



# School of Social Work Student Bulletin

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### NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL:

- **JOB TALK BY HONGMEI TONG, PHD - EXPLORING LINKS BETWEEN SOCIAL EXCLUSION AND HEALTH OF OLDER CHINESE IN SHANGHAI, CHINA**

**Dr. Hongmei Tong** completed her PhD at the University of Calgary in the Faculty of Social Work in November 2013. She received her MSW from the University of Hong Kong, and was one of the first social work teachers with an MSW degree in China. After three years of teaching social work in Shanghai, she began her doctoral studies with a

desire to improve the health and wellbeing of older Chinese adults through social work research, teaching, and practice. Dr. Tong's specific research interests centre on understanding social exclusion and inclusion, social participation, social capital, and civic engagement of older adults and the ways in which these social determinants affect the health and wellbeing of older people in both Canada and China. She is currently an Eyes High Postdoctoral Scholar at the University of Calgary in the Faculty of Social Work.

See [flyer](#) for detailed information.

**Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in Wilson Hall, Room 326**

Please note that videos will be available for all the job talks. Please see Yong Hong in room 301.

➤ **ROLE PLAY ASPECT OF THE MSCA CFT INTERVIEWS – SHARON BOND**



The admissions process to the M.Sc. (A) Couple and Family Therapy – a unique program that equips highly competent graduate students with the skills and clinical competencies that will allow them to work with diverse couples and families – includes a case scenario role-play and interview that serves to assess the candidates' suitability for both the program and the profession.

See [McGill Reporter](#) for more details.

➤ **WORK IN WILSON HALL**

The project manager for the Wilson Hall renovations has informed us that certain spaces in the building need exploratory testing for asbestos as a requirement of the Feasibility Study which must be submitted to the Québec government for the impending renovations of Wilson Hall (expected to commence in summer 2016).

To date, we have received 5 air quality test reports, all of which have shown no danger to occupants.

We've requested that McGill's Assistant Project Manager, Construction, Facilities Operations and Development post an official explanation of the work being done with assurances that our health is not in danger.

**NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY:**

➤ **INDIGENOUS MCGILL INITIATIVES - SEDE (THE SOCIAL EQUITY AND DIVERSITY EDUCATION) OFFICE OF MCGILL**

SEDE (the Social Equity and Diversity Education) Office of McGill is developing our online resource center as part of our [Indigenous McGill initiative](#). We ask for the participation of professors and doctoral candidates with published work on—or who are currently engaging with—**indigenous studies research**.

This project is compiling a list of McGill researchers (Graduate and Faculty) who are furthering the interconnecting fields of Indigenous studies in Canada. The researcher with their thesis, related work, and if allowed basic contact information, is organized by faculty on our [Research on Campus page](#). The aim is to create a McGill network of Indigenous studies researchers across faculties. This would be to the benefit of current and prospective researchers of the McGill community.

Contributors from the School of Social Work would strengthen this project. If interested in having your works and projects listed, please contact [Thomas.arsenault@mail.mcgill.ca](mailto:Thomas.arsenault@mail.mcgill.ca) with either

1. the information you would like featured
2. a link to your faculty or student profile.

➤ **DE-STRESS DURING EXAMS APRIL 2015**

The exam period tends to be a time of intense stress and also a time when many resources are no longer offered. To respond to this period, the **Counselling Service is re-launching an initiative to have de-stress activities scheduled on every exam day** (Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup>) at 12h30 and 16h30.

**DOWNTOWN CAMPUS - EVERY EXAM DAY:**

- **THERAPY DOGS** – 12h30 to 13h30 - Brown Building Lobby
- **YOGA** – 12h30 to 13h30 – Lev Bukhman room SSMU
- **GUIDED RELAXATION** – 16h30 to 17h – Brown Building 4200

**MAC CAMPUS – TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS DURING EXAMS**

- **THERAPY DOGS** – 12h30 to 13h30 – Centennial Center Lobby

No registration is required. See [poster](#) for details.

**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 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Concordia University, Loyola Campus  
7141 Sherbrooke West, Room VE 326

For more information, contact [create.mcgill@gmail.com](mailto:create.mcgill@gmail.com)

➤ **ARTS GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD - INFORMATION SESSION**

**Arts Graduate Student Travel Award (Arts GST) Information Session  
Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11:30am in Arts 160**

**Open to all Arts graduate students**

- Find out how the GST program works
- Learn from your fellow students how to write a winning application

The **Arts Graduate Student Travel Awards** are competitive awards designed to support M.A. and Ph.D. student travel to conduct research (archival research or field work) and to disseminate research (conferences and talks).

Funding is provided by the GREAT program of GPS, and by Anna Yang, BCL, LLB '88 and Joseph Schull, BA '82, MA '85.

**NEXT APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 15, 2015**

Information: 514-398-4400 (ext. 094822)  
<http://www.mcgill.ca/arts/awardsgrants>

➤ **PRESENTATION FROM CALACS WEST ISLAND**

**From Collective empowerment to Personal Healing - The Impact of Social Activism on Sexual Assault Survivors.**

The Conference is presented by the West Island Calacs to be held on **Wednesday, April 22, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** located at McGill Carrefour ( Sherbrooke Room), 475 Sherbrooke St. West. RSVP: [info@calacsdelouest.ca](mailto:info@calacsdelouest.ca) or 514-684-2198. See flyer for details.

➤ **ANNUAL SUMMER PROGRAM IN SOCIAL & CULTURAL PSYCHIATRY (Cultural Therapy: Dream-A-World Workshop) - MAY 30-31, 2015**

Dream-A-World Cultural Therapy is an innovative program to foster self-esteem, mental health and school performance among children. Originally developed for high-risk primary school children in inner city Kingston, Jamaica, the program has met with great success and is currently being scaled up in school districts across Jamaica. This workshop will familiarize participants with the philosophy and methods of Cultural Therapy by engaging in the process. Topics will include: a framework for collective behaviour change; using creative imagination to address attachment issues of childhood; creating a script and “culturing” the performance. The workshop will be videotaped for later presentation at the McGill ASI. All participants must sign a consent and intellectual property release form before the workshop. Participants should bring musical instruments of their choosing to the workshop.

**For more information and online registration:**

<http://www.mcgill.ca/tcpsych/training/summer/>

Administrator: Consuelo Errazuriz

Email: [tc.psych@mcgill.ca](mailto:tc.psych@mcgill.ca)

For more detailed on workshop, please see [flyer](#).

➤ **FAMILIES IN CANADA CONFERENCE 2015**

Take advantage of this incredible opportunity to get information and insights from inspiring speakers and panellists about families and family life in Canada! If you are currently a business, government, labour or community leader or hope to be one in the future, you won't want to miss this unique experience taking place on **June 10 and 11, 2015 • Ottawa Marriott Hotel • Ottawa, Ontario.**

**What is the *Families in Canada Conference 2015* all about?**

Speakers and panellists will build on what we've learned about families in the past, explore how families are adapting in the present and focus on the future to create and leverage opportunities for families and those who study, serve and support them.

- [Archbishop Weisgerber](#) and [Phil Fontaine](#) will explore the impact of intergenerational trauma and share their experiences of the reconciliation process, including how they became blood brothers – their family of choice.
- [LCol Suzanne Bailey](#) will share what has been learned from the Canadian Forces' *Road to Mental Readiness* program and how these findings can be applied to workplaces and families across Canada.
- [Craig Kielburger](#) will explain how his early family experiences inspired him and his brother Marc to create the *Me to We* initiative, which encourages families to volunteer together.
- [Mary Gordon](#) will discuss how children grow and learn within their families and communities, and share her journey in creating the *Roots of Empathy* program.
- [Barbara Findlay](#) will provide insight from a family law perspective on topics such as multi-parent families, surrogacy, gender identity, sexual identity and family formation.
- [Dr. Janet Fast](#) will share her findings from research examining the multigenerational impact of the cost of aging, eldercare and caregiving.

And [much more!](#)

For information and registration information, click [here](#).

➤ **SUMMER COLLOQUIUM IN BOSTON - EXAMINING SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL EQUITY**

An opportunity to present your ideas, engage in discussions, think through career strategies, and help create future ways of addressing inequalities around race, immigration, income, and the environment in society. A group of 8-10 social work doctoral students from across the country will be selected and invited to the Summer Colloquium.

The agenda will consist of presentations and discussions among the participants. The program will be supplemented with a few guest speakers, career workshops, and enjoyable meals.

**When: AUGUST 6 - 8, 2015**

**Where: Boston College School of Social Work**

For detailed information, see [flyer](#).

**NOTICES OF RESEARCH/FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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

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 (ex: Political Science, History, Psychology, Religious Studies, Women's Studies, Labor Studies, Health Sciences, Economics, Anthropology) are encouraged to submit provided that they demonstrate a direct link to a sociological and/or criminological area of study.

For complete details, see [flyer](#).

➤ **2015 NCTU TAIWAN ELITE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

[The National Chiao Tung University \(NCTU\) Taiwan Elite Internship Program](#) is currently recruiting Master or PhD students from partner universities and other renowned foreign universities to do research (at least 2 months) at NCTU. Students will be conducting research on either a small independent project or assisting an ongoing project in the host laboratories.

Qualified students would be offered:

1. free round-trip economy class flight ticket from their home country to Taiwan and
2. additional NTD 5,000 scholarship (including tax) for the first month in NCTU.

2nd Round 16th March, 2015 11th May, 2015 onward

3rd Round 8th June, 2015 3rd Aug., 2015 onward.

The application documents are accessible on the [website](#) for downloading or for more information email:

[jhlaic@nctu.edu.tw](mailto:jhlaic@nctu.edu.tw)

**JOB/VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:**

➤ **PROJECT MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR - THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OF OTTAWA**

Reporting to the Manager, Organizational Development and Quality Assurance, the Project Management Coordinator is responsible for supporting and facilitating the planning, execution, monitoring and reporting of projects or functions related to cross-Society initiatives, with a focus on Quality Assurance and Accountability activities. Within assigned duties, the Project Management Coordinator provides systemic support in relation to the Society's management decision-making model and accountability framework. For more detailed information on the position/qualifications, see [posting](#).

If you are interested in the above opportunity, please apply online at [www.casott.on.ca](http://www.casott.on.ca) by **Sunday, April 12, 2015**.

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