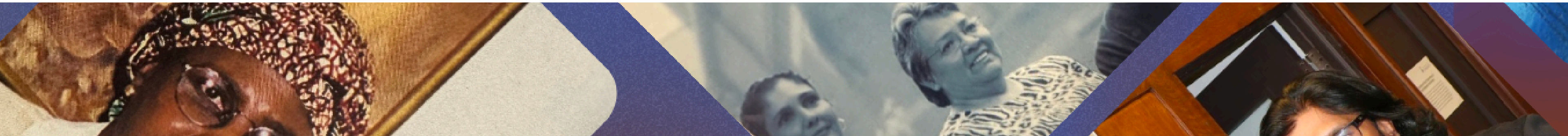




WELCOME!

Access & Equity for Mature Students in
Higher Education Research Symposium

Oct 4th, 2024





Jingle Dance & Song

Nichole Leveck & Izaiah Cada

Over the last 13 years, Nichole and Isaiah have used the profound practice of Jingle dancing and music as an educational tool, a form of activism and healing, and celebration of culture, tradition, and community.



ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

The overarching purpose of the symposium is to disseminate existing knowledge on mature students' access to higher education (HE) and to build a network of scholars and practitioners to support equity and access work for mature students across Canada and internationally. The symposium also seeks to identify gaps and future research directions on mature students' access to HE and access programs that help mature students make the transition to HE.

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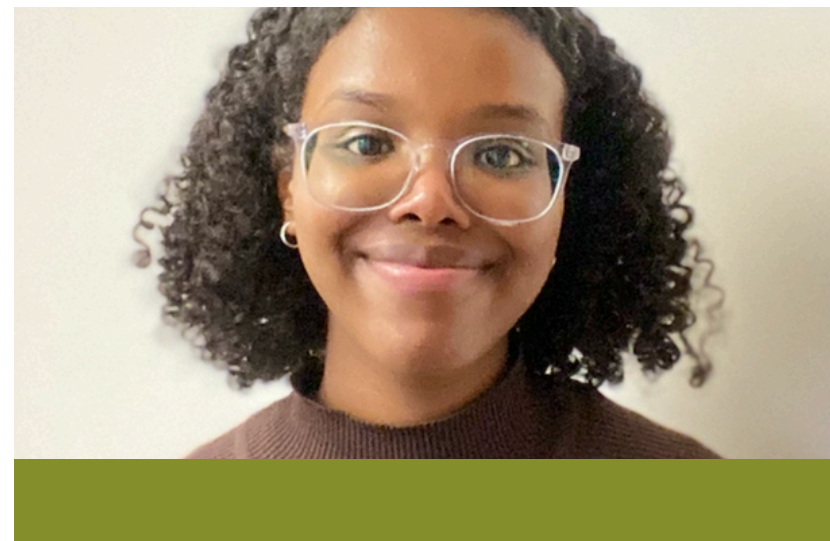
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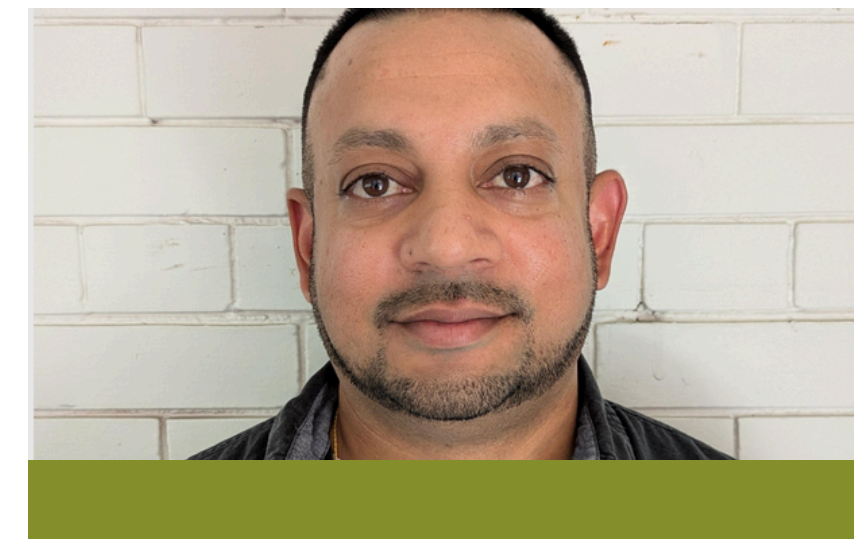
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SCHEDULE

Schedule - Access & Equity in Higher Education for Mature Students Research Symposium

If you have any questions, please contact us at aeheems@utoronto.ca ¹⁹

October 4, 2024

9:00 - 9:30am	Welcome & Refreshments Room: OISE Library
9:30 - 10:00am	Jingle Dance, Welcome & Introduction Room: OISE Library Nichole Leveck & Izalah Cada Nadia Qureshi & Dargine Rajeswaran
10:00 - 10:45am	Keynote Presentation: Who are Mature Students? Room: OISE Library Dr. Lance McCready This opening keynote will define who mature students are and identify the particular forms of discrimination they face in accessing and remaining in higher education.
10:45 - 11:00am	Break Room: OISE Library
11:00am - 12:00pm	Paper Sessions: Reflections on Lived Experience and Teaching Mature Students Across Contexts Session A: Indigenous Mature Students ✓ Session B: African, Caribbean, Black Mature Students ✓ Session C: Prison Education for Mature Students ✓ Session D: STEM Education for Mature Students ✓ Session E: Mature Students with Precarious Status ✓
12:00 - 1:00pm	Lunch Room: Nexus Lounge
1:00 - 1:45pm	Keynote Presentation: Student Funding Room: OISE Library Dr. Daniel Corral Through an exploration of financing decisions of a 2015 cohort of bachelor's degree graduates, this keynote explores student funding needs, access, and implications. Preliminary findings suggest mature students experienced an increased likelihood of incurring debt, delaying their ability to benefit from their postsecondary credential.
1:45 - 2:00pm	Break Room: OISE Library

2:00 - 3:00pm	Roundtable Sessions Room: OISE Library Participants will engage in two roundtables, each holding 2-3 short presentations and facilitated Q&A. Roundtable presentations share practical approaches to supporting mature students with accessing higher education. Each presenter will share an overview of how they provide support to mature students in their current roles, a best practice, and a challenge they face. Academic Advising & Tutoring ✓ Community Partnerships & Outreach ✓ Family & Career Services ✓
3:00 - 3:15pm	Break Room: OISE Library
3:15 - 3:45pm	Keynote Presentation: Future Directions - Reflections on Research Room: OISE Library Helen Tewolde The closing keynote will wrap up the full day symposium by highlighting critical learnings from the day and identifying future areas of research. Important connections to the ASPO Office and wider community will also be discussed.
3:45 - 4:00pm	Break Room: OISE Library
4:00 - 5:00pm	Reception in Nexus Lounge Room: Nexus Lounge

KEYNOTES

10AM



Lance T. McCready

1PM



Daniel Corral

3PM



Helen Tewolde

PAPER SESSIONS @ 11AM



Rachel Klein



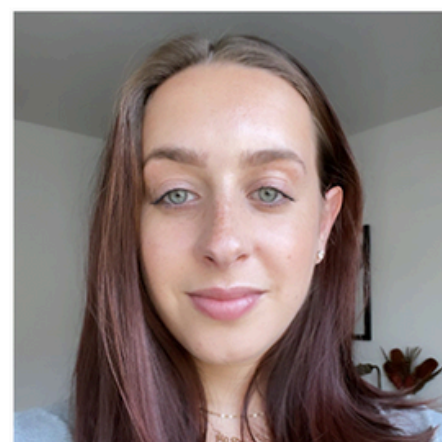
Max Mishler



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Isaac Saney



Marcus Singleton



Jessica Stockdale



Jennifer Sylvester



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ROUNDTABLE SESSIONS

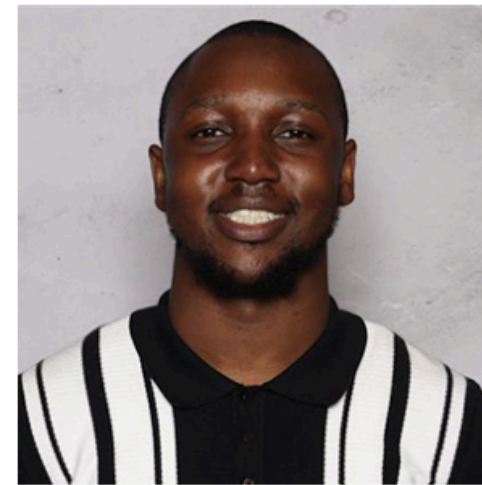
@ 2PM



Amanda Andrews



Alyssia Bueno



Brandon Cole



Helen Reddy Katz



Maryanne Small



Shane Wallace



Layla Warsame