

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Black Stories of Belonging at MacEwan University: a celebration of Black History Month

Edmonton – The public is invited to join us for a celebration of Black Belonging! Attendees can dance to the beats of La Connexional while savouring the tastes of the Bajan Chef, Safron's Caribbean Delight and the Tantalizers Restaurant. Storytellers Kija Lado and Medgine Mathurin will share their stories and connect with the audience. People will be encouraged to immerse themselves in campus and community tales of Black Belonging while reflecting on the creative and explorative ways that the Black community will continue to influence our university, the city of Edmonton and beyond.

The evening's focus is to honor Black Stories of Belonging and think about our aspirations for urban space and place. This is the theme of the 2024 Interdisciplinary Dialogue: Cities of Tomorrow.

The evening is a collaboration between the university's [Interdisciplinary Dialogue Project](#), [Office of Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion](#), the [Students' Association of MacEwan University \(SAMU\)](#) and [Black History Month](#).

About the Storytellers

Kija Lado

Kija Lado ([@kijalado](#)) is a South Sudanese multidisciplinary artist and musician born and raised in Amiskwaciwâskahikan.

Blending soulful vocals and honest storytelling, her genre-bending work aims to make both herself and others feel, know and be known.

Medgine Mathurin

Haitian-born spoken word artist and advocate, Medgine is a person for whom the love of language and the alchemy of words is second nature. Her multilingual upbringing (French, Creole, English) not only prompted her to begin experimenting with the potential and magic of language but naturally compelled her into a deep love of poetry. Over the years, Medgine has been diagnosed with Lupus (SLE), CIDP, Polymyositis, and Raynaud's, all of which have fuelled her desire to merge her storytelling into patient advocacy, especially for those living with chronic illnesses.

Medgine currently serves as chair of the Patient and Family Advisory Committee, with the Health Quality Council of Alberta Patient Advisor, a provincial committee that promotes patient-centered care in health initiatives across the province. She has been featured on CBC, Global TV and at the Skirtsafire and the Edmonton Poetry Festival.

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5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**The Lookout (Second Floor)
Room SA-200, SAMU Building
10850 - 104 Avenue NW**



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