**Toward a gender-expansive teacher education:**
The implications of gender identity and gender expression for professional practice

Featured Scholar: Dr. Lee Airton, Queen's University

Ed Talk Series 2018
Sustain the Dialogue: Supporting Transgender & Gender Diverse Students in Schools

Monday, Jan. 8, 2018
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Room 224 Education Building
University of Manitoba, Faculty of Education (Fort Garry Campus)

In collaboration with Manitoba Education & Training, Manitoba Teachers’ Society, and Rainbow Resource Centre, the Faculty of Education is pleased to **launch the first in a series of educational dialogues on issues of diversity** with a renowned keynote speaker and interactive panel discussion.

*Dr. Lee Airton* is an Assistant Professor of Gender and Sexuality Studies in Education at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario. For ten years, they have worked with hundreds of
teacher candidates to widen the circle of belonging and participation for students of all
genders and sexualities. As a researcher, blogger, advocate and speaker, Dr.
Airton focuses on enabling individuals and institutions to welcome gender and sexual
diversity in everyday life. They founded They Is My Pronoun, a Q+A-based blog about
gender-neutral pronoun usage and user support, as well as the No Big Deal Campaign, a
social media initiative that helps people show support for transgender peoples’ right to
have their pronouns used, and for this work, received a 2017 Youth Role Model of the Year
Award from the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity. Dr. Airton’s scholarly
work has appeared in the journals Sex Education, Curriculum Inquiry, and Teachers College
Record. With Dr. Susan Woolley, they are editing a forthcoming collection of lesson plans on
gender diversity for K-12 teachers.

Ed Talk Panel:
Muhammed Ahsan, education program coordinator, Rainbow Resource Centre
Greg Daniels, assistant superintendent of schools, River East Transcona School Division
Jackie Swirsky, Speech language pathologist, author, public speaker and parent of gender-
diverse child
Beck Watt, Teacher candidate, LGBTQ representative, Education Student Council

Open to graduate students, university faculty, school partners and the public. Admission is
free and light refreshments will be served.

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