Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies 2021 External Review

External Reviewer: Dr. Andrea A. Davis

Brief Biography

Dr. Andrea A. Davis is associate professor in the Department of Humanities at York University, and academic convenor of the 2023 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences to be held at York. Prior to this role, she was Special Advisor on the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies’ Anti-Black Racism Strategy. A former Canadian commonwealth scholar, Dr. Davis earned a BA in English and Spanish Literatures (first class honors) from the University of the West Indies (Mona campus) and MA and PhD degrees in English at York University.

Dr. Davis’s research is rooted in anti-racist feminism and analyzes questions of race and gender through a focus on the literary and cultural productions of Black women. Her new book, *Horizon, Sea, Sound: Caribbean and African Women’s Cultural Critiques of Nation* imagines new reciprocal relationships among Black, Indigenous and other racialized women, and offers new reflections on the relationship between the Caribbean and Canada. Her interdisciplinary SSHRC partnership development grant on the effects of violence on Black youth was profiled in the 2012-2013 Research Matters Campaign by the Council of Ontario Universities.

Dr. Davis established and coordinates the Black Canadian Studies Certificate at York and is an award-winning teacher, most recently receiving a 2021 3M National Teaching Fellowship. She holds cross-appointments in the graduate programs in English; Interdisciplinary Studies; Gender, Feminist and Women’s Studies; and Social and Political Thought.

She is co-editor of the *Journal of Canadian Studies*, former Chair of the Department of Humanities (2015-2020), and former academic colleague on the Council of Ontario Universities (2018-2020).