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**SEXUAL, RACIAL AND
(TRANS) GENDER-
BASED VIOLENCE
PREVENTION IN
HIGHER EDUCATION:
POSSIBILITIES AND
LIMITATIONS**

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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PROGRAM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2019

LOCATION: OISE LIBRARY (GROUND FLOOR)

5:30 - 6:00 PM: Welcoming Remarks – Dr. Miglena Todorova (Assistant Professor, OISE, Social Justice Education & Director, Centre for Media, Culture and Education)

6:00 - 7:15 PM: Featured Speaker - Dr. Hijin Park

Dr. Hijin Park is Associate Professor of Sociology at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. She is an anti-racist, feminist legal scholar who specializes in an intersectional and structural analysis of violence, migration and the law. Dr. Park is one of the limited number of scholars who have published research that centres racialized sexual violence in the lives of international students and English as a Second Language students in Canada. Her research explores how violence occurs along an interconnected continuum and how everyday individual violence is structurally connected to systemic, institutional and national violence. Her most recent work is on how race, gender and madness shape legal constructions of racialized women charged with homicide in Canada, and on the various forms of everyday and structural violence experienced by racialized international students at Brock University. In doing so, Dr. Park theorizes all relations in Canada within the broader framework of white settler nationalism and neoliberalism.

7:15 - 8:30 PM: Reception (refreshments provided)

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2019

LOCATION: NEXUS LOUNGE (OISE, 12TH FLOOR)

8:45: Land Acknowledgement & Opening Remarks - Dr. Michele Peterson-Badali, Associate Dean Research, International and Innovation, OISE, University of Toronto & Emily Moorhouse

SESSION 1

9:00 - 10:15 (75 minutes): Sexual Violence Prevention: Global and Transnational Views

Paper 1: *Transnationalism in Sexual Violence Prevention and Higher Education*

Presenter: Miglena Todorova (Social Justice Education, OISE)

Paper 2: *Building a Whole-Campus Approach to Sexual Violence: The University of Otago Model*

Presenting Author: Melanie Beres (University of Otago, New Zealand); Co-authors: Gareth J. Treharne, PhD (U Otago), Zoran Stojanov, MSc (Evaluation Coordinator, UOtago)

Paper 3: *"Not Even Close to Enough": An Intersectional Analysis of Sexual Violence Prevention Efforts and Responses at Ontario Universities*

Presenter: Emily Colpitts (Centre for Feminist Research, York University)

SESSION 2

10:30 - 11:45 (75 minutes): Agency, Dialogues, and Futures

Paper 1: *Victims are Doing It for Themselves: Examining the Move from Victim to Advocate*

Presenter: Guila Benchimol (University of Guelph)

Paper 2: *Reconsidering Sexual Violence on Campus: Propagating More Livable Futures on Campus for Survivors of Colour*

Presenter: Emily Moorhouse (Department of Social Justice Education, OISE)

Paper 3: *The University of Windsor Bystander Initiative: "Our Goal is Culture Shift: Is This Achievable?"*

Presenter: Anne Forrest (Women's and Gender Studies, University of Windsor)

11:45 - 12:30 PM Lunch & Break, Room 12-202 (please remember to bring your conference lanyard, this is your food ticket.) Catering Provided by: TBD

SESSION 3

12:30 - 1:15PM (75 minutes): Barriers, Gaps and Activism

Paper 1: *The Missing Pieces: The Gaps of Policy and Prevention in Post-Secondary Institutions, and the Stories of the Students Who Fill Them*

Presenter: Merima Menzildzic (Social Justice Education, OISE, University of Toronto)

Paper 2: *Law Beyond the Books: Policy Implications for Bill 132*

Presenter: Ravita Surajbali (Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies, University of Toronto)

Paper 3: *Gender-Based and Sexual Violence Prevention: Paradoxes of Solidarity and Activism*

Presenters: Clea Schmidt and Sandie Kouritzin (University of Manitoba)

SESSION 4

1:30 - 2:45 PM (75 minutes)

Paper 1: *Visibilizing Faculty Union Power in Sexual Violence Policy and Education in Higher Education*

Presenter: Margot Francis (Brock University)

Paper 2: *The Demand for Revolutionary Praxis in a Depoliticized Gender-Based Violence Sector*

Presenter: Wesal Abu Qaddum (Department of Adult Education OISE, University of Toronto)

Paper 3: *Challenges to Radical Shifts in Research and Advocacy for Addressing Campus Gender-based Violence: A University of Toronto Grassroots Collective's Experience*

Presenters: Jessica Wright, Department of Social Justice Education, University of Toronto
Simran Dhunna, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto
Taylor Berzins, Department of Social Justice Education, University of Toronto
Tamsyn Riddle, University of Toronto
Paulysha De Gannes, University of Toronto

SESSION 5 (PANEL)

3:00-4:45 PM: Islamophobia in Higher Education: Challenges and Prevention (Discussant: Amélie Barras, York University)

Paper 1: *Islamophobia: Beyond Black/Brown Face*

Presenter: Zulfikar Hirji (York University)

Paper 2: *Muslim Communities in Higher Education, Islamophobia, and the Path Forward*

Presenter: Haniya Sheikh (Vice Chair, Silk Road Institute; Co-Chair, TDSB Islamic Heritage Month Planning Committee)

Paper 3: *Islamophobia in Higher Education*

Presenter: Nadia Hasan (Deputy Director, National Council of Canadian Muslims)

PLENARY SESSION

5:00PM- 6:00PM, Nexus Lounge: Featured Speaker Dr. Jennifer M. Gómez (Facilitator: TBD)

Dr. Gómez, National Academy of Sciences Kavli Fellow (2019) and Ford Fellow (2015-16; 2018-19) earned her Ph.D. in clinical psychology in 2017 from University of Oregon. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology and Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute for Child & Family Development at Wayne State University. Dr. Gómez has published over 45 peer-reviewed journal articles, book chapters, scholarly writings, and pieces for the general public. Additionally, she is the lead co-editor of the upcoming special issue of *Journal of Trauma & Dissociation - Discrimination, Violence, & Healing in Marginalized Communities* (submissions deadline: 1 December 2019). Stemming from her cultural betrayal trauma theory, Dr. Gómez's research examines the differential impact of violence and oppression in Black and other minority youth and young adults in the U.S., with a specific focus on college students' experiences of sexual assault. She is dedicated to contributing work that has implications for youth who are subjected to both discrimination and violence.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2019

LOCATION: NEXUS LOUNGE (OISE, 12TH FLOOR)

8:40 AM Land Acknowledgement

SESSION 6

9:00 -10:25AM: (EAAA Symposium): An Exploration of the Strengths and Limits of the Only Campus Intervention Proven to Reduce the Sexual Violence Students Experience

Paper 1: *The EAAA Sexual Assault Resistance Program: Feminist Theory and Evidence Leads to Strong Impacts for Diverse Women*

Presenters: Dr. Charlene Senn (UWindsor), Dr. Karen L. Hobden (U Windsor), Dr. Misha Eliasziw (Tufts University)

Paper 2: *Flipping Disempowering Scripts: Challenging Gender Norms and the Inevitability of Sexual Violence*

Presenters: Paula C. Barata (U Guelph), H. Lorraine Radtke (U Calgary), Charlene Senn (U Windsor)

Paper 3: *(Trans)Gender-Based Violence: Adapting EAAA for Trans/Non-binary Undergraduates*

Presenters: Sarah Peitzmeier (U Michigan), Shanna Kattari (U Michigan), Charlene Senn (U Windsor)

Paper 4: *Implementing Sexual Assault Resistance in Eswatini (#GameChangers/ Bagugculi Betintfo Program)*

Presenters: Rebecca Fielding-Miller (U California, San Diego), Sakhile Masuku (University of Swaziland, UNISWA), Fortunate Shabalala (University of Eswatini)

SESSION 7 (ROUND TABLE)

10:30 - 11:45 AM (75 minutes): It's All Just Words and Nonsense: The Landscape of Campus Sexual Violence Policies in Ontario

Presenters (5): Jennifer Root (Wilfrid Laurier University), Hayley Moody, (former Sexual Violence Counsellor and Advocate at the Sexual Assault Centre of Brant), Sonia Meerai (Gender, Feminist, and Women Studies, York U), Joanna Brant (Executive Director, Sexual Assault Centre of Brant), Rebecca Godderis (Wilfrid Laurier University)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: Lunch & Break, Room 12-202 (please remember to bring your conference land yard, this is your food ticket.) Catering Provided by: TBD

SESSION 8

1:00 - 2:15PM (75 minutes): Teaching Consent and Non-Violence

Paper 1: *Critically Engaging with Consent Education: Understanding the Possibilities and Limitations for Creating Change*

Presenter: Melanie Beres (University of Otago, New Zealand)

Paper 2: *Violence Prevention Outside the Realm of Social Justice Education: Enacted through Applied Business Software Curriculum*

Presenter: Katie Bannon (Social Justice Education, OISE, University of Toronto)

Paper 3: *Consent is Not Foreplay: Violence Prevention at McGill University*

Presenter: Gabrielle White (Social Justice Education, OISE, University of Toronto)

Paper 4: *Fleshing out the (Im)Possibilities of Anti-Oppressive Consent Education for Gender-Based Violence Prevention at Post-Secondary Institutions*

Presenter: Jessica Wright (Social Justice Education, OISE, University of Toronto)

SESSION 9

1:30 - 2:45PM (75 minutes): Prevention, Healing and Community

Paper 1: *Bekaadendang - Anti-Human Trafficking, Community Outreach, and Finding Peace*

Presenters: Daniella Robinson (Anti Human Trafficking Case Manager) and Melissa Compton (Anti Human Trafficking Case Navigator)

Paper 2: *Indigenous Feminist Narratives on Gender-based Violence: The REDress Project and Collective Dialogue in Post-Secondary Institutions in Canada*

Presenter: Elizabeth Brule (Gender Studies, Queen University, Kingston, Ontario)

Paper 3: *Rethinking Hallucinations, Visions, and Dreams as Different Realities: Surreal Encounters in Black Feminist Speculative Fiction*

Presenter: Paige Edwards-Grant (Social Justice Education, OISE, University of Toronto)

SESSION 10 (ROUND TABLE)

3:00 - 4:45 PM (75 minutes): Meaningful Engagement: Community-based Sexual Violence Experts & Institutional Collaborations on Post-Secondary Campuses Supporting Survivors and Reducing the Risk of Violence

Panelists: Jacqueline Benn-John (Women's Support Network of York Region); Alex Akong (Kenora Sexual Assault Centre); Brea Hutchinson (Sexual Assault Centre Kingston); Terry McQuaid (George Brown College); Yamikani Msosa (Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre); Aadhiva Vasudeva (Toronto Rape Crisis Centre/Multicultural Women Against Rape)

PLENARY SESSION

5:00PM - 6:00PM, Nexus Lounge: Featured Speaker Suzanne Smoke (Facilitator: Miglena Todorova)

Suzanne Smoke, Ginew Kwe, Golden Eagle Woman is a member of Mississauga's of Rice Lake, Alderville First Nation and she sits with the Bear Clan. Her most important role in community is being a life giver and Mother to her daughter Ogimaa Geeziko Kwe, Cedar Smoke, Head Woman of the Skyworld.

She works as Area Outreach and Program Coordinator for the Muskoka/ Parry Sound Sexual Assault Services working to stem the tide of violence against Indigenous women and girls. Currently she works in Anti Human Trafficking with Simcoe Muskoka AHT Coalition as well as U.S. Consulate Greater Toronto Area AHT Strategy. Currently she is working towards developing a 24 -hour response protocol model to all Stakeholders working with both Indigenous and Non- Indigenous agencies and service workers. Suzanne is also the Executive Director of Biindigen Healing and Arts, a Not for profit Grassroots Agency serving the off-reserve population of Southern Ontario providing Culturally sensitive and culturally appropriate programming and healing. Her knowledge base is in Women's Traditional Teachings, Seven Stages of Life Teachings and she is also a Pipe Carrier and Sundancer with the Gathering of Sacred Pipes in Pipestone Minnesota. She is a Proud member of the American Indian Movement and Her extensive knowledge in Harm reduction, Trauma Informed healing methods come from over 30 years walking the Red Road with many Elders and teachers.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2019

LOCATION: NEXUS LOUNGE (OISE, 12TH FLOOR)

8:40AM Land Acknowledgement

SESSION 11 (ROUNDTABLE)

9:00 -10:15 AM (75 minutes): Collapse of the System: Eradicating Sexual Violence Within Post-Secondary Institutions

Presenters: Nashwa Lina Khan, Hayley Moody, Samiyyah Somji, and Jay Rideout

SESSION 12

10:30 - 11:45 AM (75 minutes): Mobilizing Discourse, Culture and Media

Paper 1: *Enacting Food Justice with Trans People using Collaborative Zine making*

Presenter: Felismina Alves (Social Justice Education, OISE, University of Toronto)

Paper 2: *But, It's Sexy: A Discussion of the Appearance of Survivors in Student - Made Consent Texts at Ontario Universities*

Presenter: Taylor Berzins (Social Justice Education, OISE, University of Toronto)

Paper 3: *#WeTheStudentsDoNotConsent: A Critical Examination of Student Sex Education Activism in Ontario*

Presenter: Hannah Maitland (Feminist and Women's Studies, York University)

11:45 - 12:30 PM Lunch & Break, Room 12-202

SESSION 13 (WORKSHOP)

12:30 - 1:30 PM (60 minutes): Acting Out Gender: Embodied Criticality as a Tool for Prevention

Facilitator: Danielle Carr (University of Western Ontario)

Accessibility

OISE's accessible entrance is on the West side of the building and can be reached from Bloor St., just west of Bedford Ave. Accessible washrooms can be found on the ground floor (centre stairs), on the 5th floor centre lobby, and on the ground floor library. Single user, all gender washroom located on the 12th floor in room 12-130. Accessible Parking spaces on P1, with accessible Pay Parking stations.