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Agenda

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Day 1 – Thursday May 8			
Note Takers: Victoria Fajenyo and Bernice Aladesemipe			
TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS	VENUE
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration and Breakfast	All Attendees	Alt Hotel Foyer & Indigo Room (Breakfast)
9:00am – 9:10 am	Introduction, washrooms, exits, acknowledge Indigenous land and Black ancestry	Dr. Tya Collins Dr. Gbenga Adejare	Indigo Room
9:10 am – 9:50 am	Keynote Speaker	Honorable Rosemary Moodie	
9:50 am- 10:05 am	Chancellor Welcome	Chancellor Jon Cornish	
10:05 am – 10:35 am – BREAK & POSTER PRESENTATIONS			
10: 35 am – 12:35 pm – SPEAKER AND PANEL PRESENTATION			
10:35 am – 11:05 am	Black Child and Youth Health in Canada: A Comprehensive Scoping Review	Dr. Bukola Salami	Indigo Room
11:05am – 12:20 pm	Emerging Research Evidence on Addressing the Needs of Black Children and Youth in Canada Session Chair: Dr. Temitope Oriola Note Takers: Victoria Fajenyo and Bernice Aladesemipe	Dr. Lance McCreedy Dr. Barbara Hamilton Hinch Dr. Funke Aladejebi Yann Kamgakuate	Indigo Room
12:20 pm – 1:15 pm -LUNCH & POSTER PRESENTATIONS			
1:15 pm – 2:45 pm: PAPER PRESENTATIONS			
Breakout Session 1: Black Children’s Experiences in the Health Sector Session Chair: Dr. Nicole Johnson Note Taker: Victoria Fajenyo			

<p>Bianca Matthew</p> <p>Chiedozie Alumona; Dr. Aloysius Maduforo, Dr. Oluwagbohunmi Awosoga; Dr. Nicole Johnson; Dr. Shannon Scott; Caitlin McClurg; Dr. Bukola Salami</p> <p>John Bosco Acharibassam Ranjan Datta Nicole Sindani</p> <p>Dr. Aloysius Nwabugo Maduforo; Dr. Bukola Salami; Dr. Modupe Tunde-Byass; Victoria Fajenyo</p>	<p>Anti-Black Racism and Children's Pain Management</p> <p>Health Outcomes and their Social Determiners Among Black Children in Canada: A Scoping Review</p> <p>Health Impacts of Climate Disaster Risks on Black Youth in Western Canada</p> <p>Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy and Strengthening Vaccine Confidence in Black Canadian Communities: Historical Mistrust, Community Engagement, and Systemic Responses</p>	<p>Room: Magenta</p>
<p>Breakout Session 2: Black Children and Youth's Experience in the Education Sector <i>Session Chair: Dr. Tya Collins</i> <i>Note Taker: Kwame Blackman</i></p>		
<p>Iheoma Joakin-Uzomba</p> <p>Malcolm Azania</p> <p>Karen Hudson; Dr. Barbara Hamilton-Hinch; Mary Jane Harkins; Zhanna Barchuk; Diana Seselja</p>	<p>Borders of Literacy: Classroom Discourse, Accent, and Politics for Black International Students in Canada</p> <p>Reversing the Trident: The Imperative for Hiring, Retaining, and Promoting Africentric African Ubuntu Teachers in Edmonton Schools</p> <p>RE/envisioning School Leadership with an Africentric Lens from the Perspectives of Parents of Students of African Descent</p>	<p>Room: Cyan</p>
<p>Breakout Session 3: Emerging Priorities: Justice and Child Welfare Systems <i>Session Chair: Dr. Barbara Hamilton-Hinch</i> <i>Note Taker: Olakunmi Adelagun</i></p>		
<p>Joshua Yusuf; Dr. Barbara Hamilton-Hinch; Dr. Gervin Apatinga; Dr. Annette Bailey; Dr. Andy Knight; Dr. Geoffrey Maina; Dr. Aloysius Maduforo; Dr. Bukola Salami</p> <p>Dr. Beverly-Jean Daniel</p> <p>Ray Indro</p>	<p>Insidious systems: A scoping Review of Black Youth and the Criminal Justice System in Canada</p> <p>Bringing our girls back into our community: Possibilities and planning for young Black women aging out of care.</p> <p>Exploring the risks facing NEET Black youth using data decomposition method</p> <p>Black Canadian Women Students' Experiences of Race and Gender-based</p>	<p>Room: Indigo</p>

Domale Dube; Ve Ezegwu	Violence in Post-secondary Institutions	
2:45pm – 3:15 pm- BREAK, POSTER PRESENTATIONS & NETWORKING		
3:15 pm – 4:45 pm: PAPER PRESENTATIONS		
Breakout Session 1: Black Child and Youth Mental Health <i>Session Chair: Dr. Helen Valliantos</i> <i>Note Taker: Sutherland Hedley Rezvani</i>		
Mercedes Sobers; Peter Smith; Notisha Massaquoi; Hayley Hamilton; Dionne Gesink Silvia Odhiambo; Derek Akateh; Dr. Sophie Yohani; Dr. Elizabeth Onyango; Josephine Wong; Dr. Bukola Salami; Elizabeth Saewyc Maame De-Heer Dr. Ruth Martínez-Vega; Modupe Tunde-Byass; Dr. Dominic Alaazi; Dr. Alicia Boatswain-Kyte; Dr. Azeez Salami; Kimberley Price; Dzifa Dordunoo; Dr. Barbara- Ann Hamilton-Hinch; Dr. Geoffrey Maina; Notisha Massaquoi; Bello Oluwakanyinsola; Dr. Mason Alleson; Dr. Aloysius Nwabugo Maduforo; Dr. Andre Renzaho; Dr. Bukola Salami;	Mental Health Service Use Among Black Adolescents in Ontario by Sex and Distress Level: A cross-sectional Study Food Insecurity and Mental Health Nexus: Exploring the Experiences of Immigrant Adolescents in Canada Digital Healing: Exploring the Role of Social Media in Supporting the Mental Health of Low-Income Black Families Experiencing Neonatal Loss Guidance on Community-Based Mental Health Support for Black Youth in Canada	Room: Magenta
Breakout Session 2: Education and Mentorship <i>Session Chair: Dr. Funke Aladejebi</i> <i>Note Taker: Temiloluwa Fatokun</i>		
Kwesi Daniel Dr. Beverly Jean Daniel; Dr. Véronique Church-Duplessis; Priscilla Wiafoah Twum Raliat Owolabi ; Dr. Beverly-Jean Danie; Nerissa Hutchinson; Kwesi Daniel Victoria Fajenyo; Dr. Aloysius Nwabugo Maduforo; Dr. Lucy Karanja; Bernice Aladesemipe; Temitope Ogunleye; Dr. Bukola Salami	The Role of Community Mentorship Promoting Academic Excellence Among Black Students Investing in Potential: The Critical Role of Mentoring in Black Youth Advancement Racial Matching and Black Student Mentorship in Canadian School Systems Leadership, Identity, and Belonging: The Impact of the Black Youth Mentorship and Leadership Program in Canada	Room: Cyan
Breakout Session 3: Panel Presentation: Fostering Community Belonging and Positive Cultural Identity Among Black Youth <i>Session Chair: Dr. Temitope Oriola</i> <i>Note Taker: Adebola Adetiba</i>		

Dr. Motilola Adejare; Dr. Tya Collins		10-minute panelist presentations followed by a Q & A session	Room: Indigo
Closing Remarks & Networking Event			
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm		Dr. Bukola Salami	Room: Indigo
6:30 pm – 8:30pm		Networking Event: All attendees	Room: Indigo
Day 2 – Friday May 9 <i>Note Takers: Bernice Aladesemipe and Tiphonie Okorie</i>			
TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS	VENUE
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration and Breakfast	All Attendees	Alt Hotel Foyer & Indigo Room (Breakfast)
9:00 am – 9:15 am	Day 2 Introduction	Alphonse Ndemi & Dr. Motilola Adejare	Room: Indigo
9:15 am–10:00am	Keynote Speaker	Dr. Delores Mullings	Room: Indigo
10:00 am – 10:30 am – BREAK & POSTER PRESENTATIONS			
10:30 am – 12:00 pm: PANEL PRESENTATION <i>Session Chair: Dr. Delores Mullings</i> <i>Note Takers: Bernice Aladesemipe and Tiphonie Okorie</i>			
Towards Transforming the Lives of Black People in Canada's Educational System		Dr. Uche Umezurike Dr. Malinda Smith Dr. Funke Aladejebi Camesha Cox	Room: Indigo
12:00 pm to 12:45 pm – LUNCH BREAK & COMMUNITY NETWORKING			
12:45 pm – 2:15 pm: PANEL & PAPER PRESENTATIONS			
12:45pm – 2:15 pm	Towards Transforming the Lives of Black People in Canada's Justice and Health Systems <i>Session Chair – Dr. Barbara Hamilton-Hinch</i> <i>Note Taker: Olakunmi Adelagun</i>	Dr. Annette Bailey Dr. Patrina Duhaney Dr. Helen Vallianatos Dr. Olu Awosoga	Room: Indigo
Breakout Session 1: Black Child and Youth Belonging and Identity Formation <i>Session Chair: Dr. Uche Umezurike</i> <i>Note Taker: Temiloluwa Fatokun</i>			
12:45pm - 2:15pm	Stella Igweamaka Nana Appah Jeanne Lehman	Adultification of Black Girls in Canada: Reclaiming Childhood in biased Systems	Room: Magenta

	Dr. Collins Ifeonu Dr. Motilola Akinfemisoye-Adejare	Reciprocity, Dependency and Queer Identity: An Illustration Being from 'Here' and 'There': Navigating Conversations Around 'Home' for Black Youth in Canada	
Breakout Session 2: Anti-Black Racism Inequities and Equity Frameworks <i>Session Chair: Dr. Aloysius Maduforo</i> <i>Note Taker: Bernice Aladesemipe</i>			
12:45pm-2:15pm	Dr. Marie Cecile Kotyk John Boakye- danquah & Nindy Brar Dr. Gervin Apatinga; Dr. Bukola Salami Obed Boateng	Seeing in Colour: A Black Housing Equity Framework The Calgary Equity Index: A data driven tool to Explore Inequities at the Community Level A coupled systems framework for understanding and addressing anti-Black racism in Canada Systemic Barriers in Credit Markets for Black Women Entrepreneurs in North America	Room: Cyan
Reflection on Knowledge Gained <i>Session Chair: Menna Kebede</i> <i>Note Taker: Michael Blackman</i>			
2:15pm- 2:45pm	Reflection on Knowledge Gained	Xavier McLaughlin Jeanne Lehman Bernice Aladesemipe	Room: Indigo
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm - Closing Remarks <i>Dr. Bukola Salami</i>			

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

POSTER PRESENTERS	TITLE	VENUE
Matilda Anim-Larbi; Dr. Vivian Pupilampu; Dr. Sithokozile Maposa; Dr. Akram Mahani; Mary Chipanshi	A Scoping Review Protocol on Childhood Immunization Reminder Strategies Available to Parents in North America	Alt Hotel Foyer
Eunice Abudu	Barriers and Challenges Encountered by Black Undergraduate Students in Nursing Programs in North America: A scoping Review	Alt Hotel Foyer
Noel Bahliby; Victory Abraham; Amal Mohamed	Navigating Barriers: Supporting Black Newcomer Youth in the Criminal Justice System	Alt Hotel Foyer

Hirut Mekalu	Birthing While Black During COVID-19	Alt Hotel Foyer
Dibora Mehan	Pedagogy of Connection - Mitigating Ideological Dissonance in Newcomers	Alt Hotel Foyer
Shayla S. Dube; Dayirai Kapfunde	Culturally Responsive Supervision: Creating Affinity Spaces for Equity-Responsive, Trauma-Responsive, and Black Affirming Mental Health Care	Alt Hotel Foyer
Nindy Brar & John Boakye- danquah	The Calgary Equity Index: A data driven tool to Explore Inequities at the Community Level	Foyer