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for Research & Innovation for Black
Survivors of Homicide Victims*

practice FOR and WITH Black Survivors of Homicide Victims in Canada, across North America and throughout our Global Communities. While we have taken the liberty of sharing this inaugural newsletter with you because of our previous connection, if you wish to unsubscribe, you can do so at any time; but we sincerely hope you stay!

In addition, please feel free to click and follow us on our other social media platforms – [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#)! The CRIB is also now on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

We hope you enjoy reading this Summer Issue of *The Word* - and as always, we extend much love from our CRIB to yours!

Tanya L. Sharpe

Tanya L. Sharpe, MSW, Ph.D.

Dear Friends & Colleagues,

As Founding Director of The Centre for Research & Innovation for Black Survivors of Homicide Victims (The CRIB), it is my distinct honour to welcome you to the very first issue of our Quarterly Newsletter *The Word*. Through this medium, we intend to keep you updated with our latest news, views and upcoming events on a periodic basis as we continue to make strides in advancing research, policy and



RFP NOW OPEN! Up to \$75,000 in funds to be awarded to community agencies

SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS & MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT

The CRIB wishes to extend sincere thanks to all of our partner community-agencies for taking the time to attend and participate in the Knowledge Exchange Forum on April 27 and the Public Policy Forum on April 30 as part of the Survivors of Homicide Victims and Mental Health project. This research project was conducted by The CRIB, in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA),

Ontario, with funding support from the Anti-Racism Directorate of Ontario. As advertised and promised in our Forums, we are now pleased to announce that our Request for Proposals (RFP), entitled, “Creating Culturally Responsive Services for Indigenous; African, Caribbean, Black (ACB); and Racialized Survivors of Homicide Victims” is now open! To this end, The CRIB is currently seeking proposals from eligible organizations who were in attendance at both forums to demonstrate creative use of the knowledge gained at the forums to enhance services at their organizations for Indigenous, ACB and Racialized survivors of homicide victims. This RFP will provide up to three eligible community-agencies with a maximum funding amount of \$25,000 per project/initiative. The Application Deadline is **July 30, 2021 by 5:00pm EST**. If you are interested in applying for this funding opportunity, we encourage you to apply early! See the RFP and the Proposal Template for Applicants [here](#).



Listen Up! Has Launched

Listen Up! is a new creative YouTube series in which The CRIB explores topics such as traumatic stress, grief, structural violence, gun violence and homicide victimization in Black communities through short animated videos which will be shared across a variety of social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Look out for our videos which will be shared 1 to 2 times every week and will run throughout the summer. We encourage you to like, share and leave a comment!



Invisible Wounds:

EXPLORING THE EXPERIENCES OF AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN AND BLACK (ACB) SURVIVORS OF HOMICIDE VICTIMS

In collaboration with interdisciplinary scholars from Ryerson University's Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing and University of Toronto's Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, as well as, key community based organizations to include the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) of Ontario, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) and Women's Health in Women's Hands Community Health Centre (WHIWH), in partnership with community ambassadors The CRIB will engage African, Caribbean, and Black (ACB) survivors of homicide victims in focus group discussion and digital storytelling to understand the impact of murder on the wellbeing, coping strategies and unmet needs of ACB Canadian survivors of homicide victims in Toronto. This project is made possible through the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) - Insight Grant.

The CRIB's Postdoctoral Fellow receives Lifetime Award & Assistant Professor appointment at U of T Scarborough

The CRIB community congratulates and celebrates our Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Dr. Notisha Massaquoi on receiving the 2021 INSPIRE Lifetime Achievement Award. For over 3 decades, Dr. Massaquoi has been an enthusiastic advocate for the advancement of Black women's healthcare. Most notably, she spearheaded the development and served as the Executive Director of Women's Health in Women's Hands Community Health Centre in Toronto, Canada – the only Community Health Centre in North America, which provides specialized primary healthcare for Black and racialized women. The CRIB is also extremely proud to congratulate Dr. Massaquoi on her appointment as an Assistant Professor with the Department of Health and Society at University of Toronto - Scarborough Campus (UTSC) with cross-appointment to the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work for graduate teaching and student supervision.



Dr. Notisha Massaquoi
*Post Doctoral Research Fellow at The CRIB
and new Assistant Professor, USTC*



The CRIB is located within the number one ranked university in Canada (University of Toronto) and more specifically within the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, which is ranked second in the world among schools of social work according to the Center for World University Rankings.

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The CRIB Appoints their First Assistant Director



Dr. Khellon Q. Roach
Assistant Director of The CRIB

relationship management, and provides guidance and direction in the areas of strategic planning, financial management and project administration. Prior to taking up his current role at the University of Toronto, he served in several key capacities including - first Manager of Academic Quality Assurance in the Office of the Vice President, Academics at triOS/Eastern College; first Manager of the Diplomatic Academy of the Caribbean; Part-Time Lecturer at the Institute of International Relations; and Research Officer in the Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor and Campus Principal at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus.

In April 2021, The CRIB was pleased to welcome on board its first Assistant Director, Dr. Khellon Q. Roach. Dr. Roach has over a decade of experience in higher education administration and research management. In his role as Assistant Director of The CRIB, he supports research initiatives, participates in effective

What's Next?

30@8:30 is back for Season Three- Meet our Lineup of Special Guests & Subject Matter Experts

The CRIB's Toronto Homicide Map and Report Card Goes Live

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