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Jessica Kolopenuk (Cree, Peguis First Nation) is an assistant professor and the Alberta Health Services (AHS) Research Chair in Indigenous Health in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry. Prior to this appointment, she was an assistant professor in the Faculty of Native Studies (FNS) (2018-2022). Dr. Kolopenuk continues to hold an adjunct appointment in FNS. She completed her Ph.D. in political science from the University of Victoria in 2020 for which she was awarded the Governor General's Gold Medal. Dr. Kolopenuk is the co-founder and co-lead of the Indigenous Science, Technology, and Society Research and Training Program (Indigenous STS) and the Summer internship for Indigenous Peoples in Genomics Canada (SING Canada). As the AHS Chair in Indigenous Health, she is expanding Indigenous STS to include the Indigenous Health Research Core – a research and training dry lab situated in FoMD; and the Indigenous Science, Technology, and Health Network, which will bring together academic, industry, medical, and community partners devoted to critically engaging and transforming colonial health systems.