This year’s ECI Mandela Lecture by Dr. Charmaine Nelson explores the long history of Canadian slavery. Using visuals that capture the experiences of enslaved peoples of African descent, this event explores the brutality of slavery and demystifies the current national myth of racial tolerance in Canada. Dr. Denise O’Neil Green provides opening remarks and following the lecture, Itah Sadu leads a moderated discussion with artists Natalie Wood and Camille Turner.

Dr. Charmaine Nelson is Professor of Art History at McGill University. She has made ground-breaking contributions to the fields of the Visual Culture of Slavery, Race and Representation, and Black Canadian Studies. Most recently, she was the William Lyon Mackenzie King Visiting Professor of Canadian Studies at Harvard University (2017-2018).

Natalie Wood
Professor, George Brown College, multimedia artist

Camille Turner
Artist, PhD candidate, York University

Dr. Denise O’Neil Green
Vice-President, Equity & Community Inclusion, Ryerson University

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