

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Members, Elders,

Greetings – last day of 2022. I wish you all a blessed 2023!

Many of us, have been in close touch since the summer as we come to the informal café sessions, co-publish and present together. I wanted to highlight a few key events that went on this past term and to remind all of you to keep promoting and advancing the work of the DISE Collective.

A few key exciting DISE events this past year:

1. The Worlding Feminist Political Economies Lecture Series, invited Dr. Sherice Nelson, Dr. Michelle Stack and Dr. Sharon Austin.
2. My RAs have publicized these scholars' work and including them in the Diverse Economies for Youth Podcast. Catch Dr. Austin, Dr. Christabell and Dr. Stack's short conversations for young Canadians: <https://africanaeconomics.com/diverse-economies-for-youth> Contact Arushi Dahiya if you want to do this, and I think she has lined Dr. Nembhard, and Dr. Esnard for the Winter term. Arush's email: *redacted*
3. Have you visited the DISE website? The main website is underway: <https://africanaeconomics.com/portal>
4. DISE Collective had a CERN meet up in Montreal and Toronto with Katherine Gibson-Graham, as well as meetings with Dr. Patricia Campos who represented DISE at a Labour conference in Montreal.
5. So many of you assisted in the citational justice project and now we have a manifesto. Dr. Bergeron you were so helpful and supportive when I felt low – so thank you. Thank you to Dr. Stack, Esnard, Nelson, Shroff for doing the bulk of the work. Dr. Austin and Dr. Mullings your feed-back in finalizing the document was excellent. We must say thanks to Prof Faye V. Harrison too for helping us and the amazing folks at #CiteBlackWomen and #Seedsforchange for their advice too. It is now posted and relevant to all of us in political economy, and it can be downloaded as a Jpeg or PDF: <https://africanaeconomics.com/politics-of-citation> A big shout out goes to Prof Naila Kabeer who really made time to deal with the guy who caused this grief, and she is coming to UTSC to give the 2023 Critical Hope Lecture – and she will be great.
6. DISE and the BRN paired up to host an event on mutual aid and ROSCA and I was in conversation with Dr. Ebum Joseph, who is promoting and advancing the work of the DISE Collective in Ireland. Dr. Mullings attended this event.
7. Every year Dr. Christabell PJ has a Solidarity Conference and it concluded earlier in Dec 2022 and she has received funding support to increase the work of the DISE Lab, newly founded at Kerala University. Congrats!
8. With Dr Sharon Austin, who also represented DISE Collective at a lecture at the U of T in Nov, we are having our edited collection 'Beyond Racial Capitalism' with Oxford UP, come out in Spring 2023 – Dr. Campos, Dr. Silvane, Dr. Ebum are contributors – and Dr Gordon Nembhard has supported us in this endeavor from day one.
9. Dr. Stack led a phenomenal conversation and lecture to UTSC's radical student union with an impressive showing, on moving towards a Cooperative University. She also represents and notes DISE in all of her talks.
10. Dr. Nelson, Dr. Esnard and myself just signed a contract with Cambridge UP in December – after a commissioned request) to co-author a book on Africana Feminist

Economics, and Dr. Esnard and myself met in Trinidad and have moved along this case study and Dr. Nelson and I are meeting in New Orleans at ASSA to continue shaping the manuscript. This will be a DISE production.

Yes! 2022 was a full year.

We continue to work on the SSHRC Partnership and many of you have joined in this process which is well underway: I thank, Dr. Esnard, Dr. Stack Dr. Ebnun and Dr. Nelson for their close reading of the work, coming to all the (stupid) meetings I called and for all this work they will be team members if we get this grant Feminist Cooperative Development in Africa and its Diaspora. Dr. Charusheela, an elder in this collective may join us too – so happy about that, a win! The ICA-Africa, The Cooperators Group and Cooperation Africa is backing this proposal, and it is focused on ROSCAs and cooperatives.

For 2023:

1. Submission of SSHRC Partnership in Feb 2023. Results in June/July.
2. In Jan 2023, with Cooperation Africa (CA), Dr. Gordon Nembhard and myself are keynote speakers. Please remember that Prof Amina Mama who is quietly leading CA was in the 'Beyond Racial Capitalism' book by myself, Austin and Edmonds. She is a big fan of DISE!
3. Dr. Esnard has invited a number of us to come to the Canada-Caribbean Institute meeting in February in Barbados – be in touch with her if you want to go.
4. Writing retreat in Toronto with Dr. Esnard and Dr. Nelson in spring time, supported by the CRC.
5. Save the date for the 2023 May Symposium headlining Dr. Nelson and Dr. Esnard on Africana Feminist Political Economics – and our attendance at Congress in June – Dr. Esnard and I are putting together a kick-ass panel. Dr. Stack is making the hotel stay possible for a few DISE members attending Congress!
6. Dr. Christabell has invited me to Kerala U which I am going to do (tbc) and she is leading our Siddi work with Kiran Prasad. We are doing big things at DISE Lab in Kerala – ask her how she started the DISE lab. I plan on using some of my CRC resources to bring Dr. Christabell PJ to Canada later in the year – let me know if anyone else wants to host her too.

Did you know the Twitter and LinkedIn and Facebook sites are being led by my RA Francisca so send her your DISE contributions so we can share it widely and Add us to your social media – we are Africanaeconomies: <https://mobile.twitter.com/africanaeconomy>
Francisca's email is: *redacted*

****All I ask is if you are in the DISE Collective, continue to advertise, share that you are connected to the DISE Collective. And if I have not heard from you, please reach out and let me know about plans and offerings you have for DISE in 2023!

Blessings to you all. I will be posting and messaging you all on our WhatsApp group.

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