

Recognition, Agency, and Deservingness: (Re)framing Refugee, Black, and Indigenous Movements

CRS-CERLAC Virtual Student Conference : February 26-27, 2021

PROGRAM

(Time Zone: EST/ GMT-5, Toronto, Canada)

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26

9:00 – 10:15	WELCOME/ OPENING PRESENTATION	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome: <i>Brianna Garneau (Moderator)</i> • Land Acknowledgement: <i>Catherine Mutune</i> • Opening Remarks by CERLAC and CRS Directors and Student Caucus Co-Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>Directors: Danielle Robinson (CERLAC), Sean Rehaag (CRS)</i> ◦ <i>Student Caucus Co-Chairs: Alexandra Mirowski Rabelo de Souza (CRS), Sebastian Oreamuno (CERLAC)</i> • Remarks by FCJ Refugee Centre Representative: <i>Jessie Kohut</i> • Opening Presentation: <i>Oonya Kempadoo, author of Buxton Spice</i> 	
10:15 – 10:30	BREAK	
10:30 – 12:00	PANEL 1: Atlantic Slavery: History, Memory and Creative Scholarship*	PANEL 2: Gatekeeping and Institutional Representations of 'Otherness'
	<p>Moderator: <i>Sebastian Oreamuno</i></p> <p>African Arabic and Ajami Manuscripts from 1835 Brazil <i>Bruno M. Véras & Mariam Elzeiny</i></p> <p>From the Archive to the Stage: Cultural Production of Biographical Testimonies from the African Diaspora <i>Fernanda Sierra Suárez</i></p> <p>Caetano Mauricio Machado: a Trader from 18th Century Bahia and the Slavery Memory <i>Fábio Cascadura</i></p>	<p>Moderator: <i>Anusha Bhadra</i></p> <p>Understanding Resistance to Immigration Control: The Case of Immigration Detention in Laval, Quebec, Canada <i>Maxine Both</i></p> <p>The Temporal Tensions of Asylum Lawyering <i>Catherine Crooke</i></p> <p>Agency as a Negative Space: Between UNHCR Agency Mainstreaming and Refugees' Refusal <i>Salma El Refaei</i></p>

	Fragments of Memory: Graphic Art and Memory of Slavery Pablo Parra	Who Deserves Healthcare; Investigating Healthcare Workers' Perceptions and Practices Towards Non-status Persons Sarah Marshall
	<i>*For panel 1, interpretation from English to Spanish, French, and Arabic will be provided for the first three presentations, as well as interpretation from Spanish to English, French and Arabic for the final presentation by Pablo Parra. Thank you to Glendon College School of Interpretation for this service!</i>	
12:00 – 12:30	BREAK	
12:30 – 13:45	PANEL 3: Stories of Caribbean Migration: Deservingness, Eligibility, and Diasporas	PANEL 4: Gendering Refugee Experiences: Towards Feminist Methodologies
	<p>Moderator: Tka Pinnock</p> <p>“The flagpole that all flags fly against resistance”: Black Caribbean Activism in Toronto, 1970s-1990s Arshad (Ash) Desai</p> <p>Eligibility and Legibility with Clauses: Lessons from Black West Indian Migration to Canada (Black Barbadians, as a Case Study) David Quintyne</p> <p>The Limits of Deservingness to Address Limits in Law: A TPS Story Nathalia Justo</p>	<p>Moderator: Sochitl Alfaro</p> <p>Amplifying the Voices of Adolescent Refugee Girls through Photovoice Nesa Bandarchian Rashti</p> <p>Gendered Performances: Dissecting Gender-based Persecution in Refugee Status Determination Husayn Jamal</p> <p>New Becomings in the Aftermath of Destruction: The Untold Stories of Syrian Women in Zaatari Refugee Camps Aisha Jitan</p>
13:45 – 14:00	BREAK	
14:00 – 15:30	PANEL 5: Migration Control and Bordering Practices	PANEL 6: Practicing Knowledge through Art, Creative Expressions, and Lived Experiences
	<p>Moderator: Mert Ozdal</p> <p>Borders, Boundaries, and Beyond: Crossing Turkey, Greece, and Bulgaria with an ‘Open Wound’ Gizem Nesilhan Iscan</p> <p>Diffusion of Transatlantic Migration Policies: Borders and Exclusion Kylih Terry</p>	<p>Moderator: Nishana Ganesh</p> <p>Iconoclasm as Change: Placemaking through Nyugen Smith's <i>Bundlehouse</i> Series Nicole Marcel</p> <p>#OctaviaToldUs and It’s Time to Start Listening: Grappling with Climate Change and Ecological Ethics in Parable of the Sower Jaelyn Morgan</p>

	Displaced Tamils: A Case study on the Legal Construction of National Security, Terrorism, and its Implications for Refugee-seekers <i>Abarna Selvarajah, Karina Juma, and Eliza Meeson</i>	“I Think They Do Not Recognize Our Struggles” COVID-19, the Struggles of Full-time African Student Mothers <i>Catherine Mutune</i>	
15:30 – 16:00	BREAK		
16:00 – 17:30	Dialogue on Anti-Black Racism <i>Evelyn Amponsah</i> <i>Moderator: Sebastian Oreamuno</i>		
17:30 – 18:30	SOCIAL ROOMS		
	<i>Room 1</i> <i>Thinking Back: Lessons from the Past</i>	<i>Room 2</i> <i>Rising Up: Mobility and Immobility during the Pandemic</i>	<i>Room 3</i> <i>Moving Forward: Allyship and Solidarity</i>

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27

10:00 – 11:30	WELCOME/ KEYNOTE ADDRESS		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome: <i>Laura Colangelo (Moderator)</i> • Land Acknowledgement: <i>Catherine Mutune</i> • Opening Remarks by CRS and CERLAC Student Caucus Co-Chairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Nicole Fernandez (CRS), Kristina Borg (CERLAC)</i> • Remarks by FCJ Refugee Centre Representative: <i>Jessie Kohut</i> • Keynote address: Gabriel Allahdua (Justice for Migrant Workers) “Migrant Farm Workers (MFW) Nakedness in the Canadian Food System Exposed by COVID-19” 		
11:30 – 12:00	BREAK		

<u>12:00 – 13:15</u>	PANEL 7: Migration in South America: Responses to Displacement and Settlement	PANEL 8: Refugee Self-Representation and Agency
	<p><u>Moderator: <i>Natasha Sofia Martinez</i></u></p> <p>Colombian Migration Management Approach: The Venezuelan Migrants Case <i>Maira Delgado Laurens & Diana Tovar</i></p> <p>Receiving “our Venezuelan Brothers”: Understanding Responses to Displaced Venezuelans in Colombia and Brazil <i>Luiz F. Leomil</i></p> <p>The Challenges for Setting Long-term Goals Among Syrian Refugees in Brazil <i>Fabio Pucci</i></p>	<p><u>Moderator: <i>Laura Colangelo</i></u></p> <p>Older Syrian Refugees' Experiences of Language Barriers in Post-migration and (Re)settlement Context in Canada <i>Souhail Boutmira</i></p> <p>Palestinian Refugee Youth in Jordan: Negotiating Poverty Beyond their Legal Statuses <i>Lara Farah</i></p> <p>Agency through Self-representation of Asylum Seekers and Refugees <i>Allan Njanji</i></p>
<u>13:15 – 13:30</u>	BREAK	
<u>13:30 – 15:00</u>	<p><u>Roundtable Panel Discussion: Re-Embodying and Mobilizing Indigenous Health and Medicine</u> <i>Panelists: Amy Hull, Brianna Olson-Pitawanakwat, and Dr. Barry Lavallee</i> <i>Moderators: Amy Hull and Sebastian Oreamuno</i></p>	
<u>15:00 – 15:15</u>	BREAK	
<u>15:15 – 15:45</u>	<p>Meet & Greet/ Q&A Session for Read-Only/ Pre-Recorded Submissions on the Conference Website:</p>	
	<p><u>Moderator: <i>Rufino Rodriguez</i></u></p> <p>Surveillance in America: A Case of the Central Park Five <i>Rawan Al-Wakeal</i></p> <p>Kaysari, Aleppo (Poem) <i>Meghri Bakarian</i></p> <p>Three Cities: Routes and Roots of Migration (Visual Art) <i>Mehdia Hassan</i></p> <p>Pride and Stonewall at 50: Building Coalitions in Queer Times <i>David Semaan</i></p>	

<u>15:45 – 17:15</u>	<u>PANEL 9: Migrant & Refugee Belonging and Sense of Place</u>	<u>PANEL 10: Forming Solidarities: Black, Indigenous and Refugee Movements</u>
	<p><u>Moderator: <i>Abir Shamin</i></u></p> <p>“Which Way Home”? A Thematic Analysis Approach to Understanding Belonging of Forced Migrant Youth in Malaysia <i>Rashin Lamouchi</i></p> <p>Sense of Place in Forced Migration <i>Basem Mahmud</i></p> <p>“Are you also interviewing migrants?” (Re)Framing ‘Refugee Voices’ in Hegemonic Structures of Whiteness <i>Kahina Meziant</i></p> <p>Immigrant Social Capital: The Effects of Co-national Networks on US Refugee Integration <i>Alice Cho Timken</i></p>	<p><u>Moderator: <i>Deqa Nur</i></u></p> <p>The Domestic Translation of Transnational Social Movements: New Opportunities for Reflection and Change <i>Kyle Fritz</i></p> <p>Redefining Democratic Participation: Emotion in the Black Lives Matter Movement <i>Erica Hartman</i></p> <p>Factoring in Systemic Discrimination in the Law of Punishment: An Effort to Reach Equality <i>Lubaba Samin</i></p> <p>Digital Diasporas: Social Media and the Rise of Gender – Based Movements in the Sri Lankan – Tamil Diaspora <i>Archana Sivakumaran</i></p>
<u>17:15 – 18:00</u>	<p><u>Closing Remarks:</u></p> <p><i>Nicole Fernandez (CRS Student Caucus Co-Chair)</i></p> <p><u>& Musical Performance:</u></p> <p><i>Music by Amai Kuda et Les Bois</i></p>	

Thank you to all presenters and attendees!

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FCJ Refugee Centre

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FCJ Refugee Centre

Walking With Uprooted People

One of the core values of the Centre and our thriving Youth Network is the belief that education is the great equalizer; and that everyone – regardless of immigration status – has the right to pursue education to the highest level. We pride ourselves on our role as advocates in the community. The FCJ Youth Network operates through a youth led perspective; with advocacy and change stemming directly from the wishes, desires, and dreams of youth themselves. Borne from this group of young people, the York University Access to Education Bridging Program supported by partners at the City of Toronto, and enlightened leaders within York University, there is now a viable option for precarious migrant youth to enter the hallways of higher learning. As we continue to work with these dynamic, impressive young people, we see the everlasting systemic barriers and oppressive hurdles to the ongoing pursuit to education. We continue to advocate and campaign for opening the doors to additional academic institutions for all students – regardless of immigration status. Young Canadian Dreamers are filled with limitless potential, passion, determination and resilience. With the support of our community partners, leading academic institutions like York University, we can overcome and dismantle these oppressive barriers. Your donation will provide resources to continue this important work of advocacy, and to provide financial resources to generate seed start-up funds, allowing these deserving students to fund their educational pursuits. Together, we can together open the doors to the higher learning for all precarious migrant youth.

Justice/Justicia for Migrant Workers

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Justicia for Migrant Workers (J4MW) is a volunteer-run political collective comprising people from diverse walks of life, including migrant workers, labour organizers, educators, researchers, students and racialized youth based in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. We are engaged in this work alongside our personal commitments and numerous social justice struggles. J4MW strives to promote the rights of migrant farm workers (participating in agricultural streams of the Temporary Foreign Worker Program, including the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program) and farm workers without a formal immigration status. Promoting workers' rights entails creating for spaces where workers themselves can organize and voice their concerns without losing their work or being repatriated. The collective starts with workers' knowledge and concerns and fight for change collectively, basing our work on fighting racism, sexism and capitalism. We see ourselves as a movement of workers and allies and strive to support organizing that is led and directed by workers in the fields, farms and greenhouses. Our work is and has to be transnational in scope. It considers the context of stolen Indigenous land here and in migrants' countries of origin, and Canada's complicity in benefiting and creating poverty in the Majority World. Most importantly, we consider families left behind, primarily children, women and extended family members who are very much a part of migration but who are always forgotten in the equation of migrant farm labour. We work in solidarity and respect for the Indigenous peoples of this continent. J4MW is motivated by experiences shared and lessons learned from migrant farm workers over the course of nearly 20 years of community outreach in rural Ontario. As allies, migrants, farm workers, organizers, and friends we believe migrant workers deserve work with dignity and respect!

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And a special thank you to *Glendon College School of Interpretation* for providing interpretation services at the conference!

Remarks from the Dean of Libraries, York University Libraries (YUL), Joy Kirchner

On behalf of York University Libraries (YUL), I am honoured to provide some remarks for the 15th annual Student Conference on the theme of “Recognition, Agency, and Deservingness: (Re)framing Refugee, Black, and Indigenous Movements.” I would like to commend the efforts by the conference committee to put together this conference with an inspirational theme and rich programming. On top of all the hard work of organizing an academic conference, to successfully move the conference to a virtual environment is no easy feat.

YUL has a robust collection and innovative services that support the teaching and research needs for the interdisciplinary themes of this conference. We have particularly strong collections of digital, print, micro-text and audio-visual in the area of indigenous communities, black studies, migration and border movements, refugee studies and the history, culture, and politics of Latin America and the Caribbean. We are continuously adding new content in support of emerging interdisciplinary research in these areas, with a particular emphasis on eBooks and eJournals. All digital materials can be accessed off campus through the Libraries’ website. Library staff have also created customized research guides that highlight major collections relating to many of the themes of this conference, including ones on The African Diaspora, Critical Race Studies, Latin American History, and First Nations, Métis and Inuit in Canada.

In recent years, the Libraries have been working to better amplify the voices and perspectives of historically marginalized groups in our collections and services. With a deep understanding of the Western and colonial lens that has traditionally governed selection of materials and service delivery in academic libraries, we have been thoughtfully and critically assessing our practices in order to ensure greater inclusivity in our collections and services. We have also worked directly with our campus communities to enhance content, access and services in key areas such as: indigenous communities and language revitalization, Indigenous films and documentaries, Decolonization, Black Theory and Critical Race Studies. We are adopting an approach of building content and services that centre the lived experience of Black, Indigenous and racialized community members.

In closing, I would like to extend my congratulations to the conference organizers and participants for an engaging and timely conference that addresses the important issues concerning our community. I look forward to hearing the insights and fruitful discussions in the conference.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joy Kirchner", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Joy Kirchner
Dean of Libraries, York University Libraries