New tools to improve care for people experiencing substance use stigma

A team of researchers at UBC and Western University are offering a suite of tools and strategies to ensure that people who experience substance use stigma can receive better care in the future.

“Stigma and discrimination make it very hard for people to seek care, particularly if they’re Indigenous, or are assumed to have a history of substance use,” says Dr. Colleen Varcoe, principal investigator and professor emeritus of nursing at the University of British Columbia.
2022 Marion Woodward Lecture

The UBC School of Nursing is pleased to announce the 54th annual Marion Woodward Lecture, Climate, Health, and Healthcare: The World Needs Nurses Now, on Thursday, October 20, 2022.

12 - 1 PM: MARION WOODWARD LECTURE

- KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Elizabeth Schenk, PhD, RN, FAAN, Executive Director of Environmental Stewardship, Providence Health, USA; Assistant Professor, Washington State University College of Nursing

1 - 2 PM: AFTERNOON SYMPOSIUM

- PANELISTS: Natania Abebe, Zachary Daly, Raluca Radu & Dr. Elizabeth Schenk
- MODERATOR: Dr. Emily Jenkins

REGISTRATION is open for this in-person & online event.

Read More
The Graduate Student in Nursing Association (GSNA) is thrilled to invite you to their annual Research Symposium on the future of nursing. The symposium will be held online on **November 2, 2022**.

The keynote speakers will be Amie Archibald-Varley RN, BScN, MN-CP Women's Health and Sara Fung, RN, BScN, MN of The Gritty Nurse podcast.

Deadline for UBC Nursing graduate student submissions: Oct. 19, 2022 @ 11:59 pm PST

[Registration](#) is open.

The [Capacity Research Unit](#) presents a webinar with Dr. Allie Slemon on **November 4, 2022**.

Dr. Allie Slemon will present an overview of findings from her dissertation research on the significant and persistent inequities in the provision of health care, and the calls for nurses to respond to structural inequities by enacting values of equity and social justice.

Followed by a Q&A with Dr. Slemon and Dr. Vicky Bungay on preparing for a dissertation exam [graduate students only].

[Registration](#) is open.
The UBC Consortium for Nursing History Inquiry is pleased to announce the 2022 Nursing History Symposium on November 8, 2022.

The keynote lecture from Dr. Esyllt Jones is titled, Pandemic Caring: public health nursing and community in the history of infectious disease.

- Cecil Green Park House ($10 admission - lunch will be served)
- Online via Zoom (free).

Registration is now open.

Ethics for Educational Nursing Research

This practical online workshop on November 16, 2022 will help those considering nursing educational research to conduct it in an ethical manner including navigating UBC's Behaviour Ethics Research Board (BREB) processes including:

- Clarify differences between quality improvement versus research
- The benefits of going through the ethics process
- Supports – templates, samples, checklists, staff
- Mapping the steps and typical timelines
- Student recruitment – ethical considerations
Congratulations to UBC Nursing Assistant Professor Dr. Kristen Haase on being selected for a Michael Smith Health Research BC (MSHRBC) Scholar award.

Dr. Haase received a five-year scholar award in support of her work on *Generating, co-creating, and implementing solutions and supports for older adults with cancer and their caregivers.*

**New MSHRBC Scholar - Dr. Kristen Haase**

Congratulations to Dr. Manon Ranger and Dr. Lillian Hung whose Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) grants have been matched by the BC Knowledge Development Fund (BCKDF). These funds will support research equipment and infrastructure for:

- **Healthy Brain Development in Preterm Infants** (Dr. Ranger)
- **CIHR Canada Research Chair in Senior Care** (Dr. Hung)

**UBC Nursing Projects funded by BCKDF**
Congratulations to the UBC Nursing recipients of the MSHRBC Convening and Collaborating – C2 funding:

Dr. Fuchsia Howard, postdoctoral fellow
Dr. Natasha Orr, and team:

- **Building partnerships for improving chronic pelvic pain care in gynecology: A needs assessment of health professionals-in-training**

Dr. Lillian Hung, postdoctoral fellow Dr. Flora To-Miles, and team:

- **Bridging the knowledge-to-practice gap: Co-developing a Design Jam for building a Learning Health System at Vancouver Coastal Health**

On November 1st, the UBC Faculty of Applied Science will honour eight inspiring members of the APSC community with the Dean's Medal of Distinction.

**Dr. Colleen Varcoe** is being recognized for her exemplary work in promoting ethical and socially just healthcare. Her work aims to decrease inequity and violence, including interpersonal and structural forms of violence such as racism and stigma related to poverty and substance use.
Congratulations to UBC Nursing professor emerita & colleague Dr. Elaine Carty who will receive an Honorary Alumnus Award at the Alumni UBC Achievement Awards November 14th in Vancouver. This honour recognizes Dr. Carty’s work to establish midwifery in BC and Canada.

Congratulations to post-doctoral fellow Dr. Sarah Wu on being awarded a 3-year MSHRBC Trainee award. Dr. Wu is working with supervisor Dr. Jennifer.

Congratulations to UBC Nursing assistant professor Dr. Lydia Wytenbroek on receiving the 2022 Mary Adelaide Nutting Award for outstanding research and writing produced by an experienced scholar for her article, *Nursing (Inter)nationalism in Iran, 1916-1947*.

Congratulations to post-doctoral fellow Dr. Paul Sharp on being awarded a 3-year MSHRBC Trainee award. Dr. Sharp is working in the Men’s Health Research...
Baumbusch in the Gerontological Education Research & Outreach (GERO) unit on Making room at the table: Understanding the mealtime experiences of racialized residents and their families in long-term care.

Program with supervisor Dr. John Oliffe. His research is titled Buddy Up for men’s mental health: Engaging men through mutual help and social connection.

Eunice Bawafaa recipient of UBC Award

Congratulations to UBC Nursing doctoral trainee Eunice Bawafaa on being awarded the 2022 Strengthening Mothers Through Research Award from UBC’s Department of Family Practice, Midwifery Program for her research which "has the potential to improve the healthcare of many women in Ghana." Her supervisors are Dr. Suzanne Campbell and Dr. Alison Phinney.

BCCRI Rising Star - Jagbir Kaur

Congratulations to Jagbir Kaur on being named a BC Cancer Research Institute (BCCRI) 2022 Rising Star. Jagbir is a Clinical Nurse Specialist at BC Cancer and UBC Nursing doctoral student working with supervisors Dr. Leah Lambert and Dr. Sally Thorne to examine the unmet needs of Panjabi-Sikh cancer patients to address gaps in care of one of BC’s largest visible minority groups.
This remarkable third edition from Dr. Emily Jenkins, Allie Slemon, and colleagues offers a unique contribution to mental health literature. Updates to this edition comprise new insights on topics such as the opioid crisis, legalization of cannabis, changes to provincial mental health acts, and an expansion on previously included Indigenous mental health content.

Innovations in Harm Reduction for Youth Cannabis Use

This webinar is co-hosted by Dr. Emily Jenkins and Dr. Rebecca Haines-Saah on October 17, 2022, the fourth anniversary of cannabis legalization in Canada. Join this one-day event where Drs. Jenkins and Haines-Saah bring together youth experts and advocates, community organizations, and researchers to showcase innovations in youth cannabis harm reduction projects.
Maclean's magazine annual University Rankings ranked UBC as Canada's top nursing program

**PUBLICATIONS**

* denotes UBC Nursing trainees & alumni

**The road to a transcatheter edge-to-edge repair: patient experiences leading up to the procedure and in the early recovery period**
*European Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing*
Nassim Adhami, M. Rozor, C. Percy, L. Achtem, S. Johnston, N. Nathoo, M. Pak, Jopie Polderman, Sandra Lauck

**Assessing psychological health and social support in older adults with cancer, a how-to guide - A Young International Society of Geriatric Oncology and Nursing & Allied Health Interest Group initiative**
*Journal of Geriatric Oncology*
Kristen Haase, Bonnie Leung*, V. Sun, F. Gomes

**Sex and Gender Influence on Cardiovascular Health in Sub-Saharan Africa: Findings from Ghana, Gambia, Mali, Guinea, and Botswana**
*Global Heart*
**Reflections on the nursing theory movement**
*Nursing Philosophy*
Sally Thorne

**Theory utilization in applied qualitative nursing research**
*Journal of Advanced Nursing*
P. Chiu, Sally Thorne, K. Schick-Makaroff, G. Cummings

**Trends and Disparities in Suicidality Among Heterosexual and Sexual Minority/Two-Spirit Indigenous Adolescents in Canada**
*Journal of Adolescent Health*
A.Polonijo, K. Beggs, D. Brunanski, Elizabeth Saewyc

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**MEDIA COVERAGE**

Surrey mobile unit brings health care to 'unseen' homeless people affected by overdose crisis
UBC Nursing assistant professor of teaching Ranjit Dhari commented on mobile health units that can help bring care to where the community is.
*Vancouver Sun, The Province*

Reducing substance-use stigma
UBC Nursing professor emerita Dr. Colleen Varcoe discussed a new toolkit developed at UBC and Western which aims to promote better health care for those experiencing substance use stigma.
*CKNW Jill Bennett Show* (8:48)

Western University and UBC launch ‘action kit’ to fight substance use stigma
A team of experts at Western University and the University of British Columbia co-led by Dr. Annette Browne have released the EQUIP Equity Action Kit of resources for health care providers in order to help combat substance use stigma.
*Global News, India Education Diary*

Artwork from prisons gives glimpse into lives of incarcerated people: ‘we’re still human’
Hundreds of pieces of artwork created by individuals incarcerated in federal prisons across B.C. and the Yukon, and received by a UBC team led by Dr. Helen Brown, are now showcased at a gallery in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver.
*Yahoo News*
Drug overdoses in public bathrooms are common: new tools could prevent harm and improve response
UBC Nursing PhD candidate Trevor Goodyear co-wrote about preventing harm and improving response to substance overdoses.
The Conversation

Causes and solutions for healthcare worker burnout
CBC’s Michelle Eliot asks what’s causing healthcare burnout? Dr. Farinaz Havaei, an assistant professor at the UBC School of Nursing, shares her research findings.
CBC BC Today (27:30)

It’s time for us to have a conversation about ageism
UBC Nursing adjunct professor Dan Levitt wrote about ageism and how it affects everyone.
Province

Back to school, back to sleep, says UBC expert
UBC Nursing professor emeritus Dr. Wendy Hall said as kids head back to the classroom, parents can ensure the transition is a lot smoother by ensuring young ones go to bed at the same time each night.
City News (Vancouver)

How to Advocate for Your Sexual Healthcare
No one will ever fight for your rights as much as you should for yourself. UBC Nursing professor Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc shares strategies for accessing credible sources of information.
Giddy

Across B.C., right-wing candidates are bashing how schools teach
SOGI 123 learning resources are optional but useful for introducing issues of diversity and inclusion in the curriculum, comments UBC Nursing professor Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc, who's also executive director of the Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Centre.
Tyee

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