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**THE CENTRE FOR RESEARCH &  
INNOVATION FOR BLACK  
SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS**



**FACTOR - INWENTASH  
FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK  
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO**

## **The CRIB Celebrates THREE YEARS OF SERVICE**

Can you believe it? The Centre for Research & Innovation for Black Survivors of Homicide Victims (The CRIB) is three years old already! On March 1, 2022 The CRIB celebrated its third-year anniversary! Here are just a few of our **proudest moments and favourite milestones.**

We recognize that we cannot, and have not, done this work on our own, and therefore we are grateful for all the support we have received. We would like to express our gratitude to the University of Toronto, in particular, the Offices of the Vice President – Advancement; Provost; Research & Innovation; and the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work (FIFSW). We also extend our most profound appreciation to the countless Black survivors of homicide victims for whom we do this work in service to, and whose voices we are committed to uplifting. A final word of gratitude goes to the staff of The CRIB (both past and present), our many faculty and community affiliates, along with our numerous national and international community and institutional partners.





# LAUNCH OF THE **Homicide Tracker & Social Determinants of Homicide Framework**

Through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) – Institutional Grant, The CRIB launched its **Homicide Tracker** – an interactive Geographic Information System (GIS) map marking African, Caribbean & Black (ACB) communities most affected by homicide within Toronto and the **Social Determinants of Homicide Framework** which highlights and tracks structural inequalities, such as - education, employment, income, housing, incarceration and safety, which contribute to homicide. The inaugural Homicide Tracker also identifies resources throughout Toronto designed to assist surviving family members and friends with the management of their grief.

We are delighted that the output of this innovative resource can support policy makers, researchers, funders and service providers in their efforts to reduce homicide and its devastating impacts on ACB

communities. The novel resource created by The CRIB has received significant national media coverage across Canada from the **Toronto Star**, **CityNews**, and **CBC** among others.



# "In the Aftermath"

## THE CRIB RECEIVES LEONG CATALYST GRANT

In the *Aftermath*, The CRIB's most recently funded research project, is being made possible through a 2021 Leong Centre Catalyst Grant award from the Edwin S.H. Leong Centre for Healthy Children. This project will explore - 1) the impact of experiencing the murder of a family member and/or friend on young ACB survivors' wellbeing; 2) how young ACB survivors cope with the murder of their family member(s) and friend(s); and 3) what young ACB survivors need to help them cope with the murder of their family member(s) and friend(s). It is anticipated that such exploration(s) will facilitate the broader objectives of generating culturally responsive methods and knowledge vital to meeting the needs of this overrepresented yet under-researched population; developing culturally responsive and trauma-informed collaborations with community-based organizations who work with young ACB survivors; and mobilizing knowledge relevant to young ACB survivors of homicide victims across interdisciplinary domains of academic research, community-based service provision, and policy systems. Look out for announcements concerning this important project as we seek to serve the needs of our youth population. The CRIB extends sincere gratitude to the Edwin S.H. Leong Centre for Healthy Children without whose funding support, this project would not be possible.



## Network Building & Invited Speaking Engagements



### DIRECTOR OF THE CRIB DELIVERS LECTURE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

On January 20, 2022, Columbia University School of Social Work welcomed the Director of The CRIB, Professor Tanya Sharpe to deliver the Hyman and Sophie Grossbard Lecture. Sharpe's lecture entitled, "Soul Survivors: Exploring Coping Strategies of Black Family Members and Friends of Homicide Victims" focused on the research program of The CRIB and traversed the experiences and coping strategies of Black survivors of homicide victims in North America.

### BEYOND A SEAT AT THE TABLE... ENGAGING FIFSW ALUMNI

Black Survivors of Homicide Victims". In her talk, Sharpe discussed how homicide continues to have a devastating impact on Black people throughout our global communities. She explained how The CRIB is leading scholarly discourse, informing best practices and policies, and mobilizing knowledge relevant to supporting Black surviving family members, friends and communities coping with the traumatic impact of homicide.

On February 28, 2022, Sharpe also sought to engage a wide cross-section of alumni of the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work (FIFSW) through its ongoing lecture series with a talk entitled, "Beyond a Seat at The Table: Approaches to Supporting



## YOUNG SCHOLARS IN ACTION: JHEANELLE ANDERSON

Congratulations are in order for our Research Assistant and Project Coordinator at The CRIB, Jheanelle Anderson, who recently prepared an activist report entitled, “The Intersection of Blackness & Disability in Canada: A Brief Overview & A Call to Action” on behalf of the ASE Community Foundation for People with Disabilities. The report emerged “out of a need to acknowledge the gaps in culturally responsive services for Black Canadians with disabilities”, as “little is known about the experiences of Black Canadians with disabilities who experience disparities in education, employment, and entrepreneurship based within the intersection of anti-Black racism and ableism”. The CRIB is extremely proud of its young scholar in action!



## Recognizing the Achievements of our CRIB Faculty Affiliates



The CRIB extends congratulations to its Faculty Affiliate and Assistant Professor at the Department of Health and Society, University of Toronto Scarborough, Dr. Notisha Massaquoi for being inducted to the Women of Impact National Gallery by Women & Gender Equality Canada. Women of Impact in Canada is an online gallery dedicated to women's achievements, featuring profiles of courageous women who have made an impact in politics, the arts and sciences, and countless other fields. By sharing their stories, it is anticipated that their place in history will be cemented, thereby inspiring others to follow in their footsteps.



CRIB Faculty Affiliate and Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Maryland, Derek Iwamoto's work on Racial Discrimination among Asian American college students was featured on NBC News earlier this month. According to research published by Professor Iwamoto in the Asian American Journal of Psychology, “racial discrimination may be causing alcohol-related problems among Asian American college students”. To read the full article click [here](#).



The CRIB congratulates Faculty Affiliate, Professor Keith Adamson on being a recipient of the 2021-22 University of Toronto Early Career Teaching Award. This award recognizes faculty members who demonstrate an exceptional commitment to student learning, pedagogical engagement and teaching innovation.

# The CRIB at 3!

## SOME OF OUR STAFF MEMBERS ON THEIR TIME AT THE CRIB...



Megan McPolland  
*Research Assistant*

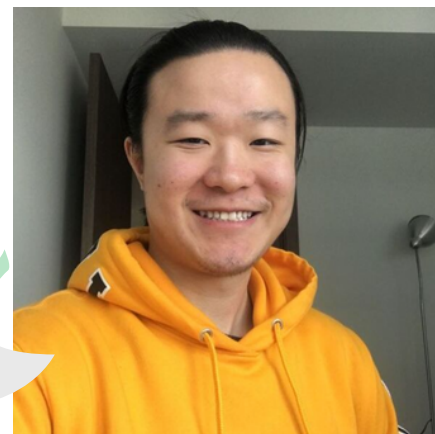
"The CRIB has provided me with a space and family where I can be supported to grow, and my research as an emerging scholar can be stretched to think more deeply about the needs of Black survivors of homicide."



Travonne Edwards  
*RBC Doctoral Fellow*

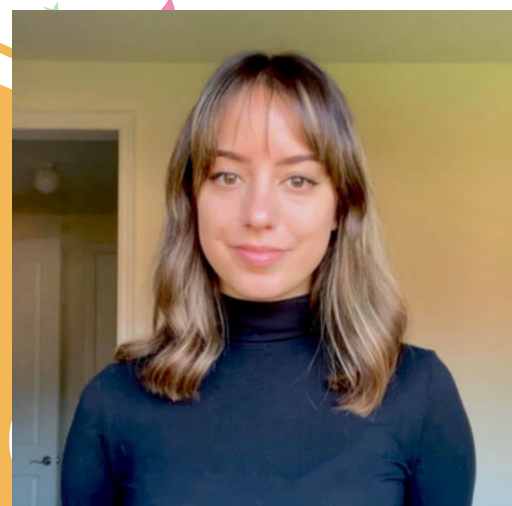
"The CRIB has been an amazing workplace, not only am I constantly given the chance to apply and improve my professional skills, but our team is also extremely helpful and caring 😊"

"The CRIB has afforded me numerous opportunities to learn and grow within the field of post-homicide research, and the team has provided me with a safe and collaborative experience where I am always appreciated by my fellow teammates. To me, The CRIB represents the ultimate change makers - always enforcing how we work with and for the community. My most memorable experience with The CRIB is when we were at the Factor and together, we brainstormed the name of the Centre (The CRIB). I love when the team comes together... now that's Black gold ✨"

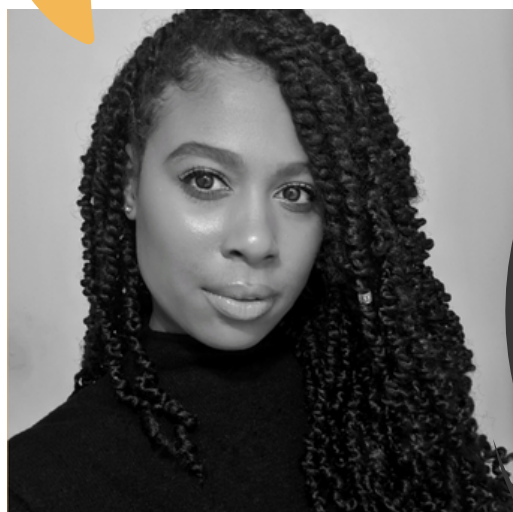


Zhongmin Lin  
*Research Assistant*

"I'm so proud of our growth and all the milestones we've achieved. Over the past year, as the Invisible Wounds Project Coordinator, I've had the pleasure of collaborating with and learning from our fantastic neighbourhood ambassadors and being in awe of their passion and commitment to uplifting the voices of survivors. The work is challenging but validating.... I'm so grateful to be a part of such an amazing and supportive team who approach the work not only from a headspace but also from the heart!"



Antonia Bonomo  
*Research Assistant*



Jheanelle Anderson  
*Research Assistant*

"I am very grateful to be a part of The CRIB as I believe it provides a voice to those who are unfortunately too often silenced. While working alongside The CRIB, I have been able to develop skills related to research development. Some of my most memorable moments working at The CRIB has been when we worked together to publish the Scoping Review Protocol and when Dr. Sharpe hosted a virtual scavenger hunt for the Christmas holidays and I was at a restaurant participating so it got pretty interesting 😊"

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