



School of Social Work Student Bulletin

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- Research Assistant – Douglas Hospital Mental Health Institute (CIHR grant **entitled: A Knowledge Synthesis on Implementation of the Recovery Concept Into Canadian Mental Health Services**)
- Research Participation Recruitment Request for Social Work Students

NOTICE FROM THE SCHOOL:

- **MERCURY - COURSE EVALUATION DEADLINE: MAY 1ST**

REMINDER: As you may know, end-of-course evaluations serve four main functions: they help instructors improve future offerings of courses, inform students about courses and instructors, help administrators and faculty committees in their decision-making processes, and are used as a component of the teaching dossier.

MERCURY Course Evaluations will be available to students until May 1. It only takes a few minutes so let your voice be heard.

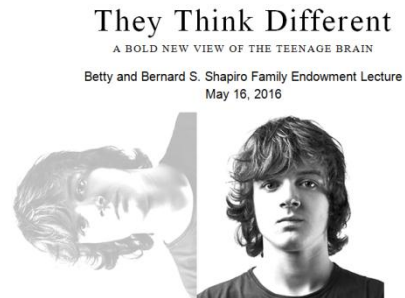
➤ **SOCIAL WORK LIAISON LIBRARIAN**

Message from Nikki Tummon

"I am suspending my designated Librarian Office Hours in Wilson Hall until next fall. Please note that I will no longer be in room 414 on Thursdays between 3pm – 4:30pm. Please contact me if you want to meet in person and we will make an appointment." [Email](#).

NOTICE OF EVENTS

➤ **WHAT ARE THEY THINKING!?! TEENS' THOUGHTS, YOUR REACTIONS**



New research shows that adolescence and brain plasticity extend well beyond the teenage years, requiring parents to rethink the way they educate and understand children. In this lecture, Dr. Steinberg will outline this important research and provide parents with strategies and concrete tools to guide them through this very important age of opportunity.

Shaare Zion Synagogue (5575 Côte Saint-Luc Road, Montreal)

May 16, 2016 at 7:30 pm

Free admission. The conference will be held in English. [Register now!](#)

➤ **COLLOQUE 2016 DE L'ACSM-MONTRÉAL " ÉCONOMIES, SOCIÉTÉ ET SANTÉ MENTALE : REPENSONS LA RICHESSE !"**

ENDROIT :

Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec, Auditorium (entrée sur la rue Berri)
475, boulevard De Maisonneuve, Montréal (métro Berri-UQAM)

Pour consulter le programme complet du colloque (version pdf), [cliquez ici](#).



➤ **"WILD ANIMAL" - AN ETHNOGRAPHY ABOUT OLDER INDIVIDUALS AND CHRONIC ILLNESSES IN A BRAZILIAN SHANTYTOWN**



Soraya Fleischer is a medical anthropologist and professor at the anthropology department of the University of Brasilia (UnB). She just completed fieldwork, lasting several years, about older people in a poor city at the outskirts of Brasilia.

This conference consists of a short documentary (30 minutes, with English subtitles) that tells with lots of empathy and humor, the stories of some older people living in the poor city of Ceilândia (near Brasilia) and the way these individuals integrate, negotiate with, and contest chronic illness (esp. diabetes and hypertension) in their everyday life. Fleischer documents how chronic illness -the "wild animal" - is an important part of everyday life of this population and not always in line with public health recommendations.

The film is followed by a talk that will give insights into the lives of a rarely studied group of older people and initiate a discussion on the management of chronic illness for those who have less resource.

Contact Dr. Shari Brotman to register @ shari.brotman@mcgill.ca

MAY 17, 2016 | 12 pm - 1 pm

McGill University | Wendy Patrick Room | 1st floor | Wilson Hall

3506 UNIVERSITY ST. (CORNER MILTON), MONTRÉAL

NOTICES OF FUNDING/RESEARCH:

➤ **IHSP FUNDING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES - DEADLINE MAY 6**

IHSP Research to Policy Dragon's Den '

June 6th-10th of 2016, the McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy (IHSP) is hosting a unique training opportunity in translating research to policy. Mentored by a select group of academics, policy, practice and media experts, participants will take on an important current policy challenge, develop an evidence-based proposal for policy change, and design effective strategies for moving it to action.

Topic in 2016: Refugee Settlement Policy: We explore the different ways that refugees make their ways to Canada (government-assisted, privately sponsored, asylum seekers) and the policy frameworks that shape their experiences once they are here.

Participants will hone their skills in:

- Using research to impact policy
- Working and thinking across sectors and disciplines
- Developing policy proposals at community, local, provincial and national levels
- Validating and refining their proposals with input from practice and policy experts and from individuals who would be impacted by the policy
- "Selling" an idea to prominent policy, practice, community and media leaders

This is non-credit training open to advanced students, practitioners and policymakers.

Participation fee: CAN \$250. A limited number of travel bursaries are available.

Program and Application Details: <https://www.mcgill.ca/ihsp/events/dragonsden>

Please note: No prior experience or knowledge of refugee settlement is required to participate in this program.

GENERAL INTEREST:

➤ **MCGILL SEXUAL IDENTITY CLINIC (MUSIC)**



The McGill Reporter has just featured a wonderful article on the McGill Sexual Identity Clinic (MUSIC).

A warm congratulation to Dr. Richard Montoro and Dr. Karine Igartua on the growing success of their clinic!

We are pleased to offer MUSIC as one of our M.Sc.(A) Couple and Family Therapy internship placement sites.

The MUSIC team, left to right: Evelyn Andelfinger, Laura Copeland, Dr. Richard Montoro, Dr. Karine Igartua, Vicky Rochon and Marsha Kagan. / Photo: Patricia Vasquez

We would also like to extend a heartfelt congratulation to **Evelyn Andelfinger, who is the first M.Sc.(A) student to complete a stage at MUSIC!**

A safe space to discuss sexual identity and orientation

Since it opened in 1999, the award-winning McGill University Sexual Identity Centre of the MUHC is the only psychiatric clinic in Quebec that offers a wide range of specialized psychotherapy services tailored to lesbians, gays, bisexuals, trans and queer people (LGBTQ). Members of the LGBTQ community come to the clinic to get help dealing with sexual identity issues and the mental suffering caused by discrimination. "Homophobia doesn't happen once every other week. It happens every day," says Dr. Richard Montoro, co-director of the clinic. "It comes from strangers and even from people you love and should be able to trust. That can lead to low self-esteem, anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts. That's why our clinic exists." [Get the full story.](#)

JOB/VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES:

- **RESEARCH ASSISTANT – DOUGLAS HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE** (CIHR study entitled : *Moving from Custodial to Autonomous Housing: The Lived Experience of Residents and their Recovery from Serious Mental Illness*) is to explore how people with mental illness recover and build a life beyond the mental health system in moving from custodial housing to autonomous housing in the community.

Duration of contract: 14-20 hours/week, **Start date:** Immediately, **Where:** Douglas Mental Health University Institute, Maison Hickson, 91 Hickson Street, Verdun (Quebec)

Responsibilities: Primary responsibilities for research assistant:

- Assist in conducting the systematic review (data extraction, data analysis)
- Writing up of findings/reports/articles
- Assist in planning and organizing integrated knowledge translation activities (Advisory Committee, web platform)

Job requirements - The person should have:

- Completed a graduate degree in health/ social sciences (psychiatry, social work, nursing, occupational therapy, psychology, public health, sociology)
- Experience in conducting knowledge syntheses (data extraction, coding, analyzing)
- Experience in qualitative data analysis/ NVivo software
- S/he must be bilingual,
- Strong capacity for teamwork

Those persons interested should forward a cover letter and their *curriculum vitae* by email to the attention of Mme Louise Bénard by May 2nd 2016. **Please send your CV and Cover Letter to:** louise.benard@douglas.mcgill.ca

- **RESEARCH ASSISTANT – DOUGLAS HOSPITAL MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE** (CIHR grant entitled: *A Knowledge Synthesis on Implementation of the Recovery Concept Into Canadian Mental Health Services*) we will conduct a systematic review of research on implementing the recovery concept into mental health services for people with serious mental illness. We will use a mixed studies review examining qualitative, quantitative and mixed methods studies. Four research questions will guide the data extraction process, and synthesis of the findings. 1) How is recovery defined in this study? 2) How is the recovery approach implemented in this study? 3) What facilitators and barriers emerged in implementing recovery in this study? 4) What outcomes are reported in this study?

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➤ **RESEARCH PARTICIPATION RECRUITMENT REQUEST FOR SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS**

Amanda Saxe, M.Ed. - a PhD candidate in the Department of Educational and Counselling Psychology at McGill University and **Research Supervisor** Dr. Tara Flanagan are currently recruiting participants from students in Social Work for my dissertation research project. Currently recruiting adults over the age of 18 to answer a 20-minute online questionnaire regarding barriers and needs in employment settings. The questionnaire is available in both English and French. The REB file number for the study is #382-0315. If you are 18 years of age or older and are interested in participating, please click on the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q2SCMKQ>
Thank you so much for your time!

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