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Workshop facilitated by: **Dr. Robyn Klein, MD, PhD**



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DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

TIME: 2:30–4:00 PM

LOCATION: HSA 022

DESCRIPTION:

This interactive workshop introduces medical educators to forms of bias that can influence career choices, empathy for others experiencing bias, a moral duty to respond to unfair acts, and learning the best approaches for intervention. The session will also explore links between biased behaviors and patient outcomes.

Participants will engage in guided individual reflection and facilitated collective dialogue to examine their own experiences and responses when encountering bias, and lessons learned during these incidents. The session also includes discussion on how a culture of bias might influence clinical care. The workshop concludes with practical discussion to extend participant reflections into identifying strategies to address bias when encountered in their clinical practices.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS:

Dr. Robyn S. Klein is an internationally recognized physician-scientist and leader in neuroimmunology and neurovirology. Trained at Columbia University, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and Harvard Medical School, she served as a professor at Washington University School of Medicine, where she founded the Center for Neuroimmunology and Neuroinfectious Diseases and led pioneering research on neuroinflammatory diseases, before joining Western University's Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry in 2024 as Canada Excellence Research Chair in Neuroimmunology and Neurovirology and Professor of Microbiology and Immunology. Her honours include election to Alpha Omega Alpha, Fellowship in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and major research and teaching awards.



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