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Carolyn M. Gaspar is currently pursuing doctoral studies in the Faculty of Health at Dalhousie University. Her research areas span health system improvement/design, health equity, co-development of youth empowerment programs, community-driven research, systems change, and community development through authentic engagement. She primarily focuses on Indigenous health and social issues in Canada in collaboration with and driven by Indigenous communities/youth. She is currently working on measuring non-Indigenous Canadians' attitudes towards Indigenous peoples of Canada to inform the development of anti-oppressive health professional curriculum, addressing the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Calls to Action. She believes in empowerment as a facilitator of hope to influence transformational change within systems through authentic engagement to improve the health and well-being of Indigenous peoples. Alongside her research training, Carolyn cumulates various experiences in foreign policy as a dependent consultant, such as attending the World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund Annual Spring Meetings and a foreign exchange at the invitation of the Foreign Government of Germany.