

# EDIA news, resources and upcoming opportunities

**May 7, 2025 edition**

*Curated by the CSM Precision Equity and Social Justice Office*



Hello EDIA champions,

May is **Asian Heritage Month**, an opportunity to learn more about the history of Canadians of Asian heritage and to celebrate their diverse contributions to our society. The 2025 theme is *Unity in Diversity: The Impact of Asian Communities in Shaping Canadian Identity*. Check out this [website](#) for a digital toolkit to promote Asian Heritage Month, or learn more about Asian communities in Canada. Take the time to go on a [learning journey about anti-Asian racism](#) or check out the [anti-Asian racism educational resources](#) from the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion.

## **Upcoming EDI-related events and webinars**

**May 7, 5:00 – 7:30pm MT:** The Calgary Public Library presents an in-person event at the Central Library for **Red Dress Day: A Conversation with Indigenous Matriarchs about MMIWG2S+**. Learn more about the ongoing issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Details and registration [here](#)

**May 8, 11:30am – 1:00pm MT:** The CSM Office of Faculty Development continues its series of [webinars for Sexual Violence Awareness Month](#) with **Think You Can't Make Jokes Anymore?** This workshop is for people who want to make jokes but are worried that humour these days could lead to consequences or cancellation. Learn how to be truly edgy—without punching down—in this smart, funny workshop with Em Cooper. Details and registration [here](#)

**May 8, 12:00 – 1:00pm MT:** UAlberta's Dossetor Health Ethics Centre presents an online session on **Government Support Programs for Disabled People: Charity vs. Rights-based Approaches**. The session will discuss the ethical implications of two recent policy decisions by the Alberta government: the decision to claw back the new federal Canadian Disability Benefit AISH recipients and the decision to create a new Alberta Disability Assistance Program. Details and registration [here](#)

**May 9, 12:00 – 1:00pm MT:** UCalgary staff, faculty, and learners are invited to an online workshop on **Responding to Disclosures of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence**, offered by UCalgary's Sexual and Gender-Based Violence Prevention and Support Office. Information and registration [here](#)

**May 9, 2:00 – 3:30pm MT:** The next event offered by the CSM Office of Faculty Development for Sexual Violence Awareness Month is a webinar, **Comedians on Sexual Violence: Em Cooper with Jena Friedman**. More details and registration [here](#)

**May 12, 6:30 – 9:00pm MT:** In honour of the [International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia](#), the UCalgary Werklund School of Education and Contemporary Calgary present a free [film screening of Summer Qamp](#), followed by a panel discussion hosted by Dr. Tonya Callaghan and featuring filmmaker Jen Markowitz. The documentary is about [Camp fYrefly](#), a fun, educational, social and personal leadership retreat for LGBTQ2S+ youth ages 13-17 that takes place every summer in Kananaskis. The film screening takes place at Contemporary Calgary. Registration [here](#)

**May 12, 7:30 – 9:30pm MT:** The Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada is offering several online workshops for healthcare professionals on **Strengthening Allyship in Action**. Learn best practises for engaging Indigenous colleagues, tools for meaningful allyship in healthcare, and how to create impactful National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21) initiatives. Also offered May 15, 4:30 – 6:30pm MT. Fee charged. Details and registration [here](#)

**May 13, 11:30am – 1:00pm MT:** Spend your lunch hour with hosts Kiara Mikita, CSM’s Sexual Violence Educator, and featured guests as they contemplate the panel’s thematic question: **What Can We Learn and Apply From Comedy About Sexual Violence?** The panelists will consider implicit and explicit comedic messaging, what it assumes we already know about sexual violence, and what comedy nudges us toward noticing. More details and registration [here](#)

**May 15, 11:30am – 1:00pm MT:** The CSM Office of Faculty Development continues its series of webinars for Sexual Violence Awareness Month with **Can Big Harms We’ve Experienced Be Funny?** Participants in this Do and Learn online workshop will undertake some comedic writing exercises, and learn to assess what we have capacity to joke about. More details and registration [here](#)

**May 21, 11:30am – 1:00pm MT:** Join the CSM Office of Faculty Development at a webinar with **Aurora Browne of Baroness Von Sketch on Creating from the Gray Area**. More details and registration [here](#)

**May 21, 4:00pm MT:** UCalgary leaders are invited to attend an in-person workshop on main campus on **Fostering a Culture of Respect through Leadership**. More details and registration [here](#)

**May 22, 11:00 – 12:00pm MT:** The next event in the Big IDEAs about Health Data speaker series is on **Indigenous Data Governance Principles & New Approaches to Race-Related Data**. The speakers from the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) will discuss becoming a trusted partner and forming partnerships with Indigenous communities/organizations and will explore current processes for using Indigenous data. More details and registration [here](#)

**May 23, 9:30 – 11:00am MT:** Wondering how to bring Indigenous perspectives into your research, or how to approach Indigenous peoples “in a good way”? Register for **Ethical Space with Willie Ermine**, an in-person event at Foothills campus open to all faculty, staff, and trainees. Details and registration [here](#)

**May 25, 1:00 – 4:00pm MT:** The opening of the Libin Cardiovascular Institute’s **The HeART of Women’s Health: At the Intersection of Art and Science**, a CIHR-funded Café Scientifique and art exhibition, takes place at cSPACE Marda Loop. The even includes a educational and interactive presentations on women’s cardiovascular health research merged with artistic expression. More details and registration [here](#)

**May 26, 1:00 – 4:15pm MT:** UCalgary’s Faculty of Nursing is hosting the Centre for Sexuality for a virtual workshop on **Creating a Culture of Respect in Healthcare for Gender and Sexual Diversity**. More details and registration [here](#)

**May 27, 11:00am – 12:00pm MT:** The Health Data Research Network Canada presents the next webinar in their Big IDEAs About Health Data Speaker Series, **Anti-racist Approaches to Research and Analytics: Initiatives and Ongoing Learning at ICES**. Details and registration [here](#)

#### **Upcoming EDI-related Courses and Conferences:**

**May 20 & 27, 10:00am – 12:00pm MT:** The CSM Office of Faculty Development presents a 2-part in-person workshop at Foothills campus: **[How Are You Showing Up? Occupying Space With Intention \(Parts 1 & 2\)](#)**. Led by Dennis Cahill, Artistic Director of The Loose Moose Theatre Company, this interactive workshop series will offer you immediately actionable skills to read the room, adjust your presence, and ensure your nonverbal communication aligns with your intent.

**May 22:** The CSM O’Brien Institute for Public Health’s Centre for Health Policy and Health Policy Trials Unit will bring together researchers, community organizations, and health leaders to explore **[Evidence in Action: Community-driven interventions for better health policies](#)** for a free in-person event at the UCalgary Downtown Campus.

**May 29, June 5 & June 12:** The CSM Office of Faculty Development is hosting a 3 part online workshop on Reconciliation Leadership Foundations. Led by Dr. Pam Roach, this series of 3-hour sessions is intended to enable current and future

leaders in health to transform ways of being, connecting, and doing in the hopes of catalyzing systemic change. Go [here](#) to express your interest in attending.

**May 30 – June 1:** The [Canadian Women in Medicine Conference](#) takes place at the Calgary TELUS Convention centre, with a virtual option to attend. The conference is the largest gathering of women physicians in North America, and includes inspiring keynote addresses and workshops, social gatherings, and networking opportunities.

**Sept. 27 & 28:** The [Federation of Medical Women of Canada's 2025 Educational Conference and AGM](#) takes place in Toronto, with the theme *Women Physicians Empowering for Change*. Plenary themes include diversity & inclusion, sexual & reproductive rights, and support & mentorship. Early bird rates available until June 30.

### **Opportunities and Award Nominations**

A call for oral and poster presentations is open until May 20 for the Indigenous Primary Healthcare and Policy Research Network's Scientific Meeting taking place on June 19 in Calgary. Researchers, community partners, health professionals, trainees, and others advancing Indigenous health and health systems transformation are encouraged to submit proposals. Registration for the Decolonizing Healthcare Congress taking place the following day is now open. Details on submitting a proposal or registering for the congress [here](#)

The Cumming School of Medicine's **Working Our Way to Wellness** (WOWW) committee is striving to develop programs that better meet the needs of the CSM community. To help WOWW evaluate current initiatives and enhance future offerings, please complete a brief [survey](#) about your wellness and active living preferences.

The Community Based Research Centre is conducting its annual **Sex Now national online survey, open to 2S/LGBTQ+ people of all genders**. The survey collects vital data that shapes public health policies and community services. Details and survey available [here](#)

### **Resources:**

The US National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine has published proceedings of a workshop on the [Intersection of Regenerative Medicine and Women's Health](#). The report reviews consider gaps within regenerative medicine research related to conditions that are female-specific and/or are more common in or differently impact women, explores emerging regenerative medicine therapies and technologies, and identifies obstacles and opportunities related to regenerative medicine therapies and women's health.

A new caption design system has been designed to transform how Deaf and Hard of Hearing audiences experience film and television. [Caption with Intention](#) captures emotion, tone, pacing, and speaker identity through animation, color, and expressive typography. Check out the [demonstration video](#) showing how captioned content can be modified to achieve a more inclusive entertainment industry.....will this technology make its way to online meetings?

### **Recordings of recent webinars, podcasts and presentations:**

The GERAS Centre (Geriatric Education and Research in Aging Sciences) has a recording of a recent webinar on [Across the Lifespan: Experiences of Indigenous Older Adults Accessing Care](#). The presentation is designed for healthcare professionals to help them understand the address the unique challenges faced by Indigenous older adults including the long-term impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and structural inequalities for those seeking care.

### **EDIA Quote of the Day**

*Every voice raised against racism chips away at its power. We can't afford to stay silent.*

~ Reni Eddo-Lodge

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