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## [News, Updates, Publications](#)

### Tubman Members' Research Activities for Annual Report 2023-2024

We request that all Tubman Members (Faculty, Associate and Postdoctoral Fellows; Graduate and Undergraduate Research Associates) submit your research activities, accomplishments, and plans for 2024-2025.

It's very important that we hear from as many of you as possible, so that we can demonstrate what an active and diverse community of Black scholars we have at York.

Fill out the form here: <https://research.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=216994>.

We are asking for:

#### 1) Research activities/accomplishments

A list of up to FIVE significant research activities/accomplishments from the past year (dated 2023 or 2024). These might include: publications; presentations; performances; awards; research grants; milestones in your thesis/dissertation; media appearances etc.. Just your top five or less.

Or, you can send your CV to [tubman@yorku.ca](mailto:tubman@yorku.ca) with a few recent items highlighted.

#### 2) Plans for 2024-25

Brief information on any research plans, grant applications, projects, activities, initiatives or publications you have for the year ahead. Please let us know if you would like help with any of these (e.g., grant submissions, events, visitors, etc.).

#### Deadline

We would be very grateful if you could complete [this form](#) or send us an email with the requested information by **Friday, May 3, 2024**.

Complete the form here: <https://research.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=216994>

Thank you for your help with this.

### Accepting Applications for 2024 Greta Coger Student Travel Fund

This is a reminder that The Harriet Tubman Institute is still accepting applications for the 2024 Greta Coger Student Travel Fund.

Annual Value: Maximum of \$500 per graduate student

Deadline: April 26, 2024. Decisions announced May 10, 2024.

#### Eligibility:

To be eligible for the Travel Fund, applicants must be Tubman Associate Graduate Students at York University (part-time or full-time) and have attended at least two (2) Tubman events in the academic year prior to the deadline of the application. The fund provides travel support to a maximum of \$500 per graduate student for the purposes of presenting a scholarly paper and/or conducting research outside of the Greater Toronto Area. Funding will only be awarded towards the cost of travel to and from the conference and/or research destination.

Please contact [tubman@yorku.ca](mailto:tubman@yorku.ca) if you have any questions.

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## [Tubman Events](#)

### Harriet Tubman Institute Events during CUPE 3903 Strike

The Harriet Tubman Institute will postpone the Tubman Talks which were scheduled this month. This decision has been made due to the ongoing CUPE 3903 strike. The Harriet Tubman Institute will not be hosting events during the strike. Many Tubman Associates are CUPE members who are fighting for better pay, and we will not expect anyone to cross physical or virtual picket lines for our events. We understand that this is also a stressful time for Faculty Fellows who may not have the capacity to engage in the Tubman Talks during this time.

Thank you for your understanding. Keep an eye out for updates regarding future events at The Harriet Tubman Institute.

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## [Upcoming York Events and News](#)

## Global Research Excellence (GRE) Seed Fund

Below are guidelines and the application forms for the Global Research Excellence (GRE) Seed Funding program's inaugural call for proposals. There are two funding Streams-A and B, and [published online](#).

During the consultations for the Global Engagement Strategy (GES), we heard from faculty about the importance of a seed fund to support international research collaborations- something many of our peers have offered for many years. Consequently, this was one of the commitments made in York's first Global Engagement Strategy launched in 2023. Subsequently, we consulted with internal and external constituents from diverse disciplines, Faculties, career stages, geographic foci, types of collaborations and organizations to develop a versatile seed funding program to support investigator-led global research. The GRE design was further significantly shaped by the extensive input we received from ADRs and their teams.

Stream A (Strategic Partnerships Exploration & Development): 5,000-30,000 CAD. 5,000 CAD awards do not require matching. Anything above that will require 50% matching for eligible expenses. An international collaborator is required. For Stream A, we will also accept applications requesting conditional matching upon success in external grant competitions.

Stream B (Towards 2030: Advancing Multilateralism): 5,000-15,000 CAD. 25% matching for eligible expenses is required. This is primarily for knowledge mobilization collaborations with multilateral organizations/platforms to advance grand global challenges like SDGs.

We will accept applications from May, 2024-April, 2025. Application deadline is rolling to empower our faculty to respond to external funding & other opportunities.

GRE will be one of the key strategies we will employ to be competitive in emerging opportunities like Horizon Europe, and the growing interest among our faculty to collaborate with the global south and various United Nations bodies.

GRE will be coordinated by the Global Strategic Initiatives team which reports to the AVP Global Engagement and is a cross portfolio unit that connects YI with VPRI to advance the GES pillars for research and reputation.

Please share this opportunity within your respective Faculties. We look forward to working with you to continue improving GRE and strengthening research internationalization efforts.

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## Registration Now Open! Research GPS - Summer 2024 Session

Registration for the Summer 2024 session of Research GPS is now open! The deadline for registering is Monday, May 6, 2024, at 11:59 pm. Applicants will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

[Find the registration form and guidelines here.](#)

You can learn more about Research GPS [on our website](#), including an overview of the program, details on the supports offered, and a timeline of the proposal development process.

You can now find an [updated list of qualified grant development specialists](#) who have supported Research GPS in past years on our website.

Please note that matching with a GPS Specialist (i.e., selecting a Specialist and confirming their availability) is one component of the registration process, and must be completed before the deadline of May 6, 2024. Researchers are encouraged to reach out to their Faculty Research Office for assistance with selecting a Specialist, whether they are from this list or not. Your Faculty Research Office may have experience working with certain Specialists and may have a recommendation for you. If you plan to work with a Specialist who is not on the list we provide, please email us at [rescom@yorku.ca](mailto:rescom@yorku.ca) with their name and contact information by Monday, April 22, 2024, before you confirm their availability.

More information on matching with a GPS Specialist can be found on the [Registration page](#).

Please email us at [rescom@yorku.ca](mailto:rescom@yorku.ca) if you have any questions.

## International Political Economy and Ecology (IPEE) Summer School - May 21-31, 2024

The application deadline has been extended to April 30, 2024.

Please visit [IPEE Summer School](#) or scan the QR code below for the application information.

Every year since 1991, York University has hosted the [International Political Economy and Ecology \(IPEE\) Summer School](#) co-sponsored by the Graduate Programs in Environmental Studies, Geography (Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change) and Politics (Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies).

Guest Instructor: Professor Juanita Sundberg, Department of Geography, The University of British Columbia

Course Director: Professor Carlota McAllister, Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change, York University

Date: May 21-31, 2024  
Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, EST time  
Location: Ross South 638 (Verney Room)

## Politics, ethics, more-than-human methodologies

Dr. Juanita Sundberg is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of British Columbia

May 21<sup>st</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024



This course addresses the politics and ethics of more-than-human methodologies, which are employed to disrupt anthropocentric ontologies and epistemologies by attending to the constellation of beings and entities involved in world-making. In particular, the course will identify risks that arise when ignoring or downplaying the racial hierarchies that constitute ontological divisions between humans, not-quite-humans, and nonhumans. Our ultimate objective is to develop self-reflexive and analytical skills that work to expose the seemingly innocuous yet nefarious ways racial thinking informs contemporary hierarchies of being and worth.

The IPEE Summer School invites applications from graduate students, activists, and other interested individuals. Application procedures for the Summer School vary, depending on whether you intend to take the course for academic credit.



**SPACES ARE LIMITED! The application deadline has been extended to April 30, 2024.**



For further information, please scan the QR code or contact the Department of Geography, Graduate Program office at [gradgeog@yorku.ca](mailto:gradgeog@yorku.ca).

Dr. Sundberg's research brings the sensibilities of ethnography and the insights of feminist political ecology to bear on the politics of nature. Her work fosters conversations between more-than-human geographies, critical Indigenous studies, and critical theories of race and ableism to address environmental crises in settler colonial societies in the Americas. Dr. Sundberg is working on a book manuscript entitled *Cat Fights on the Rio & Diabolic Caminos in the Desert: the nature of geopolitics in the United States-Mexico borderlands*.

Sponsored by Graduate Programs in Politics (LAPS), Geography and Environmental Studies (EUC)

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### Other Events

University of Toronto's Women & Gender Studies Institute (WSGI): Transnational Reflections on 50 Years of Development Alternatives

Date: April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Time: 6-8 pm EST

Location: William Doo Auditorium, New College 45 Willcocks Street

ASL

Refreshments Provided.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT: [RSVP uoft.me/wgsi50-intl](https://rsvp.uoft.me/wgsi50-intl)

Visit [www.dawnnet.org/about/history](https://www.dawnnet.org/about/history) to learn more about DAWN's history.

WSGI 50<sup>th</sup> invites you to join us for a panel discussion with some of DAWN's founders and earliest members from Senegal, Barbados, Brazil and Fiji.

2024 marks the 40th anniversary of Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN), feminist scholars, researchers and activists who formed a

network that centred women living in the Global South. DAWN turned the geographical axis of feminism on its head and insisted on centring questions and perspectives derived from poor women living in the Global South. DAWN's earliest vocabularies also anticipated the climate crisis we now face. In short, these women offered a holistic approach that simply refused to be domesticated in its feminist reach.

*This event is a part of the Women & Gender Studies 50th Anniversary programming taking place over the course of the 2023-2024 academic year. By RSVPing, you are consenting to the WGSJ sending you more information about this event once it becomes available. For more information about the WGSJ's history, visit [www.wgsi.utoronto.ca](http://www.wgsi.utoronto.ca) | Co-Sponsored by the Dean's Office, Faculty of Arts and Science; New College; Bissell-Heyd Chair in American Studies.*

The poster features a dark blue background with white and light blue text. At the top left is the University of Toronto logo and 'Women & Gender Studies Institute UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'. At the top right is the '50 YEARS women & gender studies institute' logo. The main title is 'Transnational Reflections: On 50 Years of Development Alternatives with Women for a New Era (DAWN)'. Below the title, five circular portraits of speakers are arranged in two rows: Sonia Correa, Fatou Sow, Ashwini Tambe, Claire Slatter, and Peggy Antrobus. The event details are: 'Apr 11, 2024 6pm - 8pm' and 'William Doo Auditorium 45 Willcocks Street, Toronto ON'. At the bottom, the registration link 'uoft.me/wgsi50' and 'RSVP uoft.me/wgsi50-intl' are provided.

## IDRC: Call for letters of interest: Addressing neglected areas of sexual and reproductive health and rights in sub-Saharan Africa (ANSRHRA)

Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) has announced a [Call for Letters of Interest](#): Addressing neglected areas of sexual and reproductive health and rights in sub-Saharan Africa (ANSRHRA). IDRC and other funding partners are investing up to CAD\$19.1 million to fund up to 16 implementation research teams (IRTs) to support gender-transformative implementation research in sub-Saharan Africa. Up to eight IRTs will be funded in this first cohort of projects. A second call is anticipated for up to eight additional IRTs to be funded as a second cohort in the fall of 2026.

Focused on investments to transform service design and delivery and to strengthen the development and implementation of equitable and sustainable movements, the ANSRHRA Initiative will contribute to improved sexual and reproductive health and realization of rights while also building systems and structures that enable and support underserved populations, including women and girls, to demand and benefit from the full spectrum of sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

### Amount:

- up to \$50,000 for proposal-development for a duration of 3 months; and
- up to \$1.2M for the project, including 13% indirect costs.

### Duration:

Up to 3 years

### Eligibility:

At the LOI stage, IRTs must consist of:

1. A principal applicant who is a sub-Saharan Africa-based researcher (citizen or permanent resident of an African country) with a position in an institution based in an eligible country.
2. A co-principal applicant who is a senior member of a civil society organization led by and/or prioritizing underserved populations, including women and girls, who has been active in supporting priority areas of SRHR based in the same country as the principal applicant's institution.
3. A co-principal applicant who is an [independent researcher](#) based at a Canadian institution.
4. A co-applicant who is a relevant local-, district- or national-level decision-maker, based in the same country as the principal applicant's institution.

### Focus areas:

Proposed implementation-research projects must address at least one of the priority areas of SRHR, address all of the Initiative's objectives (see [Annex 1](#)) and integrate the core design elements throughout the project's design. Teams may also include other areas of SRHR provided they justify why this area should be prioritized for gender-transformative implementation research with their focus population(s).

The five priority areas for the ANSRHRA Initiative are:

- Improving access to family planning and contraceptive services for those who want to delay or prevent pregnancy, which could prevent 67 million unintended pregnancies and avoid 35 million induced abortions across the globe.
- Expanding access to safe abortion care where legally permitted and post-abortion care (APAC), which is an essential component of SRH services.
- Upholding SRHR rights and ensuring access to services for adolescents, which is critical to meeting global health, economic and sustainability goals.

Preventing sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and improving services for people experiencing SGBV, which is critical to empowering underserved populations, and particularly women and girls, to exercise their self-determination and autonomy related to their SRHR and all aspects of their lives.

Strengthening advocacy for SRHR, which requires comprehensive approaches that cross public, political, health, economic and legislative spheres.

This Initiative has a dual focus on advocacy as a priority area for implementation research as well as an expected outcome across all areas of SRHR.

Implementation-research projects implementing, evaluating, adapting and scaling evidence-based, community-informed SRHR advocacy initiatives would therefore be eligible for funding. This is intended to generate and translate evidence on gender-transformative advocacy interventions as well as address the lack of evidence on how to effectively link and translate advocacy initiatives to build system sustainability and accountability across all areas of SRHR.

Application procedures:

Applicants are invited to submit a letter of interest (LOI) to IDRC. This stage requires applicants to complete an eligibility checklist and upload supporting documents. Only applicants who are successful at the LOI stage will be invited to submit a full technical proposal.

Deadlines:

Activity	Deadline
Notify SIRI of intent to apply (via email to <a href="mailto:skogan@yorku.ca">skogan@yorku.ca</a> )	As soon as possible
Draft due to SIRI for full review	April 26
Submit complete draft and signed ORS checklist	May 9
IDRC LOI deadline	May 13 @ 23:59 PM EDT
Full proposals due to IDRC (by invitation only)	October 7

Additional resources:

[Detailed call from LOIs](#)

[FAQ](#)

## Carleton University's Institute of African Studies: Research Creations as a medium for Truth-telling and Transformative Peacebuilding

Date: April 17, 2024

Time: 1-2:30pm EST

Location: Zoom and 1723 Dunton Tower, Ottawa

Register here: <https://carleton.ca/africanstudies/cu-events/research-creations-as-a-medium-for-truth-telling-and-transformative-peacebuilding/>



## Research Creations as a Medium for Truth-telling and Transformative Peacebuilding

Please join us on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 | 1:00-2:30 PM EST via Zoom. **Ruth Murambadoro** presents: "Research Creations as a Medium for Truth-telling and Transformative Peacebuilding".



**Ruth Murambadoro** is an African feminist who writes on women, transitional justice, social justice, and politics of the Global South. Based at the Centre for Feminist Research, York University, her work explores the gendered nature of the post-colonial state to broaden understandings of violence perpetrated against women in Sub-Saharan Africa, with a focus on Zimbabwe. Read more about **Ruth Murambadoro** [here](#).

[Register now](#)

OISE Black/African Feminisms Conference 2024  
On: April 19-20, 2024; OISE's Black/African Feminisms Conference  
advocates and researchers to explore the multitude of

Date: April 19-20, 2024

Register here: <https://oise.jotform.com/240735610024041>

The Black/ African Feminisms Conference on the 19th (virtual) and 20th (in-person) of April 2024, is an invitation to interact with a community of presenters, panelists and conference attendees to explore the multitude of perspectives on the topic. Blackness is not a monolith. Within the Canadian context, Black Canadians represent a range of people of African descent from the continent and the diaspora. The goal of the conference is to create space to share and discuss these complexities and commonalities. It is the brainchild of Dr. Njoki Wane, a celebrated and renowned scholar, whose work focuses on gender, colonialism, anti-colonialism, Black Feminisms, Indigenous knowledge practices, spirituality, African immigrant women in Canada and anti-racism education. As the chair of the Department of Social Justice Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), University of Toronto, Dr. Wane's contributions to the field offer opportunities for dialogue and inquiry into Black identity.

The overarching theme of the conference is "Black/African Health and Well-Being." Other themes that will be explored include, but not limited to, conceptualizing Black/African health, healing spaces, spirituality, empowerment, self-care, peacebuilding, reconciliation, intergenerational health and wisdom, and emotional well-being. According to Wane (2014), it is evident that there is no universal Black experience; however, there is a call for concerted efforts to forge intellectual and cultural linkages rooted in our common origins.

Black Feminisms are therefore the convergence point where our past, present and future voices, our struggles and triumphs and holistic stories can be told, celebrated and handed over to future generations (Wane, 2014). This is a clarion call for all of us Black Feminists scattered across the globe to come together and

form a powerful circle that will "collapse all screens to threaten to obscure our eyes from the beauties of the world" (Ogundipe-Leslie & Ourselves, 1994; Wane, 2014).

View the event schedule and more information here: [Black/African Feminisms Conference \(2024\) | Ontario Institute for Studies in Education \(utoronto.ca\)](#).

## 2024 SFARI Pilot – Request for Applications

The Simons Foundation Autism Research Initiative (SFARI) recently announced a Request for Applications (RFA) for its 2024 Pilot Award program. These grants are intended to provide early support for exploratory ideas. A summary is provided below.

### Objectives

To provide early support for exploratory ideas, particularly those with novel hypotheses. Appropriate projects for this mechanism include those considered higher risk but with the potential for transformative results, including work in human subjects.

Applications that propose research to link genetic or other ASD risk factors to molecular, cellular, circuit or behavioral mechanisms and set the stage for development of novel interventions are encouraged.

Note: Projects that represent continuations of ongoing work (whether funded by SFARI or other funders) are not appropriate for this mechanism.

### Value

Up to \$300K  
Up to \$500K – for projects proposing research in human subjects

### Required Overhead

20%

### Duration

Up to 2 years

### Deadlines

Application due at ORS for full review	Thursday, May 30, 2024
Application and fully signed ORS Checklist due at ORS for mandatory review	by 9:00am on Tuesday, June 11, 2024
Application due at agency	by 12:00pm ET on Thursday, June 13, 2024

Please contact your Faculty Research Office for information on their internal deadlines.

ORS is accepting electronic applications – the process is outlined here:

<https://yulink-new.yorku.ca/documents/20182/1241545/Electronic+submission+of+Research+Applications+and+ORS+Checklists+July+2021/8c70a37a-3d33-4f4f-a2e7-7157e2d31e4c>

For more information on this RFA, please consult the following link:

[https://www.sfari.org/grant/pilot-awards-request-for-applications/?mc\\_cid=5b4d2e3dcf&mc\\_eid=722651c6df](https://www.sfari.org/grant/pilot-awards-request-for-applications/?mc_cid=5b4d2e3dcf&mc_eid=722651c6df)

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## Opportunities

[Black and Free - Commissioned Artist\(s\), three \(3\) positions available \(Posting attached\)](#)

[RAY Position - Indigenous Health Researcher, Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages \(Posting attached\)](#)

[RAY Position - Climate Leader, Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages \(Posting attached\)](#)

[Director, Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages](#)

[Centre Coordinator - Manufacturing, Technology & Entrepreneurship Centre, posting #109583](#)

[Centre Coordinator - CIAN, posting #109420](#)

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*The Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on Africa and its Diasporas recognizes that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships with the territories upon which York University campuses are located that precede the establishment of York University. York acknowledges its presence on the traditional territory of many Indigenous Nations. The area known as Tkaronto has been care taken by the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron-Wendat, and is now home to many First Nation, Inuit and Métis communities. We acknowledge the current treaty holders, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. This territory is subject of the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which is an agreement to peaceably share and care for the Great Lakes region.*