



**WELCOME  
TO 2020!**

“What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.”

- Vern McLellan

## HIGHLIGHTS OF R8 2020

Find out more about the exciting things happening at this year's conference!

FINISH READING ON PG. 2



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This year's Regional conference is in beautiful British Columbia! Learn more about the logistics and how to volunteer.

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## UPCOMING

Check out our Kudos, online events every month, and what to expect in the next issue of your Region 8 Newsletter!

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# MAKE IT HAPPEN

## Make it Matter

“Make it Happen. Make it Matter” is this year’s conference theme. *We often make things happen, but how do we make them matter?* We want Victoria 2020 delegates to leave the conference re-energized to take actions that matter, and with new tools and purpose to help students succeed on our campuses. We are proud to bring the Invitational Speakers Series to this year’s regional conference who will present alongside the best of our region, to promote inclusive practices within the association and our advising profession.

**Dr. Mehvash Ali** is the Director of Academic Support Center and First Year Experience at the American University of Sharjah. Dr. Ali, a licensed clinical psychologist, is an instructor in introductory psychology, abnormal psychology, and biopsychology at AUS. She is currently serving as Chair of the Global Initiatives Committee at NACADA and co-leading the International Visiting Advisor Program with Susan Corner from the University of Victoria. She is a member of the Inclusion and Engagement Committee, the Region Review Work Group, and the Academic Advising Consultant and Speaker Service in NACADA. She held the International Perspectives seat on the Professional Development Committee in NACADA (2015-2017) and helped develop the NACADA Advising Core Competencies in that role. Dr. Ali has also served on the Board of Directors for South Asian Public Health Association in the USA.

**Dr. Devi Mucina**, an Ubuntu African, is an associate professor and the Director of the Indigenous Governance Program at the University of Victoria. Guided by Indigenous Ubuntu philosophies, his academic interests and current research focus on Indigenous men and fathering beyond imposed colonial masculinities; Indigenous men in elite sports; and contemplating how Indigenous spiritual mask dancing shapes Indigenous masculinities. At the center of his research are questions about how Indigenous communities are renewing and decolonizing Indigenous masculinities by grounding holistic relational engagements with intimate partners, families, communities, lands and bodies of waters. His other research explores the impact of parental and familial members’ incarceration on children and questions the risk factors this creates for their future incarceration from an Indigenous intersectional theoretical framework.







Join us in  
*Beautiful  
British  
Columbia*



## The details and volunteering!

### Conference Registration is now open!

Register online through your NACADA portal and take advantage of early bird pricing before it flies south for the Winter! Join us in Victoria, BC for 3 days of learning in a spectacular setting.

**Book your hotel now:** Special rates for your accommodation have been negotiated and blocked off for your stay at the [Double Tree Hilton Hotel & Suites Victoria \(\\$155 CAD\)](#) and at [The Parkside Hotel and Spa \(\\$160 CAD\)](#).

The cutoff date for the block on rooms at these discounted rates is Wednesday, February 12, 2020 so book soon!

### **Region 8's Volunteer Opportunities Awaits You**

Are you interested in heightening your experience at the regional conference in Victoria? You can make your experience at the conference even better by volunteering! There are many different roles, most only involving 1-2 hours of your time!

· **Service Project Volunteers:** while you mingle with your colleagues, we would love your assistance in receiving donations for our service project.

· **Registration Table:** welcome all of our delegates as they check in for the conference and answer general questions

· **Session Hosts:** Have you ever wanted to be one of the announcers for the Parade of Nations for the Olympics? This role won't require that exactly, but we will be needing your help to introduce and thank our speakers for each conference. Don't worry, we'll ensure you're prepared with a script!

· **Dinner Hosts:** Here's your chance to mingle and meet other delegates from the region by leading them to a restaurant close to the conference. You could even have a themed dinner or you may just want to find a group of people who love eating broccoli.

We will be recruiting volunteers in February. Click on the image below and save the link so you can stay up to date as opportunities, shifts, and other great information is released. Please remember, you will need to have registered for the conference to volunteer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let Jordan, the Volunteer and Registration chair know at [Jordan\\_ngo@sfu.ca](mailto:Jordan_ngo@sfu.ca). We look forward to having you!



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# Kudos and Shout-Outs

Congratulations to all of the Region 8 Scholarship and Award Winners!

**Two-Year College Advisor:**

Jennifer Hare (Mount Hood Community College)  
Robynne Mills (Camosun College)

**First-Time Attendee:**

Cerisse Dela Kruz (Simon Fraser University)  
Katelynn Larch (Clackamas Community College)  
Michelle Maller (Oregon State University)  
Fabiola Sandoval Morado (Oregon State University)  
Elizabeth Self (University of Washington)  
Sabrina Wise (Seattle University)

**General R8 Scholarship:**

Eliza Allison (Oregon State University)  
Connie Caddis (Oregon State University)  
Jessica Cardinal-Lanier (Willamette University)  
Joanne Cumberland (Camosun College)  
Kelly Rush (Western Oregon University)

**Innovation in Advising**

Sarah Kylo (Oregon State University)--winner

**Advising Administrator**

Shea Ellingham (Mount Royal University)--winner

**Faculty Advisor**

Dr. Scott Metlan (University of Idaho)--winner  
Dr. Brooke Nott (Western Oregon University)--certificate of merit

**New Advisor**

Claire Benson (Central Washington University)--winner  
Danielle Teague (Gonzaga University)--winner  
Gina Bolin (City University of Seattle)--certificate of merit

**Advisor Primary Role**

Cheryl Melatdoost (Mount Royal University)--winner  
Connie Caddis (Oregon State University)--certificate of merit

# Region 8 Monthly Talks

Wednesday February 12  
(Wednesday March 11 -> cancelled, R8 region conference!)  
Wednesday April 8  
Wednesday May 11  
Wednesday June 10  
Wednesday July 8  
Wednesday August 12

All you need to do is follow [this link!](#) The details will be automatically put in your calendar. All you need is a computer and a stable internet connection.

## The Next Issue

Watch your inboxes in April for the Spring edition of the Region 8 quarterly newsletter!

## Want to be involved?

If you have ideas for content for the newsletter or want to reach out, please contact the Bri Harvie (newsletter editor) at [bharvie@mtroyal.ca](mailto:bharvie@mtroyal.ca).

## Stay in Touch

