Kindred Spirits: Linkages between Family Sponsorship and Refugee Sponsorship Audrey Macklin, University of Toronto

Tens of thousands of Canadians embarked on refugee sponsorship for the first time after 2015. Prof. Macklin's research asks: who sponsors, what are their motives, and what is the impact of sponsorship on those who do it? with what effects? In this presentation, Prof. Macklin will address how familial tropes shape the structure of the private sponsorship program, and inflect the discursive representation and practices of the sponsor-newcomer relationship.