



Diversity and Equity Committee (DEC)
Conversation Series
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2019 | 3:40 PM

Room 3111, Mona Campbell Building
1459 LeMarchant Street
Dalhousie University

PANEL DISCUSSION ON: ‘(dis)Ability: Diverse Voices, Situations, Challenges and Interventions’

You are invited to our panel discussion where we interact with multiple voices in the field of (dis)Ability. Our panellists will speak from their practice, research and first voice experiences with the goal, of enhancing our knowledge base of diverse experiences and encounters with – ‘Visible’ and ‘Invisible’ (dis)Ability. Conversations will follow the panel discussion.

Seating is available on a first come, first served basis and Access is provided to distance students.

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This event is brought to you by the Diversity and Equity Committee (DEC) of the School of Social Work, Dalhousie University in collaboration with SLWK 6001 (1 & 50).



Judy E. MacDonald, PhD is Professor, Director School of Social Work, Assistant Dean Equity and Inclusion, Faculty of Health, Dalhousie University. Scholarship focuses upon access and inclusion within post-secondary institutions for students with (dis)Abilities, autoethnographic and narrative storytelling of (dis)Ability, anti-oppressive ways of working across abilities, and access & accommodations. Judy has been co-chair of the CASWE Persons with Disability Caucus for eighteen years, previously on the Editorial Board of the Canadian Social Work Review journal where she served for three years as Anglophone co-editor, and she has been an invited contributor to numerous books on progressive social work and critical (dis)Ability.

Topic: Post-secondary inclusion of (dis)Able students.



Stephanie Berry, BA(Criminology & Psychology), MEd (Counselling Psychology), MSW student, has worked at Nova Scotia Works for over 5 years where she assists unemployed and under employed individuals with their return-to-work action plans. She also assists with career planning, assessments, decision making and crisis prevention and intervention as necessary. She is a registered Career Development Practitioner. She has interests in mental health and health promotion. She is an active volunteer and has been involved with many para-sports.

Topic: Nova Scotia Works Services to assist unemployed and under employed persons.



Rose Singh is a social worker, social work instructor, and PhD student. She has worked alongside people with (dis)Abilities for over eighteen years. She also lives with (dis)Abilities. She brings this lived experience to current counselling work, undergraduate teaching, doctoral studies and research. She has also presented at numerous national and international conferences related to social work and to higher education over the last five years.

Topic: Invisible (dis)Abilities and Social Work.



Melissa Myers graduated from Dalhousie University with a Masters’ in Social Work in 2013. Her social work practice experience has been based in a hospital setting, as well as with not-for-profit. Melissa is a woman with a (dis)Ability who is living with cerebral palsy. She has been a strong advocate for (dis)Ability rights and is also highly involved in researching theoretical and practical issues surrounding (dis)Ability, including policy and social work intervention. Her advocacy work led to the implementation of the Workplace Attendant Support program through the Department of Community Services, which began in September 2014. She is currently continuing her advocacy through her position as Accessibility Advisor in the Office of Diversity & Inclusion within the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM).

Topic: Employment of (dis)Able persons.