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As a trans and disabled person, Bennett's goal is to create accessible and equitable support for staff, students, and faculty. They are continually learning and reflecting on their responsibilities as a guest on the unceded territories of the Lək'wəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. Bennett has completed the Acumen training offered through IACE and the Indigenous Studies course *IS 100 – Responsibilities and Reciprocity in the Place You Are Now*.