Understanding Intersectionality
Trott. 2120, 6:00 pm | Meryem Benslimane, SEDE

This presentation will explore the concept of intersectionality, in an equity context. After a brief historical review of this term, we will talk about diversity in STEM and the issue of equity and diversity definitions. Finally, we will reflect on how to make STEM more inclusive and diverse.

Female Professors at McGill University
Trott. 2120, 6:45 pm | Sara Mahshid, Bioengineering

Dr. Sara Mahshid is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Bioengineering at McGill University since August 2017. She received her PhD in 2011 in the field of Materials Science and Engineering from Sharif University of Technology. There she developed a novel nanostructured biosensor for detection of dopamine and glucose. Her research interests are nanomaterials based biosensing and nano/microfluidic lab-on-a-chip devices for biomedical application such as single cell analysis and nanoscale bimolecular detection. She has over twenty journal publications, patent application, several conference presentations and invited talks.

Stereotypes, Feminism, and Rape Culture
Trott. 2120, 7:30 pm | Adam Amsel, Antoine Tremblay, Radhika Raturi, Matthew He, HeForShe McGill

HeForShe McGill’s goal is to spread the idea that feminism is not a man-hating movement, that it is not only a woman’s movement, and that everyone is included.

We want to involve men in the movement for gender equality, whether it’s in discussions, by encouraging them to take action, by listening or speaking out. We want to make salient to male McGill students that men don’t have the benefits of equality either, and that once gender equality is reached, it will benefit everyone.

Introduction to Universal Design
Trott. 0060, 6:00 pm | Rachel Desjourdy, OSD

Rachel Desjourdy has a BSc from McGill University, and an MA in Critical Disability Studies from York University. Her passion is finding creative ways to educate others and promote accessibility in all areas.

Her session will include an introduction to the principles of Universal Design, and how they apply to the field of engineering, answering the questions: “What is Universal Design?”, “How might the field of engineering be more inclusive by applying Universal Design?”, and “How can future engineers become partners in promoting accessibility in their field?”

Indigenous Perspectives in STEM
Trott. 0060, 6:45 pm | Joel Grant, Sydney Kuppenbender, Janelle-Brown Wallrus, Ben Geboe, AISES & FPH

The American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) McGill Chapter invites you to participate in a talk about carbon neutrality in Western society. We would also like to facilitate a discussion about access to STEM for Indigenous peoples and the many opportunities available at McGill where you can get involved! A land acknowledgement and drumming session will open the presentation.

Coming Out in Your Workspaces
Trott. 0060, 7:30 pm | Alexander Dow, Engiqueers Canada

A major fear of those in the LGBTQ+ community is coming out to colleagues and facing new challenges due to new personal biases towards them. Alex will talk about Diversity and Inclusion policies at companies and how they can help, the integral part Human Resources plays in the role, and what allies can do to help make the process easier.