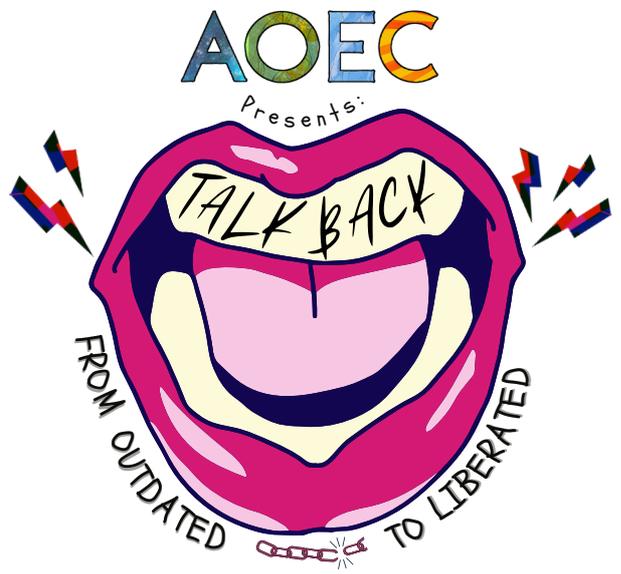


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4. POWER AND PRIVILEGE: HOW TO ADDRESS THE UNCOMFORTABLE TRUTHS OF EVANGELISM IN THE VALLEY

This presentation will look at the trajectory and histories of education from colonialism and now, through a discourse of Evangelism and the harms that continue to perpetuate in the Fraser Valley. As a Sikh woman having experienced, lived through, and now the mother of children in the Fraser Valley region, I will provide examples of ongoing and perpetuating systems of Evangelical harms taking place - contrapuntal to the SOGI curriculum redesign, and Indigenizing methodologies which are supposed to be the driving forces of the K-12 system. Through truth-telling, I move from a place of harm to healing and advocacy where we work together to make schools safe spaces of community building and not power imbalance.



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<https://blogs.ufv.ca/chasi/2022/05/11/chasicast-2/> - A recent podcast where I shared experiences on my PhD journey and my activism.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/history-fraser-valley-sikh-settlers-tour-1.6468402> - An article and audio story of my giving a tour of the Sikh Heritage Museum

<https://challengeracistbc.ca/chapter-one.html> - A publication I have co-authored that is open access

<https://sacpl.southasiancanadianheritage.ca/social-history-book/> - A book on the history of South Asians in BC, where I've contributed two chapters