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



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## TRACKING (IN)JUSTICE

# The CRIB partners with Carleton University & The Canadian Civil Liberties Association



The Centre for Research & Innovation for Black Survivors of Homicide Victims (The CRIB) is pleased to work alongside the Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice (ICCJ) at Carleton University, the Ethics and Technology Lab, at Queen's University, and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) to launch the SSHRC Partnership Development Grant, entitled, "Tracking (In)Justice: a publicly accessible online database of police-involved and carceral deaths across Canada". This timely partnership would see these institutions join forces to create an open source publicly available database of police-involved deaths in Canada. The project is being led by Principal Investigator: Assistant Professor Alexander McClelland of the ICCJ at Carleton University.

This project is novel to Canada as there is currently no central body keeping track of police-involved deaths in Canada. This lack of data prevents researchers, policy-makers and advocates from answering basic questions about police use of force and police-involved deaths. The intention of the website is to track information and fill this gap so that others could use it for analysis, policy work and to effect change.

Fully aware of the unique trauma faced by survivors, the collaborative team would seek to ensure that the website is respectful of those who have lost their lives, their families and the broader communities impacted by police use of force. Alongside open access to the data itself, the website will offer people trauma

supports, resources, and some broader context and analysis of the data that will draw attention to the disproportionate impact that police use of force has on individuals from traditionally over-policed communities, including Black individuals and members of other racialized communities, Indigenous persons, those living with addictions and mental health issues, and those experiencing homelessness, among others. Look out for further details in the coming months!



## **DIGITIZING THE AFTERMATH OF HOMICIDE**

### **The CRIB receives Ignite Grant Award from the Black Research Network, University of Toronto**

“Invisible Wounds: Digitizing the Aftermath of Homicide” is the name of The CRIB’s most recently funded research project which is being made possible through an Ignite Grant Award from the Black Research Network (BRN), University of Toronto. The funds awarded from the Ignite Grant Award will be used to disseminate the digital stories of participants from our SSHRC funded project (Invisible Wounds: Exploring the Experiences of African, Caribbean, and Black (ACB) survivors of homicide victims) via free community screenings in neighbourhoods across the city of Toronto to mobilize knowledge and make findings accessible to service providers, and ACB communities that are disproportionately impacted by homicide.



This innovative method of knowledge mobilization and dissemination: (1) presents an opportunity for UofT to ensure the results of this impactful research are shared among ACB community partners and, (2) supports the establishment of opportunities to collaborate and generate culturally responsive insights and multi-directional sharing of knowledge designed to assist ACB survivors in coping with the murder of their family members and friends. Stay tuned for film screening and panel discussion dates in a neighbourhood near you.

## THE CRIB IN THE MEDIA

*Faculty affiliates of The CRIB continue to be at the forefront of national and global media, exchanging ideas and thoughts on matters of grave concern.*



### **Dr. Notisha Massaquoi spoke to CityNews about the Toronto Police Service’s Race-based Data Policy**

CityNews spoke to Faculty Affiliate of The CRIB and Assistant Professor in the Department of Health and Society at the University of Toronto Scarborough, Dr. Notisha Massaquoi who helped develop the framework for the Toronto Police Service’s race-based data policy.

Listen to the podcast episode here – June 30, 2022



### **“I want, and I think the community also wants to see action” - Dr. Tanya Sharpe speaks to CTV & CP24**

CTV news and CP24 also spoke to founding Director of The CRIB, Dr. Tanya Sharpe about the Toronto police report that was released on June 15, 2022. “While the apology [from the police chief] is perhaps a beginning, I want, and I think the community also wants, to see action. How are the actionable items to address the issue of anti-Black racism and police brutality going to be implemented and how are they also going to be monitored?” said Sharpe.

[Click to view the full CP24 TV interview with Sharpe here](#)

[Click to view the full CTV news interview with Sharpe here](#)

## THE STATE OF THE NATION AS MASS SHOOTINGS CONTINUE

Newsy interviews Tanya Sharpe about the mental health impacts of homicide in the U.S.



## FALLOUT FROM BUFFALO'S RACE-MOTIVATED SHOOTING



CP24 interviews Tanya Sharpe about the mass shootings in Buffalo, U.S.



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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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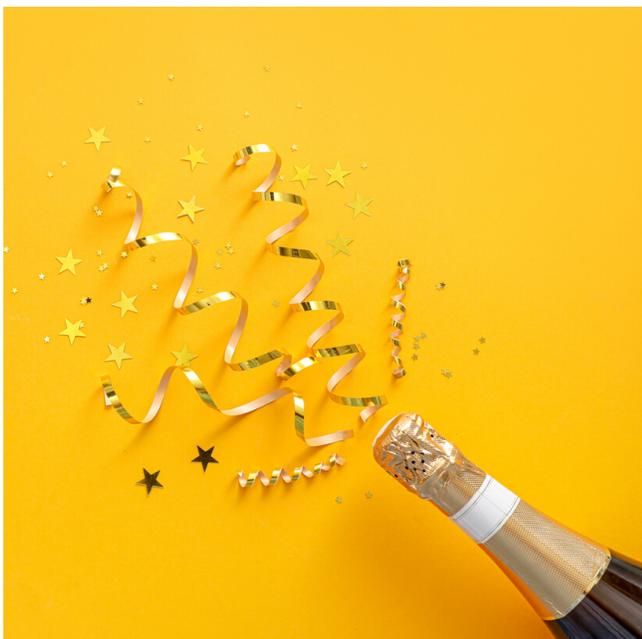
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**Rhonda McEwen appointed President and Vice-Chancellor of Victoria University**

The CRIB extends sincere congratulations to its Faculty Affiliate, Professor Rhonda McEwen on her appointment as the 14th President and Vice-Chancellor of Victoria University in the University of Toronto. [Read the full press release from Victoria University here.](#)



# FACULTY AFFILIATES OF THE CRIB CONTINUE TO SOAR



**Roberta Timothy creates the world's first MPH Program in Black Health at U of T**

Thanks to CRIB Faculty Affiliate Professor Roberta Timothy, in Fall 2023, the Dalla Lana School of Public Health will welcome its first cohort of 10 students in its inaugural Master of Public Health (MPH) in Black Health program at the University of Toronto. [Read the full article here.](#)

## Arjumand Siddiqi awarded the CIHR-IPPH Trailblazer Award

Congratulations to CRIB Faculty Affiliate, Professor Arjumand Siddiqi on receiving the 2022 Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Institute of Population and Public Health (CIHR-IPPH) Trailblazer Award in Population and Public Health Research - a career achievement award that recognizes exceptional contributions in the area of population and public health research.

[Read the official announcement and watch her response here!](#)



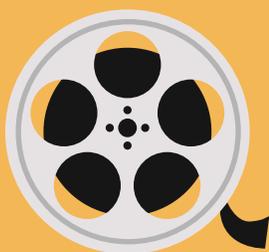
## Uppala Chandrasekera appointed Director of Public Health at Toronto Public Health

Congratulations are in order for CRIB Faculty Affiliate, Uppala Chandrasekera who was appointed Director of Public Health at Toronto Public Health. The CRIB community looks forward to your contribution!

[See posting here.](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS + SAVE THE DATE

### SEPT 13



### Invisible Wounds - Film Screening & Panel Discussion

The Centre for Research & Innovation for Black Survivors of Homicide Victims (The CRIB) is pleased to announce that it will host a Film Screening & Panel Discussion on September 13, 2022 at University of Toronto - Innis Town Hall to share findings from its Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) funded project, entitled, *“Invisible Wounds: Exploring the Experiences of African, Caribbean and Black (ACB) Survivors of Homicide Victims”*. Save the date and look out for more details coming soon!

## **30@8:30 is back with Season 4 - From the Frontlines**

“From the Frontlines” is the theme for the newest season of 30@8:30! Yes, that’s right 30@8:30 is back with season four and is carded to begin this fall (September)! Please stay tuned for more information! To watch 30@8:30 live, follow @thecribcommunity on Instagram!



## **OPPORTUNITIES**

**The Centre for Research & Innovation for Black Survivors of Homicide Victims (The CRIB) is actively seeking suitable candidates to fill three (3) vacant positions. Please click on the job descriptions below for more information or send an email to [khellon.roach@utoronto.ca](mailto:khellon.roach@utoronto.ca).**

**1. Research Assistant, The CRIB** – the incumbent will conduct background research and analysis related to anti-black racism, gun violence, traumatic death, grief, structural inequalities, victimization and bereavement among Blacks throughout the global community with emphasis on survivors of homicide, victims of violent injury and some of the most vulnerable in society.

**2. Project Coordinator, In the Aftermath** – the incumbent will assist with REB submission, Neighbourhood Ambassador recruitment, training and focus group logistics, focus group co-facilitation, focus group coding and thematic analysis, Digital Storytelling workshops and story preparation, Digital Storytelling screening logistics, as well as preparations of manuscripts and presentations for knowledge mobilization, dissemination and translation. The In the Aftermath project will utilize qualitative research methods (e.g., focus groups) and innovative dissemination methods (e.g., digital storytelling), to understand the impact of murder on the wellbeing, coping strategies and unmet needs of young ACB Canadian survivors of homicide victims in Toronto.

**3. Project Coordinator, RISE YBMen Toronto** – the incumbent will provide day-to-day program administration, liaise with staff, participants and Advisory Board members, assist with data analysis, and knowledge mobilization efforts of the RISE YBMen Toronto project. Restore, Intervene, Support, and Educate (RISE) YBMen Toronto is a partnership between The CRIB (University of Toronto) and the YBMen Project (University of Michigan) that aims to adapt, deliver, and evaluate the YBMen program for African, Caribbean, and Black (ACB) men and boys ages 16 to 30 who have experienced the murder of family members or friends and reside in the Greater Toronto Area. The purpose of RISE YBMen Toronto is to (1) improve short- and long-term mental health outcomes of ACB males impacted by homicide, and (2) develop sustainable support networks that help ACB males cope with their grief.

# THE BLACK & BROWN GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION RESEARCHER'S COLLECTIVE

(BBGVP Researcher's Collective) is

seeking assistance to write a report on inequities in funding and support for research, policy, and practice focused on Black and Brown survivors of gun violence. The person hired to write the report will work closely with members of the BBGVP Researcher's Collective to develop the report's content.

## How to Apply:

Please forward a cover letter, resume, and a writing sample. Please send application materials via e-mail to [melissa@altogetherbold.com](mailto:melissa@altogetherbold.com) and include the position title in the subject line



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