

**Blackness in Canada Policy Networking (BCPN) Conference:  
Critical Issues for Building Robust Community-Academic Alliances**

**February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
York University, New Student Centre - 15 Library Lane**

**AGENDA**

**Day 1 – Tuesday February 4, 2020**

8:00 – 8:30	Registration, Light Breakfast, Networking
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**Welcome**

8:30 – 8:45	Shelia Cote-Meek, PhD, Vice-President of Equity, People & Culture, York University
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**Opening Remarks**

8:45 – 9:00	Louise Sirisko, Director, York Region District School Board
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**PART I**

**Black Identity in a Canadian Context –**

Black Canadian Studies: Links between Black Activist Scholarship and Community Development

9:00 – 9:30	<i>Race Relations in Canada: A Survey of Public Opinion and Experiences and other initiatives of the CRRF</i> <b>Lilian Ma</b> , PhD, Executive Director, Canadian Race Relations Foundation
9:30 – 10:00	<i>Unintended Activist: Fred Christie and the story of Anti-Black Racism at the Inception of the Modern Human Rights Journey in Canada</i> <b>Patrick Case</b> , Assistant Deputy Minister, Educational Equity Secretariat, Ministry of Education
10:00 – 10:35	<i>A quarter of Black Canada is under 15 year: What does this mean for the welfare of the community?</i> <b>Carl James</b> , PhD, Professor, Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community & Diaspora, York University

**Break 10:35 am – 10:45 am**

**The Black Canadian Population as a National Ethno-Racial Identity**

10:45 – 11:10	Breaking down Barriers by Racialized Communities through Building Community Research and Knowledge Capacity <b>Avvy Go</b> and <b>Michael Kerr</b> , Colour of Poverty - Colour of Change
11:10 – 11:35	<i>Analysis of the complicated experience of African Canadians in the changing Canadian economy using some key factors: Participation rates, unemployment, sectoral distribution and income attainment</i> <b>Grace Edward-Galabuzi</b> , PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Politics and Public Administration, Ryerson University

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11:35 – 12:00	<i>Black consciousness heteronormativity and the sexual politics of Black leadership in Toronto: A commentary</i> <b>Wesley Crichlow</b> , PhD, Professor and Associate Dean, Ontario Tech University
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**Lunch and Networking 12:00 – 1:15**

**PART II**

**Systemic and Social Factors Shaping the Black Canadian Experience**

1:15 – 1:35	<i>Colour-Blind: A Critical Discussion on the Role of Biased Data Collection in Perpetuating Health Disparities Among Black Ontarians</i> <b>Tiyahna Ridley-Padmore</b> , MA Candidate, Master of Public Policy Administration & Law (MPPAL), York University
1:35 – 2:00	<i>Unpacking Symbolic Anti-Racism in Education Policy</i> <b>Rhonda C. George</b> , PhD, Candidate, Department of Sociology, York University
2:00 – 2:20	<i>Sub-Saharan Francophone Immigrant Women in the Labour Market in the Greater Toronto Area</i> <b>Gertrude Mianda</b> , PhD, Associate Professor, Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies, Glendon Program, York University

**Break 2:20 – 2:35**

2:35 – 3:00	<i>Leading While Black! Reflections on Navigating and Negotiating Educational Leadership from Black Female School and System Leaders</i> <b>Camille Logan</b> , PhD, Superintendent of Education, York Region District School Board <b>Kimberley Tavares</b> PhD, Education Officer, Equity and Literacy Lead for the Innovation, Design and Implementation Team, Ministry of Education
3:00 – 3:25	<i>Methodological Approaches to Conducting Intimate Partner Violence Research with Black Women</i> <b>Patrina Duhaney</b> , PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Calgary
3:25 – 4:00	<i>End of Day Wrap-Up – Key points and highlights and framework for discussion tomorrow</i> <b>Lorne Foster</b> , PhD, Professor, Public Policy and Equity Studies & Director, Institute for Social Research (ISR) York University

**Keynote Address**

4:00 – 6:00	Zanane Akande
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**Day 2 – Wednesday February 5, 2020**

<b>Morning</b>	
8:30 – 9:00	Breakfast and Networking

**PART III**

<b>Determining the Most Promising Strategies, Techniques and Approaches to Alleviate Anti-Black Racism</b>	
9:00 – 9:30	<i>Public policy, Black intelligentsia and the Pedagogy of Resistance: Developing a self-reflexive Black Commons in the neo-liberal context</i> <b>Tamari Kitossa</b> , PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Brock University
9:30 – 10:00	<i>Human Rights Approaches to Race and Racism and Recent Work of the OHRC</i> <b>Shaheen Azmi</b> , PhD., Director of Policy Education Monitoring and Outreach, Ontario Human Rights Commission

**BREAK and Networking 10:00 – 10:45**

10:45 – 11:15	<i>Transformational Social Change: How Can Black and Minority Communities Strengthen the Community's Institutions &amp; Mobilize a Broad Cross -Section of Community in Change Efforts</i> <b>Leith Hamilton</b> , MSW, consultant
11:15 – 11:45	<i>Envisioning Institutional Governance Foundations for a Canadian Black Policy Network</i> <b>Kimberly Nesbet</b> , Master of Public Policy
11:45 – 12:30	<b>Panel Discussion</b> – Building a Public Policy network(s) and knowledge sharing partnership(s) aimed at influencing policy development, implementation and outcomes Moderator: <b>Anthony Anirud</b> , Human Rights Commissioner, YRDSB Panel Members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Cecil Roach</b>, Coordinating Superintendent of Education (Indigenous Education and Equity), YRDSB</li> <li>○ <b>Jane Ngobia</b>, PhD. VP of Inclusive Communities, Sheridan College</li> <li>○ <b>Remi Warner</b>, PhD. Senior Manager of Human Rights, TDSB</li> <li>○ <b>Karen Mock</b>, PhD. President of JSpace Canada</li> </ul>