



# School of Social Work Student Bulletin

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### NOTICE FROM THE SCHOOL

- **SOCIAL WORK INVITED LECTURES SAVE THE DATES (from 9:30-10:30 am) as below:**

**Oct 17:** Catherine Roy, Policy, PhD in [SW@UdM](#) & McGill, 2003; [MSW@UdM](#), 1998; BA Psychology @McGill, 1995; speaking about, **Have they forgotten us? A Look at the “Universality” of Family Policies in Quebec.**

**Oct 24, Andrea Doyle**, Clinical, PhD in Social Welfare @U of Washington, 2008; MSW@ McGill, 1988; [BSW@McGill](#), 1986; [BSc@McGill](#), Psychology, 1985; speaking about **Strategic Use of Validation in Social Work Practice.**

**Oct 27, Luna Vives**, Policy, PhD in Geography @ UBC, 2013; MA in Geography @ UBC, 2007; BA in Sociology @Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain, 2004; speaking about “**Immigration Policy as a Framework for Social Work Practice**”.

**Oct 31, Zulfiya Tursunova**, Policy, PhD @ U of Manitoba, 2012; MA in Peace & Conflict Resolution @European U Centre for Peace Studies, Austria, 2005; MA in Education Admin @Kent State U, OH, 1998; BA Philology in English & Arabic @ Tashkent State U of World Languages, Uzbekistan. **Lecture information coming soon.**

Please visit the [website](#) for complete details on each lectures.

- **THE KAGEDAN LECTURE ON SOCIAL WORK AND HUMAN RIGHTS - ANNUAL ALUMNI HOMECOMING LECTURE**

Presented on **October 27th, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. in the Wendy Patrick Room, Wilson Hall**, 3506 University. **“Advancing social justice through rights based practice in the Middle East: ICAN McGill”**



**ICAN:** [The International Community Action Network \(ICAN\)](#), formerly known as the McGill Middle East Program (MMEP), is committed to creating a world in which all people share the same rights. We believe that social justice is the most reliable foundation for strong, healthy, and tolerant communities. Since 1997, ICAN has established 11 community centres in some of the most disadvantaged areas of Palestine, Jordan and Israel. These ICAN centres provides basic human rights such as legal aid, education, housing, and much, much more to over 120,000 people each year, implementing programs that engage, educate and empower the citizens most affected by conflict, economic hardship, and instability.

**SPEAKERS:**

**Amal Elsana Alhjojo** is one of the key shapers of public opinion regarding the status of the Arab minority and the status of women in Israel. In 2010, she was chosen by The Marker (Israeli business publication) as 1 of the 101 most influential people in Israel; was one of the women leaders recognized in 2005 by the World Association for Small and Medium Enterprises for her contributions to economic empowerment programs for Bedouin Arab women. She has also been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. She is the founding director of AJEEC - Arab Jewish Center for Equality, Empowerment and Cooperation and co-director of NISPED - Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Development. As a former graduate of the ICAN Fellowship Program, Amal has returned to McGill to pursue a Ph.D. and become the new Executive Director here at the International Community Action Network (ICAN) in McGill's School of Social Work.

**Sami Al Kilani** began his career as a physicist and poet, and was an Amnesty prisoner of conscience in the 1980s. He was a delegate to the Madrid Conference and has been a strong advocate for non-violence since the 1980's. Sami is one of the founding members of the Arab non-violence movement, which meets for one month each summer in Beirut and has evolved into the first Arab University for Non Violence (AUNV). It aims to institutionalize the culture of non-violence in Lebanon and all the Middle East. Sami is the founder of the first RBCP centre in the West Bank and his doctoral thesis explored the implementation of the RBCP model in Palestine. Today he is Dean of the Faculty of Educational Sciences at An Najah National University.

**Dr. Jim Torczyner** joined McGill University in 1973 after obtaining his D.S.W. from the University of California, Berkeley. In 1975, he founded Project Genesis, a community-based grassroots organization that empowers people from diverse backgrounds to advocate for entitlements, to change social policy, and to develop alternative community organizations. In 1990, Professor Torczyner founded the Montreal Consortium for Human Rights Advocacy Training (MCHRAT) which extends multi-disciplinary expertise to groups that have traditionally lacked access and power such as the disabled, members of minority groups, and homeless youth. In 1994, Professor Torczyner refocused his attention primarily on the Middle East and founded The McGill Middle East Program in

Civil Society and Peace Building (MMEP), now ICAN, with a belief that the reduction of inequality and the promotion of civil society are intricately related to peace building.

- **SOCIAL WORK FALL CONVOCATION – NOV. 2, 2016**

Fall 2016 Convocation ceremonies will be held **Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** in Salle Wilfrid Pelletier, Place des Arts, 175 St. Catherine Street West. Immediately following the Convocation ceremony, you are all invited to the reception being given by the School of Social Work in the Wendy Patrick Room, in honor of BSW, MSW, MScA and PhD graduating students (start time approx.12:30 p.m.)

- **REMINDER TO STUDENTS (WILSON HALL HOURS)**

Wilson Hall is open from 7-6 Monday through Thursday (7-5 Fridays). Any student events or meetings in Wilson Hall must fall within those opening hours.

McGill has many buildings which are open in the evenings and have meeting space available for use free of charge and specifically for use by students. The Library (<http://libraryrooms.mcgill.ca/booking/groupstudy>) and Shatner SSMU Building (<http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/events/room-booking>) are two such examples.

### NOTICES FROM THE UNIVERSITY

- **NEW COURSE AT MCGILL WRITING CENTRE**

The McGill Writing Centre is pleased to announce the launch of a **new 3-credit course on Writing and Community Action (CCOM 300)**. The course will be offered in the Winter 2017 semester and is now open for registration. Please see the attached flyer for details and share this information with any students who you think might be interested.

CCOM 300 will appeal to students with a serious interest in civic leadership, community development, creative writing, active citizenship, arts outreach, and non-profit work. Course work will include readings, writing assignments, and frequent critical reflection journal exercises designed to synthesize the course content and the community workshop experience.

For information contact [sarah.wolfson@mcgill.ca](mailto:sarah.wolfson@mcgill.ca).


- **INTRODUCTORY LEVEL LECTURE AND WORKSHOPS**

Department of Physics hosts a crash course into Linux, Python and a trending topic of Machine Learning (ML) for students with no programming experience. **It should be a good start for those interested in using programming for their research!**

The event series consists of one 1 hour long lecture and four 4 hour long workshops featuring Sarath Chandar, who has been working in the field of ML previously for IBM and currently at [MILA](#).

Everybody is welcome to attend the lecture - no experience in programming, ML and no registration necessary! The workshops though require mandatory [registration](#), as space is limited.

For more information check out this: [webpage](#), [Facebook event](#), or contact us at [rtech@physics.mcgill.ca](mailto:rtech@physics.mcgill.ca)



**MACHINE LEARNING WITH PYTHON**

Oct 6	LECTURE ML: JOY OF DATA
Oct 8	HANDS-ON INTRO TO LINUX
Oct 9	HANDS-ON INTRO TO PYTHON
Oct 15	HANDS-ON ML WITH PYTHON-1
Oct 16	HANDS-ON ML WITH PYTHON-2

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#### NOTICE OF EVENTS:

- **ACFAS 2017**

McGill will be hosting ACFAS 2017 May 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity to share your work and network with francophone researchers from across Canada and internationally, and for graduate students a good opportunity to get experience presenting and getting to know faculty from other Canadian social work programs.

Please note that ACFAS registration fees will be covered by McGill for all graduate students who present a paper or a poster: <http://acfas.ca/evenements/congres/entente-universite-mcgill>.

The submission deadline for papers is November 28<sup>th</sup>, for colloquiums November 1<sup>st</sup>.

- **CONNECTING: THE EXPERIENCES OF FATHERS OF CHILDREN WITH NEURODISABILITIES**

Wilson Hall Wendy Patrick room (room 118), 3506 rue University, Montreal, QC, H3A 2A7, Price: Free  
The birth of a child with a neurodevelopmental disability (NDD) (i.e. autism, cerebral palsy, or intellectual disability) may bring about life altering experiences for mothers and fathers. Research addressing the experiences of parents of children with NDD has markedly increased in the past few years, yet, understandings of the unique experiences of fathers remain limited in comparison. In this presentation, findings from two related studies will reveal (1) what research on parenting children with NDD can tell us about fathers' parenting experiences and (2) and fathers' narratives about connecting with their child with an NDD. Implications for social work research and practice will be explored.  
For more information on CRCF's research seminars, please click [here](#).

- **MOVING PAST THE TEXTBOOK TO SUPPORT YOUTH LEAVING CARE IN POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS" - A YOUTH IN CARE ALUMNI PANEL DISCUSSION**

**October 28 from 2-4 p.m. , Wilson Hall Wendy Patrick Room (room 118), 3506 rue University –**  
This panel of youth in care alumni will share their personal stories and present the realities and challenges associated with aging out of care while attending a post-secondary education institution. Some of the barriers that are in place that prevent many youth in care alumni from graduating will be discussed, some strengths and resilience factors that come into play, as well as recommendations for policy and practice

for social workers, educators, professors and PSE administration. Panelists will include members of the Montreal Youth in Care Alumni Student Association (MYCASA) Ashley Dawn Louise Bach, Melanie Doucet, Destiny Gregoire, Marcelle Partouche and Yuan Stevens. The presentation will be followed by a dialogue and discussion with the audience.

- **THE 14TH QUEBEC EMPLOYMENT SERVICE PROVIDERS CONFERENCE**

This ½ day event is an important professional development conference for front line workers, professionals, and students in the fields of psychology, social work, coaching, career and employment counselling and guidance counsellors. **Space is limited.**

This year's keynote speaker is **Louisa Jewell**; a speaker and well-being expert and the founder of the Canadian Positive Psychology Association.

Her organization brings together leading-edge researchers and practitioners from across Canada to disseminate the knowledge of positive psychology to improve the psychological health of all Canadians.

**Monday, November 28, 2016**  
**Hot breakfast included**  
**La Plaza/EVO**  
**420 Sherbrooke West, Montreal**

To register by phone, call 514-878-9788 or to [register online](#).  
Visit: [Yes Montreal](#)

## **NOTICE OF RESEARCH**

- **CALL FOR PAPERS: 19TH CEETUM COLLOQUIUM FOR STUDENTS AND RECENT GRADUATES**

The Centre d'études ethniques des universités montréalaises / Centre for Ethnic Studies (CEETUM) will hold its **19<sup>th</sup> Colloquium for students and recent graduates, the 22<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2017**, at the University of Montreal (Quebec, Canada).

The **deadline** to submit an individual or panel proposal is **extended to Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2016**.

Please find attached more details on the Colloquium and how to apply.

To download the submission form and guidelines, please visit our website at <http://www.ceetum.umontreal.ca/en/>

Best regards,  
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- **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - TUTOR-PHC 2017 INTAKE YEAR (TRANSDISCIPLINARY UNDERSTANDINGS AND TRAINING ON RESEARCH - PRIMARY HEALTH CARE)**

This **call for applications** for TUTOR-PHC is open to graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, mid-career clinicians, and decision makers in primary health care.

**What is the program?**

TUTOR-PHC or Transdisciplinary Understandings and Training on Research – Primary Health Care, is a one-year, pan-Canadian interdisciplinary research capacity building program that has been training **primary and integrated health care researchers** and **decision-makers** from family medicine, nursing, psychology, epidemiology, social work, education, policy and many other disciplines since 2003.

**Why apply?**

- FREE** primary health care research training – including travel to the Symposium
- Earn **University Credit & CME credits**
- Valuable **feedback** on your own primary health care research
- Mentorship** from experienced interdisciplinary primary health care researchers and decision-makers
- Interdisciplinary team experience**

**When is the deadline to apply?**

**December 2, 2016**

For more information, please go to the website at: [www.uwo.ca/fammed/csfm/tutor-phc](http://www.uwo.ca/fammed/csfm/tutor-phc)

**JOB/VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:**

- **TENURE-TRACK POSITION - CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY - INDIGENOUS MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION**

Lakehead University's Department of Psychology invites applications for a tenure-track faculty appointment at the Assistant Professor level, to commence January 1, 2017. The applicant would bring research, teaching, and clinical expertise to complement the research program of the Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Mental Health and Addiction. The job posting can be viewed on the Lakehead University website, or accessed through the following link: <http://hr.lakeheadu.ca/employment.php?empid=1483>

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