

This interactive session will explore how two Indigenous academic colleagues, Dr. Melissa Jay and Dr. Josie Auger have nurtured an ongoing relationship and dialogue about Indigenous research with the Research Ethics Board at their Athabasca University.

This session will begin with an Indigenous acknowledgment, gratitude for protocol, and relationality. Participants of this session will be invited to explore how the content of these ongoing discussions are creating opportunities to address systemic barriers to Indigenous research and collaborative community care, within the context of a university setting.

**Presenters:**

Dr. Melissa Jay (she/her) is a Nehiyaw iskwew member of the Métis Nation of Alberta. As a registered psychologist, assistant professor, and director of Canmore Counselling, she is dedicated to her own healing journey. She uses her privilege to create paths towards trauma-informed, socially just, anti-oppressive support through integrating ancient wisdom traditions and psychology. As the current Indigenous Director for the Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association, she is grateful to walk alongside Indigenous kin, across Turtle Island. She lives in Canmore with her spouse and rescue-turned-therapy dog, Lulu.

Dr. Josie Auger