

# EDIA news, resources and upcoming opportunities

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Hello EDIA champions,

February is **Heart Health Month** and the Libin Cardiovascular Institute is raising awareness of [heart disease in women](#) by urging everyone to participate in **Wear Red Canada Day** on Feb. 13. Check out the Awareness Booth in the HSC Atrium from 9:00am – 3:00pm and join in on a **Wear Red group photo** at 11:30am by the Hippocrates statue.

**Black History Month** continues throughout February. Check out the special events in the calendar below, signified by this icon **BHM**.

**Ramadan**, the holy period when adult Muslims abstain from eating and drinking from dawn to dusk and participate in increased prayer and charity work, is expected to begin at sundown on Feb. 17. Check out how you can support students observing Ramada [here](#), including being aware of timelines and deadlines, especially as Ramadan nears its end on Mar. 19. You can also help to support our UCalgary Muslim students by donating appropriate items such as dates, rice, lentils, and cooking oil to the [Foothills Community Pantry](#) or the [Campus Food Bank](#). The Campus Food Bank also is offering special [Ramadan food hampers](#) for those community members who may need a little extra support to celebrate the occasion this year.

## Upcoming EDI-related events and webinars

**Feb. 12, 12:00 – 1:00pm MT:** Join the **One Child Every Child Equitable Pathways Reading Group** as they discuss *Working Together: Practicing the Science of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion* by Mikki Hebl and Eden King, every second Thursday until June 11. Join in person or online. More details and registration [here](#)

**Feb. 12, 3:00 – 7:00pm MT:** The UCalgary Gender and Sexuality Studies Program presents the **Take Five Feminist Minutes Film Festival** at the Women's Resource Centre on main campus. Drop by to view films created by students and partake in refreshments. More details and registration [here](#)

**Feb. 15, 11:00am – 4:00pm MT** (drop-in): **BHM** Heritage Park is hosting a **Black Heritage Film Showcase**, a special day of free film screening that celebrate Black brilliance across generations. From short documentaries to full-length features each film offers a unique lens on Black life—past, present, and future. Program [here](#)

**Feb. 17, 12:00 – 1:30pm MT:** The National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health (NCCIH) presents a webinar, **What Does Meaningful Engagement Mean: “Drinking tea” with practitioners of Indigenous-led community-based participatory research**. Participants will learn about collaborative and culturally relevant approaches to involve Indigenous community partners in research and knowledge mobilization. Details and registration [here](#)

**Feb. 17, 12:30 – 1:30pm MT:** CSM's Parents PostDoc Working Group invites parents and potential parents to a hybrid panel discussion, **Peer Review & Playdates: Parenting and Early Career Q&A Panel**. This event, held at the HSC and online, will include a panel of experiences researchers and parents as they share insights, challenges, and personal experiences navigating life in academia with a family. More details and registration [here](#)

**Feb. 18, 12:00 – 1:30pm MT:** UCalgary's Office of Indigenous Engagement presents the first webinar in its 2026 Indigenous Knowledge Lecture Series, a public learning program where leaders and scholars share Indigenous

knowledge and research methodologies. Dr. Terry Poucette will present **Is Reconciliation Dead?** More information [here](#) and register [here](#)

**Feb. 19, 7:00 – 9:00pm MT: BHM** The Calgary Public Library is screening [Black Lives in Alberta - Over a Century of Racial Injustice Continues](#), a documentary that tells the story of five generations of Black Albertans and how their racial identities have shaped their experiences of living in Alberta. Register [here](#)

**Feb. 23, 12:30 – 2:30pm MT:** CSM's Office of Faculty Development and Graduate Science Education present an in-person session on **Power-informed Supervisory Practice**, for anyone who supervises graduate students at CSM. This case-based learning session will explore how power works in graduate supervision and support supervisors in attending to issues of power before they escalate into conflict. Also offered May 26 & Nov. 17. Register [here](#)

**Feb. 24, 10:00 – 11:30am MT:** The Calgary community is invited to a virtual workshop, **Indigenous Research Ethics, Risks, and Relationships**, examining the ethical requirements of Indigenous research at UCalgary. More details and registration [here](#)

**Feb. 24, 10:00 – 11:15am MT:** The National Collaborating Centre for Determinants of Health presents a webinar on **Using an Equity-Focused Population Health Approach to Gender-Based Violence Prevention to Engage Local Public Health Action**. This webinar presents a framework developed to enable local public health agencies to respond to the increasing calls to address gender-based violence as a public health priority. Details and registration [here](#)

**Feb. 24, 5:00 – 8:30pm MT: BHM** The UCalgary community is invited to the Faith and Spirituality Centre for **Black History Month Taste of Tuesday**. Grab a bite and catch a movie to celebrate Black and African cinema. Details and registration [here](#)

**Feb. 24, 6:00pm MT:** The O'Brien Institute's Centre on Aging is hosting an advance screening of the documentary, [Tough Old Broads](#), a film about trailblazing women, followed by a panel discussion. For more details and to register for this in-person event on main campus, click [here](#)

**Feb. 25, 3:00 – 5:00pm MT: BHM** Everyone is invited to attend a panel discussion and networking session, **Celebrating Black Scholarship**, to celebrate Black History Month. This in-person event at Foothills campus is hosted by CSM's PESJO and the Centre for Research and Innovation in Health Sciences Education. There will be a panel of speakers across different stages of their academic career, a display highlighting Black scholars and researchers within the Cumming School of Medicine, and time afterwards for connection and light refreshments. Details and registration [here](#)

**Feb. 26, 12:00 – 1:30pm MT:** UCalgary's Indigenous Research Support Team coordinates an [Indigenous Research Community of Practice \(IRCoP\)](#) to provide a space for UCalgary Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars (students, staff, faculty, and alumni) interested in doing, supporting and interested in learning about Indigenous research. This is a great opportunity to network, connect, and create capacity across campus, discussing topics such as mentorship, university processes, and sharing of research projects and initiatives. If you are interested in participating in this virtual meeting, [email](#) for more details.

**Feb. 27, 12:00 – 1:30 pm MT: BHM** UCalgary's Faculty of Social Work is hosting a hybrid event, **Celebrating Black Brilliance: In Conversation with Dr. David Este**. Dr. Este will reflect on the origins and evolution of Black History Month in both the United States and Canada, engage with contemporary issues shaping the lives of Black Canadians, and be joined by a panel of intergenerational change-makers who will pose questions and offer reflections, creating space for shared learning, dialogue, and connection. Details and registration [here](#)

**Feb. 27, 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](#).

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

**Feb. 13 & 14:** UCalgary CSM's Disability and Sexuality Lab is hosting the [\*\*Sexuality, Disability, and the Power to Disrupt\*\*](#) conference. Participants can register at no cost to attend this virtual event, which will focus on centring disabled voices, challenging assumptions, and providing open space for conversations about love, desire, pleasure, and intimacy.

**Feb. 17 – 20:** UCalgary faculty, staff, alumni, and learners are invited to register for the [\*\*Indigenous Relations Training Program\*\*](#), facilitated by Writing Symbols Lodge. This in-person in-depth program helps participants deepen their understanding of Indigenous histories, world views and pathways to Reconciliation. Register by Feb. 13. More details and registration link [here](#)

**Feb. 19 & 20:** UCalgary staff, faculty and learners are invited to participate in a two-day, in-person [\*\*First Responder to Sexual Assault and Abuse Training™\*\*](#) workshop. The session will build the capacity of all UCalgary community members to assess and respond effectively to disclosures of sexual assault and sexual abuse. More details and registration [here](#)

**Feb. 19 & Mar. 2:** Members of the Cumming School of Medicine community are invited to register for a two-part online learning series on [\*\*Understanding Indigenous Health Policy\*\*](#), presented by the Office of Faculty Development and the Indigenous, Global, and Local Health Office. Dr. Esther Tailfeathers, newly appointed Assistant Dean of the Indigenous Health Program, will co-lead this series exploring how historical and contemporary policies continue to shape Indigenous health and healthcare delivery in Canada. Details and registration [here](#)

**Mar. 4 & 5:** The Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion presents a virtual UnConference on [\*\*Belonging in complex times: Equity and courage at work.\*\*](#)

**Mar. 7, 9:15am – 4:15pm MT:** The CSM O'Brien Institute is co-hosting the [\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Women's Health Symposium\*\*](#) at the Calgary Central Library. Celebrate International Women's Day with expert talks on key women's health topics, interactive exhibitor booths, and a free bagged lunch for the first 150 attendees. Details and registration [here](#)

**Mar. 11 – 13:** The Canadian Organization for Gender and Sex Research (COGS) is hosting their 3rd International COGS Meeting in Toronto, which will bring together researchers, clinicians, policymakers, and community leaders to explore the theme [\*\*Sex, Gender and Health: Catalyzing Change in an Evolving World.\*\*](#)

**Mar. 14, 8:00am – 3:30pm MT:** The CSM's Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies Students' Association (CRDSSA) presents its annual [\*\*Disability Research Conference\*\*](#), with the theme, *Knowledge as Resistance: Reimagining Systems and Possibilities for Disability Justice*, at the Sinneave Family Child Development Centre. Students, researchers, and community members are invited to join this free event to examine how knowledge can function as a tool for resistance and social transformation for disability justice.

**Apr. 21:** Health Data Research Network Canada's 4<sup>th</sup> annual public forum, [\*\*Health Data for All of Us: Our Health Data Journey\*\*](#), takes place in person (Ottawa) and online. The forum will explore key ethical, equity and privacy challenges related to how our personal data move through the health system.

**Apr. 28 – 30:** Registration is now open for the UCalgary Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning's [\*\*Conference on Postsecondary Learning and Teaching\*\*](#). This year's theme, *From Disruption to Connection: Digital Transformation in Postsecondary Education*, will focus the role that evolving technologies are playing in shaping teaching and learning practices. Early bird registration until Mar. 18. More details and registration [here](#)

## **Opportunities and Award Nomination**

The [\*\*National Black-Affirming Research Methods Summer Institute\*\*](#) is a national, SSHRC-funded, bilingual training initiative hosted at the University of Ottawa from May 13-15. Undergraduate and graduate students interested in strengthening research methods and methodological practice in research involving Black communities are invited to apply by Feb. 28.

## **Resources:**

**BHM** The Continuing Education department at the University of Alberta is offering free registration until Feb. 28 for an asynchronous micro-course, [\*\*Black Canadians: History, Presence, and Anti-Racist Futures\*\*](#). The 8-hour course explores some of the major histories, migrations, artists and activists that have contributed to the presence and survival of Black people in Canada.

Are you adding images to online articles or websites? Most software automatically pops up with an opportunity to use alt text (alternative text) that enables screen readers to convey visual content to individuals with visual limitations. The article, [\*\*Alt Text: What to Write\*\*](#), succinctly provides tips for creating alt text.

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

**DARVO**, a manipulation technique used by individuals to evade responsibility, stands for Deny, Attack, Reverse Victim and Offender. Check out this [short video](#) on how to disrupt DARVO at work or at home.

## **EDIA Quote of the Day**

*I'm not concerned with your liking or disliking me. All I ask is that you respect me as a human being.*

~ Jackie Robinson, Major League Baseball player (1954)

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***We acknowledge the traditional territories of the peoples of the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta. Calgary is also home to Métis Nation within Alberta (Nose Hill Métis District 5 and Elbow Métis District 6)***

*The Precision Equity and Social Justice Office receives notifications of upcoming events and activities related to equity, diversity, inclusion and wellness from external and internal organizations. From time to time, we will be sending out notifications of these opportunities so that you can participate or share them with your colleagues. Please click [here](#) to unsubscribe from the newsletter.*