

ADDRESSING INSTITUTIONAL & SYSTEMIC OPPRESSION

A SERIES OF HUMAN RIGHTS RESEARCH AND POLICY SYMPOSIUMS MARKING THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE FOR PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

Addressing Intergenerational Traumas of Slavery, Colonialism and Racism

SYMPOSIUM SERIES 2: January 21, 2021 - 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. CST

The experience of slavery, discrimination, residential schools, hate crimes, disenfranchisement, and aggression impact not only the individual or community, but future generations as well. Human rights advocates, researchers, policy makers, and community leaders will share and discuss strategies to: support healing from internalized oppression and/or superiority; promote human rights values, equitable inclusion and respect of diversity in the human family; and initiate processes that can effectively dismantle institutional and systemic oppression.

SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:



Isha served at the Manitoba Human Rights Commission, moving forward several important rights-based initiatives and public education campaigns.

Isha Khan is a lawyer, educator and community leader dedicated to building a culture of human rights in Canada and beyond. She is currently CEO of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Prior to this, she was appointed by the Government of Canada to review the conditions of incarcerated people in segregation in federal penitentiaries.



several large-scale initiatives that have created systemic change.

Darrell Seib is the Director of Systemic Initiatives for the Saskatchewan Rights Commission. For the past 8 years, he has served the Commission as a human rights advocate, providing programmatic direction and public relations strategy, establishing education and information services, and launching



research assistant in University of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Dr. Taiwo Afolabi, Assistant Professor, University of Regina, Saskatchewan, is an applied theatre practitioner with a decade of experience working across a variety of creative and community contexts in over dozen countries across four continents. He is also the founding artistic director of Theatre Emissary International, Nigeria and a



nearly 20 years working with the publishing industry.

David Schimpky is Director of Secretariat with the Canadian Commission for UNESCO. The Commission has been actively promoting the UN International Decade for People of African Descent. Educated at Brock University and Simon Fraser University, David comes from a background in culture and the arts, including



the 2017 National Film Board of Canada documentary, Birth of a Family, which recorded the first gathering of her and her siblings.

Betty Ann Adam, writer and award-winning journalist, is a member of Fond du Lac Denesuline Nation, an intergenerational survivor of the Indian Residential School system and a child of the Sixties Scoop. She is Co-chair of the Sixties Scoop Indigenous Society of Saskatchewan. She co-wrote, with director Tasha Hubbard,

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science, MA degrees in law and theology, and a law degree.

Dr. Clint Curle is Vice-President of Exhibitions, Curation & Partnerships at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Clint began his career in the legal profession and before joining the Museum in 2010 he was a university professor, executive director of a human rights NGO, and a parish pastor. His education includes a PhD in political



Canada for over twenty years.

Dr. Michael Baffoe, Professor and Ph.D committee chair at the Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba. He is a community leader and an international scholar in immigration, settlement and integration. He has been involved in community organizing work with several immigrant and refugee organizations across



Research Fellow at the Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba.

Dr. Christine Lwanga is a social worker with interest in human rights research, policy and practice focused on promoting health, social and economic development. Her work is framed in post-modernism and critical social theory, which supports dialectical analysis and respect of diversity. She is an Associate Post-Doctoral



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Tabue Nguma is a lawyer who works with UNESCO Social Sciences Sector. He coordinated the elaboration of 3 new volumes of the General History of Africa which are trying to rearticulate the connection between African and its Diasporas through the innovative concept of Global Africa. He is in charge of the Slave Route: Resistance,



Wayn Hamilton, Executive Director for African Nova Scotian Affairs (ANSA), was a Commissioner to the Restorative Inquiry. The focus of his work at ANSA is to create opportunities, initiatives, and dialogue for action between African Nova Scotians and the government of Nova Scotia.



Health in Global Health, School of Public Health, University of Alberta.

Sharif Haji, Executive Director of Council for Advancement of African Canadians in Alberta (CAAC) operating as Africa Centre. He has over a decade of experience in policy, program design, development and implementation. Sharif has a BA in Health Science and Social Services, University of South Africa, and Master of Public

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