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Focus on Faculty 2025/26

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Research Areas:

- Informatics/Digital health
- Human-computer interaction
- Sexual health equity

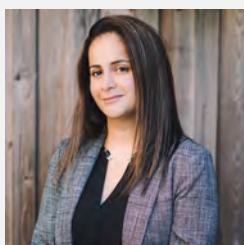
Dr. Abdulai conducts research on health informatics, human-computer interaction and health technology design. His program of research seeks to explore how principles of human-computer interaction and trauma-informed care approaches can be leveraged to address inequities in sexual and reproductive health access for marginalized populations. He primarily conducts informatics-related research on endometriosis-associated sexual pains, sexually transmitted infections, and sexual health-related stigma.

Nassim Adhami, RN, PhD

Assistant Professor of Teaching

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Research Areas:

- Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
- Patient Experiences of Chronic Illness
- Health & Safety of Healthcare Workers
- Integrated KT
- Patient-Oriented Research

Dr. Adhami teaches in both the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs and is actively involved in both education and health research. She has over 10 years of clinical practice in adult cardiology and critical care as both a front-line nurse and leader. Dr. Adhami's education research focuses on innovative methods of teaching nursing education with a focus on the interconnectedness and complexity of the interactions between learners, educators, academic institutions, and health organizations. Nassim also has a passion for using integrated knowledge translation and patient-oriented research to understand the experiences of patients living with chronic illness and having to navigate the healthcare system.

Jennifer Auxier, BSN, MSN, PhD

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Research Areas:

- Patient Engagement
- Perinatal eHealth
- Coaching
- Action Research
- Education

Dr. Auxier's program of research integrates patient engagement into the design and quality assurance of perinatal eHealth. The focus of her research is to meet new and expectant families 'where they are at' to co-create novel eHealth solutions in real life contexts. Dr. Auxier lived and worked in The Netherlands and Finland between 2018 and 2024 and brings research experience from diverse cultural and healthcare service contexts, namely related to parental coaching, and the digitalization of health care services, including the impacts and implications of the widespread integration of generative AI in healthcare solutions.

Elisabeth Bailey, DNP, RN, RCC

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Teaching Areas:

- Psychiatric/mental health nursing
- Nursing education
- Health equity and cultural safety

Dr. Bailey teaches across the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs, as well as in the undergraduate elective courses. She is a board-certified Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP-BC, USA) and a Registered Clinical Counselor (RCC) with particular interest in the treatment of anxiety, depression, and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. In addition to her work in mental health, Dr. Bailey has practiced pediatric nursing in acute, primary care, and long-term rehabilitative settings. She is interested in using contemplative practices such as meditation to support compassionate nursing practice and education.

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Jennifer Baumbusch, PhD, RN

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Professor

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Research Areas:

- Health and social care services for older adults and people with lifelong disabilities
- Qualitative research
- Knowledge translation and exchange

Dr. Baumbusch leads a research program focused on enhancing person- and family-centered care for older adults and people with lifelong disabilities. Her projects examine the interface between formal/paid and informal/unpaid care work in a variety of settings, including acute care, long-term care homes, and community-based services. She is an expert in qualitative research methods and community-engaged research.

Geertje Boschma, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- Mental Health Nursing
- Nursing History

Dr. Boschma studies nursing and health care history, with special emphasis on mental health and the transition to community mental health in the latter half of the 20th century. She explores the ways nurses, clients and families have experienced changes in mental health care and contributed to them. Her research includes oral history approaches to capture people's health experience and to examine the social context and complexity of nursing work and knowledge.

Helen Brown, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- Equity, policy and health promotion in rural and indigenous communities
- Health and justice intersections

Dr. Brown's research uses community-based and participatory methods to support equity and wellbeing with and for incarcerated and Indigenous Peoples across Western Canada. Her work spans healthcare and carceral settings, aiming to support individual and community priorities around health, wellness, cultural continuity, and language revitalization. Her research network includes Indigenous Elders and communities, Peers with lived experience of incarceration, non-profits, and Correctional Service of Canada.

Vicky Bungay, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- Gender and health inequities
- Public health nursing and sexual health
- Research ethics

Dr. Bungay's research focuses on addressing inequities that negatively affect people's health and well-being including the devastating effects of stigma, discrimination, and violence. She explores how research partnerships can positively impact communities that are excluded in health and social policy; programming that affects their lives; and how community-based interventions support real world evidence.

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Marlene Burrows, BSN, MN-NP(F)

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Lecturer

She/Her



Clinical Teaching Areas:

- Primary Care
- Virtual Health Care
- Travel Medicine

Ms. Burrows has held an academic position within the Nurse Practitioner program for over 10 years. Her work in the program involves lecturing, clinical supervision, and committee work for students' final projects. She encourages active learning strategies in her courses to facilitate lifelong learning skills in her learners. She maintains her clinical expertise by providing virtual primary care services to patients across the province.

Drew Clark, PhD, HEC-C, RCC

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Assistant Professor

They/Them



Research Areas:

- Healthcare ethics
- Transgender health

Dr. Drew Clark is a Certified Healthcare Ethics Consultant (HEC-C) and Registered Clinical Counsellor (RCC). Their clinical work has primarily been in mental health, substance use, palliative, pediatric, and gender-affirming care. Their research focuses on healthcare ethics and health equity. Through qualitative, participatory, and empirical ethics research, as well as arts-based knowledge translation, they contribute to the scholarly literature and health professions education in areas such as ethical decision-making, youth capacity to consent to healthcare, and healthcare access for Two-Spirit, transgender, and non-binary people.

Leanne Currie, PhD, RN

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Professor

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Research Areas:

- Informatics, clinical decision making
- Health inequities & patient safety

Dr. Currie conducts research in the field of nursing, biomedical, and health informatics. Her current projects are related to use of technology in the homecare setting including wound diagnosis and management. Her methods include using a sociotechnical approach to system development including user interface design, workflow analysis and use of data science/AI methods.

Rubee Dev, MPH, PhD

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Assistant Professor

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Research Areas:

- 'Global women's health
- Noncommunicable diseases prevention and management
- Maternal and child health
- Reproductive health

Dr. Dev's research mainly focuses on integrating sex and gender dimensions in applied health research, to evaluate their impact on clinical outcomes and patients reported outcomes related to quality of life in noncommunicable diseases. Her work focuses on comparing and expanding evidence from high-income to low-and middle-income countries. Her work also entails extensive research to identify the data gaps and opportunities for action in meeting the needs of young adolescent girls and adult women, as well as strengthening the evidence base for adolescent sexual and reproductive health.

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Carla Ferreira, MN, RN, CHSE, CCSNE

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Associate Professor of Teaching

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Teaching Areas:

- Simulation
- Community/public health nursing

Research Areas:

- Nursing education
- Simulation
- Scholarship of teaching and learning

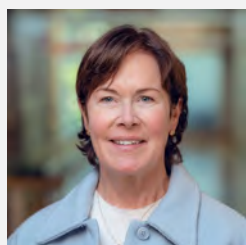
Ms. Carla Ferreira has been teaching undergraduate students since 2007. She obtained her MN from the University of Victoria with a focus on nursing education. She is currently a PhD student with a specialization in Medical Education.

Sue Foster, MSN, RN(C)

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Lecturer

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Clinical Teaching Areas:

- Primary Health Care theory
- Stress and Strategies to Promote Well Being – Nursing undergrad elective
- Social Pediatrics – Clinical Practice

Ms. Sue Foster is a faculty lecturer in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program. She received her MSN, in clinical teaching, from UBC in 1995. Her most recent clinical practice is in Public Health Nursing – specializing in Children and Youth populations, with a focus on advocating for and empowering youth in accessing youth-friendly health care services. She was an active member of the research team that measured Public Health Nurses' practice and presences in schools, which resulted in the adoption of the Minnesota Wheel of Intervention, as the VCH Regional Public Health Nursing Model in 2014.

Trevor Goodyear, RN, MSN, MPH, PhD

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Assistant Professor

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Research Areas:

- Substance use
- Mental health
- Youth health
- 2S/LGBTQ+ health

Dr. Goodyear leads a research program focused on mental health and substance use, with emphasis on work with equity-owned youth. He also has expertise in 2S/LGBTQ+ health and is broadly invested in studying and intervening on social and structural determinants of health. Dr. Goodyear's research leverages health and social science perspectives, critical qualitative methods, and meaningful community participation. Currently funded research projects focus on youth overdose prevention, involuntary substance use treatment, acute youth mental health and substance use care, and sexuality among people navigating the sexual side effects of psychiatric medication.

Melanie Guindon, RN, Med, IBCLC

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Lecturer

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Clinical Teaching Areas:

- Perinatal and newborn care

With over 13 years of dedicated experience in perinatal nursing, Melanie brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership to our faculty. Her diverse roles—ranging from acute care nurse and charge nurse to nurse educator—have equipped her with a deep understanding of the challenges and best practices in perinatal care. More recently, Melanie served in a provincial role working at Perinatal Services BC. She played a key role in the development and launch of the Perinatal and Newborn Health Hub, a provincial resource launched in 2023 aimed at enhancing the quality of care delivered by perinatal and newborn health providers throughout British Columbia. Her insights and expertise will significantly enrich our teaching and

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Kristen Haase, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- Older adults
- Cancer
- Patient and community engagement

Dr. Haase has a program of research focused on supporting older adults and their caregivers with cancer and chronic illness. Her research uses patient and community engaged approaches to highlight the unique and often complex needs of older adults with cancer and their caregivers when managing the acute and long-term complications of cancer treatment. Dr. Haase uses qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods research strategies to create research with the potential to inform changes in care delivery and inform future research directions.

Jillian Harding, PhD, NP(F)

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Clinical Teaching Areas:

- Nurse Practitioner practice

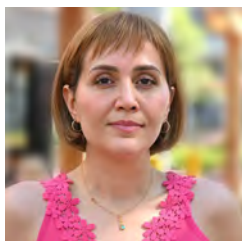
Dr. Harding is an Assistant Professor of Teaching in the nurse practitioner (NP) program. In 2024, she completed a PhD in Nursing to learn from Indigenous peoples about how cultural safety is enacted in health care with the goal of supporting NPs in providing culturally safe care in specific health care situations. She continues to work in direct clinical practice as an NP in primary care.

Farinaz "Naz" Havaei, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- Healthy work environments
- Nursing workforce optimization
- Nursing care delivery models
- Staffing and workload
- Long-Term Care
- Scale development and validation

Dr. Farinaz ("Naz") Havaei is a health systems researcher, Michael Smith Health Research BC Scholar (2021–2026), and founding director of the HOPE Lab (Healthy Outcomes by Improving Patient and Provider Experiences). Her research program is focused on advancing the quality and safety of patient care through evidence-informed improvements in nursing workforce and workplace practices. Dr. Havaei's research examines organizational and psychosocial factors that influence the health, safety, and retention of healthcare workers and the quality of care they deliver. She has led interdisciplinary, community-engaged studies on workplace violence, workload, staffing, and care delivery models across acute, community,

Saima Hirani, MSN, PhD

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Research Areas:

- Mental health and mental health promotion
- Psychosocial interventions
- Women's mental health
- Equity-oriented & community-based mental health research

Dr. Hirani's research focuses on mental health and mental health promotion, particularly among marginalized and high-risk populations. She examines factors that influence mental well-being and advances the development and evaluation of interventions designed to enhance the capacity of individuals, families, and communities to support their own mental health and the well-being of others. Her research centers on collaboration with multidisciplinary teams and community partners, generating meaningful insights that inform inclusive, equitable, and effective strategies for mental health promotion.

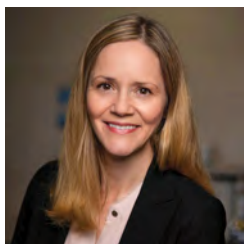
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Fuchsia Howard, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- Cancer and critical illness survivorship
- Endometriosis and chronic pelvic pain
- Patient-oriented research

Dr. Howard's research examines the psychosocial and health service needs of survivors of cancer, critical illness, and endometriosis. She uses qualitative and mixed- methods to understand patient perspectives as the foundation for patient-centered health care solutions that are responsive to the long-term burden of illness. Her research program includes an integrative knowledge translation and patient-oriented thread of co-designing with clinicians and patients, innovative and engaging way of creating and sharing evidence, including arts-based and digital innovations.

Lillian Hung, PhD, RN

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She/Her



Research Areas:

- Patient-Oriented Research
- Older adults

Dr. Hung's research mainly focuses on examining how technology and environment impact the care experiences of persons with dementia. She has expertise in patient-oriented research and knowledge translation. Her research is practice-based and patient-oriented. She is committed to facilitating connectivity between academia and practice, working collaboratively with interprofessional practitioners to find practical solutions to address pressing problems in care settings.

Emily Jenkins, MPH, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- Mental health and substance use
- Knowledge translation
- Health system and policy design

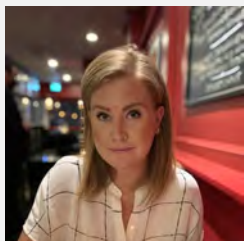
Dr. Jenkins has clinical expertise in acute mental health settings and her research is focused on optimizing mental health and substance use outcomes for Canadians through collaborative mental health promotion strategies; health services and policy development and redesign; and knowledge translation approaches. She supports inclusion of the patient and community voice in research to inform policies and programs that are responsive to a diversity of lived realities.

Erin Kennedy, BSN, MSN, PhD, NP

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Teaching Areas:

- Health Promotion
- NP Practice
- Adult Acute Care

Dr. Erin Kennedy is an assistant professor of Teaching in the Nurse Practitioner and Bachelor of Science in Nursing programs at UBC. Grounded in a constructivist approach, she cultivates experiential and self-directed learning that empowers students to think critically and lead with confidence in complex health systems. Her teaching spans classroom, lab, and clinical settings, where she mentors students across the continuum of nursing education from foundational BSN learners to experienced Registered Nurses advancing into reflective Nurse Practitioners. Dr Kennedy's scholarship focuses on leadership development, health promotion and curriculum innovation, preparing graduates to navigate system-level change and

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Jennifer Krist, DNP, MN-NP(F), FNP-BC

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Lecturer

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Clinical Teaching Areas:

- Women's health, maternity, paediatrics, IUD insertion
- NP mentorship & leadership

Dr. Krist is a Lecturer in the Master of Nursing - Nurse Practitioner (NP) program. She provides teaching expertise in primary care maternity, paediatrics, women's health, IUD insertions, mentorship and leadership. Dr. Krist has a part-time maternity practice working in collaborative, team-based care clinic in Surrey. She is also the Fraser Regional Lead for NP Initiatives in BC's Primary Care Networks (PCN). Dr. Krist completed her DNP in 2019 with a study focus on quality improvement in preeclampsia risk factor screening and early disease education in pregnant women.

Leah Lambert, RN, PhD

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Clinical Associate Professor

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Research Areas:

- Health Equity & disparity reduction
- Cancer care practice, policy, and system
- Knowledge Translation

Dr. Lambert studies health equity and disparity reduction. She holds a cross appointment as the Executive Director and Senior Scientist of Nursing and Allied Health Research and Knowledge Translation at BC Cancer. Dr. Lambert has a special interest in examining how cancer care practices, policies and systems are contributing to health and health care inequities and investigating strategies to enhance equity-oriented care in the cancer sector. She conducts collaborative research and knowledge mobilization initiatives in partnership with health care practitioners, health system leaders, policymakers, and patients to generate evidence-informed improvements in cancer care, better patient outcomes and

Sandra Lauck, PhD, RN

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Associate Professor

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Research Areas:

- Knowledge translation
- Cardiovascular health
- Acute and critical care health services

Dr. Lauck is a university-appointed and hospital-located advanced practice nurse scientist with expertise in cardiovascular health and acute/critical care health services. She is a UBC Knowledge Exchange & Mobilisation scholar who is committed to linking clinical practice, policy and scholarship through active engagement with patients, families, clinicians, and government organizations in all aspects of her research program. Her interests focus on

1. the development of clinical processes and operations,
2. the integration of patients' perspectives, values and preferences, and
3. the contributions of nursing to improve outcomes and health services.

Jill Mahy, MSN, RN

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Lecturer

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Clinical Teaching Areas:

- Perinatal, mental health and substance use/addiction
- Harm reduction and trauma informed practices

Ms. Mahy teaches primarily in the undergraduate nursing program, focusing on clinical practice, classroom theory and lab simulation learning. She has clinical and nursing leadership expertise in perinatal and mental health and substance use with a passion for women and family health equality, diversity, accessibility. Ms. Mahy supports optimal student learning through the exchange and application of nursing research, enhanced knowledge and best practice.

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Debbie Mann, MSN, RN, CCSNE

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Lecturer

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Clinical Teaching Areas:

- Nursing practice with adults/older adults
- Consolidated practice experience

Ms. Mann has extensive theoretical knowledge and clinical nursing experience in a variety of medical and surgical settings. She specializes in caring for acute and chronically ill adult and older adult populations. Her passion for nursing education and nursing practice is the driving force behind her style of evidence-based, current, and hands-on teaching both in the classroom and in clinical settings. As a lifelong learner herself, Ms. Mann greatly values scholarship and mentorship and makes every effort to use teaching styles that will best meet her students' learning needs.

Sheila McBurney, MSN, RN

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Lecturer

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Teaching Areas:

- Nursing undergraduate electives
- Stress and strategies to promote well being
- Community nursing practice

Ms. McBurney is the Undergraduate Nursing Electives Coordinator and brings years of experience in education, nursing practice education and leadership to this role. She has held leadership and education roles in the Health Authority and joined the School of Nursing as a Lecturer in 2006.

Sheila's primary area of clinical nursing practice is in community health. Her passion for leading the team of nursing elective teachers and engaging non-nursing students in nursing elective courses is evident and she is student centered and dedicated to inclusive and engaged education in the classroom.

Jonathan Neufeld, BSN, MSN, NP

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Assistant Professor of Teaching

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Clinical Teaching Areas:

- Simulation
- NP Practice

Jonathan Neufeld is an Assistant Professor of Teaching in the Nurse Practitioner (NP) program, joining the School of Nursing in 2024. He holds a Master of Science in Nursing – Nurse Practitioner degree from McMaster University. His clinical practice is with Foundry, where he provides care to vulnerable and marginalized youth in downtown Vancouver. His teaching interests include simulation-based and case-based learning, with a focus on enhancing clinical reasoning and the application of theoretical knowledge to practice.

Emmanuela Ojukwu, PhD, RN

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Assistant Professor

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Research Areas:

- HIV/AIDS research
- Women's health
- Maternal-infant health
- Black Minority health
- Youth sexual and mental health
- Social determinants of health

Dr. Ojukwu's research focus intersects through major aspects of health including: racial and gender health disparities and inequities, minority health, maternal-infant health, sexual health, social determinants of health, management of chronic illnesses and infectious diseases, particularly HIV/AIDS, health promotion, among others. She has developed a psychometric measure on HIV treatment engagement (HTE) currently being tested in a study of minority older women living with HIV in Miami, Florida, USA. She serves on the executive board of the Canadian Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, and is proficient in quantitative, qualitative and mixed-methods research, including literature reviews/knowledge synthesis, instrument

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John Oliffe, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- Men's mental health
- Men's health promotion
- Gender relations
- Photovoice

Dr. John Oliffe holds a CRC T1 in Men's Health Promotion. As founder and lead investigator of UBC's Men's Health Research program (www.menshealthresearch.ubc.ca), and lead of UBC's Reducing Male Suicide research cluster (www.reducingmalesuicide.ubc.ca), Dr. Oliffe focuses on masculinities as it influences men's health behaviours and illness management, and its impact on partners, families and overall life quality. His empirical and methodological insights guide the development and evaluation of tailored community-based and online health promotion programs for men.

Cowina Pan, NP(F), MN-NP

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Clinical Teaching Areas:

- Primary Care and Urgent Care Practice
- Emphasis on equity-oriented, trauma-informed, and culturally safe care
- Complex and marginalized patient populations
- Integration of real-world clinical reasoning and NP

Ms. Pan was recruited as a lecturer in the Nurse Practitioner program at UBC School of Nursing in 2024. As a practicing NP at Vancouver Coastal Health's Urgent and Primary Care Centre, she continues to provide care to marginalized populations, managing complex health needs for individuals with limited access to timely healthcare services. Her areas of teaching and practice interest include refugee and immigrant health, supporting BIPOC communities, and advocating for women's health.

Alison Phinney, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- Aging, dementia
- Arts and health
- Community-engaged research
- Participatory methods

Dr. Alison Phinney is Director of the Centre for Research on Personhood in Dementia, and is known internationally for her research on dementia, meaningful activity, and aging. She conducts research in partnership with community leaders and people with lived experience to build knowledge and capacity for supporting personhood and social citizenship of older people, especially those living with dementia and their families. With co-investigators across Canada, Germany, and the UK, her current research takes a community-engaged participatory approach to promote social inclusion and reduce stigma.

Scott Ramsay, PhD, RN

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He/Him



Research Areas:

- Acquired brain injury in children and youth
- Indigenous child health

Dr. Ramsay is a Nurse Clinician Scientist who is broadly interested in pediatric brain injuries and through his research seeks to understand the burden of these injuries on children, their families, and the health system. He has exhibited the importance of a bio-psycho-social-environmental approach to pediatric brain injuries and the need for improved services across British Columbia. His work emphasizes promoting health and reducing disease and injury in the pediatric brain injury population through community engagement and education, improved access, and prevention.

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Manon Ranger, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- Infant and premature infant health
- Early stress & pain; neurodevelopment

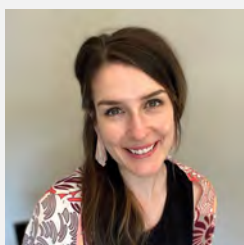
Dr. Ranger's translational research program integrates preclinical investigations with clinical studies in preterm neonates undergoing neonatal intensive care to uncover mechanisms of vulnerability to early adversity (e.g. stress, pain, treatments) in relation to brain development. She also investigates and tests methods to mitigate the adverse effects of those undesirable events, using various technologies such as EEG. She is an Investigator at the BC Children's Hospital Research Institutes where she works collaboratively with multidisciplinary clinicians and researchers.

Shannon Rooney, MN-NP, NP(F)

Assistant Professor of Teaching

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Clinical Teaching Areas:

- Primary Care

Ms. Rooney is an Assistant Professor of Teaching in the Nurse Practitioner (NP) program at the University of British Columbia. With a deep commitment to lifelong learning, Ms. Rooney teaches across classroom, lab, and clinical settings, mentoring and supporting students as they transition from expert Registered Nurses to novice Nurse Practitioners. Her dedication to NP education and curriculum design ensures that students are well-prepared for excellence upon graduation. Current areas of interest include all aspects of primary care, where she continues to contribute to the evolution of NP education.

Angela Russolillo, MSc, PhD

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Research Areas:

- Health Service Use
- Mental Health and Substance Use
- Stigma
- Homelessness

Dr. Angela Russolillo is an Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of British Columbia, specializing in health services research. Her clinical training and experience inform her research program, which focuses on health services use among individuals with psychiatric and substance use disorders. Dr. Russolillo aims to reduce disparities in mental health and substance use treatment through health services reform, advocacy, and the integration of evidence-based practices.

Elizabeth Saewyc, PhD, RN

Director, Professor & Distinguished University Scholar

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Research Areas:

- Adolescent health
- Stigma, trauma, and resilience among youth
- LGBTQ2S+ health

Dr. Saewyc leads the Stigma and Resilience Among Vulnerable Youth Centre (SARAVYC) whose research focuses on how stigma and trauma influence the health of marginalized young people, and what protective factors and interventions can foster resilience. Populations include lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and Two Spirit (LGBTQ2S) teens; runaway and homeless youth; sexually abused and sexually-exploited adolescents; and Indigenous young people in Canada and other countries.

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Ashley Scott, RN (UK), MSc, FHEA

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Teaching Areas:

- Adult Acute Care
- Nursing Education
- Research
- Clinical Informatics

Ashley, with experience across Primary, Secondary and Tertiary care as a Registered Nurse and Advanced Nurse Practitioner, uses his diverse clinical experience to enrich his classes with real patient stories, enhancing students' learning. Passionate about exceptional education, he aims to develop nurses who are skilled in providing high-quality, evidence-based care. Teaching across the BSN, MSN, and MHLF programs, Ashley is also the coordinator of the MHLF programs. In addition to his commitment to providing high-quality education and leadership within the School of Nursing, his research interests lie within the development and evaluation of innovative AI-driven tools to enhance healthcare education.

Tajaira Thiessen, MN-NP, NP(F)

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Clinical Teaching Areas:

- Nurse Practitioner practice
- Chronic disease Management
- Cardiology

Ms. Thiessen is a lecturer in the Masters of Nursing- Nurse Practitioner program. Her work in the program involves lecturing, clinical assessment and committee work on student research. She has a strong background in acute and chronic conditions, specifically in cardiology, and the older adult population.

Meaghan Thumath, BSN, MScPH, DLSHTM, RN

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Research Areas:

- Health equity and communicable disease outbreaks
- Health systems resilience in emergencies
- Disinformation and public health communication
- Substance use policy and overdose response

Dr. Thumath's research examines how misinformation and inequitable policy environments shape population health outcomes during public health crises. Her program of research integrates field experience from global outbreak responses with system-level policy expertise to strengthen crisis communication and equity-oriented public health systems. Working at the intersection of global health, public policy, and behavioural science, she aims to develop evidence-based frameworks for countering disinformation and improving health system resilience during public health emergencies.

Julie Tipping, RN, PhD Candidate

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Research Areas:

- Adult Med/Surg
- Primary Care
- Interprofessional Education Curriculum development
- Virtual Care
- Team Based Care

Dr. Tipping's research advances team-based primary care through interprofessional education, clinical innovation, and curriculum development. Reflecting her experience as an expanded-scope registered nurse, her work exemplifies the generalist perspective gained through diverse practice in pediatrics, critical care, emergency, public health, and rural primary care. Her scholarship focuses on creating equitable, inclusive, and digitally enabled learning environments that strengthen collaboration and improve patient outcomes.

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Sara Vajihollahi, BSN, MSN, RN

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Teaching Areas:

- Primary Health Care
- Stress and strategies to promote wellbeing

Ms. Vajihollahi's primary teaching work is within the undergraduate program in the clinical and lab settings at UBC and BCIT. Her goal is to facilitate a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment for students in the context of palliative and primary care services. Her career goal is to enhance the equity orientated Primary Care practicum experience by expanding connections with organizations and partners within community

Stephanie Van Haute, RN Dipl, BScN, MN, PhD candidate

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Research Areas:

- Cultural Safety
- Health Equity
- Indigenous Peoples' Health
- Indigenous Methodologies
- Patient-Oriented Research
- Learning Health Systems
- Truth and Reconciliation
- Implementation Science

As the recently appointed UBC-Providence Health Care Professorship in Indigenous Cultural Safety and Nursing and (acting) Assistant Professor, Stephanie Van Haute's work fosters crucial dialogues for truth and reconciliation, promoting health equity and community wellness. As a Red River Métis scholar, she is committed to Indigenous health equity and reconciliatory practice within nursing and the wider healthcare systems' change rooted in social determinants of health and intersectionality.

Chandra Waddington, BSN, MSN

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Clinical Teaching Areas:

- Pediatrics - theory and InPatient clinical practice
- Pharmacology

For over two decades, Chandra has specialized in maternal-child health, particularly in Neonatal Intensive Care (NICU). She has developed educational tools for families, nurses, and healthcare professionals in the NICU. In addition to her educational leadership, Chandra's research aims to explore the effects of family-integrated care (FIC) on the development of parent-infant relationships and how FIC can support optimal long-term neurodevelopmental outcomes for infants receiving care in the NICU in an interdisciplinary context.

Sabrina Wong, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- Primary care service delivery and organization
- Primary care information system: inclusive of electronic medical records, patient and practice survey data and administrative data
- Patient oriented research
- Health systems and policy

Dr. Wong's research examines the organization and delivery of health care services within the context of primary health care. She is currently the co-chair for the Canadian Primary Care Research Network and a co-lead for the BC Canadian Primary Care Sentinel Surveillance Network. A recognized leader in research involving electronic medical records and patient-reported experiences and outcomes care, her work contributes to informing practice and system level interventions that seek to improve the health equity in primary care for patients and population groups. Working in partnership with patients, clinicians, decision-makers her work is interprofessional and transforms data to knowledge for

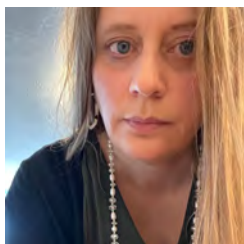
Focus on Faculty 2025/26

Lydia Wytenbroek, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- History of Nursing and Healthcare
- Nursing Internationalism and Nursing Imperialism
- Anti-Racism in Nursing Education and Practice
- Health Equity, History and Justice intersections

Dr. Wytenbroek is Co-Lead of the Consortium for Nursing History Inquiry. She studies nursing and health care history, with special emphasis on the history of racism, nursing internationalism and nursing imperialism. She explores twentieth-century Canadian nursing history with an emphasis on the experiences of BIPOC nurses. Her research includes oral history approaches to capture the social context and complexity of nursing work and knowledge.

Sheryl Zenter, RPN, BScPN, MHLP-CE

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Teaching Areas:

- Mental Health
- Harm Reduction
- Self and Collective Care

Sheryl is a mental health nurse with over 25 years of experience supporting individuals and communities in recovery and wellness. She holds a Master of Health Policy and Leadership with a focus on Clinical Education and serves as a lecturer and the BSN Undergraduate Career and Academic Advisor. Sheryl's scholarly interests center on self and collective care, mindfulness practices to enhance nursing education and transition to practice, and harm reduction education. She is passionate about fostering community and compassion within nursing education and practice.

Active Research and Scholarly Activity 2025/26

Joan Anderson, MSN, PhD

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Professor Emeritus

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Research Areas:

- health, social and public policy

Dr. Anderson has been an active scholar since her retirement in 2005. She has continued theoretical explorations in the area of critical social justice and is one of the founding members of the Sylvia Think Tank. She is especially interested in engaging in dialogue to mobilize critical knowledge and evidence to influence health, social and public policy; and to promote praxis-oriented action to foster health and healing.

Annette Browne, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- Health inequities; Indigenous peoples' health
- Access to primary health care

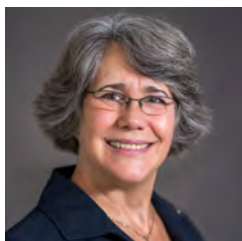
Dr. Browne's research focuses on strategies for fostering health equity, with a particular focus on implications for Indigenous populations. Recent studies have addressed: the impact of organizational interventions to improve health equity in primary care; health promoting interventions with Indigenous women experiencing violence; and, improving healthcare for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in emergency departments. Working in partnership with health and policy leaders, and clinicians at the point of care, her research aims at improving healthcare delivery and policies.

Suzanne Campbell, PhD, IBCLC, RN

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Research Areas:

- Innovative technology in nursing & inter-professional education
- Women's health & breastfeeding

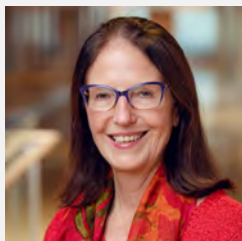
Dr. Campbell is a global educator who uses technology and experiential learning pedagogy to build capacity in simulation and health professional education. She provides ongoing leadership in facilitating faculty development, mentoring new and seasoned educators to share their simulation designs and innovations in written and online resources. She is advancing interprofessional education, research, and practice in her international outreach; supporting faculty and graduate students in assessing therapeutic communication and developing open education resources for therapeutic communication and lactation management, used by academic and clinical sites.

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Associate Professor Emeritus

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Research Areas:

- Social determinants of child health
- Instrument development & evaluation
- Nurse workplace factors & patient safety culture

Dr. Dahinten's current research focusses on workplace factors that influence patient safety. She also has expertise in instrument evaluation and retains an interest in factors that influence the health and development of children and youth.

Active Research and Scholarly Activity 2025/26

Ranjit Dhari, MSN, RN

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Teaching Areas:

- Public health nursing

Ms. Dhari is an Instructor in the nursing undergraduate program. A faculty member since 2013, Ms. Dhari has background in Public Health nursing, with a strong interest in engaging students in service learning in the primary health care context, especially with community agencies serving marginalized populations. She developed, in consultation with other health professions, a series of flipped classrooms to promote in-depth knowledge related to specific topics. Ms. Dhari is a recipient of Award of Excellence in Nursing Practice, 1995, College of Registered Nurses of BC.

Wendy Hall, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- Parental Confidence and Competence
- Children's sleep problems

Dr. Hall is an expert in factors associated with children's behavioural sleep problems and their management. She co-developed the Smart Parent texting program to support parents with evidence-based information through infants' first year of life. She consults with health care providers and families to promote children's healthy sleep. Dr. Hall also collaborates with international scholars to examine elements affecting individuals' perinatal care.

Maura MacPhee, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- Nursing leadership and development
- Healthy workplaces for nurses

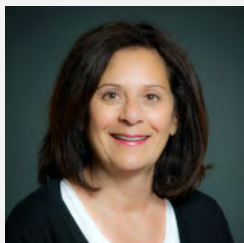
Dr. MacPhee is a health services researcher. She has studied nurses' work environments, including workload management, safe staffing and the importance of leadership at different organizational levels. Most recently she has been using realist methods to explore specific contextual factors associated with health and well-being in community settings. She is currently conducting realist research with multi-disciplinary teams in Canada and the UK. She is a research fellow on a realist review and evaluation funded through the National of Institute for Health Research at the University of Aston, UK.

Joanne Ricci, MSN, RN

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Clinical Areas:

- population/primary health care
- clinical practice in health promotion

Ms. Ricci has extensive experience teaching and coordinating in the undergraduate programs, including teaching in surgical, geriatric, family nursing and maternal and community nursing. She has been instrumental in the development of curriculum for health promotion and illness prevention in population health/primary health care. Her clinical practice in health promotion coincides with her classroom teaching, providing her with concrete examples when demonstrating relevant concepts.

Active Research and Scholarly Activity 2025/26

Sally Thorne, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- Chronic illness & cancer experience
- End-of-life/palliative care
- Medical Assistance in Dying

Dr. Thorne has an extensive background in the intersection between systems of health care and the experience of those seeking health for chronic and serious conditions. Her current program of research and knowledge translation focusses attention on palliative approaches to the care of persons with serious and life-limiting conditions and on the evolving discourses, practice complexities and socio-ethical challenges associated with medical assistance in dying.

Colleen Varcoe, PhD, RN

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Research Areas:

- Health inequities & Aboriginal health
- Structural & interpersonal violence
- Nursing philosophy

Dr. Varcoe is a leader in research on violence and inequity, with emphasis on women's and Indigenous people's health. Her research is currently focused on interventions to mitigate the health effects of violence for women who have experienced partner violence, and interventions to help health care settings, such as Emergency Departments, promote equity. She is a leader in implementing and studying equity-promoting health care, including trauma- and violence-informed approaches, cultural safety and harm reduction.

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