

**Ombudsperson Update**

As a friendly reminder to all staff and faculty, Kamini Bernard, our Ombudsperson, is here as a resource for anyone within the SAIT community. If you or any of your students have questions, or concerns, or need guidance, she is ready to assist.

Individuals may self-book an appointment from the Ombudsperson’s [**webpage**](https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/Ombudsperson%40sait.ca/bookings/). The Ombudsperson also has scheduled convenient drop-in hours posted on the [**page**](https://www.sait.ca/student-life/office-of-the-ombudsperson#:~:text=Book%20an%20appointment-,Drop%2Din%20hours,-Date). No appointment is needed during drop-in hours.

Drop in hours:

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| **For June** |
| June 3, 2024 | 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm |
| June 19, 2024 | 2 pm – 4 pm |
| June 20, 2024 | 2 pm – 4 pm |
| June 26, 2024 | 10 am – 12 pm |
| June 27, 2024 | 10 am – 12 pm |
| **For July** |
| July 3, 2024 | 10 am – 12 pm |
| July 4, 2024 | 10 am – 12 pm |
| July 10, 2024 | 1 pm – 3 pm |
| July 11, 2024 | 2 pm – 4 pm |
| July 17, 2024 | 10 am – 12 pm |
| July 18, 2024 | 2 pm – 4 pm |
| July 24, 2024 | 8 am – 12 pm |
| July 25, 2024 | 1 pm – 3 pm |
| July 31, 2024 | 1 pm – 3 pm |

**Book Your Workshop on Academic and Office Integrity**

Enhance your department’s commitment to academic and office integrity by booking a workshop with Susan Radke and Kamini Bernard. Their expertise will guide you in fostering a culture of ethical practices and transparency. To schedule this valuable session, please contact us at **ombudsperson.info@sait.ca.**

**Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Update**

**EDI Moment**

During our last EDI Council meeting, we wanted to highlight the resources available to support faculty teaching English as an Additional Language, as well as the resources available to EAL students.

**Employee resources**

**🎯 Micro-learnings: Teaching in Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Classes**

Module 1 | Introduction to Supporting EAL Learners

***🚀 Log in to [PeopleNOW](https://sait.csod.com/samldefault.aspx)****and search “Introduction to Supporting EAL Learners.”*

Module 2 | Getting to Know Learners

*🚀****Log in to [PeopleNOW](https://sait.csod.com/samldefault.aspx)****and search “Getting to Know Learners.”*

Module 3 | Classroom Management

*🚀****Log in to [PeopleNOW](https://sait.csod.com/samldefault.aspx)****and search “Module 3: Classroom Management.”*

Module 4 | Assessments and Feedback

*🚀 Log in to****[PeopleNOW](https://sait.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1f28e76e131eaecec62b417fb&id=49e3dbbb21&e=2424108ddc)****and search “Module 4: Assessments and Feedback.”*

**Student resources to share**

**Language Support**

* [**English Conversation Partners Program**](https://saitnow.ca/departments-and-schools/academic/student-services/student-engagement-office/english-conversation-partners/)
* [**Peer Mentorship Program**](https://saitnow.ca/departments-and-schools/academic/student-services/student-engagement-office/peer-mentorship-program/)
* Drop-in EAL tutoring is available for individuals and small groups to support with speaking, listening, reading and writing in English. Students can drop in from Tuesday through Friday, 10 am to 3 pm (ends 2 pm on Wednesdays) in MC209, Stan Grad Centre (enter through the [**Lamb Learner Success Centre**](https://www.sait.ca/student-life/lamb-learner-success-centre), MC221).

**Academic Support**

Students can explore resources and support offered by the [**Lamb Learner Success Centre**](https://www.sait.ca/student-life/lamb-learner-success-centre).

* [**Learning Skills Services**](https://www.sait.ca/student-life/lamb-learner-success-centre/learning-skills-services)
* [**Tutoring Services**](https://www.sait.ca/student-life/lamb-learner-success-centre/tutoring-services)
* [**Writing Services**](https://www.sait.ca/student-life/lamb-learner-success-centre/writing-services)

**📞 In-house intercultural experts**

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| **Dr. Dania El Chaar** (she/her)Intercultural Champion, International Centre | dania.elchaar@sait.ca |
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**Learn More: Intercultural Support Strategy at SAIT**

Discover how SAIT supports cultural integration and inclusivity. Visit [this link](https://saitnow.ca/departments-and-schools/people-and-culture/equity-diversity-inclusion/intercultural-support-strategy/) to learn more about our Intercultural Support Strategy!

**Inclusion Champion**

The Lamb Learner Success Centre at SAIT is dedicated to reducing barriers to learning through comprehensive Accessibility Services. Here's how they support students:

* Support for students with learning barriers, including:
	+ Disabilities and medical conditions (e.g., mobility, sensory, learning, attentional, neurological, psychological, medical, or temporary disabilities)
	+ Other protected grounds under Alberta Human Rights legislation, such as family status
* Writing Accommodation Memos based on documentation, student needs, and course requirements
* Assisting with funding applications for services and adaptive equipment/technology
* Providing consultation and assessment referrals for students with suspected learning disabilities
* Offering referrals to SAIT and community resources
* Supporting students to advocate for themselves, including talking to instructors about accommodations and concerns

For more information, visit [Accessibility Services](https://www.sait.ca/student-life/lamb-learner-success-centre/accessibility-services).

🌍 **Enhance Your Skills: "PERS 148: Introduction to Effective Intercultural Communication"**

Exciting opportunity alert! The Office of EDI is offering **PERS 148: Introduction to Effective Intercultural Communication.**This course is a fantastic resource for enhancing our skills in navigating and understanding the complexities of intercultural interactions. It's an excellent chance for both personal development and professional growth – and it's free for all SAIT employees and students!

**What You Need to Know:**

📆 **Duration:** 6 weeks, online-synchronous
⏰ **Weekly Commitment:** 2 hours/week (1hr live session + 1hr reading/homework)

🏅 **Bonus:** Earn a micro-credential badge upon completion!

**Future Sessions Starting:**  July 3rd, 12-1pm

**Ready to Register?** Click [HERE](https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/2023-2024-schedule-pers-148-1966749?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb) to secure your spot.

If you have any questions or need more details, please don't hesitate to reach out to our EDI team at inclusion@sait.ca.

**🌈 Pride in Construction event**

Join Women in Trades and Technology (WITT) and DiversiTrade on Friday, June 7 from 12 to 4 pm in the new east Aldred Centre meeting space for an afternoon to support the 2SLGBTQ+ community in the Calgary construction industry.

* Visit vendor booths and chat with organizations that are proud to support a diverse workforce.
* Listen to a panel discussion exploring the topic of fostering inclusive job sites featuring professionals form the construction industry and SAIT School of Construction Instructor Jane Durango. [Learn more](https://sait.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1f28e76e131eaecec62b417fb&id=51014c06bf&e=726027b183).

**Note:**

Please be advised that there will be no July newsletter. We will resume with our next issue in August.