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Creating a culture of consent

Edmonton – October 7 through 11 is Sexual Violence Awareness Week at MacEwan University. The annual week-long event features a variety of activities, including workshops, film screenings, and panel discussions, to promote awareness and discussion about sexual violence.

“This year, we are focusing on promoting the values and behaviors that create the foundation for healthy relationships and communities: consent, respect, sex-positivity, empathy, courage, and support,” said Roxanne Runyon, sexual violence prevention and education coordinator.

“Our goal is to encourage open and honest conversation about challenging topics so we can come together as a community to create a safe and supportive environment for all of our students, faculty and staff,” added Runyon.

This year’s keynote speaker, Mia Mingus is a writer, educator and community organizer for transformative justice and disability justice. She has been organizing for transformative justice for over a decade and is a founding core-member of the Bay Area Transformative Justice Collective. Mia’s keynote will focus on ways for communities to respond to violence that don’t create additional harm.

“Sexual violence includes sexual assault, street harassment, intimate partner violence, and sexual harassment,” adds Runyon. “MacEwan University is committed to promoting and maintaining an educational and working environment free of all forms of sexual violence.”

Sexual Violence Awareness Week will kick off with a special spoken word performance by Edmonton poet laureate, Nisha Patel, remarks from city councillor Bev Esslinger, and the launch of MacEwan’s 2019/20 ‘Ending Sexual Violence’ campaign video.

Sexual Violence Awareness Week opening event:

When: Monday, October 7

Where: Robbins Health Learning Centre (Second floor atrium)

Time: Noon - 1 p.m.

[Click here for event details](#)

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