2017-18 Annual Scholarship Report
York University School of Nursing
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Message from Associate Director Research

Dr. Mina Singh, Associate Director Research and Professor

Putting together this report has given me the opportunity to showcase our strengths in research and teaching scholarship, which has grown over the past 25 years and is continually growing in nursing.

We have also developed successful partnerships internationally in Norway and Ghana. This is the first annual research report for our school and it will be useful in benchmarking our growth and to set our research goals for the next few years.

The 2017-2018 faculty composition was 39, of which 25 faculty held Professorial Tenure Stream (TS) appointments, 5 faculty held Alternate Tenure Stream appointments and 9 faculty held Contractually Limited Appointments.
Our School of Nursing welcomes Dr. Premji as Director of our school. She began her tenure July 1st, 2018.

Academic positions: Dr. Premji was an Associate Professor with Faculty of Nursing and Adjunct Associate Professor with the Department of Community Health Sciences prior to taking the position as Director and Professor School of Nursing in the Faculty of Health at York University. Dr. Premji is a clinical researcher and former Neonatal Nurse Practitioner and Public Health Nurse (Postpartum). Dr. Premji’s academic involvement began in 1994 which includes 2 years (2008-2010) as an Associate Professor at Aga Khan University—School of Nursing and Midwifery, a consultant position with the Aga Khan Foundation Canada – Canadian Development Exchange Program. Dr. Premji was a visiting Lecturer from May to August, 2015 at Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery, East Africa (Nairobi, Kenya campus).

Teaching: Dr. Premji teaches at the undergraduate and graduate level (masters and doctoral). The undergraduate courses taught demonstrate a wide repertoire of skills including faculty advisor, clinical instructor, lab instructor, practice coordinator, and theory instructor. Dr. Premji led the Canadian Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarships and Advanced Scholarships (Nursing) at the University of Calgary, which provided nursing students an opportunity to go to commonwealth countries for field experiences and for commonwealth students to pursue studies at University of Calgary. Dr. Premji has supervised (e.g., primary supervisor or supervisory committee) over 25 graduate students of which five were doctoral students. Supervision of masters’ students includes thesis-based and course-based students. Dr. Premji has also served as internal/external doctoral thesis exams locally and internationally.

Research: Dr. Premji leads an international team of academics, clinicians, and policy decision-makers from:
(a) Pakistan, Tanzania, Kenya, United States and Canada that examines the role of psychosocial factors (e.g., stress, depression and anxiety) as both risk factors and targets of intervention to prevent preterm birth. The goal of the research program is to develop psychosocial interventions that consider the socio-economic and cultural context of pregnant women in order to limit unintended adverse consequences.
(b) China and Canada that will integrate screening and management of antenatal and postpartum depression within the primary health care system in Anhui Province in China.
(c) India and Canada that is training lay health care workers to deliver low level psychosocial interventions to women with emotional distress during pregnancy and postpartum.

Over the last 5 years Dr. Premji has secured $6,702,698 that includes completed projects: $103,629 (Principal Investigator (PI) x 3; Co-investigator x 2) and active projects: $5.4 million (PI x 4, Co-PI x 2, Co-investigator x 4). Funders include: International (Shastri Institutional Collaborative Research Grant, Global Alliance for Chronic Disease), National (Canadian Institute of Health Research), Provincial (Alberta Centre for Child, Family & Community Research/Policy Wise for Children & Families, IMPACT Child
Health Award), and local (Maternal Newborn Child & Youth Strategic Clinical Network™ Health Outcomes Improvement Fund) agencies. Dr. Premji’s work is recognized locally, nationally, and international as evident from the 32 invited presentations. Of the 89 publications, 63 are peer-reviewed articles (systematic reviews, Cochrane systematic reviews, research papers, and narrative reviews). Dr. Premji’s h-index for all citation indices is 15 (and for the last 5 years is 13) and i10-index is 23 (and for the last 5 years is 18), which attests to both the productivity and citation impact of her work.

**Service:** Dr. Premji is the founder and 1st President of the Canadian Association of Neonatal Nurses (CANN). CANN supported the development of the Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN), which has representation from over 30 countries. Dr. Premji was a Board Member, Director at Large of the COINN from 2007-2011. CANN/ACIIN and COINN have worked closely over the years to address issues related standard of neonatal care, and professional practice such as development the specialty of neonatal nursing to reduce infant mortality in low- and middle-income countries. Dr. Premji is a Board Member of the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research. Dr. Premji’s international work dates back to 1989 and includes teaching post-basic neonatal intensive care courses/workshops, or providing technical expertise in development of nursing programs in countries such as Kenya, Tanzania, Pakistan, and Syria.

**Awards:** Dr. Premji is the recipient of the Jeanne Mance Award which is the highest award given by the Canadian Nurses Association. More recently, to mark the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation, the Canadian Nurses Association honored Dr. Premji as 150 Nurses for Canada!! for her pioneering work in health innovation in Canada and globally. Dr. Premji is also the recipient of the College & Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta’s Centennial Award and has been inducted as a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing. In June of this year Dr. Premji received the Nursing Excellence in Research award from the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta.
Our Mission
The mission of the School of Nursing is to create a culture of caring that fosters lifelong learning and the development of human science-based nursing knowledge, research and practice. We honour and respect the unique lived experience of all people and their inner wisdom in terms of the processes of health, healing and quality of life. The partnerships seek to offer innovative, open and flexible programs that are responsive to societal needs in diverse communities and to the current and future directions of the nursing profession.

Our Vision
The vision for York Nursing 2020 is “to prepare individuals to become nurses, and enable nurses to advance in their profession, and to produce knowledge for the betterment of human health and wellbeing”.

Programs
There are three undergraduate programs:

- York -Seneca – Georgian Collaborative BSCN program
- 2nd Entry BSCN program
- Post RN IEN BSCN Program

There are also two masters programs:

- Master of Science in Nursing
- Master of Science in Nursing - Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner

In September 2018, we welcome our first cohort of students to the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing.
New Professors

Simon Adam RN, PhD
Simon Adam is a social scientist in nursing. His program of scholarship focuses on the mental health industry, its various institutional and discursive dimensions, the consumer/survivor/mad experience, and alternative and counter-hegemonic ways of conceptualizing human illness, suffering, and crisis. His work considers what is currently termed 'mental illness' as largely a product of social, economic, and political forces, while examining how education, professionalization, and pop culture reproduce a medicalized way of understanding what would otherwise be a normal human condition. Dr. Adam works with various communities, including electroshock/insulin shock survivors, mad people, and women suffering from postpartum depression.

Linda Juergensen, RN, PhD (c)
Linda Juergensen is a Registered Nurse and PhD candidate from the School of Nursing at the University of Ottawa with an interest in the sociopolitical context of health. As a former public health nurse, she has lived and worked in Canada, Africa and the Middle East. Her undergraduate training (B.Sc.N., Ottawa, 1994), teaching and research in community health nursing combines a local and global perspective, as well as a social justice and critical theory lens. For her Master’s degree (M.Sc.N., Queen’s, 1997), she explored the meaning and function of illicit injection drug use for women from a feminist perspective. At the doctoral level, her study involves a critical reflection on the role of nurses in the public health response to HIV/AIDS in Ontario. She is particularly interested in the concept of “engagement” in public health and examining the implications of decolonization and reconciliation for the development of a more inclusive, indivisive and sustainable approach to the management of infectious diseases such as HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis.
Sarah Evans, RN, EdD

Sarah Evans has over 15 years of undergraduate teaching experience, including a variety of courses at the “Ryerson, George Brown, Centennial College Collaborative Program” as well as at Trent University over the past several years. Her EdD is in Simulation, and she has a strong background in clinical teaching, including within simulation environments. She has expertise in health assessment, adult health, community health and experience in recovery/peri-anesthesia nursing. Dr. Evans also comes to York with an extensive background in curriculum development, program evaluation and ethics policies.

Ms. Anne Pottinger RN, MScN

Ms. Pottinger has significant clinical expertise as an Advanced Practice Nurse, administrator, and leader across the mental health continuum of care, including community, inpatient, geriatric and emergency mental health nursing. She also has significant teaching experience and expertise, along with a strong background in conducting learning needs assessments and designing curricula. She has taken a lead on accreditation, strategic planning and policy development in her current place of work (CAMH).
Ruth Rodney RN, PhD

Ruth’s areas of expertise are health promotion, violence prevention, and gender issues examining both masculinities and femininities. Over the past 6 years, she has focused on research with marginalized populations in Canada and abroad. She has experience in qualitative research and global health research methods, using critical theories to understand how we can better address longstanding social problems. Ruth is particularly interested in violence prevention at the community level, and one current focus is adolescent populations and how to better support them in decreasing violence in dating relationships. Her populations of interest are Caribbean, Latin American, and African diaspora located in those regions and in Canada.

Laura Nicholson RN, PhD

Laura Nicholson has an extensive background in nursing simulation, including a doctorate in 2012 with this focus. She is a Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator (CHSE) and has been in the role of Director, Nursing Simulation since 2015. Dr. Nicholson begins her role as Director, Nursing Simulation effective July 1, 2018 in an Alternate Tenure Stream position.
Faculty Profiles

Jacqueline A. Choiniere, RN, PhD

Research Interests: Long-term residential care (particularly focusing on the quality of care and work), health care reform and accountability, women’s work.

Mary Fox, RN, PhD

Research Interest: acute and transitional care, older people, rest and physical activity

Professional Affiliations:
Related quasi-volunteer work: coaching nurses in the Geriatric Scholars Program on their projects at Aurora Mount Sinai Hospital, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA.
Adjunct Scientist, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, University Health Network, Toronto
Member, Ontario Multicultural Health Applied Research Unit, York University & Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario
Associate Member, Faculty of Graduate Studies, School of Kinesiology and Health Science.
Faculty of Graduate Studies, School of Health Policy & Management.
Faculty Fellow, Institute of Social Research, York University
Adjunct Appointee, University Health Network & York University School of Nursing Academy, Toronto, Ontario
Affiliate Investigator, Nursing Best Practice Research Unit, University of Ottawa, Ontario

Community Involvement:
Reviewer, Israel Science Foundation – Grant competition
Reviewer, Physiotherapy Canada
Reviewer, Research in Nursing & Health
Reviewer, York U Internal review committee for grants being submitted to external funding agencies 2017, 2018
Lead, Community Engagement

Activity: Three research-based community outreach activities were developed by Fox and trainees and held at York’s ‘Science Rendezvous’ annual science fair. More than 1000 youth and their parents were engaged in an interactive learning booth that invited them to reflect on their knowledge and assumptions about aging, and consider how media such as cartoons, magazines, and birthday cards
portray aging. The learning booth included empathy-building simulations that allowed young people and their families to experience some of the physiological and sensory changes associated with aging.

2017, 2018
Lead, Community Engagement with research trainees
Activity: Based on findings of a funded project, Fox and trainees developed and held two York-TD Community Engagement Centre Outreach – Ageism workshops. The workshops incorporated empathy-building simulations and introduced youth to the physiological and social aspects of aging, with a particular emphasis on raising critical awareness around the negative effects of ageism in society. Over 100 youth attended and were provided the opportunity to challenge myths and stereotypes about older people, discover cross-cultural perspectives on aging, and learn about ageism’s costs to society.

Elsabeth Jensen, RN, BA, PhD

Research Interests: Mental Health and Illness, Mental Health Nursing Practice, Health Systems/Services, Program Evaluation, Interpersonal Violence and Trauma, Nursing History
Service & Community involvement: Can-Voice Consumer/Survivor Organization - Board of Directors- member 2017- present
Seamless Services Committee, Institute on Violence Prevention, Peel Region-member 2016-present
Canadian Nurses Association-member
Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Ontario - Member
2017-2019 President-Elect- Canadian Nurses Protective Society
2011-2018 Assistance Review Committee-Ontario Representative, Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Canada (CNS-C)
2016- 2017 Board of Directors-Ontario Member at Large
Registered Nurses Association of Ontario-member emeritus

Christine Jonas-Simpson, RN, PhD

Research Interest: Arts-based Inquiry and Translation; Culture Shifts in End-of-Life, Bereavement and Dementia Care, Living and Transforming with Loss; Arts-based relational caring; Social Justice and Social Change in Long Term Care
http://www.dotsabitove.com/
http://crackedondementia.ca/
www.bereavementdocumentaries.ca
Bereavement Documentaries Youtube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCe-WJE6RF-Glg84XPzp2qEw

Professional Affiliations:
Associate Professor York University
Director, Academics & Philosophy, Dotsa Bitove Wellness Academy
Ethan William Foundation Founder and President
International Working Group on Death, Dying and Bereavement Member
Partners in Dementia Care
Community involvement: External Research Grant Reviewer for Agencies in Ontario and Saskatchewan
Reviewer for Academic Journals
Highlands Festival Theatre – Haliburton Highlands – Actor

Nazilla Khanlou, RN, PhD

**Research Interests:** mental health promotion, immigrant women, developmental disabilities, youth identity, participatory research

**Website:** [http://nkhanlou.info.yorku.ca](http://nkhanlou.info.yorku.ca)

**Memberships:**
- 2017- Ontario eTeaching and eLearning Community of Practice
- 2014- PREVNet (Canada’s authority on research and resources for bullying prevention)
- 2014- Evidence Exchange Network for Mental Health and Addictions (EENet Connect)

**Community Service:**
- 2016 - Member, Immigrant Insight Scholars (IIS) Program Advisory Committee, Access Alliance Multicultural Health and Community Services, Toronto
- 2014 - Member, The Toronto Choices in Mental Health Collaborative, Toronto

Tsorng-Yeh Lee, RN, PhD

**Research Interests:** Cancer care and maternity care.

**Professional Affiliations:** are with CNO and RNAO.

**Service & Community involvement:** South Riverdale Community Health Centre.
Judith A. MacDonnell, RN, PhD

**Research Interests**: Community-based research; access; equity; LGBTQ health; women’s health; racialization; immigrant women’s health; activism; gender; public health; education

**Professional Affiliations**:
- Community Health Nursing Initiatives Group of RNAO (CHNIG) (Member)
- Community Health Nurses of Canada (CHN-C) (member)
- Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA) (member)
- Lambda Pi-At Large Chapter of Sigma International Honor Society of Nursing (2017-18) (member)

Rainbow Health Ontario (RHO) - researcher cluster

**Service activities**: Interim Director School of Nursing, York University July 1, 2017-Jun 30, 2018

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Claire Mallette, RN, PhD

**Research Interests**: Nursing education, Caring Practices in Nursing, Artificial Intelligence, Bullying Leadership, and Complexity

**Professional Affiliations**:
- CNA Ontario
- College of Nurses of Ontario

**Community Involvement**:
- Chair: AMS Phoenix Grants Committee
- Steering Committee Member: CNA Ontario Transitional Team
- Member: AMS Phoenix Strategic Advisory Committee

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Lisa Seto Nielsen, RN, PhD

**Research interests**: Palliative care, immigrant health, health equity
Cheryl van Daalen-Smith, RN, PhD

**Research Interests:** Mental Health- Men’s Experiences of Psychiatric Hospitalization in Canada
My website: [www.yorku.ca/cvandaal](http://www.yorku.ca/cvandaal)

**Professional Affiliations:**
- CRAN - Member, Child Rights Academic Network of Canada (CarletonU)
- CASN – Public Health Education Sub Committee
- CHNC – Community Health Nurses of Canada

**Community Involvement:**
Governance Committee: Community Health Nurses Association of Canada and Gender Consultant, St. Mike’s Knowledge Translation Unit

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Rose Steele, RN, PhD

**Research Interests:** Pediatric Palliative Care


**Professional Affiliations:**
- Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association (member)
- Canadian Interprofessional Health Collaborative (member)
- Canadian Nurses Foundation (member)
- College of Nurses of Ontario (member; regulatory body)
- International Children’s Palliative Care Network (member)
- Sigma Theta Tau International (member)

**Community Involvement:**
Sept. 2013-June 2018 Co-mentor in the Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program (CCHCSP) for Dr. Kim Widger, RN, PhD, CHPCN(C), Assistant Professor, Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto; other co-mentor: Dr. Jennifer Stinson, Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

Dr. Widger was awarded $70,000 per annum for a maximum period of 4 years, from April 1, 2014 until March 31, 2018.

The CCHCSP provides support for highly qualified child health clinician candidates to develop their requisite knowledge and skills for a career as an independent scientist in child health research. Trainees engage in research training and a core curriculum in one of the participating Child Health Research Training Centres of the CCHCSP. Research training is supervised by a research mentor and advisory committee and is structured to facilitate excellence in research with an interdisciplinary focus.

As her co-mentor, I was required to attend the CCHCSP National Symposia yearly for the term of the award. In the first year of the award, I was also required to participate in a one-day Knowledge Translation program that was held on day one of the CCHSP National Symposium in Vancouver from June 6-8, 2014.
Faculty Members

Dora Antwi  Mental Health, women’s health and nursing education.

Irfan Aslam  Acute Care Nursing, Chronic illness & stress, Health promotion, health education.
Nursing ethics, Professional trends and issues, Qualitative & Quantitative Research.

Lesley Beagrie RN, PhD Nursing  Health Promotion, Nursing Education, Women’s Health, Quality of Life Issues.

Mavoy Bertram RN, PhD

Patricia Bradley RN, PhD  (Program Coordinator – IEN)  Suffering and Relationships, Meaning of Illness, Women Living with Men with Coronary Heart Disease, Transition from School to Practice, Narrative Pedagogy, PDA’s, Decision Making and Judgment in a Clinical Setting.

Anne Crozier RN, PhD

Celina Da Silva RN, PhD  Innovation in simulation and e-learning education geared for nursing and interdisciplinary students. I evaluate the design, refinement and effectiveness of educational interventions on student’s acquisition of knowledge, skills and attitudes. (my interests have evolved to studying the impact of e-mentorship interventions on student outcomes such as, self-efficacy and empowerment in the post-secondary domain.)

Mahdieh (Fay) Dastjerdi RN, PhD  Immigrant/ refugee populations; Iranian immigrants’ experiences in accessing Canadian health care services; low-income, and immigrant family care givers as well as examining culturally appropriate assessment practices in an Early Childhood Development (ECD) project; Pan Canadian study on Aging, Wellbeing and Quality of Life of Iranian seniors living in Canada.

Iris Epstein RN, PhD  Nursing education; Nursing Ethics; Qualitative and Quantitative Research; Relationship between education technology and place.

Monica Gola RN, PhD (c )  Community Based Research; Determinants of Health; Health Promotion; Maternal, Child and Family Nursing; Mental Health; Public Health & Community Nursing; Women’s Health.

Christine Kurtz-Landy RN, PhD  Community based research, Women’s Health, Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods, Nursing Education. Professional Issues and Trends, Determinants of Health, Gender and Health

Local Poverty Reduction Strategy (Province of Ontario) Co-Investigator - Kurtz Landy, C.M. Principal investigators: Jack, S., Mackie, C.; Co-investigators: Sheehan, D., Gonzalez, A., Kurtz Landy C., MacMillan, H. L., Project Title: Canadian Nurse-Family Partnership Education (CaNE) Project Ontario Health Units

Canadian Institutes of Health Research Principal investigators: Kurtz Landy, C. (nominated), Sword, W.; Co-investigators: Cunningham, C., Shannon, H., McDonald, S., McDonald, H., Angle, P., Morris, M., Boblin, S., Heaman, M., & Blake, J., Project Title: A trial of labour or a repeat caesarean section? A mixed methods study examining women’s preference and providers’ counsel. CIHR operating grant: $380,324.00 over 4 years; 2013-2017

Alternative Funding Plan Innovation Fund for Academic Health Science Centres (AFP AHSC) Co-investigator: Kurtz Landy, C.M. Principal investigator: Angle, P.; Co-investigators: Barrett, J., Kurtz Landy, C., Kibbe, A., & Kiss, A. Project Title: Validation of the Labor Pain Questionnaire, the first multidimensional psychometric instrument developed specifically for measurement of pain in laboring women. 2014-2015, $60,264

A trial of Labour or repeat Cesarean section: A mixed methods study examining women’s preferences and providers' counsel
Role: Principal Investigator
Amount funded: $380,234Year Funded: 2013Duration: 4Funded by: Canadian Institutes of Health Research

Exploring the Experiences of Teen Mothers: Reproductive Health and Reproductive Health Choices- Teen mothers’ perspectives
Role: Principal Investigator
Amount funded: $2000Year Funded: 2011Duration: 1Funded by: York University

Pathways to Prosperity
Role: Collaborator
Year Funded: 2012Duration: 7 yearsFunded by: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

Lillie Lum RN, PhD Interdisciplinary interactions at local, national and global levels; research program is characterized as being socially relevant, advancing social justice for vulnerable populations such as skilled immigrants, highly interdisciplinary, and based upon theoretically pluralistic frameworks; the major themes include promoting equitable access and participation in the health system through institutional change, removal of barriers, increasing the leadership capacities of international health professionals and enhancing educational opportunities for adult immigrant students.

Laura Nicholson RN, PhD (Director of the Nursing Simulation Lab)

Julie Nilsen-Berec RN, PhD (Undergraduate Program Director – BScN 2nd Degree Entry, ending June 30, 2018 )
Karin Page-Cutrara RN, PhD (Undergraduate Program Director- BScN Collaborative)

Eva Peisachovich RN, PhD  Acute Care Nursing; Nursing Education; Nursing Ethics.

Andria Phillips RN, PhD (Undergraduate Program Director – BScN 2nd Degree Entry, starting July 1, 2018) Acute Care Nursing; Gerontological Nursing; Professional Issues & Trends.

Beryl Pilkington RN, PhD (Global Health BA & BSc Program Coordinator) Research Area: Qualitative Methodology; Nursing; Resilience; Social Determinants of Health; Youth; Loss; Diabetes; Community-based Research; Teaching Areas: Global & Transcultural Health; Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods.

Ruth Robbio RN, PhD

Grace Ross RN, PhD  Teaching Areas: IHST - Global Health and the Environment; NURS - Community Based Research; NURS - Determinants of Health; NURS - Global & Transcultural Health; NURS - Health Promotion; NURS - Mental Health; NURS - Nursing Ethics; NURS - Public Health & Community Nursing

Nancy Sangiuliano RN, PhD (c) (Associate Director Undergraduate Education)

Sandra Skerratt RN, PhD Global Health Promotion and Disease Prevention; NURS - Determinants of Health; NURS - Global & Transcultural Health

Shelley Walkerley RN, PhD Chronic Illness & Stress; Community Based Research; Determinants of Health; NURS - Health Promotion; Maternal, Child and Family Nursing; Mental Health; Nursing Education; NURS - Nursing Ethics; Professional Issues & Trends; Public Health & Community Nursing;
Faculty Awards

Rose Steele
Dr. Steele was nominated by the graduating Internationally Educated Nurses BScN cohort for the Nursing Students Association of York Faculty Award, which she won in October 2017.

Claire Mallette
Dr. Claire Mallette and Dr. Don Rose of Ryerson University have jointly won the COUPN-AMS Quality Compassionate Caring Award.

Shelley Walkerley
Dr. Shelley Walkerley has won the 2018 COUPN Excellence in Teaching Award.

Gemma Percival
Gemma Percival, a Clinical Course Director has been chosen as the recipient of the 2018 COUPN Clinical Instructor Award.

Promotions

July 2018
Dr. Karin Page-Cutrara was promoted to the rank of Associate Lecturer, effective July 1, 2018.

July 2017
Dr. Lillie Lum was promoted to the rank of Full Professor effective July 1, 2017.
Dr. Mina Singh was promoted to the rank of Full Professor, effective July 1, 2017.
Research Funding

Jacqueline Choiniere RN, PhD

*Imagining Age—Friendly “Communities” within Communities: International Promising Practices* (SSHRC + partner funded - $4,144,110 - 2018 – 2025) I am a CI - Tamara Daly is PI
This international study aims to how assess how and whether cities’ different conceptions and practices of age-friendliness support older citizens and non-citizens, including those from diverse communities – and what are promising practices in this area.

*Changing Places: Unpaid Work in Public Spaces* (SSHRC – funded Insight Grant - $280,089) 2017- 2020 I am CI, Pat Armstrong is PI
This three-year project is a comparative analysis of changes and continuities in self-care and family care work with the move from home to residential care. We seek to identify conditions that support unpaid work that is rewarding and meaningful for families and residents.

Mary Fox RN, PhD

2017
Fox, M. (PI), Alzghoul, M, *Amell,T. Elias, B., Ferguson-Pare, M. McNeil, D. Rosebush, P.
Sidani, S., Skinner, M.
Ontario Ministry of Health & Long-Term Care, Health System Research Fund
$399,998
Research operating funds
Adapting hospital-to-home transitional care interventions to the Ontario rural healthcare context

2017
Dahlke, S. (PI), Wagg, A., Hunter, K., Fox, M. (co-inv), Pound, M.
Alberta Health Services
$15,200 ( 1 year)
Operating funds Improving Care of Hospitalized Older People through Increased Geriatric Knowledge and Enhanced Interprofessional Team Processes

Christine Jonas-Simpson RN, PhD


Nazilla Khanlou RN, PhD

2018- Khanlou N (PI) & Luz Maria Vazquez. Intersectional approaches to understanding Asian Canadian youth experiences of integration and cultural identity in diaspora. Funded by: York Centre for Asian Research.


2017-2018 MacDonnell JA, & Dastjerdi M (Co-Principal Investigators), Bokore N, Tharao W, & Khanlou N (Co-Investigator*). “Finding a space for me outside of the stereotypes”: Building service provider capacity. Funded by: Women’s Xchange at Women’s College Research Institute (15K Challenge Program).


Tsorg-Yeh Lee RN, PhD

November 2017  Research Release Award  0.5 FCE release  Faculty of Health
June 2, 2017  Conference Travel Funds  $1,000  Faculty of Health
May 31, 2017  SSHRC Conference Travel Grants  $1,250  York University

Lee, T.Y., (PI) & Lin Liu. Psychosocial and cultural aspects of infertility: comparison between immigrant and non-immigrant infertile couples Minor Research Grant, Faculty of Health, York University, Canada, funded CAD$ 3,000.

Judith A. MacDonnell RN, PhD

Grant: Women’s XChange $15,000 Challenge. Title: “Finding a Space for Me Outside the Stereotypes”: Building Service Provider Capacity.” Amount: $15,000. Funded April, 2017
Role: Nominated Principal Investigator (Judith A. MacDonnell & M. Dastjerdi, Co-PIs) with N. Bokore, W. Tharao & N. Khanlou.
This is a qualitative community-based research project, a partnership between the School of Nursing at York University and Women’s Health in Women’s Hands Community Health Centre. The purpose is to explore the needs of service providers in mental health and settlement sectors to support activism as a strategy for mental health promotion of racialized immigrant women and resources to support them.
Community Partner: Women’s Health in Women’s Hands CHC,

Unfunded research project:
Role: RNAO BPG Panel member.

Claire Mallette RN, PhD

Co-Principal Investigators: Mallette, C. & Rose, D.; Co-Investigators: Byrne, C., Ormiston, A., & Poole, K.
Exploring Caring in Nursing Curricula in Ontario: A Provincial Nursing Education Initiative. Associated Medical Services (AMS) Phoenix Project ($100,000.00).

Lisa Seto Nielsen RN, PhD

2018 - Faculty of Health, York University- Minor Research Grant $3,000 To provide support for research that does not require or is not eligible for major resources. An exploratory qualitative study of nurses’ perceptions of caring for undocumented immigrants with terminal cancer in Toronto, Canada

2018- Faculty of Health, York University Conference Travel Award $1,000 To provide support for conference attendance. Nursing students’ attitudes toward undocumented immigrants: Exploring the current curriculum.

2018 - (Khanlou, N. [P.I.], Mantini, A., Vazquez, L.M., Khan, A., Seto Nielsen, L.) York University SSHRC Research Opportunity Grant  $3,000 Pilot project Asian and Latino Canadian Youth Experiences of
Cultural Identity: An Intersectional Exploration of Contemporary Immigration and Multicultural Narrative.

Ruth Robbio RN, PhD


Cheryl van Daalen-Smith RN, PhD

2018 - Faculty of Health Internal Grant - $3000
Journal Articles

Jacqueline Choiniere RN, PhD


Mary Fox RN, PhD


brief report, *Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine*, Dec-Jan (3), 1-15


**Fox, M.T.,** Sidani, S., *Butler, J.I.,* & Tregunno, D. (2017). Nurses’ Perspectives on the Geriatric Nursing Practice Environment and the Quality of Care for Older People’s Care in Ontario Acute Care Hospitals, *Canadian Journal of Nursing Research*, 49(2), 94-100


**Christine Jonas-Simpson RN, PhD**


Collective Disruption (Julia Gray, Sherry Dupuis, Gail Mitchell, Pia Kontos, **Christine Jonas-Simpson** with Susan Applewhaite, Lori Nancy Kalamanski, Mary Ellen MacLean, Claire Frances Muir, Mark Prince, Tim

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Tsorng-Yeh Lee RN, PhD


Judith A. MacDonnell RN, PhD


Claire Mallette RN, PhD


Mallette, C., Rose, D., Ormiston, A, Reich, J. Poole, K., (2018). The essence of caring: portrayal of caring in nursing through research and poetry. Submitted to Journal of Nursing Education.
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Mina Singh RN, PhD


Rose Steele RN, PhD


Books

Nazilla Khanlou RN, PhD


Cheryl van Daalen-Smith RN, PhD


Mina Singh RN, PhD

Book Chapters

Jacqueline A. Choiniere RN, PhD


Elsabeth Jensen RN, PhD


Cheryl van Daalen-Smith RN, PhD


Nazilla Khanlou RN, PhD


**Judith A. MacDonnell RN, PhD**


**Mina Singh RN, PhD**


Other Publications

Technical Reports


Peer Reviewed with Abstract Published in Conference Book


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Hospital News: Change day: Empowering students and staff to drive change. Retrieved at http://hospitalnews.com/empowering-students-staff-drive-change/

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Dr. Beryl Pilkington (Associate Professor, Nursing), Julie Hard (Manager, International Relations), and Dr. Joseph Mensah (Chair, Department of Geography) visited Ghana the last two weeks April 2018, to explore and advance partnership development with several academic institutions located in southern, eastern, and northern Ghana. Of special interest to Nursing was the University of Health and Allied Science in Volta Region see: https://www.uhas.edu.gh/en/ Dr. Pilkington has sustained a connection with Dr Prudence Mwini-Nyaledzigbor, founding Dean of the School of Nursing & Midwifery, for about a decade. Discussions over the three-day visit focused on developing a collaboration around graduate education in Nursing, research interests, and practicum opportunities for the Global Health BA/BSc program. The team visited several community health service providers linked with the University’s two campuses.

Dr. Prudence Mwini-Nyaledzigbor, Dean, SoN & Midwifery; and faculty member

Some UHAS faculty members with three York Faculty of Health visitors (centre, front row)

York Faculty of Health visitors (Julie Hard, Carol Z., and Beryl Pilkington) with several UHAS SoN faculty and staff and patients, Hasu Poly-clinic, Volta Region

Beryl Pilkington RN, PhD

Ghana Visit, April 2018
**Norway Collaboration** In Spring 2018, Dr. Beryl Pilkington and four York Collaborative BScN students participated in the course, *Global Health and Cultural Awareness in Nursing*, at the School of Nursing, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences (formerly Bergen University College) in Bergen. Offered in a compressed format over two and a half weeks in late May and early June, the course is deemed equivalent to *Global Context of Nursing*, a fourth-year core course in York’s BScN program. This is the second time York nursing students have taken the Norwegian course (the first time being 2015).
Graduate Student Profiles

Debora Cateni, Perinatal RN, MScN (c)

Supervisor: Dr. Christine Kurtz Landy
Thesis Title: The Effect of Method of Delivery and Psychosocial Factors on Postpartum Sexual Satisfaction

Female sexual dysfunction is a common postpartum morbidity. Perineal birth trauma is hypothesized to be a major factor adversely affecting women’s postpartum sexual health. Recently, attention has turned to the protective role that Cesarean section may play in preventing perineal birth trauma. At the same time, there is a growing opinion that the quality of women’s postpartum sexual health is not solely related to physiological factors supporting a shift from the traditional model of sexual health to a biopsychosocial model, which considers both physiological and psychosocial factors related to sexual health. The aim of this study was: 1) to determine whether method of delivery is a predictor of sexual satisfaction at 6 months and 12 months postpartum and 2) to develop a biopsychosocial model of sexual health to understand what factors best predict sexual satisfaction at 6 months and 12 months postpartum. Study results showed that most women were sexually satisfied at 6 months (92%) and 12 months (92%) postpartum. Predictors for sexual satisfaction at 6 months postpartum were birthplace, breastfeeding status, physical health scores, perceived social support, mental health scores and the risk of postpartum depression. At 12 months postpartum breastfeeding status, physical health scores, perceived social support and mental health scores were predictors of sexual satisfaction. Method of delivery was not found to be statistically significant at both time points. An association just shy of statistical significance was found at 12 months postpartum suggesting that women who had vaginal deliveries were at increased odds of being sexually satisfied. Contrary to our expectations, Cesarean section delivery did not provide a protective benefit to women’s sexual satisfaction. The impact of common postpartum factors on sexual satisfaction is complex and multidimensional. A shift towards a biopsychosocial model of postpartum sexual satisfaction is necessary to better counsel women on delivery method and postpartum sexual health.

Conferences: Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting Quebec, 2017
Oral Presentation Title: The Effect of Method of Delivery and Psychosocial Factors on Postpartum Sexual Satisfaction
Professional Membership: Lambda Pi-at-Large Chapter of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International

Karlie-Carmen DeAngelis, RN, MScN (c)

"My name is Karlie-Carmen (Karlie) DeAngelis, and I am in my 2nd year of the York University MScN program (part-time), thesis stream. I transferred into the thesis stream after my first year in my Master's, after uncovering a deep-seated passion for the nursing experience during end-of-life care. My research, subsequently, has evolved from this and is a study based on the principles of relational ethics. The formative experiences of caring for children in the Cardiac Critical Care Unit (CCCU) at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) in Toronto, where I have worked for the past 5+ years, have shaped the background of my thesis, which is "Caring for the Child who is Dying: A Relational Ethics Understanding of End-of-Life Nursing Care". I recently began to work full-time with a healthcare GPO as a Clinical Advisor, wherein I have the opportunity to be a part of the strategic influence for a vast portfolio of medical devices and equipment purchased by over 800 hospitals across Canada. I am still working at SickKids as a registered nurse at the bedside in CCCU while conducting my thesis research. Complimentary to research for end-of-life care, I will begin working alongside the Paediatric Advanced Care Team (PACT) at SickKids as part of my practicum for my MScN in the Fall of 2018, wherein I will be learning from the Grief Support Coordinators and Clinical Nurse Specialists throughout the course of their intricate work with palliative patients in various areas of the hospital."
Events

STTI Events

1. STTI Lamba Pi-At-Large Chapter Fall 2017

   Last fall, we successfully joined the Lamba Pi-At Large Chapter with the University of Toronto and Ryerson University. This was an important venture which demands time and responsibility. Mina Singh is now the Vice-President of the Chapter, and Patricia Bradley and Mina Singh are co-Faculty Counsellors. Mahdieh Dastjerdi served as the webmaster for the fall. Patricia Bradley is on the Research Committee. Committees are well represented by University of Toronto and Ryerson University.

2. STTI Research Pub Night

   The Research Committee organized a Pub Night as a meet and greet for students and researchers on November 30th, 2017 at O’Grady’s Tap and Grill.

3. Induction Ceremony- December 11th, 2017

   Our first participation in an Induction Ceremony was on Dec 11th, 2017 at Ryerson University.

4. Chartering Ceremony- May 10th, 2018

   STTI chartering ceremony took place on York campus this May.
Left to right: Professor T-Y. Lee, Professor M. Dastjerdi, Professor B. Pilkington, Andrea Meghie, RN, Professor C. Jonas-Simpson, Professor P. Bradley, Professor M. Singh, Prof. J. MacDonnell, Angela Guzman (Chapter President), Doris Grinspun (Chartering Officer).
Panel Presentation on Dementia: Palliative and End-of-Life Care

On May 3rd, 2018 a panel presentation was organized by Professor Mina Singh and sponsored by the Knowledge Mobilization at York. Speakers were Dr. Christine Jonas-Simpson, Director Bitove Academy; Andrea Ubell, Director, Programs and Client Services, Dilip Chetram, Spouse Caregiver; Sonia Macdonald, Internal Medicine, Geriatrics and Palliative Care, Primary Healthcare Nurse Practitioner CCAC; Ron McFarlan, Registered Nurse, University Health Network; Lesley Donovan, Research Associate/Registered Nurse, University Health Network.
On June 19, 2018 Kristen Cleverley RN, PhD was invited to York University by Professor Mina Singh to present on the Topic” Research to Inform Innovations in Mental Health Services for Canadian Youth”. Dr. Kristin Cleverley is the CAMH Chair in Mental Health Nursing Research and Assistant Professor in the Lawrence Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing U of T. She is also a Senior Scientist in the McCain Centre for Child, Youth and Family Mental Health at CAMH. Dr. Cleverley’s clinical and research expertise include child and youth epidemiology; understanding transitions from child to adult mental health services; and patient and family engagement in mental health research. She is currently Principal Investigator of the Longitudinal Youth in Transition Study, a 5-year CIHR project exploring how youth and their caregivers experience transitions in the mental health system. As well as Co-Principal Investigator on YouthCan IMPACT, a systems-wide approach to making mental health care more accessible and effective for youth aged 11-25 who are experiencing mental health challenges in Ontario.
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