**MCGILL SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK PRESENTS**

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## *Virtual Roundtable Discussion*

**February 18, 2022  1:00-4:00pm**

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# Centering Blackness in Social Work: Afrocentric Approaches to Practice

Kevin Ufoegbune   Margo Thompson   Tony Black   Rohan Thompson   Myrlie Marcelin   Melissa-Ann Cobbler

# Kevin Ufoegbune

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Kevin is a therapist, life coach and registered social worker. He promotes mental health and wellness through therapy and life coaching sessions as well as advocacy work. Kevin has an interest and expertise in coaching and counselling unique populations such as Black boys and men and individuals within the BIPOC Community. He works with clients who have anxiety and depression. Kevin takes a culturally and racially sensitive approach as well as a strength-based perspective in working with his clients.

# Margo Thompson

Margo has over 15 years of professional experience with focus in Child Welfare, relationships and marriage, conflict resolution, mentoring, diversity, equity and inclusion, and strength-based modalities. Margo is a skilled therapist who identifies as a Black woman, second generation immigrant, wife, and mother of five children, ranging in ages from 7-21 years old. She is also a Christian and is able to incorporate Bible and faith-based principles, and support services to her work. Margo prioritizes working alongside her clients, to work at their pace, in order to achieve their goals.

# Tony Black

Tony Black is a Registered Social Worker who has worked in the field of Addictions and Mental Health for 25 years. Tony has developed expertise in working with individuals around issues of housing, life redevelopment and overcoming barriers in the justice system. He has worked with youth and adults living with substance use issues, mental health diagnoses, PTSD and other emotional issues. Tony is a gay, black, cis-gendered man who provides services to individuals seeking to explore how issue related to their identities impact their mental and emotional health and also to all those seeking to address their histories of trauma.

# Rohan Thompson

Rohan Thompson is a dedicated licensed social worker/psychotherapist. Versed in a broad range of treatment approaches, Rohan has more than 15 years of experience working with individuals and families who need support navigating challenges, healing from traumas, and maintaining mental wellness. He has also worked closely with organizations to improve employee mental health and ensure equity-driven policies, programming, and executive leadership.

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# Myrlie Marcelin

Myrlie Marcelin holds a Master's in Social Work (MSW), is a recent graduate of the Couple-and-Family Therapy Master's (CFT) at McGill University, and a soon-to-be psychotherapist. As a clinical social worker and couple and family therapist, Myrlie hopes her career will allow her to uplift BIPOC & LGBTQ+ communities by advocating for people whose voices have traditionally been ignored and overlooked, and also by showing clients that Black mental health professionals exist and are working to reduce harm. Working with a systemic and attachment-focused framework, she has supported clients with depression, anxiety disorders, interpersonal difficulties, relationship concerns, emotional dysregulation, conjugal violence, and complex trauma. As a mental health advocate, private practice clinician and BIPOC wellness advisor, Myrlie works towards empowering, supporting and critically exploring individuals, couples and families in a therapeutic capacity.

# Melissa-Ann Cobbler

Melissa-Anne Cobbler is a bona fide 80s baby who is made up of Montréal winters, Caribbean roots, and Audre Lorde quotes. A social worker who is a current graduate candidate in the Couple and Family Therapy program at McGill University, Melissa's work clinically and creatively connects to the pillars of intersectionality and narrative to support individuals in cultivating their own stories. Melissa identifies as a Black womxn womanist and is employed as an Access Advisor at McGill University.