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Cheryl Regehr, PhD



What IWD means to me:

BIO: Cheryl Regehr is Vice-President and Provost at the University of Toronto. Former Vice-Provost, Academic Programs and Dean of the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, she is a Professor of Social Work, with cross-appointments to the Faculty of Law and the Institute for Medical Sciences. Professor Regehr has received awards for research and teaching and is co-author of four books and over 100 journal articles. Her practice background includes over 20 years of direct service in forensic social work and emergency mental health and in the administration of mental health programs.



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Janice Du Mont, EdD



What IWD means to me: IWD is a celebration of women's achievements and an occasion on which to take stock of ongoing challenges to gender equality.

BIO: Dr. Janice Du Mont is a Senior Scientist at the Research Institute of Women's College Hospital and Professor in Public Health at the University of Toronto, where she is also Director of the Collaborative Specialization in Women's Health. She is a member of the Government of Ontario's Roundtable on Violence Against Women and the University of Toronto's Sexual Violence Climate Survey Advisory Board, and has also served as a consultant to the World Health Organization. Her research focuses on improving the care provided to diverse survivors of sexual assault, intimate partner violence, and elder abuse.



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Suzanne L Stewart, PhD, CPsych



What IWD means to me: International Women's Day means that Canada needs to continue to pay attention to equity based on race and gender and take a hard look at itself as a country, where there continues to be groups of people who experience harms and oppressions every day based on these aspects of identity. In 2018, this is no longer acceptable; Canada must change its patriarchal, colonial framework to hold a genuine place as a world leader in social change.

BIO: Dr. Stewart is a member of the Yellowknife Dene First Nation. She is a registered psychologist and Director of the Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at U of T, where she is an Associate Professor in the Division of Social and Behaviour Health Sciences. Research and teaching interests include Indigenous health and healing with specializations in psychology (homelessness, youth mental health, identity, and work-life development), Indigenous determinants of health, Indigenous pedagogies in higher education and health sciences, and Indigenous research ethics and methodologies. She is also Chair of the Aboriginal Section of the Canadian Psychology Association and is committed to advancing Indigenous healing issues in health practice and policy.



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Erica Di Ruggiero, PhD



What IWD means to me: An opportunity to bring to celebrate our accomplishments in the name of gender equity without forgetting that much more needs to be done to level up the conditions in which we work, learn, live and play to ensure no one is left behind.

BIO: Erica Di Ruggiero is Director for the Office of Global Public Health Education & Training, Director of the Collaborative Specialization in Global Health, and Assistant Professor, Social and Behavioural Health Sciences Division at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health (University of Toronto). Prior to joining the university, she was the inaugural Deputy Scientific Director with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research-Institute of Population and Public Health. She has also held adjunct and status faculty appointments at the University of Toronto. Erica obtained her PhD in public health sciences from the University of Toronto. She is also a registered dietitian. Her research and teaching interests include the study of population health interventions, their health and health equity impacts, global labour policy and policy agenda setting processes that affect health and health equity, the evaluation of global health research capacity building, and of partnership and knowledge utilization and exchange strategies that influence public health decision-making at national and global levels.



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Onye Nnorom, MD, CCFP, MPH, FRCPC



What IWD means to me: IWD means honouring everyone, past and present, who self-identifies as a woman, and celebrating the diversity and intersectionality that exists within this group.

BIO: Dr. Onye Nnorom is a Family Doctor and a Public Health & Preventive Medicine specialist. She practices at TAIBU Community Health Centre, in Toronto and is the Primary Care Lead for Cancer Care Ontario's Central East Regional Cancer Program, providing leadership on matters of cancer prevention and care to primary care physicians in the region. She is also the Associate Program Director of the Public Health & Preventive Medicine Residency Program at the University of Toronto. She recently took on the position as the Black Health Theme Lead for the Faculty of Medicine, incorporating Black Canadian health issues into the medical school curriculum.

Dr. Nnorom completed her medical degree at McGill University, and then completed a Master of Public Health (Epidemiology) and residency training at the University of Toronto. Being of Nigerian and Trinidadian heritage, she is particularly interested in immigrant health, and Black community health and wellness. She is the Vice-President and Board Chair of the Black Physicians' Association of Ontario.

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Mercedes Cavallo, LL.M., LL.B.



What IWD means to me: IWD is an opportunity to organize and celebrate past, present and future endeavors for intersectional gender equality.

BIO: Mercedes Cavallo is an SJD candidate at the University of Toronto, Faculty of Law. She researches the legal construction of spatial and temporal scales from a legal geography perspective. Particularly, how the different laws in the context of Buenos Aires unfold childcare in the private space and time of the household, shaping women's inequality. Mercedes received her LL.B. in 2007 (Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina), her LL.M. in 2009 (University of Toronto, Canada), her Diploma in Women and Human Rights in 2011 (Universidad de Chile), and her Specialization in Criminal Law in 2016 (Universidad Torcuato Di Tella). She is currently a lecturer at the LL.M. Program at Universidad Torcuato Di Tella.



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Mariana Ferraz Duarte, MPH



What IWD means to me: IWD is a call for gender equality and social justice. It is a chance to celebrate and glorify women's achievement all over the world.

BIO: Mariana is a doctoral candidate in Social and Behavioural Health Sciences, at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto. She has a strong interest in community-based research and related strategies that contribute to capacity building of marginalized communities in order to take action to improve their health and wellbeing. Specifically, she is interested in understanding coalition-building around the struggle for the social justice and health equity in megacities. Her doctoral research explores efforts of housing movements to ensure right to the city and establish alternatives forms of urbanization that mitigate health inequities in Sao Paulo, Brazil.



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Allie Margaret May, MHI, RN, BScN



What IWD means to me: IWD was one of the only holidays celebrated in former USSR (where my family is from), so I have many fond memories of it from childhood. IWD to me means flowers for all the women in my family, to show how much we appreciate their sacrifices, hard work, and unconditional love.

BIO: Allie Margaret May is a recent graduate of the IHPME's Master of Health Informatics program. She is passionate about leveraging health technology to improve health literacy, increase patient engagement, and give decision-making power back to its rightful owner: the patient. Allie has worn many different hats within the healthcare industry including registered nurse, entrepreneur, cancer researcher, and digital health consultant for the Northwest Territories government. She is currently a business consultant at Sun Life Financial working exclusively on their digital health portfolio.



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Yasmeen Persad



What IWD means to me: Change for trans women to be included!

BIO: Yasmeen Persad, a community activist, works at the 519 as an Education and Training-Facilitator, delivering training on Access for LGBTQS people. She is also a Research Coordinator at the Women's College Hospital working with Trans Women and HIV.



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Mei Wen, MD/MSc Candidate 2019, MPH



What IWD means to me: International Women's Day is to appreciate the strength in powerful women around us, who shines fiercely not just on this day but on every other 364 days of the year.

BIO: Mei Wen is currently a medical student studying at the University of Toronto and a LEAD Scholar completing MSc in System Leadership Innovation at IHPME. She completed a MPH from Western University. Mei is interested in the link between poverty and poor health and connecting the world of medicine and public health. She has worked on several research projects on homelessness and has worked with Decent Work and Health Network for the past two years to advocate on better working conditions for better health. Mei is passionate about writing and has published in Scrub-In, CMAJ Student Blogs and HealthyDebate regarding health equity issues. Her blog posts can be found at www.meiwwen.com/blog.



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Margaret MacNeill, PhD



What IWD means to me: IWD sparks ways of listening & remaking human relations to keep equity struggles moving in the direction of social justice.

BIO: Margaret MacNeill, an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Physical Education (KPE), is cross appointed to the Dalla Lana School of Public Health and serves on the executive committee of the Graduate Specialization in Women's Health at UT. As Director of the Media & Motion Collaboratory, her research and advocacy activities span physical cultural studies, social media and human rights, sport media, and health communication issues. Her work seeks to engage diverse communities in communication for social change and equity. She likes to walk uphill and downhill, alone and with others, around the curve and into important issues.



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Charlotte Lombardo



BIO: Fifteen years designing and implementing health promotion and community development projects and programs, including seven years of senior management experience, working with diverse populations and managing multi-stakeholder partnerships, with a special focus on youth populations. Extensive experience in community-based research and knowledge translation, engaging with policy-makers, academic and community audiences. Five years as professor and program director for the DLSPH MPH-Health Promotion program. Current interim Graduate Coordinator for DLSPH Master's programs.



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Megan Saad, MPH Candidate



What IWD means to me: Recognizing both the historical and contemporary face of feminist resistance in continuously fighting for women's place in society.

Bio: Megan is a current Master of Public Health candidate in the Social and Behavioural Health Sciences (Health Promotion) program at the University of Toronto, pursuing a Collaborative Specialization in Women's Health with the Women's College Hospital Research Institute. Having previously majored in Women & Gender Studies and Biology for Health Science, Megan's passion lies in integrating feminist & interdisciplinary social theory to public health research and practice with a focus on championing women's health.



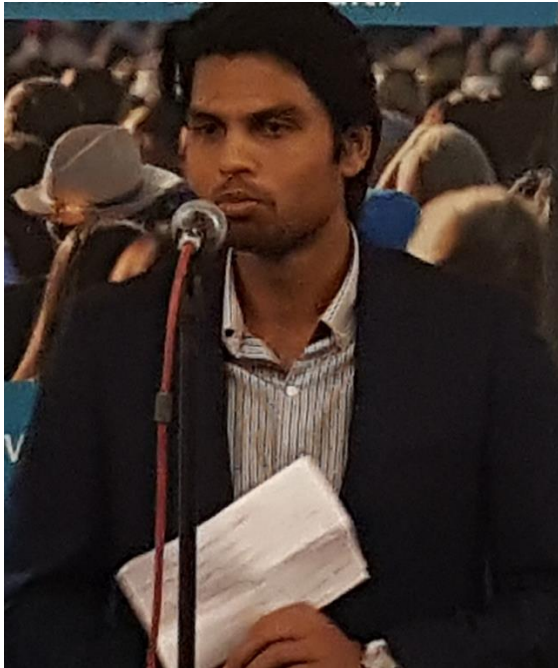
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Ramlogan Sowamber, MPH



What IWD means to me: Celebrating and supporting women

BIO: Ramlogan Sowamber is the Engagement Officer for the Public Health Alumni Association (PHAA) at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. He is always actively engaging the DLSPH alumni through various activities and events. While on the PHAA board, he has also served as New Alumni Officer.



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Dr. Uttam Bajwa, PhD



What IWD means to me: A reminder of the powerful history of women's activism.

Bio: Uttam Bajwa is a Research Associate in the Office of Global Public Health Education & Training at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. She has a PhD in Latin American history from Johns Hopkins University where she studied migrant entrepreneurs in the Argentine wine industry. Dr. Bajwa has current research projects in global health pedagogy, the economic inclusion of LGBTQ+ migrants, and the health implications of "gig" work.



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Cristina Sherry Jaimungal, MA



What IWD means to me:

our work should equip
the next generation of women
to outdo us in every field
this is the legacy we leave behind

- progress rupi kaur

BIO: Cristina Sherry Jaimungal is the External Commissioner for the University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union (UTGSU), representing Canada's largest graduate student population (over 18 000 students). With a focus on critical anti-racism and mental health community initiatives, Jaimungal maintains an equity-based portfolio and continuously advocates for increased universal access to post-secondary education. She holds an M.A. in Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning and is currently a PhD student in the Department of Social Justice Education with a specialization in Comparative, International, and Development Education at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto.



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