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Voices From The Community **INVISIBLE WOUNDS: STORIES OF SURVIVORSHIP FILM SCREENING**



From left to right: Founding Director of The CRIB, Associate Professor Tanya Sharpe; Panelists: Tito-tae Sharpe, Deshawn Hibbert, David Johnson, Gerard Meade, Audette Shephard; and The CRIB Senior Researcher, Jheanelle Anderson.

On September 13, 2022, at Innis Town Hall Theatre, voices from the community were uplifted through The Centre for Research & Innovation for Black Survivors of Homicide Victims' (The CRIB) film screening and panel discussion, “**Invisible Wounds: Stories of Survivorship**”. The first in-person event hosted by The CRIB showcased a screening of short films by young Black men who lost family and friends to homicide in Toronto. The film was created as part of a project led by The CRIB in collaboration with StoryCentre Canada and key community-based organizations.



*Dr. Tanya Sharpe, Founder & Director
The CRIB*

Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), the project engaged African, Caribbean, and Black (ACB) survivors of homicide victims in digital storytelling to better understand how they cope and identify what supports they need in order to help them thrive in the aftermath of unthinkable tragedy.

Founding Director Dr Sharpe opened the event with a warm and passionate address. “The *Invisible Wounds* project was designed to hear directly from ACB survivors of homicide victims about the impact of experiencing the homicide of a loved one on their mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing and explore ways to cope with these traumatic experiences,” said Sharpe. This was followed by opening remarks presented by **Professor Barbara Fallon, University of Toronto's Associate Vice-President, Research;**

greetings from **Ms. Mitzie Hunter, Member of Provincial Parliament for Scarborough-Guildwood;** and an overview of the *Invisible Wounds* project and introduction to the film screening by **Dr. Khellon Q. Roach, Assistant Director, The CRIB.**



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After the screening, six panelists (Tito-tae Sharpe, Deshawn Hibbert, David Johnson, Gerard Meade, Audette Shephard, Jheanelle Anderson) joined Dr. Sharpe on stage for what turned out to be an impactful and vivid discussion on their personal experiences as survivors with lived experiences.

One project participant, Deshawn Hibbert stated that, “being a part of the *Invisible Wounds* project allowed him to not just identify what he was experiencing as grief but to deal with it on a deeper healthier level with the support of project participants and team members”.



Mr. Deshawn Hibbert, Invisible Wounds Neighbourhood Ambassador & Panelist



The audience at Invisible Wounds – Film Screening & Panel Discussion - Innis Town Hall Theatre, Sept. 13/22



Invisible Wounds Advisory Committee Members and Project Participants pose with Prof. Barbara Fallon, Ms. Mitzie Hunter, MPP, and Dr. Tanya Sharpe

The CRIB extends sincere thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to the success of the event including – our guest speakers for their invaluable insights; the survivors and neighbourhood ambassadors who participated in the research and who trusted us with their stories; our project partners from StoryCentre Canada, with a special acknowledgement to Rani

for her invaluable editing skills; the Invisible Wounds project advisory committee; the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work; all guests who attended; and the entire CRIB team! Future community screenings are being planned in a neighbourhood near you in 2023. Please be on the lookout for further information!

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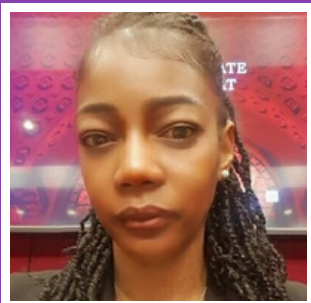


Season 4 of 30@8:30 has begun! This season is all about having candid conversations with special guests ‘from the frontlines’ in both Canada and the United States. People who have dedicated their lives to ensuring that issues of systemic injustice and violence are exposed and addressed, and through their perseverance, determination, grit, and passion serve on the frontlines in service to our most vulnerable communities.

EPISODE 1



“For Whom the Bell Tolls: The Impact of Homicide on Educators & Students” aired on Instagram Live on September 21st. This episode featured **Devon Jones**, founder of the Youth



Association for Academics, Athletics and Character Education (Y.A.A.A.C.E), and **Tamasha Grant**, the lead consultant for Nubian Rising Consultation Services which supports organizations in developing community safety and wellbeing strategies to navigate the challenges of anti-Black racism and oppression while strengthening infrastructure to support Toronto’s most vulnerable communities.

EPISODE 2



“The Black Cell: Artistry as Activism” went live September 28th and featured **Professor Wendy Shaia**. Professor

Shaia is a Faculty Affiliate of The CRIB, author of *The Black Cell* and Clinical Associate Professor and the Executive Director of the Social Work Community Outreach Service (SWCOS) for the University of Maryland School of Social Work located in Baltimore, Maryland, US.



EPISODE 3



Aired on October 5th and entitled, “Project THRIVE” this episode featured Deshawn Hibbert, Invisible Wounds



Neighbourhood Ambassador, and Dr. Carolyn Snider, Chief of Emergency Medicine at Unity

Health Toronto, St. Michael’s Hospital and delved into project THRIVE: Toronto Hospitals Reducing Injury from Violence.

EPISODE 5



“SafeCity TO” went live on October 19th and featured Scott Mckean, Manager of Community Development at

the City of Toronto to discuss SafeTO - a Community Safety and Well-being Plan which aims to advance safety by working collaboratively across sectors, communities and governments to bring about a Toronto that celebrates the well-being and resilience of all its residents.

EPISODE 4



Broadcasted live on October 12th and featuring Andrew Woods, Founding Director of Hartford Communities

That Care in the US, this episode was entitled, “No Safe Haven” and took a look at the commitment of HCTC to creating and supporting non-violent and drug-free communities in which youth and families can thrive.

EPISODE 6



Set to broadcast on **zoom** this week on October 26th for a full hour from 8:30 to 9:30 PM EDT, “From the Frontlines: A

Clearer Point of View” will bring together all guests from this season of 30@8:30 for a collaborative discussion on ways we can move forward in support of our invaluable front line workers. To join us for the Season 4 finale, follow the link below to register and reserve your spot today!

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PARTNERING WITH YONSEI UNIVERSITY - NO. 1 RANKED PRIVATE UNIVERSITY IN ASIA

As the first centre of its kind, knowledge mobilization and establishing diverse global partnerships to address social inequities are fundamental goals of The CRIB. It is within this context that Dr. Sharpe and Faculty Affiliate of The CRIB, Uppala Chandrasekera, then Director of Public Policy at the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Ontario, presented findings from the Survivors of Homicide Victims and Mental Health (SHVMH) project to Yonsei University, School of Social Welfare. The SHVMH project was designed to: 1) advance understanding of existing approaches to working with survivors of homicide victims in a culturally responsive manner; 2) Determine what supports are needed to best assist Indigenous, ACB, racialized populations in coping with the murder of a loved one; 3) Based upon this understanding inform policy related to mental health services for survivors of homicide victims; and 4) Provide culturally responsive training to service providers.

Their talk titled, “SHVMH - Global Social Work Innovation & Collaboration for a Fair & Inclusive Society” not only discussed the findings of the SHVMH project, but also the implications for future research, policy, and practice in a global context. Yonsei University in Seoul, South Korea ranks 1st among Asian Private Universities both in the QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World University Rankings 2023 and the THE (Times Higher Education) World University Rankings 2023.



IN THE MEDIA: CRIB FACULTY AFFILIATES



Janelle Joseph elected to Royal Society of Canada College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists

The CRIB congratulates Faculty Affiliate, Assistant Professor at UofT's Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education, **Janelle Joseph** who was recently elected to the Royal Society of Canada College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists. Dr. Joseph 'joins an exclusive group of Canadian scholars, artists and scientists who have demonstrated excellence and extraordinary productivity at an early stage in their career'.

[Read the full story here.](#)



Keith Adamson appointed Deputy Director at UofT's Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation (CTSI)

The CRIB wants to congratulate **Keith Adamson**, CRIB Faculty Affiliate and Assistant Professor, at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, who has been appointed to the post of Deputy Director at the University of Toronto's Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation (CTSI). In this new position, Dr. Adamson will help CTSI better support the diverse needs of the teaching staff and teaching assistants across U of T.

[Read the full story here.](#)

Founders of the Black Research Network (BRN) and CRIB Faculty Affiliates featured on UofT Groundbreakers S2 E2



Founders of the Black Research Network (BRN) at University of Toronto, who are also Faculty Affiliates of The CRIB, were featured on the latest episode of UofT Groundbreakers - a multimedia series of videos and articles that feature researchers from the Institutional Strategic Initiatives (ISI) portfolio of the Division of the Vice-President, Research & Innovation (VPRI), University of Toronto (UofT). In this episode, **Professors Rhonda McEwen, Maydianne Andrade, Alissa Trotz, and Beth Coleman** discuss how UofT is promoting Black Research Excellence across its tri-campus community. The CRIB extends sincere gratitude and expresses continued solidarity with the BRN who continue to support and uplift the impactful work of Black scholars.

[To view the full video, click here.](#)

The CRIB's Staff Retreat and Team Builder

Over the summer, The CRIB team gathered together for a Working Staff Retreat & Team Builder at High Park, Toronto's scenic and largest public park. Not only did team members get the opportunity to build comradery and teamwork over a few fun-filled activities and lunch; but each staff member was recognized for their hard work and outstanding contributions to The CRIB.



Some staff members of The CRIB pose with their Employee Recognition Awards

*Standing from left to right: Jheanelle Anderson, Tanya Sharpe, Travonne Edwards, Dominique Smith, Zhongmin Lin
Crouched from left to right: Megan McPolland & Antonia Bonomo*

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