



OFFICE OF OMBUDSPERSON || OFFICE OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY &  
INCLUSION

# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

## **Association of Canadian College and University Ombudspersons (ACCUO) Meeting (Western Region) Highlights:**

On September 19, 2023, SAIT's Ombudsperson and the University of Calgary Student Ombuds co-hosted the western region ACCUO members at SAIT Heritage Hall for a day of learning and discussion. Ombudspersons from the University of Alberta, University of British Columbia, University Canada West, Camosun College, Athabasca University, Vancouver Community College, and Simon Fraser University were present.

### **Thought-Provoking Presentations:**

**Dr. Sarah Elaine Eaton, PhD**, was our keynote speaker for the day. Dr. Eaton is an Associate Professor of Education in the Werklund School of Education, University of Calgary. She is also the Academic Director, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI), Education and Academic Integrity in the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (OEDI). She holds a concurrent appointment as an Honorary Associate Professor, Deakin Learning Futures, Deakin University, Australia. She served as the inaugural Educational Leader in Residence, Academic Integrity at Taylor Institute for Teaching and Learning, University of Calgary (2019-2022) and has served as the Chair, Leadership, Policy, and Governance Specialization Area (2021-2022).

### **Her expertise covered three intersecting topics:**

- The Fundamentals of Academic Integrity
- Considerations for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Accessibility, and Decolonization

- The Impact of Generative Artificial Intelligence (Gen AI) on Teaching, Learning, Assessment, and Academic Integrity



In addition to Dr. Eaton's presentations, the group discussed a number of other topics currently impacting ombuds in their various post-secondary institutions, including:

- The Ombuds Role in Post-Secondary Institutions
- The Ombuds Role in Relation to Complaints around EDI, Human Rights, and Discrimination
- Emerging Trends and Recent Developments in Administrative Fairness

The ACCUO meeting was an exceptional day, fostering a spirit of collaboration and shared learning among ombudspersons from across the western region.

We would like to take this chance to express our heartfelt appreciation to all participants, especially Dr. Sarah Eaton, for helping contribute to the success of this event.



If you are interested in learning more about SAIT's Ombudsperson, please visit our [website](#) today!

Find out more about [ACCUO](#) and how they actively promote the role and value of the ombudsman in higher education.

To get to know Dr. Eaton better and explore her research, check out her profile [here](#).

## **Get Ready to Celebrate: Join Us for Pride Week Fun!**

Hey there!

Pride celebrations usually happen at different times than our usual academic year. But, guess what? We host our awesome Pride Week in October because it's **LGBT History Month**, and **National Coming Out Day** is on October 11. This way, our students can fully join in the fun!

Get ready for loads of fun activities from October 10th to October 13th to celebrate Pride Week! Check out the schedule for all the exciting events!

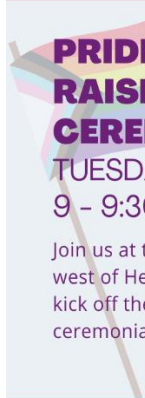


# PRIDE WEEK #HEREATSAIT

## PRIDE FLAG RAISING CEREMONY

TUESDAY, OCT. 10  
9 - 9:30 AM

Join us at the flag poles west of Heritage Hall to kick off the week with a ceremonial flag raising.



## COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR | FREE ICE CREAM

TUESDAY, OCT. 10  
11 AM - 1 PM  
IRENE LEWIS ATRIUM

The Pride at SAIT Committee will be dishing up ice cream from noon to 1 pm!

## INSTRUCTOR SESSION

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11 | 3 - 3:50 PM

CADI is offering a session on "Getting Started with Supporting 2SLGBTQ+ Students" for SAIT Instructors interested in making their classrooms more inclusive. Please join us to learn about key terminology, pronouns and other strategies to support our students in this diverse community.

Scan the QR code to register!



## INCLUSION TALKS | EMBRACING TWO-SPIRIT IDENTITIES: A CONVERSATION WITH MARSHALL VIELLE

THURSDAY, OCT. 12  
12 - 1:30 PM

Don't miss our upcoming conversation featuring Marshall Vielle, a prominent Two-Spirit artist, actor, drag performer, and educator hailing from the Kainai Nation in southern Alberta.

Scan the QR code to register!



## DRAG BINGO

FRIDAY, OCT. 13 | 11 AM - 12:30 PM  
IRENE LEWIS ATRIUM

Join Pride at SAIT for drag + bingo hosted by drag performer Angelina Starchild! This pop diva is heavily influenced by icons like Lady Gaga, Miley Cyrus and Britney Spears.



[www.sait.ca/pride](http://www.sait.ca/pride)

Cheers!

## **Black Empowerment & Excellence at SAIT**

Join us for an engaging virtual networking workshop hosted by The Black Empowerment and Excellence at SAIT, in collaboration with Career Advancement Services. Discover the secrets to "Mastering the Art of Networking: Building Meaningful Connections" with SAIT's esteemed Career Advisors, Yvonne English and Emily Byrne, from SAIT's Career Advancement Services online on Zoom, Tuesday, Oct 24, 2023, 12-1 p.m.

**During this workshop, you'll delve into the following key topics:**

- uncovering the significance of networking
- preparing effectively before a networking event
- navigating and leaving a lasting impression during networking events
- mastering the art of professional follow-ups post-event

Toward the end of the session, we'll open the floor for a dynamic Q&A session where you're encouraged to bring your burning networking questions. We can't wait to connect with you and share invaluable insights on the art of networking! See you there!

Registration is a must! Please sign up [here](#) to join us.

## **PERS 148: Introduction to Effective Intercultural Communication**

Amazing news! PERS 148: Introduction to Effective Intercultural Communication Course has been revamped with a user-friendly interface, and registration for the 2023-2024 session is now open. This free, six-week online course enhances intercultural understanding and communication skills. Upon completion, you'll earn a valuable micro-credential badge. Don't miss this opportunity for personal and professional growth – secure your spot today! Register [here](#) for the Daytime class starting Nov 1 – Dec 6, 2023.