Centre for Integrative Anti-Racism Studies
Ontario Institute for Studies in Education - University Of Toronto presents:

9th Annual “Decolonizing the Spirit” Conference: Indigenous Pedagogies and Cultural Resistance in Education

PROGRAM

Friday April 24, 2015 - Saturday April 25, 2015
Ontario Institute for Studies in Education - University Of Toronto, Room 5-280

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Friday April 24, 2015

8:30am-8:50am  Registration & Breakfast
8:50am-9:20am  Opening Prayer & Smudging Ceremony **Ohenten Kariwatehkwen:** The Words that Come Before All Else – A Traditional Prayer of the Haudenosaunee – People of the Long House
Opening Reflection - *The Story of Thatotarho: The Man with the Hair of Snakes* – A glimpse into the story of Thatotarho – “He’s been cleansed” – A story of decolonization, transformation and connection to the authentic spiritual self.
Diane Katsitsawaks Hill

9:20am-9:30am  Opening Remarks
Dr. Miglena Todorova, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education - University Of Toronto (OISE/UT)

9:30am-10:25am  Panel 1: Spirituality and Anti-colonialism in Indigenous Cinema, Drumming and Communication
Chair: Fisseha Belay, OISE/UT
Kwanza Msingwana, *African Drumming As Spiritual Practice*
Tewodros Yacob, *Dagu, An Indigenous Networking and Communication system of Afar People*

10:30am-11:25am  Panel 2: Decolonizing Knowledge and Cultural Production
Chair: Muna Udbi-Ali, OISE/UT
Chizoba Imoka, OISE/UT, *Educating for “Global Citizenship” but Local Irrelevance: Unpacking Nigeria’s Colonial Private Schooling Experience*
Jamil Musa Kalim, OISE/UT, *Counter-Narrative and Resistance*
Gulnara Medeubekova, OISE/UT, *Neocolonial, Unexpected, Affecting women and children. Russian-Ukrainian War*

11:30am-12:25pm  Panel 3: Police Violence, Mobilization and Strategies of Resistance
Chair: Sandra Hudson, OISE/UT
Dr. Ajamu Nangwaya, Kelly Rose Pflug-Back and Ellie Adekur-Carlson, Network for the Elimination of Police Violence (NEPV), *Mobilizing vs. Organizing: Strengthening our Capacities for Organizing*

12:30pm-1:00pm  Lunch

1:05pm-2:00pm  Panel 4: Transforming Education, Practicing Resistance
Chair: Stephanie Latty, OISE/UT
Dr. Irene van Kessel, *Decolonizing the Spirit - Who Are We?*
Safia Gahayr, OISE/UT, *Reclaiming Indigenous Thought following the Residential School Legacy*
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2:05pm-3:00pm  Panel 5: Decolonizing Medical Science and Health Care in North America
Chair: Hodan Mohamed, OISE/UT
Jacqueline Benn-John, OISE/UT, Decolonizing Western Medicine and Systems of Care: Implications for Education
Dr. Glenn Adams, University of Kansas, Indigenous Knowledge as a Resource for Decolonizing Psychological Science
Jacqueline Getfield, OISE/UT, Family Engagement: Knowing, Resisting and Transforming the Other

3:05pm-4:00pm  Panel 6: Ruptures: Anti-colonial & Anti-Racist Feminist Theorizing
Chair: Safia Gahayr, OISE/UT
Wane, Dr. Njoki, OISE/UT, Uncovering the Well: Black Feminism in Canada
Akyea, Thelma, OISE/UT, Using Black Canadian Feminist Thought as an Approach to Teaching Science
Jagire, Jennifer, OISE/UT, Indigenous African Knowledges and African Feminism: Resisting Eurocentric Ways of Knowing

4:05pm-5:55pm  Panel 7: Decolonizing Education: Agendas, Trauma, Gender and Racism
Chair: Ximena Martinez, OISE/UT
Lynne Alexandrova, OISE/UT, “Decolonization is not a metaphor” – But, how and why?
Lana Whiskeyjack, Blue Quills First Nations College, Indian Residential Schools, Intergenerational Trauma and their Effect on Women’s Medicine
Anne Solomon, OISE/UT, Racism in Education in Canada
Amy Nuno-Amartefio, OISE/UT, Decolonization and Women in Education in Africa

6:00pm-7:10pm  Panel 8: Indigenizing Imagination, Space and Memory
Chair: Jennifer Murrin, York University
Zainab Amadahy and Lyon Sharrae, Indigenizing Imagination: Indigenous and Afro Futurisms
Emma Heath-Engel, OISE/UT and Laini Lascelles, Respect and Communication in Education
Kim Penney, OISE/UT, Hidden in Plainview: The Missing Pages of the Cultural History and Knowledges of Africville

7:15m-7:45pm  Closing Ka’nikonhriyohtshera: Fostering Emergence of the Good Mind – An explanation of the uniqueness of Indigenous cultural philosophy and its advanced science related to the remembrance of an innate state of wholeness and wellness known within Haudenosaunee culture as the Good Mind and the need for a decolonizing methodology that fosters its emergence.
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8:30am-8:50am  Registration & Breakfast
8:50am-9:00am  Welcome  
Dr. Njoki Wane, OISE/UT

9:00am-10:10am  Panel 9: Indigeneity and Politics of Technology and Culture  
Chair: Jacqueline Benn-John, OISE/UT  
M. Syed and N. Noor, OISE/UT, Decolonizing Pedagogical Strategies for Teaching the Millennial Learner  
Dr. Lingqin Feng, OISE/UT, Women and Cultural Heritage: A Story of Ku Shulan and Her Paper-Cutting  
Vera Ogiorumua, OISE/UT, The Significance of African Names: A Cultural Restorative Pedagogy

10:15am-11:10am  Panel 10: Cultural Resistance in Plant Biodiversity, Soil fertility and Soil Erosion  
Chair: Dr. Ahmed Ilmi, OISE/UT  
Dr. Daniel Mugendi, Embu College University, Plant Biodiversity, Soil fertility and Soil Erosion: A Discourse on Cultural Resistance  
Dr. Kiplagat Kotut, Embu College University, Water Conservation: What has Indigeneity got to do with it?  
Dr. Naomi Mutea, Embu College University, Decolonizing Health Care in the Management and Prevention of Illness

11:05am-12:05pm  Keynote Speaker: Dr. Eucharia Kenya, Embu University College, Countering Media Sensationalization of a Science Indigenous in Africa: Genetic Improvement of Crops  
Chair: Dr. Jill Carter, Lecturer, University of Toronto

12:05pm-12:35pm  Lunch & Performance by The Newhope Tabernacle Youth Team Dancers

12:35pm-1:30pm  Panel 11: “Beyond the Basics”: Wiinaadmaadying (Helping One Another) Education Project  
Chair: Jennifer Murrin, York University  
Bryan Loucks, Coordinator Wiinaadmaadying Education (WE) Naugon Associates, The Bowl Wampum as a Tool for Decolonizing our Spirits  
Saleha Khan, Instructor, Equity and Inclusion Unit, Ontario Police College, Enforcement Services as Encroachment and/or Ally  
Sherry Huff, WE Facilitator, Huff Media Solutions, Journeying towards Decolonizing the Spirit

1:35pm-2:30pm  Panel 12: Modes of Resistance in Arts, Media and Counter-Culture  
Chair: Dargine Rajeswaran, OISE/UT  
Jennifer Wemigwans, OISE/UT, Indigenous Knowledge on the Internet  
Dr. Marilyn Oladimeji, George Brown College, Using Arts Based Learning as a Site of Critical Resistance  
Annette Bazira-Okafor, OISE/UT, Cultural Hegemony and Its Effects on Hip Hop Culture and African Immigrant Youth in Canada
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2:35pm-3:30pm  Panel 13: Exploring Reconciliation through Embodied Drama
Chair: Dr. Jill Carter, Lecturer, University of Toronto
Aliesha Arndt, Angela Nardozi, OISE/UT, and Nancy Steele

3:35pm-4:45pm  Panel 14: Mapping Neocolonialism and Racism in the Global South
Chair: Ahmed Ahmed, OISE/UT
Brandy Jensen, OISE/UT, Race as an Organizing Principle: A Study of International Human Rights
Monica Shank, OISE/UT, Literacies of Conscientization and Resistance: Co-Constructing Reality in Kenyan Classrooms
Demi Suleyman, OISE/UT, Reclaiming Cultural Identity Through Decolonization of Eating Habits
Dr. Kazi Abdur Rouf, Bangladeshi Colonized Peasants Socio-economic Scenarios and Technology use Dynamics in Bangladesh

4:50pm-5:45pm  Panel 15: Theorizing and De-theorizing Black Subjectivity, Neocolonial Cultures and Transformative Pedagogy
Chair: Harriet Akanmori, OISE/UT
Dr. George J. Sefa Dei, OISE/UT, Re-theorizing Blackness through Decolonial and Anti-Colonial Prisms
Dr. Njoki Wane, OISE/UT, African Indigenous Education System: A Decolonizing Project
Dr. Miglena S. Todorova, OISE/UT, The (Im)possibility of Theory: Feminist and Indigenous Approaches to Media and Cultural Resistance

5:50pm-6:00pm  Closing Remarks
Dr. George Dei, OISE/UT

Thank you!