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STORIES FROM MASTERS OF SOCIAL WORK THESIS RESEARCHERS

FRIDAY, MAY 14

1:00 - 3:00pm (PST) ON ZOOM

Please join us for an inspiring presentation from four UVic Masters of Social Work thesis researchers speaking about their innovative research and their journey through the thesis process.

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### **MEET THE PANEL:**

## Shawna Bowler (she/her):

Shawna has Cree, Metis and Dakota-Sioux ancestry and is a member of Tatanka Najin (Standing Buffalo Dakota Nation). Shawna is a registered social worker who works and resides in urban Winnipeg on the traditional territories of the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dene and Dakota peoples and the homeland of the Metis Nation.

#### Reem Girgrah (she/her):

I am a middle eastern cis queer woman settler currently living on the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dun First Nation and Ta'an Kwach'an Council in Whitehorse, Yukon. I began my journey through social work while getting involved in the movement to gender-based violence on the Unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg in Ottawa, Ontario.

## Robert Mahikwa (he/him):

Robert identifies as an Anishinaabe alumni of the BSW and MSW Indigenous programs at UVic where Robert now teaches as a sessional instructor. Robert is a member of the Research Ethics Board at VIU, and is enrolled in the PhD educational studies at UBC beginning this September 2021.

#### Aman Sharma (he/him):

Aman's ancestors hail from northern India and Nepal, and arrived on Turtle Island via Fiji. He works as a registered social worker at a nonprofit and pursues an MSW at UVic. Aman currently lives as a brown settler, with his remarkable spouse and two mischievous dogs, on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen people.