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ABOUT

Dr. Uhunoma M. Isibor is a researcher, program development leader, and women's economic empowerment specialist with over 10 years of experience in higher education, research, entrepreneurship, and community engagement across Africa and the Black diaspora.

She currently serves as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Harriet Tubman Institute, York University, where her research explores women's entrepreneurship, migration, Black diaspora studies, economic resilience, and inclusive development. She also serves as Director of the School of Women in Leadership & Business at the Canadian Congress on Inclusive Diversity and Workplace Equity, where she contributes to program development, learning strategy, leadership initiatives, and workplace inclusion.

She is the founder of the Black Women Enterprise Exchange (BWEE), a bilingual initiative launching in August 2026 that connects Black women entrepreneurs across Canada, Africa, and the global diaspora — its inaugural launch has already attracted more than 140 registered participants.

Her work bridges research, policy, leadership, entrepreneurship, and community impact, transforming scholarship into practical solutions that expand economic opportunities for women and strengthen organizations and communities.

SPEAKING TOPICS

- Women's Entrepreneurship & Economic Resilience — how African and diaspora women build and sustain businesses across generations
- African Diaspora & Migration — how movement across borders reshapes economic opportunity and identity
- Gender & Economic History — recovering the overlooked economic contributions of women in West African history
- Inclusive Development & Policy — translating research into policy that expands opportunity and workplace inclusion
- Black Diaspora Heritage & Reparative Justice — cultural heritage, reparations, and historical memory across the diaspora

NOTABLE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 6th Annual George Floyd Memorial Lecture — "The Plight of Black People: From Slavery to Systemic Racism" (2026)
- Annual Women Empowerment and Gender Equity Symposium, Canadian Congress, Toronto (2026)
- Humanitarian Leadership Academy, Women in Leadership — United Kingdom (2026)
- Tubman Talk Series, Harriet Tubman Institute, York University, Toronto (2026)
- Canadian Association of African Studies (CAAS) Conference, Toronto (2025–2026)
- Black Futurities Conference, Toronto (2025)
- Transnational Conversation Conference, Leiden, Netherlands (2025)

HONOURS & RECOGNITION

- Lagos Studies Association — Best Graduate Paper Award (2024)
- University of Benin — Vice Chancellor Award (2022)
- University of Benin — Community Project Award (2023)
- Peer Reviewer Recognition, Inspire Youth Journal (2026)

FEATURED MEDIA

- Wondering Scripts — Historian Interview (YouTube)
- Leading by History — "African Diaspora: History, Scholarship, and Bridging the Gap" (Podcast)
- Tubman Talks — "Sacrifice and Survival: Benin Women Entrepreneurs" (YouTube)

BOOKING & CONTACT

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Availability	Available for keynotes, panels, workshops, and media interviews — in person and virtual

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