### **3** Beverly (Bev) Clarke

As a member Bev hopes she will be able to transfer some of her past work and life wisdom within the SOGIE Advisory Council.

Her small rural upbringing was very tumultuous but aided her in becoming a resilient individual when relocating to Edmonton decades ago. Bev and her spouse of 29 years raised two sons during a period of LGBTQ discrimination in their community. This was a time when Hate & Bias Crimes unit were not an available resource.

She currently volunteers with Wellspring Alberta, AARCS and Little Bits Therapeutic Riding Association. Bev has continued to



dedicate her time to other organizations such as Edmonton Pride Festival Society, HIV Edmonton, Southside Boxing Association, Women's Ball Hockey Edmonton, and Parkallen Community League (Civic Planning Committee).

Her experience includes working in Acute Care and Auxiliary Care facilities. She worked with iSMSS (Fyrefly Institute University of Alberta) during its inception for 9 years and then as a Human Resources and Finance Advisor in the Faculty of Education until her current retirement.

In her free time Bev is a cyclist, hiker, bibliophile, pickleball newbie, rescue dog mom and novice quilter.

# 4 Chevi Rabbit



Chevi Rabbit is a passionate advocate for inclusivity and social justice, with over 14 years of experience working with marginalized communities, particularly within the LGBTQ+ and Indigenous populations. They have been involved in numerous committees focusing on housing, community development, and improving relations between marginalized groups and law enforcement, including the Edmonton Police Service (EPS). Chevi has been an outspoken supporter of EPS, highlighting their role in protecting vulnerable communities while also advocating for necessary reforms to increase inclusivity within the force. Their

advocacy has extended to various sectors, working to modernize systems such as the RCMP and addressing critical issues like hate crimes, mental health, and the safety of 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals.

Chevi's work is grounded in lived experience as a survivor of hate crimes, and they bring a unique perspective to policy development, combining personal insight with research-driven solutions. Their dedication to fostering safer, more inclusive spaces aligns with their long-term goals of creating meaningful change within systems that serve diverse communities. Chevi's commitment to bridging gaps between law enforcement and marginalized groups is a driving force in their advocacy, making them a strong candidate for the SOGIE Advisory Council.

### 5 Jane Johnston

Hi, my name is Jane. I use she/they pronouns. I recently graduated from the University of Alberta with a degree in Psychology and minor in Women's and Gender Studies. I hope to pursue medicine and am currently studying for the MCAT.

I am passionate about fighting for equality and equity for all. I am proud to do so at U of A and in the community. At the University of Alberta, I volunteer at the Landing which seeks to provide a safe and supportive space on campus for LGBTQ+ Students. Currently, I am on the University's LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee,



which works to create actionable changes to make Campus a safer and more inclusive space for Queer Students.

Outside of the University I am the Head of Intake and Outreach at The CAPE Clinic. The CAPE Clinic provides Sexual Health Care, and

free Long Term Reversible Birth Control for low income and marginalized people with uteruses. CAPE's goal is to provide inclusive and barrier free sexual healthcare.

I am excited to be a part of SOGIE to help make Edmonton more inclusive.

#### 6 Melissa Fabrizio



I'm a passionate advocate for sexual and gender diverse communities with a diverse background in communications and marketing. Throughout my career, I have held various roles, including Communications and Marketing Manager at CPA Western School of Business, Digital Planning and Development Lead in the Office of Strategic Communications, and Communications Manager for the Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services. These positions have allowed me to build a strong foundation in managerial and leadership skills, becoming an expert in digital strategy, analytics, and branding.

I have led many successful digital marketing campaigns, including the award-winning 2020 UAlberta New Trail website rebranding project, which received gold at the Alberta Magazine Publishers Association 2021 Achievement Awards and resulted in a 126% increase in organic web traffic. My expertise in digital communications includes fluency in multiple coding languages such as HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, and Ruby, enabling me to collaborate effectively with senior web developers on content and strategy.

In my personal life, I enjoy spending time with my wife and daughter, and we are excited to welcome a second baby this spring. I also love traveling, running, and reading.

# 7 Shawna Hohendorff



Shawna Hohendorff joined SOGIE in 2021. Shawna Joined to lend some of her experience as a part of the lesbian community and the work she has done in the Inner City of Edmonton for the past 20 plus years. Shawna has worked in the inner city of Edmonton for Radius Community Health and Healing formerly known as Boyle McCauley Health Centre as the Program Coordinator /Counsellor. Kindred House is a provider of trauma informed supports for women and trans women who work in street sex work. Many of the participants have had or continue to have Police Interaction. Kindred House also is involved in the Community Communication Day for the new Recruits for EPS.

### 8 Star Oldring

Star Oldring (they/them) is an experienced educator who is a settler descended lifelong queer and trans resident of Alberta. Their advocacy is rooted in decolonial allyship and the joy of participating in communities where everyone belongs and thrives together.



# 9 Taylor Davison

My name is Taylor Davison, and I'm a criminology student at MacEwan University with a passion for community safety and advocacy. As a young queer individual, I strive to bridge the gap between the LGBTQ+ community and law enforcement. I currently work as a security guard for Paladin, where I gain valuable experience ensuring safety at various events. I also volunteer in the queer community, where I focus on creating safe and inclusive spaces for LGBTQ+ individuals. My experiences as a peacekeeper and safe walker at pride festivals have taught me the importance of fostering trust and



understanding between marginalized communities and police. These experiences have fueled my commitment to advocating for change and improving relationships between the police and the queer community. My goal is to contribute to positive dialogue and ensure that diverse voices are heard and valued, both in my future career as a police officer and as a member of the SOGIE Advisory Council.