



Summary

The 2015 BCSA Conference presents an exciting opportunity to explore leadership and the Black community in Canada. The conference will be held **from May 21st until May 24th 2015**, under the auspices of the James R. Johnston Chair, Dr. Afua Cooper.

To be held at Dalhousie University, this conference will bring together world-leading academics, community leaders, and the community at large to promote dialogue, critical reflection, and nuanced perspectives on the past, present, and future of Black leadership in Canada.

Goals

- Promote dialogue
- Encourage critical reflection
- Develop nuanced perspectives on the past, present, and future of Black leadership in Canada.
- Contribute to a Canadian society that celebrates diversity and inclusiveness as core values.

Why Halifax?

Recorded Canadian Black history began in Nova Scotia in 1604. The province and by extension, the City of Halifax, therefore hold a special place in long history of Black people in Canada.

In Halifax itself, there were several Africans who were present at the founding of the city in 1749. Since these dates, the city and province have been home to diverse communities of African Canadians including those of Acadian and Planter backgrounds, the Black Loyalists, The Jamaican Maroon, Refugees of the War of 1812, and Caribbean immigrants of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Today, newer Black communities from the African and Caribbean Diasporas have joined these historic communities.

Given the long history of Black people in Halifax, the city is uniquely positioned to host a conference which delves into various aspects of the Black experience, African Canadian and African Nova Scotian life, history, and culture.

Conference Content

Topics of disciplinary contributions will include

- Anthropology
- Business
- Criminology
- Engineering
- History
- Law
- Literature
- Music
- Natural Sciences
- Political Science

Schedule Overview

- Cultural Welcome Reception
Friday May 22nd, 2014
- Concurrent Sessions, Seminars, Dialogues
Friday May 22nd, Saturday May 23rd
- Keynote Addresses
Friday May 22nd, Saturday May 23rd
- Keynote Luncheon
Sunday May 24th
- Other cultural activities and community engagement
Thursday May 21st to Sunday May 24th

Budget and Finances

The 2015 BCSCA Conference will remain accessible to everyone through low registration costs and scholarship opportunities, which will be made available to those in need.

Registration Breakdown:

- \$150 – Early Bird 1 (Jan 12 to Feb 22)
- \$175 – Early Bird 2 (Feb 23 to April 12)
- \$200 – Regular
- \$65 – Student

Total conference expenditures are approximated at \$95,100.

Total conference income is approximated at \$95,800 – including \$63,000 of support.

Sources of Support Include:

- Corporate Giving
- Public Sector Grants
- Institutional Support
- In-Kind Services

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