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## Conferences & Trainings

### International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference - Call for papers

**Submission deadline:** March 12, 2018

**Conference date:** July 15 - 17, 2018

**Location:** Sheraton Harborside Hotel, New Hampshire

Inviting abstracts on all areas of family violence, research on methodological issues, as well as research on special populations with a particular emphasis on minority issues in family violence and child victimization research. Click [here](#) for more information. Continuing education will be available for many professional groups. Additional information can be provided by contacting our conference staff at [fri.conference@unh.edu](mailto:fri.conference@unh.edu) or (603) 862-0767.

### **RETURNING THIS YEAR! RESILIENCE CON, JULY 18, 2018**

Resilience Con will promote strengths-based approaches for violence and other adversities in a think-tank environment. If you have work on resilience, submit it to the main conference. We will use those papers, short talks, and structured, goal-directed interactions (developed in the communications field) to set an agenda for the next generation of work to understand, prevent, and overcome violence.

### **OPEN CALL FOR WORKSHOP SUBMISSIONS**

We are opening up workshop proposals to all prospective presenters. We will select 3 to 5 workshop proposals for inclusion in the 2018 conference. One conference registration waiver will be granted for each selected workshop (may be shared among two presenters, each of whom would receive a 50% discount). If you are interested in submitting a workshop proposal, please email the conference administrator at [fri.conference@unh.edu](mailto:fri.conference@unh.edu).

**Workshop for graduate/postdoc trainees hosted by McGill [Qualitative Health Research Group](#)**  
**Dec 6 3:00 – 17:00**

**Faculty of Dentistry, #102-2001 McGill College Avenue**

Up to 3 participants can have ~30 minutes to discuss project ideas, plans, and/or methodological challenges in their ongoing research. The goal is to get focused feedback from the group, so the presentations should be no more than 10 minutes (maximum of 5 PowerPoint slides per person); this will ensure the bulk of the time can be focused on brainstorming & feedback. Sign up NOW! Email Crystal if you want a spot ([crystal.noronha@mcgill.ca](mailto:crystal.noronha@mcgill.ca)). The first three to respond will get priority! As always, everyone is welcome to attend.

## Events

**Indigenous Child Welfare Research Group**

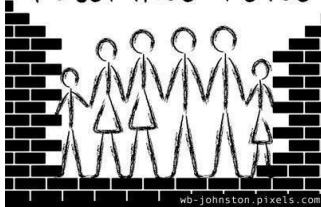
**Dec 7 12:00 – 14:00**

**Jan 4 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.

**SOLIDARITY UNITY  
TOLERANCE PEACE**



**Huddle for Action and Social Justice**

**Dec 7 14:00 – 15:00**

**Jan 4 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**

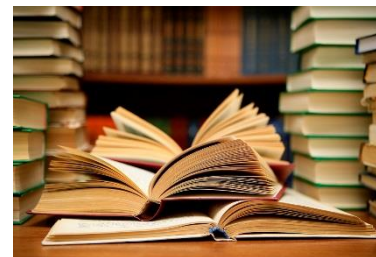
**Dec 13 12:15-13:15**

**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](mailto:biru.zhou(at)mcgill.ca).





### **Child Welfare Journal Club**

**Dec 18 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](mailto:biru.zhou(at)mcgill.ca).

### **Research Seminar - GlobalChild: A rights-based approach to child health and development in Canada and beyond by Ziba Vaghri, University of Victoria**

**Dec 6 12:00 – 13:00**

**Wendy Patrick room (room 118), 3506 rue University, Montreal**

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) is the main human rights treaty providing international standards, but also accountability, for the fulfillment of children's rights. The Convention stipulates a monitoring system for all 195 countries that have ratified the CRC and places the international obligation on countries to write periodic reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child (the Committee, hereafter) as the monitoring body of the Convention every 5 years.

Reporting on CRC remains a challenge for most of the countries. For example, in Canada, despite our leading role in the development of the CRC and its early ratification, our reporting has been unsatisfactory. The Committee has indicated that we need to "...strengthen and centralize mechanisms to compile and analyze systematically disaggregated data ..." Additionally, Canada's reports are not submitted in a timely manner and its last report was reviewed over a decade after the previous one. This project proposes to address these issues by creating GlobalChild (GC), a comprehensive tool to facilitate CRC monitoring and implementation by the use of indicators.



GlobalChild builds upon the expertise of a large team of national and international experts. It is founded on a decade of work with the UN Committee, and will continue to be conducted under the auspices of the UN Committee.

During this presentation, an overview of a decade of work with the UN agencies, such as WHO's global crusade of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health (CSDH), which has led to the development of the idea of GlobalChild will be presented. The international team

undertaking this project will be introduced and the characteristics of GlobalChild as a comprehensive child rights monitoring platform and its role in enhancing our accountability to children will be discussed. Then the floor will be opened to Q/A, discussions and exchange. Bring your lunch. 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**

#### **CRCF Aging Out of Care Scholarship**

The CRCF was bequeathed a generous donation from Mr. Manuel Batshaw, a Canadian social worker who is best known for being the founder of Batshaw Youth and Family Centres (now part of the CIUSSS Ouest-de-l'Île-de-Montréal). Using this donation, the CRCF has created the Aging Out of Care Scholarship in recognition of Mr. Batshaw's life's work and his specific interest in assisting children aging out of care. These scholarships are available to any person pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in the School of Social Work at McGill University on this subject matter. The deadline for application is December 20, 2017. Please click [here](#) for more information.



#### **Tenure-stream appointment in the area of Etiology and Treatment of Addiction and/or Mental Disorders in Indigenous Persons in Canada**

**Department of Psychology**

**University of Toronto Scarborough**

Click [here](#) for more information.

#### **Assistant or Associate Professor, School of Social Work**

**Lakehead University, Thunder Bay Campus**

**Deadline: Open until the position is filled**

**Start Date: August 1, 2018**

Click [here](#) for more information.

**Tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor, School of Social Work  
St. Thomas University**

**Deadline: December 1st, 2017 or when the position is filled**

**Start Date: July 1, 2018**

Click [here](#) for more information.

**Tenure-track Assistant Professor position, School of Social Work  
University of Regina**

**Deadline: December 31st, 2017 or until suitable candidates are identified**

**Start Date: July 1, 2018**

Click [here](#) for more information.

**Assistant Professor, Social Work  
King's University College at Western University**

**Deadline: December 8, 2017**

**Start Date: July 1, 2018**

Click [here](#) for more information.

**Full-Time Faculty Position (at the rank of Assistant), expertise in Indigenous studies, critical  
and postcolonial perspectives**

**School of Social Work, University of Ottawa**

**Deadline: Consideration of applications will begin on January 12th, 2018 and will  
continue until the position is successfully filled.**

**Start Date: July 1, 2018**

Click [here](#) for more information in English. Click [here](#) for more information in French.

**Full-Time Faculty Position (at the rank of Assistant), expertise in migrations, racism and social  
work**

**School of Social Work, University of Ottawa**

**Deadline: Consideration of applications will begin on January 12th, 2018 and will  
continue until the position is successfully filled.**

**Start Date: July 1, 2018**

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## News & Notices

### 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](mailto:pamela.weightman@mcgill.ca) if you would like to submit an article for publication.



## Welcome to our new CRCF members!



[Lyn Morland](#) is the recipient of a three-year Tomlinson Fellowship in the McGill University School of Social Work doctoral program. She is currently Co-Investigator with Nicole Ives, PhD, PI, on the research project, “Exploring belonging: Experiences of refugee children and families in a Montreal recreational setting”. She is also a Research Fellow at Bank Street College of Education’s Center on Culture, Race, and Equity (CCRE). Prior to coming to McGill, Lyn worked for over 30 years to develop culturally responsive social services, education, and health/mental health care, nationally and internationally, for refugee and immigrant children, youth, and families. Click here for more information about [Lyn](#).

[Dr. Angela Filipe](#) is a sociologist of health and medicine working at the intersection of medical anthropology, science studies, and social theory. Dr. Filipe’s research explores issues concerning the practice and process of diagnosis in neurodevelopmental conditions such as ADHD, the globalization of medicine and psychiatry, and different modes of knowledge production and participation in health care and research. She is currently a post-doctoral research fellow in Childhood, Health and Society at the CRCF, where she is working with [Dr Lach](#) and her lab. Her remit is to examine social dimensions and family experiences of neurodisability (ranging from neuroscientific research and early intervention to health policies and disparities) and to develop a new program of research in the field. Click here for more information about [Dr. Filipe](#).



[Anne-Marie Parent](#) is a MA student in Educational Psychology (Human Development concentration) at McGill University, under the supervision of Dr. Chiaki Konishi. She is interested in various topics related to both educational and non-educational settings such as victimization, discrimination, bullying and the impacts of these on youth development, with a specific focus on LGBTQ + youth. She wishes to explore different protective factors such as parental support and youth engagement. Anne-Marie's Master's project aims to explore how parental autonomy support may promote resilience and social-emotional development of transgender and non-binary youth. Click here for more information about [Anne-Marie](#).

## Canadian Children’s Charter

[Children First Canada](#), in partnership with Wisdom2Action, have launched a project to create a *Canadian Children’s Charter* – a vision and a plan of action to make Canada the best place in the world for kids to grow up.

You are invited to support children and youth from all across Canada to create the *Canadian Children’s Charter*. You can get involved in three ways:

1. Host a Focus Group – Lead a discussion with children and youth (under 18 years old) to share their insights on the critical issues facing them and their friends, and to identify opportunities for action at a local and national level. This is an important way of reaching young people with less access to Internet, as well as providing an opportunity for groups of young people to collectively consider their rights.
2. Complete the Online Survey – Invite the children and youth you know to contribute their ideas to the Canadian Children’s Charter through a national survey. Participants will be eligible to enter a draw for prizes.
3. Nominate Children and Youth for the National Summit – Young people from across Canada will gather on November 21 and 22 in Ottawa to consider the views from other young people from across the country, as well as connect with other young leaders, leaders of children’s charities, corporations, government and the media. This will be a highly participatory experience that will see young people finalizing and presenting the Children’s Charter, as well as gain valuable experience in community engagement, public speaking, and facilitation.

For more information in English, click [here](#). For more information in French, click [here](#).

**Director of McGill's School of Social Work and former CRCF Director inducted into the Royal Society of Canada (RSC)**



[Nico Trocmé](#) attended the Royal Society of Canada's Black-Tie Ball with his wife, Jan, last week after being inducted into the Society. The RSC consists of over 2,000 Fellows selected by their peers for outstanding contributions to the natural and social sciences, arts and humanities. The RSC works to advise governments and organizations while recognizing academic excellence in Canada. Congratulations Nico!

**Latest issue of the Canadian Journal of Children's Rights will be of interest to those working with indigenous populations**

Click [here](#) for more information.

## Publications & Presentations

**ON THE RADAR** Volume 3, Issue 3 – Evaluation Study in Partnership: Garage à Musique, Centre de Pédiatrie Sociale en Communauté (Fondation Dr. Julien) by [Anne-Marie Piché](#)

*On The Radar* is a dissemination initiative from the Centre for Research on Children and Families that promotes its members’ research work. Click [here](#) to see the latest issue



**Members of Dr. Lach's lab present at conference in Toronto**

Congratulations to [Gina Glidden](#), [Phoebe Johnston](#), [Nicole Pelletier](#) and [Shannon Morrison](#) who presented posters at the Brain Child Partners Conference in Toronto last week.



**Placement Stability, Cumulative Time in Care, and Permanency: Using Administrative Data from CPS to Track Placement Trajectories by Sonia Hélie 1, Marie-Andrée Poirier, [Tonino Esposito](#) and Daniel Turcotte**

Click [here](#) to view the article.

**CRCF member interviewed on Child Youth and Care (CYC) podcast: Responding to FASDs from a Social Perspective**

During his interview, [Liam Curran](#) talks about FASDs, what they are, their prevalence in the child welfare system, issues with diagnoses, and responding from a social perspective. Click [here](#) to listen to the interview.



**Child Sexual Abuse: Toward a Conceptual Model and Definition by Ben Mathews and [Delphine Collin-Vézina](#)**

Click [here](#) to view the article.

**Panel discussion on Women's Safety**

CRCF member [Melanie Doucet](#) recently organized and moderated a panel, which [Lucy Lach](#) also sat on, at the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation 2017 annual forum in Montreal, titled Women's safety on Montreal's campuses and in public spaces. Great work Melanie!

