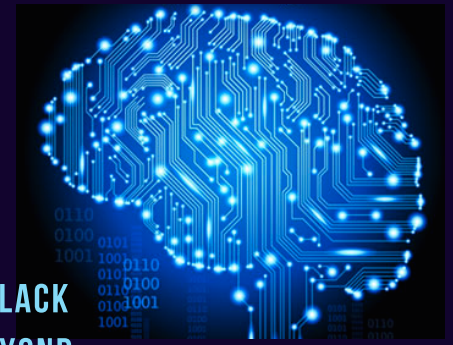


# COVID CONVERSATIONS

COVID CONVERSATIONS SYMPOSIUM RACE-BASED DATA, AI, COVID-19 & BLACK WELLBEING: WHY DATA LITERACY MATTERS DURING THE PANDEMIC AND BEYOND



**Friday May 29th, 2020 1:30-2:00pm EST**

**Land acknowledgement and introduction to the symposium.**

**2:00-4:00pm EST: Black Well-Being in Past-Present Tense: How lessons from the Black Power movement and contemporary histories can guide pandemic responses**

This session will feature a conversation among the discussants about historic and contemporary experiences of Black life in Canada. The efficacy of current demands for race-based data to be collected by and with state institutions will be weighed against the state's track record and the short and long term risks to Black people.

This discussion will engage some of the following questions: How might mobilizing Black histories of self-determination via the Civil Rights movement, Black Power and labour movements help us understand, interpret, and respond to COVID-19? How do the unqualified demands for race-based data illuminate the tensions of class privilege, power differentials, professional desires and institutional attachments within and among Black communities? How might commitments to collective well-being proactively factor in that some people and sub-populations within Black communities do and will bear a greater burden and cost for race-based data, than others?

Equally importantly, what might be done that can achieve the desired outcomes, that prioritizes care? Why might it be important to grapple with these questions anew now?

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**Followed by a question and answer period**