On November 3rd the “Cycle-Paths” competed in the 8th Annual Plasma Car Race in support of the United Way. The coveted hubcap trophy was up for grabs against challengers from across campus including the reigning champs “Vikes Nation”. This event was originally created by our very own team leader “Long Gone” John who year after year leaves challengers in his dust. Back this year, to capture victory, was “Hot Rod” Todd along with two new recruits, “Dashing” Diana and “Motoring” Meg.

For those who did not get the chance to see the team practicing outside the EPLS main office in October, a Plasma car is a miniature vehicle designed without gears, pedals or batteries. All you do to move forward is harness your steering talent and racing expertise. Although typically designed for children aged 3-5, our team was able to master the take off, turns and speed.

Somehow, the Cycle-Paths were unable (again) to capture the trophy this year, but the team was happy to be part of the event and look forward to a re-match next year. This year the overall event raised $3,952 for the United Way. A congratulations to the Sons of Accounting team who were not only the fundraising champions but also the race winners!

For more information on the race, check out: http://www.uvic.ca/unitedway/events/plasmacar/
Counselling Psychology Team at the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood (SSEA) International Conference

Dr. Natalee Popadiuk, Dr. Anne Marshall, & Diane Teixeira (Graduate Student), from the Counselling Psychology Program attended the Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood annual conference in Miami, Florida this fall. This international conference welcomed a host of multi-disciplinary scholars from all over the world, with the common goal of advancing the study of emerging adulthood (18-29 years old).

Dr. Marshall & Dr. Popadiuk participated on the panel of a Discussion Session entitled, “Utilizing Qualitative Methods in Emerging Adulthood Research.” This dynamic session was composed of four panelists discussing their expertise in qualitative methodological approaches, while also engaging in active dialogue with the audience.

Dr. Popadiuk also presented her emerging bereavement research findings in a Paper Session, entitled “Counselling Emerging Adults for Childhood Bereavement Issues.” In this presentation, Dr. Popadiuk shares data findings and counselling implications based on her qualitative study that explores the long-term impact of early sibling loss: “Adult Bereavement Narratives of a Sibling's Death During Childhood.”

Diane Teixeira & Dr. Popadiuk presented a poster on Diane’s master’s thesis, “The Legacy of Loss: The Early Death of a Parent & the ‘Ever-After’ Impact in Adulthood.” Similarly, this qualitative research examines the long-term impact of loss in adulthood; however, the focus is on the early loss of a parent in childhood.

The conference was an excellent opportunity to learn about exciting research in this field, and to network with international researchers and practitioners. For anyone interested in learning more about SSEA, information is available on their website at www.ssea.org.

~Submitted by Diane Teixeira
Recent Graduate, Genevieve Stonebridge

Making a Difference in the Real World

As a recent graduate of the counselling psychology program, I have been asked to share some of my successes in “life outside” the program. In order to do this I must begin with gratitude to my smart, steadfast and supportive supervisor, Susan Tasker (how’s that for an alliteration?!). Susan’s vision and encouragement has enabled me to take my research out into the world and share it with the people for whom it was created to help.

Thanks to Susan’s vision for Knowledge Mobilization I now have a tangible and accessible way of sharing my research. Upon Susan’s suggestion and support (and with the help of film professionals and friends) I created a 12-minute video titled: You Matter. You Matter is a short educational video featuring some of my participants, which shares the findings of my research in a way that is easily accessible (much more accessible than my 221 page thesis document :)).

Because of the film I was invited at the beginning of November to be a guest speaker at the International Children’s Oncology Camping Association annual conference. I presented my research (which is about the needs of siblings who have a brother or sister diagnosed with cancer) and shared You Matter with various children's oncology camps from around the world. Many camps now want to share my video with their staff and campers to help spread the word "siblings, you matter!"

Two days after this conference I flew to Boston where You Matter was chosen as an official selection for the Boston International Kid’s Film Festival. It was shown with a handful of other films under the umbrella of "overcoming challenges", and I had the opportunity to sit on a filmmaker’s discussion panel with other directors.

I am blessed to have had the opportunity to do research that was of personal importance to me and now to see it landing in the hands of the people it was created to help. I am grateful to have worked with a team of people who believed in the work. My committee member Diana Nicholson provided both Susan and I with integral insight and generous support in the thesis writing process. Thank you Susan and to all the wonderful professors who have helped shape me as a researcher and as a clinical counsellor. I am so very grateful.

~Submitted by Genevieve Stonebridge

Jasmine, Genevieve’s sister, who inspired the research

Kid Scientists from the film
Dr. Carolyn Crippen

During my sabbatical this fall, I was fortunate to spend 7 weeks in Iceland. The research trip was full of wonderful opportunities: I presented two research papers at the Greenleaf Servant-Leadership Conference held at Bifrost University; I taught undergraduate and graduate students; I conducted over 30 interviews with recognized leaders in Iceland, i.e., chief of police, a parliamentarian, mayor, punk musician, nurse, midwife, university rector, opera singer, engineer, elementary school teacher, etc.

Interesting fact: Iceland has a very special and unique type of sheep: they are called the Icelandic Leadership Sheep and are as smart as dogs and are found only in Iceland. There is usually one or two of these sheep per flock and they can lead the other sheep away from danger or herd them back into pasture. As one who investigates leadership, I found this quite serendipitous!

Dr. Jillian Roberts

With the recent attacks in Paris, our own Dr. Jillian Roberts was asked to contribute her expertise as a child psychologist, to help explain the attacks to children. Visit the following link for the details:
https://t.co/tSqH4YMuTn?ssr=true

Dr. Darlene Clover

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Edited by: Darlene E. Clover, Shauna Butterwick, and Laurel Collins

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