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News, Updates, Publications

Call for Panelists: Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. Kennedy Opande to present in panel

Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. Kennedy Opande is seeking co-panelists for an upcoming panel discussion at the Association of Social Anthropologists of the UK (ASA) Conference. Paper submissions will be accepted until November 18th, 2024. Submit here: <https://nomadit.co.uk/account/contact/login>. Note that you must create or login to your account in order to propose your paper for the panel. Please contact Dr. Opande for further inquiries.

Panel organizer: Dr Kennedy Opande, PhD in Anthropology (University of Nairobi - Kenya) and Postdoctoral Visitor (Liberal Arts & Professional Studies - York University)

Contact Info: koo@yorku.ca

Name of Conference and Dates: ASA2025, April 8-11

Name of Panel: P35: Anthropological renewal, knowledge flows, and contextual intersections in Africa.

Abstract: Anthropology remains dominated by exotically-led theoretical domains. This has left unequal knowledge flows in the field. The current movement emphasizing accurate representation of knowledge within anthropology offers promise regarding the way the field is engaged with, including how it shapes knowledge production in Africa in the future. The current debates around climate change, health and environmental cataclysms among others which have seriously impacted local societies have renewed anthropology and how it remains pivotal in understanding not just how people interact with their environment but also how the local knowledge systems, epistemologies and ontologies can intersect with global and regional knowledges and praxis. This panel will discuss how the discourse about the shifts in the anthropological knowledge can shape and even influence regional and global realities to extend epistemological and ontological currencies imbued in the local realities including science in Africa. It aims at advancing the debate at the broader sphere of knowledge production, exchange and shareability across different ecological contexts as they are generated. The panel invites discussions optimising the expansion of knowledge spaces across contexts and demonstrating the way this can encourage the intersection of knowledge through flows, exchanges, and utilisation. The central questions are: to what extent has anthropological knowledge generated in Africa influenced viewpoints and understanding of the dominant global theoretical discourses? How is this knowledge positioned and even utilised in the contemporary arena of decolonising knowledge in those spaces – including in the key sectors that directly affect the quality of life and existence?

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

Tubman Talks with Ify Okadigbo: Gendered Power Through Spirituality: The Case of Igbo West Africa – November 7

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024

Time: 3:00-4:30pm Eastern Time

Location: Tubman Resource Room (314 York Lanes), York University, Keele Campus

In-person Registration: <https://research.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=237524>

Zoom Registration: https://yorku.zoom.us/join/register/TJUKfuyurjoiHNFB6tvN_6L7HBHjvehO6G6H

Title: Gendered Power Through Spirituality: The Case of Igbo West Africa

Abstract: Mainstreaming the mystic traces the utility and recovery of traditional modes of gendered spirituality in southeastern Igbo communities. It explores how contemporary Igbo women adjust to the simultaneous practice of traditional Igbo spirituality/*Odinani* and Christianity without conflict. This research also investigates the connections between the colonial encroachment of Igbo West African communities, and the subsequent and sustained decline of the status of Igbo women. It plots these connections by interrogating how unique modes of power, specifically spiritual power, utilized by Igbo women, were subsequently diminished through a three-pronged approach of colonization, western religion, and western education. Ultimately, this work problematizes the binary and rigid interpretation of Igbo culture as patriarchal, abusive to women, masculinist and “women hating”, by contextualizing the meanings and application of power particularly gendered power through spirituality. It posits that power exists in the quiet, the mysterious, the taken for granted, the hidden, the unorthodox, and the unexplained.

Bio: Ifeyinwa Okadigbo, widely known as Ify, is a dedicated Ph.D. Candidate within the esteemed School of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies at York University, Toronto, Canada. Her academic journey has been characterized by a profound commitment to unveiling the multifaceted dimensions of gender, coloniality, and African feminism. Ify holds an impressive academic record, boasting two master's degrees in Gender and International Development from the University of East Anglia, United Kingdom, and Gender, Feminist, and Women's Studies from York University, Canada.

Her research endeavors are anchored in a decolonial feminist perspective, reflecting her fervent desire to critically examine the ramifications of the colonial encounter and its enduring legacies on the lives, aspirations, and future trajectories of African women in the Igbo and Hausa communities of Nigeria. Ify's scholarly pursuits encompass a rich tapestry of subjects, with a primary focus on coloniality, decolonization, African feminism, African personhood, traditional women's movements, and gendered leadership.

In her recent work, Ify has expanded her research horizon to encompass the intricate discourses surrounding gendered power and its unique connections to Igbo spirituality. Her exploration delves into how African women continually disrupt the prevailing binary narratives that often oversimplify the interplay between Western religious influences and African spirituality.

Tubman Talks

with **Dr. Ndu Nwokolo**

Nov 14, 2024 | 3:00-4:30pm EST | 314 York Lanes (Hybrid)



Dr Ndu Nwokolo is a Managing Partner at Nextier & the Chief Executive of Nextier SPD (Security, Peace and Development), a business unit under Nextier. Nextier is a multi-sectoral, multi-competency international development consulting firm with Offices in Nigeria, Liberia, the USA, and the UK. He is an Honorary Fellow at the School of Government, University of Birmingham, UK, since 2017 and a Visiting Research Fellow at the Nathanson Centre on

Transnational Human Rights, Crime, and Security at York University Canada. He holds a PhD from the University of Birmingham, UK, in the Political Economy of Natural Resource Conflicts and an advanced MA in Conflict and Sustainable Peace Studies from Katholieke University, Leuven, Belgium. He also has a Master's Degree in Political Economy and Development Studies from the University of Jos and a B.Sc. in Political Science from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

Human Rights and the Growing Informal Security Industry in Africa

Security and Policing provisions in Nigeria remain a huge challenge. Today, the country faces security challenges such as terrorism, farmer-herder conflicts, banditry and armed robbery, secession struggles, kidnapping, cult clashes, and group violence across its six geopolitical zones. The multiplicity of these challenges seems to be overwhelming the capacity and ability of state security forces to deal with them. Based on the existing situation, several non-state security outfits have emerged to complement the efforts of state security forces in security and policing provisioning, especially at the local community level.



In-person Registration

| **Zoom Registration**



Tubman Talks with Keisha Bell-Kovacs: Archie Alleyne & a Black sense of Place in Toronto - Nov 14

Date: Thursday, November 12, 2024

Time: 3:00-4:30pm Eastern Time

Location: Tubman Resource Room (314 York Lanes), York University, Keele Campus

In-person Registration: <https://research.apps01.yorku.ca/machform/view.php?id=211660>

Zoom Registration: <https://yorku.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJAIfuGrpzMvGdJIT7kzd08X4vqCPZpoXhuO>

Title: Archie Alleyne & a Black sense of Place in Toronto

Abstract:

Bio:

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Upcoming York Events and News

Unsettling Anthropology: Violence, Terror & Resistance



UNSETTLING ANTHROPOLOGY

VIOLENCE, TERROR & RESISTANCE

The recent calls to moralize violence, to condemn or to relativize it, disregard the inherently political nature of violence, that violence 'creates and sustains' political meanings (Paul Kahn 2008). This talk series focuses on political imagination behind all acts of violence, of the willingness of people to kill and be killed and, especially, aims to unsettle common assumptions and moral rhetorics which are pressed down upon us to condemn the violence of 'the others', disregarding the meanings of and the historical context of their actions.

Palestinian Art in Times of Revolution- Dr. Nayrouz Abu Hatoum



For Zoom Registration

[Click here](#)



Virtual only (registration required)
Date : 25th October
Time: 3:00 - 5:00 pm (Eastern Time)

Nayrouz Abu Hatoum is an associate professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Concordia University. She was the Ibrahim Abu-Lughod postdoctoral fellow at Columbia University in 2018/ 2019 academic year and is a co-founding member of *Insaniyyat*: Society of Palestinian Anthropologists. Her research investigates visual politics in Palestine, focusing on alternative imaginations, place-making, and dwelling practices under settler-colonial conditions. She is currently working on an ethnographic project exploring the politics of visual arts production and its role in expanding Palestinian imaginaries.

For any further queries, please email: unsettlinganthropology@protonmail.com

Africa Is Not a Country Inaugural Seminar: 'Genocides on the Margins: From Tigray to Congo to Sudan'

Inaugural Seminar: 'Genocides on the Margins: From Tigray to Congo to Sudan'

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 30, 2024, 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM EDT

Africa Is Not a Country
Seminar Series

- Genocides on the Margins, from Tigray to Congo to Sudan
- Wednesday, October 30, 2024
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM
- Hybrid (online and in-person)
Black Community Space, HNES 248

"Africa Is Not a Country" is a hybrid seminar series that aims to address the absent inadequate, skewed, and inaccurate representation of Africa and African issues.

Join us for our **inaugural seminar** with the following scholars:



Nisrin Elamin, PhD
Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto



Taiwo Bello, PhD
Assistant Professor at Oklahoma State University



Maereg Adhanom, PhD
Environmentalist and Expert on International Development



Gertrude Mianda, PhD
Professor at York University, Glendon Campus



Scan the QR code to register!



The Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change at York University proudly presents the inaugural seminar in a hybrid format: "[Africa Is Not a Country.](#)" This series aims to address the absent, inadequate, skewed, and inaccurate representation of Africa and African issues in global discourse.

Distinguished Speakers

Dr. Taiwo Bello, Assistant Professor, Oklahoma State University

Dr. Nisrin Elamin, Assistant Professor, University of Toronto

Dr. Maereg Adhanom, Environmentalist & International Development Expert

How to Attend

Online: Register here: https://yorku.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CS4YXaj7Rt2XQniVXdOs5w

In-person: Black Community Space (Room HNES 248), Faculty of Environmental and Urban Change, York University

Join us for this critical discussion on often-overlooked conflicts and their global implications.

Our expert panel will provide unique insights into the complex situations in Tigray, Congo, and Sudan.

We encourage faculty, staff and students from all York University departments to attend the seminar.

For more info, contact Desmond Asiedu at dasedu@yorku.ca. We look forward to your participation in this important conversation.

Laptop & Learn: Discover York Academics Drop-In Sessions

Research Commons and the Discover York Academics (DYA) team are excited to continue offering weekly drop-in sessions this fall to assist faculty members in creating their DYA profiles. These sessions will be available both in-person and online.

Discover York Academics is a dynamic eCV platform that enables faculty to showcase their work, connect with peers, indicate availability for graduate supervision, and enhance visibility to industry and community partners. With automatic updates and data aggregation from public sites, your DYA profile will continuously reflect your latest research, publications, awards, and professional activities.

Join us every Tuesday at 10:00 am starting today until December 17 for a step-by-step tutorial, with opportunities to ask questions and get real-time assistance. Sessions alternate weekly between in-person and online formats.

>> [Please register here for the sessions you wish to attend.](#)

Please note that you can sign up for multiple sessions at once. If you find the sessions helpful and wish to attend more, you can easily register again.

Online Sessions

Online sessions will be held on Zoom:

<https://yorku.zoom.us/j/98810699862?pwd=asX0yBlnkahcbinFdeol5vCGJsfQcu.1>

Meeting ID: 988 1069 9862

Passcode: 376879

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, 10:00 am

Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 10:00 am

Tuesday, December 3, 2024, 10:00 am

Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 10:00 am

In-Person Sessions

In-person sessions will be held in Kaneff Tower, Room 626.

Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 10:00 am

Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 10:00 am

Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 10:00 am

Tuesday, December 10, 2024, 10:00 am

To learn more about DYA, [please visit YULink](#). For a one-on-one user profile setup, [book an appointment](#) with DYA Project Manager Anna Kajor.

If you have any questions, please contact dyahelp@yorku.ca.

Centre for Feminist Research: Call for Nominations - 2023-24 Mary McEwan Dissertation Award

The call for nominations for the CFR's 2023-24 Mary McEwan Memorial Dissertation Award is now open.

Named in honour of Dr. Mary McEwan, a feminist psychiatrist, this annual award of \$1,000.00 will be awarded to one PhD dissertation produced in the 2023-2024 academic year at York University in the area of feminist scholarship. An Awards Committee of faculty affiliated with the Centre will choose the winners.

If you have dissertations that were recommended for awards in 2023-24 (dissertations defended between September 1, 2023 and August 31st, 2024 are eligible), please consider putting them forward for this award. The submission deadline is November 30, 2024.

CRITERIA OF ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be a York graduate student who has successfully defended a dissertation during the 2023-24 academic year (September 1 2023-August 31st, 2024).
2. The nominee's dissertation must concern feminist theory and/or gender issues.
3. The examining committee for the dissertation must unanimously recommend it for an award.

PROCEDURE FOR NOMINATION

Each nomination must include:

1. The nomination checklist (see link below).
2. A copy of the dissertation.
3. A one-page statement (max.) from the nominee about the contribution the dissertation makes to feminist scholarship.
4. A letter of recommendation from the student's Supervisor commenting on the nominee's dissertation or thesis.
5. A statement from the Graduate Program Director noting that the nominee's dissertation was recommended as one that should be considered for a prize.
6. A copy of the external examiner's report.

PROCEDURE FOR SUBMISSION

Please complete [the nomination checklist](#) and submit your nomination package to Andi Schwartz, Coordinator of the Centre for Feminist Research, no later than November 30, 2024.

Submissions and questions can be made via email to cfr-coor@yorku.ca.

Please see website for complete details: <https://www.yorku.ca/cfr/mary-mcewan-award-nomination-process-2023/>

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Other Events

Institute of African Studies, Carleton University: Available Light: Omar Badsha and the Struggle for Change in SA

Join the Institute of African Studies, Carleton University, for an engaging event in our "Knowing

Africa" Seminar Series:

Title: [Available Light: Omar Badsha and the Struggle for Change in South Africa](#)

Presenter: [Daniel Magaziner](#) (Yale)

Discussants: [Sean Jacobs](#) (New School) and [Sarah Nuttall](#) (Wits)

Chair: [Shireen Hassim](#), Canada 150 Research Chair in Gender and African Politics, Carleton University

Event Details:

Date: October 30, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EST

Register here: [Available Light: Omar Badsha and the Struggle for Change in South Africa](#)

This discussion will delve into the impact of Omar Badsha's work on South Africa's struggle for change, enriched by insights from our esteemed discussants.



Dan Magaziner

Professor & DUS History, Yale University.

Dan is a historian of 20th century Africa. He is the author of two books: *The Law and the Prophets: Black Consciousness in South Africa, 1968 – 1977* (2010) and *The Art of Life in South Africa* (2016). He received his PhD at the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 2007 and taught at Cornell University before coming to Yale in 2011. [Read more](#)

Call for Proposals: The 2025 conference of the Canadian Association of African Studies - Making, Unmaking, and Remaking Africa



CAAS | Canadian Association of African Studies

June 3-6, 2025

Annual Conference
2025

University of Toronto,
Scarborough

MAKING, UNMAKING, AND REMAKING

AFRICA

Call for Proposals!

This is your chance to contribute to vital discussions on Africa's future and showcase your research.

Deadline: Dec. 2nd 2024

For further details on the theme and submission guidelines, please visit our website:

<https://conference.caas-acea.org/>



While we are particularly keen to receive submissions that address the conference theme (and subthemes) in different ways, multidisciplinary papers from all African studies are strongly encouraged.

Submission deadline: December 2, 2024

Call for Proposals

Africa is at a crossroads of immense opportunities and significant challenges. Despite having sixty percent of the world's uncultivated arable land, vastly distributed natural resources, and the fastest-growing youth population globally, Africa experiences multidimensional poverty, structural inequalities and exclusion, shocks and stressors (such as disasters, environmental degradation and climate change, food insecurity, violent extremism, economic volatility and epidemics), and epistemic injustice. For over six decades, actors at different levels, including governments, the private sector, academics, policy-makers, community leaders, civil society, etc., have proposed diverse recommendations, initiatives, and action plans to respond to the continent's challenges. Despite multisectoral responses, Africa's development aspirations seem like a rollercoaster ride. Consequently, commentators have made all kinds of prognoses: "Africa is doomed, Africa is rising. Africa is bleeding, Africa is thriving. Africa holds the key to the future." (Kabou 1991; Van Wolputte, Greiner, & Bollig 2022).

The 2025 Canadian Association of African Studies (CAAS/ACEA) conference will be a platform to review the outcomes of past attempts to address Africa's growth obstacles and to rethink current narratives, projects, and innovations geared towards unlocking the continent's potential. Hence, the theme: Making, Unmaking, and Remaking Africa.

The 2025 CAAS/ACEA conference theme builds on past editions: "Sustainability and Sustainable Development: Past, Present and Futures" (2024) and "African Reckonings and Futures" (2023). In "Making, Unmaking, and Remaking Africa," CAAS provides a launchpad for Africanist constituencies (including academics, community groups, public intellectuals, and African studies practitioners writ large) based in Africa and its Diasporas to review existing and explore new models, approaches, designs, and interventions that can help understand, rethink, or imagine Africa within local, regional, continental and global contexts. CAAS seeks conversations from both the "town and gown" that prioritise Indigenous knowledge systems and African popular culture while encouraging insights inspired by Western epistemologies, provided that such insights are appropriately critiqued.

CAAS acknowledges the existence of multiple avenues and outcomes in making Africa. Thus, we invite panels, roundtables, individual presentations, performances, and unconventional sessions examining the multifaceted challenges and opportunities of Africa and its Diasporas, and providing actionable insights to drive meaningful change. Proposals may address how different sectors can contribute to achieving peace, prosperity, and progress in Africa. This includes:

Strategies for fostering inclusive society, crisis prevention and resilience, conflict resolution, enhancing security, and exploring integrated infrastructure and energy development. Contributions may also include innovations in agricultural development, poverty reduction, sustainable environmental management, and the impact of climate change. Further, we seek insights into how trade and industrial development, economic integration, and private sector growth can drive regional prosperity.

On the epistemic front, CAAS particularly welcomes proposals seeking to restore African perspectives and agency in research on Africa, especially within the context of gender, class, race, colonialism, inclusive education, identity construction, and languages, among others. We invite proposals that critique the foundations of our intellectual labour, including the questions we ask, theories we privilege, methodologies we consider scientific, how we generate and disseminate knowledge, the curriculum we design, and the collaborations we initiate. Proposals aligned to our theme may also invoke Western frameworks as long as these are rigorously critiqued and centred on a genuine restoration of the epistemological autonomy of Africa and its Diasporas.

CAAS also welcomes submissions exploring the implications of migration and labour mobility on intra-African trade, tourism, and global intellectual exchanges. Proposals on governance, democracy, human rights, and gender equality are also pivotal to understanding how to make African societies stable and just. Health and nutrition are also crucial topics, focusing on addressing issues related to built environments, malnutrition, non-communicable diseases, and improving overall health outcomes. Additionally, contributions to youth development, encompassing health, employment, innovation, and entrepreneurship, are welcome to highlight the role of young people in making Africa's present and future.

While we are particularly keen to receive submissions that address the conference theme (and subthemes) in different ways, multidisciplinary papers from all African studies are strongly encouraged.

More information here: [CAAS 2025 Conference Abstract Submissions \(caas-acea.org\)](https://conference.caas-acea.org/).

Call for Papers: III Symposium Chair of African and Caribbean Studies (Afro)Multidimensional Resistance, Inequalities and Mobilities

Universidad de Costa Rica, San Pedro, Limón, Costa Rica – February 18-21, 2025

In celebration of a decade of dedicated work and in alignment with the conclusion of the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024), as declared by the United Nations to promote public policies focused on 'Recognition, Justice, and Development' for people of African descent, the Program of African and Caribbean Studies at the University of Costa Rica is delighted to invite the international academic community to its Third International Symposium titled: "(Afro)Multidimensional Resistance, Inequalities, and Mobilities".

For its third edition in 2025, the symposium will focus on the following themes and invites participants to explore:

1. Critical Perspectives on Essentialisms and Methodological Nationalisms.

2. Global Migration Dynamics, Borderization, and Irregularity.
3. Diversity, Heterogeneities, and Citizenship from a Historical Perspective.
4. Social Mobility and Transcontinental Life Histories.
5. Forms of Exclusion and Invisibilization in Education, Texts, and School Narratives.
6. Representation, Elections, and Political Participation of Black and Afro-descendant Peoples.
7. Political Religious Movements, Conservatism, and Nationalisms.
8. Afro-descendant Rights in the Context of Economic Inequality and Technological Transformations.
9. Forced Migration and the Legacies of the Enslaved Era.
10. Gentrification, Tourism, and the Displacement of Afro-descendant Communities.
11. Territoriality, Property, and Sovereignty.
12. Justice, Dynamics of Ethnic-Racial Discrimination, and State Challenges.
13. Life Experiences and Resistance during the Enslaved Era.
14. Epistemology and Ethics in Afro-global Studies.

Those interested in presenting papers on the themes of this symposium are invited to submit a short CV, a title, and a 300-word abstract, including a brief reference to the sources used in their research. As scholars our task is to ensure that the knowledge produced is accurate, grounded in scientific research, and supported by available documentation.

Deadline: October 30, 2024
 Proposals may be submitted in either Spanish or English to: catedrafricacaribe.vd@ucr.ac.cr.
 Full call for papers attached.

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Research Hub

SSHRC Info Webinar Schedule

SSHRC will be holding a series of webinars for applicants and research administrators on upcoming competitions.

The webinars will be held via MS Teams at the following dates and times:

Webinar	Date	MS Teams Link
Connection Grants (English)	November 27, 2024 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/29db602b-3193-42dd-a9d0-600a9e365c77@fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65 Webinar number: 245 801 144 687 Webinar passcode: tMiZZ5
Connection Grants (French)	November 28, 2024 11: a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/75fa013a-befd-4371-b424-2313ae54d0b7@fbef0798-20e3-4be7-bdc8-372032610f65 Webinar number: 217 840 965 547 Webinar passcode: iLC6cS

Please note that webinar registration information and communications appear in your browser's preferred language setting.

SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grants: Envisioning Governance Systems that Work

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) in partnership with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), UK Research and Innovation (UKRI), Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), and the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) have launched a Knowledge Synthesis Grants (KSG) funding opportunity to mobilize, examine and synthesize social sciences and humanities research on Envisioning Governance Systems that Work. The themes of this funding opportunity complement those of the [three next upcoming Knowledge Synthesis Grants](#): The Changing Nature of Security and Conflict, The Arts Transformed, and Truth Under Fire in a Postfact World. A summary is provided below.

Objectives

This funding opportunity will support research that will foster a deeper understanding of the state of knowledge about the global challenge Envisioning Governance Systems that Work. This competition will include two streams:

Stream 1 will be reserved for applications submitted by an applicant affiliated with an eligible Canadian institution. CIHR may fund up to 3 projects in this stream and SSHRC may fund up to 17.

Stream 2 will be reserved for applications jointly submitted by two, one based in Canada and the other in the United Kingdom, who are affiliated with eligible institutions in their respective countries. SSHRC, UKRI-AHRC and UKRI-ESRC may jointly fund up to 27 projects.

The resulting syntheses will identify roles that the academic, public, private and not-for-profit sectors could play in promoting more inclusive, equitable societies, and could inform development of effective tools and technologies, robust policies, and sustainable practices needed to support the path toward a diverse and inclusive future for all.

This call for proposals invites applications from researchers from any discipline that can inform and contribute to the objectives of the funding opportunity.

Specific objectives are to support researchers in producing knowledge synthesis reports and evidence briefs that:

- support the use of evidence in decision-making and the application of best practices; and
- assist in developing future research agendas.

Applicants must address the following three objectives in their proposals:

State of Knowledge and Research Gaps

- critically assess the state of knowledge of the future challenge theme under consideration from a variety of sources, as appropriate;
- identify knowledge strengths and gaps within the theme;
- acknowledge Indigenous knowledge systems and research methodologies when appropriate; and,
- identify the most promising policies and practices related to the theme.

Research Data

- assess the quality, accuracy and rigour (i.e., methodological approaches) of current work in the field; and
- identify strengths and gaps in the quantitative and qualitative data available.

Knowledge Mobilization

- engage cross-sectoral stakeholders (academic, public, private and not-for-profit sectors) and/or First Nations, Inuit and Métis rights holders throughout the project to mobilize knowledge related to promising policies and practices; and
- use effective knowledge mobilization methods to facilitate the sharing of research findings with cross-sectoral stakeholders and Indigenous rights holders.

Researchers can include international comparisons and case studies in their proposal, but must show how the research has the potential to inform policy issues in Canada (Stream 1) or Canada and/or the UK (Stream 2).

This Knowledge Synthesis Grants funding opportunity is guided by the following questions:

1. Drawing on domestic, international and/or cross-sectoral evidence, what can researchers tell us about these issues?
2. How might the findings guide public policy, practice and research agendas for Canada (Stream 1) or Canada and/or the UK (Stream 2) in the immediate and long term?

Knowledge Synthesis Grants are not intended to support original research. Rather, they are intended to support the synthesis of existing research knowledge and identify knowledge gaps. This call is focused on the state of research produced over the past 10 years.

Value
Up to \$30,000

Duration
1 year

Deadlines

Application due at ORS for full review	Thursday, November 28, 2024
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Application and fully signed ORS Checklist due at ORS for mandatory review	by 9:00am on Tuesday, December 10, 2024
Application due at agency	Thursday, December 12, 2024 Note: Applications must be submitted to the SSHRC's Online System by 10am to allow ORS enough time to e-approve and submit to SSHRC 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 complete details and application process, please consult the following link:

https://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/programs-programmes/ksg_governance_systems-ssc_systemes_gouvernance-eng.aspx

Protecting Your Research: A Two-Part Workshop Series

Join Research Commons for a two-part workshop series titled Protecting Your Research, designed to help researchers safeguard their work and maximize its impact. The series will cover research security strategies to protect your work and will provide an in-depth exploration of intellectual property (IP) to support commercialization and knowledge sharing.

Part One – A Safeguarding Research Overview and How-To: Crafting Successful Risk Assessments and Mitigation Strategies

As research security risks evolve, how do you protect your work from unwanted access or misuse, especially in sensitive technology areas?

This workshop, featuring experts from Innovation York and the Lassonde School of Engineering, will provide practical guidance on developing risk assessment plans required by federal and provincial agencies. Learn how to navigate these complex requirements, protect your research, and gain insights from a York researcher who has successfully managed security risks in their projects.

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024

Time: 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

>> [Register here](#)

Speakers:

Rebecca Irwin, Director, Safeguarding Research, VPRI

Soma Tripathi, Research Officer, Lassonde School of Engineering

Sunil Bisnath, Professor, Department of Earth and Space Science and Engineering, Lassonde School of Engineering

The workshop will be recorded and posted on the Research Commons website.

Part two in the series, From Idea to Application: Navigating Intellectual Property, will be held on Wednesday, November 20 from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm. Stay tuned for more details.

Canada Graduate Scholarships — Master's program

Value: \$12,500 for 12 months

Application Deadline: December 1, 2024

The CGS M program provides financial support to high-calibre scholars who are engaged in an eligible master's or, in some cases, doctoral program in Canada (refer to the [Eligibility](#) section for more information). This support allows these scholars to concentrate more fully on their studies in their chosen fields.

The CGS M program supports up to 3,000 students annually in all disciplines and is administered jointly by Canada's three granting agencies: the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). The selection process and post-award administration are carried out at the institutional level under the guidance of the three agencies. Students submit their application to the institution at which they intend to hold their award using the [Research Portal](#).

Read more [here](#).

2024 Ontario Agri-Food Research Initiative

The Ontario Agri-Food Research Initiative (OAFRI) is now accepting proposals for agri-food research and innovative projects. A summary is provided below.

Objectives are to:

- fund demand-driven research and innovation activities in the agri-food sector
- support the sector's resiliency and facilitate sustainable growth
- improve knowledge or technology to address business challenges
- expand market opportunities locally and globally.

OAFRI has the following four funding streams to support research and innovation projects:

1. Applied Research – to fund agri-food applied research projects (original investigation) that leads to new knowledge that will advance or create new products, processes or practices.
2. Pilot and Demonstration – to fund new pilot projects for the development of testing, validation and demonstration of functional prototypes or models of agri-food technologies (products or practices).
3. Knowledge Translation and Transfer (KTT) – to fund projects that transform new research knowledge into use through synthesis, engagement, application, and exchange among researchers and research users.
4. Commercialization – is focused on scaling innovative technologies, products and services to the real world or commercial environment and to fund activities which may include:
 - o Market validation – conducting market research to determine the size and quality of market opportunity for a new and promising technology, product or service
 - o Production development – creating prototypes, performing field trials, removing any barriers to a market launch or private sector adoption and optimizing a minimum viable product that best meets the needs of customers (will advance technologies through TRL 7-9)

For all streams, your application must align with at least one of the [research priorities](#) outlined in the specific stream intake guidelines.

Virtual Information Sessions

Bioenterprise will hold a virtual information session for the OAFRI Commercialization Stream on Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 10:00 AM EST. [Register for the Bioenterprise session](#).

A virtual information session (webinar) for the applied research, pilot and demonstration and knowledge translation and transfer streams will be held on October 29, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., to:

- provide an overview of the initiative
- explain the streams of funding and the priorities
- answer your questions about the application process and research priorities

[Register to attend this session](#) and get webinar details.

Eligible Overhead

25%

Value

Applied Research Stream – up to \$150K

Pilot and Demonstration Stream – up to \$150K

Knowledge Translation and Transfer – up to \$50K

Commercialization Stream

Market Validation Grants – up to \$30K

Product Development Grants – \$50K - \$150K

Duration
Applied Research – not stated
Pilot and Demonstration – not stated
Commercialization – up to 18 months
Knowledge Translation and Transfer – not stated

Deadlines

Commercialization Stream

Application due at ORS for full review	Wednesday, November 20, 2024
Final application and fully signed ORS Checklist due at ORS for mandatory review	By 9am on Monday, December 2, 2024
Full application due at agency	By 11:59pm EST on Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Applied Research Stream, Pilot and Demonstration Stream, and Knowledge Translation and Transfer Stream

Application due at ORS for full review	Thursday, December 19, 2024
Final application and fully signed ORS Checklist due at ORS for mandatory review	By 9am on Thursday, January 9, 2025
Full application due at agency	By 11:59pm EST on Monday, January 13, 2025

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 funding opportunity, please visit the [OAFRI website](#) for details on how to apply to each stream.

[CIHR-IPPH Trailblazer Award in Population and Public Health Research accepting nominations](#)

Background

The CIHR-IPPH Trailblazer Award is designed to recognize the exemplary efforts and activities of exceptional Canadian researchers at different career stages who have created a highly influential body of work that has had a substantial impact on the field of population and public health research. The award also recognizes the leadership, mentorship, and innovative contributions of the recipients.

The CIHR-IPPH will consider applications for this award that are determined to be relevant to the Institute's [mandate](#) and in keeping with the Institute's values of:

- Coherent intersectoral action for population health improvements;
- Scalable population health solutions;
- Community engagement, co-design and knowledge sharing;
- Equitable population health impacts.

Applicants will also be expected to demonstrate how the concept of health equity is incorporated and integrated throughout the applicant's body of work.

Up to three awards will be given, valued at \$2,500 each, for exceptional researchers at different career stages (early, mid and senior career scholars).

Please note this year the award is being administered by the Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA).

Please visit the [CPHA website](#) for more details on eligibility and selection criteria.

Application requirements

- Impact Statement outlining accomplishments and impacts
- Signed letter of nomination from a member of the Canadian health research community
- Institutional letter of support - Eligible nominees must be endorsed by the executive head of the institution where they hold their primary appointment (e.g., President, Provost, Rector, Dean of Faculty, Research Director or similar with appropriate authority from applicant's Faculty)
- Canadian Common CV
- Document with nominator contact information
- Consent document for use and disclosure of personal information for peer review

Application Deadline

December 16, 2024

SIRI Support

The SIRI team is available to support nominations if requested. Please contact your Faculty Research Office and Abby Vogus, SIRI Specialist, at avogus@yorku.ca to discuss timelines and available supports.

For more information

Please visit the Canadian Public Health Association Website: <https://cpha.ca/trailblazer-2025>

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Opportunities

Postdoctoral Fellowship with The Global and Environmental Health Lab

The Global and Environmental Health Lab based at York University is hiring a Postdoctoral Fellow with a February 1, 2025 start date. Working with Dr. Godfred Boateng on a 12-month term, the Postdoctoral Fellow will support implementation of projects under the resource insecurity, health and sustainable livelihoods and environmental pollution, climatic conditions and health effects themes.

If you have recently completed a PhD in environmental health, human geography, sociology, epidemiology or other related fields, please apply to join the team! See the link below for full application details. The deadline to apply is December 20th, 2024. <https://buff.ly/3AS5Ezb>.

See full job description attached.

Graduate Research Assistantship with *Policing Shelters*

Job Details:

- Remote and in-person
- Start date: RA amount will be approximately \$4, 890 between November 2024 until March 2025.

Application Deadline: Friday, November 1, 2024 at 5pm. See full job posting attached.

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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.