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The university is often regarded as a bastion of liberal democracy where equity and diversity are promoted and racism doesn't exist. In reality, the university still excludes many people and is a site of racialization that is subtle, complex, and sophisticated. While some studies do point to the persistence of systemic barriers to equity and diversity in higher education, in-depth analyses of racism, racialization, and Indigeneity in the academy are more notable for their absence. *The Equity Myth*is the first comprehensive, databased study of racialized and Indigenous faculty members' experiences in Canadian universities.

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