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Learning to Do Research *With, Not On*: Youth Participatory Action Research with Black and Indigenous Young People

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Connect with colleagues during this in-person presentation at the GSE (Room 124).

Lunch will be provided! Can't attend in person? Join us remotely via [Zoom!](#)

In this talk, Dr. Jade Nixon will reflect on how she learned to do research *with, not on* by working alongside Black, Indigenous, and racialized youth co-researchers in several Youth Participatory Action Research (YPAR) projects within the Tkaronto Circle Lab, an Indigenous feminist research lab. She will share how she developed more relational and careful approaches to research that intervened in the foundations of her disciplinary training. These practices deeply informed her engagement with participants in her doctoral study and continue to guide her postdoctoral research with Black and Indigenous girls. By sharing these lessons learned, she highlights how social science researchers can move beyond harmful and extractive traditions.

Jade Nixon (she/her) is Afro- and Indo-Caribbean and currently a New York University Provost's Postdoctoral Fellow. Prior to joining NYU, she was the inaugural Black and Indigenous Waterways Research Fellow and completed her PhD at the Women and Gender Studies Institute at the University of Toronto. Born and raised outside of the Caribbean region, she grew up in a city on the outskirts of Tkaronto, on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. She now lives on one of the islands in Lenapehoking.