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Dear President, Canadian Federation of Humanities and Social Sciences,

The Canadian Society for the Study of Religion | la Société Canadienne pour l'Étude de la Religion denounces acts of anti-Black racism, racial profiling and harassment and is deeply concerned about the incident reported by a member of the [Black Canadian Studies Association](#). We wish to express our full support for the BCSA and members of the Black community who experience this kind of racism and harassment in their daily lives. This and other numerous incidents, where Black people and other racialized people are assumed not to belong in academic spaces, perpetuates feelings of devaluation and the constant experience of being monitored moving through what should be inclusive and safe spaces.

Our Society respects the multiple, lived experiential diversity of its community members. These values align with the principles of human rights, equity and inclusion, with zero tolerance for anti-Black racism, exclusive spaces and environments.

We trust that the concerns that are expressed by our and other Societies and Associations will be taken seriously and reflected back in future programming.

Sincerely,

Heather Shipley, PhD

President/Présidente

On behalf of:

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