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



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## 30@8:30 IS BACK FOR SEASON THREE Interdisciplinary Scholarship In Action!



On September 1, The CRIB began the new academic year 2021/2022 with a bang with the return of its live Instagram (IG) series 30@8:30 - Season Three entitled, “Interdisciplinary Scholarship in Action”. The season opener was presented by Founding Director of The CRIB, Professor Tanya L. Sharpe who got the ball rolling by outlining the critical importance of public engagement and interdisciplinary scholarship to solving some of our greatest societal challenges, including that of homicide (which has a devastating and disproportionate impact on Black people throughout our local and global communities). For it is through the exchange of ideas and public engagement that innovative solutions to our shared challenges might emerge. This notion therefore of ‘collective action’ is the reason why we continue to engage experts in different fields and the driving force behind the theme for season three, “Interdisciplinary Scholarship in Action”. Broadcasted live on September 8, the first episode of 30@8:30 featured Professor Roberta Timothy (*far left*) of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health who discussed the Social Determinants. . .



of Health (SDOH) and Anti-Oppression. The second episode went live on September 15 and featured Professor Jooyoung Lee (*middle left*) of the Department of Sociology in the Faculty of Arts and Science who spoke on Gun Violence: Causes, Consequences & Solutions for Canada. Episode three which aired on September 22 saw Professor Julius Haag (*middle right*) of the Department of Sociology at University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM), address issues around Policing and Surveillance of Black Communities: Implications for Public Policy.

The most recent episode went live on air on September 29 with Professor Akwatu Khenti (*far right*) of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health who spoke on the topic of Black Youth Violence & Mental Health. Season three thus far has treated us to a wide conceptual range and empirical depth of ideas that have emerged within the context of multiple disciplines.

This season of 30@8:30 alone has already garnered over 800 post-live views from over a dozen countries worldwide. We thank The CRIB community for engaging with us and we encourage you to stay tuned for the next three episodes:

**OCT 6**

Exploring the physical health and well-being of Black surviving family members & friends of homicide victims  
with Professor Onye Nnorom

**OCT 13**

Youth Voices: Engaged research in action  
with Professors Bryn King & Stephanie Begun

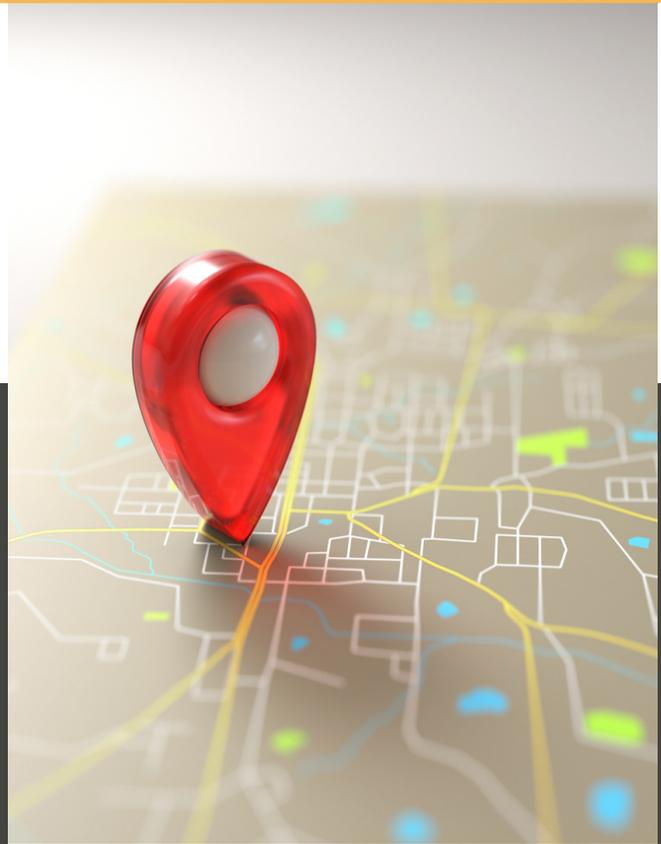
**OCT 20**

Season Finale (Webinar): Culturally Responsive Configurations of Knowledge in Action  
with all Season 3 Special Guests

To watch 30@8:30, follow @thecribcommunity on Instagram and tune in at 8:30pm on Wednesdays between October 6 and October 20 to watch the discussion via the @thecribcommunity account on Instagram Live.

# The CRIB receives SSHRC Institutional Grant (SIG)

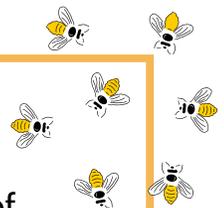
The Centre for Research & Innovation for Black Survivors of Homicide Victims (The CRIB) was honoured to receive a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Institutional Grant (SIG), in particular, an Explore Research Grant based on our application to conduct the “Tracking Homicide in the GTA: Causes, Consequences and Resources for Support” project. This project proposes to: (1) develop an interactive Geographic Information System (GIS) map marking African, Caribbean & Black (ACB) communities most affected by homicide within the Greater Toronto Area (GTA); (2) create a corresponding report card that highlights and tracks structural inequalities (such as - education, employment, income, housing, incarceration and safety) which contribute to homicide; and (3) identify resources throughout the GTA designed to assist surviving family members and friends with the management of their grief. It is



anticipated that this inaugural GIS map and report card of homicide, depicting the disproportionate effects on ACB communities within the GTA will serve as a resource for policy makers, program evaluators, advocates, researchers, funders, service providers, and community members in federal, provincial and local strategic planning initiatives who are focused on reducing homicide and its devastating impacts on ACB communities. Look out for the launch of our GIS Map and Report Card in the coming months!

## Dear Friends & Colleagues,

We are delighted you are taking the time to read the Fall Issue of our Quarterly Newsletter, *The Word*, as there continues to be a beehive of activity around research, scholarship, community outreach, engagement and impact at The CRIB, and we love sharing every bit of it with you!



# In the Spotlight:

## MEET THE CRIB TEAM

With a strong neuroscience background and interest in programming, **Zhongmin Lin** has extensive experience in research and data analysis. During his four years of undergraduate studies at University of Toronto Scarborough (Specialist in Neuroscience), he achieved the Dean's List for academic excellence every year. He also received Graduate Studies Endowment Funds for international students during his Master's degree program at the Department of Medical Biophysics at University of Toronto. As a Research Assistant with The CRIB, Zhongmin

excels in learning programming and plays a pivotal role in the development of interactive Geographic Information System (GIS) maps of African, Caribbean & Black (ACB) communities most affected by homicide within the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). His skill sets and expertise therefore bring great value to a number of projects The CRIB is currently engaged in, including most recently the SSHRC SIG award for the Tracking Homicide in the GTA: Causes, Consequences and Resources for Support project.

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**Zhongmin Lin**  
*Research Assistant at The CRIB*



**Nathan Worku**  
*Research Assistant at The CRIB*

Having recently completed his BSc degree in Molecular Biology and Chemistry at University of Toronto, **Nathan Worku** has extensive research experience in the synthesis of potential drug candidates as well as understanding the metabolism of various organisms. He has been involved in various community organizations including a small non-profit aimed at providing youth with sports equipment. As a Research Assistant with The CRIB, Nathan supports not only the development of a report card that highlights and tracks structural inequalities that contribute to homicide, but is also an essential member of our social media team. Most recently, Nathan led the development of our creative YouTube series, *Listen Up!* ...

... which explores topics such as traumatic stress, grief, structural violence, gun violence and homicide victimization in Black communities through short animated videos which are shared across a variety of our social media platforms including Instagram, Twitter and Facebook.

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## CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY, FRIENDS & LOVED ONES OF PROFESSOR MARION BOGO

The Director and staff of The Centre for Research & Innovation for Black Survivors of Homicide Victims (The CRIB) are deeply saddened by the passing of Professor Marion Bogo. We extend condolences to the family, friends and loved ones of Professor Bogo who was a pillar of wisdom and fortitude within the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work (FIFSW) and one of the most exceptional minds of the global social work community. While our hearts are heavy, and it is true that the passing of our friend, colleague and mentor will leave us with a great sense of loss, let us ensure that her work lives on for generations to come through our individual and collective commitment to social work research, policy and practice.



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.

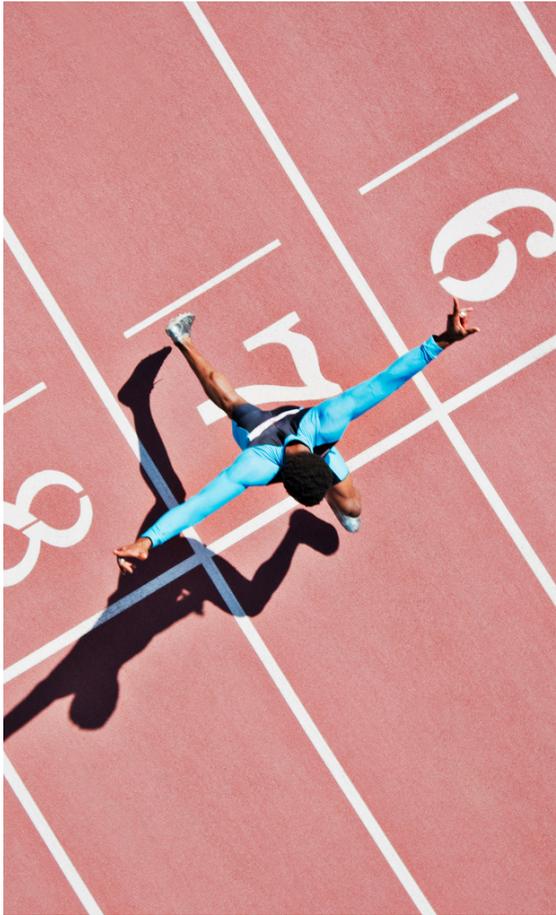
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## “Invisible Wounds” ... And We're Off!

The CRIB is pleased to report that we have launched our SSHRC funded - Invisible Wounds project, the first project of its kind in Canada designed to listen to the voices of African, Caribbean and Black (ACB) survivors of homicide victims in communities throughout the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) that have experienced high rates of gun violence and homicide in partnership with nine amazing neighbourhood ambassadors! We have already entered the focus group discussion stage of the project and we are learning so much about the impact of murder on the wellbeing, coping strategies and unmet needs of ACB Canadian survivors of homicide victims in Toronto. The CRIB would like to take this opportunity to extend sincere thanks to all of our neighbourhood

ambassadors, not only for partnering with us on this important project, but for consistently being of service to our communities, helping to amplify the voices of so many individuals who may have been victimized because of the tragic loss of a loved one(s), and holding The CRIB accountable as we continuously endeavour to serve Black survivors of homicide victims with dignity, respect and humility. This project, "Invisible Wounds: Exploring the Experiences of African, Caribbean and Black Survivors of Homicide Victims" would not have been possible without the support of our neighbourhood ambassadors – we thank you! The CRIB also extends gratitude to our interdisciplinary scholars and partners from Ryerson University's Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing, University of Toronto's Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, along with partner community-based organizations including 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). We at The CRIB are truly excited about the outcomes of this project as we continue to advance research, policy, and practice FOR and WITH Black survivors of homicide victims across North America and our global communities.



# RFP Deadline Extended!

## UP TO \$50,000 IN FUNDS AVAILABLE TO COMMUNITY AGENCIES



The CRIB is 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” has been revised and consequently, the deadline has been extended! The new **Application Deadline is October 29, 2021 by 5:00pm EST**. This revised RFP will provide up to two eligible community-agencies with a maximum funding amount of \$25,000 per project/initiative. If you are interested in applying for this funding opportunity, we encourage you to view the [RFP](#) and the [Proposal Template for Applicants](#). If you have any questions about this opportunity, please send them to the attention of Dr. Khellon Q. Roach at [khellon.roach@utoronto.ca](mailto:khellon.roach@utoronto.ca) by 5:00pm EST on October 22, 2021. Please note that we will not respond to questions received after this deadline. Applicants who submit questions will not receive emails with responses to their questions. Instead, answers will only appear on our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page for this RFP which will be made available on the home page of our website at [www.the-crib.org](http://www.the-crib.org). This FAQ page will be refreshed every week starting Friday October 8, 2021 based on the questions received from applicants. This ‘question-and-answer’ methodology is implemented to ensure that all applicants have access to the same information at the same time.

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