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Tara Sharpe, The Ring
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By talking to migrant parents of stateless children about their experiences with birth registration and their goals for family cohesion and quality of life, the researchers learned of challenges and solutions to birth registration from the participants themselves.


One child’s story

Those participants included Melati’s family. The father of 15-year-old Melati (pictured above) left for work in Malaysia before she was born and, as a result, her mother was not able to register her birth. Melati’s father eventually returned to their village with a new wife and two young sons and, by then, Melati had a new father figure—the man her mother met when she was forced to migrate overseas herself to earn money to support her family. Melati lived with her grandmother while her mother was away.

With many fathers forced to find work overseas before their child’s birth, the birth registration process needs to be simplified so that mothers and even grandparents (who often care for children of migrant parents) can successfully complete the process themselves.

Pathways to citizenship for all children

Another one of the study’s recommendations is for a greatly simplified and no-cost birth registration process to be integrated in the network of widely used government birthing clinics and primary health care programs in local villages.

“Multigenerational statelessness amplifies the risks to safety, health and quality of life of children who are already vulnerable,” Ball says. “The global push to ensure every child’s right to an officially documented name and nationality needs to consider the limited resources and access to birth registration in families who are constantly on the move.”

“At the same time, some families may prefer to remain undocumented and beyond the reach of government surveillance. Research that encompasses diverse family perspectives can identify pathways to citizenship for all children.”

“We need to move away from place-based thinking,” adds Butt. “With so many families on the move in the global era, birth registration policies will need to adapt. Family needs come first, and Indonesia can take a leadership role in making birth registration easy for all families.”

Next steps

In December 2015, both researchers will return to Indonesia to help the partner organizations such as UNICEF, PLAN and Save the Children explore ideas and apply the UVic research to possible strategic initiatives in that country.

The two-year study was supported through CAPI and by a 2013 Insight Development Grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

Critical Suicidology
Transforming Suicide Research and Prevention for the 21st Century
Edited by: Jennifer White, Ian Marsh, Michael Kral and Jonathan Morris

Traditional ways of understanding and preventing suicide are not working for everyone. In Critical Suicidology, a team of international scholars, practitioners, and people directly affected by suicide argue that the field of suicidology has become too focused on the biomedical paradigm: a model that pathologizes distress and obscures the social, political, and historical contexts that contribute to human suffering. The authors take a critical look at existing research, introduce the perspectives of those who have direct personal knowledge of suicide and suicidal behaviour, and propose alternative approaches that are creative and culturally sensitive. In the right hands, this book could save lives.


Child and Youth Care Students’ Society (CYCSS) Fall 2015 Report
Angie Gray (Director)

The air is crisp, the leaves have fallen, and the CYC undergraduate students are tucked away in cozy corners tapping out the final pages of the semester. As we look forward to a break in our studies we look back on a bustling and energized fall semester with the CYCSS! Our general meeting attendance continues to grow as students become more engaged in the Students’ Society.

In October, we co-hosted our now well-established “Connecting the Dots” event with the SCYC. Over 70 attendees enjoyed lunch, laughs, and a competitive bingo
scavenger hunt that got people mixing and mingling like never before! Special thanks to our project leads, Lauren Askew and Mia Angus, for their leadership on this event.

This year’s CYCSS hoodies have been designed, marketed, and ordered! This year’s design sports the CYCSS tree logo on a full zip hoodie. The order should arrive early December and will be available for pick up on campus for local students and will be mailed (shipping included!) to distance students.

The CYCSS bake sale team led by Lexi Iulianella and Laura Weston hosted two successful bake sales this fall raising $245 to help fund CYCSS activities and convocation gifts. Thank you to the whole team for all of your organizing and hard work!

Inspired and organized by our second year rep Emily Hellard, the CYCSS hosted our first “Practicum Sharing Tea and Talk”. Students, who had completed practicums in a variety of different settings, came and shared their experiences with a small group of curious students. Feedback from students has been very positive, and we will host this event again in the spring.

This year has brought us another group of inspired and connected CYC student representatives to gather feedback for SCYC Director, Dr. Jennifer White. Jennifer will meet with students representatives in December to continue this collaborative relationship as the new curriculum for the School is being developed. Please direct you student feedback to your year rep, distance rep, or Indigenous rep; whomever you feel will best represent you! Their bios and contact information can be found on course spaces.

Congratulations to all of the November CYC graduates on their convocation! The SCYC and CYCSS collaborated again on a card and gift for our grads. The mugs and cards were much appreciated, and will be proudly displayed on desks and in homes as our alumni transition into the professional CYC world!
Student Awards

The school would like to extend congratulations to the following graduate award winners:

**SSHRC:**
Elisabeth Tilstra, MA

**UVic Graduate Awards:**
Thaís Amorim, PhD
Christopher Bennett, MA
Alex Berry, MA
Stephanie Brockett, PhD
Anastasia Butcher, MA
Kierstyn Butler, MA
Anna Chadwick, MA
Khama Chibwana, PhD
Emily Coon, MA
Julia Cox, MA
Parker Croshaw, MA
Andrea Felix, MA
Chris Goodman, MA
Sheminé Gulamhusein, PhD
Yael Heffer, MA
Nicole Land, PhD
Amarens Matthiesen, MA
Jenny McGrath, PhD
Wesley McVey, MA
Erin Mirau, MA
Patrick Murphy, MA
Sydney Nauss, MA
Narda Nelson, MA
Stephen Neuman, MA
Jessica Sahlstrom, MA
Catherine Taylor, MA
Jenny Thomson, MA
Elisabeth Tilstra, MA
Mattie Walker, MA
Kerry-Lynn Weatherhead, MA

**President’s Research Award:**
Scott Kouri, PhD

**Agnes Shaharriw Memorial Scholarship:**
Erin Mirau, MA
Emily Coon, MA

**Alexander and Helen Stafford MacCarthy Muir Graduate Scholarship:**
Scott Kouri, PhD

**Artes Y. Letras Scholarship:**
Emily Hellard

**BC Child and Youth Care Services Association Award:**
Annika Benoit-Janssens

**Child and Family Counselling Association of Greater Victoria Scholarship:**
Jasmine Thandi

**Darlene Scott Scholarship:**
Angelina Gray

**Chuck Curtis Memorial Award:**
Deanna Kenward

**Council of International Schools Scholarship:**
Dechen Lama

**General Undergraduate Scholarship:**
Angelina Gray

**Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Award:**
Daniele Goulet
Warda Ibrahim

**John Locke Malkin Entrance Scholarship Renewal:**
Derek Wilson

**Matthew Cowan Annual Scholarship:**
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Janelle Northey

**Artes Y. Letras Scholarship:**
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**President’s Entrance Scholarship:**
Rebecca Steel

**Robert and Norah Wallace Commemorative Scholarship:**
Janelle Northey

**Robert S. Evans Memorial Scholarship in CYC:**
Nathaniel Demetrius

**Sharyl Yore Award:**
Karen Lim

**T.S. McPherson Entrance Scholarship:**
Angela Beddome

**Tolmie-Wood Scholarship:**
Mikara Pettman

**Ts’u’tsu’wutul Award:**
Marie Morris

**UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal:**
Nathaniel Demetrius
Alexandra Harrison
Emily Hellard

**UVic Transfer Scholarship:**
Narisse Christensen
Megan Currie
Alyssa Gallant
Zachary Johnston
Kira Peck
Amber Rowe-Simmons
Jana Schulz
Melissa Steinke

**UVic Undergraduate Entrance Scholarship:**
Zoe Hannah Barnhardt
Margaret Birch
Stephanie Cogswell
Alexandra Ferguson
Tara Lewis

Upcoming Events 2016

**CYC Alumni Reception**
Wednesday, February 3, 2016
Fireplace Lounge, University Club

Visit our website “News & Events” to stay current with SCYC.