

Ubah Aganeh - "Pathologizing Race: My Brother's Short Life And Death As A Psychiatric Prisoner".

The speaker related the story of her late brother, a 21 year old young man found not criminally responsible, who prior to his death was confined in Oakridge Mental Health Centre. The speaker specifically spoke about the struggles her younger brother faced while he was in the mental health system, the tragic events that eventually led to his death, and go on to explain how this long and dreadful process that took to find out the cause of death changed her life forever. The speaker spoke in particular about how mental health patients who are found not criminally responsible and confined within the Mental Health Institutions are more likely to have their rights violated. In addition, racialized groups within mental health systems face a great amount of systemic oppression due to racism. The speaker specifically touched on the racism, religious discrimination, and human right violations that occurred months prior to her brother's death while in Oakridge Mental Health Centre. The speaker provided the audience on what needs to be done so that the rights, security, and fundamental freedoms, and dignity afforded to every human being is guaranteed to every patient confined within Mental Health Institution.