

SDH STUDENT CONFERENCE PROGRAM

SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF HEALTH

**20
23**



**TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH • 9:30AM-4:30PM
UVIC GRAD HOUSE AND ONLINE**

Territorial Acknowledgement

As Students and Faculty within the Social Dimensions of Health Program, we recognize that we are poised to study and undertake research on Indigenous lands throughout the country. Our student body is constituted of both members of BIPOC and White Settler communities. We acknowledge collectively the colonizing history of Canada and the structural inequities that continue to exist for Indigenous peoples of this land and the ongoing work to resolve issues of land sovereignty. We raise our hands in gratitude for the opportunity to work, live and play on the unceded territory of the Lekwungen peoples on whose land the University of Victoria stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSANEC peoples whose relationship continues to this day.

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Student Research at the Intersections

Social Dimensions of Health (SDH) is an interdisciplinary graduate program at the University of Victoria shared between the faculties of Social Science, Humanities, Education, and Human and Social Development. The Social Dimensions of Health program exists to train graduate students at the University of Victoria in interdisciplinary research methods and topics to have a meaningful impact in their communities. SDH's programmatic focus on equity, social justice, community-based research and evidence-based modeling form the basis of the SDH Student Conference. Every two years, SDH students host a conference to share our research and scholarship with each other and our community.

The Organizing Committee

We welcome you to the conference!



Dorothy Beale (she/her)

Dorothy is a second-year master's student in the SDH Program. Her research interests include food security, food sovereignty, and issues of women and gender in the context of food security and beyond. Her master's thesis is focused on Inuit women's perceptions of gender as it relates to food security in Nunavik, Quebec. She is so excited for this conference to highlight SDH students' work and create community amongst SDH students, staff and faculty.

Jordan Monks (she/her)

Jordan is a MSc student in the Social Dimension of Health program and the Academic Representative for the Social Dimensions of Health Student Association. Her thesis research focuses on the extent social determinants of health are associated with sexually transmitted infection prevention, testing and treatment among older (60+) women in British Columbia.



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Mattie Walker (they/them)

Mattie is a PhD candidate in the Social Dimensions of Health program. Their research focuses on community-based approaches to understanding safety in trauma-related mental health supports for trans and gender-diverse people.

Jenna Saffin (she/her)

Jenna is in her first year of the SDH PhD program. Her research focuses on sexual health, and for her Master's thesis she developed an adolescent contraceptive counselling framework employing science communication principles.

Monique Auger (she/her)

Monique Auger is Métis—a proud citizen of the Métis Nation British Columbia, and Métis Nation of Greater Victoria. She is a Trudeau Foundation scholar and a PhD candidate in the Social Dimensions of Health program at the University of Victoria. She is a passionate researcher and educator, with a decade of experience in Indigenous health research.



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Kendall Fraser (she/they)

Kendall is an MA student in the Social Dimensions of Health program. Using qualitative methods, their research focuses on exploring the experiences of older women who have been homeless and how to improve their health outcomes. Originally from Mohkinstsis (Calgary), Kendall enjoys learning more about the lands and waters of the ləkʷəŋən peoples in their free time through visiting the numerous parks and beaches of the island and volunteering at a local aquarium.



Olvie Li (she/keoi)

Olvie 李 was born from migrants of Hong Kong and raised on Turtle Island. She moved to ləkʷəŋən peoples homelands from Mnidoo Mnising (Manitoulin Island) to complete her masters degree in Social Dimensions of Health at UVic. Her thesis project focuses on Indigenous youth-led research in sexuality and sexual wellness in Wiikwemkoong, a community she calls home and has lived/worked within. She is also a nurse, birth/postpartum doula, and is always interested in radical healing work amongst racialized communities.



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COFFEE & SNACKS

9:30 AM
Coffee and light snacks in
Grad House Side Project

OPENING REMARKS

9:45 AM
Welcome by SDH
Organizing Committee

ADDRESS BY ELDERS

10:00 AM
Address by Elders Doug
and Kathy Lafortune

LONG FORM PRESENTATIONS GROUP 1

10:15 AM
Monique Auger (she/her)
Opportunities for Transforming
Métis Child Welfare

10:35 AM
Alex Wells (he/they)
“Because it Mainly Affected Gay
People” Gay, Bisexual and Queer
Men’s Experiences of Stigma from
Health Promotion in Response to
the Mpox Outbreak

10:55 AM
Kimberly ᐃᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ Fairman
(she/her)
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KEYNOTE

11:15 AM



Dr. Marion Selfridge (she/her)

Dr. Marion Selfridge is a research manager, focusing on HIV and Hepatitis C treatment at the Cool Aid Community Health Centre and post-doctoral researcher at UVic's Canadian Institute of Substance Use Research. Her PhD dissertation research focused on street-involved youths' use of social media to deal with grief and loss. She teaches dance to stay sane.

Using Creativity to Work Through It: Arts-based Research in Social Dimensions of Health

Arts-based research, such as poetry, photo essays, and gallery curation is well suited in research that explores difficult life circumstances. During 2015, Marion interviewed 20 self-identified street-involved youth, ages 16-24 in Victoria, British Columbia to explore how they used social media to find and give support, especially after someone they know had died. Even while foregrounding their narratives of resiliency and strategies of coping and mutual support, witnessing and absorbing the harsh realities of the lives of the youth was unavoidable. Marion

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LIGHTNING ROUND - 3 MINUTE PRESENTATIONS

12:05 PM

Anthony Theodore Amato (he/him)

We Will Not be Ignored: Assessing PrEP Uptake Inequities Reported by People Living with Disabilities Within a National Sample of Two-Spirit People, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Men, and Queer and Non-Binary (2S/GBTQ+) people in Canada

12:09 PM

Michelle Barrette

Promoting Nature Engagement in Early Adolescence by Defining the Core Components and Indicators of a Comprehensive Nature-Based Literacy

12:13 PM

Carol Bilson (she/her)

Embodying Transformative Justice: Working with Men who cause Gender-Based Violence

12:17 PM

Willow Paul (she/her)

Improving Access to Culturally Safe, Trauma-Informed, and Gender-Affirming Post-Abortion Supports for Indigenous Women, Two-Spirit and LGBTQIA+ People in Canada

12:21 PM

Jay Tang (they/them)

Medical Assistance in Dying and Mental Illness: Perspectives from 2S/LGBTQ+ Atlantic Canadians with Mental Illness

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LUNCH

12:30 PM

Grad House Side Project

LONG FORM PRESENTATIONS GROUP 2

1:30 PM

Jordan Monks (she/her)
Exploring the Social
Determinants of Health
Associated with Sexually
Transmitted Infections in
Older Women

1:50 PM

Alexandra Steward (she/her)
& Piotr Burek (he/him)
Zining as a Participatory
Method in Public Health
Palliative Care Research

2:10 PM

Kendall Fraser (she/they)
Everyone Deserves a
Sanctuary: What's Missing for
the Health and Healing of
Older Women Who Live with
Housing Precarity

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KEYNOTE 2:30 PM



Leo Rutherford (he/him)

Leo Rutherford is a trans activist, and PhD candidate currently studying at the University of Victoria, on the traditional territory of the lək'wəŋən peoples.

PROGRESS (Patient-Reported Outcomes of Genital Reconstruction and Experiences of Surgical Satisfaction) for metoidioplasty and phalloplasty is Leo's dissertation project and the first of many more community-focused research project on the topic. Leo hopes his work creates much-needed and invaluable knowledge for the trans community about gender-affirming surgeries. Leo's work is supported by CIHR's Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research Transition to Leadership award.

Conducting Community-Based Participatory Research as a Graduate Student: The Reality, Challenges and Benefits.

Community-based participatory research (CBPR) is an approach to conducting research which centers lived experience of communities while designing projects, data collection tools and planning knowledge translation outputs. There are varying approaches to CBPR and this type of work has unique challenges and benefits. Drawing on my own work and experience as example, I will interactively discuss the ways in which CBPR can be used to develop community capacity, and create data that are meaningful for community. At the same time, we will explore challenges that arise while conducting CBPR projects, with particular focus on how being a student doing this type of work may have unique challenges for graduate students.

Through this presentation, attendees will gain understanding of the ways in which they might utilize CBPR in their graduate work and what to expect if they choose to use this approach to research.

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LONG FORM PRESENTATIONS GROUP 3

3:10 PM

Ngozi Joe-Ikechebelu (she/her)
Social Structural Determinants of
Health of Sub-Saharan African Women
Migrants Living With HIV In British
Columbia: The Process of Participatory
Photographic Group Discussions

3:30 PM

Gioi Tran (he/him)
Correlates of Hazardous Alcohol
Drinking Among Trans and Non-Binary
People in Canada: A Community-Based
Cross-Sectional Study

3:50 PM

Eli Verdugo (they/them)
Exploring the Social Dimensions of
Trans Youths' Mental Health in La Paz,
Baja California Sur, Mexico: A
Community-Based Participatory Action
Research (CBPAR) Study

4:10 PM

Mattie Walker (they/them)
Transforming Supports: Community
Consultations on Improving Trauma-
Related Mental Health Support for
Trans and Gender-Diverse Communities

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