

Alumni Matters - October 2020

CAMPUS NEWS



An important milestone for the Markham Centre Campus

Construction of our new Markham Centre Campus began on Sept. 22 with a small, physically-distanced groundbreaking event at the project site in the heart of Markham. The \$275.5-million, 10-storey, state of the art campus is expected to open in fall 2023 and welcome 4,200 students.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Nadine Spencer (BA '04)

CEO, BrandEQ Group Inc.



Alumna Nadine Spencer (BA '04) sparks monumental change

On Sept. 10, York alumna Nadine Spencer (BA '04) – along with many Canadians – got some monumental news that was a long time coming. The federal government announced the installment of the Black Entrepreneurship Program, the first of its kind, that will provide \$221 million in capital to Black entrepreneurs and business owners in communities across Canada. Spencer, President of the Black Business and Professional Association (BBPA), advocates for and acts as the voice of these communities.



Join us this fall for Scholars' Hub @ Home

Join us as York professors discuss timely and thought-provoking research. All events to be held on Wednesdays at 12pm.

- **Oct. 7** | Indigenous nationhood in the age of COVID-19
- **Oct. 14** | Tattoos and trauma: Why we commemorate
- **Oct. 21** | Acute discrimination and the Asian-white mental health gap during COVID-19
- **Oct. 28** | Youth dating during the pandemic
- **Nov. 4** | Claim the vote, claim the country: On the question of 2020 US elections

ALUMNI OPPORTUNITY



York interdisciplinary project seeking alumni mentors

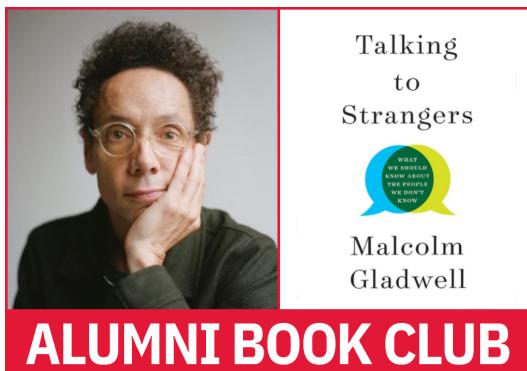
Looking for a mentorship opportunity? York University's C4: Cross-Campus Capstone Classroom is actively seeking project mentors for the 2020/21 academic year who can provide their expertise on "real-world" challenges. The C4 classroom is a unique space at York that brings together students from across York to work together in multi-disciplinary teams on projects that will lead to real social impact. C4 projects require a mentor who offers the students subject-area expertise as they work on their solution. For more information, [visit the C4 website](#).

RESEARCH



Researchers find way to spot food spoilage, prevent waste

Don't want to take a chance on the mayo that's been lingering in your fridge for a few weeks? Professor Christopher Caputo, Canada Research Chair in Metal-Free Materials for Catalysis, has determined a way to test food to ensure that it's safe for consumption. This finding could enhance consumer safety, prevent waste, aid food security and even spare healthcare resources by preventing poisoning.

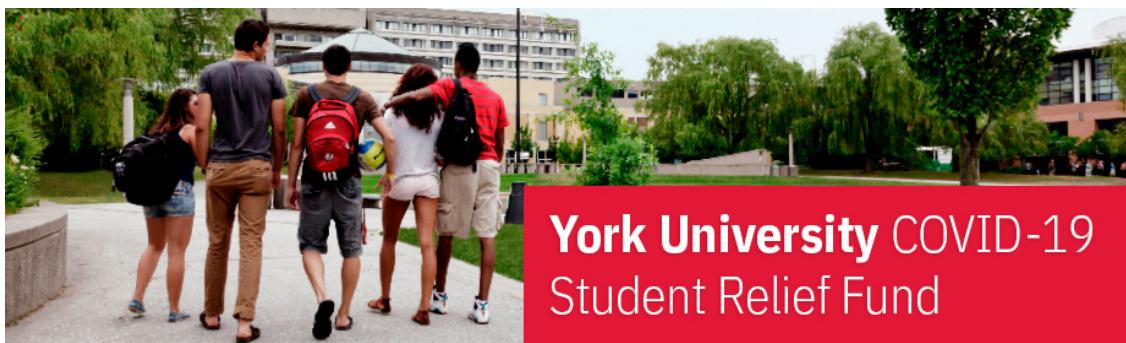


A composite image featuring a portrait of Malcolm Gladwell on the left and the front cover of his book "Talking to Strangers" on the right. The book cover includes the title, author's name, and a small graphic of a speech bubble with text.

ALUMNI BOOK CLUB

Join us at the Alumni Book Club for *Talking to Strangers*

October is National Book Month! As the days grow shorter this season, now is a great time to get involved in our York University Alumni Book Club. Grab our new selection, find a cozy spot, and fall into the pages of *Talking to Strangers* by Malcom Gladwell. [Learn more and join our book club](#). Happy reading!



York University COVID-19 Student Relief Fund



A photograph of an open laptop displaying a video conference interface with multiple participants. To the right of the laptop, there is a speaker and a tablet showing a video feed.

EVENTS

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 13** | 12pm | LA&PS Moving Forward
Webinar Series: Women in Leadership
- Oct. 20** | 11am | Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change: Anita McBride Alumni Mentoring Workshop
- Oct. 21** | 12pm | LA&PS Moving Forward
Webinar Series: How we're tackling COVID
- Nov. 21** | 10am | York Circle @ Home



Four individual headshots arranged in a row. From left to right: a young man with glasses, a woman with blonde hair and glasses, a man in a suit, and a woman with dark hair.

Classes

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