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If you would like to share a recent publication, event, or other news through our weekly newsletter, please send an email to tubman@yorku.ca with the appropriate information. Past newsletters can be found [here](#).

Tubman newsletters will resume a weekly schedule starting September 6th, 2024.

[News, Updates, Publications](#)

Professor Damilola Adebayo's journal article, "Electricity, Agency and Class in Lagos Colony, C.1860S-1914," received two best paper prizes at the Society for the History of Technology conference in Chile

[Read more here.](#)

HTI Journal of African and African Diasporic Studies/ La revue des études sur l'Afrique et la diaspora africaine

An official journal of the Harriet Tubman Institute for Research on Africa and its Diasporas, the HTI Journal of African and African Diasporic Studies (JAADS) is an international, peer-reviewed, and bilingual journal that publishes research that advances our understanding of African people and African-descended people across the diaspora. More information about publishing guidelines can be found [on our website here](#).

The Harriet Tubman Institute offers the following support:

- Mentorship support for first-time publishers and students
- Preliminary review of written work before submission for first-time publishers and students
- Opportunity to share published work at a Tubman Talks
- Network for support and collaboration through the Graduate Students Caucus
- Platform to share your research (not limited to the journal publication)

If you would like to join the Tubman JAADS Committee as a reviewer, send us an email (tubman@yorku.ca)! Papers will be assigned to reviewers based on the relevant field & topic.

Room Booking & Study Spaces at The Harriet Tubman Institute (Third Floor, York Lanes, Keele Campus)

- Resource Room (314 York Lanes) – cap. 30
- Study Room (316 York Lanes) – cap. 1
- Meeting Room (332 York Lanes) – cap. 4
- Graduate Caucus Study Rooms (325 & 327 York Lanes) (for HTI Research Associates only)
- Open study space (does not require a booking)

Open weekdays 8:30am-4:30pm. After hour access requires a YU Card.

The Resource Room Booking form can be found [here](#). All other booking requests can be sent to tubman@yorku.ca with your name, date, and time of the request in the subject line.

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[Tubman Events](#)

Open House & Networking Event

Date: October 3rd, 2024

Time: 12-2pm

Open House: 12-1pm

Networking Event: 1-2pm

Location: Tubman Resource Room 314 York Lanes, 3rd Floor York Lanes, York University, Keele Campus

[Register Here](#)

The Harriet Tubman Institute will be hosting its yearly Open House! It will take place in the Resource Room, 314 York Lanes. The first portion of the event will include welcomes and introductions from the Director, Dr. Salewa Olawoye, the Associate Director, Dr. Ruth Rodney, and representatives on the Executive Committee. We will discuss activities planned for the upcoming year and how to get involved. The second portion of the event will include networking activities where you will meet Tubman members involved in interdisciplinary research related to Africa and African Diaspora. This event will be held in-person. All are welcome!



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[Upcoming York Events and News](#)

FALL 24 In-Person Bridging Course for Women Now Available for Registration

Bridging Program for Women

Develop the skills and the confidence to continue your education in a supportive environment.

Course details:

Time of Course: Weekly on Wednesdays, 12:30-3:30pm

Orientation Session: Wednesday, September 11, 2024

First Class Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2024

End Date: December 11, 2024

Location: 1 York Gate Blvd. (Yorkgate Mall)

Room 205 Toronto, ON, M3N 3A1



Gender, Feminist, and Women's Studies (GFWS) Course Open for Registration: GFWS 6914 TRANSNATIONAL FEMINISM AND WOMEN IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

This seminar class is open to Master's and PhD students.

Course Director: Prof. Gertrude Mianda

Course description:

This seminar intends to critically engage a conversation on transnational feminism's agenda and its impact on women in the Global South through interdisciplinary and intersectional approaches. Transnational feminism is complex. It can be approached as a normative discourse with a particular way of analysing women's issues across borders and with methodological approaches to feminist knowledge production as well as empirical referents to feminist cross-border actions. The topic addresses issues affecting and shared by women around the world creating solidarity. What are the implications of transnational feminism for women from the Global North and those from the Global South? Is transnational feminism exempt from power relations? How does transnational feminism grapple with power relations as well as the questions of difference, race, age, sexuality, ethnicity, ability? What is the dynamic between women of the Global North and Global South? Do women located in the Global South have a voice? Are they listened to? Is there a space for local agendas and the interests of women in the Global South? Who defines these interests for them or, do they define their own issues? Who represents them?

Students will critically debate these questions in relation to different topics, exploring tensions and convergences between women across borders at local and global levels. Furthermore, these questions will guide students through the analysis of some of the topics being explored in the seminar including women's rights, solidarity, transnational feminism, Hip Hop, reproductive health, and gender/sexually based violence.

The seminar will critically discuss questions regarding decolonizing epistemologies, methods, and knowledge production in transnational feminism. The goal is to expose students to key debates at the heart of transnational feminism allowing them to acquire and/or to improve skills that will serve them in their own research on issues concerned with transnational practices. In addition, the seminar will raise students' consciousness of being attentive to research tools that are inclusive to the benefit of those who have been silenced in knowledge production.

Welcome Day at the Robarts Centre

Date: Thursday, September 12

Time: 1-3pm ET

Location: 7th Floor of Kaneff Tower

We warmly invite you to Welcome Day at the Robarts Centre on Thursday, September 12, 1 - 3 pm on the 7th floor of the Kaneff Tower in the central reception area. We will provide light refreshments and the opportunity to have a "headshot" taken by photographer extraordinaire Alex Felipe. In addition, Acting Director Carolyn Podruchny will be providing a short orientation session on the Robarts Centre, highlighting its research clusters, activities, services, and personnel.

To sign up for a "headshot" appointment, please email robarts@yorku.ca by September 9, 2024.

In addition, the 40th Anniversary Robarts Lecture will also be on September 12, from 4-5 pm, followed by a reception with a Jazz Duo from 5-6 pm. The speaker is the poet, novelist, playwright, and essayist M. NourbeSe Philip, who is launching a new edition of her acclaimed book-length poem *Zong!* The lecture will be in the Joseph G. Green Studio Theater, 151 Centre for Film and Theater, York University, Keele Campus. The reception will be in the Fireside Lounge, 150 Centre for Film and Theatre. For more information on the venue, see: <https://facilities.ampd.yorku.ca/facilities/joseph-g-green-studio-theatre/>.

RSVP for the Robarts Lecture: to robarts@yorku.ca by September 6, 2024.

M. NourbeSe Philip / Robarts Lecture - September 12, 2024

Date: September 12, 2024

Time: 4-5pm ET, followed by a reception and book signing from 5-6 pm.

Location: Joseph G. Green Studio Theater, 151 Centre for Film and Theater, York University, Keele Campus. The reception will be in the Fireside Lounge. For more information on the venue,

see: <https://facilities.ampd.yorku.ca/facilities/joseph-g-green-studio-theatre/>.

RSVP: to robarts@yorku.ca by September 6, 2024.

We invite you to attend the 40th anniversary Robarts Lecture featuring the poet, novelist, playwright, and essayist M. NourbeSe Philip, who is launching a new edition of her acclaimed book-length poem *Zong!*, about the victims of the *Zong* massacre, when approximately 150 enslaved Africans were murdered for insurance purposes in 1781, reactions to which led to significant momentum in the British abolitionist movement. M. NourbeSe Philip is known for experimenting with literary form and their commitment to social justice, notably in Ontario. This extended 182-page poetry cycle is composed entirely of the words of the case report, *Gregson vs. Gilbert*, related to the murder of Africans on board a slave ship. Memory, history, and law collide and metamorphose into the poetics of the fragment. Through the innovative use of fugal and counterpointed repetition, *Zong!* becomes an anti-narrative lament that stretches the boundaries of the poetic form, haunting the spaces of forgetting and mourning the forgotten. *Zong!* has been disseminated in three dramatic performances by theatrical directors and excerpts of *Zong!* have been used in six different visual arts installations by different artists in five countries.

Event Sponsors:

Robarts Centre for Canadian Studies, including the Black Canada Research Cluster and the Commemoration, Pedagogy and Historical Trauma Research Cluster
Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies
Sensorium: Centre for Digital Arts and Technology
York Research Chair in Linguistic Diversity and Community Vitality
Department of Theater and Performance
Vice-President of Research and Innovation, York University

THE ROBARTS CENTRE FOR
CANADIAN STUDIES

40TH ANNIVERSARY

A celebration of the launch of a new edition of M.
NourbeSe Philip's acclaimed 2008 book of poetry *Zong!*

SPEAKER M. NOURBESE PHILIP

An award-winning Canadian poet, novelist, playwright, essayist, and lawyer who is known for experimenting with literary form and their commitment to social justice, notably in Ontario. They were born in Tobago and now live in Canada.

Zong! focuses on the victims of the *Zong* massacre when approximately 150 enslaved Africans were murdered for insurance purposes in 1781, reactions to which led to significant momentum in the British abolitionist movement. This extended 182-page poetry cycle is composed entirely of the words of the case report, *Gregson vs. Gilbert*, related to the murder of Africans on board a slave ship. Memory, history, and law collide and metamorphose into the poetics of the fragment.

Thursday, September 12, 2024

4-5 pm for lecture and Q&A

The Joseph G. Green Studio Theater,
151 Centre for Film and Theater, York
University, Keele Campus. More
information on the venue [here](#).

RSVP to robarts@yorku.ca by 6 September

A reception will follow in the Fireside Lounge
from 5 - 6 pm

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Technoableism Seminar Series

Date: September 18, 2024

Time: 11am-1pm ET

Location: Online

[Register here](#)

You are invited to the final talk of a three part Technoableism Seminar Series, supported by the Institute for Technoscience and Society, York University's Critical Disability Studies, Science and Technology Studies, and Health and Society programs. Coined by critical disability studies and STS scholar [Ashley Shew](#), technoableism forms a narrative about disability that speaks to empowering disabled people, while also reinforcing harmful ableist tropes that cement beliefs around what kinds of bodies are deemed valuable.

Our third and final talk of the series will be with Dr. Michele Friedner and Fulden Arisan on September 18, 2024 (11am – 1pm) entitled "Fledgling Sensory Rehabilitative Infrastructures: Cochlear Implantation and Feedback Networks in Pakistan and Turkey".

If you would like to join or know anyone who might be interested, please share the Eventbrite link below and join us! There will be time at the end for questions and participation, so we'd love to have community members joining in as well for discussion.

Here is the Eventbrite link for registration: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-its-technoableism-seminar-series-presents-michele-friedner-tickets-995449324727>

If you are having any issues accessing the link or registration, please contact techno@yorku.ca

Thank you and we are looking forward to seeing you there!

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Other Events

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Research Hub

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships

Value: \$70,000 per year

Duration: 2 years

Application Deadline: September 12, 2024 (8pm Eastern Time)

Results announced: February 2025

Read more [here](#).

SSHRC Partnership Engage Grants

Value: \$7000 to \$25,000

Duration: 1 year

Application Deadline: September 15, 2024

Results Announced: At end of each funding cycle (August, November, February and May)

Read more [here](#).

COP29 Canada Pavilion: Call for Event Proposals

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has put out a call for event proposals at the Canada pavilion at the 29th Conference of the Parties (COP29) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), taking place in Baku, Azerbaijan from November 11-22, 2024.

The event application intake process will be open from August 1, 2024 at 12:00 pm EDT to August 28, 2024 at 11:59 pm EDT. Applications must be submitted through the online portal to be considered (see link below). If an event proposal is successful, the successful applicant is required to mobilize their own funds to support their events.

Links:

1. [Sample application form](#)
2. [Application portal](#)
3. [Timeline for application & COP event](#)
4. [Evaluation criteria and Canadian Pavilion COP page](#)

If your event proposal is successful, you are welcome to consider applying to [York's Global Research Excellence \(GRE\) Seed Fund: Stream B](#) for support (provided you meet the eligibility criteria).

XCEPT Research on Conflict and Climate and Research Fellowship

Chemonics Group UK Ltd., on behalf of the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and Cross-Border Conflict Evidence/Policy/Trends (XCEPT) recently launched [two new funding opportunities](#) at the intersection of climate and conflict, with a call for applications for research funding and a Climate and Conflict Research fellow. The XCEPT research program brings together world-leading experts and local researchers to examine conflict-affected borderlands. A summary is provided below.

[Request for Applications: Research on the Intersection of conflict and climate – XCEPT Research Fund \(XRF\)](#)

Objectives

The XRF invites proposals to build a body of research that explores responses at the intersection of climate change and violent conflict. To build an impactful body of work in this field, this research project will sit alongside an XRF Research Fellow, who will support XCEPT thought leadership and uptake (see details below).

The specific aims are to:

- Increase understanding of the transnational dimensions of conflict, including how conflict and instability connect across borders and regions.
- Draw lessons from Interventions to prevent, stabilize and resolve conflict to inform more effective policy and program responses.
- Central local knowledge in research and policy responses, including through support to Global South institutions and researchers.
- Advance gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) through research design and practice.
- Promote the use of innovative technologies in conflict research, including remote sensing and artificial intelligence.

The research should examine interventions in geographies relevant to XCEPT research. Africa, particularly West Africa, the Sahel, North Africa, Central Africa, and the Horn of Africa; the Middle East; Asia, particularly Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Myanmar. The research may focus on one region or on several.

Value

Up to £500,000

Duration

24 months

Deadlines

Full application due at ORS for full review	Friday, August 23, 2024
Full application and fully signed ORS Checklist due at ORS for mandatory review	by 9:00 am on Thursday, September 5, 2024
Application due at agency	by 23:59 BST on Monday, September 9, 2024

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

https://www.xcept-research.org/grants_post/request-for-applications-research-on-the-intersections-of-conflict-and-climate/

[Request for Applications: XCEPT Conflict and Climate Research Fellow](#)

Objectives

To build an impactful body of work at the intersection climate and conflict, the Research Fellowship will sit alongside a body of research conducted under an XCEPT Fund award (see above for details).

Research Fellows will lead and develop XCEPT research within three broad areas of thematic focus:

- Conflict and climate across borders
- Stability and governance in borderlands
- Enablers of conflict and peace across borders

Value
Research Fellows will be supported under part-time arrangement (20-60% of full-time employment). XCEPT will fund occasional travel to key research meetings and events and will support entry visas as needed.

Duration
1 to 2 years

Deadlines

Full application due at ORS for full review	Friday, August 2, 2024
Full application and fully signed ORS Checklist due at ORS for mandatory review	by 9:00 am Thursday, August 15, 2024
Application due at agency	by 23:59 BST on Monday, August 19, 2024

For more information on this RFA, please consult the following link:
https://www.xcept-research.org/grants_post/request-for-applications-xcept-conflict-and-climate-research-fellow/

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>

NSERC Research Tools & Instruments Competition

The Office of Research Services (ORS) would like to remind researchers of the upcoming deadline for the NSERC RTI Grants Program, Category 1 (Friday, October 25). Please find below important information regarding submission of your application.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
To be eligible to apply for and to hold RTI funds, applicants and co-applicants must not hold an RTI grant from the previous year's RTI competition. In other words, RTI grant applicants and co-applicants who were successful in the previous year's RTI competition are ineligible to apply for one year. Eligibility will be reinstated the following competition year.

Objectives
To foster and enhance the discovery, innovation and training capability of university researchers in the natural sciences and engineering by supporting the purchase of research equipment

- NSERC will only accept requests:
- for tools and instruments that form a comprehensive system intended to support NSERC funded research in the natural sciences and engineering:
 - a comprehensive system is one in which each tool or instrument forms part of an integrated system of operation to support the research program(s)
 - requests that bundle unrelated tools and instruments together will not be accepted
 - for the purchase of new, used or refurbished equipment, for the repair, upgrade or rental of equipment, or for the fabrication of equipment that is not readily available off the shelf
 - for equipment that is purchased or rented after the application deadline

Note: Equipment and items that are part of laboratory infrastructure or intended to render other equipment compliant with health and safety standards are ineligible for RTI support.

Note: Researchers can submit one RTI application per competition, either as an applicant or a co-applicant, but not both.

Eligibility to apply for and hold funds:
To be eligible to apply for and to hold RTI funds, applicants and co-applicants must each meet [NSERC's eligibility requirements for faculty to apply for or hold grant funds](#) hold at least one of the following NSERC research grants (either as an applicant or co-applicant): *

- Alliance grant
- Canada Excellence Research Chairs (NSERC)
- Canada 150 Research Chairs (NSERC)
- Canada Research Chairs (NSERC)
- Collaborative Research and Development grant
- Discovery Development grant
- Discovery Grant
- Discovery Horizons grant
- Industrial Research Chairs grant
- Strategic Partnership grant

*Applicants and co-applicants may apply for any of the above grants while concurrently applying to the RTI program. However, if any applicant or co-applicant does not hold one of the above grants by the RTI award start date or is not successful in obtaining one of these grants while concurrently applying to the RTI program, the applicant and/or co-applicant will be deemed ineligible and removed from the application.

Value
Up to \$150K

Duration
1 year

Deadlines

Application due at ORS for full review	Thursday, October 10, 2024
Application and fully signed ORS Checklist due at ORS for mandatory review	By 10am on Wednesday, October 23, 2024
Application due at agency	Friday, October 25, 2024 The final application must be submitted on the Research Portal no later than 10am on Friday, October 25, 2024 for ORS to e-approve and submit to NSERC for peer review.

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 further details on the RTI program, please visit the following link:
https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/RTII-OIRI/RTI-OIR_eng.asp
For other resources relating to this program, please see below:

Instructions for completing an application form: https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/ResearchPortal-PortailDeRecherche/Instructions-Instructions/RTIIInstruct-SOIInstruct_eng.asp

Frequently Asked Questions: https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/Professors-Professeurs/RTIFAQ-OIRFAQ_e.pdf

Peer Review Manual: https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/_doc/Reviewers-Examineurs/RTI-OIR_eng.pdf

Sloan Research Fellowships

Please find below details of the [Sloan Research Fellowship](#) sponsored by the [Alfred P. Sloan Foundation](#). Note that the new round of competition will open on or around July 15, 2024. Please check the Foundation website after this time to confirm competition details as they may change.

BACKGROUND

Sloan Research Fellowships are awarded annually to early-career researchers whose creativity, innovation, and research accomplishments make them stand out as the next generation of leaders. Sloan Research Fellowships seek to stimulate fundamental research by early-career scientists and scholars of outstanding promise. These two-year Fellowships are awarded yearly to 126 researchers in recognition of distinguished performance and a unique potential to make substantial contributions to their field. The 2024 Sloan Research Fellows will receive Fellowships in the amount of \$75,000 (USD). The awards are for researchers in the fields of chemistry, computer science, Earth systems science, economics, mathematics, neuroscience, physics, or a related field. The funds must be used by the Fellow for expenses supportive of their research, including staffing, professional travel, lab expenses, equipment, etc.

A list of recent Fellows is available [here](#).

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

The following eligibility requirements apply:

- Candidates must be tenure-track, though untenured, as of September 15, 2024.
- Candidates must hold a PhD or equivalent degree in chemistry, computer science, Earth system science, economics, mathematics, neuroscience, physics, or a related field.
- Candidates must be members of a Faculty of a college, university or other degree-granting institution in the US or Canada.
- Candidates' faculty positions must carry a regular teaching obligation.

Competitive candidates for a Fellowship generally have a strong record of significant independent research accomplishments that demonstrate creativity and the potential to become future leaders in the scientific community. They are normally several years past the completion of their Ph.D. in order to accumulate a competitive record of independent, significant research.

In keeping with the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation's longstanding support of underrepresented scholars in the sciences, the Foundation strongly encourages the nomination of qualified Black, Latinx, Native American, Alaska Native and women candidates.

REQUIRED MATERIALS AND EVALUATION

Candidates will likely be expected to provide the following materials in their nomination package:

- A letter from their department head or other senior researcher officially nominating the candidate and describing the candidate's qualifications, initiative, and research;
- The candidate's CV, including a list of the candidate's scientific publications;
- Two representative articles by the candidate that highlight their independent research;
- A one-page statement by the candidate describing their significant scientific work and immediate research plans;
- Three letters from other researchers written in support of the candidate's nomination (preferably writers should be arms-length and not all from the same institution); and
- A signed ORS Checklist for internal approvals.

Departments may not submit more than 3 nominees. Please notify your Faculty Research Office if you intend to apply in case internal adjudication is needed.

All nominations will be reviewed and selected by an [independent selection committee](#) of distinguished scientists in each eligible field. Fellows are selected on the basis of their independent research accomplishments, creativity, and potential to become leaders in the scientific community through their contributions to their field.

Foundation deadline: The anticipated deadline is September 15, 2024.

SIRI SUPPORT

The SIRI team is available to support nominations. Please contact your Faculty Research Office and Abby Vogus, SIRI Specialist, at avogus@yorku.ca to discuss timelines and how the team can assist.

Notifying the Faculty Research Office and SIRI will help determine whether internal adjudication is required.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please visit the Sloan Research Fellowships website for further details and FAQs at <https://sloan.org/fellowships>.

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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