



Diversity and Equity Committee (DEC) Conversation Series

School of Social Work, Dalhousie University

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020 | 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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PANEL DISCUSSION ON: “Interrogating Whiteness” (1)



Dr. Benita Bunjun is currently an Associate Professor at Saint Mary's University in the Department of Social Justice and Community Studies. Her research examines organizational and institutional power relations with a focus on colonial encounters and nation building within academic spaces and workplaces. Dr. Bunjun is deeply committed to the academic well-being of Indigenous, Black and students of colour - who are often seen as "bodies out of place" - and to her responsibilities and responsiveness regarding the complexity of Indigenous-settler (of colour) relations. She currently coordinates The Racialized Students Academic Network.

Topic: Interrupting the Helping Narrative and White Bourgeois Femininity



Dr. Vincent Simedoh is an Assistant professor of Francophone Studies at Dal since 2012. He teaches French, Francophone studies and Postcolonial theory. He has published many articles in different journals and a book on Francophone Humour and Irony. His research fields are Francophone African Caribbean Literatures. He is the Undergraduate Advisor in the Department of French, Dalhousie University.

Topic: Mechanisms and Systems of Whiteness



Patricia Doyle-Bedwell is a Mi'kmaq woman from Potlotek First Nation. She has a BA Honours, JD and LLM all earned from Dalhousie University. She is an Associate Professor at Dalhousie. She has been involved in Justice for Indigenous women, educational Equity and teaching Indigenous studies. Patti co-chaired the Indigenous Strategy Committee, co-chairs the Indigenous Advisory Council, the Indigenous Faculty Caucus, serves as a Senator representing the Indigenous Advisory Council, serves on the DFA executive and the negotiating team. She has published papers on employment equity, Mi'kmaq people and education.

Topic: Decolonization



Tonya Hoddinott is a student in her second year of the Social Work program at Dalhousie University. Her studies and research have mainly focused on the effect trauma holds on Adult Survivors of childhood sexual abuse. However, during her time in the School of Social Work she has developed a passion for anti-racism work and practice with hopes to create a career in community organizing, mobilization and accountability.

Topic: The Appropriation of Anti-Oppressive Language



Brad Richards, RSW has been a Social Worker in his home province of Newfoundland and Labrador since graduating with his BSW in 2009. As an MSW student on the Distance program and a Teaching Assistant at Dalhousie University, Brad's research interests include: Anti-Colonialism & Anti-Racism in practice, Therapeutic Modalities for persons with (dis)Abilities, and Critical and Anti-Oppressive Theory and Practice.

Topic: Critical Self Reflection and Transformative Disruptions.



Moderator

Dr. Kevin Hewitt is a full Professor in the Department of Physics & Atmospheric Science and Chair of Senate (2015-22) at Dalhousie University.

VIA COLLABORATE WEBINARS

GUEST LINK TO WEBINAR: <https://ca.bbcollab.com/guest/86c3dff1d6b54485b894787e98b85b73> with Closed Captioning.

Social work students will connect via the Online Community-Social Work Resources site.

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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