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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 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 if you have any questions.

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[Tubman Events](#)

Harriet Tubman Institute Events during CUPE 3903 Strike

The Harriet Tubman Institute will not be hosting events during the CUPE 3903 labour action. 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

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 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 if you have any questions.

YFile: Initiative provides community space for EUC Black students

The EUC Black Student Caucus spearheaded the initiative to obtain a dedicated community space, says Melissa Theodore, a decolonization, equity, diversity and inclusion (DEDI) advisor for EUC. It is one of the objectives stated in [EUC's Black Action Inclusion Plan 2020-25](#). The space was created to support a community of students, staff and faculty, providing them with a location where they can engage with one another on themed discussions and promote Black excellence, while furthering a sense of community and connection, as well as student academic and personal success.

Read more [here](#).

Worlding Feminist Theatre & Performance Historiography

Speakers: Frances Koncan, Dr. Amanda Reid, Dr. meLê yamomo

Moderator: Dr. Melissa Blanco Borelli, Northwestern University

Date: Thursday, May 9, 3:00-5:00pm EDT

Location: Zoom Webinar

[Please register here.](#)

09
MAY 2024
3PM-5PM EDT

THE SUSTAINING GLOBAL CONNECTIONS IN FEMINIST
THEATRE & PERFORMANCE HISTORIOGRAPHY PROJECT
PRESENTS:

**WORLDING
FEMINIST THEATRE
& PERFORMANCE
HISTORIOGRAPHY**

A VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE

FEATURING:

Frances Koncan
University of
British Columbia

Dr. Amanda Reid
Yale University

Dr. meLê yamomo
University of
Amsterdam

MODERATED BY:

Dr. Melissa Blanco Borelli
Northwestern University

REGISTER FOR ZOOM WEBINAR

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EVENT DESCRIPTION:

A world history of women's innovations in theatre, dance, and performance is still being written. To date, existing accounts of women's innovations in theatre, dance, and performance in English have been overwhelmingly tied to Euro-American histories of stage actresses, concert dancers, and feminist performance artists. Yet, a vibrant world of women's social performances, vernacular expressive cultures, and popular entertainment exists beyond these accounts. This

roundtable seeks to explore how “worlding”—as a verb, as a method, as a politics—might open new trajectories for feminist theatre and performance historiography aligned with decolonizing and Global Majority social and aesthetic movements.

SPEAKER BIOS:

Frances Koncan (she/they) is an Anishinaabe and Slovene playwright currently living in Vancouver, British Columbia, within the shared, unceded, ancestral territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwx̱ wú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations. Originally from Couchiching First Nation, they grew up on Treaty 1 territory in Winnipeg, Manitoba and attended the University of Manitoba (BA Psychology) and the City University of New York Brooklyn College (MFA Playwriting). They are currently Assistant Professor of Playwriting at the University of British Columbia. Select plays include: *Women of the Fur Trade*, *Space Girl*, and *zahgidiwin/love*.

Dr. Amanda Reid is an Assistant Professor of Theatre, Dance, and Performance at Yale University. She is a dance historian who writes and teaches about queer of color critique, West Indian migration, and post-colonial Caribbean Black radicalism. Her current manuscript project, *Smaddification: Dance and Decolonization in the West Indies* (forthcoming, Duke University Press), explores maximalist queer diaspora aesthetics in Jamaican concert dance to theorize West Indian regional visions of blackness, bodily freedom, and cultural autonomy. Her writing can be found in *Theatre Journal* and *The Oxford Handbook of Black Dance Studies* (OUP, forthcoming). Prior to working at Yale, Amanda was a Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at the Stanford Humanities Center and Lecturer in Stanford University's Theatre and Performance Studies department (2020-2022). She received her PhD from the Department of History at the University of Michigan.

Dr. meLê yamomo has lived in Lucena City, Los Baños, Manila, Seoul, Bangkok, Warwick, and Munich, and currently resides between Amsterdam and Berlin. He is an Assistant Professor of New Dramaturgies, Media Cultures, Artistic Research, and Decoloniality at the University of Amsterdam, a member of the Amsterdam Young Academy, and author of *Sounding Modernities* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2018). He is the project leader and principal investigator of the EU-JPICH project *Decolonizing Southeast Asian Archives* (DeCoSEAS), and the Dutch Research Council project »Sonic Entanglements«. meLê is the fourth winner of the Open Ear Award, the most prestigious composer prize in the Netherlands, and one of the 2020 KNAW Early Career Awardees by the Netherlands Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences. He is also a resident artist at Theater Ballhaus Naunynstrasse where his creations *Echoing Europe*, *sonus*, and *Forces of Overtones* are on repertoire. meLê curates the *Decolonial Frequencies Festival* and hosts/produces the *Sonic Entanglements* podcast. In his works as artist-scholar, meLê engages the topics of sonic migrations, queer aesthetics, and post/de-colonial acoustemologies.

More information here: <https://conferences.wlu.ca/sustainingglobalconnections/roundtable/>

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Other Events

OISE Black/African Feminisms Conference 2024
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 that 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 \(utoronto.ca\)](#).

Caribbean Solidarity Network: The Strength of Solidarity: South Africa, Palestine and the Politics of the Present

The Strength of Solidarity: South Africa, Palestine and the Politics of the Present

Friday, April 19, 2024

5-7 PM (doors open at 4:30 PM)

William Doo Auditorium, New College
45 Willcocks Street, Toronto

The African Studies Centre and The Caribbean Studies Centre, University of Toronto, invite you to a panel discussion with speakers Rieaz Shaik, High Commissioner, Republic of South Africa; Professor Atif Kubursi, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Canadian Arab Federation; Dr. Melissa Levin, Jewish Faculty Network.

Moderated by Dr. Nisrin Elamin, Anthropology and African Studies, University of Toronto with opening remarks by Dr. Dickson Eyoh, Interim Principal, New College.

ASL provided
Refreshments provided

Speakers:



Rieaz Shaik, High Commissioner, Republic of South Africa

Mr Shaik was an anti-apartheid activist, a former student leader, and an active member of African National Congress's (ANC). He was also a negotiator in the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA), the Multi-Party Talks, and played a significant role in shaping the intelligence dispensation for democratic South Africa. High Commissioner, Rieaz Shaik, known as 'Moe', has been South Africa's envoy to Canada, for just over two years. Mr Shaik has a deep knowledge on government policy, negotiations, geopolitical issues, infrastructure finance, the political and working environments of African governments and their institutions. He is the author of "The ANC Spy Bible: Surviving Across Enemy Lines" a memoir published in 2020.



Atif Kubursi, Chair of the Board of Trustees, Canadian Arab Federation

Atif Kubursi is Emeritus Professor of Economics at McMaster University, Canada. He taught economics at Purdue University in Indiana, USA, was Visiting Scholar at Cambridge University, UK, Fellow of the Harvard Institute of Economic and Social Policy at JFK School of Government, and Adjunct Professor with the Faculty of the Environment and Urban Studies at York University. Dr., Kubursi has also served as Senior Development Officer at UNIDO in Vienna Austria, and as the Executive Secretary, and Undersecretary General of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and Chief of the Economic Analysis Division. He is chair of the Board of Trustees of the Canadian Arab Federation.



Dr. Melissa Levin, Jewish Faculty Network

Melissa Levin is an Assistant Professor, Teaching Stream, in the African Studies Centre and New College at the University of Toronto. She has a PhD in Political Science from the U of T, an African Studies MSc from Edinburgh University and an Honours in African Literature from the University of the Witwatersrand. Her research focuses on questions of coloniality, nationalism, state transformation and the politics of memorialization with a view to understanding political change, institutions and social solidarities. She is currently the co-chair of the human rights cluster and the teaching, training and mentoring cluster of a SSHRC-funded crowd-sourcing democratic innovations platform, Participedia and a board member of Friends of the Ahmed Kathrada Foundation, a South African foundation focused on deepening democracy and building non-racialism.

Scan QR code to RSVP



or visit: uoft.me/the-strength-of-solidarity

African Studies Centre and Centre of Caribbean Studies, University of Toronto wish to thank New College, Women and Gender Studies; History, Historical and Cultural Studies, UTSC; Geography and Planning; Political Science; Centre for the Study of the United States; Bissell-Hayd Chair, Anthropology, UTSC; Latin American Studies; Critical Equity and Solidarity Studies; Global Development Studies, UTSC; Transitional Year Programme; Adult Education and Community Development (OISE); Sexual Diversity Studies; Hearing Palestine; Zilbing Lab; Scholars Strike Canada; Jewish Faculty Network for their collaboration on this event.

With A Different Booklist: <https://adifferentbooklist.com/>

Caribbean Solidarity Network: Caribbean Community Study on Internationalism & Solidarity

JOIN US!

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY STUDY CIRCLE

THE FIGHT OF CARIBBEAN PEOPLES – BEGINNING WITH INDIGENOUS DISPOSSESSION – HAS ALWAYS BEEN FOR FREEDOM. WE FOUGHT TO END SLAVERY, INDENTURESHIP, WHITE SUPREMACY AND COLONIALISM, BUT THE STRUGGLE IS FAR FROM OVER. AND WHEREVER WE HAVE MIGRATED, WE HAVE ALWAYS FOUGHT FOR JUSTICE FOR ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLES, INCLUDING HERE IN TORONTO.

HOW DO WE KEEP THIS HISTORY ALIVE? HOW DO WE LEARN FROM THESE STORIES OF ORGANISING AND STRUGGLE? WHAT KINDS OF QUESTIONS DO WE ASK OF THE PAST TODAY? WHAT LESSONS MIGHT WE LEARN? WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CARIBBEAN IN THE DIASPORA TODAY?

JOIN US AS WE BUILD A COMMUNITY SPACE TO STUDY, ASK QUESTIONS, AND LEARN TOGETHER THROUGH THE LAUNCH OF THE CARIBBEAN STUDY CIRCLE.

EVERY 3RD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH, 2-4PM
@ A DIFFERENT BOOKLIST
779 BATHURST ST.

READINGS AVAILABLE AT WWW.CARIBBEANSOLIDARITY.ORG & PRINTED COPIES AT THE BOOKSTORE

QUESTIONS? CARIBBEANSOLIDARITY@GMAIL.COM



The goal of the Caribbean Community Study Circle is to create a community based space in which we talk and think about where, why and how we are living the way we do, but most importantly how we want to live - and how do we get there?

This third session will be facilitated by Tamanisha John and Kevin Edmonds, focusing on internationalism and solidarity. We will be reading two pieces, "Blacks and Dialectics" by Dennis Forsythe, and "Claudia Jones: A Life in Search of the Communist Horizon" by Lola Olufemi.

Dennis Forsythe. 1971. [Blacks and Dialectics](#).

Lola Olufemi. 2021. [Claudia Jones: A Life in Search of the Communist Horizon](#).

We want to remind that the group is a place to have a focused discussion on the ideas, content and questions emerging from the readings, and avoid commentary on off-topic matters. As our comrade Horace Campbell put it wonderfully last session, no right to study, no right to talk!

Readings are available via the links above, the Caribbean Solidarity Network website (<https://www.caribbeansolidarity.org>), and printed copies will be available at the bookstore.

2024 dates: April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20, August 17, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21

If you have any questions, please email caribbeansolidarity@gmail.com.

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 skogan@yorku.ca)	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](#)

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Job Opportunities

April 19, 2024: [RAY Position - Indigenous Health Researcher, Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages \(Posting attached\)](#)

April 19, 2024: [RAY Position - Climate Leader, Centre for Indigenous Knowledges and Languages \(Posting attached\)](#)

April 29, 2024: [Lecturer in African Studies and International Development, University of Edinburgh](#)

May 22, 2024: [Black and Free - Commissioned Artist\(s\), three \(3\) positions available \(Posting attached\)](#)

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

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

Ongoing: [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.