



# SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM

TUESDAY | MAY 3, 2022 | 9 AM - 5 PM

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Zoom setup & networking

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM

## Opening Remarks (9:30 - 9:45)

- **Joy Kirchner**, Dean of Libraries, York University
- **The Honourable Vivienne Poy**, retired Senator of Canada

## Sponsors Remarks (9:45 - 10:00)

- **Mary Condon**, Dean, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
- **Siobhan O'Flynn**, Director, Canadian Studies Program, University College, University of Toronto
- **Rachel Silvey**, Richard Charles Lee Director, Asian Institute, University of Toronto
- **Justin Poy**, President and Creative Director, Justin Poy Agency

Host: **Jack Leong**, York University

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

## Keynote Address

### *Anti-Asian mis/disinformation on social media during the COVID-19 pandemic*

Speakers: **Harris Ali**, York University & **Fuyuki Kurasawa**, York University

Host: **Sheila Embleton**, York University

11:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Break 15 minutes



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**11:15 AM-12:15 PM**    **Panel 1: Communicating Safety and Building Trust**

*Historical Distrust of the state in recent immigrants as a cause of disinformation in the Era of Covid-19*

**Suzanne Johnson**, York University

*Race, trust, and COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in Canada*

**Cary Wu**, York University

Panel Chair: **Kalina Grewal**, York University

Discussant: **Sibo Chen**, Ryerson University

**12:15 PM - 1:15 PM**    **Break 1 hour**

**1:15 PM - 2:15 PM**    **Panel 2: How Language Discriminates**

*What is in a name: the COVID-19 virus naming variants and their impact on Chinese Canadian community*

**Jack Leong**, York University

*A brief history of infectious disease, disability and racial conceptions of 'healthy citizens'*

**Geoffrey Reaume**, York University

Panel Chair: **Norda Bell**, York University

Discussant: **Sheila Embleton**, York University

**2:15 PM - 2:30 PM**    **Break 15 minutes**



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**Panel 3: Quality of Information and Social Behaviour**

*Far-right Canadians' twitter discourses around COVID-19*

**Ahmed Al-Rawi**, Simon Fraser University

*Mathematical modelling, quality of information and social behaviour*

**Jane Heffernan**, York University

*Trust, expertise, and information sources during the COVID-19 pandemic in Canada: A national, longitudinal survey*

**Eric Kennedy**, York University

Panel Chair: **Thumeka Mgwigwi**, York University

Discussants: **Gary Genosko**, University of Ontario Institute of Technology; **Christo El Morr**, York University

**3:50 PM - 4:00 PM**

**Break 10 minutes**

**4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

**ROUND TABLE 1: COMMUNITY RESPONSE**  
*COVID and its effects on racialized communities*

Chair: **Jack Leong**, York University

Speakers:

**Teresa Woo-Paw**, former Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta

**Gwendolyn Yip**, University Ambassador, The University of British Columbia

**Cheryl Prescod**, Executive Director, Black Creek Community Health Centre

**Amy Go**, President, Chinese Canadian National Council for Social Justice

**Kevin Huang**, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Hua Foundation

**Winnie Cheung**, Co-Founder, Pacific Canada Heritage Centre - Museum of Migration Society



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9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

## ROUND TABLE 2: MEDIA RESPONSE

*Is all “news” equal? A cross-cultural discussion of the dissemination and sharing of news in the era of COVID-19*

Chair: **Justin Poy**, Justin Poy Agency

Speakers:

**Bill Hutchison**, CTV NEWS

**Leslie Yip**, SING TAO Radio and ELIT GEN Magazine

**Joseph Tsang (Bingham)**, FairChild Radio

**Ishan Gosh**, South Asian Media and Advertising

**Olivia Chow**, Former MP, Former Toronto City Councillor, Executive Director of Change Leaders Institute, Ryerson University

10:45 AM - 11:00 AM

Break 15 minutes

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## Panel 4: COVID-19, Disinformation and Marginalized Communities

*COVID-19, mis/disinformation and the racialized externalization of migrant agricultural workers social reproduction*

**Leah Vosko**, York University

*Covid-19 and Healthcare Waste in the Global South: The Information Gap*

**Jeffrey Squire**, York University

Panel Chair: **Sharon Wang**, York University

Discussants: **Nadia Caidi**, University of Toronto



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**Panel 5: COVID-19, Inequality and Marginalized Communities**

*How COVID-19 exacerbates educational inequities among racialized students*

**Carl James**, York University

*International solidarity and the (Diminishing?) global vaccine divide*

**Obiora Okafor**, York University

Panel Chair: **Sharon Wang**, York University

Discussants: **Agnès Berthelot-Raffard**, York University

**2:00 PM - 2:15 PM**

**Break 15 minutes**

**2:15 PM - 3:15 PM**

**Panel 6: Use, Abuse, & Erasure of Information during COVID-19**

*Newcomers' (dis)information practices: The role of trust in immigrant networks*

**Nadia Caidi**, University of Toronto

*Erasure as disinformation*

**Fay Faraday**, York University

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**Panel 7: Lack of Access to Information: Unanticipated Consequences**

*Legal responses to domestic violence during COVID-19*

**Yemisi Dina**, York University

*Digital exclusion of racialized women at risk of GBV during the COVID-19 pandemic*

**Nazilla Khanlou**, York University

**Thumeka Mgwigwi**, York University

Panel Chair: **Kalina Grewal**, York University

Discussant: **Muyang Li**, York University

**4:30 PM - 5:00 PM**

**Closing Notes/Discussions**