



Dear Faculty and Staff,

Here is a recap of recent DEI stories, initiatives and events in our organization and the wider community to keep you up to date!

MAY HIGHLIGHTS

- 'Be Brave Not Perfect' Inclusive Language training session hosted by Talent & Culture and DEI Office [recording](#) and [slides](#) attached - please watch if you have not attended the session and please download the resources in the presentation for further support.
- '[Standing Together Against Hate](#)' joint TFS/YU panel discussion on anti-Asian racism, anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.
- YU and TFS Indigenous Students Advisory Council call for applications launched for [Yorkville University](#) and [Toronto Film School](#)
- [We Have the Courage to Act](#): A National Collaboration to Address and Prevent Gender-Based Violence at Post-Secondary Institutions in Canada.
- [Uplifting Indigenous Voices](#): Lori Burger's Master of Education Story.
- YU MACP Professor [Dr. Heather Dannison](#) Wins 2022 Always Outfront Award For Work with Trans community.
- [Three Ways to Make 'Belonging' More Than a Buzzword](#) in Higher Ed.
- The [Superficial Diversity](#) of Canadian TV.

COMMUNITY EVENTS, INITIATIVES AND RESOURCES

- YU M.Ed. Professor Mary Drinkwater's Call for Chapter Proposals for book *The Bloomsbury Handbook of Leadership and Change in Higher Education: Responding to Global Crises, Disruption and Uncertain Futures*. The book relates to themes of learning, engagement, inclusion, diversity, recruitment and retention, research, accountability, partnership development, etc. For further details: See the [Call for Proposal](#). Submission Deadline: June 30, 2022.

National Indigenous History Month

- [Picking Up the Pieces: The Making of the Witness Blanket](#) documentary film.

- [Talking About Healing, Relationships and Reconciliation](#) – Ask an Expert with M.Ed. Indigenous faculty Dr. Lois Edge.
- Pride Month: YU/TFS LGBTQI2SA+ [Safe Spaces Toolkit](#) resource to help facilitate safer spaces for community-building and dialogue.
- Pride Month - June 27: Webinar by Sage Publishing - [Pride 2022: Expressions of LGBTQIA+ Joy, Celebrating self, community, media & art.](#)
- [Italian Heritage Month](#)
- [Portuguese Heritage Month](#)
- [Filipino Heritage Month](#)

STAY CONNECTED

For information on diversity days, holidays and days of significance coming up in June please take a look at the **2022 [YU/TFS Diversity Calendar](#)**.

We appreciate your continued support and contributions to promote DEI at YU and TFS!

If you are interested in taking a role in advancing a specific initiative (particularly any diversity/heritage month events) or you would like us to include DEI related news that you are involved in please connect with Thamina Jaferi, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at tjaferi@yorkvilleu.ca or your respective Faculty and Staff Diversity Advisory Council for [YU/TFS](#).

~ Sent on behalf of Thamina Jaferi, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

