



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Honorary Degree Citation

The degree of Doctor of Laws , honoris causa,
conferred on Dr. Malinda Smith

Friday, June 25, 2021

Madam Chancellor, in a time darkened by rising incidents of overt and often violent racism, and deepening she eventually became a professor. Today, Dr. Smith is the inaugural Vice-Provost of Inclusion—and a Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation Fellow —at the University of Ca

An engaged and much-lauded researcher, Dr. Smith’s work offers timely insight into racialization, and inequality in Canada and around the world. Her scholarship revealed arrived at this tense moment, but how we can—and must—move forward.

Dr. Smith’s EDI leadership has influenced policy at the national level—both inside a The first person of colour on the executive of the Federation for the Humanities and contributed to the Dimension EDI Charter, which helps Canada’s major federal grant and support disadvantaged and historically underrepresented researchers, and create research ecosystem.

Currently Past President of the International Studies Association Canada, and a member Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Dr. Smith has also served as an EDI advisor Research Chairs program, and Statistics Canada’s Expert Working Group on Black many others. A prolific author, she is also the co-editor of The Nuances of Blackness Academy, to be published in January 2022, States of Race; Critical Race Feminism author of The Equity Myth: Racialization and Indigeneity at Canadian Universities

Malinda Smith has justly earned the many academic honours that have been bestowed including, most recently, the 2020 Rosalind Smith Professional Award from the National Canada, and a 2020 100 Accomplished Black Canadian Women Honouree from 100/ Chancellor, in further recognition of her profound contributions to anti-racism and the more equitable, diverse, and inclusive society, I ask that you today confer upon Malinda Doctor of Laws, honoris causa