UBC Research Excellence Clusters

UBC Nursing faculty are funded through several successful UBC Research Excellence Clusters, which are interdisciplinary networks of researchers who work together to solve challenges that transcend traditional boundaries.

- **Dr. John Oliffe** is the cluster lead on [Reducing Male Suicide](#)
- **Dr. Helen Brown** is the cluster lead for [Transformative Health & Justice](#)
Dr. Suzanne Campbell is the cluster co-lead on the Women's Health Research Cluster
Dr. Sabrina Wong is a cluster member for Advancing Mental Health Equity in a post-COVID-19 Asia-Pacific
Dr. Kristen Haase, Dr. Lillian Hung, and Dr. Manon Ranger are cluster affiliates for the Designing for People cluster

Envisioning Equality Awards

Dr. Sabrina Wong is a recipient of the Envisioning Equality award in recognition for her scholarly contributions to public health and community initiatives towards equitable healthcare. The Envisioning Equality public art project uses the transformative power of art in public spaces to celebrate the accomplishments of women and gender-diverse faculty and staff.
Transformative Health & Justice Research Cluster: Stories that Reduce Stigma

The Transformative Health and Justice Research Cluster (THJRC) presents its first UBC Robson Event on April 7, 2022 from 7 to 9 PM.

Storytelling is recognized as an effective method to reducing stigma towards persons who experience discrimination related to substance use and the criminal legal system. This event will bring together persons with lived experience and allies who are working to reduce stigma through storytelling.

CRiHHI Seminar Series: Arts-Based Critical Pedagogy in Nursing Education

The Critical Research in Health and Healthcare Inequities (CRiHHI) unit is organizing an event with graduate students and faculty who are enacting arts-based, critical pedagogy in their research, scholarship, teaching, and learning. The panelists are graduate students Kyra Philbert and Natania Abebe and UBC Nursing Associate Professor of Teaching Emeritus Kathy O’Flynn-Magee.

The event will be on April 12, 2022 from 12 to 1:30 PM PST via Zoom.
Dr. Lydia Wytenbroek is hosting a panel presentation on the history and experiences of Filipino nurses in Canada on April 7, 2022 at 1 PM over Zoom. The event is co-organized by Dr. Wytenbroek and the students in NURS 586A (Nursing & Health Care in Historical Perspectives) along with APSCI EDI support. The panelists are: Dr. Charlene Ronquillo (Nursing), Dr. Jon Malek (History), and Dr. Valerie Damasco (Education).
Ismalia De Sousa - Killam Graduate Teaching Assistant Award

Congratulations to Ismália De Sousa on receiving the UBC Killam Graduate Teaching Assistant Award. This recognition is given to graduate students who have excelled in creating a productive learning environment for their students. With over two thousand UBC teaching assistants, this award honors remarkable candidates who have improved their academic programs.

Doctors of BC Award - South Asian COVID Task Force

Congratulations to the BC chapter of the South Asian COVID Task Force (SACTF) on receiving the Excellence in Health Promotion award as part of the Doctors of BC Awards. UBC Nursing's Assistant Professor of Teaching Ranjit Dhari's involvement with SACTF focused on spreading awareness in South Asian communities about the vaccine in order to boost vaccine uptake and lower transmission rates.
NFRF Awards

Congratulations to Principal Investigator Dr. John Oliffe and his co-applicants on receiving funding from the New Frontiers in Research Fund (NFRF) for their project, *Men Building Intimate Partner Relationships*.

The NFRF funds projects that support science innovation and enhance Canada's position in the global knowledge economy. Dr. Oliffe was awarded under the 2021 Special Call 2021 Innovative Approaches to Research in the Pandemic Context.

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TLEF Funding

Congratulations to UBC Nursing Professor of Teaching & Associate Director Elsie Tan and her team including: Dr. Geertje Boschma, Dr. Suzanne Campbell, Dr. Bernie Garrett, Dr. Farinaz Havaei, Dr. Saima Hirani, Cathryn Jackson, Dr. Maura MacPhee, Debbie Mann, and Julie Tipping, on receiving funding from the Teaching and Learning Enhancement (TLEF) Fund for their project, *Integrating and expanding simulation pedagogy: Refreshing practice education across the undergraduate nursing curriculum.*

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CIHR Grants

Congratulations to Dr. Naz Havaei, Dr. Maura MacPhee and team on their $99,974 CIHR Catalyst Grant: Quadruple Aim and Equity titled, *Workload management through understanding and addressing resident needs in long term care: A study to adapt, validate, implement and evaluate the Synergy Model.*

Congratulations to Dr. Sabrina Wong, doctoral trainee Innocent Ndateba, and team on their successful CIHR project grant ($1,461,149), *Identifying strategies for successful implementation of primary healthcare teams: longitudinal case studies across three Canadian provinces.*

SSHRC Grants

Congratulations to UBC Nursing faculty recipients of SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant (PEG) funding:

- Congratulations to Dr. Saima Hirani on her SSHRC PEG grant, *Understanding perceived social support and self-efficacy of women: A partnership to promote women's mental well-being* ($25,000).
- Congratulations to Dr. Vicky Bungay and postdoc Dr. Shahin Kassam on their SSHRC PEG grant, *Women's Stories of Forced Migration and Integration into Canadian Systems* ($24,997).
Climate change and women's health & well-being: A nursing perspective

UBC Nursing faculty Raluca Radu was a part of the 66th Commission on the Status of Women UN parallel event on March 14, 2022. The event, co-hosted by the International Council of Nurses, focused on nurses' contribution to mitigate climate change and how to support women and global communities on adapting to the changing climate. The full recording is available online.

Professor Jessie Gordon MacCarthy Memorial Scholarship - Natania Abebe

Congratulations to Natania Abebe, a student in the Master of Public Health and Master of Science in Nursing program for receiving the Professor Jessie Gordon MacCarthy Memorial Scholarship. The award recognized Natania for her academic excellence, demonstrated interest, and leadership in the field of community health.
Dr. Colleen Varcoe's book "Women's Health in Canada: Challenges of Intersectionality, Second Edition" speaks about how "women's health" is a distinct form of healthcare shaped by intersecting systems of power rooted in sexism. Dr. Varcoe's book is now available.

Researchers Study Canadian Vaccine Distribution From an Equity Lens

Public health researchers, with Dr. Sabrina Wong as the BC co-lead, will study how vaccine distribution approaches influence the uptake and acceptance of COVID-19 vaccines across seven provinces with a particular focus on equity-deserving populations.

PUBLICATIONS

* denotes UBC Nursing trainees & alumni

Qualitative meta-synthesis
Nurse Author and Editor
Sally Thorne
Correlates of Canadian mothers’ anger during the postpartum period: a cross-sectional survey
*BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*
C. Ou, Wendy A. Hall, Paddy Rodney, R. Stremler

Nursing (Inter)nationalism in Iran, 1916–1947
*Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies*
Lydia Wytenbroek

Public health nurses’ perceptions of their interactions with child protection services when supporting socioeconomically disadvantaged young mothers in British Columbia, Canada
*Child Abuse & Neglect*

Involvement of frontline clinicians in healthcare technology development: Lessons learned from a ventilator project
*Health and Technology*
Margaret Chen-Mei Lin*, T. H. Kim, W. S. Kim, I. Hakanson, A. Hussein, Lillian Hung

Masculinity and mental illness in and after men’s intimate partner relationships
*Qualitative Research in Health*

"People say men don’t talk, well that’s bullshit": A focus group study exploring challenges and opportunities for men’s mental health promotion
*Public Library of Science One*
P. Sharp, J. Bottorff, S. Rice, John L. Oliffe, N. Schulenkorf, F. Impellizzeri, C. Caperchione
Social Disconnection and Psychological Distress in Canadian Men During the COVID-19 Pandemic
American Journal of Men’s Health

Men’s Experiences of Mental Illness Stigma Across the Lifespan: A Scoping Review
American Journal of Men’s Health
S. McKenzie, John L. Oliffe, A. Black, S. Collings

Conditional Process Modeling of the Relationship Among Self-Reliance, Loneliness, and Depressive Symptoms, and the Moderating Effect of Feeling Understood
The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease

Government policies targeting primary care physician practice from 1998-2018 in three Canadian provinces: A jurisdictional scan
Health Policy

The CUP study: protocol for a comparative analysis of centralised waitlist effectiveness, policies and innovations for connecting unattached patients to primary care providers
BMJ Open
Bedtime versus morning use of antihypertensives for cardiovascular risk reduction (BedMed): protocol for a prospective, randomised, open-label, blinded end-point pragmatic trial

**BMJ Open**


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**MEDIA COVERAGE**

**Most British Columbians fear pandemic will last, study finds**

A study led by UBC in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association found that two-thirds of British Columbians are worried that new variants of COVID-19 mean the pandemic will continue for years to come. UBC nursing professor [Dr. Emily Jenkins](#) was quoted.

ICI Radio-Canada, City News, Earth.com

**People in Waterloo-Wellington are stressed about COVID-19, convoys and now Ukraine: CMHA**

UBC nursing professor [Dr. Emily Jenkins](#) commented on a UBC co-led study which found that people in Waterloo-Wellington are stressed about COVID-19, convoys and the Russo-Ukrainian War.

CBC

**From the industry: Canadian women are not OK this International Women's Day**

A study led by UBC in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association found that 41 per cent of women saw a decline in their mental health since the onset of the pandemic, compared to 31 per cent of men.

Healthing

'Everyone should be concerned about this': B.C. union sounds alarm about shortage of ICU nurses
Nursing professor and director of the school of nursing Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc commented on the shortage of ICU nurses.

CTV via Funny 1040

'We need to do more to support Indigenous nurses': UBC's first-ever Indigenous nursing lead is on the job

Tania Dick, a member of the Dzawada’enuxw First Nation of Kingcome Inlet and UBC nursing alum, was interviewed about being UBC's first-ever Indigenous nursing lead.

Vancouver is Awesome

COVID stress lingering

A study led by UBC in partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association found that 64 per cent of people in Canada are worried about new variants and 57 per cent are worried about COVID-19 circulating in the population for years to come.

Castanet, Glacier Media via Powell River Peak, Dawson Creek Mirror, Toronto Sun, Toronto Star via Welland Tribune

Permanent DST ignores health concerns

UBC Nursing researcher Dr. Wendy Hall speaks on how permanently imposing Daylight Savings Time may cause a variety of health problems due to the disrupted hours of sunlight.

Burnabynow, Glacier Media via North Shore News, Coast Reporter, Times Colonist, New Westminster Record, Prince George Citizen

Building back equitably: 4 ways to address mental health inequities magnified by the pandemic, and ensure access to care

UBC nursing professor Dr. Emily Jenkins and medicine post-doctoral fellow Dr. Pierre-julien Coulaud co-wrote about how to equitably address mental health after the pandemic.

Conversation
Lack of booster shots in B.C’s young people has some experts concerned

UBC nursing professors Dr. Sabrina Wong and Dr. Elizabeth Saewyc were interviewed about why the majority of people under the age of 40 living in B.C haven't gotten their booster shot.

City News

How sleep training affects babies

Sleep training infants is believed to help develop healthy sleep cycles that improve the family's overall wellbeing. Dr. Wendy Hall's study on sleep training infants is designed to highlight the benefits of intervening in infant sleep patterns.

BBC

Nursing leader's legacy lives on

In tribute to the 19th annual Oncology Nursing Day in Canada, the Penticton Herald highlighted the work of Penticton-born Dr. Tracy Truant, who made immense contributions to the field before cancer claimed her life.

Penticton Herald

For more research opportunities: