



# RECIPROCAL LEARNING IN TIMES OF CRISIS

*A monthly virtual colloquium series*

## Racialized Implications of COVID-19 in Toronto: An East African Perspective

with

*Kherto Ahmed (McMaster University)*

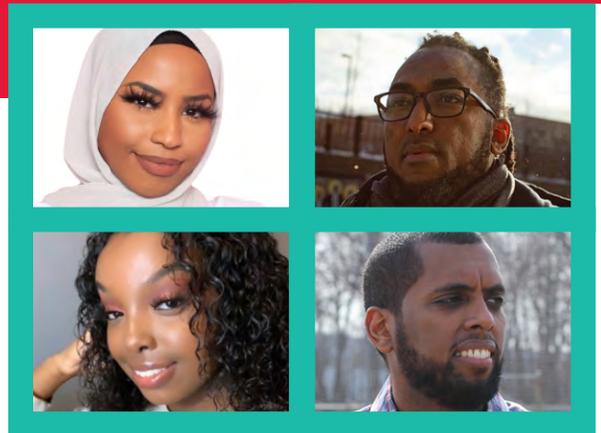
*Sam Teclé (University of Toronto)*

*Ekram Maye (Westview Centennial Secondary School)*

*Tesfai Mengesha (Success Beyond Limits)*

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021** | 10:30 AM EDT/5:30 PM EAT  
*online via Zoom*

The past year has presented unprecedented challenges to students and educators across the world. It has also provided new spaces of opportunity. In this session, we feature a panel of young people who are both activists and educational experts who work with Success Beyond Limits (SBL), which is a collaborative, youth-led, community based movement in Toronto's Jane-Finch community that provides youth with holistic supports to complete their education and facilitate their trajectories of success. Panelists will discuss their experiences navigating schooling, scholarship, and community work amidst COVID-19, which has disproportionately influenced racialized communities like Jane and Finch where SBL is located. Panelists will also reflect on new possibilities for justice and connection that have emerged in Toronto, among East African diasporic communities and beyond.



**Kherto Ahmed** (top left) is a fourth-year student at McMaster University studying Life Sciences, and founded McMaster's first Black Students Association.

**Sam Teclé** (top right) is Assistant Professor of Community Engaged Learning at New College, University of Toronto. His work focuses on Black and Diaspora Studies, Urban Studies, and Sociology of Education.

**Ekram Maye** (bottom left) is a 17 year old student that currently attends Westview Centennial Secondary School, where she is currently completing her Grade 12 year. Ekram is a past SBL Mentee, Volunteer and currently is an SBL Mentor.

**Tesfai Mengesha** (bottom right) is Executive Director, Operations at Success Beyond Limits (SBL) – a non-profit based in the Jane and Finch community of Toronto, that re-imagines education and schools as sites of possibility.

**Everyone is welcome to participate**

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<https://yorku.zoom.us/j/92694835883?pwd=T0w0cloyN1U1ZFVvZGplRjl4MWJ1Zz09>

