

**Enoch Turner Schoolhouse Talks  
November 2020 and January 2021**

**Opening the Schoolhouse to All**

*Promoting awareness of the continuing struggle for  
universal access to public education*

Co-coordinated by Professors Paul Axelrod and Jason Ellis

**PROGRAM**

**I The Promise of Equity: Race, Multiculturalism, and First Nations Education, Nov. 17, 2020**

Historical Moment: Closing the last “negro” segregated separate schools in Ontario in 1964-65.

- Carl James, Jean Augustine Chair in Education, Community and Diaspora, York University
- Rob Vipond, U of T political scientist, author of award-winning, *Making a Global City: How One school [Clinton Street Pubic School] Embraced Diversity*
- Natasha Henry, York PhD History candidate, teacher, and President of the Ontario Black History Society
- Ian Mosby, Ryerson University historian, specialist in the study of food, indigenous health, and the politics of settler colonialism
- Funké Aledejebi, (Panel chair) Department of History, University of Toronto, author of forthcoming book, *Schooling the System: A History of Black Women Teachers*

**II Are We Moving Closer to Gender Equity in Education? Nov. 24, 2020**

Historical Moment: The publication of the Report of the Royal Commission on the Status of Women (1970).

- Kathleen Wynne, former school trustee, Minister of Education, Premier of Ontario
- Kristina Llewellyn, University of Waterloo, author of *Democracy's Angels: The Work of Women Teachers*
- Sachin Maharaj, Toronto District School Board, Toronto Star education columnist
- Jane Gaskell (Panel Chair), Dean Emerita, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education-University of Toronto, member of Royal Society of Canada

### III Doing the Right Thing: Disability, Autism, and Special Education, Jan 12, 2021

Historical Moment: Bill 82 (1980) which obligated Ontario schools to meet special needs in schools.

- Margaret Spoelstra, President, Autism Ontario
- Natalie Spagnuolo, PhD, Social Policy Committee, Council of Canadians with Disabilities, and co-founder of Memory Witness and Hope: Sharing Stories About Surviving Institutions
- Gillian Parekh, Canada Research Chair: Inclusion, Disability and Education, Faculty of Education, York University
- Jason Ellis (Panel Chair), Faculty of Education, University of British Columbia, author of *A Class by Themselves: The Origins of Special Education in Toronto and Beyond*

### IV Does Liberal Education Matter in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century? Jan. 19, 2021

Historical Moment: The founding of York University in 1959, committed to the teaching of general and interdisciplinary education.

- Lorna Marsden, former President, York University, editor, *Leading the Modern University: York University's Presidents on Continuity and Change, 1974-2014*
- Paul Gooch, former President, Victoria University in the University of Toronto, author of *Course Correction: A Map for the Distracted University*
- Ian Milligan, Department of History, University of Waterloo, author of *History in the Age of Abundance? How the Web Is Transforming Historical Research*
- Qiang Zha, Faculty of Education, York University, co-editor, *International Status Anxiety and Higher Education: The Soviet Legacy in China & Russia*
- Paul Axelrod (Panel Chair), Professor Emeritus, former Dean of Education, York University, author of *Values in Conflict: The University, The Marketplace, and the Trials of Liberal Education*