

# EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER PANEL DISCUSSION



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AVA is excited to announce the upcoming Early Career Researcher (ECR) Panel, a new bimonthly panel series highlighting emerging research and lived expertise related to gender-based violence, trauma, equity, and intersecting issues. This session will bring together early career researchers and community-informed scholars to share insights, experiences, and strategies for advancing meaningful, impact-driven research across sectors.

## MEET THE PANELISTS



### **Dr. Jennifer Collins (She/Her)**

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Nursing, Memorial University of Newfoundland and Labrador; Researcher in art-based methods, neurodegenerative disorders, and gerontological health



### **Dr. Kharah Ross (She/Her)**

AVA Mid-career Researcher and Lead, AVA Online Program and Committee; Associate Professor, Psychology, Athabasca University; Health Psychologist specializing in maternal-child health and psychoneuroimmunology



### **Dr. Ashley Stewart-Tufescu (She/Her)**

AVA Early Career Researcher and Lead, AVA Triadic Mentorship Program and Community Agency Internship Program and Committee; Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba



### **Dr. Sarah Yercich (She/Her)**

AVA Early Career Researcher and Host, AVA Webinar Series; Instructor, Department of Sociology and Criminology and Chair, Women's and Gender Studies, Capilano University