WELCOME BACK!

The new semester is already off to a busy start. As always, the Centre for Feminist Research has big plans for the winter. But first, we're looking back on the highlights from the autumn of 2022. If you'd like to support the CFR's initiatives and events, please consider making a donation.

THE CFR MEET AND GREET

The 2022 CFR Meet and Greet was the first in-person event the CFR had hosted since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Colleagues new and old enjoyed light refreshments while learning more about each other's work as well as the many initiatives and opportunities at the CFR.
As part of our new skillshare series for 2022-2023, David Koffman, Editor of Canadian Jewish Studies, and Elaine Coburn, Co-editor of the Journal of Canadian Studies and Director of the CFR, ran this session on the peer review process for graduate student and early-career scholars.

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT... PEER-REVIEWING (BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK)

This event was put on in collaboration with the York University Centre for Asian Research and Theatre and Performance Studies. The screening of Unfinished was followed by a discussion with filmmakers Shabnam Sukhdev and Leena Manimekalai, moderated by CFR Director Elaine Coburn.
A major milestone for the CFR: to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the CFR, CFR Director Elaine Coburn and CFR Coordinator Andi Schwartz edited a collection of reflections, poetry, essays, and art work by CFR associates past and present. The collection was launched in November 2022 by a roundtable featuring Nancy Mandell, Meg Luxton, Ena Dua, and Ruth Murambadoro.

**BOOK TALK: "QUARANTINED - GOVERNANCE, ETHICS, AND UNCERTAINTY IN EARLY RESPONSES TO COVID-19 IN UGANDA" WITH JIMMY SPIRE SSENTOGO**

This book event centred was organized and moderated by CFR Visiting Postdoctoral Scholar Dr. Ruth Murambadoro. Author Dr. Jimmy Spire Ssentongo is one of Dr. Murambadoro's collaborators. One of his illustrations is featured in the CFR's Feminisms in Focus series. Check it out by clicking here.
BOOK LAUNCH: WHITE SUPREMACY, RACISM AND THE COLONIALITY OF ANTI-TRAFFICKING

This book launch doubled as a retirement party and celebration of Dr. Kamala Kempadoo’s scholarship in sex work and trafficking. The event was organized by the CFR Research Cluster “Critical Trafficking and Sex Work” chaired by Dr. Amanda De Lisio and Dr. Tuulia Law. Check out the cluster’s website by clicking here.

DETRANSITION: CONNECTING RESEARCH, PRACTICE, AND LIVED EXPERIENCE

This symposium was organized by Dr. Kinnon MacKinnon and the subject of a successful SSHRC Connections grant supported by the CFR. It brought together health practitioners, community members, and researchers to discuss an emerging and sensitive area of trans health, detransition. More about this symposium will be featured on the CFR’s Feminisms in Focus series in 2023. Check out the series by clicking here.

TEACH IN/SOLIDARITY EVENT ON ‘WOMAN, LIFE, FREEDOM’ MOVEMENT IN IRAN

Organized by Sylvia Bawa, this teach-in was an essential event for 2022. It brought together emerging and established scholars to have a thoughtful discussion about the complexities of the political landscape in Iran that led to the 2022 uprisings.
WOMEN. LIFE. FREEDOM: WHAT DOES SOLIDARITY WITH THE IRANIAN UPRISING LOOK LIKE?

This well-attended event was organized in collaboration with the Iranian Graduate Student Association at York University (IGSAYU), the Graduate Program in Gender, Feminist, and Women’s Studies, and the Faculty of Graduate Studies. CFR Graduate Associate Fati Gharibi was one of the speakers, and they will publish their talk prepared for the event on the CFR’s Feminisms in Focus series in January 2023.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION: AN INTERSECTIONAL FEMINIST VIEW OF A 'FUZZY' CONCEPT WITH JULIA FURSOVA

Organized by CFR Community Associate Julia Fursova, this interactive discussion invited researchers and practitioners in non-profit and community development work to reflect on the seemingly benign and benevolent topic of community participation. The event featured findings of participatory action research that examined the quality of volunteer participation in neighbourhood-based projects in Lawrence Heights, Toronto. You can read more about the project in Dr. Fursova's blog on the Feminisms in Focus series by clicking here.
This well-attended seminar was the CFR's second in-person event of the year and the last of the fall semester. Organized in collaboration with Cinema and Media Studies, the CFR hosted Dr. Alex Ketchum to talk about her book, *Engage in Public Scholarship: A guidebook on Feminist and Accessible Communication.*

**COMING IN JANUARY 2023**

**EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT... ANTI-RACIST FEMINIST PODCASTING (BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK)**

**Date:** January 17, 2023  
**Time:** 12:00pm - 1:00pm EST  
**Location:** Virtual  
Register by clicking [here](#).

Join Professor Ethel Tungohan of Academic Aunties and Alexandra Lambropoulos of Urban Limitrophe for this skill share on anti-racist feminist podcasting.
WORKSHOP: UNTOLD STORIES OF THE RESEARCH PROCESS: INDIGENOUS, FEMINIST, AND DECOLONIAL APPROACHES

Date: Friday, January 20, 2023
Time: 11:00am - 1:00pm EST
Location: Virtual
Register by clicking here.

The workshop invites participants to explore aspects of the research process that may be underestimated or unspoken, including the role of emotions, political commitments, and relationships in shaping research. Such an approach draws on a “thinking-feeling” epistemology. We employ feminist, decolonial and Indigenous frameworks to foster a multidimensional understanding of research. Our engagements are centred on challenging and changing Western and patriarchal conceptions of thinking about knowledge, the actors involved, their processes, and research goals.

INDIGENOUS WOMEN’S SPEAKERS SERIES WITH KIM ANDERSON, JENNIFER ADESE AND VANESSA WATTS

Co-sponsored by the Centre for Feminist Research and the Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages

Date: January 25, 2023
Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm EST
Location: Virtual
Register by clicking here.

The Indigenous Women’s Speakers Series is co-hosted with the Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages and co-sponsored by the Faculty of Health. Since 2017, the series has highlighted scholars working at the intersection of feminist and Indigenous scholarship.

The 2022-23 series features Kim Anderson, Jennifer Adese, and Vanessa Watts.
The Centre for Feminist Research at York University has survived for over 30 years in a financially precarious way. The Centre generously receives space and funding from York University’s VPRI Office, but we still must raise 50% of our operating costs and 100% of our event costs each year.

**WHAT WE DO**

- Host 20+ events each year in collaboration with university and community partners
- Host Visiting Scholars, Visiting Graduate Students and Associates from around the world
- Share feminist opportunities, events and calls in our bi-weekly newsletter
- Disseminate research, insights and ideas through our Feminisms in Focus and Feminist Dispatch series
- Support the development of new research clusters to connect associates around topics of interest
- Support and guide the development of grants, with a focus on emerging, racialized, feminist, and precarious scholars
- Provide post-award support for researchers who house their grants at the Centre for Feminist Research
- Award excellence in feminist research through our annual Mary McEwan Dissertation Award, Kickstarter Grants, and the Medal for Excellence in Feminist Scholarship in Canada