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# OPEN DOORS IN STEAM

Hear from women working in the industry.  
Hear from women pushing their limits and reaching for innovative careers.

*See what's possible for you.*

**9:00am | Bus arrival at TRU Arts & Education Building**

**9:00am - 9:15am | Check in and Registration - AE162**

**9:15am - 9:25am | Welcome**

**9:25am - 9:50am | Keynote - Kerry Gibson**

*President of EcoCentury Technologies*



**Kerry Gibson** is the President of EcoCentury Technologies, which is a socially directed developer and distributor of clean Technologies such as LED lighting and Hydrogen powered amphibious vehicles. She has been named UN Women Planet 5050 Champion, the Canadian Ambassador for the United Nations Women's Entrepreneurship Day Campaign, and a Canadian Global Goodwill Ambassador.

**9:55am - 10:55am | Morning Session**



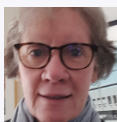
*Associate Producer*

**Jenifer Norwell\*** is a journalist working with the CBC radio morning show in Kamloops, Daybreak Kamloops. She also worked in the Journalism, Communication and New Media department at Thompson Rivers University.



*Professional Engineer*

**Heather MacKnee\*** is a professional engineer at Urban Systems, an engineering consulting firm. She has over 8 years of experience working on water resource and infrastructure projects with First Nation and municipal communities throughout BC.



*Senior Lecturer (retired) Visual and Performing Arts*

**Ila Crawford** BFA BSW MFA was a Senior Lecturer at TRU Visual and Performing Arts from 1991-2018 when she retired. Her personal interests and passions include printmaking in the forms of screen print, lino cut, and etching.



*President & CEO M Sport 6 Apparel Inc*

**Monique Vek's** motto is "Life is too short not to have fun, especially when it comes down to your career choice". She used to be a professional mountain bike guide and to film for television— she still does both of the above but not for hire anymore. Why? Because she can. Her new career choice is the apparel industry, and she looks forward to discussing this with you.



*Junior Software Developer & TRUSU Women's Representative*

**Elycia Finch** is a software developer who is currently serving as the elected Women's Representative at the Thompson Rivers University Student Union in Kamloops, BC. A recent Bachelor of Computing Science graduate, she has had been fortunate to experience a wide gamut of technical workplaces during her degree.

**11:00am - 12:00am | Morning Session**



*Associate Professor of Theatre Arts*

**Robin Nichol\*** holds a BFA in theatre from UVic and an MFA in directing from UBC. She has worked across Canada as a stage manager, an actor, a lighting designer, a dramaturg, and a director and has been teaching acting and directing for the theatre program at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops since 2004.



*Lecturer and Registered Respiratory Therapist*

**Heather Noyes\*** began working as a registered respiratory therapist and as an educator after completing her RRT program at Cariboo College. As part of her M.Ed thesis, she completed research on high fidelity simulation education in health care programs and she continues to work with simulation technology, incorporating this technology in the curriculum of the courses she teaches at TRU.

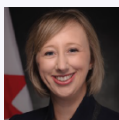


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\* Joining for a one-hour session



11:00 am - 12:00pm | **Morning Session (continued)**



Director,  
Stakeholder  
Engagement and  
Speechwriting,  
Dept. of National  
Defence

**Ms. Goodnough** began working at the Department of National Defence in 2009 as communications manager for military procurement, where she managed communications on multi-billion dollar initiatives. Currently, she shapes the strategic narrative of the government's defence portfolio, through a talented team of writers who draft more than 320 speeches a year for the Minister of National Defence, the Chief of the Defence Staff, and three Deputy Ministers. She has doubled her speechwriting team and established professional networks of speechwriters across the Government of Canada and the world.

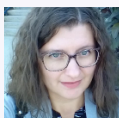


Associate  
Chemistry  
Professor

**Heidi Huttunen-Hennelly, Ph.D** is an Associate Chemistry Professor specializing in Organic Chemistry and Chemical Biology. At TRU she has developed a research program that involves the creation of antimicrobial peptides with applications in drug development. Her research has been presented at numerous conferences, and has been published in leading peer-reviewed journals.

12:00pm - 12:50pm | **Lunch, provided by TRU**

12:50pm - 1:50pm | **Afternoon Session**



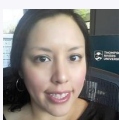
Senior Systems  
Analyst

From an early age **Vera Merkusheva\*** had a passion for problem-solving and technology. Therefore, a career in Information Technology became a natural fit for her. She graduated from Thompson Rivers University in 2006 with Computer Systems: Operations and Management Diploma. Her current role with the IT Services department at TRU includes responsibilities for a variety of tasks such as software development and testing, systems administration, business analysis, and project management. She is also enrolled in the Bachelor of Computing Science with a Minor in Management.



Occupational  
Therapist

**Louise Chiasson** has always had a passion for science, mathematics, and fitness. During her Bachelor of Sciences degree at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia, majoring in Human Kinetics and minoring in Nutrition she chose to pursue a career in Occupational Therapy. She completed her 2-year Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy at Queen's University in Ontario. Louise has been working at Meridian Rehabilitation (a private rehabilitation consulting practice) for 2.5 years.



Senior Systems  
Analyst

**Shannon James\*** has worked in a number of technology focused roles at TRU since 2011. When she's not tussling with data and systems, Shannon keeps busy with martial arts (Muay Thai), works on vehicles with her parents and enjoys baking and cooking. This self-proclaimed computer-geek is proudly Aboriginal. Shannon's mother harkens from St'at'imc Territory and her father is from Nlaka'pamux Nation in Lillooet and Lytton, BC, respectively.



Physiotherapist

**Tammy Uyeda** is an alumni of Thompson Rivers University and University of British Columbia. In 2012, Tammy began working with national and international brands as an online ambassador as she shared fitness and her active living lifestyle on social media which was just getting its legs. In 2015 Tammy developed and launched a fitness app (FitSpark) to the iTunes and Google Play stores. She also shifted specialties in physiotherapy and moved into the sport physiotherapy and orthopaedic rehab realm where she is currently helping weekend warriors, kids, and active agers continue to live their best lives. In recent years Tammy has also been able to circle back and foster another of her passions - injury prevention - now with soccer teams in addition to corporate clients.

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**We look forward to  
seeing you on May 3!**

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