



CBSE Newsletter 2024/25



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Introduction

The Centre for Black Studies in Education (CBSE) in the Ontario Institute of Studies in Education (OISE), University of Toronto, was established on January 1, 2022. The CBSE exists primarily to harness the knowledge of Black scholars and address anti-blackness & inequities that impact Black people in all aspects of Canadian life including education.

The Centre for Black Studies in Education is also designed to:

- 1. Foster, strengthen, and value the Black studies research and pedagogical practices in education.
- Provide for the production and advancement of Black scholarship in the areas of research and pedagogy, curriculum development.
- 3. Serve as a safe, accessible, and inclusive space for OISE Black professors and students; offers space for critical dialogue surrounding issues of race, racism, African Indigeneity, decolonization & more.
- Facilitate collaboration with research programs, faculty members in other departments & community organizations to promote critical Black studies research and pedagogy.
- 5. Provide leadership and training on issues of anti-Black racism and equity training to influence issues of equity.

The Centre embraces a robust framework of education; teaching-learning in formal educational settings & non-formal settings, work/labour organizations, and community-based settings; and supports the theorization of practices grounded in African Indigenous, Afro-Caribbean, and Black Indigenous worldviews and ways of knowing.

OISE, U of T and the wider community offers a dynamic and intellectual space to engage in critical conversations and about Black Studies research/learning - not limited to the narratives, varying experiences and histories (heterogeneity) of Blackness in Canada, Continental Africa and the global Black diaspora.

The CBSE is located in Room 225 on the second floor of the OISE Building. Among some of the activities of the centre offers are scholarly paper development training and writing groups, seminars, guest lectures and an annual conference. In the future, we intend to develop a Journal of Black Studies in Education.

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



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I am honored to have led the Centre for Black Studies in Education (CBSE) in the role of Director since May 2024. This has been my first year—and what an incredible year it has been. It has been both a privilege and a joy to lead the Centre at such a pivotal time. To curate programs and opportunities grounded in Black scholarship, Black excellence, joy, and community celebration is no small task—and I do not take it for granted.

The CBSE remains a vital space that uplifts, empowers, and supports Black students, scholars, educators, and community members—within and beyond the university.

Our work this year has been deeply rooted in the spirit of Ubuntu—"I am because we are." This principle, championed by the Black Caucus, continues to guide our path. It is through collective presence, relationship, and shared purpose that we move forward.

You'll notice that our programming spans both inside and outside the university. That is intentional. We believe in disrupting traditional ideas about who gets to take up space in academic institutions—and how this work must remain connected to communities beyond their walls. Community is not an afterthought; it is foundational to everything we do.

As this report reflects, the 2024–2025 year has brought forward a range of dynamic, engaging programming. From speaker series and community panels to workshops and collaborative initiatives, the CBSE continues to be a hub of critical thought, cultural celebration, and transformative learning. We look forward to building on this momentum in the years ahead.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the past Directors whose leadership laid the foundation for this work: Dr. Amal Madibbo, Dr. Ann Lopez, Dr. Njoki Wane

Thank you as well to the members of the Black Caucus, who have poured into the Centre through their pedagogy, scholarship, mentorship, and enduring presence.

To my remarkable team—our volunteer committee, work-study students, graduate assistant, and administrative staff—thank you. Your dedication and passion make this work po

OUR TEAM



SHERNETT AULD ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT APRIL 2024 – SEPTEMBER 2025

Shernett Auld is a passionate and dedicated educator who possesses a MEd in Administration & Leadership and a MSc in Accounting. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Higher Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. Her research focuses on transition of university professors to administrative leadership positions and challenges faced while in these positions.



SAHRA MOHAMUD GRADUATE ASSISTANT APRIL 2024 – SEPTEMBER 2025

Sahra Mohamud is a second year Master of Teaching Candidate, Registered Early Childhood Educator for 3 years and is the outgoing Graduate Assistant for the Centre for the Black Studies in Education.



MOHAMED RAGE GRADUATE ASSISTANT APRIL 2024 – SEPTEMBER 2025

Mohamed Rage is a first year Master of Teaching student, Registered Early Childhood Educator, and the Graduate Assistant for the Center for black studies in Education.

OUR TEAM



CHANTEL PARRIS ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT DECEMBER 2024 – JUNE 2025

Chantel holds a BA in Business and a BBA in Communications. With a background in event coordination, non-profit programming, and arts, Chantel brings a unique blend of strategic thinking and creative vision to her work.



Gracia Natalia STUDENT SUPPORT October 2024 - February 2025

Gracia Natalia contributed to the team as an Administrative and Events Assistant, primarily managing and growing the CBSE's social media platforms. She is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Fundamental Genetics and its Application, Cell & Molecular Biology, and a certificate in Business Fundamentals.



Suhmer Hyatt STUDENT SUPPORT September 2024 – Feburary 2025

Suhmer Hyatt is currently a first year Master of Teaching student at OISE. She completed her Bachelor of Design, with a major in Illustration from OCAD University in 2019. Suhmer strives to implement culturally relevant pedagogy into every lesson she teaches. She is also passionate about integrating visual arts across curricula (she couldn't leave her first love behind). When Suhmer is not busy with school or tutoring French, she can be found reading, drawing, obsessively playing online Scrabble, baking, or watching something on Netflix with her mom.

CBSE TEAM VOLUNTEERS 2024-2025

Anthonia Ikemeh
Jamie Philip
Lilian Lotechi Obazei
Michael Tucker-Powell
Modele Kuforiji
Nadia Hersi
O'Shea Akal
Joshua Spencer

THANK YOU!

CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDIES IN EDUCATION 2ND ANNIVERSARY

On September 5th, 2024, the Centre for Black Studies in Education (CBSE) marked its 2nd anniversary with a celebratory event held at OSIE Library from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The anniversary celebration commemorated CBSE's ongoing mission to amplify the knowledge and contributions of Black educators while addressing systemic anti-Blackness and inequities in education and beyond. Attendees included educators, community members, scholars, and students who came together to honor the Centre's impact over the past two years.







Centre for Black Studies in Education 2nd Anniversary

The event showcased CBSE's mission through a combination of meaningful reflections, powerful performance, and thought-provoking presentations, celebrating the achievements and resilience of Black educators and communities.

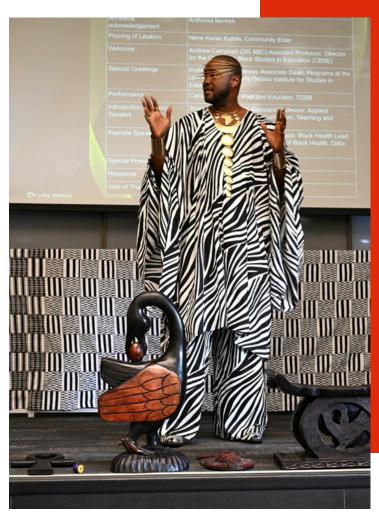
Keynote speaker Roberta Timothy shared a compelling and inspiring message on [TOPIC], shedding light on critical issues surrounding [Brief details on TOPIC]. Her speech [impact of the speech]

Adding to the richness of the evening, Canute Lawrence, a poet and educator, [Description of Canute Lawrence's performance]

The Centre for Black Studies in Education's 2nd anniversary was a testament to its pivotal role in fostering equity, creating inclusive spaces, and championing Black excellence in education.







Centre for Black
Studies in
Education 2nd
Anniversary
PHOTO GALLERY





CBSE Director's Luncheon & Community Connection

To kick off the 2024–2025 academic year, the Centre for Black Studies in Education (CBSE) hosted a community drop-in lunch on August 29, 2024. Faculty, staff, volunteers, community members, and collaborators were warmly invited to gather in Room 225 at OISE for an afternoon of connection, reflection, and celebration.

The event, led by the CBSE Director, offered space to (re)unite in the spirit of community and #UBUNTU, featuring special announcements and a look ahead at the year's vision and activities. The gathering set the tone for a collaborative and vibrant academic year.











Monthly Black Faculty/Student Research Gathering 2024-2025

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The CBSE Black Faculty-Student Research Gathering is a monthly session that is open to all graduate students from all departments, is focused on building the capacity of students to conduct research and do publications and is facilitated by faculty members. Held first Tuesday of every month.

The following is a list of all CBSE Monthly Black Faculty/Student Research Gathering from October 2024 to [Month] 2025. Thank you to all our speakers for their excellent presentations.

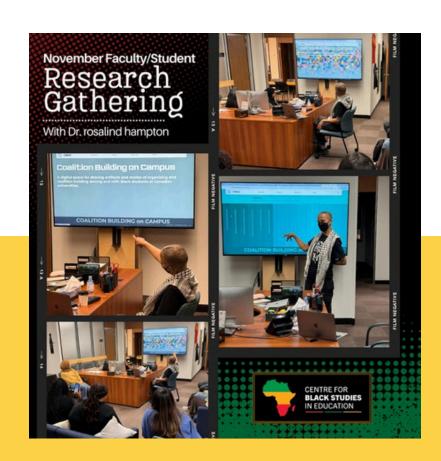
Engaging in Critical Research: Is it for me? October 1, 2024

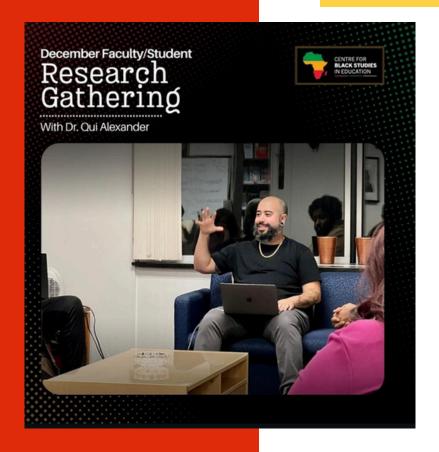
Led by Professor Ann Lopez, this session explored what it means to engage in critical research and impact on students' educational journey and research choices.



Black Student Activism and Coalition Building on Campus November 5, 2024

Led by Professor rosalind hampton, this session introduced students to an ongoing research project organized by Black students at Canadian universities, examining the importance of alternative archives created by and for students.





Mobilizing (Black) Queer & Trans Ways of Knowing December 3, 2024 Led by Professor Qui Alexander, this session explored how students can engage in research that goes beyond using queer & trans people as subjects and think about what it means to put (Black) queer & trans ways of knowing to work.

January 7, 2025

The January Black Faculty/Student Research Gathering featured six Doctoral candidates and students focusing on their research.

Speakers











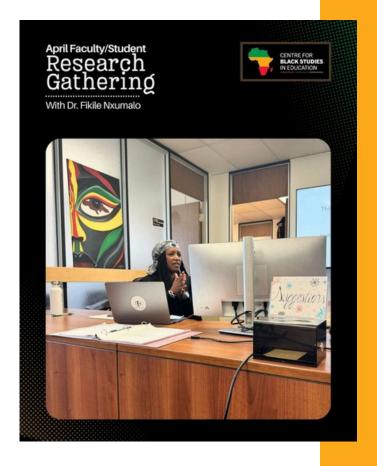


Black Youth Leaving Care: A Photo Elicitation Study February 4th, 2025

Led by Dr. Lance McCready, RAs Bethel Soressa, and Rose-Ann Bailey we explore the lived experiences of Black youth transitioning out of federally and provincially sponsored child welfare.

Thinking With Concepts In Research April 1st, 2025

Dr. Fikile Nxumalo led an incredible discussion on reimagining education through Black feminist geographies and Indigenous knowledge systems, sparking deep reflection and meaningful dialogue.



Black Researcher and Author Speaker Series







October 15- 16, 2024

The Black Researcher and Author Speaker Series was a two-day event happening on the 15th and 16th of October 2024. This event was held online via Zoom from 6:00 – 8:00pm.

Dr. Kaschka Watson

Duoethnography: Truth Telling, Differences and Commonalities in the Experiences of Two Same-Gender Loving Black Men in Academia

Dr. Stephanie Fearon

Inquiry for Social Transformation: Black Mother Scholars Redefining Scholarly Inquiry Through Black Artistic Expression

Dr. Qui Alexander

Giving Black Trans Life: Creating Spaces for Radical Study in and Beyond the University

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Dr. Njoki Wane

African Indigenous Leadership Approach by Black/African Women

Dr. Linda Iwenofu

Anti-Black Racism and the Health of Black Children and Youth: A mixed method systematic review and meta-analysis

Dr. Marie Green

Trees with Roots: Marcus Garvey's Emancipatory Pedagogy in the Caribbean and Africa

CBSE HOLIDAY LINK-UP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH, 2024 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

The CBSE Holiday Linkup provided a heartwarming close to the year, bringing our vibrant community together for an evening of celebration and connection. Guests enjoyed delicious food, shared joyful moments, and embraced the festive spirit that made the event truly memorable.







It was a perfect opportunity to reflect on our shared successes and look forward to the future with optimism.

CBSE Presents: Black Education Symposium "The History of Black Education in Canada"

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH, 2025 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Ledby Professor Afua Cooper, Professor Ann Lopez, Dr. Natasha Henry Dixon, and Rosemary Sadlier, the symposium featured engaging panel discussions that explored the historical roots and future directions of Black education in Canada. Topics included the evolution of Black scholarship, its impact on K-12 education, and the pivotal role of Black leadership in higher education.





The discussions were further enriched by contributions from esteemed academics including Professor Robyn Maynard, Tanitia Munroe, Professor Grace-Camille Munroe, Professor Camisha Sibblis, and Professor Alana Butler.

CBSE Presents: Black Education Symposium "The History of Black Education in Canada"

Panel 1: Revisiting the Past, Focusing on the Future Panelists:

Speakers shed light on key historical challenges and achievements that have shaped our present context, while also offering insightful perspectives on the path forward. Their reflections highlighted the importance of learning from the past to inform more equitable, innovative, and sustainable futures.





Panelist

#1: Professor Ann Lopez (Moderator) - Professor, Department of Leadership, Higher and Adult Education, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education - Panelist

#2: Rosemary Sadlier - Author, historian, educator and social justice advocate - Panelist

#3: Karen Murray - System Superintendent for Equity, AntiRacism and Anti-Oppression for the Toronto District School Board. - Panelist

#4: Professor Robyn Maynard - Assistant Professor, Black feminisms in Canada, University of Toronto

CBSE Presents: Black Education Symposium "The History of Black Education in Canada"

Panel 2: Black Futures in Higher Education

Exploring innovation, equity, and empowerment.

Panelist

#1: Professor Maydianne Andrade (Moderator) o Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at the University of Toronto Scarborough

#2: Tanitia Munroe o Senior Research Coordinator for the Toronto District School Board TDSB and PhD candidate in Adult Education and Community Development, OISE/ UofT





#3: Professor Grace-Camille Munroe o Interim Director, Black Scholarship Institute at the Toronto Metropolitan University

#4: Professor Camisha Sibblis o Assistant Professor and the Director of the Black Studies Institute at the University of Windsor

#5: Professor Alana Butler o Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education at Queen's University

Spring Field Trip: Broaden Horizens Enriching Black Futures

April 15th Field Trip TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025; 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

BFEP, in conjunction with the CBSE, hosted 17 students from the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board at CBSE for a half-day field trip focused on identity, creativity, and educational pathways.





April 24th Field Trip THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025; 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

BFEP, in conjunction with the CBSE, welcomed 16 students from the Toronto Catholic District School Board and 10 students from Downsview Secondary School (TDSB) for a day of exploration, expression, and connection at CBSE.

Spring Field Trip: Broaden Horizens Enriching Black Futures

May 9th Field Trip

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025; 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM



BFEP in conjunction with the CBSE hosted 12 students from Garth Webb Secondary School (HDSB), 10 from Newtonbrook Secondary School (TDSB), 5 from Sunny View Middle School (PDSB), and 12 from the Toronto Catholic District School Board for a vibrant field trip centred on identity, creativity, and postsecondary pathways.

Centre for Black Studies in Education (CBSE)

Presents: Spring Field Trips

Theme: Broaden Horizons, Enriching Black Futures

BFEP TEACHER CANDIDATES X CBSE

WORKSHOP TITLES CURATED AND LEAD BY BEFEP FACILITATORS

Art & Identity Exploration

Facilitator: Suhmer Hyatt (BFEP Teacher Candidate)

Music & Creative Expression

Facilitator: Isaiah Forrest (BFEP Teacher Candidate)

Spoken Word & Storytelling

Facilitator: Keianah Linton-Madray (BFEP Teacher Candidate)

Music & Self-Expression

Facilitator: Monique Grant (BFEP Teacher Candidate)









CBSE Staff and Volunteer End Of Year Luncheon



On April 30th, 2025, we celebrated an incredible team whose dedication has helped create a safe and welcoming space within the CBSE office. Their efforts in planning and executing phenomenal events have deeply enriched our community and made a lasting impact.

A TEAM
THAT
DESERVES
TO BE
CELEBRATED!



CBSE Black Leadership Summer Institute theme: Grounding, Growth & Goal

FRIDAY JULY 3RD, 2025 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

On July 3, the Centre for Black Studies in Education (CBSE) hosted the Black Leadership Summer Institute at OISE, University of Toronto. Centered on the theme "Grounding, Growth & Goal Setting," the full-day event brought together Black leaders and emerging leaders for inspiring sessions on activist leadership, self-care, and leading while Black.





Highlights included a grounding session with Professor Njoki Wane, a keynote by CBSE Director Dr. Andrew B. Campbell (DR.ABC), and powerful talks from leaders such as Celina Caesar-Chavannes, Dr. Joseph J. Smith, and Grace-Camille Munroe.

Attendees engaged in rich discussions, built community, and left with strategies for sustainable, equity-driven leadership. Participants also received a Certificate of Participation and CBSE swag.

CBSE Black Leadership Summer Institute theme: Grounding, Growth & Goal

Mic Drop Panel

The Mic Drop Panel created space for bold, unapologetic truth-telling. Each panelist delivered a powerful 7-minute reflection—offering radical truths that challenged, inspired, and energized our community. Their words uplifted and pushed us toward deeper awareness, action, and collective growth.





Panelist

Claudette Howell Rutherford

Monique Herbert

Allison Parsons

Shelita Walker

Nana Kadupoku

O'Shea Akal

Yvonne Brown

CBSE Black Leadership Summer Institute theme: Grounding, Growth & Goal

Visual Event Recap



We had a live illustrator who captured powerful moments from our keynote speaker and community insights, timelessly reflecting the beauty, strength, and spirit of the day.

CBSE IN COMMUNITY

Black Excellence 365 Brunch

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY2,2025 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

CBSE was proud to be part of the Black Excellence 365 Brunch: Iron Sharpens Iron, This impactful gathering brought together members of the CBSE community in a collective celebration that transcended the simple act of sharing a meal. It served as a powerful affirmation of our strength, resilience, and boundless potential.



Ontario Black History Society's 37th Black History Month Brunch



SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

The CBSE was honored to attend the Ontario Black History Society's 37th Black History Month Launch Brunch. This event provided a meaningful opportunity to strengthen connections and foster community ties. It allowed us to be fully present, engage deeply with fellow attendees, and nurture relationships that enrich our collective understanding. The experience was a heartfelt celebration of Black joy, as we embraced moments of connection and reflection, reinforcing our commitment to community and shared growth.

CBSE IN COMMUNITY

40 Acres Screening



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025; 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

CBSE was proud to attend an advanced screening of TIFF's "40 Acres," followed by an engaging Q&A with producer Jennifer Holness. This impactful event brought together members of our community in a collective celebration of Black and Indigenous storytelling. The film's exploration of history, resilience, and sovereignty deeply resonated with our mission, serving as a powerful affirmation of the transformative impact of narrative in challenging and inspiring us.





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Championing Black research and nurturing Black student success: Centre for Black Studies in Education welcome...

As the Centre for Black Studies in Education embarks on its second year, it seeks to deepen its impact across U of T and within the broader Black education community under the leadership of new director Dr. Andrew...

Ontario Institute for Studies in Education

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Championing Black excellence in education: A conversation with Dr. ABC

Meet Dr. ABC, a U of T alumnus and OISE professor who's an unstoppable force in education, equity and Black excellence.

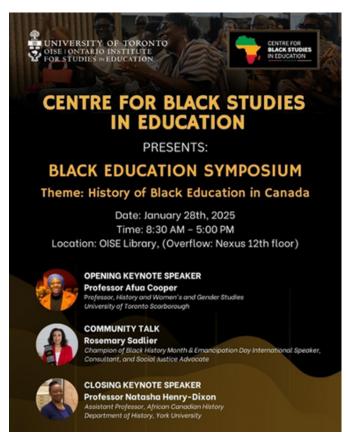
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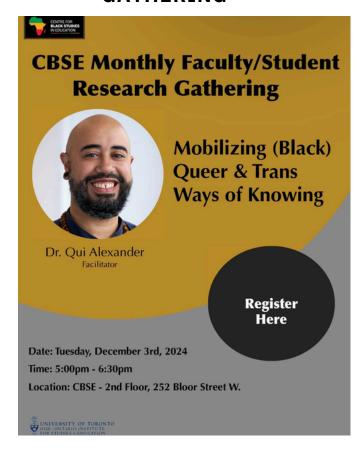


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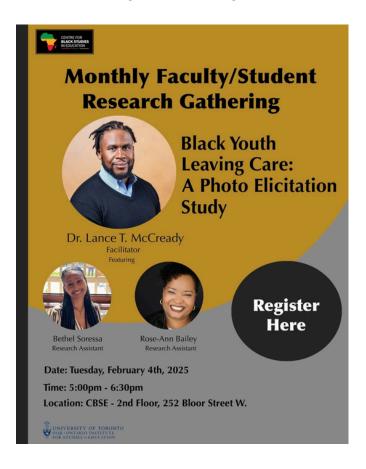


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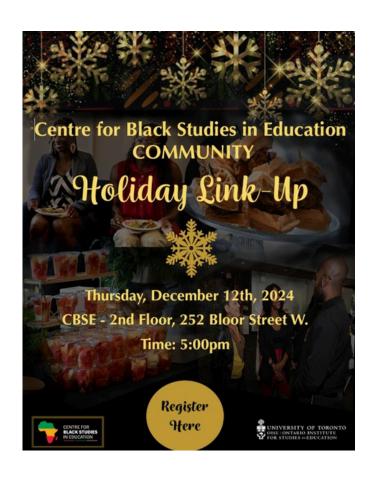


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CBSE 2ND ANNIVERSARY

CENTRE FOR BLACK STUDIES IN EDUCATION PLEASE JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 2ND ANNIVERSARY Thursday, September 5, 2024 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Ontario Institute for Studies in Education Library 252 Bloor Street West RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/cbse-celebrate

HOLIDAY LINK-UP



BLACK LEADERSHIP SUMMER INSTITUTE



BLACK LEADERSHIP SUMMER INSTITUTE MIC DROP

