



Ableism in the Academy: Who's Listening?

Monday, May 15 | 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. CST

 **Presented via Zoom** | No registration or fees required

The event is presented by the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences' Office of Equity, Access and Participation (formerly Equity, Diversity and Inclusion) and College of Rehabilitation Sciences, along with UM's Office for Equity and Transformation and the Interdisciplinary Master's program in Disability Studies.

The academy is very comfortable with the level of oppression experienced by disabled people. The assumption that a disabled person shows up is exceptional. "We are letting you in, but we are letting you in on our terms."

The colonial bias toward disability is based on a medieval notion that education belongs to the elite. Ableism has been reinforced by the medicalization of disability and the medicalization of suffering. Disability studies sees the presence of disability as a human rights and social justice issue.

The purpose of this panel discussion is to discuss these concerns and provide concrete solutions to these substantive issues.

MODERATOR: Valerie Williams, Director, Office of Equity, Access & Participation, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences

PANELISTS:

- **Dr. Melanie Thorley**, University of Greenwich
- **Alicia Pauld**, Montreal-based activist, public speaker, writer, content creator, organizer, artist and sociology and sexuality studies graduate
- **Dr. Wesley Crichlow**, University of Toronto, Critical Race Intersectional Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization (CRIEDID) scholar

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