

## The Harriet Tubman Institute Presents **BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2021**

**Celebrating BHM 2021: Looking back, Moving forward**  
**Monday, February 1st, 4:00PM - 6:00PM**  
**REGISTER BY 11:59PM on JANUARY 31ST, 2021!**

Ms. Rosemary Sadlier OOnt (Order of Ontario) is a social justice advocate, researcher, writer, consultant, and, international speaker on Black History, anti-racism and women's issues. She is the past President, serving for 22 years as the unpaid leader of the Ontario Black History Society - being the driving force of the secured commemoration of February as Black History Month at all levels of government; she secured August 1st as Emancipation Day municipally in 1995 and provincially in 2008 with a national declaration pending. She saw to the creation of the national day for the Hon. Lincoln Alexander. She has given deputations to the UN Rapporteur on Race Relations, the Federal and Provincial Governments and on consultative work with the Royal Ontario Museum, The Ward heritage interpretative group, the Bi-National Study of the Underground Railroad and heritage conferences.



Previously she served on the final selection committee of the national Mathieu Da Costa Challenge for Canadian Heritage and the Canada Post Stamp Advisory Committee. An educator, she has developed or contributed to African Canadian curriculum, national exhibits and she was an appointed member of the College of Early Childhood Educators. An author, Sadlier has written 7 books on African Canadian history. A consultant, she effects diversity and inclusion projects, and, recently was appointed Equality Lead for the Americas and the Caribbean with the Royal Commonwealth Society. Sadlier is dedicated to social justice and using the frame of Black History, seeks to educate and empower others.



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Mr. Winston LaRose is the Executive Director of the Jane-Finch Concerned Citizens Organization (JFCCO) and has worked in this capacity with the Organization, since January of 1999. He worked as a Registered Nurse in Canada from 1964 until retirement at age 65 in 2002. Most of his professional work has been as a psychotherapeutic counsellor in the mental health field at the Clarke Institute in Toronto and several other mental health Facilities in Toronto, Burlington and Hamilton. In addition to this, he operated a counselling service called "the Fairview Counselling Services" in Burlington Ontario for approximately five years, and he owned a nursing home in Hamilton. As the heart of the communities where he has worked and served, Mr. LaRose has been a dedicated caregiver to the body, mind and soul. (Bio mostly courtesy of OYA Media Group)



Dr. Andrea A. Davis is an associate professor in Black Cultures of the Americas in the Department of Humanities at York University. She is currently Special Advisor on the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies' Anti-Black Racism Strategies. She holds cross-appointments in the graduate programs in English; Interdisciplinary Studies; Gender, Feminist and Women's Studies; and Social and Political Thought. Her research focuses on the literary productions of Black women in the Americas. She is particularly interested in the intersections of the literatures of the Caribbean, the United States and Canada and her work encourages an intertextual cross-cultural dialogue about Black women's experiences in diaspora. She is the author of the forthcoming book *Horizon, Sea, Sound: A Cultural Critique of the Nation* (Northwestern UP).