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February 5, 2021

To the UTM Community:

On behalf of UTM's Indigenous Centre, I invite you to participate in two workshops next week, both connected to the justice movement for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG). The first workshop, hosted virtually from 10 a.m. to 1p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9, features a session on Red Dress Beading with Gerri Pangman, intended to honour, remember and bring awareness to the MMIWG movement. The second, hosted virtually from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 11, focuses on the MMIWG Calls to Justice, opening a space to learn with Qajaq Robinson and Dr. Karine Duhamel, the Former Commissioner and Director of Research, respectively, for the National Inquiry into MMIWG.

Both workshops afford an important opportunity to recognize the systemic bases of anti-Indigenous racism and violence; to learn more about Indigenous histories and ways of knowing; and to heed calls for action against deliberate and persistent violations of Indigenous human rights. Full details for the workshops appear below, including information about registration, availability and prerequisite reading. I encourage you to join the sessions, if possible, and to read the [Executive Summary for MMIWG Final Report](#).

### **Red Dress Beading Session**

Please join the UTM Indigenous Centre for the Red Dress Beading Session with Gerri Pangman. The Red Dress is significant as it helps honour, remember and brings awareness to the MMIWG movement. This session has a maximum of 40 participants due to beading kit distribution. As part one of two, this session supports UTM's event on 11 February below about the MMIWG Inquiry Calls to Justice. We look forward to your joining and learning with us.

**Scheduled date:** Feb 9, 2021; **Scheduled time:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; **Programming type:** Virtual  
**Target Audience:** All; **Tri-campus or Campus:** UTM/open to Tri-campus; **Lead Staff Person:** Tee Duke

**URL:** <https://utoronto.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqf-6prTlvH9HWnYoJ-Ko6gZmzuQRbXZjA>

### **MMIWG Calls to Justice**

Please join the UTM Indigenous Centre for the MMIWG Calls to Justice Session with Qajaq Robinson, Former Commissioner, and Dr. Karine Duhamel, Director of Research, National Inquiry of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. The National Inquiry's Final Report reveals

that persistent and deliberate human and Indigenous rights violations and abuses are the root cause behind Canada's staggering rates of violence against Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQA people. It delivers 231 individual Calls for Justice directed at governments, institutions, social service providers, industries and all Canadians. We look forward to your joining and learning with us. NB: this session will be recorded; participants are requested to read the MMIWG Final Report's Executive Summary in advance.

**Scheduled date:** Feb 11, 2021; **Scheduled time:** 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; **Programming type:** Virtual  
**Target Audience:** All; **Tri-campus or Campus:** UTM/open to Tri-campus; **Lead Staff Person:** Tee Duke

**URL:** <https://utoronto.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqce2urDooE9WVGpDCAvfR9HDVka3OOGdB>

Thank You,

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