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DEGREES

Ph.D.	Wilfrid Laurier University, Faculty of Social Work	Oct 2020
M.Ed.	University of Toronto (OISE), Adult Ed. and Community Dev.	Dec 2014
B.A. (4-year)	Toronto Metropolitan University, Early Childhood Studies	June 2013
B.S.W.	Yellowhead Tribal College, Indigenous Social Work	Sept 2021- Present

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2023-present	Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Alberta, School of Public Health
2021-present	Full-Time Faculty, Red Deer Polytechnic, Social Work Program
2018-2021	Instructor, Wilfrid Laurier University, Lyle S. Hallman Faculty of Social Work
2019-22	Instructor, University of Guelph-Humber, Family and Community Social Services
2019-21	Contract Lecturer, TMU University, Early Childhood Studies
2019-21	Faculty Advisor (Field Placement), TMU University, Early Childhood Studies
2019-22	Instructor, University of Guelph-Humber, Early Childhood Studies
2018-19	Part-time Professor, Humber College, Early Childhood Education
2018-19	Part-time Professor, Seneca College, Child Development

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- Ewan, A.R. (submitted). Prioritizing the needs of Black children in Canada: Promoting equity in urban settings. *Journal of Race, Ethnicity & the City*.
- Ewan, A.R., Perez, M. & Mohamed, A. (submitted). Creating Inclusive Learning Environments: The Effectiveness of Critical Nurturing Pedagogy for Diverse Students". *The International Journal Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*
- Kissy, E. & Ewan, A.R. (in press). The erasure of Blackness and Shortcomings within the Early Learning and Care sector in Canada: Recommendations for the way forward. *Journal of Early Childhood Studies*.
- Ewan, A.R. (2019). Maintaining the authenticity of co-researcher voice using FPAR principles. *Collaborations: A Journal of Community Research and Practice*, 2(2):18,1-11.
- Cait, C-A., Ewan, A.R., Gokani, R., Moasun, F., Scarborough, J. Stewart, S., & Stuart, H. (2021). Epistemology and arts-based pedagogy: Insights from an autoethnographic case study. *Journal of Social Work Education*. 1-43.

Book Chapters

- Ewan, A.R., Mullings, D.V. & Clarke, J.T. (2021). The social-cultural production of baby mamas: What do baby mamas mean to and for our society? In D. Este, W.T. Bernard, J.T. Clarke, & D.V. Mullings W.T., Clarke, J.T, Mullings, D.V. (Eds.), *Africentric social work: Best practices in working with African communities in the diaspora*. Fernwood Publishing.
- Ewan, A.R. (2021) A village saved us. In, P. Tomasi, J. Charlebois (Eds.), *You are not alone: An anthology of perinatal mental health stories from conception to postpartum*. Wintertickle Press.

Works in Progress

Ewan, A.R. & Parker, B. (In Progress). The politics of parenting and public housing: How Black mothers navigate living in Toronto Community Housing with their children. Submission planned to *The Canadian Journal of Urban Research*.

INVITED LECTURES AND TALKS

2023. *Utilizing anti-racist practice to resist anti-Black racism while working with children and families*, invitation from the Halton Resource Connection to speak with Registered Early Childhood Educators and community stakeholders on how to use anti-racist practice while working with the Black community.
2022. *Supporting Black disabled students in Higher Education*, invited to speak at the University of Ghana's College of Education about the importance of integrating cultural relevance into the curriculum for Black disabled students in Higher Ed.
2022. *Supporting racialized students for success*, invited at the University of Alberta's department of Communication Sciences and Disorders to speak about approaches to helping racialized students in academia.
2022. *Utilizing anti-racist practice to resist anti-Black racism while working with children and families*, invitation from the Milton Community Resource Centre to speak with Registered Early Childhood Educators and community stakeholders on how to use anti-racist practice while working with the Black community.
2022. *Challenges and Opportunities for Africentric Social Work Practice*, invited to the Nova Scotia College of Social Workers to speak to over 100 registered social workers about utilizing an anti-Black racism approach in the field and to also promote a book I co-authored.
2022. *Africentric Social Work Practice*. Invited by colleague to speak with social work students in our department about a book I co-authored and the motivations for writing my chapter.
2021. *Utilizing an Anti-oppression framework in practice while working with children and families*, invited to present a lecture, to second-year field education early childhood studies students at TMU, on how anti-Black racism informs my work with children and families as an Early Childhood Education and Care practitioner. Jan 8.
2020. *The epistemological, methodological, and theoretical grounding of "Exploring the Relationship Between Gender, Race and Space, and Toronto Community Housing Policy"*, invited to guest lecture a social work graduate course at Wilfrid Laurier University, entitled, "Social Work Thought and Theory Development". I will be speaking to first- and second-year PhD students about making connections between epistemology, methodology and theory for their dissertation research. November 17.
2020. *Exploring the effectiveness of critical nurturing pedagogy*, invited to lecture to a class of 54 fourth year students at Guelph University in the Child, Youth, and Family program. The class was entitled "Senior Seminar in Early Childhood Education and Care. I guest lectured alongside to of my research assistants about our research project and Critical Nurturing pedagogy in the context of Early childhood. Oct 29.
2020. *Crossing the Finish Line Amidst Global Pandemic: The Experiences of 4 African/Black Women*, invited to speak at the Harriet Tubman Institute at York University about my experience as a Black doctoral student and mother completing my dissertation during the COVID-19 pandemic. Oct 22.
2016. *Speed Mentoring Marathon*, Invited Guest at an event for aspiring youth seeking employment in the education sector. May 15.
2016. *Youth Career Development*, invited to sit on a panel focusing on education and career development for Toronto Community Housing youth. March 25.
2013. *Speaker series: Pathways to employment and education*, invited to sit on panel that discussed education and career choices for teenaged mothers attending the *June Callwood Centre*.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

2020	Author Appreciation Award, University of Guelph-Humber	\$0
2019	Dr. John Melicherick PhD Social Work Award, Wilfrid Laurier	\$3400
2018	Bettina Russel Social Justice Award, Wilfrid Laurier	\$3000
2016	Dr. John Melicherick PhD Social Work Award, Wilfrid Laurier	\$3400
2016	FGPS Graduate Travel Award	\$500
2015	T.D. Financial Group Academic Development Fund	\$3023
2009	Central Commerce Student Success Award	\$200

FELLOWSHIPS, STUDENTSHIPS AND GRANTS

2022	Reconnection Grant, City of Red Deer	\$3000
2021	Fellow, City of Toronto/ Urban Alliance on Race Relations	\$7000
2020	Knowledge Mobilization and Community Impact, TMU (Co-investigator)	\$15000
2019	Graduate Doctoral Studentship, Wilfrid Laurier	\$5000
2016	Graduate Doctoral Domestic Studentship, Wilfrid Laurier	\$2000
2015	Laurier Graduate Fellowships Doctoral, Wilfrid Laurier	\$12000
2014/5	Youth Action Grant, Toronto Community Housing	\$5000
2010	Post-Secondary Grant, June Callwood Centre for Teenaged Mothers	\$250

BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2019	Laurier Graduate Scholarship, Wilfrid Laurier	\$10000
2018	Laurier Graduate Scholarship, Wilfrid Laurier	\$10000
2017	Laurier Graduate Scholarship, Wilfrid Laurier	\$10000
2017	Laurier Graduate Tuition Bursary, Wilfrid Laurier	\$1250
2016	Laurier Graduate Scholarship, Wilfrid Laurier	\$10000

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Conferences and Panels Organized

2022. Co-organizer, Disability studies in Africa, University of Ghana, Planned for October 21-23, 2023. 2021. Co-organizer, The inauguration of the BPECEC. Virtual Zoom Event, May 12. 2020. Co-organizer, Black Family Support, Delta Family Resource Centre. Toronto, March 31. 2014. Organizer, Exceptional Women of Colour and Careers, T.R.E.E.S Mentorship Program. Toronto, June 15.

Papers and Panel Presentations

Ewan, A.R. (2021). *The effects of Toronto public housing policy on Black motherhood*. IAMAS' 2021 Conference: Building Racial Equality In and Across Motherhood, Sept. 24-26, 2021, Virtual Conference

Ewan, A.R. (accepted). *Developing a socially just Early Childhood Studies curriculum*. The World Association for Case Method Research & Application, The Case Method: Teaching—Learning—Problem Solving, July 6-10, 2020, Florence, Italy. Cancelled due to COVID-19.

Ewan, A.R. & Kissy, E. (Accepted). *Making space for Blackness: The Black resistance of epistemic injustice in the field of Early Childhood Studies and Education in Canada*. BSCA Annual Conference CFP: The Futures of Black Studies in Canada, Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, June 1-2, 2020, London, ON. Cancelled due to COVID-19.

- Ewan, A.R. (accepted). *Exploring and understanding the concepts of race, gender and space through the lens of Black Geographies*. BSCA Annual Conference CFP: The Futures of Black Studies in Canada, Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities, June 1-2, 2020, London, ON. Cancelled due to COVID-19
- Ewan, A.R. & Kissy, E. (accepted). *Making space for Blackness: The Black resistance of epistemic injustice in the field of Early Childhood Studies and Education in Canada*. Construction of the 'Other': Development, Consequences, and Applied Implications of Prejudice and Discrimination, May 4-6, 2020, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, USA. Cancelled Due to COVID-19.
- Ewan, A.R. & Perez, M. (2019). *Exploring the effectiveness of critical nurturing pedagogy*. The (re)Making of a Movement: New Perspectives on the 1960s Counterculture," the sixth annual interdisciplinary conference hosted by Humber College, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Toronto International Festival of Authors (TIFA), November 2-3, Humber College, Toronto, Canada
- Ewan, A.R., & Perez, M. (2019). *Exploring the effectiveness of critical nurturing pedagogy*. Maternal Health and Well-being, April 11-14, 2019, York University, Toronto, Canada
- Ewan, A.R. (2017). *The social construction of Toronto Community Housing residents vis-a-vis policy discourse*. Losing Our Words: Transformations in Language and Culture, Oct 27-28 2018, Humber College and the International Festival of Authors (IFOA).
- Ewan, A.R (2017). *Black Geographies of Women in Rivertowne*. CSA at Congress 2017, May 29-June 1, 2017, TMU, Toronto.
- Ewan, A.R. (2017). *Presenting FPAR research without compromise*. Engage 2017: The 17th Annual Sociology and Anthropology Graduate Student Conference at the University of Guelph, Saturday March 25, 2017, University of Guelph.
- Ewan (2014). *The cultural production of baby mama's: What do baby mama's mean to and for our society?* Mothers, Mothering, Motherhood in Today's World, Oct-14-16, 2016, Pantages Hotel, Toronto.
- Ewan, A.R (2016). *Engaging with Critical Theoretical Concepts: A review of neighbourhood revitalization discourse in academia*. Social Justice Conference, June 23-35 2016, University of Worcester St John Campus at Worcester, England
- Cait, C.A., Ewan, A.R., et. al (2016). *Stories about creative experiential approaches to teaching and learning about epistemology and social work knowledge*. Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, May 18-21 2016, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

Lead Researcher	The Daymark Foundation, SODH , Equity and Perinatal Mental Health	2023-Present
Director of Research and Grants	Alberta Community Togetherness Society	2022-Present
Research Assistant	University of British Columbia, Social Work	2021-2022
Researcher	Centre for Teaching and Learning, Humber College	2019-
Present Ethnographer and Consultant	Government of Canada, ESDC	2021
Co-Investigator	TMU, Nursing	2020-2022
Researcher	Wilfrid Laurier, Faculty of Social Work	2016
Research Assistant	TMU, Early Childhood Studies	2013
Research Assistant	University of Toronto, Speech and Language Pathology	2012
Research Assistant	TMU, Early Childhood Studies	2011

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

* [D]iploma, [B]achelors, [M]asters

[D] Field Work I	Red Deer Polytechnic	2022
[D] Ethics in Social Work Practice	Red Deer Polytechnic	2022
[D] Social Work Practice with Groups	Red Deer Polytechnic	2022
[M] Integrating Theory and Practice	Wilfrid Laurier University	2021
[B] Families in a Canadian Context	TMU	2021
[D] Social Work Practice	Red Deer Polytechnic	2021
[D] Social Work Research Methods	Red Deer Polytechnic	2021
[D] Social Policy	Red Deer Polytechnic	2021
[D] Preparation for Practicum	Red Deer Polytechnic	2021
[B] Early and Middle Child Development	University of Guelph-Humber	2020/22
[B] Issues and Advocacy in Social Justice	University of Guelph-Humber	2020
[B] Theory and Practice of Family Support	TMU	2020
[M] Community Organizing and Group Practice	Wilfrid Laurier University	2019 /21
[M] Ethical Thought and Reflexive Practice	Wilfrid Laurier University	2019
[B] Working with Communities	University of Guelph-Humber	2019
[B] Implementing Strategies	University of Guelph-Humber	2019/21
[B] Field Education II	TMU	2019
[B] Applied Research Proposal	Seneca College	2019
[B] Applied Research Paper	Seneca College	2019
[D] Child Development: 2 to 6 Years	Humber College	2019
[D] Promoting Health and Safety	Humber College	2019
[M] Community Organizing and Group Practice	Wilfrid Laurier University	2018
[B] Family Focused Practice: Early Interventions	Seneca College	2018
[B] Child and Family Relationships	Seneca College	2018
[B] Introduction to Research Methods	Seneca College	2018
[D] Children, Play and Creativity	Humber College	2018
[D] Responsive and Inclusive	Humber College	2018

Teaching Assistantships

[M] Social J. and Transformative SW Practices	Wilfrid Laurier University	2018
[M] Integrating Theory and Practice	Wilfrid Laurier University	2017
[M] Poverty in Canada	Wilfrid Laurier University	2016
[M] Community Intervention, Theory and Practice Essentials	Wilfrid Laurier University	2015

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2014-2021	Early Childhood Educator, City of Toronto
2016-2018	Parent-Child Centre Liason, June Callwood Centre
2016	Community Worker, Toronto Community Housing
2011-2014	Adapted & Integrated Programs Support Coach, City of Toronto
2013-2014	Program Facilitator, Macaulay Child Development Centre

COLLEGIAL SERVICE

Black Community Advisory Member	Inclusive Early Childhood Service System (TMU)	2019-2020
Instructor Mentor	Early Childhood Studies Student Society, University of Guelph-Humber	2019-2020
Reviewer	WACRA 2020 Conference Abstracts	2019
Reviewer	University of Guelph-Humber Journal of Psychosomatic Research	2021

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Member	Red Deer Maternal Mental Health Committee	2022-Present
Co-Founder	Black Professional Early Childhood Education Association	2021-Present
Board of Directors	African Early Childhood Education Village Centre	2021-Present
Member	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Action Plan	2021
Member and Advisor	Canadian Perinatal Mental Health Committee	2020-2022
Member	Black History Society of Ontario	2019-2022
Tenant Representative	Rivertowne, Toronto Community Housing (TCH)	2015-2020
Chair, Member	ACORN Canada	2013-2015
Member	Youth Health Action Network, Toronto Public Health	2014-2015
Co-director	Parkdale Mentorship Program, UofT Medical Society	2014-2015
Mentor	Parkdale Mentorship Program, UofT Medical Society	2014
Member	Youth Planning Committee	2014
Staff	IFIRTO, TCH	
	Parent-Child Centre, June Callwood Centre	2013-2014

CERTIFICATES

Working with Pregnant Women and Substance Abuse	Alberta Health Services	2022
Civic Engagement	City of Toronto	2015
Leadership and Activism	ACORN Canada	2014
Doula Training Canada	Labour & Birth, Postpartum, and Childbirth Educator	2020-Present

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2014-Present	College of Early Childhood Educators—Registration # 47534
2019-Present	Doula Training Canada
2021-Present	Alberta College of Social Workers—Registration #16549