

THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK PRESENTS:
**9th ANNUAL CRITICAL SOCIAL WORK
RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**

**INTERDISCIPLINARY CONVERSATIONS ON SOCIAL
TRANSFORMATION AND CRITICAL PRACTICES**

**FRIDAY APRIL 29th, 2016
8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Ross S802**

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

9:30 – 10:15 am



**A paradox or a productive contradiction? A proposal to
historicize discourses and scholarship on skilled
immigrants' labour market integration**

Dr. Soma Chatterjee
School of Social Work, York University

Dr. Soma Chatterjee is an Assistant Professor at the School of Social Work, York University. Her research looks at the labour market integration of skilled immigrants, and how through the notion/practice of skill-training, a specific 'immigrant' subject distinct from Canadian 'nationals' emerges. She has a critical, post-modern lens on settlement and integration and hopes to open up a space for dialogue on the high skilled labour market as a major site for the exercise of exclusionary nationalism in Canada, and the Western world in general.

12:45 – 1:30 pm



**Re-Search is a Journey: Connecting to the Spirit & Ways
of Knowledge**

Dr. Bonnie Freeman
School of Social Work, McMaster University

Dr. Bonnie Freeman is Algonquin/Mohawk from the Six Nations of the Grand River Territory, and currently an Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work at McMaster. Her work and research is rooted in connections with Six Nations, the Hamilton Aboriginal Community and other Indigenous communities throughout Canada and the United States. Her research interests are extensive. Her dissertation research examined the journey of Six Nations Haudenosaunee youth, as they travelled on foot through their ancestral lands promoting the message of peace and unity and understanding the transformation of identity and well-being from the connection to land and culture, and self-determination.

The symposium showcases research by faculty, alumni, community members and students, and creates opportunities to engage in discussions relevant to practice, education, current social work theories, etc.

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