



Organized by the Gender and Social Justice and WGSSA Students  
at the University of Alberta

“Towards Intersectional and Resilient Futures”  
Undergraduate and Graduate Student Conference  
**March 23rd-24th 2024**

In person in ASH hall 3-30 and online via Zoom!

Thank you so much to APIRG for sponsoring this conference! And thank you to the Department of Women's and Gender Studies for providing us the space, resources, and support!

# Program

<b>Day 1</b> March 23rd, Saturday	
9:15 – 9:30am MT	<b>Arrival &amp; Speakers Check-in</b> Coffee & Treats
9:30 – 10:00am MT	<b>Link to access for all of Day 1</b> Zoom (registration and password required): <a href="https://ualberta-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAqf-ysqzktGdCvPvpa_GOUFkiHKNgV4Y3R">https://ualberta-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAqf-ysqzktGdCvPvpa_GOUFkiHKNgV4Y3R</a>  <b>Opening remarks</b> (5-10 minutes)  <b><u>Heart-Based Grounding:</u></b>  <b>Dr. Lana Whiskeykack</b> , knowledge keeper, multidisciplinary treaty nêhiyaw (Cree) scholar/artist from Saddle Lake Cree Nation and Associate professor in the Faculty of Arts, Women's and Gender Studies, at the University of Alberta. (15-20 minutes)
10:00 – 11:15am MT	<b>Panel 1: Colonialism, History, and Modernity (20mins each)</b>  <u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Cheng Ni</b> “Between the Gazette and the News: Prostitution in Colonial Macau 1849-1949”</li> <li>● <b>Deidra Mahabal</b> “Oral History Interview on Gender Inequality”</li> <li>● <b>Nadiia Chervinska</b> “Reclaiming Modernity: Feminist Discourses and National Identity in Post-Independence Ukraine”</li> </ul> Q+A! 15 mins
11:15 – 11:30am MT	BREAK
11:30 – 12:05pm MT	<b>Panel 2: Indigenous Voices and Feminism (20mins each)</b>  <u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Latifat Busari</b> “Sustainability Paradigms: Indigenous Voices and the Confrontation of Imperialist, Colonialist, and Capitalist Systems”</li> </ul> Q+A! 15 mins

<p>12:05 – 1:00pm MT</p>	<p>LUNCH BREAK IN WINNIE TOMM LIBRARY AND BUTTON MAKING!</p>
<p>1:00pm – 2:00pm MT</p>	<p><b>Keynote Speaker (40 mins presentation)</b></p> <p><b>Rob Gurney/Ladonna Cree:</b> Rob is a Two- Spirited proud father from Montreal Lake, Sask. Treaty 6. He advocates for Indigenous and 2SLGBTQA+ people. Rob started his substance use disorder when was 17 yrs old. He experienced being part of the 60’s Scoop where his culture was erased. He was houseless, lonely and felt hopeless. 11 years ago he made the decision to get help and has been sober/clean since then. He is a volunteer with the Imperial Sovereign Court of The Wild Rose as well as with the Edmonton 2 Spirit Society where he was honored with the title of “Regional 2 Spirit Warrior 2021- 2022”. He is honored to be called “kohkom.” He has earned that term of endearment through 30+ years in the performance art community and being a Drag Queen with numerous accolades from pageants and charity work. He presently has a career as a social worker as well as a Zumba enthusiast.</p> <p>Ladonna Cree (Kohkom): Ladonna Cree shantay’s the Red Road with poise as a proud 2 Spirit nehiyaw with roots in Montreal Lake First Nation, Saskatchewan here in Treaty 6 territory. She is honored and loves being called “kohkom.” It is a term of endearment from the community. She has earned that name through 30+ years in the entertainment and performance art community and being a Drag Queen with numerous accolades from pageants and charity work.</p> <p>Q+A (20mins)</p>
<p>2:00pm –2:15pm</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>2:15pm – 3:15pm MT</p>	<p><b>Keynote Speaker (40 mins presentation)</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Domale Keys:</b> Domale Dube Keys, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies at the University of Alberta. She is a transborder Black feminist scholar who teaches and researches in the areas of feminist organizing, race, gender, and sexuality to support movement-building around the globe for social and environmental justice. Her ethnographic research has documented the experiences of Black women and immigrants who are involved in transnational nonviolent organizing. Her recent work pushes for a critical theory of violence based on her work with Black indigenous communities and research on sexual violence organizing in higher education. Her current book</p>

manuscript on Ogoni women's organizing was awarded the National Women's Studies Association's First Book Prize and is forthcoming with the University of Illinois Press. Check out her work on her website!

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**Ending remarks and Announcements\***

**\*Come join us after the conference at 6pm for some fun at the Grindstone theatre Drag show and political performance Rally Cry with their all non-binary cast! <https://www.showpass.com/rallycry-mar23/>**

<b>Day 2</b> March 24th, Sunday	
<i>9:45 – 10:00am MT</i>	<b>Arrival &amp; Speakers Check-in</b> Coffee & Treats
<i>10:00 – 10:10am MT</i>	<b>Link to access for all of Day 2</b> Zoom (registration and password required): <a href="https://ualberta-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcod-2ppjliGd2m_S6Eh2boBAqGeq9cOQll">https://ualberta-ca.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcod-2ppjliGd2m_S6Eh2boBAqGeq9cOQll</a>  <b>Opening:</b> Announcements and art to start off the conference (10mins)
<i>10:15 - 11:30am MT</i>	<b>Panel 1: Countering Sexual and Gender Based Violence (20mins each)</b>  <u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Baiyu Su</b> “Fafeng as a strategy: How Daughters in Chinese Families Respond to Gender-based Violence During Covid Lockdown”</li> <li>● <b>Zainab Abdullahi</b> “Amplifying the Unheard: A review on Gender based violence around the globe”</li> <li>● <b>Ananya Vohra</b> “Canadian (In)Security: The Strategic Use of Sexual Violence in Canada’s Colonial Project”</li> </ul> Q+A! 15 mins
<i>11:30 – 11:45am MT</i>	BREAK
<i>11:45 – 12:35pm MT</i>	<b>Panel 2: Queer, Trans, and Power (20mins each)</b>  <u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Aidan Blockley</b> “Transgender and Psychiatric Discourses in Twentieth-Century Canada”</li> <li>● <b>Yan Xue</b> “Queer Necropolitics and Transgender Lives in China”</li> </ul> Q+A! 10 mins
<i>12:35 – 1:15pm MT</i>	LUNCH BREAK IN WINNIE TOMM LIBRARY AND BUTTON MAKING!
<i>1:15 – 2:30pm MT</i>	<b>Panel 3: Race, Gender, and Freedom (20mins each)</b>

	<p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Rjay Ram</b> “Looking At Fiji's "Madwomen": A Case Study in Fiji Islands On Indentured Women Experiences and Examining Fiji Feminism”</li> <li>● <b>Yared Aynalem</b> “Exploring gender intersection with Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice of Preconception Care”</li> <li>● <b>Ayesha-Jade (AJ) Reece</b> “Are they truly free? The paradox of freedom and racialized sexual exploitation in Antebellum New Orleans”</li> </ul> <p>Q+A! 15 mins</p>
<p>2:30 – 2:40pm MT</p>	<p>BREAK</p>
<p>2:40 – 3:55pm MT</p>	<p><b>Panel 4: Resistance, Activism, and Media (20mins each)</b></p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Saniya Ghalehdar</b> “Gender Apartheid: Iranian Women and their Struggle for Freedom”</li> <li>● <b>Rojina Sabetiashraf</b> “Acts of Resistance: Iranian Women's Narratives at the Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art”</li> <li>● <b>Cori Balsdon</b> “Rain Rising: How a world centered on survivors remembered balance and meaning (a zine)”</li> </ul> <p>Q+A! 15 mins</p> <p><b>Closing remarks by organizing team</b></p>