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Thursday
October 22, 2026

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Friday
October 23, 2026

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Breakfast 8:00 am * Lunch included

Saturday
October 24, 2026

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Breakfast 8:00 am



CONNECTING LEADERS

The BCPVPA is pleased
to welcome best-
selling author and
award-winning scholar
**Dr Robyne
Hanley-Dafoe**
as our Friday speaker

Sutton Place Hotel
845 Burrard Street
Vancouver

**Everyday
Resiliency™**
**How to Master
Working and
Living Well**



Dr Robyne Hanley-Dafoe
provides tools to cultivate
your capacity for Everyday
Resiliency™ in leaders and
teams around the world.

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CONNECTING LEADERS

Join us for this exceptional event that creates connection for our members and friends, explores everyday resiliency and cultivating your capacity, and invites you to an immersive storytelling experience about the role of educational leaders in showing up for youth.

The themes explored in the Connecting Leaders Conference are relevant beyond the education community, and we welcome attendees from all sectors to learn with us at the 2026 event!

BCPVPA Members

Registration fee includes breakfast and lunch

Early Bird	\$599.00 ^{+GST} (to June 30, 2026)
Regular	\$629.00 ^{+GST} (to August 31, 2026)
Late	\$649.00 ^{+GST} (Sept 1 - Oct 1, 2026)

Non-Members

Registration fee includes breakfast and lunch

Early Bird	\$799.00 ^{+GST} (to June 30, 2026)
Regular	\$829.00 ^{+GST} (to August 31, 2026)
Late	\$849.00 ^{+GST} (Sept 1 - Oct 1, 2026)

REGISTRATION



IMPORTANT: Cancellations and Refunds Policy

*If you need to cancel your registration
the BCPVPA refund policy is:*

30 days notice, 100%

15-29 days notice, 50%

Less than 15 days notice, no refund

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Conference attendees who wish to book a guestroom to stay at the conference location, the Sutton Place Hotel, 845 Burrard Street, Vancouver, can take advantage of the BCPVPA Group Rate for guestrooms by calling

1-866-378-8866

or visiting this link

RESERVATIONS

Indicate that you are making a reservation for the **BCPVPA Fall Meeting**.

Reservations must be made prior to
September 22, 2026

Guestroom Pricing

Applicable October 22 and 23, 2026

*Group rate may be available three days
pre/post the conference dates, based on
room/rate availability.*

Standard Room

\$299.00 per night *plus applicable taxes*

Guestroom booking includes:

Complimentary wireless internet

Complimentary access to the pool/gym

Check-in 4:00pm - Check-out 12:00 noon



Thursday October 22, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
2026 Connecting Leaders - Opening Reception

Cash Bar and Light Snacks

Begin your conference experience with some conversation, some laughter, some live music and a healthy helping of connection!

While we prepare for the learning ahead, it is the perfect opportunity to catch up with current colleagues and even meet someone new! The Sutton Place Hotel is centrally located in downtown Vancouver, so there are many options for dinner or a stroll following the Opening Reception.

Friday October 23, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Everyday Resiliency™ - Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe

8:00 am Breakfast - Lunch included

We are delighted to welcome Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe, one of the very few educational behaviorists in the world, and a globally recognized speaker, author, and scholar. Dr. Robyne will lead a transformative exploration of the five pillars of everyday resiliency. This session will equip you with practical tools and strategies to boost both your professional and personal well-being and effectiveness.

Find out more about Dr. Robyne and the October 23 session on the following pages

Saturday October 24, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
A Morning with Dr. Sean Lessard

8:00 am Breakfast

JUST ANNOUNCED!

Dr. Sean Lessard is from the Montreal Lake Cree Nation in Treaty 6 territory, and is a writer, researcher, and community advocate for Indigenous Youth wellness and leadership. He believes that when youth are supported through relationship and community, powerful things can rise to the surface.

Join us for a remarkable morning of learning, as Dr. Lessard reflects on the importance of presence and trust when working with youth, and the role that educators and leaders play as advocates and allies.

More information will become available as we continue to co-create this session with Dr. Lessard.

Everyday Resiliency™
starts here.

Resiliency isn't something
we have or don't have —
it's something we build
and foster.

It's about making what matters
most, matter most.

The framework helps you
do the *extraordinary* by
making strategic choices
in the *ordinary*.



Everyday Resiliency™

How to Master Working & Living Well

Featuring Dr. Robyne Hanley-Dafoe

Friday October 23, 2026

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

In a world of rapid change and constant challenges, resilience is vital. Join Dr. Robyne for a transformative exploration of the five pillars of everyday resilience.

This session will equip you with practical tools and strategies to boost both your professional and personal well-being and effectiveness.

Learn how to leverage resilience as your greatest asset in navigating today's dynamic environment. Attendees gain actionable insights that empower them to face challenges with renewed confidence and fully realize their potential to thrive in their work.

Key Ideas and Takeaways

- Recognize, address and optimize everyday stress
- Acquire critical insights for why 'knowing' better doesn't equal 'doing' better
- Discover what helps and hinders resilient practices
- Learn how to activate the Five Pillars of Everyday Resiliency™

BELONGING

PERSPECTIVE

ACCEPTANCE

HOPE

HUMOUR

An educational behaviorist (one of very few in the world) and a globally recognized speaker and scholar, **Dr Robyne Hanley-Dafoe** is also your friendly neighbourhood scientist who makes life make sense! With a treasure trove of awards and a worldwide following, she's on a mission to empower leaders and teams everywhere with practical strategies for fostering resiliency and making stress your ally, not your enemy.

Dr Robyne embodies her teachings by seamlessly blending real-world realities, rigorous research, and profound wisdom with her own personal journey. A mother of three teenagers, a high school dropout turned respected professor, author, entrepreneur and survivor of a life-altering accident, her life story exemplifies her unwavering dedication of spreading resilience. Dr Robyne proves that it is not just a theory, but a transformative skill set.

Known for her engaging delivery, Dr Robyne crafts experiences that integrate scientific research with inspirational narratives into actionable insights across diverse platforms. Her approachability and relatability shine through, inspiring individuals and organizations to face challenges with confidence.

Fueled by historical fiction, coffee, and an unwavering belief that better days are always ahead, Dr Robyne is here to show us that resiliency isn't just a concept— it's a skill set that transforms your work and life.