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Conferences & Trainings

LimeSurvey Workshop

Wendy Patrick room (room 118), Wilson Hall, 3506 rue University, Montreal

Jan 21 9:30 – 12:00

Topics will include setting up survey properties, numeric questions, list radio questions for categorical questions, array questions for rating or Likert scales, multiple choice and open ended questions, branching questions and how to obtain survey URL, activate survey and data exportation. Everyone is welcome!



3rd Conference on Street-level Research in the Employment and Social Policy Area

June 11-13, Copenhagen

Abstract submission deadline: March 1, 2019

Click [here](#) for more information.

Events

Research Seminar - “Why Would You Listen to Them?” Local Culture Impacts Participation in Qualitative Research with Susan Skinner, Independent Researcher, NY

Dec 5 12:00 – 13:00

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



The proposed presentation will draw on two studies, one focused on the sleep behavior of young adults living in rural poverty and the other focusing on interaction with community members during the process of gathering qualitative data. The lived experience of the qualitative researcher in an environment hostile to the target population and intellectual endeavors will be presented as a context for exploring the influences of the culture of rural poverty on qualitative research in health behavior.

Susan Barber Skinner is an independent researcher exploring health behaviors in rural populations living in environments of poverty. More specifically, her work examines the phenomenon of sleep as a lived experience and political issue. Dr. Skinner earned a masters degree in clinical mental health counseling at Union Institute and University in Cincinnati, OH. She completed doctoral studies in psychology at Walden University in Minneapolis, MN; her dissertation study, "Sleep Among Young Adults Living in Rural Poverty" focused on participant experiences in northernmost New York at the US-Canadian border. A recently completed study examined the influence of local culture on recruitment and participation in qualitative research that was presented at The Qualitative Report Conference. Current work includes additional research on the lived experience of sleep and community based participatory research involving conversations on poverty.

Cookies & coffee will be served. For more information on CRCF's research seminars, please click [here](#).

Star Quilt Hanging Ceremony

Dec 5 1:15 at the CRCF

Please join us at the CRCF on Wednesday, December 5th at 1:15 to hang a Sioux Star Quilt, given to the CRFC by Native American scholar and researcher Nancy Lucero (pictured in lefthand photo below presenting Delphine with the quilt). The Star Quilt is a traditional gift in the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota Nations, and honors the work CRFC is doing to improve child protection work in Indigenous communities. Dr. Lucero visited us last year to share information about the largest study on American Indian child protection practices, which she coordinates from the Butler Institute in Denver, Colorado. We are honoured to have First nations students perform a drumming ceremony prior to hanging the quilt. Righthand photo below is of Ben Geboe, Yankton Sioux, Denzel Sutherland-Wilson, Gitksan First Nation and Matt Coutu-Moya, Métis, opening Dr. Lucero's seminar with a drumming ceremony.



Indigenous Child Welfare Research Group

Dec 6 12:00 – 13:30

Jan 3

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.



Child Welfare Journal Club

Jan 14 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 \(CWRP\)](#).

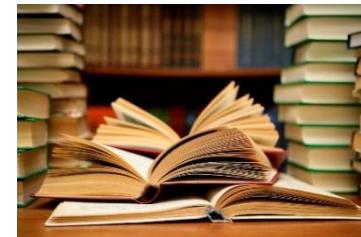
For any PhD student at McGill potentially interested in joining the Research Watch team or to receive more information, please contact Biru Zhou at [biru.zhou\(at\)mcgill.ca](mailto:biru.zhou(at)mcgill.ca).

Trans Youth and Families Journal Watch

Dec 19 13:00-14:00

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 Irene Beeman at irene.beeman@mcgill.ca.



McGill Global Mental Health webinar series - Violent radicalization: prevention and intervention dilemmas

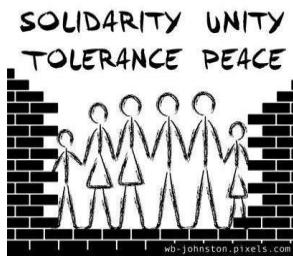
Speaker Dr. Cécile Rousseau

Moderator Dr. Mónica Ruiz-Casares

Dec 20

This webinar is free and will be in English with simultaneous translation to French and Spanish. Follow links for more information in [English](#), [French](#) or [Spanish](#).





Huddle for Action and Social Justice

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 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](#).

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

2 Assistant Professor positions

School of Social Work, McGill University

Click [here](#) for more information. The committee will begin reviewing applications on January 15, 2019, and will continue until a suitable candidate is found.

News & Notices

Congratulations to another new Doctor!

Congratulations to [Denise Brend](#) who successfully defended her PhD last month! Bravo, Dr. Brend!



CRCF Gives Back!

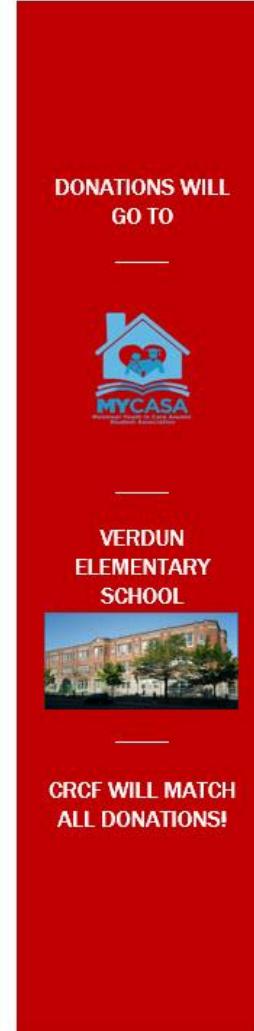
CRCF will again be collecting donations to purchase gifts for members of the Youth in Care Alumni Student Association, created for youth in care alumni who are pursuing post-secondary education in Montreal, and for children of families in need from Verdun Elementary School. Any and all donations make a difference. If you wish to contribute, donations are being collected until Dec 6 in the CRCF admin office. Thank you!



DECEMBER 6 CRCF GIVES BACK

We would like to continue the CRCF tradition of giving back to the community. As we did last year, we are collecting donations to purchase gifts for the Montreal Youth in Care Alumni Student Association (MYCASA) members and students at Verdun Elementary School. CRCF will match all donations!

Please make your donation by Thursday, December 6th (collection envelope in the CRCF admin office). Thank you for your generosity!



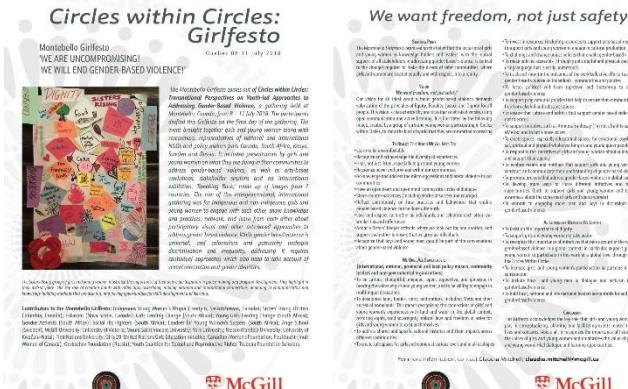
CRCF babies ☺

Feel like a smile? Take a gander at [Ashleigh Delaye](#)'s little Miss Hazel who is growing like a weed! Such a cutie pie.



Girlfesto & 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

Networks for Change and Well-being brought together girls and young women from across Canada, South Africa, Sweden and Russia came together in July 2018 at Circles within Circles,



Montebello, Quebec and raised their voices against gender based violence. Three days of sharing, art making and engagement produced the world's first Girlfesto. This is a living document that will build and morph over time as more girls add their voices to this important discussion. We wanted to share this in the lead up to the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign.

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, which begins on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women on November 25 and ends on International Human Rights Day on December 10, have always been a time to increase awareness about the disproportionate levels of violence faced by women and girls, as well as diverse populations.



Elimination of Ontario's Child Advocate position – Info from Ashleigh Delaye

I wanted to pass on some information I received from the Ontario advocate's office today. The following is in response to my questions asking for a) a clarification on the immediate future of the office, and b) what other action we as individuals can take. These are the replies I got from Jennifer Golden, HR manager at the advocate's office:

a) "The Office is open and providing services to children and youth in our mandate right up to the day our Act is repealed – which, according to Bill 57 is to occur before May 1st 2019. Irwin Elman has agreed to stay as the Provincial Advocate until the Act is repealed and the Ombudsman is provided additional powers.

We are operating as business as usual until such time additional powers are transferred over to the Ombudsman's office. We have not heard anything other than this – and this information is based on what is currently written in Bill 57 – which is at second reading today."

b) "If you are interested, you may consider contacting one coalition that has been formed by former youth in care (https://www.facebook.com/OnChildCoalition/?_tn_=K-

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You may also consider connecting with Judy FinlayJfinlay@gmail.com who is also creating a coalition of stakeholders."

Perhaps some of this is useful information. Hope you are all doing well. Ashleigh

Publications & Presentations

New article giving insight into urban food security in Africa

The recently published article, '[Things are not working now': poverty, food insecurity and perceptions of corruption in urban Malawi](#)', co-authored by

[Emmanuel Chilanga](#), "seeks to contribute to literature on the political dimensions of urban food security in Africa while also presenting a way of understanding corruption from the point of view of vulnerable people whose lives have been directly and indirectly affected."



Awarded for hard work

[Emmanuel Chilanga](#) recently presented a poster at McGill's Global Health Night 2018, "High quality health systems: Ready for a revolution?". He was also named a [Global Health Grad!](#) Awesome work, Emmanuel!

New publication about child protection placements

Results of a new study published by [Tonino Esposito](#) and colleagues showed that children whose first placement last 6 to 60 days had a higher risk of reentering into care during the first year after family reunification than children whose first placement was longer. The article, '[How short-term placements affect placement trajectories: A propensity-weighted analysis of re-entry into care](#)', discusses numerous additional findings.

McGill Arts Life magazine interview: Understanding health as a social matter

In a recent interview with McGill Arts Life magazine, [Angela Filipe](#) discusses her career trajectory and gives a social perspective on health, medicine, and diagnosis

