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MacEwan to host panel discussing hate during Student Association's Anti-Racism Week

Edmonton - The topic of hate and violent extremism from a local perspective will be discussed when three community leaders take part in a panel discussion, *The Landscape of Hate in Alberta*. This will be an opportunity to hear from researchers and practitioners involved in exploring this topic in Alberta..

"There is an increased interest from various levels of government, as well as the broader community, to have an understanding of hate, bias and discrimination in the province," says Irfan Chaudhry, director, Office of Human Rights, Diversity and Equity at MacEwan University. "Over the last few years, Alberta has been home to a number of high-profile, race-based hate events, which has created a need for more awareness and understanding. This event will help participants understand the context of hate in Alberta, and will also inform and educate participants."

Panelists include:

- Chinoye Ilupeju (Organization for the Prevention of Violence): Ilupeju's interest lies in crisis
 intervention, psychoeducation, violence prevention, counseling and mentorship. She currently
 works for as a case worker to support individuals and families being impacted by extremism and
 violence
- Gurpreet Kaur Bolina (Alberta Hate Crimes Committee): Bolina is the program coordinator for an initiative called Social Stride (@socialstrideadvocacy) with the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights @jhcentre and is the treasurer of the Alberta Hate Crimes Committee @albertahatecrimescommittee.
- Irfan Chaudhry (MacEwan/StopHateAB): Chaudhry currently works as director, Office of Human Rights, Diversity, and Equity at MacEwan University and in this capacity, leads the development of human rights, diversity, and equity initiatives within the institution. He is also a hate crime researcher and founded Alberta's first 3rd party hate incident reporting tool, StopHateAB.ca

This virtual panel is part of the Students' Association of MacEwan University's (SAMU) Anti-Racism Week and is a partnership between SAMU and MacEwan University's Office of Human Rights, Diversity and Equity.

The Landscape of Hate in Alberta Tuesday, November 15, 2022 6 p.m. Online panel discussion Webinar Registration - Zoom