



Department of Communication Arts, U Waterloo
Speakers Series: Communication Speaks! Presents:
SHAMA RANGWALA & DESMOND COLE

***Replay: a pop culture
& politics podcast***

November 25, 2021
@ 7pm to 8pm

Virtual Event

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuevoYFnQIJKKoyBFKV7_dg

Shama and Desmond will present their new podcast, *Replay*. Like much of their other work, *Replay* critiques racial capitalism, but rather than current events it focuses on pop culture and media. In this talk, they will address why looking at politics through

pop culture matters and why they enjoy the culture they critique.

SHAMA RANGWALA is Assistant Professor in the Department of Humanities at York University. Her intermedia and interdisciplinary research focuses on the adaptations of racial capitalism throughout the modern history of settler colonialism. Her other research includes the cross-disciplinary project, “Sounding Race” and public humanities project “Pedagogy and Practice.” Her public-facing work has appeared in *Jacobin*, *The Star*, *The Globe and Mail*, and *Canadaland*, and she

is a regular panelist on Alberta Primetime (CTV).

DESMOND COLE is an award-winning journalist, radio host, and activist in Toronto. His writing has appeared in the *Toronto Star*, *Toronto Life*, *The Walrus*, *NOW Magazine*, *Ethnic Aisle*, *Torontoist*, *BuzzFeed*, and the *Ottawa Citizen*. Cole’s first book, *The Skin We’re In: A Year of Black Resistance and Power* (2020) has foregrounded and redefined national conversations on systemic racism and policing in Canada.