Canadian Mentoring Summit
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Program Agenda

November 3-4, 2026
Delta Hotel Ottawa City Centre
101 Lyon St N, Ottawa ON K1R 5T9

Monday, November 2, 2026

TIME	PROGRAM
3:00 - 7:00 PM	**Early Registration / THRIVE Select Thrift Pop-Up Shop Open**
4:30 - 6:30 PM	**Summit Welcome Reception**

Tuesday, November 3, 2026

TIME	PROGRAM
7:15 - 8:00 AM	**Registration & Breakfast**
8:00 - 9:45 AM	**Opening Ceremony** • **Chadwin Bartley**, Founder, Bartley Skills Development Program • **Chris Atchison**, President, BC Construction Association • **Fiona Kirpatrick-Parsons**, owīhtamakīw (Advisor), Kirkpatrick Parsons Consulting • **Paulette Senior**, Senator • **Isabelle Cayer**, Executive Director, Programs and Partnerships, Coaching Association of Canada • **Quinn Blue**, Program and Engagement Coordinator, Pride at Work Canada
8:30 - 9:45 AM	**Keynote: What Matters Most for Mentors & Mentees** • **David Allison**, Founder, The Valuegraphics Research Company
10:00 - 11:10 AM Concurrent Sessions	**Strengthening Mentoring Relationships for Growth** • **Chris Atchison**, President, BC Construction Association • **Hemanth Nunna**, Mentorship Advisor, BCCA - Integrating Newcomers • **Joy Magnell**, Provincial Program Manager, BCCA - Building Builders Mentorship Program

**Program subject to change.*

10:00 - 11:10 AM Concurrent Sessions	**Indigenous Mentorship in Action: Relational, Reciprocal, and Networked Approaches to Research Capacity Building** • **Dr. Robert Henry**, Associate Professor, NEIHR NCC • **Tara Erb**, Research Manager, NEIHR NCC
	Strengthening Mentoring Relationships for Growth • **Brandon McKinley**, Director of Youth Development, Trails Youth Initiatives • **Erin McLean**, Director of Alumni and Volunteer Engagement, Trails Youth Initiatives
	All Brains Welcome: Neurodiversity & Mentoring • **Renee Angelo-Mauk**, Director of Operations & Training, MENTOR MD|D
	Staff Engagement in Mentoring Program Change/Enhancement Efforts • **Renee Spencer**, Professor, Boston University School of Social Work • **Tom Keller**, School of Social Work, Portland State University
	Mentoring for Social Change: Building Critical Consciousness and Collective Action • **Véronique Church-Duplessis**, Senior Director, Research and Impact, Mentor Canada • **Dr. Jennifer Rae**, Senior Research Associate, Social Research and Demonstration Corporation • **Priscilla Twum**, Strategic Advisor, Pourquoi Pas Coaching International
11:15 - 11:30 AM	**Networking & Nutrition Break**
11:30 - 12:40 PM Concurrent Sessions	**From Good Intentions to Real Capacity: Training Mentors Who Make a Lasting Difference** • **Konrad Glogowski,** Chair, Global Advisory Board, Teachers Without Borders
	Built by Design: What Seven Cohorts of Fellowship Circle Teach Us About Closing the Mentorship Gap for Racialized Women • **Dr. Golnaz Golnaraghi,** Founder & President, Accelerate Her Future • **Natasha Sidi,** Fellowship Circle Program Lead, Accelerate Her Future
	How Academos is leveraging technology to fill the mentoring gap for youth in Quebec • **Catherine Légaré**, Présidente-fondatrice / President-founder, Academos • **Mathieu Halle**, Managing Director, Academos
	Beyond the Match: What It Really Takes to Mentor Youth in Exceptional Circumstances • **Laine Bourassa**, Principal Consultant, Taylor Newberry Consulting

11:30 - 12:40 PM Concurrent Sessions	**Black Youth Wellbeing in Canada: Evidence from National Survey and Qualitative Interviews** • **Dr. Bukola Salami**, Canada Research Chair in Black and Racialized Peoples Health, University of Calgary
	Mentoring: A Catalyst for Youth Employment in Canada • **Blanche Monabeka**, Project Lead, Mentor Canada • **Sydney Piggott**, Director of Strategic Partnerships & Initiatives, Mentor Canada
12:45 - 1:45 PM	**Lunch & Exhibits**
2:00 - 3:10 PM Concurrent Sessions	**From Risk to Resilience: Building Educational Success for All** • **Alisha Wissanji,** Founder and CEO, Foundation W. - School of the Greats
	Building 2SLGBTQIA+ Mentorship: Insights from Communities and Allies • **Jennifer Petrela,** Executive Director, Mentorat Québec
	Empowering Black Youth and Women Through Community-Led Models • **Maame De-Heer,** Executive Director, Power of Love Canada
	From Check-In to Connection: Building Scalable, Evidence-Based Mentoring with Technology • **Dr. Jean Rhodes**, Professor and co-Founder, UMass Boston and MentorPRO
	The Foundations of Mentoring: A National Orientation for Mentors • **Ben Dantzer,** Senior Manager, Quality Mentoring and Capacity-Building, Mentor Canada • **Sarah Chan,** Operations & Engagement Lead, Alberta Mentoring Partnership
3:00 - 7:00 PM	**THRIVE Select Thrift Pop-Up Shop Open**
3:15 - 3:30 PM	**Networking Break**
3:30 - 4:45 PM	**Keynote: Humans-at-the-Helm: Mentoring in the Age of AI** • **Dr. Jean Rhodes**, Professor and co-Founder, UMass Boston and MentorPRO
3:30 - 4:45 PM	**Afternoon Plenary** • **Dr. Bukola Salami**, Canada Research Chair in Black and Racialized Peoples Health, University of Calgary • **Renee Spencer**, Professor, Boston University School of Social Work • **Toupey Luft**, Associate Professor & Psychologist, University of Lethbridge

6:00 - 8:00 PM	**Delegate Reception / Réception des délégués** **Bier Mrkt (156 Sparks St, Ottawa ON)**

Wednesday, November 4, 2026

TIME	PROGRAM
7:30 - 8:30 AM	**Networking & Breakfast**
8:00 - 9:45 AM	**Morning Plenary / Plénière du matin** • **Dr. Golnaz Golnaraghi**, Founder & President, Accelerate Her Future
10:00 - 11:10 AM Concurrent Sessions	**Evaluation of Cultural Humility Training Programs in the U.S. and Canada** • **Amy Anderson,** Assistant Professor, University of North Texas • **Bernadette Sanchez,** Professor, University of Illinois Chicago
	Leading the Future of Mentoring: An Interactive Workshop • **Layla Harrison**, Director, Sponsor & Volunteer Engagement, ACCES Employment • **Victoria Woodcock**, Project Lead, Speed Mentoring® and Connector Programs, ACCES Employment
	Passer de l'évaluation des compétences à la reconnaissance des forces intérieures issues des savoirs des Premières Nations pour le mentorat. • **Dominic Simard,** Directeur, Falcopa Consultants • **Hermel Bégin**, Coordonnateur au développement, Conseil scolaire des premières nations en Éducation aux adultes
	From Survival to Thriving: Rethinking Mentorship for Equitable Advancement • **Thanuja Thananayagam,** Founder, HRShift Consulting
	NBM Skills and the Pilot in Vancouver • **Ali Cloth,** Professor, University of British Columbia • **Gabe Kotch**, University of Alberta
	Learning Sideways: Mentorship and Skill Development • **Chad Walcott**, Director of Public Affairs, Provincial Employment Roundtable (PERT)

10:00 - 11:10 AM Concurrent Sessions	• **Ayomide Ojo**, Program Coordinator, Provincial Employment Roundtable (PERT)
11:15 - 11:30 AM	**Networking & Nutrition Break**
11:30 - 12:40 PM Concurrent Sessions	**Mentoring for Wellbeing: Growing Organizational Cultures of Mentoring** • **Benjamin Kutsyuruba,** Professor, Educational Leadership, Policy, and School Law, Queen's University • **Keith Walker,** Professor, University of Saskatchewan
	Learning from Co-Researcher Participants in Community Settings Using Arts-Based Mentorship • **Jiya Juneja,** University of Lethbridge • **Supriya Middha,** Doctoral Research Assistant, University of Lethbridge • **Toupey Luft,** Associate Professor & Psychologist, University of Lethbridge
	Career mentoring moments make a difference for youth experiencing disability • **Mary Beshai,** Director, MentorAbility Canada, Canadian Association for Supported Employment • **Richard Cockrem,** National Hub Coordinator - MentorAbility Canada, Canadian Association for Supported Employment
	Values and Mentoring • **Colby Delorme,** President, Imagination Consulting • **Véronique Church-Duplessis,** Senior Director, Research and Impact, Mentor Canada • **Jayclyn Martin-Westell**, Manager, Marketing and Communications, Mentor Canada
	Mentoring the AI Generation: Preparing Young People for a Future That Doesn't Exist Yet • **Thomas Doyle,** President / CEO / Change Advisor, PMI Ottawa Valley Outaouais / North American Advisor Group
	Mentorat d'affaires : une infrastructure invisible du développement économique • **Sabra Annani,** Economic Development Officer, CÉSOC-CACIA
12:45 - 1:30 PM	**Lunch**

1:45 - 2:55 PM Concurrent Sessions	**Reframing Career Mentorship for Young Women: Insights and Strategies for Building Agency and Access** • **Erika Keys**, Program Manager, Girls E-Mentorship • **Madeleine Ross**, Program Evaluation and Research Lead, Girls E-Mentorship
	The Equitable Standards for Transitions to Adulthood for Youth in Care: A Canadian Lived Expert-Led Initiative • **Melanie Doucet**, Executive Director & Project Lead, National Council of Youth in Care Advocates (NCYICA)
	Powering Integration Through Mentorship: A Cross-Sector Approach • **Hasmik Asmaryan,** Director, Business, Employment, and Training Services (BETS), Calgary Catholic Immigration Society
	THRIVE: How mentoring can be intentionally embedded within youth employment and social enterprise • **Susan Ingram,** Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ottawa
	From Programs to Pathways: Building Systems that Actually Support Young People • **West Estiverne,** Manager, Employer Counsellor, Britanniawoods Community Services
3:10 - 4:00 PM	**Afternoon Plenary**
4:00 - 4:30 PM	**Closing Ceremonies**