

YORK U ALUMNI NEWS

This February marks the 25th anniversary of the first time Black History Month was officially commemorated in Canada. This declaration was thanks in part to the work of Glendon alumna Rosemary Sadlier (BA) and honourary alumna Jean Augustine (LLD '11).

Throughout the month of February we'll be sharing the stories of Black York alumni and opportunities to participate in events across the university celebrating the contributions made by the Black alumni, staff, students, and instructors of York. **Visit York's Black History Month website for more information.**



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Rosemary Sadlier

When Rosemary completed her Bachelor of Arts from Glendon College she volunteered to gain experience while working contract and part-time jobs to save up for her master of social work. **Find out how Rosemary's volunteer work led to the permanent commemoration of Black History Month in Canada.**



EVENTS

Black History Month

Feb 3 | Gospel music: A Canadian perspective [\[watch the recording\]](#)

Feb. 5 | Diaspora, humanism and the global project of Black freedom

Feb 9 | Social (in)justice, racism, and the COVID-19 pandemic

Feb. 9 | How York alumni are advancing initiatives in Black communities

Feb. 23 | The intersection of racial inequality, a global pandemic & climate change

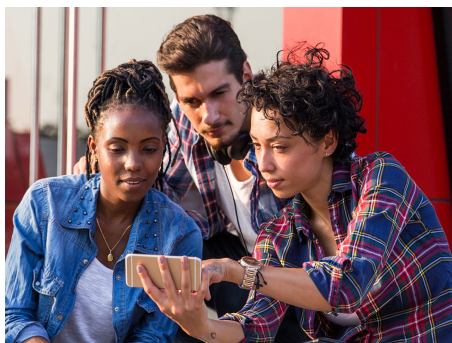
Discover more Black History Month events.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Claiming a seat at the table

Former MP Jean Augustine (LLD '11) helped establish Black History Month in Canada. Now, a committee is fundraising to establish an endowed chair in her name at York. They've launched the "25K in 25 Days" initiative to highlight the 25th anniversary of Black History Month. [Learn more about the Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community and Diaspora and how you can contribute.](#)



BEST OF YORK

Driving positive change

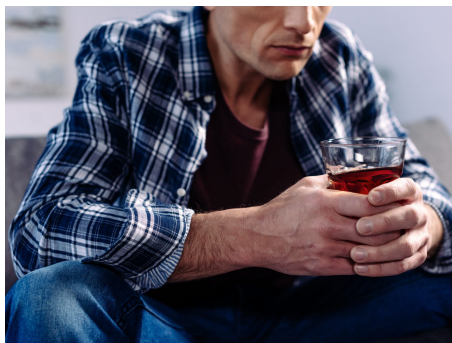
The 2020 York University Economic and Social Impact Report measures and quantifies the significant economic and social benefits generated by York. It tells the story about the difference we are making — for our alumni, our students, our communities, and the world. [Read York's Economic and Social Impact Report.](#)



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

York alumna co-produces eating disorder documentary

Alumna Tegan Duncan (BSc '19) recently co-produced the documentary film *GAIN* that tells the story of her struggle with anorexia nervosa. The former varsity hockey player battled the disease during her time at York, but didn't begin treatment until after graduation. The documentary premiered on Feb. 2. [Read more about Tegan and her film GAIN.](#)



RESEARCH

Drinking to cope

Two York psychology profs investigate coping mechanisms during the pandemic, and discover that people are consuming more alcohol to cope with stress. [Read more about alcohol problems during the pandemic.](#)



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

ICYMI: Eight York alumni appointed to the Order of Canada

At the end of 2020, eight York alumni were appointed to the Order of Canada, in announcements made on Nov. 27 and Dec. 30. Created in 1967, the Order of Canada is one of the country's highest honours. [Read about the York alumni appointed to the Order of Canada.](#)



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Racism in a pandemic

Join us for the York Circle @ Home lecture series on Sunday, Feb. 28 as experts discuss racism in a pandemic. This virtual lecture series showcases York's leading faculty members to engage in panel discussions on key themes related to the pandemic.

[Register for York Circle.](#)

ALUMNI BENEFITS



NEW! All-Canadian alumni armchair travel

Educational travel has gone virtual. Join us live at 12pm EST on March 2 for a trip to Hudson Bay, the polar bear capital of the world, as seen through the eyes of research scientist and former resident bear biologist Dr. Obbard. [Register now for The Polar Bear: Forever icon of the Canadian North?](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS



Feb. 17 | 9am | **Experience Grad York**

Learn what a one-year graduate degree can do for you and explore the range of learning options and career pathways available.



Feb. 17 | 12pm | **Scholars' Hub @ Home**

A family-oriented approach to teaching mathematics will discuss some of the reasons behind math anxiety and suggest potential solutions.

Mar. 3 | 12pm | **Scholars' Hub @ Home**



COVID-19 lockdown: The one-year anniversary features a panel of York faculty members who have been recognized for their commitment to guiding Ontario through the pandemic.

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