

Wesley Crichlow, PhD

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Transforming criminal justice rehabilitation and elevating human rights for globally marginalized populations

Description

Inequality creates societal gaps and prevents marginalized populations from achieving their human potential. Part of reaching one's dreams is being able to grow roses out of concrete, a notion that has purposefully driven the work of Wesley Crichlow, PhD, Associate Professor in the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, and social justice activist who strives to empower disadvantaged youth.

Grounded in his Caribbean roots, Dr. Crichlow is motivated by cultural identity and race, and his research concentrates on ensuring marginalized voices are heard, by providing the legal framework to improve the conditions for those whose lives have historically been impoverished or discriminated against. He aims to remove the barriers to equality and raise the consciousness of policy makers and stakeholders who can affect positive change.

Dr. Crichlow brings more than 23 years of research, teaching and community university activism in the areas of critical equity, critical race theory, social justice, Black masculinities studies, and queer activism from an intersectional and interdisciplinary perspective. His latest community-based study investigates the impacts of criminalization on LGBTQI incarcerated youth and adults, and the implications for Canadian legal and correctional policy. He aims to establish a strength-based research program for adapting and piloting evidence-based healthcare interventions for African, Caribbean and Black men in Toronto.

On an international scale, he is collaborating with researchers from Toronto's Ryerson University, Latin America and the Caribbean to investigate ways to improve the human rights agenda by expanding knowledge to protect children's rights for youth. Dr. Crichlow and his colleagues will provide key recommendations to strengthen their rights, consistent with Article 19 of the UN Convention.

He joined UOIT in 2003, and has contributed to the development of substantial social justice and equity policies at UOIT. Previously, Dr. Crichlow spent four years as an Assistant Professor in Social Work & Law at Ottawa's Carleton University. His desire to engage in critical thinking for social transformation and improve human conditions prompted him to obtain a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Law & Society from York University, earn a Master of Education in Sociology and Equity Studies, and a Doctorate in Critical Pedagogy, both from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Corrections, Law Enforcement, Research

Topics

Queer Criminology and Queer Rights, Critical Race Equity Scholarship and Antiracist Racism, Black and Caribbean Youth Masculinities, Alternative Rehabilitation and Community Reintegration, Human Rights Protection for Children and Youth, Institutional Racism

Affiliations

American Society of Criminology “ Division on People of Colour and Crime, Canadian Review of Sociology/Revue Canadienne de Sociologie, DiverseCity: The Greater Toronto Leadership Project, CERIS “ The Ontario Metropolis Centre, Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association Division on Political Sociological Social Movements Cluster, Caribbean Studies Association, Black Canadian Studies Association

Past Talks

Student Evaluations, Race and Workplace Discrimination and Harassment
OCUFA Grievance Committee Training

Racism, the Black Professoriate & Collective Agreements
The Anti-Black Racism Network Conference

Human Rights, Intersectionality & Black LGBTQ Institutional Invisibility
Ontario Human Rights Commission “ Racial Profiling Policy Dialogue

Localized Intersections of Oppression: Black LGBTQ
AIDS Committee of Durham “ One Voice Conference

The Black Professoriate, Racism and Grievances
CAUT Forum for Senior Grievance Officers, Defending a Diverse Membership

Black Youth Adoption from Residential School to Prison-Pipeline
Adoption, Youth and School Violence. Caribbean Studies Association Conference

Queer Challenges to the Hegemony of Heteronormative Criminological and Sociological Discourses
Queering the Moral Politics of Home and Exile. Caribbean Studies Association Conference

The Sexual Politics of Black Leadership in Toronto: A Commentary
2nd Biennial Black Canadian Studies Association Conference Community, Empowerment & Leadership in Black Canada

Critical Race Theory & Storytelling: A Strategy for Framing Discussions Around Social Justice & Democratic Education
Higher Education in Transformation

LGBTQ Gang Involved Youth in a Multicultural Context
Roundtable: Emergent Research in Queer Criminology, American Society of Criminology

Education

University of Toronto, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
PhD Critical Pedagogy

University of Toronto, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
MED Sociology and Equity Studies

York University
BA Sociology and Law & Society

Accomplishments

Co-Chair, Equity Committee, Canadian Association of University Teachers

The Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) is the national voice of 68,000 academic and general staff at more than 120 universities and colleges across Canada. As a member of the CAUT Executive Committee, Dr. Crichlow has been elected Co-Chair of the Equity Committee, a standing committee of the council. The role of the committee is to make recommendations to CAUT Council and Executive Committee on equity-related policy matters and activities in post-secondary education.

Guest Editor, Caribbean Review of Gender Studies: A Journal of Caribbean Perspective on Gender and Feminism

Dr. Crichlow served as Guest Editor of the journal issue entitled: Fragility and Persistence of Dominant Masculinities.

Chair, Community Advisory Board, Toronto South Detention Centre

Dr. Crichlow has been appointed for a three-year term in this role. Collaboration between the Community Advisory Board (CAB) and Toronto South Detention Centre (TSDC) the director, TSDC management team and staff will improve the CAB's understanding of the operation of the institution, demystify the operation of the CAB and improve CAB members' understanding of the administration of the institution.

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