



## EDI DISCUSSION SERIES

# Care work, defining family and public service

This lecture will explore the dual challenges facing today's families: the rising pressures on the "sandwich generation" caring for both aging parents and children, and the need to recognize and support LGBTQ+ and diverse family structures. It will consider how evolving definitions of family demand more inclusive, responsive public policy.

Moderated by **Dr. Christie Schultz** (she/her), Dean, Centre for Continuing Education, University of Regina, this event will feature commentary by:

- **John-Paul Boyd KC** (he/him), family law lawyer, arbitrator, mediator and parenting coordinator
- **Dr. Erica Di Ruggiero** (she/her), Associate Professor of Global Health, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto
- **Michelle WY Tam** (she/her), Postdoctoral Fellow, LGBTQ Health Center of Excellence (Harvard) and Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto

Creating a diverse, inclusive and equitable public sector—where all employees feel represented, respected, and supported—is necessary to support the needs of Canada's changing demographics. This EDI Discussion Series explores how governments can actively work to support marginalized communities and break down system barriers.

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