



School of Social Work Student Bulletin

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NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL:

- **JOB TALK BY SARAH FRASER, PHD, O.P.Q - INSIDE-OUT: EXPLORING THE DYNAMICS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND COMMUNITY NEEDS IN NUNAVIK, QUEBEC**

Monday, Mar 23rd from 10:30 - 11:30 am, Wilson Hall, Room #326

Dr. Sarah Fraser is a clinical psychologist and professor at the department of Psychoeducation at Montreal University. She has specialized in the field of Aboriginal health, youth protection services and community wellbeing. Over the past years she has been working with an Inuit community in an action-research project around

community mobilization for family wellbeing and prevention. Inspired by systemic thinking, Dr. Fraser has explored a variety of themes including micro-interactions within youth protection services, associations between family cohesion and community wellbeing as well as system dynamics in family and community change. She has also worked with various researchers in the field of transcultural psychiatry, exploring cultural adaptation of services for immigrants and refugees.

Please [flyer](#) for further details.

➤ **JOB TALK BY ELIZABETH FAST, PHD - DECOLONIZING INDIGENOUS YOUTH WORK**

Monday, Mar 30 from 10:30 - 11:30 am, Wilson Hall, Room #326

Dr. Elizabeth Fast is Métis, originally from St. François-Xavier, Manitoba. She is currently an Associate Researcher and Postdoctoral fellow at the École Nationale d'Administration Publique working with the Canada Research Chair in the evaluation of public actions regarding youth and vulnerable populations. Dr. Fast has over 10 years of social work and youth work experience as a child welfare worker, trainer and student supervisor in Ontario and Québec, a support worker for youth leaving care, and as a facilitator of empowerment programs for Inuit youth in care. She is actively involved in the Montreal Urban Aboriginal Strategy Network and is a board member of the Native Women's Shelter of Montreal. Her primary research interests are vulnerable youth including urban Indigenous youth and Indigenous youth leaving care. Dr. Fast prioritizes community-led research within a decolonizing framework.

Please [flyer](#) for further details.

➤ **UPCOMING JOB TALK**

Kindly save the following dates for the upcoming job talk for our School's 2 Tenure Track positions (from 10:30 – 11:30 am, in room #326):

- Mon, Apr 13: Tong, Hongmei

Please note that videos will be available for all the job talks. Please see Yong Hong in room 301. Feedback can be done either through the feedback forms distributed at the job talk or through your student representatives as below:

- **SWSA:** Alexandru Munteanu (alexandru.munteanu@mail.mcgill.ca); and
- **SWAGS:** Kaila De Boer (kaila.deboer@mail.mcgill.ca)

NOTICES OF EVENTS:

➤ **"THE BIRDS WEREN'T SINGING" PERSPECTIVES ON WAR-AFFECTED CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN QUEBEC**

Symposium Hosted by the Children & Global Adversity Research Group

Details:

April 10, 2015 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Concordia University, Loyola Campus
7141 Sherbrooke West, Room VE 326

For more information, contact create.mcgill@gmail.com

➤ **WORKSHOPS ON SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH (WSSR)**

The Workshops on Social Science Research (WSSR) are short, intensive learning experiences and networking opportunities that allow you to develop your critical thinking skills, make new contacts, and succeed as future decision makers.

The WSSR offer over 35 workshops led by prominent politicians, public servants and academics from Canada and abroad in the areas of public policy, democratic governance, and research methodology. **Find out more [here](#).**

Workshops range from one to five days and are offered **both for credit and non-credit**. Drawing participants from several universities, civil servants, professionals from the private sector and members of the general public, the WSSR are open to anyone eager to advance their skills and perspectives.

For those interested in advancing their skills in conducting research, the 2015 series also includes an extended section on Qualitative Research Methods designed in collaboration with the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR). Under this summer methods program, there are two tracks "Interpretive Methods" and "Qualitative Case Studies", each of which includes four different workshops taught by specialists in the field.

Located on Concordia University's vibrant downtown campus right at the heart of Montreal, this is a great chance for you to combine unique summer learning with the exciting sights and sounds of this exceptional city.

Whether you wish to attend a single workshop or many, you can join us at any time from **May 4-June 29, 2015**.

Spaces are limited so find out more and register today! Click [here](#) to find out more or [download](#) our program.

➤ **CONFERENCE ON "CHILDREN'S EXPOSURE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE : INTERNATIONAL CONVERSATIONS FOR INNOVATIVE RESEARCH AND PRACTICES"**

You can now register for this conference "**Children's exposure to domestic violence: International conversations for innovative research and practices**". See [document](#) for the conference program.

- * Bilingual event - simultaneous translation.
- * Limited number of participants.
- * Participation certificates available.
- * Reduced prices available at the Lord Elgin Hotel.

To register, click [here](#) or [email](#) for information.

NOTICES OF RESEARCH/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

➤ **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS - INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON OUTREACH WORK: YOUTH GANGS, VIOLENCE AND FEMALE DELINQUENCY**

The International Conference on Outreach Work: Youth Gangs, Violence and Female Delinquency to be held from **December 3-5, 2015 at the City University of Hong Kong**.

This conference is organized by the Department of Applied Social Sciences of the City University of Hong Kong, and co-hosted with The Asia Pacific Association of Technology and Society. Through this meaningful meeting point for scholars, practitioners and professionals relating to outreach work with young people, we expect this conference to provide stimulation for the exchange of knowledge and ideas on the ever-changing issue of youth delinquency and gang culture across the East and West, and to discuss breakthroughs in models, approaches and strategies in working with young people at risk. With concerted efforts and collaborative networks established in the conference, we hope outreach work can achieve promising effects in both the local and global contexts.

Abstract submission for the conference is now open. We herewith attach the information for your further action. For online submission, please visit our [website](#). The deadline of submission is **31 May, 2015**. See [Facebook](#) page for more details and communication.

➤ **FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS**

IHSP Student Programs is now applications for all 5 of its award programs.

The Institute for Health and Social Policy has over **30 awards totaling almost \$200,000** for McGill students in 2015-2016. All programs focus on health, equity or wellbeing, with an emphasis on translating research into action. **In the past, social work students have taken part in the McBurney program, and graduate students would be excellent candidates for the GAP program.**

See the [poster](#) and [website](#) for more details.

➤ **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR IHSP SUMMER DRAGON'S DEN WORKSHOP (Deadline April 1st, 2015)**

May 6-8th - IHSP 2015 Summer Workshop

The McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy (IHSP) is piloting a unique opportunity for graduate students to take on an important current policy challenge, develop a concrete proposal for policy change, and move it to action.

Participants will hone their skills in using evidence to impact policy, in working and thinking across sectors and disciplines, and in “selling” an idea to prominent policy and media leaders.

Participants will be mentored by a cross-disciplinary team of researchers, experienced journalists and policy leaders from all levels of government.

This 3-day intensive workshop will include:

- Introduction to cross-disciplinary research and policy approaches for addressing a key challenge to the health and well-being of Canadians. **Topic in 2015: Childhood Obesity**
- Team development of concrete proposals for policy change at diverse levels of government, supported by expert mentors.
- Team development of strategies for reaching and influencing policymakers and the media, supported by expert mentors.
- Dragon’s Den! Team pitching of policy proposal to prominent policy and media leaders. All proposals will be featured on the IHSP’s website and the best proposal will be highlighted in our bi-monthly newsletter which reaches policymakers, researchers and community partners across Canada and globally.

See [website](#) for more details.

➤ **CALL FOR PAPERS - THE CANADIAN GRADUATE JOURNAL OF SOCIOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY**

CGJSC welcomes submissions from graduate students involved in research outside of, but related to, the disciplines of sociology and criminology. All fields within the social sciences are encouraged to submit provided that they demonstrate a direct link to a sociological and/or criminological area of study.

We encourage all interested parties to view our mission statement and submissions guidelines on our [website](#).

Should anyone have any questions, please feel free to contact the editors of the journal at cgjsc@uwaterloo.ca.

➤ **THE 2015 CANADIAN JAPANESE MENNONITE SCHOLARSHIP**

Mennonite Central Committee Canada, with the National Association of Japanese Canadians, offer a scholarship for students enrolled in a graduate degree program and engaged in research about human rights in Canada. The scholarship is called the "Canadian Japanese Mennonite Scholarship" and is for the amount of \$2000.

I've attached the information sheet for 2015 for your reference. You can also find this information, along with the application form, on our website at mcccanada.ca/scholarships. See [poster](#) for further details.

JOB/VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

➤ **ASSISTANT PROFESSOR – (SOCIAL WORK - UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA)**

The Faculty of Social Work of the University of Manitoba invites applications for **one tenure-track position** at the Assistant Professor level beginning on 1 July 2015, or as soon as possible thereafter. The successful candidate will have practice experience in one or more of the broad areas of individual, family and group direct practice of social work; having knowledge and experience with Indigenous people and perspectives would be an asset.

Candidates must have a PhD completed or near completion at the time of application, and at least one other degree from an accredited social work program. A successful candidate will be appointed to a term position at the rank of Lecturer until completion of the PhD, and must successfully complete the PhD within the mutually accepted time period. Candidates for this position must have the ability to teach effectively at the undergraduate and graduate level, to supervise graduate students, and to develop a strong and ongoing program of research and publication. Candidates should also be familiar with the use of on-line, blended and other modes for the distance delivery of social work education. Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

For more information, see [posting](#).

➤ **VOLUNTEERS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS**

OSILink is looking for emotionally mature, self-starters from across Canada interested in learning about the effects of Operational Stress Injury (OSI) on individuals and their families. Applicants must have some graduate level training in Social Work or Psychology and have demonstrated skill working with distressed individuals. Comprehensive, webinar-style trauma training will be provided to prepare you to work with these callers.

OSILink is a pro bono service created by Dr. Jacqui Linder of the Spiral Phoenix Trauma Institute (www.spiralphoenix.org). All calls are prescreened by our answering service and then redirected to the phone number of the counsellor on call.

Volunteers are responsible for a single, permanently assigned 6-hour shift each week (eg. every Monday from 6am to noon). This approach reduces callers' isolation by allowing them to reconnect with someone they've spoken to before. Volunteers are also able to swap shifts as needed, should they have a personal scheduling conflict.

If you are interested in this challenging opportunity, please forward your resume and two letters of reference to:

James Venneear, BA, BSW, RSW
Volunteer Coordinator, OSILink
jwvenneear@shaw.ca
780-756-8746

➤ **SUMMER TERM TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP**

You are invited to apply on the 90hr Teaching Assistantship position in the School of Social Work for the Summer 2015 term, which is now posted on the McGill Career and Planning Services (CaPS) [website](#) until **April 1st** for the following course:

SWRK 423 – Social Work Research (11:30-2:30, Tuesdays & Thursdays from May 5th through June 16th, 2015)

Should you wish to submit an application, please complete the attached [Application for Teaching Assistantship form](#) and submit this form electronically along with your covering letter, and current CV online through the McGill Career and Planning Services (CaPS) [website](#).

Should you have difficulty using the CaPS interface, please submit your application via email to alana.bonner@mcgill.ca (electronic applications only please).

Please note that information regarding the University-wide posting and selection process, as well as the employment terms and conditions for Teaching Assistantships at McGill University, can be found [here](#).

Applications are due by **April 1st, 2015**.

➤ **SUPERVISOR, CLINICAL SERVICES - PEEL CHILDREN'S CENTRE**

The Supervisor, Clinical Services for Counselling will provide clinical and administrative supervision to clinicians while actively managing the program. Your responsibilities will include demonstrating clinical leadership in the development and implementation of treatment modalities that reflect both best practices and innovation; facilitating and ensuring a multi-disciplinary team process; and collaborating with other supervisors and community service partners in the delivery of efficient and effective services. You champion and embrace active change processes to develop the best possible services for clients within a quality improvement framework.

For more information, see [posting](#).

For more information on Job/Volunteering Opportunities, please visit our School's [website](#).