

FEB 1
THURSDAY

OPEN TO THE FOLLOWING PASSES ● FULL ● SLIM ● STUDENT ● YOUTH

GET HERE

3:30 PM - 5:45 PM ●●●●

Registration and Hotel Check-In

Mix and Mingle with DJ » take a moment to meet your fellow attendees

CONFERENCE KICK-OFF

6 PM ●●●●

Cocktail Reception

- Elder Welcome
- Treaty Land Acknowledgment
- Remarks by Jesse Lipscombe and Julia Lipscombe
- Partner and Sponsor Remarks
- Team Challenges

KEYNOTE: SCAACHI KOUL

7 PM ●●●●

Scaachi Koul is a Culture Writer at BuzzFeed News and the author of the bestselling *One Day We'll All Be Dead And None Of This Will Matter*. Her work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *The Globe and Mail*, and *The Walrus*.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

8 PM ●●●●

Making It Awkward in Entertainment:

A musical conversation with Mr. Smith and Meelah

FEB 2

FRIDAY

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REGISTRATION OPEN

7 - 8:30 AM

BREAKFAST AND HUMAN LIBRARY

7:30 AM ●●●

Sign up to eat breakfast with one of our living books AKA the influential educator/disruptor of your choice » see registration desk for details.

WORKSHOP

READY TO MAKE IT AWKWARD?

8:45 AM ●●●●

Get equipped with the skills to speak up when you hear biased or discriminatory comments and learn how you can become a #MakeItAwkward workshop facilitator in your own community/environment.

KEYNOTE: JANE ELLIOTT (VIA SKYPE)

10 AM ●●●●

Anti-racism activist and educator, feminist, LGBTQ activist, as seen on Oprah.

GET MOVING

12 PM ●●●●

- Guided River Valley walk or run
- Yoga with Andy Misle, Sattva Yoga teacher » all abilities

FRIDAY FEB 2

LUNCH

POETRY: MY PLACE IN THE WORLD

1 PM ●●●●

John Mukonzi, Xavia Publus, Heath Birkholz, Lebogang Disele, Sara Campos-Silvius

What does it mean to be an outsider? What does it mean to be marginalized? Poets give you a look into their worlds and an opportunity to feel their truths.

PANEL

DIVERSITY IN CANADIAN MEDIA

2 PM ●●●●●

Mark Iype (Editor-in-Chief, Edmonton Journal), Tanara McLean (Reporter, CBC Edmonton), and other panelists discuss topics such as representation, biases in mainstream news and critical thinking in news consumption.

BREAK-FREE SESSIONS

3 PM ●●●●●

1. DR. FARHA SHARIFF

Like many people, educators watch the news and wonder how to make sense of all that is happening in our world, our country, our city. As educators, we wonder how to talk about these events with our students. What is our role? What is the scope of these conversations? How do these events impact the students we teach? What is our responsibility? Future generations will ask about these moments, wondering: How did this happen? What did we do to resist? Join Dr. Farha Shariff from the Faculty of Secondary Education, UofA, in a discussion about these questions and how to challenge the new normal. Learn more about how you can be proactive in your role as an educator, share best practices and engage in provocative discussions about race, culture, diversity and its place in schools. Leave with strategies on how to create effective change in your classrooms, schools and community.

2. ROSALYN FUNG, M.SC

Have you ever been told that: You're too round, too short, too fat, too skinny? You should change the way you look or dress? Have you been bullied for your body size or appearance? This is Body Shaming - criticizing and bullying yourself or others because of some aspect of physical appearance. Body Shaming leads to comparison and shame, and perpetuates the idea that people's worth is based on their physical

features. Sadly, body shaming starts at such a young age in our society. Rosalyn Fung, a Registered Psychologist turned Life and Business Coach, specializing in body image and self-worth, will share the negative psychological, emotional and physical impacts body shaming has and how to create shifts for peace.

3. JESSE LIPSCOMBE AND TIFFANY GOOCH

Black History Month: The legacy of anti-black racism in Canada

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BREAK TIME

5:30 PM ●●●●

COCKTAILS

6:30 PM ●●●●

- Remarks by Jesse Lipscombe and Julia Lipscombe
- Partner and Sponsor remarks

DINNER

7 PM ●●●●

COMEDY SHOWCASE

8:30 PM ●●●●

Hosted by RELL BATTLE (Superior Donuts, Roast Battle)

8:45 PM » AIMEE BEAUDOIN

9 PM » STERLING SCOTT

FEB 3

SATURDAY YOUTH-FOCUSED PROGRAMMING BEGINS

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REGISTRATION

7 - 8:30 AM

BREAKFAST

7 - 8:30 AM ●●●●

YOUTH CONFERENCE KICK-OFF

8:30 AM ●●●●●

- Elder Welcome
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INTERGENERATIONAL MINGLE

9 AM ●●●●●

- Team Challenges

YOUTH HEADLINER: QUINTON AARON

10 AM ●●●●●

Quinton Aaron is best known for his portrayal of Michael Oher, aka Big Mike, alongside Oscar winner Sandra Bullock, in the Academy Award winning hit movie, *The Blind Side* (2009), which has grossed over \$300 million in U.S. box office alone. Aaron has guest-starred on many television shows including *Law & Order: Special Victims Unit* (1999) playing the son of Jill Scott, NBC's *Mercy* (2009), and CBS' *Harry's Law* (2011). He also had recurring roles on *One Tree Hill* and *Drop Dead Diva*.

YOUTH MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER: DAVID DRIGGERS

11 AM ●●●●

Presents: "TROPHIES"

In order to achieve our goals, we must become comfortable being uncomfortable—or better yet—making awkward normal.

LUNCH

12 PM ●●●

BREAK-FREE SESSIONS

1 PM ●●●●

1. LORNA SELIG

More Than Self Defense: Be Prepared, Not Scared.

2. ISAAC TYLER

Welcome to Amiskwacy Waskahikan: Acknowledging Indigenous Edmonton

3. DR. MICHAEL KEHLER, PROFESSOR, MASCULINITIES STUDIES

Awkward?: Shifting masculinities and engaging boys and men as allies in a time of #MeToo, #TimesUp.

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be the boy or man who doesn't follow the rules and norms of masculinity? Have you ever wanted to step out of the box that is masculinity but were afraid to do so because no one would understand or accept you? Imagine then what it is like in the current times of public acknowledgements and accusations of sexual assault by men wielding power over women. Imagine how we might dislodge men and boys from complacency, from being among the boys but, not of the boys. Imagine men and boys as allies. An educator, parent, brother, father, partner, Michael Kehler, Research Professor of Masculinities Studies in Education at the Werklund School of Education, U of C, promises to shift the dialogue to engage us in rethinking about masculinities and how we might reconfigure our relationships with boys and men in productive and helpful ways that create a respectful dialogue for change.

SATURDAY FEB 3

PANEL

MAKING IT AWKWARD IN POLITICS & POLICY

2 PM ●●●●●

Mayor Don Iveson, MLA David Shepherd, Tiffany Gooch and Keren Tang discuss topics such as representation, barriers to participation and intersectionality—moderated by Nolan Crouse (former Mayor of St. Albert).

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ACCESSIBILITY PRESENTATION WITH BEAN GILL

4:15 PM ●●●●●

Bean Gill is a first generation Indo-Canadian woman born and raised in Millwoods who has faced more than her fair share of adversity. Her life was changed forever when she was paralyzed from the waist down by an auto-immune disorder called Transverse Myelitis in July 2012. Through her recovery she has found her purpose in life: to help other people re-train their nervous systems and reach their goals.

CLOSING SPEECH

5 PM ●●●●●

Jesse Lipscombe

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

FOLLOWING CLOSING ●●●●●

Paul Woida, K-Riz & Guests

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