# Convocation 2015 in the spotlight: James Onsuko

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James Onusko Student Profile

Well it was the people that I was going to have an opportunity to work with is is probably the main reason why I chose Trent and the smallness of classes and the quality of student that's here as well and that worked well both from a students perspective and from a teaching perspective as well while completing the degree. So what I do I focus on post war Canada and specifically the history of childhood in the suburbs in some of those intersections between class and space and age and race and those things, it garners a lot of public interest as well too as our baby boomers continue to age and many of them are subjects for this work as well too. Very interdisciplinary and fit very well into Canadian studies here at Trent. What like most about the Canadian Studies program would have to be both my colleagues and the faculty that were here combined with the administrators it was just unbelievable the support I had as a student. You’re never alone here at Trent, and while much of our work particularly at the Ph.D. level can feel very isolating that was never the case here it felt very supportive the entire time. What's next for me is hopefully securing a full time employment in academe if it ends up being a combination of that and work outside the Ivory Tower that's fine too but I'm really hoping to use all of the skills I was able to develop through this program on a much broader scale without question.