

# Roundtable on Academic Freedom and Online Research Harassment

Friday, December 1, 2023

10:00 – 11:30 a.m

online via Zoom



Academic freedom is increasingly under threat for both graduate students and senior scholars engaged in decolonization, anti-racism, and social justice projects—from the research questions we ask to the censorship of anti-racist or anti-colonial language in public lectures and on-campus activities, the ways we describe our practices of study are under growing levels of scrutiny that can limit the horizons of research for both emerging and established scholars. This issue disproportionately impacts Indigenous, racialized, women-identified, queer, trans, and disabled scholars who often explore difficult and triggering topics and become targets of online research harassment when they share their work with their intended publics.

This roundtable, featuring researchers from various disciplines across the university, provides a forum for graduate students and faculty in the Faculty of Education to share their experiences, workshop ideas for knowledge mobilization that foreground the safety of researchers, and strategize ways to navigate the harms of online hate and harassment. Panelists include faculty members from Communications and Media Studies, Education, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, and Languages, Literatures and Linguistics.

## Speakers:

**Natalie Coulter**, Associate Professor in Communication and Media Studies and Director of the Institute for Digital Literacies (IRDL)

**Eve Haque**, Professor, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics and York Research Chair in Linguistic Diversity and Community Vitality

**Shama Rangwala**, Assistant Professor, Liberal Arts and Professional Studies

**Vidya Shah**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education

## Moderator:

**sava saheli singh**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Education

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