

6-7 MAY 2022

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This event will be held online on the *afternoon* of May 6th and *all day* on May 7th, 2022.

Live transcription will be available. ASL interpretation may be possible, please contact us at [robarts@yorku.ca](mailto:robarts@yorku.ca) for more information.

Program and Registration: [www.tinyurl.com/RCF-Symposium](http://www.tinyurl.com/RCF-Symposium)

# Whose voices do you hear? (Re)defining the Margins of Solidarity in Canada

Friday, 6 May (Robarts Lecture) & Saturday, 7 May 2022 (Virtual Symposium)  
Organized by the [Robarts Centre Fellows](#)

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Canadian society is oftentimes portrayed as multicultural and peaceful, even if these representations obscure historical and ongoing forms of oppression for various communities. In recent years, Canadians of all backgrounds are coming to understand the inner workings of such dynamics. This symposium will offer participants a safe space to explore how solidarities are formed at the margins of Canadian mainstream society. The core objective is to bring together various perspectives that confront and redefine how Canadians view themselves, and to present some avenues to change and question the mainstream narrative. Hosted by York University's Robarts Centre Fellows, this symposium is for students, activists and scholars alike to discuss, create and perform what the future image of Canada could be.

*[Poster description: The poster features an image of the Ontario legislature during a cloudy day, presented upside down. The text is a synopsis of what is found above.]*

## Registration Information:

- **Day 1 | Opening remarks and Robarts Lecture:** [www.tinyurl.com/AnnaHudson](http://www.tinyurl.com/AnnaHudson)
- **Day 2 | Full day events:** <https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlpceysrTltHdFFcE701-VblUOcDYcK98Xs>

## **DAY 1 | 6 MAY**

**3pm, EDT**

Opening remarks and Roberts Lecture by Anna Hudson entitled [\*\*\*Qummut Qukiria! Art, Culture, and Sovereignty Across Inuit Nunaat and Sápmi: Mobilizing the Circumpolar North\*\*\*](#)

## **DAY 2 | 7 MAY**

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**9:30am, EDT**

### ***Indigenous Language Advocacy and Activism***

Indigenous languages have been oppressed and banned throughout Canadian history. The current reclamation of Indigenous languages is bringing forward cultural reclamation, but are Canadians doing enough to promote Indigenous language learning? This panel will discuss what community members are doing to advocate for Indigenous languages across Canada.

Panelists:

Ian Martin (PhD), Elaine Gold (PhD) , Susan Dion (PhD) , Brock Pitawanakwat (PhD)

**11am, EDT**

### ***The Black Canadian Experience: Intersections, Responsibilities and Activism***

Canada has a legacy of racism and discrimination towards Black Canadians that still continue systemically in the 21st-century. This roundtable of activists will discuss some of the challenges of advocating for anti-black racism in the wider community, notably as it intersects with other structures of oppression.

**1pm, EDT**

### ***Student Activism in the 21st century***

The future of Canada rests with its younger generations. This panel focuses on the ways in which young people navigate ever-changing national and global landscapes.

Panelists:

Lauren Cristoforo (undergraduate student), Cyrielle Ngeleka (undergraduate student), Rejean Ghanem (undergraduate student)

**2:30pm, EDT**

### ***A Conversation with MPP Kathleen Wynne on the Politics of Solidarity***

A virtual fireside chat with former Premier of Ontario Kathleen Wynne where participants will have the opportunity to hear her thoughts on the politics of solidarity followed by an intimate Q&A.

4pm, EDT

***Solidarity, Activism and the Arts***

Art is a multi-dimensional form of storytelling that helps us understand the past, recognize the present and envision a better future. This panel aims to centre the voices of artist activist artists, art educators and art lovers in supporting shared causes.