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## HRI Op-Ed Initiative

### Expressions of Interest

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The Humanities Research Institute is welcoming expressions of interest for a new initiative that will support members wishing to publish op-eds in public media outlets. This initiative is open to HRI associates and graduate student associates. Please note that graduate student associates must co-author their op-ed with a Brock University faculty member.

An op-ed is an opinion piece by a guest writer on a newsworthy topic or theme. Op-eds are typically 700-800 words in length with a clear argument. While they are grounded in research, they also exhibit the author’s unique voice and opinions.

The op-ed is an opportunity for you to highlight your research and its relevancy. You can choose whatever topic and angle is interesting to you. Some ideas include how your research relates to:

- National and global events
- Ongoing conversations on climate change, decolonization, populism, health and wellness, etc.
- Cultural events such as film festivals, book awards, fashion shows, etc.
- Popular media trends, such as TV shows, movies, music, etc.
- Political events and issues such as elections, political movements, regulations, laws, policies, etc.
- Anniversaries and commemorative events
- Awareness days or months, such as Women’s History Month, Black History Month, Indigenous Peoples’ Month, etc.

To express your interest in participating in this initiative, please complete this form and **submit it before Nov. 1** to the Director of the Humanities Research Institute at [hri@brocku.ca](mailto:hri@brocku.ca).

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department or Centre: \_\_\_\_\_

Brock e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Extension : \_\_\_\_\_

Areas of research expertise:



What month would you prefer to write your op-ed (either to coincide with a particular event, anniversary, etc. or because you will have time)? *Please note that you will need to be available to respond quickly to editing requests. If you have no preferred time, please type "any."*

Provide a brief description of the topic you wish to write about and why it might be of public interest. Please indicate any outlet(s) to which you would like to pitch your op-ed. (Max. 250 words)



Are you available to speak to other media outlets for follow-up?      YES                      NO                      MAYBE

If you are available to write an op-ed or speak to the media in French or another language, please list the languages here:

What other areas might you be willing to comment/write on?

*HRI in-office use*

Date received \_\_\_\_\_

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