



School of Social Work Student Bulletin

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NOTICE FROM THE SCHOOL

- **DELPHINE COLLIN-VEZINA AWARDED THE NICOLAS STEINMETZ AND GILLES JULIEN CHAIR IN SOCIAL PEDIATRICS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS**

The School is very pleased to announce the appointment of **Delphine Collin-Vézina** as the inaugural holder of the Nicolas Steinmetz and Gilles Julien Chair in Social Pediatrics in the Department of Pediatrics at the Montreal Children's Hospital. Delphine will now be spending half of her time in the Department of pediatrics teaching undergraduate and graduate trainees and conducting some of her research efforts at the hospital and in collaboration with the Dr. Julien Foundation in Hochelaga-Maisonneuve.

This program of research will provide a unique opportunity to influence decision-making in child protection services and to support front-line work, which holds significant promise to impact children and youth who, without appropriate services, are likely to continue falling behind their peers and

growing up in the margins. This chair represents a unique opportunity to create a greater link between Social Work and Pediatrics, and to develop a long-term and far-reaching program of research that involves partners from different lines of services for vulnerable children and youth.

➤ **WELCOMING DR. CINDY BLACKSTOCK TO THE SCHOOL BEGINNING AUGUST 1, 2016.**

The School of Social Work is delighted to announce the appointment of **Dr. Cindy Blackstock** as Professor beginning **August 1, 2016**. A member of the Gitksan First Nation with 25 years of social work experience in child protection and indigenous children's rights, **Dr. Cindy Blackstock** is currently *Executive Director* of First Nations Child & Family Caring Society of Canada, *Associate Professor & Director* of FNCARES (First Nations Children's Action Research and Education Service) at University of Alberta.

Dr. Blackstock's **research interests** are indigenous theory and the identification & remediation of structural inequalities affecting First Nations children, youth & families. An author of over 50 publications & a widely sought after public speaker, Dr. Blackstock has collaborated with other Indigenous leaders to assist the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in the development and adoption of a General Comment on the Rights of Indigenous children. Recently, she also worked with Indigenous young people, UNICEF & the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues to produce a youth friendly version of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Child. Her **promotion of culturally based & evidence informed solutions** has been recognized by the Nobel Women's Initiative, the Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, Frontline Defenders and many others.

➤ **MICHAEL LOFT – RETIRED AFTER 9 YEARS OF SERVICE AT MCGILL UNIVERSITY**



After nine years of service at McGill University, Michael Loft, Mohawk from Kahnawake, retired from his position as Academic Associate in the School of Social Work this past June. The focus of his work was raising awareness of Indigenous experiences, history and perspectives. Faculty, staff and students from across the University, including

Provost and Vice Principal (Academic), Professor Christopher P. Manfredi and Hudson Meadwell, Dean of the Faculty of Arts, joined Michael to celebrate his retirement on **June 16, 2016** at the Faculty Club.

Kanesatake Elder John Cree opened the event with a traditional kani'en'keha (Mohawk) opening. Provost Christopher P. Manfredi presented Michael with an eagle feather in a beaded case. The eagle feather signifies high respect of a person and a marking of a special event. Social Work PhD candidate Ben Geboe, an enrolled member of the Yankton Sioux Nation, contributed the eagle feather, while MSW student Thomasina Phillips, Mohawk from Kahnawake, crafted the case.

Michael's dedication to highlighting Indigenous issues at McGill was felt by many University-wide. In honour of his contributions, Nico Trocmé, Director of the School of Social Work, was pleased to announce a new title for Michael's ongoing work with McGill: **Tehsakonikonrakas**, a Mohawk word which means "bringing minds together."

The name was selected in consultation with Mohawk Elder Amelia McGregor, from Kahnawake. Michael's retirement is not an end to his relationship with McGill but rather a transition. He will continue to offer advice and feedback to deepen the University's commitment to integrating Indigenous perspectives and experiences in all facets of McGill's academic mission.

Michael joined the School of Social Work in 2007. Along with Professor Nicole Ives and Oonagh Aitken, he is one of the founding members of Indigenous Access McGill, a support program for students in the School of Social Work that also partners on learning opportunities to raise awareness and understanding of Indigenous issues, history and culture amongst the McGill community.

Michael taught First Peoples' Issues & Social Work and was integral in the development of Indigenous Field Studies, an interdisciplinary course held each May (with one week in the Kahnawake Mohawk Territory).

We wish him as the best.

➤ **WORKING IT OUT TOGETHER - NEW INDIGENOUS HEALTH SERIES**

[*Working It Out Together*](#) is a 13-part documentary series, hosted by Olympian Waneek Horn-Miller, that goes deep into the colonial roots of the profound disparities facing Indigenous communities today; while celebrating a new face of Indigenous Canada - bold, confident and healthy, moving forward with the strength of tradition, family and community.

For Indigenous People, "Mino Bimaadziwin" - the "good life" - is embedded in traditional ways. Colonization tried to destroy this holistic approach to health, but strong family bonds and connections to tradition helped Indigenous communities to survive. *Working It Out Together* features stories of dance and art as healing practices, the revival of harvesting traditional food, the role of supportive communities in overcoming trauma and more.

Through engaging personal stories, sharp analysis and insightful commentary from honoured knowledge keepers, *Working It Out Together* goes beyond individual blame for health problems to celebrate strength and resilience. Inuit teachers educating *their* way and Mohawk midwives bringing birth back home are among the dynamic stories that highlight the "decolonization" of Indigenous bodies, minds and nations taking place beyond the headlines.

The series is accompanied by a digital magazine that celebrates remarkable Indigenous voices and talent. Acclaimed artists, filmmakers, scholars, athletes, activists, knowledge keepers and, of course, Waneek Horn-Miller, all join this virtual talking circle, shining the spotlight on what's real and what's next. [*WIOT Magazine*](#) is political, artful, poignant and funny. It's a space to watch films by notable directors Elle-Máíjá Tailfeathers and Shane Belcourt; explore works by award-winning visual artists Kent Monkman and Duane Linklater; read the words of renowned trailblazers Joseph Boyden and Pamela Palmater; and listen to inspiring audio accounts of residential school survivors and director of The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Ry Moran. *WIOT Magazine* is reconciliation in action. Most importantly, it shows the varied nuances of Indigenous People in Canada, past and present. And that's something to celebrate.

WIOT Magazine (a new issue launches online each month): <http://workingitouttogether.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wiotmag>

Watch episodes online @ APTN (episodes available online after they premiere on TV):

<http://aptn.ca/workingitouttogether/>

[Congratulations to Courtney who directed episode 2: Birthing on Her Own Terms, also available online.](#)

NOTICE OF EVENTS:

➤ **KAHNAWAKE POW WOW JULY 9-10, 2016**

Message from Ben Geboe:

POW Wow July 9-10, 2016! I am dancing and will camp out at the POW wow at Kahnawake this summer and want to invite anyone to attend and also join the camp. Camping is free, just bring a tent, but I think people might have to pay an entrance fee unless they are dancing in the POW wow or are a vendor. I'll get more information. People are welcome to join my camp circle if they want we can coordinate beforehand by email: ben.geboe@mail.mcgill.ca. Info about the POW wow: www.kahnawakepowwow.com

➤ **6TH CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHILD INDICATORS - June 28-30, 2017**

The Planning Committee of the International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI) announces its 6th Conference "Children in a World of Opportunities: Innovations in Research, Policy and Practice" which will convene in Montreal, Canada on **June 28-30, 2017**.

This conference will bring together researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and child advocates from around the world to share and discuss innovations in research methods and the latest research findings on child indicators as well as implications for policy and practice.

You can find out more about the conference and contact the Planning Committee at www.isci2017.org.

JOB/VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

➤ **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (PROFESSIONAL) PRACTICE WITH INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND GROUPS – SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK (MCGILL)**

The School of Social Work invites applications for a non-tenure-track **Assistant Professor (Professional)** with a with an expected start date on **January 1st 2017**, or until committee finds suitable candidate. The initial appointment for this Contract Academic Staff position is three (3) years, and is eligible for an Indefinite Term appointment after six (6) years. We are seeking candidates with extensive social work practice experience with individuals, families and groups.

The successful candidate will have extensive clinical practice experience, an ability to maintain an active funded applied research and evaluation agenda, and a commitment to excellence in graduate and undergraduate teaching. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in social work or related field and at least seven years of social work practice experience, including social work supervision. Candidates with an MSW and 10+ years of clinical practice and leadership experience will also be considered. Eligibility for OTSTCFQ membership and fluency in French are assets.

Candidates should send a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, examples of published work, and three letters of reference to:

Professor Nico Trocmé, MSW, PhD, TS

Director, School of Social Work, McGill University,
3506 University Street, 3rd Floor Montreal, Quebec H3A 2A7
Email: <mailto:nico.trocme@mcgill.ca>

The search committee will begin reviewing applications on **August 15th** and will continue to do so until a suitable candidate is found.

For full details, see [posting](#).

➤ **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (PROFESSIONAL) SOCIAL POLICY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK (MCGILL)**

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The successful candidate will have extensive social policy and community development experience, an ability to maintain an active funded applied research and evaluation agenda, and a commitment to excellence in graduate and undergraduate teaching. Candidates should have a Ph.D. in social work or related field and at least five years of social policy/community development leadership experience. Candidates with an MSW and 10+ years of social policy/ community development leadership experience will also be considered. Eligibility for OTSTCFQ membership and fluency in French are assets.

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➤ **CHILD AND FAMILY CLINICIAN, BILINGUAL - PEEL CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

Peel Children's Centre is an accredited children's mental health center that provides a continuum of high quality mental health services for children, youth and their families who are experiencing social, emotional and/or behavioral challenges. Our services are provided in a dynamic, client-centered environment that values flexibility, accessibility, collaboration, innovation, learning, inclusiveness, respect and responsiveness.

CHILD AND FAMILY CLINICIAN, BILINGUAL Intensive Services
Permanent Full-time (37.5 hrs. /week)

The annual salary range for this position is from \$57,071 to \$68,338. As a full-time employee, you would also be eligible for Peel Children's Centre's benefit and pension plans as well as generous vacation and personal leave time. Please note that all successful candidates must provide a satisfactory vulnerable sector police records check prior to the commencement of employment.

At Peel Children's Centre we value diversity in our workplace, our clientele and our communities. We are actively engaged in building an increasingly diverse workforce. We encourage all qualified candidates to apply no later than **July 8, 2016**.

For full details on the position see <http://www.peelcc.org>.

Human Resources Peel Children's Centre 85A Aventura Court Mississauga, ON L5T 2Y6 Fax: 905-696-0351 E-mail: <mailto:hr@peelcc.org>.

➤ **CHILD & FAMILY CLINICIAN - Intensive Child and Family Services, Ages 0 to 6 - PEEL CHILDREN'S CENTRE (Contract end date September, 2017)**

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Temporary Full-time (37.5 hrs. /wk.)

Contract end date September, 2017

The annual salary range for this position is from \$57,071 to \$68,338. As a contract employee, you would be eligible for 4% in lieu of benefits and 4% in lieu of vacation.

Please note that all successful candidates must provide a satisfactory vulnerable sector police records check prior to the commencement of employment.

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➤ **CHILD PROTECTION WORKER - ABORIGINAL FOCUS WEST INTEGRATED TEAM - TEMPORARY FULL TIME OPPORTUNITY- 11 MONTHS**

The Children's Aid Society (CAS) of Ottawa is presently seeking a dynamic and committed individual to join one of the largest Children's Aid Society in Ontario to fulfill the role of a **Child Protection Worker – Aboriginal Focus**. In this fast paced work environment, the successful candidate will require exceptional risk assessment, time management and organizational skills, and an ability to manage multiple priorities.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Child Protection Worker provides investigative and protection services to children and families within established procedural guidelines and time frames as mandated by both the Child and Family Services Act and the Society.

In this role, the child protection worker gathers and critically analyses detailed information about an incident or condition that has precipitated a referral. The emphasis is on obtaining comprehensive information about the child and family that will inform subsequent decisions and planning processes.

The incumbent is required to maintain client records in accordance with Society and Ministry Standards including case notes, plans of service, plans of care, social histories, and other required documentation. The worker will also prepare (if applicable) appropriate cases for court, according to Society and Ministry guidelines.

They offer a competitive salary range of \$57,987 to \$78,488, commensurate with experience. We also offer generous leave provisions (such as 4 weeks of vacation after 1 year of service). Our modern workplace has excellent physical amenities including a fully equipped gym, free parking and a cafeteria. All successful candidates will benefit from a comprehensive orientation, innovative training programs, quality supervision and recognition of contributions.

If you are interested in this job opportunity, please apply on-line on our website at <http://www.casott.on.ca/en/careers/opportunities/> before 11:59 p.m., on Friday, July 8, 2016.

For more information on Job/Volunteering Opportunities, please visit our website at <http://www.mcgill.ca/socialwork/jobs>.