15
Welch Hall 204

1. Abdi Osman (MFA)
"African/Black Trans and the Centrality of Difference"
 2. Lali Mohamed (Hons. B.A)
"Kitchen Tables: Tracing Black Queer Liminal Spaces in Toronto"
 3. Christopher Smith (PhD. Candidate)
"Black Queer Diaspora Studies: Genealogies and Revisions"
- Chair: Idil Abdillahi (PhD. Candidate)

Panel 8: Criminalizing and controlling the Black presence

1:45-3:15
Welch Hall 206

1. Akwasi Owusu-Bempah (PhD. Candidate)
"On Unequal Justice and the Over-Incarceration of African Canadian Youth in Ontario"
 2. Dr. Barrington Walker
"Looking Through the Archives: Historicizing Canadian Racial Neo-Liberalism"
 3. Christopher J. Williams (PhD. Candidate)
"Gangs, Guns and Plenty of Pretense: The Toronto Anti-Violence Initiative Strategy"
- Chair: Dr. Jonathan Arendt

Panel 9: The Agency of Black Women

1:45-3:15
Welch Hall 208

1. Sherry Edmunds-Flett
"There Ain't Nobody Going to Do It for You"
 2. Angel Brown (PhD. Candidate)
"Activating Critical Race Theory (CRT): Are my hands clean?"
 3. Dr. Dolana Mogadime
"It's getting hot in here....' Why do I feel my life is on the line when I teach about Black Issues?"
- Chair: Dr. Erica Lawson

3:15-3:30 Break

Closing keynote and public forum

Free to the public
3:30pm-5:00pm

Academic South 204, Walker Complex

Dr. Anthony Stewart
"Academic or Intellectual?: Integrity, Choices, and Evaluation in the Black Canadian Intelligentsia"