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Guest speaker information

Name of guest speaker:	Mahed Choudhury
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Seminar date:	Nov. 20
Title of seminar:	Advancing Equity and Inclusion of Wildfire Evacuees in Alberta

Abstract: 5-8 lines in length, non-technical, written to be accessible and "catchy" to a general audience
Wildfires do not affect everyone equally. Community members living in social inequities, such as older people, unsheltered people, people living with disabilities and poverty, and gender diverse individuals are disproportionately impacted by wildfires. Promoting equity and inclusion requires addressing differential needs and challenges of these equity-deserving groups. This presentation will share lived experiences of wildfire evacuees as well as perspectives of service providers in the towns of Edson and Jasper, Alberta to advance equity and inclusion during wildfire evacuations.