The Vickers-Verduyn Annual Speakers Series in Canadian Studies

Black History, the Multicultural Present, and the Future of Canadian Studies

Keynote Lecture
5:45 – 7:00

‘My name is not George’: Questioning Anti-blackness; or Towards a Critical Canadian Studies.

Rinaldo Walcott
is Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology and Equity Studies in Education at OISE University of Toronto. His research and teaching is in the area of Black Diaspora Cultural Studies with an emphasis on queer sexualities, masculinity and cultural politics. A secondary research area is multicultural and transnational debates with an emphasis on nation, citizenship and coloniality. As an interdisciplinary scholar Professor Walcott has published on music, literature, film and theatre among other topics. All of Professor Walcott’s research is founded in a philosophical orientation that is concerned with the ways in which coloniality shapes human relations across social and cultural time. Walcott is the author of Black Like Who: Writing Black Canada (Insomniac Press, 1997 with a second revised edition in 2003); he is also the editor of Rude: Contemporary Black Canadian Cultural Criticism (Insomniac, 2000); and the Co-editor with Roy Moodley of Counselling Across and Beyond Cultures: Exploring the Work of Clemment Vontress in Clinical Practice (University of Toronto Press, 2010).

Journal Launch
4:00 - 4:30

The Southern Journal of Canadian Studies will introduce its online and open access special issue: “Constructing Black Canada: Becoming Canadian”, Amoaba Gooden (Kent State), Guest Editor. Richard Nimijean (Carleton U), Journal Editor.

Book Launch and Reception
4:30-5:30


In this ground-breaking new work, Eve Haque explores the roots of multiculturalism and bilingualism in Canada to show that these two important Canadian policies are inextricably linked and operate together as a contemporary national narrative, famously formulated by Pierre Trudeau as ‘multiculturalism within a bilingual framework.’

Eve Haque is an associate professor in the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics and the Department of Equity Studies at York University.

This annual speaker series was established in 2011 to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Trent-Carleton Joint PhD in Canadian Studies.

Thursday February 28th 2013, 4:00 - 7:00, 2017 Dunton Tower