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Lowering the Curtain ON SEASON THREE OF 30@8:30

The CRIB's popular live Instagram (IG) series 30@8:30 aptly entitled, "Interdisciplinary Scholarship in Action" was brought to an end in October 2021. The fifth episode went live on October 6 and featured Professor Onye Nnorom (top right) of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health who explored the physical health and well-being of Black surviving family members and friends of homicide victims. Episode six aired on October 13 with Professors Bryn King (middle right) and Stephanie Begun (bottom right), both co-directors of the Youth Wellness Lab - they discussed the critical importance of including the voices of youth in research. The season finale titled "Culturally Responsive Configurations of Knowledge in Action" aired on October 20th and took the format of a webinar. Founding Director of The CRIB, Dr. Tanya Sharpe was re-joined by all Season 3 special guests. In case you missed it, you can view all episodes of [Season 3 on our Instagram](#).



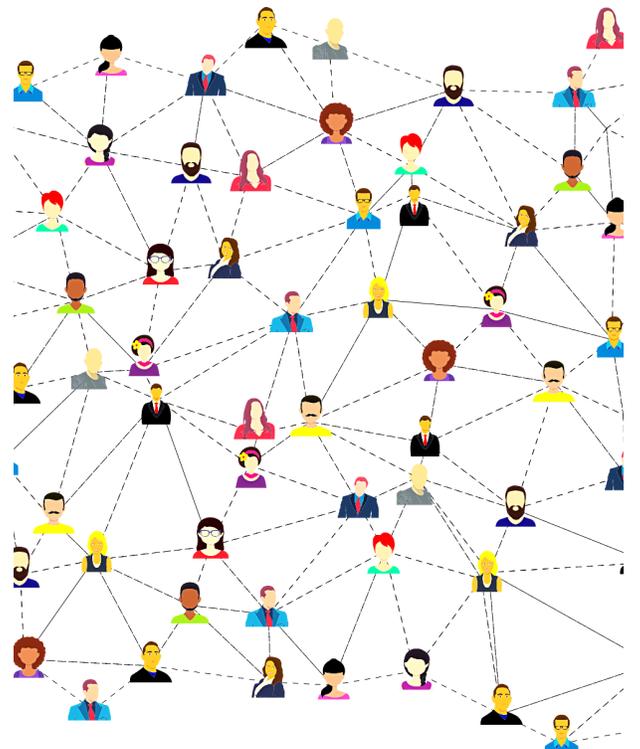


The team at The CRIB would like to extend sincere thanks to all guests of Season Three of 30@8:30 including – Professor Roberta Timothy; Professor Jooyoung Lee; Professor Julius Haag; Professor Akwatu Khenti; Professor Onye Nnorom; Professor Bryn King; and Professor Stephanie Begun. The CRIB would also like to express gratitude to its community of viewers and subscribers. Without the support of our speakers and audience, this program would not have been made possible. Since inception, 30@8:30 has had a global reach of over 2,000 viewers spread across more than a dozen countries including - Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, Malaysia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Bahamas, Jamaica,

Costa Rica, Columbia, Belarus, Germany and Portugal. Look out for Season Four of 30@8:30 which would drop in Spring - 2022! Follow The CRIB on IG @thecribcommunity!

Network Building & Knowledge Mobilization

In keeping with our strategic pillar of network building and knowledge mobilization, the staff of The CRIB was honoured to be invited to participate in several events and activities over the last quarter. On the next several pages you'll find examples of how the team at The CRIB continues to share their research and contribute to vital knowledge that helps to transform policies and practices in service to Black communities.



ENGAGING WITH STUDENTS AT THE FACTOR-INWENTASH FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK



On October 18, 2021 Research Assistants, Jheanelle Anderson and Nathan Worku was given the opportunity to share their own experiences of working with The CRIB at the workshop entitled, “Engaging in Research in Academia” hosted by the Black Social Work Student Association (BSWSA) in the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work (FIFSW). The pair was able to share information on current research projects of The CRIB; discuss what it means to them to work as research assistants and how they navigate research working with Black populations as Black students.



Research Assistants Nathan Worku and Jheanelle Anderson

RESET: CENTERING WELL-BEING IN OUR COLLECTIVE RECOVERY KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Sharpe (top right), along with CRIB Faculty Affiliate and Assistant Professor at the Department of Health and Society, University of Toronto Scarborough, Dr. Notisha Massaquoi (bottom right) presented the Keynote Address in the form of a Conversation at the 2021 Toronto Black Policy Conference hosted by the Canadian Black Policy Network (CBPN). Their conversation focused on the importance of “Centering Well-Being in our Collective Recovery”.



15TH ANNUAL SISTAHS-IN-LAW RETREAT HOSTED BY THE BLACK FEMALE LAWYERS’ NETWORK

Founding Director of The CRIB, Professor Tanya Sharpe was a featured panelist on the “Setting your Boundaries: Your Role in Social Transformation” panel at the 15th Annual Sistahs-in-Law Retreat & Fundraiser hosted by the Black Female Lawyers’ Network on November 11, 2021.

A PANDEMIC OF GRIEF

DR. SHARPE DELIVERS LECTURE AT NO.1 RANKED SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK IN THE US

On December 2, 2021, Professor Sharpe presented the inaugural lecture of the Curtis Center Health Equity Seminar Series at the Vivian A. and James L. Curtis School of Social Work, Center for Health Equity Research and Training at the University of Michigan – the number one ranked school of social work in the United States by U.S. News & World Report. Her talk titled, “A Pandemic of Grief: Experiences of Black Survivors of Homicide Victims”, discussed the collective trauma and the ubiquity of injustice faced by Black communities globally.



Dr.'s Daphne C. Watkins (top) and Tanya L. Sharpe

PERSPECTIVES ON INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

FRAMING THE CRIB'S WORK IN THE UN 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

On November 24, Assistant Director of The CRIB, Dr. Khellon Q. Roach was invited to deliver a guest lecture to public policy and international community development students at Adler University, Vancouver. His talk, titled “Perspectives on International Community Development” framed The CRIB’s work program (research, policy & practice) within the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and demonstrated how the work of The CRIB supports and affirms more than half of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals articulated by the UN.



In the Spotlight:

JHEANELLE ANDERSON

Jheanelle Anderson, MSW, RSW is a Black disabled Social Worker and Researcher focusing on equity-based research with marginalized populations, particularly those with intersecting identities of Blackness, disability, and immigrants/newcomers. Her latest work examines gaps in research, policy, and service delivery for Black Canadians with disabilities titled “The Intersection of Blackness and Disability”. She has a background in community-engaged research with Black survivors of homicide victims, developing

Culturally Responsive Evaluation frameworks, and co-designing knowledge mobilization plans with stakeholders. Jheanelle was the recipient of the 2019 Beverly and Emerson Mascoll Graduate Scholarship at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work (FIFSW) and currently serves as the Project Coordinator of The CRIB’s “Invisible Wounds” project funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) – Insight Grant.



Jheanelle Anderson
Research Assistant



TO MIDAYNTA & BYJ COMMUNITY SERVICES!

The CRIB extends congratulations to Midaynta Community Services and BYJ Community Services who were successful in our recent Request for Proposals (RFP) entitled, “Creating Culturally Responsive Services for Indigenous; African, Caribbean, Black (ACB); and Racialized Survivors of Homicide Victims”. Midaynta Community Services was awarded a subgrant for their project “Healing Network Circle” which aims to create safe and inclusive spaces for families and individuals impacted by grief and the loss of loved ones as a result of gang and gun violence. BYJ Community Services was awarded a subgrant for their project titled, “BYJ Black Community Violence Survivor Supports” which aims to support Black youth and their families with culturally responsive mentorship and wraparound care to navigate the barriers of access to homicide survivor supports, in partnership with funeral homes, hospitals, and service providers to support Black families financially through a recovery fund. As an extension of the Survivors of Homicide Victims and Mental Health (SHVMH) project, conducted by The CRIB, in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Ontario, these subgrants are made possible through funding support from the Anti-Racism Directorate of Ontario.



Introducing The CRIB's Faculty Affiliates

The CRIB prides itself in being a multidisciplinary centre specifically designed to advance research, policy and practice FOR and WITH Black survivors of homicide victims across our global communities. Having completed over a dozen faculty consultations in October 2021, The CRIB is pleased to welcome a number of new Faculty Affiliates. The CRIB's faculty affiliates are exceptional leaders, scholars and researchers. The CRIB is now home to more than 50 faculty affiliates drawn from across the three campuses of the University of Toronto and also include a wide range of affiliated faculty from half a dozen universities in Canada and the US.

CRIB FACULTY AFFILIATE AWARDED GRANT FROM NCID

Faculty Affiliate of The CRIB in the US, Professor Daphne Watkins receives grant from the National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID) Anti-Racism Collaborative at the University of Michigan for her project entitled, "Anti-racist Action by Cities and Communities to Respond to Racist Police Violence". Together with Professors Paul Fleming and William Lopez, their project is regarded as a mixed methods study of the implementation of a municipal resolution to develop an unarmed crisis response program to reduce the interactions between armed police and community members. The NCID's Anti-Racism Collaborative aims to fund projects across the University of Michigan to advance anti-racism research and scholarship for social change and action.





A Word of Thanks & Happy Holidays from The CRIB

As Founding Director of The Centre for Research & Innovation for Black Survivors of Homicide Victims (The CRIB), I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all of you for your contributions to our collective success! Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19 and systemic forms of anti-Black racism, it has been a truly remarkable year as we continue to make strides to advance



culturally responsive research, policy and practice FOR and WITH Black survivors of homicide victims throughout our global community. Our success would not have been possible without the unwavering support of The CRIB staff, faculty affiliates, community partners, social media subscribers, colleagues at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work and more broadly at UofT. It is within this context, that The CRIB is filled with a tremendous sense of appreciation and gratitude – we thank you!

As we enter the holiday season and celebrate the end of the year and the beginning of another, let us all be reminded of the value of life; the importance of spending time with family, friends and those who are dearest to us; and the power of determination, resolve and collective resistance.

On behalf of The CRIB team, we wish you all a healthy and happy holiday season, a hopeful new year filled with peace, joy and happiness – and as always, we extend much love from our CRIB to yours! See you in 2022!

Tanya L. Sharpe



How You Can Help Support The CRIB

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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