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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

In this unusual time of COVID-19 with most of us continuing to work from home, isolated from colleagues and students, it is heartening to look back at the exciting developments that have occurred at the SPRC in the last year. It's been a busy year for the SPRC with many transitions and changes. In September, we said goodbye to Colleen Hamilton who provided many years of research support to the SPRC. At the end of December, Dr. Bonnie Jeffery stepped down as Director at the SPRC. We will miss having Bonnie at the helm but are buoyed by her continued involvement as an SPRC Research Associate. I want to send my deepest thank you to Colleen and Bonnie for their time and dedication to the SPRC. They are both foundational to the Research Centre and have ensured its continued existence over the years.

In this time of transition, we welcomed Courtney Stange who joined us as our Research Administrator. Courtney comes to us from Mount Royal University's Institute for Environmental Sustainability where she worked as a Research Coordinator. Courtney brings amazing organizational skills and research experience and we feel very lucky to have her. In the short time since joining us, she has helped faculty prepare numerous grant applications and has been working hard to update and refresh our website and Internet presence. With Courtney's help, the SPRC started a monthly Lunch & Learn series this year, that was well attended by students, faculty, and professionals in the community. We look forward to continuing this series virtually in the fall. Despite all of the challenges presented by the global pandemic, our Research Associates have been incredibly busy, conducting research safely, publishing articles and reports, and securing grants.

In the upcoming year we aim to develop our own strategic plan to align with the University of Regina's Strategic Plan and the Faculty of Social Work's forthcoming strategic plan. We look forward to working with the incoming Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Studies to collaborate on ways to support research and research dissemination in our faculty. Additionally, we plan to develop formal mentoring and training opportunities for our undergraduate and graduate students in an effort to foster and cultivate interest and participation in research. I am excited to see what the next year brings, and wish everyone continued health and well-being.

DR. KARA FLETCHER

ABOUT US

The Social Policy Research Centre (SPRC), housed within the Faculty of Social Work (FSW) supports social justice and equity-focused research that addresses issues faced by vulnerable, marginalized and oppressed groups. Our community-engaged research utilizes both Indigenous and Western research approaches with specific attention to social action that will inform changes in policy, practice and education for a sustainable future.

Our Research Principles

- To facilitate social policy and practice research that promotes social justice and fosters individual, family and community development
- To support social justice and equity research that focuses on marginalized and oppressed groups
- To support research that focuses on community-engagement and research-to-action through informing changes in policy and practice

SPRC Research Associates

Dr. Darlene Chalmers
Dr. Kara Fletcher
Dr. Amanda Gebhard
Dr. Charles Gyan
Dr. Bonnie Jeffery
Dr. Randy Johnner
Dr. Daniel Kikulwe
Dr. Lise Milne

Dr. Nuelle Novik
Dr. Gabriela Novotna
Dr. Funke Oba
Dr. Fritz Pino
Dr. Miguel Sanchez
Dr. Raven Sinclair
Dr. Ailsa Watkinson
Dr. Judy White

OUR PERFORMANCE

The SPRC has four main components outlined in our foundation document to evaluate our performance. The following four components encompass the requirements of The University of Regina's policy on annual reporting for faculty-based research centres.

Level of Research Activity



**Research Funding:
Grants and
Contracts**

Impacts on Scholarship



**Research
opportunities for
students and
development of
innovative teaching
tools**

Impacts on Research Capacity



**Research publications,
presentations and
workshops**

Impacts on Society, Practice, and Policy



**Partnerships,
projects, and media
coverage.**

LEVEL OF RESEARCH ACTIVITY

SPRC Research Associates are involved in a number of research projects. Performance metrics for this category include funding statistics regarding external and internal grants as well as the total number of applications submitted each year.

We institute voluntary reporting of research activities. Our data may not capture the full number of grant applications submitted. We continue to encourage our Research Associates to share all research activities with us so we can continue to support them.

MAY 1, 2019 - APRIL 30, 2020

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**APPLICATIONS
SUBMITTED**

13

**FUNDING
ORGANIZATIONS**

17

NEW GRANTS

\$5,387,090

COMBINED NEW RESEARCH DOLLARS

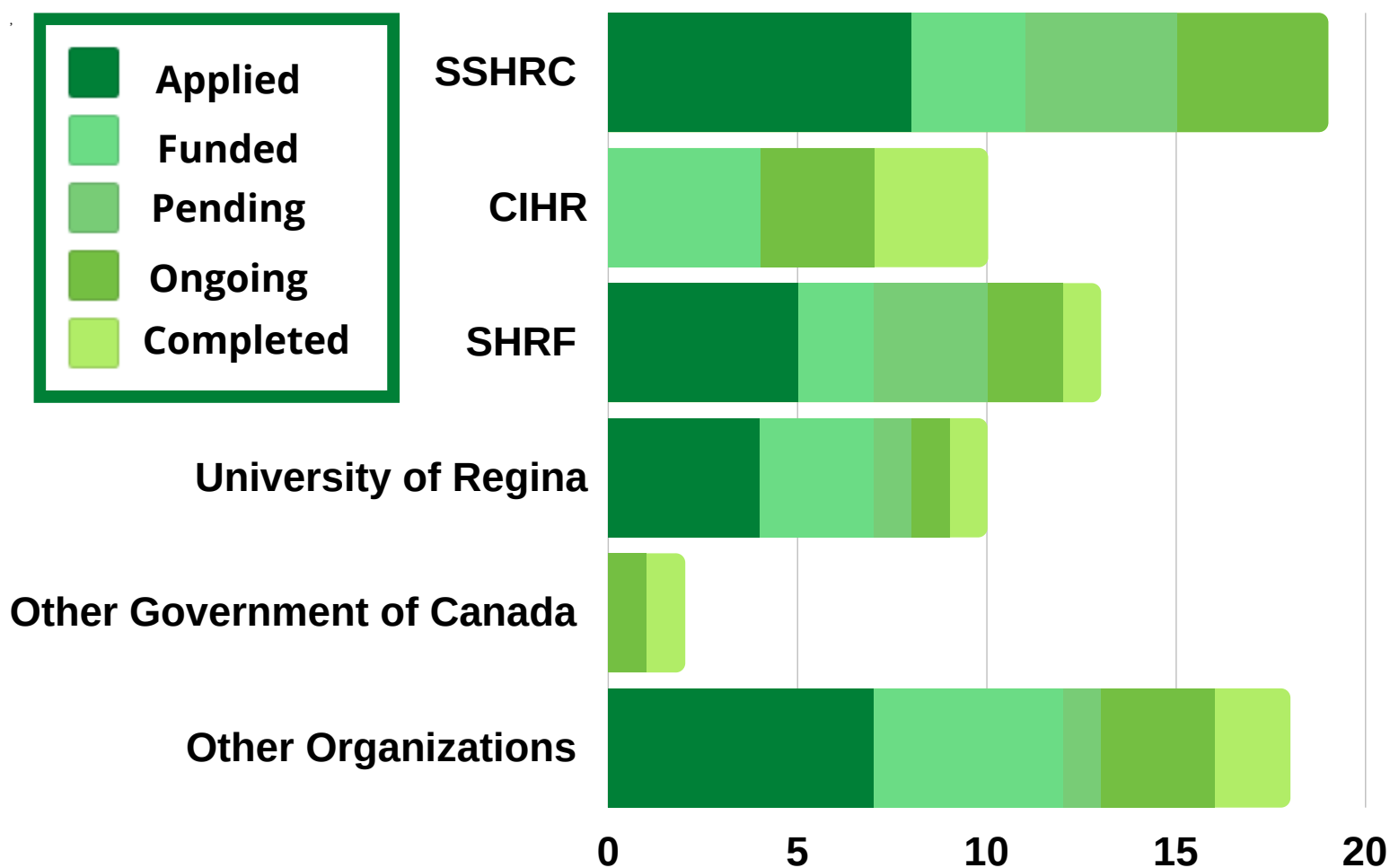
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ONGOING/RECENTLY COMPLETED GRANTS

CURRENT RESEARCH SNAPSHOT

The following chart reflects data from May 1, 2019 to April 30, 2020 and includes statistics regarding the number of applications submitted, funded, pending results, ongoing and completed projects within the time frame.

Research Funding 2019 - 2020



RECENT GRANT RECIPIENTS

Grant Description	\$	Location
Chalmers, D. (Co-I), <i>Deepening Connection in Pursuit of Environmental Sustainability: Assessing a Promising Lever for Shifting Assumptions of Separation</i> , SSHRC Insight Development Grant June 2019 – July 2021	\$63,569	U of S
Fletcher, K. (PI), <i>Pilot project on advance requests for Medical Aid in Dying</i> , Dying with Dignity August 2019 – June 2020	\$10,300	SPRC
Fletcher, K. (Supervisor), – matched with a student to complete a project on technology and couple attachment, MITACs Globalink June 2019 – August 2019	12 weeks student funding	
Gyan, C., & Pino, F. (Co-I), <i>Decolonization and Restorative Justice: From Conflict Prevention to Conflict Transformation</i> , Academic Conference Fund, 2019 – 2020	\$3,000	U of R
Jeffery, B. (PI), <i>Interventions to Enhance Social Inclusion for Older Adults with Dementia in Saskatchewan</i> , New Horizons for Seniors, Employment and Social Development Canada, 2019 – 2024	\$3,000,000	SPHERU
Jeffery, B. (PI), <i>Interventions to Enhance Social Inclusion for Older Adults with Dementia in Saskatchewan</i> , Vice-President Research Office, University of Regina, 2019 – 2024	\$25,000	SPHERU
Milne, L. (Co-I), <i>A One-Year Series of Outreach Activities on Childhood Complex Trauma: Developing a Cohesive Intersectoral Approach to Trauma-Informed Child & Youth Services</i> , SSHRC Connection Grant, 2019 – 2020	\$50,000	McGill
Milne, L. (PI), <i>Seed funding for a Tri-Council Agency grant application on implementing and testing the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics in a group care facility</i> , McGill Centre for Research on Children and Families Seed Grant, 2019 – 2020	\$5,000	SPRC
Milne, L. (PI), <i>Determining the supports needed for group home workers to provide trauma-informed care to children and adolescents</i> , SSHRC/University of Regina President's Fund Research Seed Grant, 2019 – 2021	\$4,975	SPRC

RECENT GRANT RECIPIENTS

Grant Description	\$	Location
Milne, L. (PI), Determining the supports needed for group home workers to provide trauma-informed care to children and adolescents, McGill Centre for Research on Children and Families RBC Training Fellowship, 2019 - 2021	\$5,000	SPRC
Milne, L. (Co-PI), Creating a Digital Connections Hub to Support Children in Care in Saskatchewan During COVID-19 and Beyond, SHRF Research Connections COVID-19 Rapid Response Program, 2020	\$10,000	CTRC
Milne, L. (PI), Foundation-Building for a Trauma-Informed Approach to Improving the Well-Being of Adolescents and Workers in Group Care Contexts, SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant, 2020 - 2021	\$21,466	SPRC
Pino, F. (Co-I), An Exploratory Qualitative Study of Migration, Sexual health, and HIV/STBBI in Manitoba, CIHR Catalyst Grant for HIV/AIDS and STBBI Community-Based Research, March 2020 - February 2021	\$40,000	U of M
Sanchez, M. (PI), Faculty of Social Work Refugee Children Summer Program, Government of Canada Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada, June 2019 - December 2019	\$40,000	FSW
Sinclair, R. (Co-I), Creating Safe Paths for Indigenous Women, Girls, and LGBTQ2SA + Individuals in Edmonton and Area, CIHR Planning Grant, 2020 - 2021	\$75,000	Creating Hope Society of AB
Sinclair, R. (Co-I), Indigenous Knowledge Development Centres with a focus on Wellness - miyo-pimâtisiwin, CIHR Project Grant, 2019 - 2023	\$1,126,462	U of S
Sinclair, R. (Co-I), Wuniska! Indigenous Centre on HIV/HCV/STBBI Inequities, CIHR Project Grant, 2019 - 2024	\$1,010,887	U of S

IMPACTS ON RESEARCH CAPACITY

SPRC Research Associates contribute to the University of Regina's research capacity through hiring and training research staff to assist with conducting their research projects in various aspects. Research staff includes, undergraduate students, graduate students and community researchers. Our Research Associates also continue to contribute to developing new courses and teaching tools both at the graduate and undergraduate level.

Performance metrics within this category include statistics related to number of research staff, course development and graduate student interest in research.

MAY 2019 - APRIL 2020

\$181,500

PAID TO RESEARCH STAFF WITH PROJECT FUNDING



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**STUDENT RESEARCH
ASSISTANTS**

12

PROJECT STAFF



2

CO-OP STUDENTS

STUDENT TRAINING

"The best three months of my life.

Last year, from June to August, I have worked with Professor Kara Fletcher in a big, important, and super fun project. It was about the impact of technology on romantic relationships and for that, we did not one, but three pieces of research.

For the first one, we interviewed 44 people, who thought that technology was impacting their relationship somehow. We transcribed and analyzed qualitatively all the data. We found really interesting results regarding both good and bad impacts.

For the second, we have done therapy sessions with one volunteer couple. There were several sessions that we also analyzed. And the last but not the least, we went through all the related literature in order to make a scoping review. We read abstracts and together we decided the articles that would be part of this third study.

I have learned a lot. I improved my English skills by talking on the phone and transcribing all the interviews. I improved my Psychologist skills by participating in the therapy sessions. I improved my academic skills by reading and summing up all those articles. But this amazing research was not the only responsible for everything.

Living abroad has always been my biggest desire, but I couldn't know it would be such a unique experience. I have met people all over the world and I know we will always be friends. I have gone to so gorgeous places I couldn't even imagine. I have achieved so many dreams that I will never be grateful enough.

Thank you, Professor Kara, for having chosen me to be your intern. Thank you, University of Regina for all the support. Thank you, Mitacs for this amazing program. Much more than improving my CV, you all have changed my life. Canada is now part of me, forever."



MARINA PIRAN - BRAZIL

STUDENT TRAINING

The Faculty of Social Work at the University of Regina has a competitive Master's program in which students can select one of three streams: Thesis, Field Practicum and Research Practicum. The SPRC is working on boosting our support for students including recruitment for Research Assistants and training for students such as conducting literature reviews and using NVivo.

In Spring 2019 the MSW program convoked 9 students and 14 MSW students convoked in Fall 2019. Of those graduates, 5 completed the Thesis program and 8 completed a Research Practicum.

This year, 13 students will begin the MSW program in Saskatoon and 12 students will begin the MSW program in Regina.

COURSE DEVELOPMENT

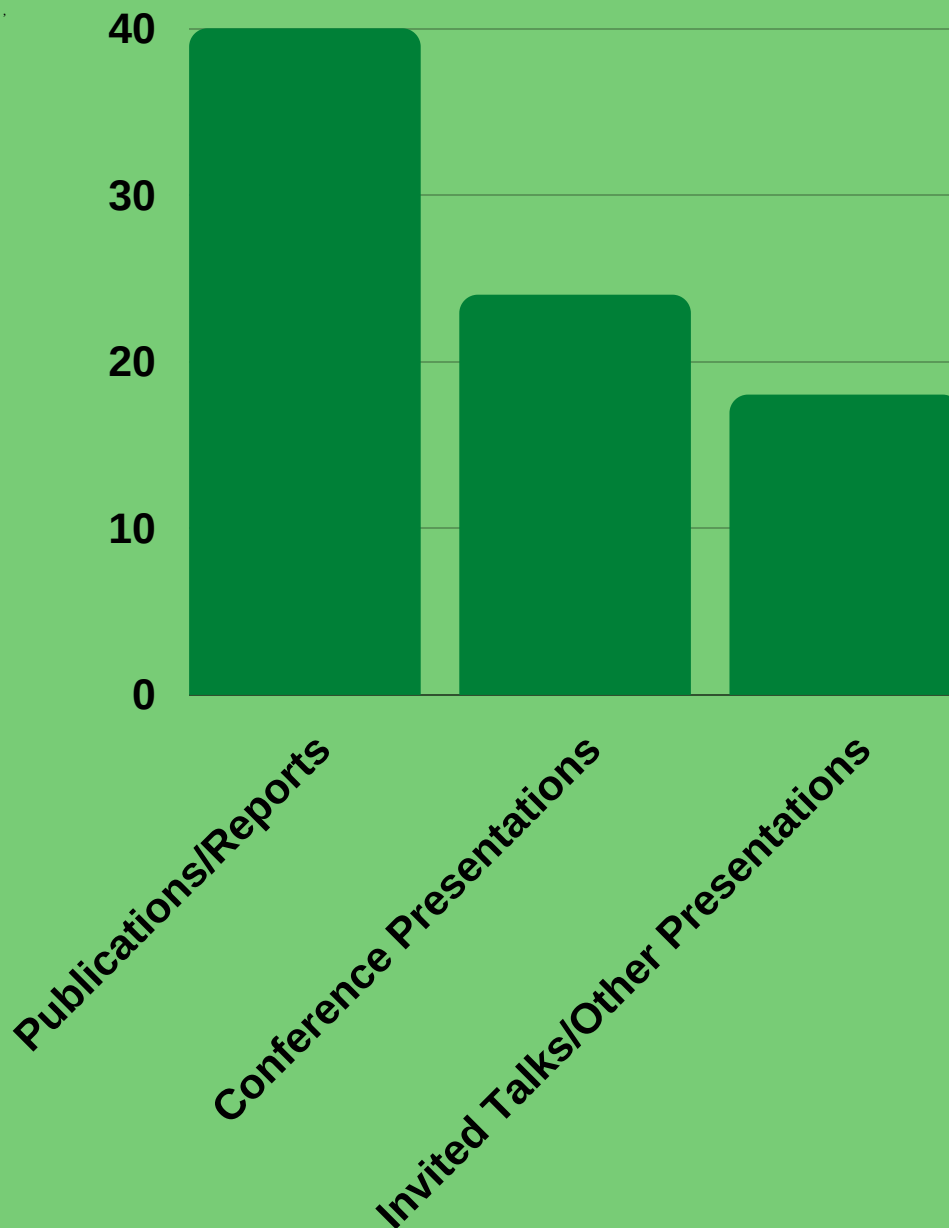
SPRC Research Associates are active within the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning field and continually work to enhance the Social Work program through the University of Regina. For example, Dr. Lise Milne and Dr. Kara Fletcher received funding for 2018 – 2020 through the Distributed Distance Learning Committee (DDLC) at the University of Regina for the project, *Evaluating Learning for Social Work and Justice Studies Practicum Seminars*. The objectives of this research were to develop a deeper understanding of the experiences of undergraduate practicum students in the Faculties of Social Work and Justice Studies completing their seminar in face-to-face, blended and online forums; to compare the experiences of students using classroom-based and live online formats, and use this information to enhance online practicum experiences for future undergraduate students by ensuring the integration of appropriate pedagogical design, thoughtful integration of student collaboration opportunities and evaluation into online courses.

IMPACTS ON SCHOLARSHIP

SPRC Research Associates continue to conduct high quality research and contribute to their own scholarship through publishing research articles and disseminating research findings at conferences, workshops and other venues.

Performance metrics within this category include statistics related to research publications, conference presentations, workshops and research related awards.

Research Dissemination 2019 - 2020



PUBLICATIONS

- Abbey, E., & Gyan, C. (Submitted). Dehumanizing but Thriving: The negative traditional practices and the well-being of women in Siniensi village of Northern Ghana. *Women's Studies: An Inter-Disciplinary Journal*.
- Andres, C., Englot, K., & Novik, N. (2019). Becoming more trauma-informed: An exploration of Family Service Regina's trauma-informed practice. Regina, SK: *Family Service Regina*.
- Bacsu, J., McIntosh, T., Viger, M., Johnson, S., Jeffery, B., & Novik, N. (2019). Supporting older adults' engagement in health care programs and policies: Findings from a rural cognitive health study. *Home Health Care Services Quarterly*, 38(3). 209-233. DOI: 10.1080/01621424.2019.1614505
- Bacsu, J., Novik, N., Johnson, S., Viger, M., McIntosh, T., Jeffery, B., Muhajarine, N., & Hackett, P. (2019). Addressing the needs of rural and remote people in a national dementia strategy for Canada. *Canadian Journal of Public Health*. DOI: 10.17269/s41997-019-00241-0
- Bacsu, J., Viger, M., Johnson, S., Novik, N., & Jeffery, B. (2019). Rural older adults' perspectives of activities to support cognitive health. *Activities, Adaptation and Aging*. DOI: 10.1080/01924788.2019.1626203
- Bendo, D., Hepburn, T., Spencer, D., & Sinclair, R. (2019). Advertising 'Happy' Children: The Settler Family, Happiness, and the Indigenous Child Removal System. *Children in Society*. DOI: 10.1111/chso.12335
- Chalmers, D., Dell, C., Dixon, J., Rohr, B., Dowling, T., & Hanrahan, C. (2020). Recognizing animals as an important part of helping: A survey exploring knowledge and practice among Canadian social workers. *Critical Social Work* 21(1).
- Collin-Vézina D. & Milne, L. (2019). Child sexual abuse: An overview. MacMillan, H. (topic ed.). In: Tremblay, R. E., Boivin, M., Peters, R. DeV., (eds.). *Encyclopedia on Early Childhood Development* [online]. Montreal, Quebec: Centre of Excellence for Early Childhood Development and Strategic Knowledge Cluster on Early Child Development
- Day, A., Johner, R., Chalmers, D., & Novik, N. (2019). Sibling relationships and autism spectrum disorder: A different relationship. *Canadian Social Work*, 20(2), 88-107.
- Dell, C., Chalmers, D., Stobbe, M., Rohr, B., & Husband, A. (2019). Animal assisted therapy in a Canadian Psychiatric prison. *International Journal of Prisoner Health*, 8, 14-64. <https://www.cijs.ca/volume-8>
- Dell, C., Chalmers, D., Cole, D., & Dixon, J. (2019). Accessing relational connections in prison: An evaluation of the St. John Ambulance Therapy Dog Program at Stony Mountain Institution. *Annual Review of Interdisciplinary Justice Research (IJR)*. Advance online access <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJPH-04-2018-0020>
- Fletcher, K., King, J., Kemp, D., Glum, S., & Taylor, K. (Submitted). Bringing research to practice: Sharing the successes of a social work research club, *Canadian Journal of Community Mental Health*.
- Fletcher, K. (Revise and resubmit). A systematic review of the relationship between child sexual abuse and substance use issues, *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*.
- Fletcher, K. (2020, April 12). "Love in the time of coronavirus: 5 tips for communicating with your partner while stuck at home." The Conversation Canada. <https://theconversation.com/ca/search?utf8=%E2%9C%93&q=kara+fletcher>
- Fletcher, K. (2020, April 14). Stuck at home? Here's how to prevent a coronavirus relationship meltdown. The National Interest. <https://nationalinterest.org/blog/coronavirus/stuck-home-heres-how-prevent-coronavirus-relationship-meltdown-144022>

PUBLICATIONS

- Fletcher, K. (2020, April 19). Commentary: Five relationship tips for couples stuck at home together during the pandemic. *Global News*. <https://globalnews.ca/news/6821372/coronavirus-quarantine-relationship-tips/>
- Gebhard, A. (2020). Power Relations, Knowledge Productions, and Teaching Against Oppression on the Canadian Prairies: A Self-Study, *Studying Teacher Education*. DOI: 10.1080/17425964.2020.1742105
- Gebhard, A. (2019). Discursive (re)productions of (im)possible students in the Canadian Prairies, *Discourse: Studies in the Cultural Politics of Education*. DOI: 10.1080/01596306.2018.1452714
- Gebhard, A. (In press). Rethinking Pink Day: Ending the Bullying Catch-All, Our Schools, Ourselves, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.
- Gyan, C., Abbey, E. & Baffoe, M. (2020). Proverbs and Patriarchy: Analysis of Linguistic Prejudice and Representation of Women in Traditional Akan Communities of Ghana. *Journal of Social Sciences*, 9 (3), 22.
- Gyan, C. (Submitted). Community Development Participation Scale: A Development and Validation Study. *Community Development: Journal of the Community Development Society*.
- Gyan, C., & Kreitzer, L. (Submitted). Community development in Ghana: A historical perspective. *Social Work/Maatskaplike Werk*.
- Gyan, C. & Pollack, S. (Submitted). The Intersections of Colonialism, Patriarchy and Neoliberalism in the community development process in Rural Ghana. *Southern African Journal of Social Work and Social Development*.
- Gyan, C. & Siddique, A. (Submitted). Barriers to the Participation of Women in Community Development Process in Rural Ghana: A Regression Analysis. *Community in Practice*.
- Hackett, P., Bascu, J., McIntosh, T., Jeffery, B., & Muhajarine, N. (2019). Innovation in population health intervention research: A historical perspective. In Mant, M.L. & Holland, A.J. (Eds.), pp. 243-260. *Bioarchaeology of marginalized people* (pp. 243-260). London: Academic Press.
- Hanrahan, C., & Chalmers, D. (Accepted 2020). Animal-informed social work: A more-than-critical practice. In C. Brown and J. MacDonald (eds.). *Critical clinical social work: Counterstorying for social justice*. Toronto, ON: Canadian Scholars' Press.
- Hunter, G., & Sanchez, M. (2020). Saskatchewan Child and Family Poverty Report 2019. The University of Regina.
- Jeffery, B., Muhajarine, N., Williams-Roberts, H., McIntosh, T., & Novik, N. (2019). Reducing the social isolation of older adults: A scoping review of interventions. Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit, University of Regina and University of Saskatchewan.
- Johnson, S., Bacsu, J., McIntosh, T., Jeffery, B., & Novik, N. (2019). Social isolation and loneliness among immigrant and refugee seniors in Canada: A scoping review. *International Journal of Migration, Health and Social Care*, 38(3). 177-190. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1108/IJMHS-10-2019-0067>.
- MacIntosh, H., Fletcher, K., & Ainsworth, L. (2019). Measuring mentalizing in Emotionally Focused Therapy for Couples with childhood sexual abuse survivors and their partners, *Journal of Couple & Relationship Therapy*.

PUBLICATIONS

McIntosh, T., Jeffery, B., & Novik, N. (2019). The social isolation of older adults, a policy-maker community summit: Background paper. *Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit*, University of Regina and University of Saskatchewan.

McIntosh, T., Jeffery, B., Novik, N., & Nilson, C. (2019). Policy Maker-Community Summit on the Social Isolation of Older Adults in South and Central Saskatchewan: Final Report. *Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit*, University of Regina and University of Saskatchewan.

Nilson, C., Jeffery, B., McIntosh, T., Novik, N., Caffet, S., and Hamilton, C. (2019). Reducing Isolation of Seniors – Saskatchewan Impact Plan: Final Evaluation Report. Regina, SK: *Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit*.

Oliver, B., & Chalmers, D. (Accepted 2020). Reflexive photography: Using transformative pedagogies to develop critical practitioners. In J. Friberg, C. Visconti, & S. Ginsberg (Eds.), *Evidence-based education in the classroom: Examples from clinical disciplines*. Slack, Inc.

Oliver, B., Chalmers, D., & Goitom, M. (2019). Reflexivity in the field: Applying lessons learned from a collaborative scholarship of teaching and learning study exploring the use of reflexive photography in field education. In J. Friberg & K. McKinney (Eds.), *Conducting and Applying the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Beyond Individual Classroom Level*. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.

Pino, F. L. (2019). Emotional contradictions: Queer Filipinos' religious and spiritual engagements in the diaspora. In N. Wane, R. A. Torres, & D. Nyaga (Eds.), *Transversing and translocating spiritualities: Epistemological and pedagogical conversations* (pp. 149–159). Ontario, Canada: Nsemia Inc.

Richard, K., Sinclair, R., Stitnik, J., & Prince, C. (2020). National Sixties Scoop Healing Foundation: Report of the National Engagement Process. Toronto: Argyle Communications.

Rogers, K. & Novik, N. (2019). Engaging older adults in walk-in counseling: An evaluation report. Saskatoon, SK: *CFS Saskatoon*.

Sinclair, R. (2019). "Aboriginal Social Work in Canada: Decolonizing pedagogy for the seventh generation. *First Peoples Child & Family Review*, 14(1), 9–21.

Wyatt, B., Englot, K., & Novik, N. (2019). Evaluation report: Growing forward: Best-Practice(s) in client-centred service(s) for those experiencing and using intimate partner violence. Regina, SK: *Family Service Regina*.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

Bacsu, J., Abonyi, S., Johnson, S., Viger, M., Jeffery, B., Novik, N., & Hackett, P. (2019, October 25). *Improving Cognitive Health in Rural Areas: Stigma, Implications, and Next Steps*. Community Health and Epidemiology 60th Anniversary Conference. Saskatoon, SK.

Bacsu, J., Johnson, S., Viger, M., McIntosh, T., Jeffery, B., Novik, N. & Hackett, P. (2019). *Anti-stigma interventions of dementia: Findings from a scoping review*. Rural Dementia Action Research Summit, Saskatoon, SK, November 6, 2019

Bacsu, J., Viger, M., Johnson, S., McIntosh, T., Jeffery, B., Novik, N., & Hackett, P. (2019). *Interventions to reduce stigma of dementia: Findings from a scoping review*. Gerontological Society of America Conference. Austin, TX, November 15, 2019.

Chalmers, D. (October 2019). *Bonding behind bars*. 16th Biennial Custody and Caring International Conference, Saskatoon, SK.

Fletcher, K. (Accepted 2020). *Bringing Research to Direct Practice: A Social Work Research Club in Saskatoon Saskatchewan*. 5 slides in 5 minutes, International Conference on Practice Research, Melbourne Australia.

Fletcher, K., Brown, J., Shaw, J., Goodridge, D. (2020, April 30) *Acute Advance Requests, A Pilot Study*. National Conference on Medical Assistance in Dying, Virtual Conference.

Fletcher, K., Watkinson, A.M. (2019, June 3). *Conscientious Objection and the Role of Social Work: Findings from a Cross Canada Scan into the Role of Social Workers in Medical Assistance in Dying*. Canadian Association of Social Work Education, Vancouver, Canada.

Fletcher, K., Watkinson, A.M. (2019, May 30). *The Role of Social Work in Medical Assistance in Dying: Results from a Cross Canada Scan*. National Conference on Medical Assistance in Dying, Vancouver, Canada.

Gebhard, A., Carter, H., Novotna, G. & Hogarth, K. (Accepted). *An Analysis of Race and Equity Discourses across three University Programs*. Canadian Society for the study of Education Conference, London, ON

Gyan, C (2019). *Moderator of three (3) sessions at the 'Strangers in New Homelands' 2019 conference*, October 30th - November 1, 2019, Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

Gyan, C. & Pino, F. (2019). *Rethinking Resilience: The experiences of new immigrants and refugee youth in Canada*. Paper presentation at the Strangers in New Homelands' 2019 Conference, October 30 - November 1, 2019, Winnipeg, MB, Canada.

Jeffery, B., McIntosh, T., & Novik, N. (2019, November 15). *Addressing Social Isolation of Older Adults: The Community Perspective and Contribution*. Presented at Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Austin, TX.

Jeffery, B., McIntosh, T., & Novik, N. (2019, November 6). *Social Isolation: Understanding the Experience of Older Adults*. Rural Dementia Action Research Summit, Saskatoon, SK.

PRESENTATIONS

Johner, R., Macdonald, K., Bear, E., Laliberte, R., Pawliw, K., & Bird, K. (2019). *Access to recovery with assistive technology: Developing a culturally informed app for individuals with learning challenges and substance misuse issues*. 9th International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health, York, United Kingdom

Laliberte, R., Bear, E., Johner, R., MacDonald, K., Pawliw, K., Bird, K., & Fleury, N. (2019). *Access to Recovery with Assistive Technology Devices: Using a Two Eyed Seeing Approach to Develop a Culturally-Informed iPad Application*. Issues of Substance, Ottawa, Canada.

Matsuoka, A., Sorenson, J., Ferreira, T., Hanrahan, C., & Chalmers, D. (June 2019). *Engaging in trans-species social justice through rethinking animal-human relations and challenging and transforming anthropocentric action*. CASWE Conference, Vancouver, BC.

Milne, L. (August 2019). *Profiles of Canadian adolescents in group home care*. International Society for Child Indicators conference – Children in the World: The Touch of Change: Theories, Policies and Practices, Tartu, Estonia.

Milne, L. (August 2019). *A longitudinal examination of Canadian adolescents in different Child Protection Services placement contexts*. International Society for Child Indicators conference – Children in the World: The Touch of Change: Theories, Policies and Practices, Tartu, Estonia.

Nixon, K., Alaggia, R., Jenney, A., & Milne, L. (September 2019). *In search of promising approaches: Canadian child protection responses to cases of intimate partner violence (findings from interviews with supervisors and managers)*. European Conference on Domestic Violence, Oslo, Norway.

Noubarian, A. & Gebhard, A. (October 2019). *Critical Advising for Anti-Oppressive Practice*. Advising Association of Saskatchewan Conference

Novik, N., Jeffery, B., & McIntosh, T. (2019, November 16). *Older Adults and the World Café Approach: Cross-Generational Initiatives in Research and Education*, Presented at Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, Austin, TX.

Novotna, G. (2019). *Knowledge Translation in the Knowledge-Based Economy: Expanding or Reducing the Field of Current Research?* Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, United States

Pino, F. L. (2019, June 5). *Putting culturally-relevant interventions to work: Filipinos in the Canadian social work field*. 2019 Canadian Association of Social Work Education Conference (CASWE), Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, Vancouver, BC.

Souleymanov, R., & Pino, F. L. (2019, May 10). *Drug-related harms and "relations of care" within peer-based harm reduction among gay and bisexual men who party-n-play*. 28th Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research 2019 (CAHR). Saskatoon, SK.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks and Other Presentations

Chalmers, D. (May 2019). Animal-informed social work practice. Ministry of Social Services, Saskatoon, SK.

Chalmers, D. (September 2019). Bonding behind bars. Saskatchewan Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Conference, Saskatoon, SK.

Fletcher, K. Understanding substance use and misuse (March 25th, cancelled due to COVID-19) Invited speaker, Humboldt Association of Social Workers.

Fletcher, K., Grace, M. Watkinson, A.M. The role of social work in Medical Assistance in Dying (February 25, 2020). Lunch and Learn, Social Policy Research Centre.

Fletcher, K. He sounded angry over text: The impact of technology on couple relationships (February 12, 2020). Invited speaker, City of Saskatoon peer support workers.

Fletcher, K. He sounded angry over text: The impact of technology on couple attachment and relationship functioning (December 11, 2019). Invited speaker series, McGill University, Centre for Research on Children and Families.

Gyan, C. (2019, September 23). Quantitative Research Methods. Guest Lecture for SW451: Research methods, University of Regina, SK.

Novik, N. (2019, October 3). Debriefing and Self-Care Workshop. UR Pride (staff). Regina, SK.

Novik, N. (2019, June 24). Globe Walk Regina: Linking physical activity and social inclusion. Regina Pilot Project for the Saskatoon Council on Aging (SCOA). Regina, SK: Core Ritchie Community Centre.

Pino, F. L. (2019, August 2). *Feminisms in the frontline: Reflections and re-connections*. Invited speaker at Women and Children Protection Center Workshop Series, Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Centre. Cebu City, Philippines.

Pino, F. L. (2019, August 8). *De-colonizing mental health practice. A client-worker relationship*. Invited speaker at the College of Arts and Sciences College of Social Work lecture series. University of Southern Philippines Foundation. Cebu City, Philippines.

Pino, F. L. (2019, September 27). Complexities of Gender Passing: Toward a queer and trans theory in social work practice. Invited Keynote presentation at the 2019 Filipino-Canadian Futures Conference, McGill University, Montreal, QC.

Sanchez, M. (2020). Workshop for Refugee and Immigrant Youth from Somalia. African Canadian Resource Network Canada.

PRESENTATIONS

Sanchez, M. (2019). The Trump effect: US foreign policy and Venezuela. "The Trump effect: Populism and US foreign policy in Mexico, Venezuela, and Guatemala", Canada.

Sanchez, M. (November, 25, 2019). Social Revolts in Latin America. Panel discussion, Social Revolts in Latin America: Accounts on the streets of Bolivia, Chile and Ecuador from Canada.

Sinclair, R. (May 2, 2019). "Indigenous Social Work". Invited Keynote. Bluequills University Indigenous Social Work Conference.

Sinclair, R. (May 7, 2019). "Indigenous Wellness and Social Work". Invited Keynote. Mik'maq Association of Social Workers. Eel River Bar, NB

Sinclair, R. (June 6, 2019). Syilx Child and Family Services Conference. Keynote and Lateral Violence Intervention Workshop. Kelowna, BC.

Sinclair, R. (October 29, 2019). Council of Yukon First Nations "Our Families, Our Ways" conference. Invited Keynote. Yellowknife, NWT.

IMPACTS ON SOCIETY, PRACTICE, AND POLICY

The SPRC encourages community involvement and many of our Research Associates are engaged in community-based research with multiple partner organizations and researchers. We also began hosting Lunch and Learn events and co-hosted a panel discussion in 2019.

In addition to conducting community-based research and community events, our Research Associates are often highlighted and quoted in media interviews.

Performance metrics within this category include community-based events, partnerships and media engagement.

The SPRC co-hosted a panel event with the Department of Politics and International Studies in the Faculty of Arts in November 2019.

Social Revolts in Latin America: Accounts on the streets of Bolivia, Chile and Ecuador from Canada

Massive protest movements have erupted across much of South America over the last two months, as people have criticized their governments, defended against military coups, and opposed neoliberal reforms. Join us for a panel discussion of the protests in Bolivia, Chile, and Ecuador, and the return to militarism that is sweeping the region.

Monday, **November 25, 2019**
University of Regina **2:30-4:30 pm**
Classroom Building **CL 126**

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/3066647777>



Top: Protests in Ecuador, public domain.
Middle: Demonstrations in La Paz, Bolivia, by Paulo Fabre.
Bottom: View of protest towards Plaza Baquedano, by Hugo Morales.

Panel presenters include:

- **Liisa North**, PhD, Visiting Professor at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences and the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Ecuador, and Professor Emerita of Political Science, York University
- **Miguel Sánchez**, PhD, Associate Dean and Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Work, University of Regina
- **Simon Granovsky-Larsen**, PhD, Associate Professor, Dept. of Politics and International Studies, University of Regina
- **David Gray-Donald**, Journalist and Publisher of Briarpatch Magazine

LUNCH & LEARNS

This year, the SPRC began hosting knowledge translation events. Lunch & Learns were held each month from November to February with March and April's events being cancelled due to COVID-19. These events allow the community to learn about current research projects, preliminary results, and allow researchers to disseminate this knowledge to the wider community. The events were hosted on campus in both Regina and Saskatoon, participants were also able to join via Zoom. Lunch & Learn events will continue remotely in September 2020.



**Tuesday
Nov 5th, 2019
12 – 1 pm (BYOL)**

Stories from the Front Lines: Sharing Strategies on Conducting Community-Led Research from a 2SLGBTQ Context

Presented by Andrew Hartman



Andrew has a passion for qualitative research and being a conduit for the meaning that peoples' stories contain. Their talk will focus on community-led research with 2SLGBTQ youth.



**Tuesday
Dec 3rd, 2019
12 – 1 pm (BYOL)**

Thinking with Queer and Trans Theory: An Exploratory Study on the Experiences of Racialized Transwomen in the Prairies

Presented by Dr. Fritz Pino

Fritz will discuss the process of developing a conceptual framework informed by queer and trans theory. The framework will be used for a pilot study that explores the lived experiences of racialized transwomen in the Canadian prairies such as Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Alberta. One of the goals of the pilot study is to examine how the sense of belonging among racialized transwomen are impacted by the dominant norms of race, gender, and sexuality that exist in a particular geographical location.

"Sixties Scoop" and the Indigenous child welfare system in Canada

Presented By Dr. Raven Sinclair



Dr. Raven Sinclair will be presenting on her research on the "Sixties Scoop" and the Indigenous Child Welfare system in Canada. Raven will talk about her "research as ceremony" journey, she will share some of the insights about child welfare that she has learned, and she will highlight some of the interesting directions into which research is taking her.

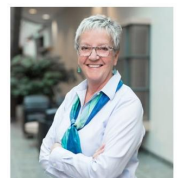
Social Work's Role in Medical Assistance in Dying: Findings from a Cross Canada Scan

Presented By Dr. Kara Fletcher and Dr. Ailsa M. Watkinson

This presentation will discuss findings from fifty-seven phone interviews with social workers from across Canada (8 provinces and 1 territory). Social workers were recruited by contacting provincial social work associations and social work practice leads through regional health authorities. The role and level of involvement of social workers in MAiD differed by province and in many cases, by institution. Themes of involvement/lack of involvement, advocacy, personal interest, family support, and professional role confusion will be discussed.



Dr. Kara Fletcher



Dr. Ailsa M. Watkinson

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The SPRC is supported by the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Regina. Our Research Administrator position is funded through the Faculty of Social Work.

The SPRC operates on a small budget which is funded each year through the SPRC Overhead account. The operating funds are used for printing, communications, software, and administrative travel.

Additionally, Research grants held within the SPRC are separated from the operating and overhead funds and are the responsibility of the Principal Investigator on each grant.

10000-2375 SPRC Operating

General expenses (printing, phone, software) = **\$248.81**

Travel expenses = **\$672.33**

Total expenses = \$921.14

27043-2375 SPRC Overhead

Transfer to SPRC operating expenses = **\$914.21**

Transfer to student assistance = **\$1,875**

**Total remaining at April 30, 2020
\$41,532.36**



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