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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Social and Political Thought 2015 – Completion December 2023
York University, Toronto, ON
Dissertation title: *Decolonizing the Caribbean Reparations Movement*
Supervisor: Dr. Kamala Kempadoo
Committee Members: Dr. Honor Ford-Smith, Dr. David Trotman

Masters of the Arts (MA) in Humanities June 2015
York University, Toronto, ON
Major research paper title: *Caribbean integration through the Arts*
Supervisor: Dr. Andrea Davis

Bachelor of the Arts with Honors (BA) in International Development Studies October 2013
York University, Toronto, ON

York Exchange Program September 2011 – May 2012
University of the West Indies, Cave Hill Campus, Barbados

AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2022 UN Most Influential People of African Descent (MIPAD) Under 40, Politics and Governance
2021 The Grace and David Taylor Scholarship in Caribbean Studies, York University
2020 Nathanson Graduate Fellowship, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
2019 Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Award Recipient
2019 Visiting Researcher, Centre for Reparations Research, University of the West Indies, Mona
2019 The Paavo and Aino Lukkari Human Rights Fellowship
2018 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) Award Recipient
2015 United Nations People of African Descent Fellowship, Caribbean Representative
2015 York Graduate Fellowship Grant Recipient
2013 York Graduate Scholarship Grant Recipient
2011 Ontario International Education Scholarship Recipient, York University
2011 Tom Martin Scholarship Recipient

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article(s)

2022 Eugene, C. (2022). The Politics of Reparations in Rastafari Livity and Reggae. *Iyaric*, 1(1), 41–48.

2019 Eugene, C.R.J. (2019). Towards a Framework for Caribbean Reparations. *Journal of Eastern Caribbean Studies*, 44(3), 54-77.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapter

Eugene, C., Williams, Y., & Gray, A. (2022). Groundings and Rastafari: Re-territorializing Caribbean Indigenous knowledge. In *Affirming Methodologies: Research and Education in the Caribbean* (pp. 157–172). Routledge

Work in Progress

Books

DaSouza, D., & Eugene, C. (Eds). “Public Policy Formulation in Post-colonial Africa and the Caribbean” Palgrave Macmillan (2025).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Article(s)

Eugene, C. “The Tragedy of Caribbean Studies in Canada.” *Journal of Canadian Studies* (2024)

Eugene, C. “Decolonizing the Legal Framework of the Caribbean Reparations Campaign: An Intervention through Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL).” *Osgoode Hall Law Journal* (2024)

Eugene, C. “Natty Dread:” Rastafari ‘Livity’ as Praxis Towards a New Humanity.” *The CLR James Journal* (2024)

Reports

2023 Samuels-Jones, T., Gonzalez Perez, J. M., **Eugene, C.**, Oreamuno, S., Ndisebuye, A., & Bonifaz, C. (2023). *Report and Recommendations on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in CERLAC* (Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean). York University.

2013 McCreedy, L., James, C., Chavannes, V., Foster, N., Tewelde, Y., Kellen, A., & **Eugene, C.** (2013). *Gathering Our Voices: The Lived Experiences of Black Fathers in Toronto*. Black Daddies Club, Toronto.

2011 Nelson, L., **Eugene, C.**, Bailey, P., Burchall, J., & Hay, B. (2011). *Breaking Bread Report*. Black Daddies Club, Toronto.

2009 Marsh, S., & **Eugene, C.** (2009). *Grounding in Community, More than a Haircut: The Barbershop Project Report*. Centre for Community Based Research, Kitchener.

Newspaper Articles

- 2011 Eugene, C. (2011, February 4). The Spirit of the rhythm: a beat history. *Excalibur York University Community Newspaper*, p. 11
- 2011 Eugene, C. (2011, February 4). 1968: A Profile of Mark Stoddart and the year that made him. *Excalibur York University Community Newspaper*, p. 9
- 2011 Eugene, C. (2011, February 4). Living Legend: Dr. Andrea Davis. *Excalibur York University Community Newspaper*, p. 7

CONFERENCES AND SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 Eugene, C. “Building Transnational Relationships in the Americas” The Pan-African Council Brazil Office Launch, Legislative Assembly of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, December 4.
- 2019 Eugene, C. “What Can we Learn from the Caribbean Reparations Movement” Mid-Decade Summit for the International Decade for People of African Descent (IDPAD), Howard University School of Law, Washington D.C. November 13.
- 2016 Eugene, C. “The Black Canadian Experience: The Radical Creative Imagination.” Canadian and Caribbean representative at the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024): Ten years to take action, UNESCO Headquarters Room IV, Paris, France, September 19.
- 2016 Eugene, C. “Connecting to the Global Diaspora.” Guest Speaker at Germany’s Launch of the International Decade for People of African Descent, Berlin, Germany, June 3.
- 2015 Eugene, C. “The Caribbean Reparations Movement.” People of African Descent: Different Countries, Similar Discrimination, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), Geneva, Switzerland, October 23.

CONFERENCES

Conferences and Webinars Organized

- 2022 Planning Committee, *Global Afrikan Congress – International Conference on Reparations*, University of the West Indies (UWI), Cave Hill Campus, Bridgetown Barbados
- 2021 Chair of the Planning Committee, *Pan-African Council – Caribbean Futures: A Youth Centred Approach Webinar Series Launch*, March 04
- 2021 Planning Committee, *Global Afrikan Congress North American Region, Prep Conference on Reparations*, Toronto, July 25.

2016 Chair of the Planning Committee, *Decolonizing the Americas – Methods and Resistance*, Fourth International Graduate Student Research Conference on Latin America and the Caribbean, York University, Toronto, March 11 – 12.

Panels Organized

- 2023 “Reparatory Justice, Reparations, and Restitution for Haiti” Panelists – Alexandre Fils, Dr. Marie-Edith Lemy, Sherly Fabre, Midson Jean Batard, and Altegracia Jean Joseph, 32nd Session of the United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, Economic Empowerment of People of African Descent, Geneva (Hybrid), May 4.
- 2021 “The Transnational Case for Reparations: Repair, Redress and Emancipation” Panelists – Dr. Amy Strecker, Dr. Nora Wittman, Classio Santana and Dr. Esther Ojulari, Baptista Lecture Series, York University, Toronto, March 31.
- 2021 “The Caribbean Case for Reparations: Remembrance, Reclamation and Restorative Futures” Panelists Dr. Verene Shepherd, Dr. Natasha Lightfoot and Cikiah Thomas, Baptista Lecture Series, York University Toronto, March 18.

Papers Presented

- 2020 **Eugene, C., Williams, Y., & Gray, A.** “Groundings and reasoning: re-territorialising Caribbean Indigenous knowledge” Caribbean Research Methodologies Online Seminar 2020, October 16.
- 2019 Eugene, C. “The Roles of the Youth and Arts in the Caribbean Reparations Movement” Caribbean Festival of the Arts (CARIFESTA), University of the West Indies, Saint Augustine, August 22.
- 2018 Eugene, C. “A Fanonian Humanist Approach in Understanding Caribbean Reparations.” Strategies of Critique XXXII, York University, Keele Campus, Toronto, October 11 – 13.
- 2018 Eugene, C. “The Radical Creative Imagination: Towards Caribbean Reparations” Black Canadian Studies Association, University of Regina, Saskatchewan, May 26 – June 1.
- 2017 Eugene, C. “Black Radical Future” Black Speculative Arts Movement Canada, Concordia University, Montreal September 23.
- 2017 Eugene, C. “How Black Lives Matter has Transformed the Visual Representation of Black Resistance.” Harriet Tubman Summer Institute for Research on Africa and its Diasporas, York University, Keele Campus, Toronto, August 8 – 13.
- 2016 Eugene, C. “What does the International Decade for People of African Descent Means for Saint Lucians?” Panelist at the Launch of the International Decade of People of African Descent, Castries, Saint Lucia, May 4.

- 2016 Eugene, C. “Reimagining Caribbean Integration.” Decolonizing Panamerica: A Panel Discussion with Emerging Scholars at the Centre for Film and Theatre, York University, Toronto, Ontario, January 27.
- 2014 Eugene, C. “Digital Activism: Caribbean Aesthetics.” Panelist with Dr. John Greyson at the Regent Park Film Festival, Toronto, Ontario, November 20.
- 2014 Eugene, C. “Combatting Youth Violence and Inspiring Caribbean Integration through the Arts.” Panelist at National Association of African American Studies & Affiliates Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 10 -15.
- 2013 Eugene, C. “Caribbean Integration: Arts Development Model.” Panelist with Dr. Carl James, Dr. Andrea Davis and Dr. Michelle Johnson at the Caribbean Studies Association Conference, Grand Anse, Grenada, June 3 – 7.
- 2011 Eugene, C. “Saint Lucia Youth Experience in Toronto.” Panelist with Dr. June Soomer, at the Saint Lucia Youth Conference, Marigot Bay, Saint Lucia, August 22-25.
- 2011 Eugene, C. “More Than a Haircut: The Barbershop Project.” Panelist at the Expanding Horizons for the Early Years, Toronto, Ontario, April 13 -14.
- 2010 Eugene, C. “More Than a Haircut: Building on Strengths and Mutual Support at the Barbershop.” Panelist with Sarah Marsh, Lorraine Kirlew at On New Shores, University of Guelph Ontario, September 30 – October 1.

Poster Presentation

- 2023 Eugene, C. “Reparations, Debt, and Wealth: Reimagining the Possibilities of Economic Liberation for People of African Descent.” Second Session of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent, UN Head Quarters, New York, May 30, 2023 – June 2, 2023.
- 2023 Eugene, C. “The Crisis of Caribbean Studies in Canada.” Centre of Research on Latin America and the Caribbean, York University, April 3.
- 2021 Eugene, C. “Youth, Culture and the Black Radical Tradition.” University of Toronto Caribbean Studies Program, Online, February 23.

Panel Chair/Discussant

- 2022 Pushing Forward on Local Research Methodologies by Academia, Panelists - Dr. Margaret Nakhid-Chatoor and Dr. Saran Stewart, Caribbean Research Methodology “Online” Seminar, October 21.
- 2021 Global Afrikan Congress, North American Region, Prep Conference on Reparations, Panelists – Dr. Hilary Beckles and Hope McNish, Toronto, July 25.

2019 Memory, Oral Performance, Revolution, Panelists – Dr. Anthony Bagues, Dr. Alissa Trotz and Dr. Faith Smith. Decolonizing, Social Movements and Performance in the Caribbean and Canada 1968 -1988, York University, Toronto. October 24 – 26.

CREATIVE PROJECTS

Art Exhibitions

- 2022 “From Slaverships to Relationships: Narratives to Healing,” Documentary Film (Writer/Director). Ending Slavery’s Legacy of Racism: The Imperative for Strengthening Justice and Resilience in Afro-Descendant Communities in the Americas, Curated by the Art Museum of the Americas, Washington D.C., November 1 – 23.
- 2021 “From Slaverships to Relationships: Narratives to Healing,” Documentary Film (Writer/Director). Ending Slavery’s Legacy of Racism: The Imperative for Strengthening Justice and Resilience in Afro-Descendant Communities in the Americas, Commissioned by the Organization of American States (OAS) for the Inter-American Week for People of African Descent in the Americas, Washington D.C., March 22 – 26.
- 2015 “Ring of Fire” Documentary Film (Writer/Director). Curated by the Art Gallery of York University, Toronto, August 9 – 20.

Theatre

- 2015 “Ayiti” (Writer). Black Men in Theatre. Curated by the Piece of MINE Festival, Toronto, February 19 – 20.

Work in Progress

- 2023 “From Slaverships to Relationships: Narratives of Healing” Documentary Film (Writer/Director). Unofficial Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5IhW3VeUdH0&t=12s>

MEDIA COVERAGE

- September 2022, St. Lucian National Chevy Eugene Recognized as the Global Top 100 Most Influential People of African Descent (MIPAD) Under 40 in 2022
<https://stluciaconsulate.ca/news/saint-lucian-national-chevy-eugene-recognized-as-the-global-top-100-most-influential-people-of-african-descent-mipad-under-40-in-2022/>
- June 2022, University College, University of Toronto – Navigating the World as a Black Canadian
<https://www.uc.utoronto.ca/navigating-world-black-canadian>
- June 2022, ChoiceTV Saint Lucia – Pan-Africanism and Art in Saint Lucia
<https://www.facebook.com/choicemedianetwork/videos/solucians-20-june-2022/710286310051818/>

- December 2021, Good Mornin' Barbados – Global Afrikan Congress interview on Mornin Barbados addressing Reparations & Barbados Republic Status
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qVAtuiCpCpc>
- August 2019, CARICOM Today – Reparations Not Just About Money: CARIFESTA Symposium
<https://today.caricom.org/2019/08/24/reparations-not-just-about-money-carifesta-symposium/>
- July 2019, Nation Wide Radio – Emancipation Day
<https://nationwideradiojm.com/personalities/talking-history/>
- May 2016, MBC Prime News –Decade for People of African Descent
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRv_ow7JB10
- February 2016, St. Lucia Voice newspaper – Saying it Loud and Proud: Yes! We Matter
<https://www.thevoiceslu.com/2016/02/saying-it-loud-and-proud-yes-we-matter/>
- April 2015, Toronto Star – Time for a New Type of Black Activism in Toronto
<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/commentary/2015/04/21/time-for-a-new-kind-of-black-activism-in-toronto.html>
- February 2015, CBC Radio - Black Experience Project Interview
<https://www.cbc.ca/metromorning/episodes/2015/02/17/black-experience/>

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Research Associate, Centre for Research for Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC), York University
- Research Associate, Harriet Tubman Institute, York University
- Research Fellow Member, Jack and Mae Nathanson Centre on Transnational Human Rights, Crime and Security, York University
- Research Associate, Centre for Reparations Research (CRR), University of the West Indies (UWI), Mona Campus
- Member (Fellow), UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)
- Member, Caribbean Solidarity Network (CSN)
- Member, Caribbean Studies Association (CSA)
- Member, Black Speculative Arts Movement (BSAM) Canada,
- Member, National Association of African American Studies & Affiliates (NAAASA)
- Member, Association for the Study of Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD)

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Directorship

IDSA01F Introduction to International Development Studies (Summer 2023)

CDN335H1F Black Canadian Studies, University of Toronto (Summer 2023)

TYP019H1 Introduction to Black Canadian Studies, University of Toronto (Winter 2023)

IDSA01F Introduction to International Development Studies (Fall 2022)

CDN335H1F Black Canadian Studies, University of Toronto (Summer 2022)

TYP019H1 Introduction to Black Canadian Studies, University of Toronto (Winter 2022)

CDN335H1F Black Canadian Studies, University of Toronto (Summer 2021)

TYP019H1 Introduction to Black Canadian Studies, University of Toronto (Winter 2021)

CDN335H1F Black Canadian Studies, University of Toronto (Summer 2020)

TYP056Y1Y University Studies, University of Toronto (Fall/Winter 2019/2020)

Seminar Instructor Positions

NEW120Y Introduction to Caribbean Studies, University of Toronto (Fall/Winter 2022/2023)

NEW120Y Introduction to Caribbean Studies, University of Toronto (Fall/Winter 2021/2022)

NEW120Y Introduction to Caribbean Studies, University of Toronto (Fall/Winter 2020/2021)

USA401H1F Social Inequality and Education, University of Toronto (Summer 2019)

NEW120Y Introduction to Caribbean Studies, University of Toronto (Fall/Winter 2019/2020)

NEW120Y Introduction to Caribbean Studies, University of Toronto (Fall/Winter 2018/2019)

Teaching Assistantships

HUMA1300 Cultures of Resistance in the Americas, York University (Fall/Winter 2021/2022)

HUMA1300 Cultures of Resistance in the Americas, York University (Fall/Winter 2020/2021)

HUMA1300 Cultures of Resistance in the Americas, York University (Fall/Winter 2019/2020)

HUMA1300 Cultures of Resistance in the Americas, York University (Fall/Winter 2018/2019)

HUMA1300 Cultures of Resistance in the Americas, York University (Fall/Winter 2017/2018)

SOSC1341 Introduction to the Social Economy, York University (Fall/Winter 2016/2017)

SOSC2340 Intermediate Business and Society, York University (Fall/Winter 2015/2016)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Academic

2018 – 2019 Research Assistant, Rights for Children and Youth Partnership (RCYP) Project Principal Investigator: Dr. Carl James, York University

2012 – 2014 Graduate Assistant, Project Groundings
Principal Investigator: Dr. Andrea Davis, York University

Community

2022 – 2023 Research Assistant, Dismantling Hate and Oppression Framework Development, York Region District School Board (YRDSB)
Principal Investigator: Latoya Reid

2015 – 2016 Research Assistant, The Black Experience Project
Principal Investigator: Dr. Carl James, York University

2014 – 2015 Program Evaluator, Regent Park TV
Principal Investigator: Adonis Higgins

2012 – 2013 Community Engagement Specialist, Black Daddies Club Project
Principal Investigators: Dr. Lance McCready, University of Toronto and Dr. Carl James, York University

2010 – 2011 Project Evaluator, Centre for Community Based Research
Principal Investigators: Lorraine Kirlaw and Sarah Marsh

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/CERTIFICATE

2015 **Gender Equality, Human Rights and Me Certificate**
UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland

SERVICE & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2021 – Present CERLAC Equity Working Group
2020 – Present Baptista Lecture Series, Planning Committee Member, York University
2019 – Present Curriculum Committee Member, Transitional Year Program (TYP), University of Toronto
2019 – Present Community Engagement Committee Member, Transitional Year Program (TYP), University of Toronto
2015 – 2016 Graduate Student Representative on Executive Committee, Centre for Research for Latin America and the Caribbean, York University

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2021 – Present African – Caribbean Civil Society Coalition, Global Online Network
2019 – Present Global Afrikan Congress, Youth Ambassador, Global Network
2019 – Present Caribbean Ambassador, Pan-African Council, Kigali, Rwanda
2019 – Present Member, International Coalition for People of African Descent (ICPAD),

2016 – 2017 Global Online Network
2010 – 2013 Co-founder, Canadian Council for People of African Descent (CCPAD)
2011 – 2012 Board Member, Black Daddies Club, Toronto, Canada
Steering Committee Member, Young Potential Fathers, Toronto, Canada

REFERENCES

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