

*Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on the Global Migrations  
of African Peoples*

**Inaugural Symposium**

**“Slavery, Memory, Citizenship”**

Assembly Hall, Founders College  
York University  
23-24 March 2007

in association with the formal launch of The Tubman Institute on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007,  
on the occasion of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the British abolition of the slave trade

***FRIDAY, 23 March 2007***

**8:30 AM – Registration**

**9:00 AM – Opening of Symposium**

WELCOME: David Dewitt, Associate Vice President Research & Innovation

OPENING REMARKS: Paul E. Lovejoy, FRSC, Distinguished Research Professor, Canada  
Research Chair in African Diaspora History, and Director, Harriet Tubman Institute

**9:30 AM – From Haitian Revolution to British Abolition**

CHAIR: Renée Soulodre-La France, Associate Professor, Department of History, King’s College,  
University of Western Ontario

Gad Heuman, Professor, Department of History, University of Warwick, Editor, *Slavery  
and Abolition*

Myriam Cottias, Director, Centre de Recherches sur les Esclavages, CNRS; Université  
des Antilles-Guyane

Nadine Hunt, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of History, York University

Chouki El Hamel, Associate Professor, Arizona State University

**11:00 AM – Coffee**

### **11:30 AM – The Impact of British Abolition - 200th anniversary**

CHAIR: David V. Trotman, Associate Director, Harriet Tubman Institute, and Associate Professor, Department of History and Division of Humanities, York University

Jane G. Landers, Associate Professor, Department of History, Vanderbilt University

Mariana Pinho Candido, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse

Elisée Soumonni, Coordinator of Institut Béninois d'études et de recherche sur la diaspora africaine (IBERDA), Université Nationale du Bénin, République du Bénin

Juanita De Barros, Assistant Professor, Department of History, McMaster University, and Vice President, Canadian Association of Caribbean Studies

### **1:00 PM – Lunch**

### **2:30 PM – UGRR - Canada and the Legacy of Slavery**

CHAIR: Michele Johnson, Associate Professor, Department of History, York University

Karolyn Smardz Frost, Executive Director, Ontario Historical Society; Visiting Professor, York University, and author

Chandler B. Saint, President, Beecher House Society

Rosemary Sadlier, President, Ontario Black History Society, and author

Afua Cooper, author and historian

### **4:30 PM – Keynote Address**

Kate Clifford Larson, Professor, Department of History, Simmons College, “The Harriet Tubman Story”

### **5:30 PM – Reception and Book Celebration sponsored by Africa World Press**

Master of Ceremonies: José C. Curto, Associate Professor, Department of History, York University

### **7:00 PM – Advance Screenings**

“A Slave’s Story” (BBC), documenting the life of Venture Smith from his days of enslavement in West Africa in the 1730s to his death in Connecticut as a freeman in 1805, using DNA technology, archaeological excavation and historical research to trace his origins and chronicle the search of his descendants for their family identity.

“Bloodlines: The Battle of Queenston Heights” (Yap Films Inc. for History Channel), the living descendants of iconic chapters in history are tracked down for revealing documentaries that use the present as a lens into the past. An intersection of family history and documented historical events provide a fresh and entertaining way of bringing history to life, with unpredictable results.

***SATURDAY, 24 March 2007***

**9:30 AM – Comparative Systems of Bondage**

CHAIR: Brian Moore, Professor, Department of History, Colgate University

Toyin Falola, Frances Higginbotham Nalle Centennial Professor, University of Texas at Austin, Fellow of the Nigerian Academy of Letters  
Behnaz Mirzai, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Brock University  
Mariza Soares, Professor, Department of History, Universidade Federal Fluminense, and Visiting Fellow, Gilder-Lehrman Center, Yale University  
Radhika Mongia, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, York University

**11:00 AM – Coffee**

**11:30 AM – Reparations and Reconciliation**

CHAIR: Pablo Idahosa, Director, African Studies Program, and Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, York University

Olatunji Ojo, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Syracuse University  
Asheda Dwyer, Undergraduate, Department of Sociology, York University  
Datejie Green, Graduate Student, Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University  
Carlos Liberato, Ph.D. candidate, Department of History, York University, and Professor Assistente, Department of History, Universidade Federal de Sergipe

**1:00 PM – Lunch**

**2:00 PM – Memory and Citizenship**

CHAIR: Andrea Davis, Assistant Professor, Department of English, York University

Martin Klein, Professor Emeritus, Department of History, University of Toronto  
Ana Lucia Araujo, CELAT (Centre interuniversitaire d'Études sur les Lettres, les Arts et les Traditions), Université Laval  
Muhammad Salau, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Mississippi  
Carolyn Brown, Associate Professor, Department of History, Rutgers University

**4:00 PM – Closing Address**

Rhoda E. Howard-Hassmann, FRSC, Canada Research Chair in International Human Rights, Wilfrid Laurier University, “Reparations for the Slave Trade: A Human Rights Perspective”

**5:00 PM – Reception**

**7:30 PM – Jazz at the Orange Snail – Stong College**

## **Book Exhibition**

Africa World Press  
University of Rochester Press  
Markus Wiener Publisher  
Tubman Institute Publications

*Also visit display at the York University Bookstore, "200 Years after British Abolition of the Slave Trade," March 19 – March 30, 2007*

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