



GLRC Weekly Announcements

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Welcome to the GLRC Weekly Announcements where you will find news, publications, events, and other information related to work and labour. An [archive](#) of the Weekly Announcements is available on our website.

If you would like to submit any items, please email us at glrc@yorku.ca.

The Director of the GLRC, Luann Good Gingrich, has written a [statement](#) on anti-Black racism and social exclusion. The GLRC stands in support of other departments at York who have expressed their solidarity, and we especially want to highlight calls to action. Please see the open letters and statements from the [Harriet Tubman Institute \(HTI\) for Research on Africa and its Diasporas](#), the [Race Equity Caucus](#), and the [School of Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies](#).

GLRC RESEARCHERS IN THE MEDIA

- Early this week, *The Hill Times* published '[Profiting from the pandemic](#),' an opinion piece by **Assistant Professor Carlo Fanelli (Social Science, York University)** and Assistant Professor Heather Whiteside (Political Science, University of Waterloo). From the article: "If there is a crisis to be found in the earnings of Canada's Big Six banks, it isn't in how much their profits have been reduced, but rather how high they've remained in the face of a global health and economic emergency."
- In May 2019, the GLRC hosted 'Race, Class, and Collective Bargaining by Riot,' a talk with **Dr. Simon Black (Labour Studies, Brock University)** that followed a screening of the documentary film he co-produced—"It Takes A Riot: Race, Rebellion, Reform"—about the May 4th, 1992 march in Toronto against police brutality. In his talk, Dr. Black asked in what ways we can understand the uprising as a form of "collective bargaining by riot" and why the events of May 4th, 1992 are not understood as "labour history." A recording of Dr. Black's talk can be found [here](#). People wanting to see the film can email Dr. Black directly at sblack2@brocku.ca. The Toronto Star published a [film review](#) by Shree Paradkar, for which Dr. Black and his co-producer, Idil Abdillahi (Assistant Professor, Social Work, Ryerson University), commented.

EVENTS

- **We will be holding a two-day virtual workshop, 'Contested Reproduction of Turkey's Financialized Capitalism: State and Society in Crisis,' in collaboration with Dr. Pınar Bedirhanoğlu (Visiting Professor, Department of Politics, York University).** The workshop will take place from June 11th – 12th. Please see the attached program and poster for more details. Please kindly be informed that this is an invitation-only event – hence not to be shared via social media – and due to the live Q&A format, there will be limited space for the audience. If you wish to attend the workshop, please contact Çağlar Dölek at caglardolek@gmail.com to receive the registration link.
- As part of their Spring Virtual Consultation, **the Canadian Council for Refugees has organized 'Forced Labour Happens in Canada: Precarious Migrants Call for Justice and Protection,' a public education event with front-line workers and advocates** on Wednesday, June 10th at 2:00 pm ET. Click [here](#) to register. For more information, please contact Elvira Truglia at etruglia@ccrweb.ca
- **The Ontario Employment Education & Research Centre (OEERC) is hosting its 9th annual [Workers' Bowl](#) bowl-a-thon on Saturday, November 7, 2020 in Etobicoke.** Team captains can contact Deborah Williams at dwilliams@oeerc.org to reserve a lane for your team by June 30th.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

- **The International Labour and Employment Relations Association (ILERA) has put out a [call for papers](#) for their 19th ILERA World Congress** on June 21-24, 2021 at Lund University, Sweden. The deadline for submissions is November 1, 2020.

NEWS

- **[Social Planning Toronto](#) has released the [CovidHelpTO](#) website to help front-line workers navigate the financial and housing support programs announced over the past couple of months**, including information on eligibility requirements for the CERB, what help is available for people having trouble paying their rent, and support for those who've recently exhausted EI benefits. The English content is currently being translated into 14 additional languages: Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Tamil, Spanish, Farsi, Urdu, Korean, Bengali, Arabic, Somali, French, Vietnamese, Gujarati, and Punjabi.
- **You can listen [here](#) to episode 7 of the Commons: Pandemic podcast on long-term care workers**, featuring Jodel Concepcion, Joanna Bulatao, Lisa Burke, Naomi Lightman, Zaid Noorsumar.
- **[The Centre for Future Work](#) has released a new [report](#) by Economist and Director Jim Stanford entitled '10 Ways the COVID-19 Pandemic Must Change Work for Good.'** The report (co-published by the [Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives](#)) was featured in Jacques Gallant's [story](#) for the *Toronto Star*: "It took the pandemic to shake us up': What COVID-19 has taught us about the nature of the way we work, and what we must do to fix it for the safety and betterment of us all."

PUBLICATIONS

- **Dr. Cynthia Cranford (Associate Professor, Sociology, University of Toronto) has a [new book](#)—**Home Care Fault Lines: Understanding Tensions and Creating Alliances**—coming out June 15th with **Cornell University Press**. From the publisher: “In this revealing look at home care, Cynthia J. Cranford illustrates how elderly and disabled people and the immigrant women workers who assist them in daily activities develop meaningful relationships even when their different ages, abilities, races, nationalities, and socioeconomic backgrounds generate tension.”**

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