

Settler Colonialism, Race and Migrations

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Abstract

This qualitative auto-ethnographic study explores the experiences of internal and forced displacement of Black women and mothers in Canada due to their precarious migration status. I intend to shift the displacement narrative of migrants from an international issue to a national problem. I operationalize Black feminist thought and deservingness theoretical approaches to frame this research to explore the strategies Black women and mothers with precarious migration status use to overcome the barriers they face due to internal and forced displacement and to identify how the Canadian immigration system contributes to the displacement of these women. While Canada is a safe haven for thousands of displaced people outside the country, its immigration system detains and expels many Black women already living there due to their precarious status. The control and surveillance of Black women's movement maintain "slavery's afterlife" (Maynard, 2017) in the immigration system. I employ a Black feminist auto-ethnographic methodological lens of my migration story to analyze the lived experiences of internal and forced displacement of Black women and mothers with precarious migration status using publicly available texts.

Biography

Georgiana Mathurin is a graduate student and a graduate student researcher. She is passionate about immigrants with precarious migration status, specifically Black women, and mothers and how Canada's immigration decisions impact Black children due to their mother's precarity. Georgiana's research intends to bring awareness and build on existing knowledge in Black studies and migration scholarships. She plans to continue her scholarly career in the Ph.D. Policy studies program at Toronto Metropolitan University in Fall 2023.