Calls

Online journal Social Sciences Special Issue: "Child Protection and Social Inequality"
Submission deadline: June 30, 2018
The editors are deliberately seeking to include papers which encourage connections between disciplines and new thinking. They are hoping that the special issue will contribute to the establishment of social inequalities as an essential perspective on child protection, internationally. Click here for more information.

Special Issue of the Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work: Advances in Social Work Practice with Multicultural Communities
Submission deadline: January 31, 2018
Contributions to this special issue should report on empirical research (including quantitative, qualitative, intervention, or community-based studies) on effective methods of responsive practice with diverse racial and ethnic communities, including: research on the effectiveness of practice interventions that integrates cultural elements in a range of fields and areas of practice (e.g., original research and meta-syntheses); studies on effective cultural adaptations of existing interventions; empirical analyses of client perceptions and experiences related to service access and delivery among ethnoracial groups; new research methodologies for the study of multicultural practice; and empirically-based innovative models of cross-cultural competence that can be applied to social work practice, including models that draw from other disciplines or incorporate other approaches (for example, patient-centered care, narrative medicine, and ethnoracial group-centered frameworks). Click here for more information.

Call for Abstracts
2018 Health and Wellbeing in Children, Youth, and Adults with Developmental Disabilities: Creating Partnerships
Deadline: April 30, 2018 & June 22, 2018
Click here for more information.

Events

Indigenous Child Welfare Research Group
Feb 1 12:00 – 14:00
Mar 1 12:00 – 14:00
CRCF conference room (suite 106), 3506 rue University
A monthly discussion group of graduate students, faculty and researchers as well as professionals from university affiliated organizations. Aimed at building empirical knowledge on topics related to Indigenous child welfare and to facilitate knowledge translation of Indigenous child welfare research. Click here for more information.

Huddle for Action and Social Justice
Feb 1 14:00 – 15:00
Mar 1 14:00 – 15:00
CRCF conference room (suite 106), 3506 rue University
Some CRCF members decided to join together to create a Huddle - a gathering of people who wish to define next steps, and envision how to transform the energy shown at the Women’s Marches into local and national action. During monthly meetings held on the first Thursday of the month from 2:00 to 3:00 pm at the Centre for Research on Children and Families, Huddlers identify social issues they are concerned about and develop strategies to act on. Members can also connect by videoconferencing or teleconferencing. For more information or to join the Huddle, please contact Jennifer Nutton.

Trans Youth and Families Journal Watch
Jan 10 12:15-13:15
CRCF conference room (suite 106), 3506 rue University
The Trans Youth and Families Journal Watch, aka TYF Watch, is a joint initiative between CRCF and McGill University Sexual Identity Clinic (MUSIC). Every month, we gather together on a Wednesday at lunch time (12:15 - 13:15) in the CRCF conference room to discuss the most recent peer reviewed journal articles on transgender topics. If you are interested in transgender research, come join us! For any student at McGill potentially interested in joining or to receive more information, please contact Biru Zhou at biru.zhou(at)mcgill.ca.

Child Welfare Journal Club
Jan 15 12:05-13:30
CRCF conference room (suite 106), 3506 rue University
The Child Welfare Journal Club is a joint McGill / University of Toronto initiative supported by funds from the Royal Bank of Canada. It is a monthly journal club for faculty and graduate students interested in child welfare research. We review empirical studies published
in the leading child welfare journals and select the most salient and rigorous studies to be summarized and distributed in monthly e-newsletters disseminated through the Canadian Child Welfare Research Portal (CWRP).
For any PhD student at McGill potentially interested in joining the Research Watch team or to receive more information, please contact Biru Zhou at biru.zhou(at)mcgill.ca.

Research Seminar - Implementing trauma-informed practices in child protection settings: Reflections on challenges and opportunities with Delphine Collin-Vézina & Sarah McNamee
Jan 17 12:00 – 13:00
Wendy Patrick room (room 118), 3506 rue University, Montreal

This presentation will focus on trauma-informed care intervention models, more specifically the Attachment, self-Regulation, and Competency framework (Blaustein & Kinniburgh, 2010). ARC is a systemic, evidence-informed intervention framework for children, youth and families who have experienced multiple traumas, and is currently being implemented in several child protection agencies in Quebec. The ARC framework is a model that identifies three core domains of intervention for children and adolescents and their caregiving systems as means to build resiliency: attachment, self-regulation, and competency. It is a multimodal and transtheoretical model that has great potential for generalizability because its flexibility allows for applications to diverse populations and settings (e.g. direct individual work with children, support for the caregiving system, programming at the milieu and system levels). In addition to presenting the core components of the ARC model, we will present the conditions upon which a trauma-informed system of care in child welfare is created as well as the opportunities and challenges we have encountered while working with child protection agencies.
Cookies & coffee will be served. For more information on CRCF's research seminars, please click here.

Qualitative Data Analysis Group (QDAG)
Center for Research on Children and Families, suite 106, 3506 rue University
The QDAG is a space for social work doctoral students to work independently with others to be able to ask questions as they emerge during data analysis. The QDAG is not a discussion group. It is a work-focused group to move students forward through the data analysis phase of the dissertation with the support of others. For more information and for the upcoming meeting times, please contact Gina Glidden or Jennifer Nutton.
Job/Scholarship Opportunities

Poste de professeure / professeur en thérapie conjugale et familiale,
École de travail social et de criminologie, Université Laval
Deadline: January 15, 2018 before 4:00 pm
Start Date: March 1, 2018
Click here for more information.

Postdoctoral fellowship, Partnership Research Chair in Child Maltreatment Prevention,
University of Laval
Deadline: Applications will be received and examined continuously. The postdoctoral fellowship will be awarded to the first candidate whose application obtains a positive evaluation
Start Date: no later than September 1, 2018
For more information in English, click here. For more information in French, click here.

A former QY/MSW student looking for Research Assistant (RA) position

A former student Vandna Sinha’s, Michael Wray, is looking for work as an RA. Vandna states that Michael is an excellent writer, has solid library research/lit review skills, and is not afraid of numbers/stats. He’s looking for 5-10 hrs/week on a short term or ongoing basis. Please click here to view Michael’s CV. Please click here to view a sample of his writing.

News & Notices

CRCF Gives Back
$550 was raised for CRCF Gives Back this year, surpassing last year’s total by $150! A holiday card and gift certificates (Pharmaprix and Toys R Us) were sent to members of the Montreal Youth in Care Alumni Student Association and 9 families from the Verdun Elementary School. Thank you for your generosity!

Articles for CRCF’s ON THE RADAR

If you are not aware, CRCF’s On the Radar publication is a dissemination initiative that promotes its members research. On the Radar can be used to publish preliminary data, a pilot study, a policy paper or findings from a small project that are not suitable for a journal publication. It can also be used to provide a product to a partner. Please contact pamela.weightman@mcgill.ca if you would like to submit an article for publication.
Two members receive Best Poster award
Out of 3 such awards, CRCF members Alicia Boatswain-Kyte and Katrina Cherney were each recently awarded Best Poster Award at the Canadian Research Data Centre Network 2017 National Conference. Congratulations Katie and Alicia (pictured here with colleague Mohammad Khan who co-authored with Katie)!

Two members come to the end of their PhD’s
Dr. Lise Milne successfully defending her thesis on December 8th! Congratulations Lise! Now that you are moving back to Montreal, we look forward to seeing more of you in the future 😊.

Dr. Marie-Joëlle Robichaud (4th from the right) received the highest distinction after successfully defending her thesis on Dec 1st. Dr. Robichaud was recommended for the Dean's Honor List and to represent the University of Montreal in international Best Thesis competitions. Felicitations Marie-Joëlle!
CRCF holiday party!
There were lots of laughs at the CRCF Holiday party 😊). Happy holidays to all of our members and collaborators!

Comps completed!
CRCF member Lyn Morland completed her PhD comprehensive exam! Way to go Lyn!

Publications & Presentations
Creating Connections Through Photography
Former youth in care Keeshana Emmanuel (first from left) and Hari (third from left) worked with McGill researcher and CRCF member Melanie Doucet (centre) to create a photography exhibit telling stories of youth in care. Click here to view the article.

CRCF member interviewed on CBC Vancouver on the program On The Coast
Melanie Maxine Doucet was interviewed about a collaborative photovoice & photography research project she is involved in with young people from care in the Greater Vancouver area. Click here to listen to the interview (starts @ 1:27:56).