



Black English-Speaking
Communities
Research & Resources



QUESCREN Working Papers

QUESCREN's working paper series focuses on English-speaking Quebec. The working papers are timely and written in plain language. They are not peer reviewed. Several of our working papers offer insights into Black English-speaking communities in Quebec:

- **They “Could Care for Our Elderly in Our Homes”: The historical impact of Black caregivers**, QUESCREN Working Paper no. 10, April 2023, by Dorothy W. Williams
 - **Did the Black Lives Matter Movement Help English-Speaking Black Young Adults in Quebec Recover from the Damaging Psychological Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic**, QUESCREN Working Paper no. 4, April 202, by Richard Koestner & Anne C. Holding
 - **A Posthumous Honour for a Conspicuous Life Dr. Gaspard in Quebec**, QUESCREN Working Paper no. 3, April 2020, by Dorothy Williams
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QUESCREN Researcher-Members

The following QUESCREN researcher-members are working on research related to the Black community:



Williams, Dorothy W., PhD

President and Founder, Blacbiblio.com, Inc.

President Da Costa Angelique Institute (DAI)

Founding member, Black Arts History of Montreal (BAHM)

Expertise

Arts/culture/literature, Community development,
Demography, Diversity/Ethno-cultural subgroups, Economic
development/employment, Education, History/heritage,
Identity, Immigration/migration, Social Services, Youth,
Poverty/Social exclusion, Biography, Bibliography, Archives,
Publishing, Montreal, Black community

Read her [researcher-portrait](#).



Koestner Richard, PhD

Full Professor, McGill Human Motivation Lab, McGill University

Expertise

Identity, Psychology, Education, Black community

Read his [researcher-portrait](#).

QUESCREN Researcher-Members (cont.)

The following QUESCREN researcher-members are working on research related to the Black community:



Collins, Tya, PhD

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Ottawa

Expertise

Community development, Diversity/ethno-cultural subgroups, Education, Immigration/migration, Black studies, Disability studies



Hamilton, Leith, MSW

Consultant

Expertise

Community Development, Diversity/Ethno-cultural subgroups, Justice, Law/policy, Poverty/social exclusion, Social services, Montreal, Black community



Villella, Mélissa, PhD

Professor, Unité d'enseignement et de recherche en sciences de l'éducation, Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue (UQAT)

Expertise

Identity, Education, Leadership, Anti-Black Racism

Bibliography on English-speaking Quebec

by Brendan O'Donnell

The *Bibliography of English-speaking Quebec* is designed to support research on English-speaking Quebec by bringing together material on the community's history, contributions, characteristics, and concerns. It catalogues a wide range of secondary sources — from scholarly studies and magazine articles to films and websites — covering the period from the Conquest to today. It includes over 300 references related to the Black community.

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Video Resources

Relevant videos are available on our [Black Community Research and Resources Youtube playlist](#):



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People's History of English-Speaking Quebec

This "People's History of English-Speaking Quebec" project looks at English-speaking Quebecers from the 1600s to the present. It highlights underrepresented groups, including ethnocultural communities, workers, and women. It focuses on how these groups organized and engaged in collective action for positive social change.

As a part of the "Oral History Videos" we interviewed Linton Garner, who discussed connecting community groups across Montreal and Quebec, addressing the tendency to exclude non-white minorities' interests.



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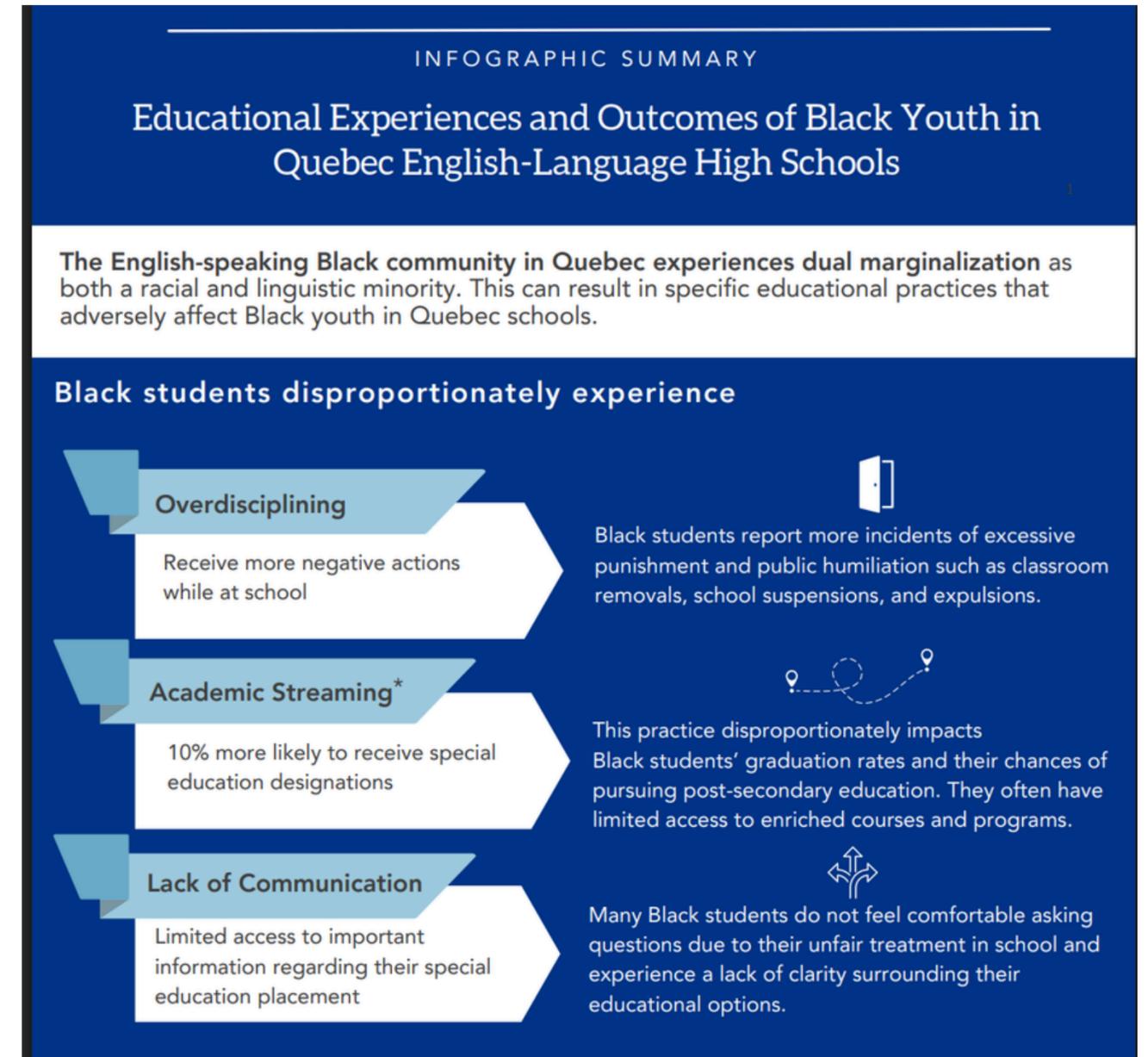
The **Community Knowledge Open Library (CKOL)** is an online database created by QUESCREN that provides searchable access to resources produced by organizations serving English-speaking communities in Quebec. It focuses on publicly distributed “grey literature,” such as reports, briefs, newsletters, and presentations. It contains over 130 resources related to the Black community.

ILET Research Hub

The Inter-Level Educational Table (ILET) Research Hub shares research information about Quebec's English-language education ecosystem. It helps people learn about important issues in the sector from an evidence-based perspective. The Hub aims to keep the English-language sector strong, guide future education policies, and improve community life.

There are three resources pertaining to the Black community on the Hub:

- [Tya Collins' video profile](#)
- [And accompanying infographic](#)
- [The Education to Employability Study](#) by John Davids and Morgan Gagnon



Education and Vitality Forum

The **Education and Vitality Forum** is a QUESCREN and ILET biennial event that brings together researchers, practitioners, community partners, and policymakers to exchange research, insights, and best practices related to Quebec's English-language education system — from early childhood through post-secondary. Since 2018, it has fostered dialogue across the education continuum within a lifelong learning perspective.

Forum 2025:

- Keynote by Denburk Reid: "Beyond the Game: Building Strength Through Sports, Education & Community " (*video coming soon*)

Forum 2023:

- Keynote by Dr. Tya Collins: "Minorities, Minoritization, and the Education of African, Black, and Caribbean Diasporic Youth"

Forum 2021:

- Sustainable Initiatives for the Future of English-Speaking Black Communities

Panelists: Alix Adrien, Quebec Board of Black Educators (QBBE)

Clarence Bayne, Concordia University

Désirée Roachat, Observatory of the Sommet pour le développement socio-économiques des jeunes des communautés noires

COM-UNITY and the BCRC

The **COM-Unity Project** was a multi-year initiative that aimed to strengthen belonging among English-speaking communities in Quebec. It brought together QUESCREN and seven partner organizations across the arts, culture, heritage, and education sectors to celebrate and share community stories.

The Black Community Resource Centre (BCRC) was one of our COM-Unity partners and produced this series:



Where They Stood: The Animated Series

The *Where They Stood* animated series is a five-episode project created by English-speaking Black youth, inspired by the book *Where They Stood: A Historical Account of the Evolution of Black-Anglo Montreal*.

The series explores the history and evolution of Black English-speaking organizations in Quebec and their response to settlement and development challenges.

The BCRC also has more resources [on its website](#).

Contact Us

We will be updating this list as more resources become available.

Reach out for more support and information on our resources.



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