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# ***Knowledge Production and the Black Experience in Canada***

## ***Program***

**A three-day workshop  
May 1-3, 2009**

**Segal School of Business  
500 Granville St.  
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## About the Workshop

Black Studies in general has felt a lack of institutional support. There has not been a workshop or conference on the theme since 1990. This workshop, seeks to address this gap. The event will be a meeting of the leading scholars who work in the area of Black Canadian Studies. The workshop will provide direction to the field of Black Studies by delineating a concise research agenda, and establishing a network among scholars and researchers across disciplines, regions, and countries.

The audience is composed mainly of workshop participants, and a few invited observers.

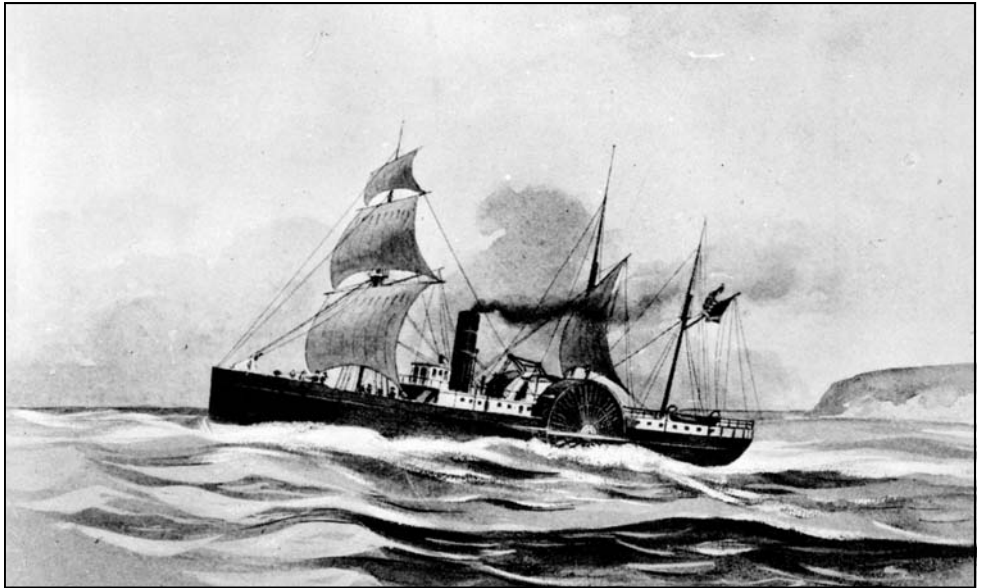
Volunteers will also be present. This is a discussion-oriented workshop which will focus around specific themes/ideas. Unless stated otherwise, each presenter will speak for 20 minutes maximum, leaving one hour for discussion. Each panel will have a moderator/discussant. This person will address the issues raised by the speaker, and will also include her/his views, and then open the floor for discussion.



I will not be able to send finished papers of all the presenters to everyone.

We will also have a book table to showcase the work of invited participants. That being so, I am asking you to bring a copy of a publication of your choice. Thanks!

~ Afua



# Program

## Friday, May 1, 2009—Room 1500

- 8:00 a.m. Doors open
- 9:00-9:30 a.m. **A view From History**, Greetings and overview from Afua Cooper, RWWP
- 9:30-11:30 a.m. Panel: **Theorizing Black Canadian Studies**, Charmaine Nelson, Isaac Saney, Moussa Magassa, Moderator/Discussant: Afua Cooper
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. **Black Studies and the Black Community**, Nalda Callender, Congress of Black Women's Foundation presentation on AIDS/HIV in the Black and Caribbean Community in Canada and the work of the Congress in this regard, Moderator: Henry Daniel
- 12:30-2:00 p.m. **Lunch**, including a visit to the Teck Gallery to view **Black Communities in British Columbia, 1858-2008** curated by Afua Cooper
- 2:00-4:00 p.m. **A View from the UK and USA**, Hakim Adi, Monica Wells Kisura, Daniel McNeil, Discussant/Moderator: Isaac Saney
- 4:00-6:00 p.m. **Black Studies and the Academy: Challenging Marginalization**, Jennifer Kelly, David Austin, Charles Quist-Adade, Moderator/Discussant: Noga Gayle
- 6:00-9:00 p.m. **Reception** in 1900 Vancouver Sun Reading Room  
Includes an hour of Albert St. Albert, Master Drummer performing African Drummology with Master Drummer Themba Tana of South Africa

## Saturday May 2, 2009—Room 2300 Rix Boardroom

- 9:00-11:30 a.m. **Critical Research**, Sherry Edmunds-Flett, Tamari Kitossa, Karina Vernon  
Discussant/Moderator: David Austin
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Presentation: **Using films in African Canadian Studies**, Greg Tourino,  
Moderator: Terry Roswell
- 12:30-2:00 p.m. **Lunch** including **Poetry Reading** by Kevan Cameron
- 2:00-3:30 p.m. **Funding and Publishing**, Monica Wells Kisura,  
Discussant: Charmaine Nelson
- 3:30-5:00 p.m. **Different Approaches to Black History: Public History, Community History, Academic History**, Adrienne Shadd, Atinuke Bankole, Barrington Walker,  
Moderator/Discussant: Daniel McNeil

## Sunday May 3, 2009 Morning—Room 2300 Rix Boardroom

- 9:00-11:30 a.m. **Where Do We Go from Here?** and wrap-up, Afua Cooper
- 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Travel
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. **Tour of Hogan's Alley**, the historic Black Community of Vancouver

## Let's Keep the History Alive!

Visit Teck Gallery, 515 Hastings St, Vancouver until May 9, 2009 to view the exhibition "Black Communities in British Columbia 1858-2008." This exhibition is available to travel. If your organization would like the opportunity to show "Black Communities in British Columbia 1858-2008" please contact the SFU Gallery via email at [galler@sfu.ca](mailto:galler@sfu.ca).

### History of The Ruth Wynn Woodward Chair

In late 1983, the Women's Program of the Federal Secretary of State announced a program to create five Canadian regional endowed chairs in Women's Studies. One region was British Columbia and the Yukon. The SFU Women's Studies Program submitted what turned into a successful application and received \$500,000 from the Secretary of State with the stipulation that an additional \$500,000 be raised for a million dollar endowment. By 1987 full funding for the endowment was secured by an active group of forty five women in the community. The largest part of these matching funds was donated by Mary Twigg White and Elizabeth Russ, daughters of Ruth Wynn Woodward. The Ruth Wynn Woodward Professorship became one of five Canadian regional chairs and the first fully funded chair at SFU.

As well as teaching, the role of the Ruth Wynn Woodward Professorship includes public speaking engagements in Vancouver's lower mainland and throughout British Columbia and the Yukon. Since 1985, the women appointed to this position have given more than 200 public talks, radio and TV interviews. In addition, the Professorship has organized twenty-one major conferences. For detailed information about the Ruth Wynn Woodward Chair, please visit our website at <http://www.womens-studies/RuthWynnWoodwardChair.htm>.

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