

Universities Studying Slavery Conference 2023

Slavery, Reparations and Education:
African Nova Scotia, Canada and Beyond



Conference Agenda

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

Excursion

Black Cultural Centre Open House & Tour of Africville

Bus departs hotel at 9:00 am and returns to hotel at approximately 2:00 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

Presidents Breakfast Keynote Address

8:00 am - 10:00 am | Halifax Ballroom

H.E. John Mahama

Former President of Ghana

Morning Concurrent Sessions

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Concurrent Panel #1: Reparations and Politics

Annapolis Room

- Cikiah Thomas, Global African Congress, Canada
- Delvina Bernard, Saint Mary's University, Canada
- Michael Heslop, Northern Virginia Community College, USA

Concurrent Panel #2: Universities and Slavery

Acadia Room

- Meredith A. Love- Steinmetz, Francis Marion University, USA
- Summer Perritt, PhD Candidate, Rice University, USA
- Monica Kristin Blair, Johns Hopkins University, USA
- Elizabeth Beckman, Johns Hopkins University, USA

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, CONT'D

Luncheon Keynote Address

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Halifax Ballroom

Dr. Sylvia D. Hamilton

Renowned filmmaker, writer, journalist and artist, and University of King's College Inglis Professor

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Concurrent Panel #1: A Pan-African Intervention in Undertaking Reparations

Annapolis Room

- Carlos Alvarez, Articulación Latinoamericana para el Decenio Afrodescendiente, Argentina
- Marvin Slaughter, University of Chicago, USA
- Shari Garcia, International Coalition for People of African Descent, Colombia
- Kwesi Ochoi, Global African Congress, UK

Concurrent Panel #2: Institutions and Communities

Acadia Room

- Mary T. Freeman, University of Maine, Politics in the Archives of Slavery and Abolition
- Thai Jones, Columbia University, Outcomes and Observations from the Columbia University & Slavery Project
- Shirley Tillotson, University of King's College and Dalhousie University, Race, Tax, and the Funding of Universities in Loyalist Nova Scotia
- Graham Nickerson, PhD Candidate, University of New Brunswick, Rethinking the Shelburne Riots: Exploring Community Perspectives

Dinner Keynote Address

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Reception | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm Dinner | Halifax Ballroom

Sir Hilary Beckles

Vice-Chancellor of the University of the West Indies and Chairman of the CARICOM Reparations Commission

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

Breakfast Keynote Address

8:00 am - 10:00 am | Halifax Ballroom

Dr. Afua Cooper

Distinguished historian and poet, and Killam Research Chair in Black and African Diaspora Studies at Dalhousie University

Morning Concurrent Sessions

10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Concurrent Panel #1: Nova Scotia and Slavery

Annapolis Room

- Alphonso F. Saville, Princeton University, A New Freedom in Christ: Black Christian Abolitionists in Loyalist Nova Scotia
- Tony N. VanWinkle, Guilford College, Freedom, Foodways, & Fugitive Ecologies: Subsistence as Resistance, from Halifax, North Carolina to Halifax Nova Scotia
- Eleanor Bird, Lancaster University, Held in Slavery, Indentured or Free? Recovering the Black Voices in John Clarkson's Halifax Notebook

Concurrent Panel #2: Cuba and the Legacy of Slavery

Sable Room

- Dra. Miriam Nicado García, Vice-Rector, University of Havana, Cuba

Roundtable: Examining Black Loyalist Historiography and Proposing New Directions in Black Loyalist History

Acadia Room

- Dr. Ibrahim Abdullah, University of Sierra Leone, Sierra Leone
- Graham Nickerson, University of New Brunswick, Canada
- Dr. Afua Cooper, Dalhousie University, Canada
- Andrea Davis, Black Loyalist Heritage Centre & Museum, Nova Scotia, Canada

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Luncheon Keynote Address

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Dr. Harvey Amani Whitfield

Leading historian of Black history and slavery in Colonial Canada and a Professor in Black North American History at the University of Calgary

Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Concurrent Panel #1: Loyalists and Enslavement at King's College, Nova Scotia

Sable Room

- Bonnie Huskins, Assistant Professor, University of New Brunswick, Canada
- David W. States, Parks Canada historian and independent genealogist, Canada
- Karolyn Smardz Frost, Adjunct Professor at Acadia University and Harriet Tubman Institute, York University, Canada

Concurrent Panel #2: Together We Can: Intersectional Collaboration among Faculty, Staff, Students, and the Broader Community

Annapolis Room

- Meredith Love, Francis Marion University, USA
- Erica Johnson Edwards, Francis Marion University, USA
- Linda Sullen, Francis Marion University, USA

Concurrent Panel #3: Legacy: Dead and Living Hand

Halifax Ballroom

- Valerie Borum, Toronto Metropolitan University, Canada
- Sujaya Dhanvantari, McGill University, Canada
- Tejash Kumar Singh, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Dinner Keynote Address

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Dr. George Elliott Clarke

Renowned poet and E.J. Pratt Professor of Canadian Literature at the University of Toronto

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

Brunch Keynote Address

Black Cultural Centre, Cherrybrook, NS

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

H.E. David Comissiong

Barbadian lawyer, former senator and founder of the Clement Payne Movement

Viewing of the film: I am the Bridge by Bernard Cook

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All conference activities will take place at the Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel except as noted in the agenda.