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Welcome to the BCCI 2017!

Welcome to the inaugural BC Coalition Institute! We're very excited to have you join us for what is sure to be a productive learning event for all of us. The BC Coalition Institute (BCCI) is modeled on the CCGHR Summer Institutes but revised as a shorter, regional event.

This inaugural BCCI is hosted by Interior Health and the University of British Columbia Okanagan, in partnership with the University of Victoria, University of British Columbia Vancouver, and Simon Fraser University, and held at Kelowna Community Health Services Centre. It is our hope that the BCCI will become an annual event that builds our regional strength and network in global health research (GHR), and also serves as a model for similar institutes throughout Canada.

We warmly thank our tireless planning team members and event manager, Madeleine Greg, for all their work in making the BCCI a reality! We look forward to our next few days together and to building a long-term GHR regional network together.

Enjoy!

Vic Neufeld and Jackie Dennison

Co-Chairs

Program-at-a-Glance

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
8:45	Light Breakfast & <i>Setting the Stage for the Day</i>		
9:00	The CCGHR Principles Workshop (Katrina)	Power & Privilege Workshop (Stephanie)	Participant Insights, Group Reports (Jackie)
9:15			
9:30			
9:45			
10:00			
10:15			
10:30	Break		
10:45	Authors on Tap Panel (Jerry, Annalee, Susana)	Mentoring, Teaching & Role Modelling Equity-Centred Research and Knowledge Translation World Café (Stephanie, Vic, Barb, Kate)	Institutional Next Steps Small Group Conversations
11:00			
11:15			
11:30			
11:45			
12:00	Lunch	Talking Lunch	Lunch + Institutional Reports, Synthesis & Concluding Remarks (Vic, Jackie)
12:15			
12:30			
12:45	Assigned Groups + Connecting with Authors on Tap	Assigned Groups + Grappling Assignment, Prep for Group Reports	
13:00			
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15:00	Open Space #1	Open Space #3	
15:15			
15:30	Open Space #2	Share Posters & Mingle	
15:45			
16:00			
16:15	End-of-Day Synthesis	End-of-Day Synthesis	
16:30			
16:45			
17:00			

Welcome Reception

When	Thursday, September 28 at 6:30 p.m.
Where	The Curious Café, 1423 Ellis Street
What	Casual gathering of participants and facilitators, welcoming everyone to the BCCI and offering a place for getting to know each other.
Venue Info	www.the curious.ca

Team ZamCan Meeting

When	Friday, September 29
Where	TBD: Ask Jackie or Vic for details
What	Open meeting for people already connected to or interested in Team ZamCan. Meeting will focus on updates, strategic planning, and harmonization.
Venue Info	See Jackie or Vic

Optional Institutional Gathering

When	Friday, September 29 at a time decided upon by each group
Where	To be decided by each group independently.
What	Institutional groups are invited to use Friday evening as an opportunity to strengthen relationships and discuss goals as an institution.

Celebration Dinner

When	Saturday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m.
Where	Vintner’s Grill, Capri Coast Hotel, 1171 Harvey Avenue
What	Open meeting for people already connected to or interested in Team ZamCan. Meeting will focus on updates, strategic planning, and harmonization.
Venue Info	https://www.coasthotels.com/hotels/bc/kelowna/coast-capri-hotel/dining/vintners-grill/

Pre-Event Preparation

1. Read the [CCGHR Principles for Global Health Research](#).
2. Watch the video on the [CCGHR Principles for Global Health Research](#).
3. Consider the following questions, and be prepared to share your thoughts:
 1. How do these principles fit with your own comfort zone? Where do they stretch you the most?
 2. What disciplinary values do these principles align well with, confront, or challenge?
 3. How could these principles inform different parts of the research process? How do you think practicing the principles might change across the research spectrum?
 4. If you think about putting these principles into practice, what points in the research process would doing so be the most challenging? Are there paradoxes that you might encounter?
4. Read the following case-studies prepared, in part, by your BCCI “Authors-on-Tap”. Identify an author or topic that interests you the greatest! During the workshop, you will be given time to engage with these “Authors-on-Tap”.
 1. Dr. Jerry Spiegel:
 1. [“Establishing a community of practice of researchers, practitioners, policy-makers and communities to sustainably manage environmental health risks in Ecuador”](#)
 2. [“Why language matters: Insights and challenges in applying a social determination of health approach in a North-South collaborative research program”](#)
 2. Dr. Annalee Yassi:
 1. [“Protecting health workers from infectious disease transmission: An exploration of a Canadian-South African partnership of partnerships”](#)
 3. Dr. Susana Caxaj:
 1. [“Challenges faced by temporary migrant agricultural workers”](#)
4. Watch Dr. Stephanie Nixon’s [brief introduction to Power and Privilege](#).
5. Register for, and watch, Dr. Sana Sharam & Dr. Bernie Pauly’s Pre-BCCI seminar on Thursday, September 21st featuring results from the Equity Lens in Public Health work. You will receive an ‘e-invitation’ to this webinar in the coming days!
6. Send a brief bio and head-shot to Madeleine Greig at mbgreig@mail.ubc.ca by no later than *Sunday*, September 17th

What to bring

- ✓ Laptop, tablet or other similar device to ensure you can take full advantage of the Workshops and Group Work opportunities
- ✓ A reusable water bottle and/or mug
- ✓ Business cards
- ✓ Shoes for hiking/walking trails (if you wish to join these activities)
- ✓ There may be opportunities for swimming in the lake, weather dependent

Beginning and Ending with Checking-In

Facilitators: Vic Neufeld, Jackie Denison

Each day, we will start and end by checking in with the group, giving people a chance to share insights and 'Aha!' moments, pose questions, and ready ourselves for learning together. We will give you a question to think about or ask you to share something about what you're taking away from the day. Our final check-in will give us an opportunity to think about how individual institutions and this new network created through the BCCI can continue to stay connected as we move forward.

Introductory Workshop: The CCGHR Principles for GHR

Facilitator: Katrina Plamondon

Description: This workshop will provide you with time to expand your initial reflections about the CCGHR Principles for Global Health Research by applying them to a real case study. We will begin by revisiting the story of how the Principles evolved before spending some time in discussion about your initial reflections. We'll then break into groups to explore what the Principles mean for our research choices and practices in the context of an assigned case. We have done our best to create groups that share some common contextual connections so that you have some additional grounding from which your conversations can draw.

By the end of this workshop, you will be able to:

- Extrapolate from a hypothetical application of the CCGHR Principles for GHR to case studies that reflect different phases of the research process.

Grapple with and verbalize tensions that arise from the consideration of the CCGHR Principles for GHR as a whole in the context of an ethically or morally challenging case.

Panel: Authors-on-Tap

Panelists: Susana Caxaj and Amy Cohen, Annalee Yassi, Jerry Spiegel

Description: Each panelist will provide a 10-minute presentation on a particular case, highlighting the context, research or knowledge translation work with reflection on a particular principle from the six CCGHR Principles for Global Health Research. These brief presentations will be followed by a facilitated large-group conversation, exploring preliminary application of the principles to these cases. Assigned groups will later connect with these authors to explore the cases in more depth.

Workshop: Power & Privilege 101

Facilitator: Stephanie Nixon

Description: This workshop will open new ways for thinking about the ways in which power and privilege work in society to assign un-earned advantage or disadvantage to different groups. Stephanie will highlight ways in which we can become more attuned to power and privilege and begin to explore what this means for us as researchers, teachers, knowledge brokers, and mentors.

Workshop: World Café

Facilitators: Stephanie Nixon, Vic Neufeld, Barb Astle, Kate Tairyan

Description: In this interactive, dynamic workshop, participants will join different table conversations to explore issues related to teaching, mentoring, role modelling, and navigating a career in health equity. Each table facilitator will host 20 minute conversations. Participants will rotate to three different tables. We will de-brief as a group, generating insights about our collective and individual roles, capacity building needs, controversies, and issues.

Open Spaces

Open Space Technology (“Open Spaces”) is a process meant to encourage participants of events to suggest, recommend or lead break-out sessions that are based on the theme of the event, but have minimal to no preparation or planning. The intention is to foster organic discussions on the event theme and facilitate connections between facilitators, participants and their ideas, as people are stimulated and influenced by related talks, workshops or speakers.

A large scale version of the schedule will be posted where all participants have access to it, and the times for Open Spaces will be left blank. Post-it style notes and pens will be made available at the schedule. Throughout the event, participants who have ideas for a topic will be encouraged to post their name and a title for their proposed session. The title should be descriptive enough so that other participants will understand the theme, and can decide to join or not.

Participants who create Open Space topics are responsible for taking notes on the discussion, and can serve as moderator for their group’s discussion or allow someone else to do so. A moderator is not necessary though – the intention is to encourage as much equitable discussion and knowledge sharing as possible, however the group feels most comfortable doing so. Notes from each Open Space session should be shared within the group’s participants after the discussion is concluded. As well, a copy from each group will be collected by the OCI facilitators for records of the event.

If you would like to initiate an Open Space, please prepare a title, description and sign up for a time where indicated. Multiple Open Spaces may run concurrently.

Group Work

The CCGHR Principles for Global Health Research are a starting point for reflection and dialogue. They challenge us to consider the choices we face as people involved in various aspects of global health research, and to find ways to make the most equity-centred choices possible. In this time, you will work individually and/or in a group of your choice to extend your consideration of the Principles to your own research practices.

In the first block of group work time, your group of five–six people will connect with an Author-on-Tap. Groups might choose to begin by highlighting lingering issues identified in the morning session and to generating a starting point for their conversation with your Author-on-Tap.

Building on the introductory workshop, you will be able to:

- Propose strategies for using the principles to inform recommendations on how to respond to the case.
- Deliberate on how to balance competing principles and inform recommendations.
- Increase your confidence in identifying more equity-centred choices in the context of challenging scenarios.

In the second block of time, you'll have more workshop content to work with and will start to turn your attention to preparing for a group report. By the end of this session, we hope you will:

- Extend their application of the CCGHR Principles for GHR to a lived experience.
- Identify how the consideration of the CCGHR Principles for GHR informs their way in which they conceptualize their identified experience.
- Critically examine how their values and norms are affirmed, stretched, and/or challenged by the principles.
- Develop a deeper understanding of what equity-informed choices they face through their involvement in global health research.
- Visualize themselves using and talking about the CCGHR Principles with others involved in the current context.
- Plan a next step that enables equity-informed decision-making in the current context.

Each group will decide when, and for how long to meet.

Group Reports (Sunday)

In this closing session, we will collectively reflect on the work you've done over the three days. Each group will be given X minutes to share their insights and pose reflective challenges to the group.

Please come prepared to share one or two of the following:

- Points of tension you are grappling with when you work through the Principles
- An example from either your experience or the case study where you believe there may have been a more equity-centred choice available to you
- A current research practice of your own that you are challenged to adjust toward a more equity-centred practice
- A question that's been raised, but unanswered over these three days
- A new way you are thinking about teaching, role modelling, or mentoring for equity-centred research and knowledge translation

A capacity building or support need you've identified

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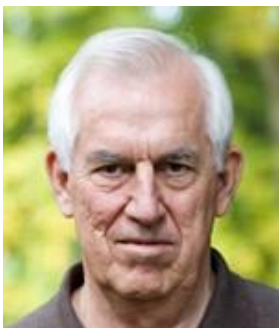
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2017 BCCI Facilitators



Katrina Plamondon

Katrina Plamondon is a Registered Nurse with a clinical background in critical care and street outreach. She has a Master of Science in community health and epidemiology. As a Practice Leader for Research and KT at Interior Health (Kelowna, BC), she enables people across the healthcare system to use and do equity-centred research. Katrina sits on a number provincial and national committees, including the National Collaborating Centre for Methods and Tools, the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR), and the BC KT Collaborative. Since 2010, she has chaired the CCGHR Policy Influence Program (now called Policy & Advocacy Committee). She has led a number of initiatives in this role, including being the principal investigator for the CCGHR *Gathering Perspectives Studies* that led to equity-centred principles for research and KT. Katrina is a PhD candidate and Banting & Best Canada Graduate Scholar at the University of British Columbia, with a research focus on connecting knowledge to action for health equity.



Vic Neufeld

Vic Neufeld is a physician, educator and international consultant who recently moved from Hamilton ON to Victoria BC. Over a period of more than 25 years, he held several academic leadership positions at

McMaster University, the last of which was as Director, Centre for International Health. He has served as a consultant and advisor to various international agencies, organizations and institutions. Currently he is the Special Advisor to the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research, an organization of which he was the founding National Coordinator. Vic also served as the co-chair of the 2016 Ontario Coalition Institute. His interests include:

- Capacity development for health system reform with a special interest in strengthening national health research systems and leadership development
- Promoting a stronger role for Canada in investing and becoming involved in health research in low and middle-income countries.



Stephanie Nixon

Stephanie Nixon, PT, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Physical Therapy, cross-appointed at the Rehabilitation Sciences Institute and the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. She has been an HIV activist and global health researcher for 20 years. She completed her PhD in Public Health and Bioethics in 2006 at the University of Toronto, and a post-doc at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa from 2006-2008. Stephanie is co-founder and Director of the International Centre for Disability and Rehabilitation.

Stephanie is a straight, white, middle class, able-bodied, cisgender female of settler descent who tries to understand the pervasive effects of privilege. In particular, she explores the role of power and privilege in shaping health research, education and practice. She has taught faculty, clinicians, researchers and students about privilege and its relationship with health equity at the University of Toronto, York University, Ryerson University and McGill University. She has delivered addresses exploring this topic to the Canadian Conference on Global Health, the Global Symposium on Health Services Research, the Campus Alberta Student Conference on Health, St. Michael's Hospital Annual Faculty Development Day, the Ontario Council for International Cooperation, and the Centre for Global Child Health at Sick Kids Hospital.



Jacqueline Denison

Jacqueline Denison is an instructor in the School of Nursing at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan Campus (UBCO). Her master's thesis explored Canadian Aboriginal women's experiences accessing health care services when child apprehension is a threat. Jacqueline is the chair of the global health committee at UBCO and teaches in courses on global health, including taking 4th year nursing students to Africa for nursing practice experiences. She has been with UBCO since 2013 and will help network UBCO researchers and educators with the other institutions researchers and educators.



Barbara Astle

Barbara J. Astle, RN, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Nursing, and Director of the Centre of Equity and Global Engagement (CEGE) at Trinity Western University, Langley, British Columbia. Her program of research focuses on global health and equity, social justice; global health education at the

undergraduate and graduate levels (global citizenship, competencies, and partnerships), social media and research literacy. Her clinical focus is in community nursing and global health. Her primary areas of undergraduate and graduate teaching are global health, humanitarianism, and global missions; qualitative research; knowledge translation / synthesis; nursing leadership, and health policy. She publishes in the area of global health, nursing / host / partner competencies, partnerships, and research literacy. Dr. Astle recently co-authored the book “Research Literacy for Health and Community Practice” (2017). She is a member of the Consortium of Universities in Global Health (CUGH) Competency Sub-Committee, and contributed to the CUGH Global Health Education Competencies Tool Kit (2017). Dr. Astle was Past Chair of the Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH) in 2009 – 2012.



Jerry Spiegel

Dr. Jerry Spiegel is a Professor in the School of Population and Public Health and the Liu Institute for Global Issues at UBC; and is co-director with Dr. Yassi of the Global Health Research Program, a WHO Collaborating Centre in Occupational and Environmental Health. Dr. Spiegel was founding President of the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research and received the Canadian Public Health Association’s 2011 International Award. His research interests include the effects of globalization on health equity; understanding and addressing influences of physical and social environments on health through an ecosystem approach; and the economic evaluation of interventions. He has led a range of research and capacity-building projects in Cuba, Ecuador and South Africa.



Annalee Yassi

Dr. Annalee Yassi is a Professor in the School of Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia and holds a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Global Health and Capacity Building. She is a Specialist in both Community Medicine (Public Health and Preventive Medicine) as well as Occupational Medicine. Dr. Yassi's research focuses on collaborative roles in occupational health and infection control in the healthcare workplace, issues and methods in community-based health research, transdisciplinarity and North-South partnerships. She is interested in ethics in global health research, the link between clinical care and the social and environmental determinants of health, an ecosystem approach to health, and the use of arts-based methods in health intervention research. Dr. Yassi is co-director with Dr. Spiegel of the Global Health Research Program, a WHO Collaborating Centre in Occupational and Environmental Health.



Susana Caxaj

Dr. Caxaj is a tenure-track assistant professor in the nursing department. She moved to Canada in 1984 with her family who was fleeing political violence in Guatemala. Born in Guatemala and of Indigenous Mayan Quiche and Kachiquel ancestry, Susana has a strong interest in immigration, displacement, and cross-cultural understanding and decolonization in health and other public services.

Her current work is focused on examining pathways for cultural safety in palliative care with Indigenous communities, and cross-cultural care in community mental health and health care access for temporary

migrant agricultural workers and immigrant diasporas in rural and midsize city settings. She is also interested in diverse university student identities. Her doctoral work was focused on the health experiences of local Indigenous communities affected by large-scale Canadian extractive industries.



Kate Tairyan

Dr. Kate Tairyan holds a medical degree in preventive medicine from the State Medical University in Armenia and a diploma in health management from Armenia’s National Institute of Health. Kate also has a Master of Public Health degree with a concentration on global health leadership from Emory University. Her public health expertise and work experience includes several positions at the Ministry of Health of Armenia and collaborations with international experts on health policy development and poverty reduction issues at national and local levels. During her postdoctoral studies at UBC, Kate also worked at the National Core for Neuroethics and spearheaded a project to evaluate investigator needs for integrating ethics into neuroscience using neuroimaging as the model.

Kate has taught at Simon Fraser University in the Faculty of Health Science undergraduate and graduate programs since 2008.



John Calvert

Dr. John Calvert is a political scientist with a specialization in public policy. He completed his BA and MA at the University of Western Ontario, and obtained a PhD from the London School of Economics. His teaching and research interests include: Canadian public policy and health, disability issues, the health impacts of international trade agreements, climate change and occupational health and safety. Prior to coming to Simon Fraser University, John worked for a number of years in the BC government as a policy analyst in the trade policy area and in the Ministries of Labour, Employment & Investment, the Crown Corporations Secretariat and the Cabinet Policy and Planning Secretariat.

2017 BCCI Participants



Elizabeth Wilcox

Elizabeth received a BSc in Molecular Genetics from the University of Alberta in 2005 and an MA in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of British Columbia in 2010. After working in health research for nearly three years with the Occupational Health and Safety Agency for Healthcare (OHSAH) in BC and with the Provincial Health Services Authority, and completing a 6-month community health internship in Peru, she returned to UBC and is currently working towards her PhD at the School of

Population and Public Health. Elizabeth is currently working on a three-country comparison of the implementation of HealthWISE interventions to reduce the transmission of infectious diseases and to raise awareness about stigma and discrimination among health workers in six hospitals in Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe.



Paivi Abernethy

Paivi Abernethy's academic training is in public health research (Lancaster University, UK, MRes); biochemistry (University of Copenhagen, Denmark, MSc); and children's environmental health, health promotion, and sustainability governance (University of Waterloo, PhD). She is a Postdoctoral Researcher at Royal Roads University, Victoria, BC and also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Waterloo, ON. She worked for years as private sector scientist in life sciences and as Community Health Promoter and Aboriginal Health Promotion Specialist in public health, before returning to academia in 2010, to work on contextual factors influencing children's environmental health, including research on integrating health and sustainability; reconciliation; and inter- and transdisciplinary research effectiveness. Paivi's research interests include children's environmental health, understanding and addressing influences of biophysical and social environments on paediatric health - especially chronic disease prevention in the water-food-energy nexus, together with positive impacts of green and social environments; Planetary Health/ ecohealth; global Indigenous health related to social and environmental justice; and co-production of knowledge and equity-based knowledge translation for community capacity building, policy and governance, particularly in Canada, the UK, and Latin America.



Emma Strobell

Emma Strobell is a Registered Nurse currently in her second year of graduate studies at Trinity Western University pursuing a Master of Science in Nursing with a focus on global health and human rights. Emma started her nursing career working in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside at Insite and various sister-projects focusing on community-centred harm reduction healthcare. This passion for community centred care lead her to pursue work in rural Canada. For the past five years she has been working as a Community Health Nurse in remote, Indigenous communities in the Northwest Territories and as a Public Health Nurse during her rotations home in Langley, BC. In preparation for developing a research topic for her thesis and with a strong interest in global health equity, social justice, human rights, and gender issues, she is excited to learn and stretch her thinking on such topics alongside experts in the field and peers from various disciplines.



Nicole Spence

Nicole Spence is a Program Advisor at Health Emergency Management BC (HEMBC), a Public Health Services Authority program that provides emergency management and leadership, and an editor for the Canadian Risks and Hazards Network magazine, HazNet. She holds a BA in Psychology and a Graduate Diploma in Public Health from the University of Victoria, with a focus on International and Global Health and Development. She is interested in the effects of globalization and climate change on global health and its link to emergency management. Prior to her current role, Nicole worked in Public Health with Fraser Health and the BC Centre for Disease Control, and interned with the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction in Geneva, Switzerland, primarily in communications, web management, and knowledge

management. Nicole is of settler decent residing on the unceded Coast Salish territory and considers herself blessed to live in such a beautiful area. On the weekends, Nicole can be found in the local mountains sharing her favourite rosé or vin chaud with fellow alpinists.

Jesse Coleman

Jesse Coleman has headed a number of mHealth (mobile health) research and implementation projects covering HIV, TB, maternal health, and adolescent health in South Africa, Kenya and Canada for the past decade. He is a Public Health PhD candidate at Karolinska Institute where he has been studying maternal health and HIV outcomes of maternal text message recipients compared to non-recipients. Jesse's research interest areas include m/eHealth, global public health, maternal health, ICT for development, PMCTC, HIV care and support, ICT for health and randomised clinical trials.



Nathan Lachowsky

Nathan is an Assistant Professor and Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Scholar in the School of Public Health and Social Policy at the University of Victoria. Championing interdisciplinary and community-based approaches, he has conducted HIV and sexual health research across Canada and New Zealand. Nathan's principal area of research focuses on social and behavioural epidemiology and the importance of developing and analyzing public health data to inform public health practice, health service provision, and policy. While fundamentally trained as an epidemiologist, he conducts interdisciplinary research within a social justice framework in order to achieve health equity for marginalized communities. Nathan's research foci include sexual and gender minority populations, sexual health, youth, indigenous and ethnoracialized communities, and HIV/AIDS.



Nisrine El Amiri

Originally from Morocco, Nisrine El Amiri moved to Canada in 2009 and obtained her Bachelor of Science degree from McGill University in Montreal and her Master of Public Health degree from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. As an aspiring humanitarian worker, public health professional and policy maker, she completed the Canadian Disaster and Humanitarian Response Training Program as well as training by the United Nations, Medecins Sans Frontieres and other agencies. Nisrine was previously employed by the BC Center for Disease Control and the Public Health Agency of Canada. Passionate about improving access to healthcare for communities in rural and remote regions and supporting rural health services researchers, Nisrine joined RHSRNbc in May 2017 as the Research Coordinator.



Sana Sharam

Sana is a Michael Smith Foundations for Health Research (MSFHR) Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the Equity Lens in Public Health (ELPH) research project at the Centre for Addictions Research of BC. Sana is currently embedded within Interior Health's Population and Public Health Department through a one year MSFHR Health Policy Fellowship where she is focusing on a strategic plan to embed health equity and cultural safety across the organization. Sana is also a sessional instructor at UBC Okanagan. Her research interests include decolonized approaches to health equity research, social determinants of health, reducing the harms of substance use, particularly in the contexts of Indigenous women's

experiences with parenting and mothering, and knowledge mobilization that disrupts the systemic roots of inequitable health outcomes.



Madeleine Greig

Madeleine is a Master of Science in Nursing candidate at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan campus. Her master's thesis research focuses on the ethical implications of global health practicums in nursing. Broadly speaking, Madeleine's research interests lie within the fields of bioethics, palliative and end-of-life care, and health policy. Currently, Madeleine is working as a research coordinator in the Health, Ethics and Diversity Lab at UBC Okanagan, and is delighted to be coordinating a CIHR funded study on the practice, policy, and ethical implications of Canadian nursing roles in medical assistance in dying (MAiD). In her spare time, you will find Madeleine surrounded by her friends and family; hiking, skiing, picking blueberries, and enjoying the beauty of the Okanagan Valley.

Bella Hwang

Bella Hwang is the manager of the Centre for International Child Health at BC Children's and Women's Hospital, a network of educators, researchers and implementers in global maternal, child and women's health. She recently spent the last 5 years working with Doctors Without Borders in South Africa and Lesotho focusing on access to medicines and supporting HIV&TB operational research. Previously, she's worked on projects in Kenya in mHealth and in Uganda in maternal health.



Federico Andrade

I am a PhD student at the School of Population and Public Health, working in the Global Health Research Program under the supervision of Dr. Jerry Spiegel. I was born in Colombia, where I graduated as an Anthropologist and Environmental Engineer. After working in different projects in Colombia, Perú, Ecuador, Mexico, and Costa Rica, I found my passion for broad approaches to explore human health and its connection with nature and ecosystems health. I did my Master in Public Health at the University of Cape Town (South Africa) where I worked at the Centre for Occupational and Environmental Health Research (COEHR). After returning to Colombia, I collaborated for three years in several research projects with Universidad El Bosque and Universidad de Antioquia (Colombia), which motivated me to pursue my PhD at the interdisciplinary environment offered by UBC. I am currently looking at novel ways to understand the interaction between human health and the environment. We are exploring food systems in indigenous communities in Ecuador to better understand how food sovereignty interacts both with human health and the local environments. Beyond studying and conducting research, I am a rock climber, a traveller, and an outdoor sports enthusiast.



Betty Brown

Betty Brown is the *Community Research Lead* with the Research Department of Interior Health (IH). She works with an integrated network of academic, health and community partners to develop a sustainable program of applied and academic rural health research for the region and provincially.

Betty has extensive experience in developing collaborative partnerships with multiple cross-jurisdictional, multi-level, and interdisciplinary stakeholder groups. During her career she has worked in the disciplines of road safety strategic initiatives, injury prevention, health and mental health promotion using varying methods including community development, social marketing, coalition development and stakeholder engagement. She has developed numerous programs at the Provincial and local level during her nine years at IH and while working with other Crown Corporations, non-profit and NGO's within the province.



Leslie Bryant

Leslie Bryant's (MSc, CSEP-CEP, Regional Practice Lead, Research & KT, Indigenous Populations, Interior Health) research interests lie in the areas of health service delivery, Indigenous health, knowledge translation and application within healthcare and research capacity building. Ms. Bryant is working on developing key relationships with Indigenous communities and academic researchers across Canada to enable collaboration and networking opportunities. She is engaged in the measurement of KT activities, particularly the measurement of relationship building and its influence on knowledge transfer.

Ngozi Joe-Ikechebelu

Ngozi is a first year PhD student in Social Dimensions of Health. I am from Nigeria with a medical background and a specialism in Community Medicine and Public Health. I also have an MSc in International Health Management and Development from the University of Birmingham (UoB). At AUoB, My research was on the Barriers affecting Family Planning Services in a rural community in Anambra State of Nigeria.

I am quite inclined and passionate about my work with persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA). I lecture medical students at the counterpart medical college of the teaching hospital too.

My current research is hoped to be on the Effect of Nutritional intervention (Nutritional Education and Micro Nutrient Supplementation) on the Anthropometric, Biochemical and Immunological markers on

PLHA. There will be a linkage between Biomedicine, Nutrition, Public Health and Socioeconomic interventional approaches. This is hoped to bring about sustainable community based management of PLHA.



Prince Adu

Prince was born and raised in Ghana. He received his Bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Ghana and two Masters degrees from Ohio University, one in Public Health and the other in International Development Studies. Prince is currently pursuing a PhD at the School of Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia. He is particularly interested in understanding the structural determinants of health in populations. His current research looks at the structural drivers of Tuberculosis among healthcare workers in South Africa as well as the general population. Prince loves travelling, cooking and dancing.



Bjorn Stime

Bjorn Stime is a husband, a father, and a Settler Canadian of European heritage, calling stolen Suneymuxw Nation territory his home. Bjorn is a doctoral candidate at the University of British Columbia in Public Health, researching how professionals' conflicts of interest might affect community well-being.



Naima Osman

Naima is an MSc candidate in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University. Her current research focuses on chronic non-communicable diseases among refugees living in protracted camps in Kenya. Methodologically, Naima employs medical anthropology theory and method in her work.



Muriel Kranabetter

Muriel has been teaching at UBC Okanagan School of Nursing for the past 18 years where she enjoys encouraging students to explore concepts in global health, relational practice and community nursing. She has a background in pediatric oncology, intensive care, and community development. Her MN was focused on families with a child with a life threatening illness. Her passion for global health grew after travelling to Ghana with nursing students where she began to comprehend the magnitude of poverty and the impact on child mortality. She is working on a PhD to further understanding and supporting African rural family efforts in child health.



Jessica Barker

Jessica is a Registered Nurse with experience and a passion for hospice and palliative care, in addition to public health experience in Ghana, Zambia, South Africa and India. She sits on the board of the directors for Two Worlds Cancer Collaboration, a grassroots initiative building capacity for palliative and end-of-life care in resource-constrained countries.

She received her Masters of Public Health specializing in 'Health Systems' from the University of Cape Town. For ten years, Jessica has engaged in various activities in Zambia, including supervising a global health nursing practicum for the University of British Columbia-Okanagan in Western Province, Zambia. She is also co-founder and Chair of the Okanagan Zambia Health Initiative – an interdisciplinary group of health care professionals working to build capacity of health care professionals in Zambia.



Kira Barwich

Kira Barwich works at the Centre for Rural Health Research at University of British Columbia in Vancouver. She is currently working on a project around sustainable rural maternity care in North Vancouver Island communities. Kira received her Masters of Science in Global Health from Trinity College Dublin in Ireland and has spent time working on health research projects in Zimbabwe and Cambodia. Prior to this, Kira spent several months interning with a health-focused non-government organization in rural Indonesia. Kira is passionate about health for marginalized populations and has a particular interest in global food and nutrition as it relates to health.



Elizabeth Lund

Elizabeth completed a BSc in Chemistry at UVic, a PhD in synthetic chemistry at U of Ottawa, and Post Doc's in drug research at BC Research and UBC. In 1994 she made a lateral move and shifted her "lab" to a bamboo platform in rural NE Thailand where she spent 10 years investigating the mind as an ordained Buddhist Nun. Elizabeth returned to Canada in 2004 and joined Selkirk College as a Chemistry instructor the following year. She has taught chemistry and math, worked for the Faculty Association, done outreach and recruitment in local schools, and worked to integrate contemplative practices and soft skills into the curriculum in the School of University Arts and Sciences.

Recently Elizabeth spearheaded the development of a novel cohort based program aimed at supporting rural and Indigenous students by providing them with a viable pathway into medicine and other health careers. The new Rural Pre-Medicine (RPM) serves students who are currently underrepresented in admission streams at medical schools across Canada, yet, are amongst those most likely to serve high-need rural and remote locations when they graduate. She has been RPM Program Coordinator for 4 years and is currently interested in developing opportunities for collaborative community-based student research projects, as well as a project to examine pipeline programs around the world and determine best practices for increasing numbers of underrepresented applicants to health professional schools.

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