



Dear Faculty and Staff,

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

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Acting Student Liam Trefry Marks [Trans Day of Visibility](#) by Sharing Coming Out Story.
- TFS partnered with Reel Canada for [National Canadian Film Day for the screening of "The Breadwinner"](#) an Oscar-nominated film about an 11-year-old girl growing up under Taliban rule in Afghanistan in 2001 and stars TFS alumni Ali Kazmi.
- MACP faculty Dr. Sofia Georgiadou and M.Ed. faculty Dr. Andree Robinson-Neal launched a survey to YU students on [Experiences of Othering Among YU Students: Exploring a Community of Belonging](#). The results of this research will benefit all YU programs and the DEI Office in learning more about the needs of diverse students.
- MACP faculty Dr. Kimber Shelton's *Worthiness, Womanness, Blackness: Empowering Black Women in Therapy* **virtual conference (July 21-22)**; Dr. Karyn Delichte's *Institutional Responses to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) – The Development of New Power and Control Wheels*; Dr. Erin Pannell's *Sandplay as a Diagnostic Tool for Early Diagnosis of Children and Adolescents*. Read [More](#).
- M.Ed. Dean Dr. Ellyn Lyle's newly launched book [Re/humanizing Education](#) uses critical, qualitative, creative, and an arts-integrated approach, to explore the co-curricular capacity of lived experience to re/humanize education.

TFS|YU EVENTS

- Inclusive Language training for staff employees hosted by Chief Talent Officer Jenn Bouyoukos and Director of DEI Thamina Jaferi (choose one of two sessions):
 - [May 9, 2022 at 1 p.m. \(EST\)](#)
 - [May 25, 2022 at 1 p.m. \(EST\)](#)
- **May 12, 2022 at noon EST** – Lunch and Learn: Standing Together Against Hate. In honour of Asian and Jewish Heritage Months, the Director of DEI will moderate a panel discussion on addressing anti-Asian racism, anti-Semitism and Islamophobia with TFS Program Director of

Acting Hart Massey, Film Production faculty Andrew Chung, and YU BBA student and member of Student Diversity Advisory Council Sura Almansour. Register [HERE](#).

- **May 17 to 19, 2022** – DEI Workshops for YU BC Staff and Faculty (On-campus and Zoom options)
 - Staff can sign up [HERE](#).
 - Faculty can sign up [HERE](#).

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND RESOURCES

- **May 26 to 29** – third Annual [Toronto Arab Film Festival](#).
- CBC Arts article by Huda Hassan '[Why it matters who tells Black stories onscreen](#)'.
- The [Micropedia of Microaggressions](#).

STAY CONNECTED

For information on diversity days, holidays and days of significance coming up in May 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



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