

EDIA news, resources and upcoming opportunities

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Hello EDIA champions,

Muslims at UCalgary are now celebrating **Ramadan**, the holy period when adult Muslims abstain from eating and drinking from dawn to dusk and participate in increased prayer and charity work. Check out how you can support students observing Ramadan with [this advice](#) from UCalgary's Faith and Spirituality Centre, including being flexibility and additional support channels. For more information on Ramadan and how to support Muslim trainees and colleagues, check out this [LinkedIn article](#).

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

Upcoming EDI-related events and webinars

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](#).

Mar. 5, 1:00 – 2:30pm MT: Members of UCalgary academic selection committees are encouraged to participate in an online workshop on **Equitable and Inclusive Hiring for Academic Selection**. Learn about equitable and inclusive hiring, how to apply an EDI lens through the recruitment and selection process, the impact of implicit bias, and tools to mitigate bias. More information and registration [here](#) (offered [monthly](#))

Upcoming EDI-related Courses and Conferences:

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 **2nd 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 4th 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

A new UCalgary initiative, the **Queer Research Hub**, aims to bring together 2SLGBTQIA+ students, staff, faculty, and allies who are interested in research, collaboration, and community. It's a space to share ideas, highlight queer scholarship, and support projects that centre queer experiences and to connect students, staff, and faculty engaged in queer and 2SLGBTQIA+-related research across disciplines. Sign up for the [mailing list](#) to receive updates about upcoming events, research opportunities, and ways to get involved. The Queer Research Hub is also planning a **Queer Research Symposium on May 11** for those doing queer research, those curious about queer research, and those exploring future possibilities. Indicate your interest in presenting and/or attending [here](#)

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:

StatsCAN published an article, [Black History Month: Celebrating diversity in Canada](#). This article delved into recent surveys and censuses and provide fascinating statistics about Black Canadians, including that a significant portion of Black Canadians can trace their families roots back three or more generations, and that those who emigrate to Canada have come from more than 180 countries.

Policy Options recently published an article on [How to Combat Reconciliatory Backsliding](#), highlighting how some federal and provincial governments are altering or repealing legislation and policies that were put into place to advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Recordings of recent webinars, podcasts and presentations:

A recent episode of the All My Relations podcast focused on [Indigenous Data Sovereignty: Collective Rights & Responsibility](#). It explores data sovereignty as a collective responsibility, highlighting how Indigenous communities can resist exploitative data systems and advocate for sovereignty through tangible actions like data infrastructure, legislation, and culturally grounded frameworks to protect stories, lands, and communities.

EDIA Quote of the Day

At the end of the day, we must go forward with hope and not backward by fear and division.
~ Jesse Jackson (1941 – 2026)

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