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## **CIRCLE e-news – February 24th, 2017 Edition**

*This week's updates - all in one place!*

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### **Latest headlines**

#### **Canada has 'no idea' when it will properly fund programs for First Nations children: Blackstock**

Exactly 10 years after filing a human rights complaint against Canada and a little more than a year after winning it Cindy Blackstock's fight for First Nations children appears to be far from over.

[Full article](#)

#### **Family plans birthday vigil for Manitoba teen with autism killed in foster care**

The teen with autism and epilepsy died last summer in foster care. Six months later, RCMP said her death was homicide.

[Full article](#)

#### **New 'nurse navigator' guides Indigenous patients on cancer journey**

An Inuit family from Pangnirtung, Nunavut is healing from the heartache of multiple cancer diagnoses with the help of an unconventional nurse at the Ottawa Hospital.

[Full article](#)

#### **FASD symposium tackles Truth and Reconciliation recommendation**

A national symposium hosted in Regina this week focused on how best to address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action regarding fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

[Full article](#)

#### **First Nation wants inquest into Yukon woman's death, cites 'systemic racism' in health care**

The Little Salmon Carmacks First Nation is asking Yukon Supreme Court to order a coroner's inquest into the death of Cynthia Blackjack, who died while being medevaced to Whitehorse from Carmacks on Nov. 7, 2013.

[Full article](#)

## CIRCLE events

### **Dr. Heidi Stark, “Narrating the Nation-State: The Story of Aboriginal Title” - a CIRCLE Indigenous Speaker Series event**

Location: First Peoples’ House, Ceremonial Hall (UVic)

Date: February 28, 2017 (11:30am – 1:00pm)

[More information](#)

### **Engaging in Stories of Indigenous Well-being – an Ideafest event**

Location: First Peoples’ House, Ceremonial Hall (UVic)

Date: March 10, 2017 (1:00 – 3:00pm)

[More information](#)

### **Dr. Devi Mucina, “Decolonizing Indigenous masculinities’ - a CIRCLE Indigenous Speaker Series event**

Location: First Peoples’ House, Ceremonial Hall (UVic)

Date: March 28, 2017 (11:30am – 1:00pm)

[More information](#)

## Events & training calendar

### **First Nations, Land and James Douglas: Indigenous and Treaty Rights in the Colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia 1849-1864**

Location: Songhees Wellness Centre, Victoria BC

Dates: February 24-26, 2017

[More information](#)

### **Spring Gardening**

Location: webinar

Date: February 28, 2017 (10:00 – 11:30am)

[More information](#)

### **Red Words**

Location: Victoria, BC (Open Space)

Date: March 1, 2017 (6:30pm)

[More information](#)

### **Atlantic Canada HIV testing webinar**

Location: webinar

Date: March 8, 2017 (11:00am AT; 11:30am in Newfoundland)

For more information, email Thomas Egdorf, Regional Health Education Coordinator at [tegdorf@catie.ca](mailto:tegdorf@catie.ca)

**Think Indigenous: Inspiring change through Indigenous education practices and knowledges**

Location: Saskatoon, SK (Treaty 6 Territory)

Dates: March 20-22, 2017

[More information](#)

**SK Indigenous HIV Conference: Indigenous Women's Traditional Roles**

Location: Saskatoon, SK

Dates: March 21-22, 2017

[More information](#)

**Awakening Our Wisdom; Healing on the Land**

Location: Langley, BC

Dates: March 23-26, 2017

**Awakening Memory, an Open Space exhibition**

Location: Open Space in Victoria, BC

Dates: March 24 – April 29

Opening: March 24 at 7:30pm

[More information](#)

**Connecting Health Across Topics - Let's C.H.A.T!**

Location: University of Victoria

Date: April 6, 2017

[More information](#)

**National Indigenous Cultural Safety Learning Series**

Location: webinar

Dates: April 27

[More information](#)

**25<sup>th</sup> Harm Reduction International Conference**

Location: Centre Mont-Royal, Montreal, Canada

Dates: May 14-17, 2017

[More information](#)

**NGGS in Indigenous Health Research**

Location: Vancouver, BC (Musqueam Territory)

Dates: May 26-28, 2017

**New Investigators Meeting in Indigenous Health Research**

Location: Vancouver, BC (Musqueam Territory)

Dates: May 28-30, 2017

### **World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education 2017**

Location: Toronto, Ontario

Dates: July 24-29, 2017

[More information](#)

### **S'TENISTOLW Indigenous Adult Education Conference 2017**

Location: Victoria, BC

Dates: August 23-25, 2017

[More information](#)

## **Funding opportunities**

### **Health Policy Fellowship: Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research**

Title: Policy research, analysis and development to increase access to primary health care for First Nations in BC. The First Nations Health Authority's (FNHA) approach to PHC, referred to as Primary Health Care ++ (PHC++), is, at its core, based on the First Nations Perspective on Health and Wellness.[1] This strengths-based perspective is holistic and emphasizes physical, social, mental and emotional wellness, rather than simply responding to illness. FNHA's PHC++ approach is inclusive of Traditional Wellness, Mental Wellness, and Oral Health. The fellow will bring a range of scientific expertise in First Nations health and strong understanding of PHC policies and service delivery. Expertise in mental wellness, traditional wellness, and oral health is desirable. An understanding of the social determinants of health as a key contributor to health inequities will embed health equity as a core value for policy work in PHC. In addition, this assignment presents an opportunity to draft research publications on timely health policy topics that further the collective knowledge-base of indigenous health issues in BC and abroad.

Deadline: April 3, 2017

Location: Vancouver, BC

[More information](#)

### **Impact Awards: SSHRC**

SSHRC Impact Awards are designed to build on and sustain Canada's research-based knowledge culture in the social sciences and humanities. The awards recognize outstanding researchers and celebrate their achievements in research, research training, knowledge mobilization and outreach activities funded partially or completely by SSHRC. There are different award categories including: Gold Medal, Talent Award, Insight Award, Connection Award, and Partnership Award. Each has different requirements and purposes.

Deadline: April 5, 2017 (postmarked)

[More information](#)

### **Operating Grant: CIHR New Investigator Grants in Maternal, Reproductive, Child & Youth Health**

This funding opportunity to support New Investigators in Maternal, Reproductive, Child and Youth Health is a collaboration between seven CIHR institutes. The goal of the program is to

build research capacity in maternal, reproductive, child and youth health by funding operating grants to new investigators. The program will fund research across the four pillars (biomedical, clinical, health systems services, and population health) that has the potential to have a significant impact on maternal, reproductive, child and youth health outcomes according to the mandates of the participating CIHR institutes. Ultimately, the program aims to strengthen Canada's capacity and knowledge to respond to challenges and needs by providing important early career development support to researchers in these fields. IAPH will provide funding to applicants undertaking maternal, reproductive, child and/or youth health research relevant to the institute's mandate.

Registration deadline: April 18, 2017

Application deadline: May 23, 2017

[More information](#)

### **Connection Grants: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)**

Connection Grants support events and outreach activities geared toward short-term, targeted knowledge mobilization initiatives. These events and activities represent opportunities to exchange knowledge and to engage on research issues of value to those participating. Events and outreach activities funded by a Connection Grant may often serve as a first step toward more comprehensive and longer-term projects potentially eligible for funding through other SSHRC funding opportunities.

Next deadline: May 1, 2017

[More information](#)

### **Fellowship: Health System Impact Fellowships (CIHR)**

The specific objectives of this funding opportunity are to: support impact-oriented career paths and elevate the career readiness of individuals with a PhD in HSPR or related fields by supporting experiential learning opportunities in Canada outside of the traditional scholarly environment, enriched competency development (e.g., leadership, project management), and national cohort participation; expand and enrich the traditional post-doctoral training environment by engaging health system and related organizations in preparing a cadre of promising PhD graduates for successful careers; provide health system and related organizations with direct opportunities to realize and harness the benefits that PhD-trained individuals can bring to such organizations for improved decision-making. In order to be considered relevant for CIHR-IAPH funding, applications must align with its mandate and specific Health System Impact Fellowship objectives, as outlined in the Internal Collaborator section.

Deadline: May 9, 2017

[More information](#)

### **Research Proposal Development Program (RPDP)**

The AHA Centre has the Research Proposal Development Program (RPDP). The purpose of the RPDP is to assist communities, organizations, and students interested in carrying out a research project, but who do not have the resources (human and/or financial) to prepare a proposal that

will be submitted to a grant competition: CIHR or the NEAR Centers, for example. [More information here](#). No deadline.

### **Funding Opportunities for Indigenous Students**

[Aboriginal Scholarship Guide](#): Provides links to scholarship opportunities.

[Emergency Bursary Funds](#): for Indigenous Students at UVic.

[Financial Aid](#): for Indigenous students at UVic.

Health Sciences Association of British Columbia Aboriginal Bursary Award: [More information](#)

### **Post-Secondary Education (Indspire)**

(full-time studies in a post-secondary education program)

Deadlines: February 1, June 1, November 1 2017 at 11:59 p.m. PT

[Application form](#)

[More Information](#)

For more funding opportunities:

<http://www.sshrc-crsh.gc.ca/funding-financement/deadlines-limites-eng.aspx>

<http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/193.html>

## **Job opportunities**

### **Director, Aboriginal Education and Services**

Location: Langara College (Vancouver, BC)

Deadline: Open until filled

[More information](#)

### **Home Care Nurse (Term), Opaskwayak Health Authority Beatrice Wilson Health Centre**

Location: Opaskwayak

Deadline: open until filled

For more information, contact Carol Buchberger at [carol.buchberger@ocnhealth.com](mailto:carol.buchberger@ocnhealth.com)

### **Behavioural Health Consultant (Crisis Team), Opaskwayak Health Authority Beatrice Wilson Health Centre**

Location: Opaskwayak

Deadline: open until filled

For more information, contact Carol Buchberger at [carol.buchberger@ocnhealth.com](mailto:carol.buchberger@ocnhealth.com)

### **Chief Executive Officer, Meno Ya Win Health Centre**

Location: Sioux Lookout, Ontario

Deadline: unlisted

[More information](#)

### **Executive Director, School of Public Health, University of Saskatchewan**

Location: Saskatoon, SK

Deadline: unlisted

[More information](#)

**Aboriginal Nurse Educator, Chee Mamuk, PHSA**

Location: Vancouver, BC

Deadline: open until filled

[More information](#)

**Aboriginal Patient Advocate, PHSA**

Location: Vancouver, BC

Deadline: open until filled

[More information](#)

**Student, Benefit Management, FNHA**

Location: Vancouver (Alberni Office)

Deadline: March 1, 2017 at 4:00pm

[More information](#)

**Mental Wellness & Substance Use Worker, T'it'q'et Administration**

Location: Lillooet, BC

Deadline: March 3, 2017 at 4:00pm

[More information](#)

**Assistant Professor (Tenure track) – Faculty of Health Sciences (Health and Exercise Psychology and/or Indigenous Health), University of Ontario Institute of Technology**

Location: Oshawa, ON

Deadline: March 6, 2017

[More information](#)

**Speech and Language Pathologist, Carrier Sekani Family Services**

Location: Vanderhoof

Deadline: March 10, 2017 at 11:55pm

[More information](#)

**Research Coordinator, Making It Work project, Pacific AIDS Network**

Location: anywhere in BC

Deadline: March 10, 2017

[More information](#)

**Mental Health Clinician, Carrier Sekani Family Services**

Location: Burns Lake/ Southside

Deadline: March 12, 2017 at 11:55 pm

[More information](#)

**Community Health Nurse (2), Opaskwaya Health Authority, Beatrice Wilson Health Centre**

Location: Opaskwayak, MB

Deadline: March 14, 2017

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**Home Care Nurse, Opaskwaya Health Authority, Beatrice Wilson Health Centre**

Location: Opaskwayak, MB

Deadline: March 14, 2017

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For more job listings and opportunities see:

<http://www.aboriginalcareers.ca/>

<http://www.ammsa.com/community-access/career-opportunities>

<http://www.aboriginalfutures.com/>

<http://nationtalk.ca/jobs>

<http://www.fnha.ca/about/work-with-us>

<http://www.amik.ca/>

## [Resources & unique opportunities](#)

**Call for abstracts: Connecting Health Across Topics - Let's C.H.A.T!**

In 2015, UVic's Social Dimensions of Health program hosted it's first student conference with over 40 members in attendance. Building on those student's momentum, in 2017, the current SDH students hope to create a tradition of student interdisciplinary health inquiry with a second semi-annual conference to be held on April 6, 2017 on the UVic campus. This will be an all-day event with breakfast and lunch served, and 3 incredible guest speakers (Dr. Charlotte Loppie, Dr. Trevor Hancock, Dr. Cecilia Benoit). Furthermore there will be 2 workshops, one of which is entitled, "Taking a bite out of your local food system". The second workshop is still to be determined. Abstract submission for both poster and oral presentation. Potential topics for include: Health literacy, Population Health, Life-course studies, Community health, Primary care, Arts-based practices, Economy and environment, Poverty, Climate change, Gender and health, Women's health, Food sustainability, Culture and health, Substance use and society, Indigenous health, History of medicine, Policy and practice, etc. Also this conference is inclusive of all research methodologies.

Submission deadline: March 10, 2017

[More information](#)

**Call for papers: UBC Medical Journal, Fall 2017**

The UBC Medical Journal is a student-driven academic journal striving to engage students in dialogue in medicine. We are now accepting submissions for the Fall 2017 issue. The theme of the issue is Precision Medicine - from fundamentals to practice, pharmacogenomics to the microbiome and companion diagnostics, this UBCMJ issue aims to explore the challenges and



opportunities of this exciting field. We also aim to identify areas of healthcare that could benefit from these advances. Overall, this field of research is becoming increasingly relevant for medical students and physicians alike; the future of clinical practice rests upon providing high-quality patient-centred care, and medicine that is truly personalized will sit at the heart of it. Submissions may fall into one of the following categories: Academic Research, Reviews, Commentaries, News and Letters, & Case and Elective Reports. We also accept submissions that do not fall into this theme.

Deadline: March 11, 2017

[More information](#)

### **Indigenous Student Employment Program (ISEP) – Canada Revenue Agency**

Various student positions in the following office locations: Surrey, Vancouver, Victoria, Penticton, Kelowna, Prince George, BC

Deadline: March 31, **2017**, 11:59 PM EST

[More information](#)

### **Call for participation: S'TENISTOLW Indigenous Adult Education Conference 2017**

The 2017 S'TENISTOLW Conference is a gathering for instructors and educators in Indigenous programs as well as leaders and allies in the field of Indigenous adult education. The goal is to build relationship and networks of reciprocity – to share, learn and exchange with each other. Cultural Pre-Conference and Welcome Dinner in collaboration with the Songhees Nation  
Confirmed Keynote Speakers: Gregory Cajete (Tewa educator and author, Look to the Mountain), Linda Tuhiwai Smith (Māori educator and author, Decolonizing Methodologies) and Graham Hingangaroa Smith (Māori educator and Indigenous education advocate). Workshops and presentations from educators, scholars and knowledge keepers, sessions with Elders, wellness providers and artists. We invite all Indigenous and allied educators, scholars, administrators and other leaders in the field from Turtle Island and beyond to join us and submit workshop and panel proposals along the following themes: Indigenous Pedagogies (Land and Community-Based Experiential Learning and Supporting Learner Engagement); Relationality/Living Our Collective Values (Practicing Indigenization and Strengthening Alliances)  
Location: Victoria, BC

Deadline for proposal submissions: extended to March 15, 2017

Conference date: August 23-25, 2017

[More information](#)

### **Victim Services and Assistance for Families of Missing or Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls – Justice Canada Victims Fund**

The funding is intended to support the design and delivery of culturally-responsive, trauma-informed services for families of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls. Eligible applicants include Indigenous community-based organizations, non-governmental community-based organizations, and provincial and territorial victim services.

[More information](#)

## **BC Native Women's Association (BCNWA) with Aboriginal Skills Employment and Training Strategy (ASETS)**

The BC Native Women's Association (BCNWA) believes that education and training opportunities can help Indigenous women achieve economic success. The BCNWA's Aboriginal Skills Employment and Training Strategy (ASETS) Program is funded by Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC). The ASETS Program takes a labour market driven approach so that all training initiatives reflect labour market needs in your community. BCNWA will sponsor the 4th year of a degree program, last year of a diploma or certificate program. Training initiatives are approved based on funding availability, individual eligibility, and labour market needs. BCNWA-ASETS can also aid with back to work assistance such as work clothes, shoes or travel such as a monthly bus pass.

[More information](#)

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