

Healing Circles of Engagement Weaving Relationships in Research: An Indigenous Research Café

A Research Conversation

Wednesday August 23, 2023

Goodman School of Business Atrium

BROCK UNIVERSITY

9 am – 3:30 pm

Indigenous Luncheon Provided

Free Registration at:

https://brock.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0wAjmmbn5RmBF5k

Weaving Relationships in Research: An Indigenous Research Café

A Research Conversation

August 23, 2023

Goodman School of Business – Atrium

Brock University

1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way

St. Catharines, ON

Synopsis - Health as is culture are central to one's overall wellbeing. The Healing Circles of Engagement Weaving Relationships in Research Café- Presentations and panel discussion of various Indigenous-based projects will be featured as we talk about ways of doing Indigenous research (through story telling, sharing circles, using art forms for communicating the research findings). The aim is to gather and engage in conversations around Indigenous health, culture and ways of knowing, bringing researchers, students, Indigenous community members and health organization stakeholders together to forge partnerships and collaborations.

Agenda

9:00-9:30 Welcome Reception and Remarks (Refreshments)

(Robyn Bourgeois, Indigenous Provost Brock University) Drummers of the Mississauga of the Credit.

9:30-10:45 Panel Presentations – Indigenous Methodologies and Protocols

Panelists: Dr. Connie Schumacher, Dr. Sheila O'Keefe McCarthy, Dr. Bobby Henry, Dr. Vanessa Silva e Silva, Lyn Trudeau

10:45- 11:15 Panel Discussion moderated by Dr. Val Michelson

- What further research would best benefit Indigenous Communities?
- What opportunities and challenges?
- How best to share best practices and research findings with Indigenous Communities?

11:15-12:00 Tour to Alphies Trough for Ceremonial Fire

12:00-1:00 Health Break – Indigenous Lunch provided by Eleven Eighty Catering

1:00-2:00 Poster Presentations

2:00-3:00 Panel Discussion moderated by Dr. Connie Schumacher

- What further engagement would best benefit students who wish to work with Indigenous Communities?
- What are the opportunities and challenges?
- What education, communications and supports can best benefit Indigenous students and scholars?

Panelists: Dr. Bobby Henry, RYANNE LOGAN, Dr. Sheila O'Keefe McCarthy, Michelle Bomberry, Mackenzie Shigwadja, Lyn Trudeau

3:00-3:30 Poster Awards Presentation, Closing Remarks Dr. Robyn Bourgeois

This Event is Funded by the Canadian Institute of Health Research - CIHR



Panelists and Planning Committee

Dr. Robyn Bourgeois is mixed-race nehiyaw iskwew (Cree woman) her scholarly work focuses on Indigenous feminisms, violence against Indigenous women and girls, and Indigenous women's political activism and leadership. She is the Vice-Provost Indigenous Engagement at Brock University.

Cindy Biancaniello is the Director of Brock University's Hadiya'dagénhahs First Nations, Métis and Inuit Student Centre.

Michelle Bomberry is a member of Six Nations of the Grand Territory. She is a PhD student and research assistant.

Dr. Bobby Henry is Ball Deer Clan member of Cayuga Nation and community member of Six Nations of the Grand Territory. He is an Assistant Professor with expertise in Language renewal and impact on cultural identity.

Ryanne Logan is a Lenape woman from Eelünaapéwi Lakhéewit (the Delaware First Nation) in Ontario, Canada, and is a member of the Turtle Clan. Ryanne recently graduated from Brock University with her Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience, and is preparing to begin graduate studies in the fall in the Master of Applied Health Sciences program at Brock University, focusing on community health with an interest in Indigenous health and welfare. Currently, she is working as a research assistant in projects directed towards Indigenous language revitalization and learning.

Dr. Val Michelson is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Sciences at Brock University. She brings a critical social justice to research, which is broadly concerned with how the social dimensions of health shape the health and well-being of children and youth. She approaches issues related to decolonization and health equity from her position as a White settler scholar and is honoured when she has the opportunity to work with First Nations, Métis and Inuit colleagues, students, and community partners.

Dr. Sheila O'Keefe McCarthy is an Associate Professor in the Department of Nursing at Brock University, is a Registered Nurse, and Cardiovascular and Pain Scientist. She embraces a social justice lens and uses an arts-based approach to conduct research. She locates herself as a White settler scholar. She is humbled to learn from and work alongside Indigenous scholars and communities to create meaningful uptake of knowledge promoting heart health.

Colleen Patterson is a woman of Algonquin and mixed ancestry who has spent more than 25 years working to improve the health and well-being of Indigenous peoples. Through various research, education, communications, and knowledge translation activities she has engaged with First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals, families and communities across Canada from coast to coast to coast. She has been employed at Brock University since 2015.

Dr. Connie Schumacher is mixed heritage (Anishinabek and English) member of the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation. She is a Registered Nurse and Assistant Professor in Nursing, with research encompassing on digital health assessments, chronic disease management and health education using participatory and patient-oriented, storytelling and sharing circle approaches.

Mackenzie Shigwadja is Ojibway-Odawa from Wikwemikong Unceded Territory on Manitoulin Island. I am entering my third year of the nursing program at Brock University and is the captain of the Brock Women's Lacrosse team.

Dr. Vanessa Silva e Silva is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Nursing at Brock University and a white settler scholar with clinical expertise in community health, critical care, and more deeply in organ donation and transplantation. Her current research program is focused on improving the quality of organ donation programs and structures worldwide including equity and inclusion in donation and transplantation. She has collaborated in indigenous research that used collective consensual analysis an indigenous methodology which brought a research paradigm shift to her own research understanding.

Lyn Trudeau is from Sagamok Anishinawbek First Nation, Eagle Clan, and cross appointed with Women's and Gender Studies and Sociology. Her research is through a decolonial lens, and honouring her cultural background embeds Indigenous ways of being in her classrooms and research endeavours. Lyn is also an artistic scholar who engages creative expression and visual cultural representation within her works.