Dr. Vicky Bungay renewed as Canada Research Chair in Gender, Equity & Community Engagement

Congratulations to UBC Nursing professor Dr. Vicky Bungay who received a 5-year renewal of her Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Gender, Equity & Community Engagement. Dr. Bungay was a SSHRC Tier 2 chairholder after successful nomination in April, 2015. Dr.
Bungay's expanding research program tackles systemic challenges for women experiencing violence.

UBC Nursing Position Statement

The report *In Plain Sight: Addressing Indigenous-Specific Racism and Discrimination in BC Health Care*, led by Dr. M.E Turpel-Lafond (Aki-Kwe)
confirmed the widespread existence of systemic racism experienced by Indigenous Peoples across all levels of the BC health care system. Aligned with nursing’s ethical obligations to end systemic racism and promote equity and safety for the health and wellbeing of Indigenous Peoples, the UBC School of Nursing is taking a leadership role in educating nurses to mitigate the harms, and to actively work to end anti-Indigenous racism and discrimination in health care.

Research Funding Awarded

Congratulations to Dr. Lydia Wytenbroek who was awarded an AMS Healthcare Project Grant of $9,981 for her project entitled, *Imperial Pathways of Mobility: Doctoring Women and the American Surgical Enterprise in Iran, 1888-1940.*

BC Ministry of Health COVID-19 Research Priorities

Two UBC Nursing faculty received funding from the BC Ministry of Health for health research seed grants that will answer research questions identified by the Ministry of Health as research priorities:

- Dr. Sabrina Wong and her team received $7,000 to investigate the *Impact of COVID-19 on Prescription Drug Use and Costs among BC Fair Pharmacare Beneficiaries.*

- Dr. Kristen Haase and her team received $7,000 to conduct a province-wide survey of barriers and facilitators to engaging in...
technology use and virtual socialization activities amongst older British Columbians.

UBC School of Nursing - Internal Research Grant
The bi-annual Internal Research Grant competition is open to UBC School of Nursing graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty. Congratulations to the 2020 Fall competition recipients:

MASTERS STUDENTS
- Neda Hamzavi (Supervisor: Dr. Helen Brown) - Exploring the experiences of Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour (BIPOC) graduate nursing students in white academic spaces
- Caitlyn Pirker (Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Baumbush) - A proposal for the qualitative exploration of the transition to adult healthcare services for young persons with medical complexity and their caregivers

DOCTORAL STUDENTS
- Courtney Devane (supervisor: Dr. Emily Jenkins) - Understanding The Experience Of Peer Support At Integrated Health And Social Service Centres For Youth: A Qualitative Study
- Lori Block (Supervisor: Dr. Leanne Currie) - Wound Infection Ontology
- Abdul-Fatawu Abdulai (Supervisor: Dr. Leanne Currie) - Development and validation of anti-stigma design principles for use in sexual health-related technologies

POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS
- Dr. Wellam Yu Ko (Supervisor: Dr. John Oliffe) - Establishing return to work accommodations post-prostatectomy: Clinicians and employers’ perspectives
- Dr. Leah Lambert (Supervisor: Dr. Sally Thorne) - Pilot Study Using an Online Patient-Reported Outcome Measures Portal to Optimize Breast Cancer Follow-up Care
- Dr. Jon Avery (Supervisor: Dr. Fuchsia Howard) - Supporting Young Adults with Advanced or Incurable Cancer

FACULTY
- Dr. Saima Hirani - Psychosocial interventions and mental health in patients with cardiovascular diseases living in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs): A systematic review
- Dr. Emily Jenkins - Assessing the mental health impacts of COVID-19: A national survey study
- Dr. Manon Ranger - Exploring the experiences of NICU mothers during the COVID-19 pandemic
Best Health highlighted UBC members in its 2020 Women of the Year list. **Lara Gurney** is a UBC nursing alumnus who, with her colleagues, set up a "wobble room" to support the well-being of patients.

Stepping out of the Shadows

UBC Nursing emerita **Kathy O'Flynn Magee's** team's graphic novella was featured in BCNU's Update Magazine in their Winter 2020 issue.
of health care staff in the early days of the pandemic. MyPlan, an app for women experiencing intimate partner violence, was co-developed by UBC School of Nursing researcher, Dr. Colleen Varcoe.

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issue on page 28-31. The project explore’s a story about a nursing student’s experience of bullying in a clinical environment along with practical ten tips for students and nurses alike.

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Congratulations to UBC Nursing doctoral trainee Ismaila De Sousa, who is the recipient of the 2020 Graduate Research Award in Women’s Health from the BC Women’s Health Foundation for her work, Towards Equitable Care: Learning from Young Women’s Experiences. Her supervisors are Dr. Sally Thorne and Dr. Thalia Field.

To learn more about the work of our researchers at UBC, UBC Today periodically highlights faculty and staff. UBC School of Nursing assistant professor Dr. Naz Havaei was recently profiled.
Coordinated Contact and Recruitment of COVID-19 Patients

Together with the BC Centre for Disease Control and the COVID-19 Clinical Research Coordination Initiative, REACH BC is coordinating the contact of individuals with COVID-19 about research opportunities.

MSFHR's KT Connects: A year in review

Revisit the archived Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR) popular webinar series KT Connects, or get a quick overview with summarized key insights from each presentation.

PUBLICATIONS

* denotes UBC Nursing trainees
Association between frailty and self-reported health following heart valve surgery
IJC Heart & Vasculature

Older survivors of cancer in the COVID-19 pandemic: Reflections and recommendations for future care
Journal of Geriatric Oncology
Kristen Haase, D. Kain, S. Merchant, C. Booth, R. Koven, M. Brundage, J. Galica

Harm reduction as an approach to ethical nursing care of people who use illicit substances: an integrative literature review of micro and meso influences
Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy
Cassandra (Sammy) Iammarino*, Bernadette (Bernie) Pauly

Using virtual care interventions to provide person-centred care to hospitalised older people with dementia
Nursing Older People
Lillian Hung

Moral neutralization: Nurses’ evolution in unethical climate workplaces
BMC Medical Ethics
H. Hakimi, Soodabeh Joolae, M. Ashghali Farahani, Patricia Rodney, H. Ranjbar

A Call to Revisit and Address the Histories of Bullying in Nursing Education
Quality Advancement in Nursing Education
Zachary Daly*, Kathy O'Flynn-Magee, Patricia Rodney

Developing and Validating a Primary Care EMR-based Frailty Definition using Machine Learning
International Journal of Population Data Science

Priority measures for publicly reporting primary care performance: Results of public engagement through deliberative dialogues in 3 Canadian provinces
Health Expectations

Can Linked Electronic Medical Record and Administrative Data Help Us Identify Those Living with Frailty?
International Journal of Population Data Science
MEDIA COVERAGE

More people having suicidal thoughts in second wave of pandemic
A new survey by researchers at UBC, in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association, shows one in 10 Canadians are experiencing suicidal thoughts during the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. Lead researcher Dr. Emily Jenkins, an assistant professor of nursing at UBC, was interviewed.
Radio Canada, The Star

COVID-19 and isolation batter B.C.'s long-term care residents
Dr. Farinaz Havaei, an assistant professor at UBC school of nursing, and Dr. Joanie Sims-Gould, an associate professor in UBC’s department of family practice, commented on the increased workload in the long-term care sector during COVID-19.
The Star, Prince George Citizen, FR24 News, Castanet

Canada taps UBC researchers to investigate COVID-19 'one high-risk site' staffing policy
The Government of Canada recently announced that UBC's Dr. Farinaz Havaei and Dr. Joanie Sims-Gould will lead an investigation to understand the impact and implementation of the “one high-risk site” staffing policies in long-term care homes (LTC). The project team also includes UBC Nursing faculty Dr. Maura MacPhee, Dr. Alison Phinney, and Dr. Lillian Hung.
UBC AART News Release
Immediate large scale change of the child welfare system needed, researchers say

Media reported on a study by UBC Nursing clinical assistant professor Meaghan Thumath and Brittany Bingham, director of the Indigenous Research at the Centre for Gender and Sexual Health Equity at UBC, that looked at the association between child removal and unintentional drug overdose among marginalized women in Canada.

New study shows damaging mental health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic

A new survey by researchers at UBC, in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association, found that 42 per cent of British Columbians saw their mental health deteriorate since the pandemic began this spring. The study is led by Dr. Emily Jenkins, an assistant professor of nursing at UBC.

New national survey finds Canadians’ mental health eroding as pandemic continues

The second wave of the pandemic has intensified feelings of stress and anxiety, causing alarming levels of despair, suicidal thoughts and hopelessness in the Canadian population. Lead researcher Dr. Emily Jenkins is an assistant professor of nursing at UBC who studies mental health and substance use.

Pandemic restricting access to services for children with complex medical issues: UBC study

Research led by UBC Nursing associate professor Dr. Jennifer Baumbusch shows families with children who have extremely complex or chronic medical conditions are struggling to find adequate support.

B.C. nurses deal with COVID ‘terror’ as stress, burnout, suicidal thinking rise

A UBC survey led by Dr. Farinaz Havaei looked at B.C. nurses’ COVID-19 experiences and psychological health and safety.
988: Canada passes motion for three-digit national suicide prevention hotline
Daily Hive mentioned a national survey led by UBC researcher Dr. Emily Jenkins and the Canadian Mental Health Association that showed the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic has intensified Canadians' feelings of stress and anxiety.

B.C. doctors are now prescribing nature to boost patient health
Huffington Post article mentioned a recent survey conducted by UBC’s Dr. Emily Jenkins and the Canadian Mental Health Association that found alarming levels of despair and hopelessness across Canada during the second wave of the pandemic.

Pandemic impact on mental health
UBC Nursing assistant professor Dr. Emily Jenkins discussed the survey she led gauging the mental health of Canadians six months into the pandemic.

B.C. Nurses Union donates money for mental health support programs
Media mentioned a recent study by UBC nursing researchers and the BC Nurses Union that found 40 per cent of B.C. nurses are struggling with severe depression.

Mental Health Monday: Managing holiday stress
A new survey led by UBC researcher, Dr. Emily Jenkins, in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association, shows an increase in feelings of hopelessness amongst Canadians as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to deepen.

COVID-19 second wave taking a major toll on mental health of many Canadians
UBC Nursing’s Dr. Emily Jenkins spoke about national survey that showed the second wave of the pandemic has heightened stress and anxiety, causing people to look out for unhealthy coping strategies.

A survey shows that health of transgender youth is improving, but stigma is still a concern
UBC Nursing professor Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc discussed her study on the health and well-being of trans and non-binary youth across Canada.

Health of trans and non-binary youth
UBC nursing professor Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc was interviewed about her study on the health and well-being of trans and non-binary youth.
Canadians in quarantine twice as likely to have suicidal thoughts, study shows

UBC research, in collaboration with the Canadian Mental Health Association, looked at the mental health impacts of self-isolation and quarantine during the COVID-19 pandemic. UBC Nursing assistant professor Dr. Emily Jenkins was quoted.

UBC study reveals new impact of self-isolation and quarantine on mental health

UBC research, in collaboration with the Canadian Mental Health Association, looked at the mental health impacts of self-isolation and quarantine during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Emily Jenkins and graduate student Zachary Daly at UBC’s School of Nursing were quoted.

In COVID-19’s second wave, Canada’s long-term care homes aim for a better balance of safety and community

The Globe and Mail mentioned research by UBC Nursing assistant professor Dr. Lillian Hung, that demonstrated that an iPad intervention can support the care of older people with dementia in the hospital setting.

Researchers want a plan to keep ICU patients from ending up back in hospital

UBC Nursing assistant professor Dr. Fuchsia Howard and Dr. Greg Haljan, a clinical professor in the faculty of medicine, are beginning a study to determine the long-term care challenges and support needed for patients released from intensive care after COVID-19 treatment in B.C.

A mother’s risk of an overdose goes up when a child is removed from her care

UBC School of Nursing clinical assistant professor Megan Thumath and former Chief of Aqam Sophie Pierre speak with Michelle Eliot about their new study that covers 8 years of unintended overdoses of mothers.

What’s race got to do with it? Data collection and COVID-19

UBC Nursing professor Dr. Sabrina Wong comments on the collection of racial data in healthcare. She urges health services to better consider the complex intersections of social determinants of health rather than use race as a proxy measure.

COVID’s impact on assisted-living homes is being overlooked
UBC Nursing associate professor Dr. Jennifer Baumbusch and colleagues say it’s important to understand how assisted living differs from long-term care in order to mount an effective and humane response to future outbreaks of disease.

Calgary Herald, Edmonton Journal, Vancouver Sun (print edition)

As criteria for medical assistance in dying shifts, calls for more alternatives, support for people who are suffering

UBC Nursing faculty Dr. Sally Thorne and Dr. Patricia Rodney spoke about medical assistance in dying and mental illness, and the importance of having a healthy, open and robust conversation surrounding end-of-life care.

Postmedia via Vancouver Sun, The Province

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**Funding & Award Deadlines**

**Dec. 17, 2020:** SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grants (Mobility & Public Transit)

**Dec. 18, 2020:** UBC Climate Education Grants

**Jan. 7, 2021:** CDN Frailty Network - 2021 Summer Student Award

**Jan. 15, 2021:** BC NEIHR Indigenous Graduate & PostDoc Fellowships

**Jan. 15, 2021:** WorkSafeBC Trauma-related mental disorders’ association with cardiovascular disease

**Jan. 15, 2021:** BC NEIHR Indigenous Graduate and Postdoctoral Scholarships

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**External Events**

**Dec. 17, 2020:** CGSHE: Leveraging an Equity-Lens to Characterize COVID-19 Transmission and Inform Optimal Interventions

**Jan. 7, 2021:** UBC CHSPR - Improving Person- and Family-Centred Outcomes in Community-Based Care for Older Adults

**Jan. 18-29, 2021:** Virtual Dementia Lab

**Jan. 18, 2021:** Digital tools for workflow and project management

**Feb. 1, 2021:** NVivo part 1: getting started with NVivo

**Feb. 22, 2021:** NVivo part 2: classification and datasets
Jan. 29, 2021: WorkSafeBC Research Training Awards
Feb. 1, 2021: SSHRC Connection Grant
Feb. 1, 2021: SSHRC Connection Grants — Joint Initiative for Digital Citizen Research (i.e. online disinformation)
Feb. 1, 2021: SSHRC Research Data Management Capacity Building Initiative
Feb. 2, 2021: SSHRC Insight Development Grants
Feb. 8, 2021: MSFHR Scholar Award-LOI (Internal deadline: March 15)
Feb. 8, 2021: MSFHR Research Trainee award-LOI (Internal deadline: March 21)
Feb. 10, 2021: SSHRC Partnership Grants - Stage 1
Feb. 12, 2021: MSFHR Research Trainee award (see internal deadline)
Feb. 18, 2021: CIHR Health System Impact Fellowship (see internal deadline)
Mar. 4, 2021: CIHR Project Grant (see internal deadline)
April 12, 2021: UBC School of Nursing – Internal Research Grant
May 1, 2021: SSHRC Research Data Management Capacity Building Initiative
June 22, 2021: CIHR Team Grant: Indigenous Gender and Wellness Team Grant

Open Funding Calls
- Canadian Digital Technology Supercluster: Cycle 4 accepting projects now

June 16-18, 2021: IPONS Conference 2020 - Personhood in healthcare
Aug. 21-22, 2021: Nursing Informatics International Congress
Aug. 29 – Sept. 1, 2021: 11th ICN NP/APN Nursing Network Conference
• UBC Open Access Fund for Humanities and Social Sciences Research (invoices Sept. 1, 2020 or later)
• UBC Scholarly Publication Fund (pre-tenure faculty have priority)
• PWIAS: Systems Approach to Social Change
• MITACS COVID-19 Accelerate Program
• sparc bc Homelessness Community Action Grant
• UBC SoTL Dissemination Fund
• Vancouver Foundation Systems Change – Develop Grant
• Vancouver Foundation – PAR Convene Grants
• PWIAS Theme Development Workshops
• MITACS Accelerate Graduate Internships
• MITACS Accelerate Graduate Fellowship
• PWIAS COVID-19 Rapid Publication Working Groups

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