

# AVA EDIA CHAMPIONS PANEL DISCUSSION



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AVA is excited to announce the upcoming Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (EDIA) Champions Panel, the first in a new bimonthly series exploring key issues surrounding gender-based violence, trauma, equity, and inclusion. This session will bring together EDIA leaders and community voices to share insights, experiences, and strategies for building inclusive and equitable spaces across sectors.

## MEET THE PANELISTS



### **Dr. Marlynn Bennett (Ikwe (woman)/ She/Her/ Niin (me))**

Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Work & Werklund School of Education, and Canada Research Chair (Tier II) in Indigenous Children's Well-being, University of Calgary



### **Carla Bertsch (She/Her)**

Sessional Instructor, Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary



### **Alexander Cuncannon (He/They)**

PhD Student (BN, RN) and Graduate Assistant, Faculty of Nursing & Owerko Centre, University of Calgary

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## **Dr. Aliyah Dosani (She/Her)**

Professor, School of Nursing & Midwifery, Faculty of Health, Community & Education, Mount Royal University



## **Jackie Gruber (She/Her)**

Director of Professionalism, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba



## **Stefan Kurbatfinski (He/Him)**

Doctoral Student, Community Health Sciences, University of Calgary



## **Dr. Kendra Nixon (She/Her)**

Professor & Director, RESOLVE Research Network, Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba