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History of the GLRC

- Launched in 2013
- Building from Centre for Research on Work and Society
- Aiming to support research on work and employment in a global context and to promote collaboration between academic, labour, and community-based researchers

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History of the GLRC

Key activities during first charter, 2013-18

- Global Labour Speaker Series
- Graduate Student Symposium
- John Eleen Annual Lecture in Global Labour
- Hosting visiting researchers (Canadian and international)
- Housing York-based research projects
- 'Know Your Rights' factsheets

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Opportunities to Get Involved For Faculty

Grant Preparation

- Finding the right grant
- Guidance through application process
- Preparing & reviewing budgets
- Editing written proposals
- Facilitating peer reviews for drafts near completion

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Opportunities to Get Involved For Faculty

Grant Administration

- Reconciling cost centres monthly
- Submitting expense reimbursements
- Submitting invoice payments
- Preparing and submitting RA contracts and timesheets

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Opportunities to Get Involved For Faculty

Knowledge Mobilization

- Organizing events to showcase research findings
- Sharing research projects/findings on GLRC social media platforms (Twitter, Facebook, YouTube), website, and newsletter
- Facilitating relationships with other GLRC researchers and partner organizations to promote research collaboration and impact

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Opportunities to Get Involved For Faculty

Current Grants Held by GLRC

- (1) *Laborem Ex Machina: A History of Operating Engineers and Heavy Machinery in Canada's Construction Industry* & (2) *Indigenous Workers in the Greater Toronto Area's Construction Industry* - **Gilberto Fernandes**, Visiting Professor, History
- *Clocked In - Work, Time, and Technology in the Digital Economy* - **Mark Thomas**, Associate Professor, Sociology
- *Spaces of Labour in Moments of Urban Populism* - **Steven Tufts**, Associate Professor, Geography
- *COVID-19 and Work Arrangements for Faculty and Staff* - **Kelly Pike**, Assistant Professor, Human Resource Management
- *COVID 19: Building Economic Inclusion and Food Justice* - **Luann Good Gingrich**, GLRC Director; Associate Professor, Social Work

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Opportunities to Get Involved For Graduate Students

Graduate Student Symposium

- Present your research and submit your paper for publication in the Proceedings
- Join the planning committee

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Opportunities to Get Involved For Graduate Students

Positions at GLRC

- Serve as Graduate Student Representative on Executive Committee
- Frequent calls for Research Assistants, Graduate Assistants, and Course/Practicum Placements
- Post-doctoral fellowships

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Opportunities to Get Involved For Graduate Students

Research

- Assistance/guidance through grant applications
- Weekly graduate student Writing Café
- Facilitating connections for mentorship with faculty researchers
- Knowledge mobilization of research (submit to Working Paper Series, with opportunity for faculty review)

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Opportunities to Get Involved For Undergraduate Students

Positions at GLRC

- Serve as Undergraduate Student Representative on Executive Committee
- Frequent calls for Research at York (RAY), DARE, and other work/study positions

Research

- Knowledge mobilization of research (submit to Working Paper Series, with opportunity for faculty review)

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Opportunities to Get Involved For Community Organizations

- Serve on Advisory Committee
- Knowledge mobilization of research (through events and social media)
- Facilitating collaboration with GLRC researchers and community partners
- Facilitating research/internship/practicum placements for students
- Connecting with non-degree educational programs and certificates at York

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Ongoing Initiatives

COVID-19 and the World of Work

Zotero Database

- Collecting resources (news articles, research reports, legislation, etc.) under five research sightlines to facilitate and focus salient research questions
 1. Changing Nature of Work, Employment & Labour Rights
 2. Migration, Citizenship & Work
 3. Gender, Race, & Indigeneity in Work & Livelihoods
 4. Power & Inequality in Unions & Workers' Movements: Decline, Resistance & Revitalization
 5. Health, Wellbeing & Work
- Link to database will soon be posted on GLRC website and made available on York library
- Students working on database: Tinu K. Mathew, Hasan Arshad, Safi Yusuf, Drew Danielle Belsky

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Ongoing Initiatives

COVID-19 and the World of Work

Blog

- Accepting original research briefs, media summaries, opinion pieces, etc. to be posted on our website
- Students working on blog: Tinu K. Mathew, Safi Yusuf
- Pitch ideas to glrc@yorku.ca

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Upcoming Events

Labour Unions Provide a Necessary Layer of Protections for LGBTQ+ Workers

Join us for an engaging discussion of *Union Values and LGBTQ+ Worker Experiences: A Survey of UFCW Workers in the United States and Canada*, a new binational report from the UCLA Labor Center and the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) OUTreach.

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

5:00 - 6:30 pm ET | 2:00 - 3:30 pm PT

Register: bit.ly/3nurVb5

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Upcoming Events

SOCIAL JUSTICE MOVEMENTS IN THE CHANGED REALITY OF THE PANDEMIC AND BEYOND

A series of five panel discussions organized by John Clarke, Packer Visitor in Social Justice
Co-hosted by the Global Labour Research Centre (GLRC) and the Department of Politics at York University

February 11 – March 17, 2021

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Upcoming Events

Las Nubes/GLRC Panel Series: Rural Livelihoods & Social-Ecological Wellbeing in the Global South

Panel 1: February 12, 12:30-2:00 p.m. (EST)

People and Place: Structural and Geographic Conditions Shaping Wellbeing in Southern Costa Rica

Edgar Espinoza Cisneros, Assistant Professor, School of Geography, University of Costa Rica

“Walking the talk” in land management: Structural factors influencing pro-environmental intention-action links in the Savegre river watershed, Costa Rica

Adolfo Quesada Román, Department of Geography, University of Costa Rica

Climate change and tropical cyclones: Impacts on rural and indigenous communities of Térraba catchment, Costa Rica

Panel 2: February 26, 12:30-2:00 p.m. (EST)

Rural Ways of Being and Knowing: Resilience and Wellbeing in Southern Costa Rica

Mburucuya Marcela Ortiz Imlach, Ph.D. Student, Environmental and Urban Change, York University

Peasant Wellbeing in the Alexander Skutch Biological Corridor (ASBC), Southern Costa Rica

Francesc Rodríguez, Associate Professor, School of Political Science, University of Costa Rica

Uncovering the ontological and epistemic dimensions of hydro-extractivism in southern Costa Rica: It's time for a change of direction

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Upcoming Events

Embodying Care: Care Work and COVID-19

Organized by Drew Danielle Belsky

Tensions and Possibilities in Care Work

Joint book launch of *The Privatization of Care: The Case of Nursing Homes* by Pat Armstrong and *Home Care Fault Lines: Understanding Tensions and Creating Alliances* by Cynthia Cranford

More information coming soon

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