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Diversity

Inclusion

**“EBPS Panel Discussion: Equity, Diversity & Inclusion at EBPS and Beyond”
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Leah Mayo

I am an Assistant Professor at the University of Calgary in Canada and a first-generation college student born and raised on the L’Anse Reservation of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (Lake Superior Band of Chippewa). My academic journey has taken me from the US, to Sweden, and now Canada, and my hope is to use what I’ve learned along the way to promote a sense of inclusivity and belonging for others from diverse backgrounds who wish to pursue a career in science.



Ipek Yalcin

I’m Turkish-French neuroscientist working as a research director at the CNRS in France and head of the “Neuroanatomy, Pain and Psychopathology” team. Throughout my career, I have been fortunate to be trained and worked with scientists committed to diversity, equity and inclusion. I wish to continue to raise awareness and advocate for EDI and visibility of scientists from underrepresented groups in neuroscience.



Brianna George

I am a 1st-year Postdoc in Dr. Tom Kash’s lab at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. As a black, first-generation college graduate and neuroscientist, my journey through academia has not been without many challenges and obstacles. However, every bump in the road that I’ve navigated has made me increasingly passionate about advocating for increased diversity and inclusion in the field and striving to help others along their paths in our scientific community.



Mark Namba

I am a postdoctoral researcher in the Department of Pharmacology & Physiology at Drexel University College of Medicine. I am also a gay Hispanic-Asian man. Traditionally, academia has not fostered an environment that allows people of LGBTQ+ identity to express themselves. However, this can be very important even from a scientific perspective. My identity, and my openness about my identity within the academy, have crucially shaped my research questions. This, I hope, will help improve the lives of those from historically marginalized communities.



Margarita Moreno-Montoya

I am a Professor in the Department of Psychology and the Center of Health Research CEINSA at the University of Almería (Spain). When you live in a small and remote university it is difficult to do science, but I believe in good ideas and quality work. On the other hand, being a woman and wanting to have a family sometimes makes this exciting career difficult, so a great scientific vocation is always the engine for success. For these reasons, one of my current goals is to contribute to a more diverse and inclusive future in neuroscience.