

Tongues Untied

A multi-media, activist workshop on combating ambient violence

Biographies of presenters

Leah Staples is completing a double major in women's studies and sociology. She is an elected student representative on the UVSS Board and will speak about taking action against ambient violence.

Alissa Greer was faced with many challenges as a student and researcher in both PAR classes but continues to learn about her position within this project and ambient violence on campus. She is interested in qualitative research questions around health promotion working with marginalized groups in the Greater Victoria area.

Ashley Jacobs is a women's studies and history double major. As a white, Métis woman, she will be speaking to how ambient violence in conversations is felt when the expectation to align with hegemonic whiteness is in conflict with invisible identities. She will also address how the margins that ambient violence create are sites of resistance, not victimization.

Moussa Magassa is the UVic human rights education advisor, where he works to enhance understanding of and commitment to the university's human rights and equity goals by raising the awareness of faculty, students, staff, supervisory personnel and administrators on a range of human rights issues with the end goal of increasing diversity and creating a fair and inclusive work and study environment at UVic. "I believe in the African concept of Ubuntu, that people are people because of other people."

Dr. Jo-Anne Lee (facilitator) teaches in the Department of Women's Studies and created the feminist participatory action research course that supported students in taking action against ambient violence. She continues to learn from and to be inspired by her students.