

ACMP Black History Month Celebration 2026

Black Narratives Leading Our Communities

 February 27, 2026  5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

 University of Winnipeg – Riddell Hall (In-person + Virtual)

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 K&S Island Grill (Free Dinner & Refreshments)

5:00 - 5:15 PM

ARRIVAL, REGISTRATION & COMMUNITY SHOWCASE

- Black Business/Student Research Showcase opens - tables, displays, networking (ongoing)
- Live Painting begins in the background (Efemena Ogburu)
- Soft music (DJ Konjo) & welcome visuals highlighting Black Canadian history

5:15 - 6:00 PM

PANEL DISCUSSION & ZOOM LOBBY OPENS

Theme: Empowering Voices: Amplifying Black Narratives in Leadership

- Shakerah Jones Hall (**Moderator**)
- Ayodele Ajila
- Jamie Moses
- Bunmi Afolabi
- Abigail Larson
- Abigail Kawadza
- Kerry-Ann Spencer-Williams

5:00 – 7:00 PM

DINNER SERVICE & CULTURAL FLOW

- Dinner served (**K&S Island Grill**)
- Live painting continues
- Black Business/Student Research Showcase
- Soft music & welcome visuals highlighting Black Canadian history

6:50PM – 7PM

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

- Juice of Canada

7:00 – 7:10 PM

MAIN EVENT OPENS

Mcee's: Dr. Obren Amiesimaka and Rumbidzai Siyawamwaya

- Land acknowledgment. (**Dr. Jino Distasio**)
- Opening song – Lift Every Voice (**Rhonda Thompson**)

7:10 – 7:20 PM

OPENING ADDRESS

- Welcome & opening remarks from ACMP and partner institutions

7:20 – 7:27 PM

FIRST BURSARY/COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD SESSION

- Three Book Bursary Awards – 3 High School recipients
- Presenting two ACMP Community Recognition Awards

7:27 – 7:32 PM

FIRST PERFORMANCE

- Spoken Word - Emmanuella Shaibu

7:32 – 7:40 PM

UOFW WELCOME ADDRESS

- Interim President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Winnipeg, **Dr. Jino Distasio**
- Vice President, Academic, **Dr. Pavlina Radia**

7:40 – 7:45 PM

MAYOR OF WINNIPEG'S REMARKS

- Mayor Scott Gillingham's remarks

7:45 – 7:50 PM

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE ADDRESS- DR. WARREN CLARKE

- Dr. Warren Clarke, ACMP Presenting the one ACMP Community Recognition Awards Recipient
- Dr. Warren Clarke to introduce His Excellency

7:50 – 8:05 PM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Speaker: His Excellency, **Honourable Gline Clarke** - High Commissioner to Canada from Barbados

8:05 – 8:10 PM

POST-KEYNOTE ADDRESS SESSION

Barbados Association member, **Jeremy Zlotty** to engage with His Excellency, Honourable Gline Clarke, High Commissioner to Canada from Barbados

8:10 – 8:18 PM

SECOND BURSARY AND COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD SESSION

- **Jennifer Trotman** to present two Book Bursary Awards- UW recipients
- **Jennifer Trotman** to present Community Recognition Award

8:18 – 8:28 PM

SECOND PERFORMANCE

- CBNA BHM dance group

8:28 – 8:35 PM

THIRD BURSARY AND COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD SESSION

- Fred Meier, President, RRC Polytech, to award two Book Bursary Awards – 2 RRC recipients
- Fred Meier, President, RRC Polytech, to present one Community Recognition Award

8:35 – 8:45 PM

THIRD PERFORMANCE

- Comedy Showcase (**Emmanuel Lemuro**)

8:45 – 8:52 PM

FOURTH BURSARY/COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD SESSION

- **Anderson Brooks , ACMP Board member** to present community award
- **Richmond Opoku-Prempeh, ACMP Coordinator** to present 2 Book Bursary Awards – 2 UM recipients

8:52 – 8:57 PM

FOURTH PERFORMANCE

- Spoken Word - **Emmanuella Shaibu**

8:57 – 9:05PM

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AWARD SESSION

- **Bethel Alemaio**, ACMP Coordinator - presenting the 2 ACMP Community Recognition Awards

9:05 – 9:10 PM

FIFTH PERFORMANCE

- Spoken word – **Marianne Shaibu**

9:10 – 09:20 PM

VOTE OF THANKS & CALL TO ACTION

- Unveiling/presentation of the completed live painting (Live Auction)
- Vote of Thanks from ACMP team
- Thank you to partners, volunteers, and attendees

9:20 – 9:30 PM

FINAL THANKS & NETWORKING

- Final Song Send-off – **DARA**
- Music - **DJ Konjo**
- Informal networking
- Business showcase closes
- Virtual session wrap-up