



Black Canadian Studies Association
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CALL FOR PAPERS

The 2nd Biennial Black Canadian Studies Association Conference

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Halifax, Nova Scotia, 21-24 May 2015,

The Black Canadian Studies Association (BCSA) will host its 2nd Biennial Black Canadian Studies Conference, *Community, Empowerment & Leadership in Black Canada*, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from 21 to 24 May 2015. To be held at Dalhousie University, the goal of the conference is to promote dialogue, critical reflection and nuanced perspectives on the past, present and future of Black leadership in Canada.

The conference presents an exciting opportunity to explore leadership and the Black community in Canada locally, provincially, nationally & globally from a variety of perspectives. Conference organizers welcome papers from an array of disciplines that explore the Black experience in Canada, as well as those, that address the nature of Black Canadian Studies using a variety of theoretical frameworks and methodologies. Disciplinary contributions are encouraged from, but not limited to, anthropology, history, criminology, literature, music, and political science. Moreover, scholars outside the humanities and social sciences, in such disciplines as business, law, the health professions, engineering and natural sciences, are encouraged to participate. We also welcome input and abstracts from activists, community developers and community historians.

Placed within the context of leadership, capacity building and community empowerment, topics may include, but are not limited to:

- * class
- * nationality/ism
- * gender
- * race & ethnicity
- * youth
- * education/schooling
- * sexualities
- * Anti-Black racism
- * institution building
- * identity
- * health
- * Pan-Africanism
- * feminism
- * immigration policy
- * Black leadership historically
- * political representation
- * neoliberalism
- * democracy
- * Black communities and criminal justice
- * arts & culture
- * theology & religion
- * vanguardism

The long history of Black people in Canada has been shaped by the struggle for human recognition, social justice and democratic participation. In the face of growing austerity, the reconfiguration of the Canadian state and the transformation of global political economy, it is imperative that we analyze the place of Black Canadians within these ongoing changes, the state of the of Black communities across Canada, and generate



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strategies for the future. The conference will provide a venue and space for these very important conversations, discussions and debates.

The conference will take place over three days from Thursday evening on 21 May to Sunday afternoon, 24 May. Plenary sessions and panels will occupy important places throughout the conference schedule. In addition to individual paper proposals, participants are encouraged to submit proposals for panels. Panels can be disciplinary, multi-disciplinary, and furthermore can consist of academics and non-academics. Panels may consist of three to four papers addressing a coherent theme or issue. The organizing committee reserves the right to make changes in the overall configuration of panels.

All proposals are due by February 15, 2015. Individual and Panel proposals and abstracts should be between 150-250 words.

While conference organizers will attempt to secure financial assistance for students and participants outside North America, we are unable at this time to offer financial support. Participants should therefore anticipate full responsibility for their own expenses unless notified otherwise. We encourage participants who require a visa to enter Canada, to make arrangements as soon as possible.

Warmest regards,
Afua Cooper,
BCSA Chair.

For proposal submission and further information please contact:

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