

INTERN PANEL DISCUSSION



SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM MST

AVA is excited to announce our upcoming CAIP Intern Panel Discussion! This panel will bring together AVA interns to share their experiences, insights, and lessons learned throughout their internships. The discussion will explore the transition from academic research to community-based work, moving knowledge into action, mentorship, and the challenges and opportunities of working within community agencies.

MEET THE PANELISTS



Nkechinyere Chinedu-Asogwa (She/Her)

Research Assistant, CHILD Studies Lab, University of Calgary; Fund Development Manager, Africa Centre; Researcher specializing in family and community well-being, resilience, violence prevention, and social policy impacts on vulnerable populations.



Nikita Mitra (She/Her)

Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies Researcher and Communications Professional; Researcher specializing in the gendered impacts of climate change, healthcare marginalization, and stigma, with a focus on women and marginalized communities in the Global South.



Seto Olayomi (She/Her)

Academic Researcher and Writer specializing in Sociology, gender-based violence (GBV), equity, and social policy; Researcher applying decolonial and culturally grounded frameworks to develop community-centered approaches to GBV prevention and response; Community Advocate with experience supporting women and families through community-based research, programming, and services.



Cheryl Trask (She/Her)

PhD Student in Applied Social Psychology, University of Saskatchewan; AVA Intern with Family Service Saskatoon; Researcher specializing in recovery following intimate partner violence and the social, relational, and institutional factors shaping women's healing trajectories.