

Good evening folks! @daniellelorenz (she/her) CJDS Knowledge Mobilization Editor and @UAlbertaEd PhD candidate here to facilitate #CJDSChat! \*waves\*

I want to begin this chat with the acknowledgement that what is currently called Canada is stolen Indigenous lands. #CJDSChat

In her book *Transit of Empire*, Chickasaw scholar Jodi Byrd uses the term “arrivant” to explain how the forced removal of enslaved peoples from their homelands through the Middle Passage has meant that Black folks and their ancestors experience colonialism and racism differently than Indigenous peoples. #CJDSChat

This is to say, when we think of decolonizing, we must also do so in relation to anti-Blackness, which is intertwined with colonial systems of oppression. #CJDSChat

Canada’s history of slavery is different than that of the US for many reasons. June 19<sup>th</sup> (or Juneteenth) is the annual commemoration of the Emancipation Proclamation which signalled the ending of slavery in the US in 1865. #CJDSChat

In contrast, The Slavery Abolition Act came into effect on August 1st 1834, ending slavery in the British Empire, and thus Canada. #CJDSChat

On June 19<sup>th</sup> this account will be sharing information about Canada’s history of slavery in an effort to remind folks that Canada does have a history of slavery and it is important that folks are aware of and read about it. #CJDSChat

This is to say, Black Lives Matter. #CJDSChat

As I mentioned previously here and on Facebook, this month’s #CJDSChat is taking a slight departure from the initial topic. Instead of #Disability and #ChronicIllness, we will be discussing #Disability and #ChronicIllness in relation to practicing allyship.

As a reminder, to participate in the chat please answer the questions I pose while interacting with the other folks who are in attendance tonight: you do this using the chat hashtag (#CJDSChat).

And if you forget to do so, that's fine (I do when I'm tweeting responses from my personal account!). It just may mean that it may be a little more difficult for folks to talk to you #CJDSChat

When answering a Q, please add the question number in your reply to help everyone track what you're saying. To explain, I will give 2 punny examples #CJDSChat

Q1: What do you call flowers that are BFFs?

A1: Buds #CJDSChat

Q2: Why are flowers such fast drivers?

A2: They put the petal to the metal. #CJDSChat

The only other thing I wanted to mention was to only answer what you feel comfortable with: you are under no obligation to respond to each question. #CJDSChat

There are 8 questions tonight, two of which have two parts. That is 10 including the intro question.

Aaaand off we go! #CJDSChat

Q1: Please introduce yourself as you feel comfortable, e.g., name, pronouns, your favourite flower. #CJDSChat

Q2: #Disability and #ChronicIllness are sometimes used interchangeably. Are they the same? Different? A spectrum? #CJDSChat

Q3: What about the terms ally and allyship? Are they the same, different, or part of a spectrum? #CJDSChat

Q4a: As disabled and/or chronically ill people, are there particular ways we want our allies (abled folks) to act or behave in our community/communities? #CJDSChat

Q4b: Is it possible for chronically ill and disabled folks to also be allies of disabled and chronically ill folks? #CJDSChat

Q5a: Thinking about other ways in which folks are marginalized in society

(e.g., BIPOC, trans folks, queer folks) how can we practice allyship when sometimes spaces aren't accessible to us? #CJDSChat

Q5b: Is there a gentle way to call folks in when, for example, the built environment prevents participation, but we want to act in solidarity? #CJDSChat

Q6: What is one of the most powerful things you have learned from participation in activism, particularly online? #CJDSChat

Q7: Do you have recommendations for folks who are beginning to explore activism for the first time, or thinking about activism in a more intersectional way? #CJDSChat

Q8: Any last thoughts or things I should have covered? #CJDSChat

July's #CJDSChat will be occurring on Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> at 8pm ET. We will be discussing disability and society.