



# School of Social Work Student Bulletin

(10<sup>th</sup> Edition, October 10, 2019)

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## NOTICES FROM THE SCHOOL

### ➤ **FALL CONVOCATION 2019**

The Convocation ceremony will be held **Tuesday, October 29 at 3:00 pm** in Salle Wilfrid Pelletier at **Place des Arts**, 175 St. Catherine Street West.

**Prior** to the Convocation ceremony (**from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**), you are all invited to a reception being given by the School of Social Work in the Wendy Patrick Room, in honor of BSW, MSW, MScA and PhD graduating students. We hope to see you there.

### ➤ **INAUGURAL MEETING OF NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL OCTOBER 23 2:30 PM.**

Inaugural meeting of new School Council **October 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 2:30 pm.

Get involved. Have a voice. Vote for your student representative, or become a student representative!  
Contact your student association: SWASA or SWAGS

The new School Council Bylaws will be posted at: [mcgill.ca/socialwork/about/governance/mission-bylaws-policies](http://mcgill.ca/socialwork/about/governance/mission-bylaws-policies)

➤ **2019 ISP EXPO CANCELLED**

Due to unforeseen circumstance we regret that the School must cancel the ISP Expo that had been planned for October 28<sup>th</sup>

**NOTICES OF EVENTS:**

➤ **UPCOMING FRIENDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE: JASON FINUCAN**

**RSVP TODAY!**

Mental health advocate, professional speaker and author **Jason Finucan** will be holding a conference on Tuesday, **November 19th**, 2019 from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. **If you would like to attend this conference, please call us or write us an email** at (514) 636 6885 or email us at [info@asmfmh.org](mailto:info@asmfmh.org). **Look forward to seeing you there!**

➤ **MCGILL JOURNAL OF LAW AND HEALTH SEMINAR: “ENHANCING END OF LIFE: THE IMPORTANCE OF ADVANCE CARE PLANNING”, OCTOBER 16TH 2019**

Please join us McGill Journal of Law and Health (MJLH) Speaker Series event of the year, entitled “Enhancing End of Life: the Importance of Advance Care Planning”. This panel presentation will discuss interdisciplinary perspectives surrounding end of life care and advance care directives, including ethical, legal, clinical, and practical considerations. Special guests include: Zelda Freitas, a Social Worker with clinical experience in Palliative Care; Léa Boutrouille, a JD and LLB graduate from l’Université de Montréal; and others...

The event will take place **Wednesday, October 16th**, from 6:00PM-8:00PM in Room 312 of the Faculty of Law at McGill University (New Chancellor Day Hall, 3644 Peel Street).

**Refreshments will be served. Space is limited.** Please indicate your desire to attend by selecting “Going” on the Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/537909670298307/>.

If you have any questions regarding this event, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [manager.mjlh@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:manager.mjlh@mail.mcgill.ca).

**NOTICES OF RESEARCH**

➤ **2020 NATIONAL ESSAY CHALLENGE (NEC)**

GPS – Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies  
**OFFICE OF THE DEAN**

National Essay Challenge / Concours  
national de rédaction d’essais

- Please inform your students
- National essay challenge to promote innovative and policy-relevant research
- Deadline to submit expression of interest: **January 6, 2020**

The Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) is launching a National Essay Challenge for graduate students in Canadian universities to promote innovative policy-relevant research. The NEC is designed to generate evidence-based insights on IRCC policies, encouraging graduate students to learn more about immigration research and policy, and raising awareness about the availability of data and supporting resources.

The NEC is open to all disciplines and welcomes empirical research papers related to IRCC's mandate using qualitative or quantitative methodologies. Graduate students with selected essays will be invited to present their research to policy makers in Ottawa (with travel paid) and will receive \$500 towards attendance at an academic conference of their choice.

**Requirements:**

- You must be a graduate student enrolled at a Canadian university for the 2019 to 2020 academic year.
- Your essay must be either an empirical research paper, using qualitative or quantitative methodologies.
- The essay cannot be co-authored and you must have the support of a professor.

To enter, send an email to [IRCC.NEC-CNE.IRCC@cic.gc.ca](mailto:IRCC.NEC-CNE.IRCC@cic.gc.ca) to access the National Essay Challenge group on GCcollab, where you will find information about the requirements of the Challenge. Once you are a member of the group, you will need to submit your expression of interest by **January 6, 2020**.

If you are planning to access Statistics Canada's Research Data Centers, you will need to have submitted your proposal by **November 6, 2019**.

➤ **DELTA KAPPA GAMMA WORLD FELLOWSHIP**

GPS – Graduate & Postdoctoral Studies  
GRADUATE FUNDING

Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship

- Please inform your students
- Funding Opportunity – for women from outside of Canada and the US
- Upcoming deadline: **December 15, 2019**

The Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Society International, which promotes professional and personal growth and excellence in education, is offering \$4,000 (US) funding opportunities to female full-time Master's or Doctoral students from foreign countries to pursue studies in Canada and the United States.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible to apply, candidates must be registered, full-time Master's or Doctoral students. The applicants must be female, and cannot be a citizen or landed immigrant of Canada or the United States or a Delta Kappa Gamma member.

**Value:** \$4,000 US

**Deadline:** December 15, 2019

**Application Process:** Hard copy of the [application form](#) and all supporting documents should be submitted directly to: **Delta Kappa Gamma World Fellowship**, Barbara Angus, and 168 Lakeview Avenue, Pointe Claire, Quebec, H9S 4C1

## ➤ NEW MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH FUNDING AVAILABLE

This is Danika Wagner writing on behalf of the Stratas Foundation, a registered not-for-profit organization dedicated to sponsoring mental health research in Canada.

Since launching last year, we've raised \$22,500 in funding available to early career researchers at Canadian universities and research institutes.

Between October 1 and November 15, applicants can submit research proposals to receive grants or scholarships ranging in value from \$1,000 to \$5,000. We require all applications to pertain to mental health or mental illness.

To apply, [visit our website](#) and click "Apply Now" or go directly to our [application portal](#).

Please see the attached documents or visit our website for more information about the scholarships available.

We kindly ask that you please circulate this email and the attached documents with your colleagues at McGill (from within and outside your department), students and any other relevant or interested parties that may be interested in this mental health research initiative.

## NOTICES OF EMPLOYMENT/VOLUNTEER

### ➤ INTERVENTION WORKER

Program: Resilience Montreal

Location: TBA

Schedule: 35 hrs per week

Salary: \$19.50 per hour

Start Date: October 28, 2019

Probation: 3-6 months' probation period

**Application:** Please send a cover letter with your curriculum vitae and forward references by October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to the attention to: Nakuset at: [nakuset@gmail.com](mailto:nakuset@gmail.com)

Resilience Montreal is a community-led project established to support the homeless population in the Cabot Square area. It is a low-barrier access service which aims to provide services that restore dignity to the lives of its patrons. This service will offer volunteer opportunities to the homeless as well social, financial, and mental health supports and advocacy. The overall goal is to restore physical, emotional, spiritual, and psychological wellness. This exciting new service is currently hiring staff.

## DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the direct supervision of the Project Coordinator, the Intervention Worker will be responsible for the completion of the following tasks:

- Work in collaboration with other staff members to create a culturally safe and peaceful environment;
- Welcome, listen, support and accompany clients;

- Assist clients in obtaining financial aid, identification, addiction support, housing, transportation and advocacy;
- Defuse conflict;
- Work in collaboration and liaise with other community organizations;
- Ensure the cleanliness, the efficiency and timely operations of the Center (e.g. kitchen, laundry, front desk, stock room, common area, etc.);
- Oversee the distribution of food and clothing;
- Encourage and supervise volunteers.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- Experience in the field of Social Work and/or other related field(s)
- Knowledge in the area of addictions;
- Prior experience working with the homeless population;
- Demonstrate flexibility, patience, empathy, initiative, and a willingness to learn;
- Ability to manage and resolve conflict;
- Knowledge of the First Nations and Inuit culture;
- Must be bilingual in English and French.

Familiarity with the TRC's calls to action.

#### **➤ JOYPOP APP STUDY**

The Regulation, Affect and Development Lab (Prof. Katherine Maurer) is beginning recruitment for our JoyPop app study. Is it possible to please have our attached poster and the below text included in the next student bulletin to support recruitment efforts?

Overview: "The Regulation, Affect, and Development (RAaD) Lab (Prof. Katherine Maurer) invites all students of the McGill School of Social Work with access to an iPhone to participate in a research study on increasing resilience to stress. Participants will engage in daily activities to increase healthy stress management skills via an iOS phone application (the JoyPop app). Participation is compensated up to \$70 for the full study. This research aims to benefit social work service providers directly, as well as service users, particularly vulnerable youth. See the attached flier. Please contact us at [raadlab.app@gmail.com](mailto:raadlab.app@gmail.com) for further information or to enroll in the study.

**iPhone Resilience App Research Study**

**Are you?**

- a social work student
- proficient in English

**Do you have?**

- an iPhone or iPad
- wifi/cellular data access

Social work undergraduate and graduate students are invited to participate in a study testing an **iPhone App** that is **designed to promote resilience** by enhancing emotion regulation and cognitive organization skills.

Participation involves:

- Downloading and **using the App for 4 weeks**
- Completing questionnaires\* before, during and after using the App
- For participating, you will **receive up to \$70 in compensation**

To participate, contact the Regulation, Affect and Development Lab at: [raadlab.app@gmail.com](mailto:raadlab.app@gmail.com)  
 Phone: (514) 398-8271  
 Principal Investigator: Katherine Maurer, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, [katherine.maurer@mcgill.ca](mailto:katherine.maurer@mcgill.ca) McGill REB# 40-0619

\*Some questions ask about difficult experiences and may be hard for some people to think about. Participants are not obligated to answer questions they do not feel comfortable answering.

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