

# School of Nursing Scholarship News

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## Message from the Editor!

It is with enthusiasm that I submit to you our research endeavors since the last issue.

Our goal is to create a place for other researchers and students to learn about our Scholarship as we increase our research capacity.

I would like to encourage you to submit original research publications, presentations, grants as well as opinions and short communications. This issue will be shared with the media office in the Faculty of Health.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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## Researcher Profile

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Can-Voice is a consumer/survivor organization in London that provides peer to peer support through group and educational activities. As a not for profit community based service, they had been providing peer support to about 60 people per month supported by under \$200,000 per year from the Local Health Integration Network. That funding has now been transferred to the local branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association. As a result this small agency is looking for other funding sources. I worked with the Betty Edwards, Executive Director of Can-voice to develop a proposal for the Aviva Community Fund. The proposal (\$91,280 value) has been submitted. If it gets through the first wave, it will be posted on the web, where public votes will determine who will receive funding. In keeping with York University's focus on community and social justice, I will continue to provide support to this group as it seeks alternative funding going forward.

As Director of the York-CAMH Collaborative I have accepted the assistance of two undergraduate research volunteers. This will help the Collaborative to move forward with a project looking to improve patient care and experience through improving cultural competence in staff. At this time we are working on the REB submissions for both CAMH and York University. Funding opportunities to support this work are also being explored. This experience will help these volunteers to develop skills they would otherwise not have the opportunity to acquire.

As a result of having been involved in professional organizations in nursing for many years, I was recognized with a Canadian Nurses Association "150 Nurses for Canada" Award during the summer. Going forward I have accepted the position of President-Elect with the Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Ontario for the term of 2017-9. I will then serve as President for two years. I have also

accepted the nomination for Ontario Representative on the Board of Directors of the Clinical Nurse Specialist Association of Canada for the term 2017-9. This position is now acclaimed.

## Publications

**Christine Kurtz Landy, RN, PhD**



1. Khanlou, N. Skinner,A., Haque, N., Mantini,A., & **Kurtz Landy, C.** (2017). Scoping Review on Maternal Health among Immigrant and Refugee Women in Canada: Prenatal, Intrapartum, and Postnatal Care. *Journal of Pregnancy*,5, 1-14.

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2. **Angle, P., Kurtz Landy, C.**, Djorgevic, J., Barrett, J., Kibbe, A., Sripamanathan, S., Lee, Y., Hamata, L., & Kiss, A. (2017). The Angle Labor Pain Questionnaire: Reliability, Validity, Sensitivity to Change and Responsiveness during Early Active Labor without Pain Relief. *The Clinical Journal of Pain*. 33(2), 132-141. doi: 10.1097/AJP.0000000000000386.
3. **Angle, P., Kurtz Landy, C.**, Kibbe, A., Hamata, L., Saiena, S., Djorgevic, J., Barrett, J. & Kiss, A. (2016). Performance of the Angle Labor Pain Questionnaire During Initiation of Epidural Analgesia in Early Active Labor. *Anesthesia & Analgesia*, 123(6):1546–1553.
4. **Parajian, T., Angle, P., Kurtz Landy, C.M.**, & Djordjevic, J. (2016). A snapshot of women's attitudes and preferences toward labor epidural analgesia and cesarean delivery. *International Journal of Anesthesia & Research*. 4(1), 195-202. ISSN 2332-2780
- conditions. *Research in Developmental Disabilities*.

## Mina Singh, RN, PhD

1. **Singh, M.**, Maheu C., Brady, T., & Farah, R., (2017). The psychological impact of the rapid diagnostic pathway in cancer screening: A systematic review. *Canadian Oncology Nursing Journal*, 27 (4), 348-364.

## Rose Steele, RN, PhD



1. Tatla, S. K., Holsti, L., Andrews, G. S., Feichtinger, L., **Steele, R.**, & Siden, H. (October, 2017, in press). Charting the Territory: Describing the functional abilities of children with progressive neurological

## Jacqueline Choiniere, RN, PhD



1. Armstrong, H., Daly, T., **Choiniere, J.** (2017). Policies and

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Practices: The Case of RAI-MDS in Canadian Long-Term Care Homes. In Barken, R., & Davies, M.J. (Guest editors). 'Re-imagining the House of Old: Promising Practices in Canadian Long-term Residential Care.' *Journal of Canadian Studies*, 50(2).

- Jacobsen, F., Day, S., Laxer, K., Lloyd, L., Goldmann, M., Szebehely, M., **Choiniere, J.**, Vaillancourt Rosenau, P. (2017). Job Autonomy of Long-Term Residential Care Assistive Personnel: A Six-Country Comparison. *Ageing International*. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007%2Fs12126-017-9291-9>

## Conferences

**Sara Lankshear, RN, PhD**

**Faculty**  
**Nursing, Health, Wellness and Sciences at Georgian College**

**Lankshear, S.**, Rush, J., Martin, D. and Weeres, A. (October, 2017). *An unacceptable reality: Enabling nursing knowledge for quality resident outcomes in Ontario's Long Term Care Homes*. Poster presentation; Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario Annual Conference. Ottawa, Ontario

**Lankshear, S.**, Rush, J., Martin, D. and Weeres, A. (November, 2017). *An unacceptable reality: Enabling nursing knowledge for quality resident outcomes in Ontario's Long Term Care Homes*. Poster presentation; Ontario Long Term Care Association Annual Conference. Toronto, Ontario

**Lankshear, S.** ( November, 2017). *Enhancing the role of the practical nurse: A leadership imperative*. Paper presentation, World Congress on Nursing and Nursing Education. Miami, Florida

**Karin Page-Cuttrara, RN, PhD**



Bradley, P., **Page-Cuttrara, K.**, & Baker, C. (2017, October). *Online Education for Educators: A Professional Nurse Educator Credentialing Program*. Paper session presented at World Conference on Online Learning, Toronto, ON.

**Page-Cuttrara, K.**, Nilsen-Berec, J., & Bradley, P. (2017, September). *Reconceptualising reflection: An integrated approach for teaching clinical judgment*. Symposium session presented at Networking for Education in Healthcare Conference, Cambridge University, UK.

Dreifuerst, K. T., Bradley, C., & **Page-Cuttrara, K.** (2017, July). Transforming nursing knowledge, education, and

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practice through pre-briefing and debriefing. Symposium session presented at 28th Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Research Congress, Dublin, Ireland.

## **Rose Steele, RN, PhD**

Siden, H., Widger, K., Gregoire, M.-C., Dewan, T., Hermansen, A.-M., Pawliuk, C., Brown, H., Beck, C., & **Steele, R.** (2017, September). *A scoping review to examine symptoms in children with rare, progressive, life-threatening disorders*. Paper presented at the Canadian Hospice and Palliative Care Association National Conference, Ottawa, ON, Canada.

## **Mina Singh, RN, PhD**



**Singh, M., & Sabo, B.,** (2017, October). *Standing Still,*

*Keeping the Future Alive: Voices*. Paper to be presented at the Canadian Association of Nursing Oncology Conference, Gatineau, QC, Canada.

## Book Chapters

### **Christine Jonas-Simpson, RN, PhD**



Gray, J., Kontos, P., Dupuis, S., Mitchell, G., **Jonas-Simpson, C.** (2017) *Dementia (re)performed: Interrogating tensions between relational engagement and regulatory policies in care homes through theatre*. S. Chivers and U. Kreibner (Eds) *Care Home Stories: Aging, Disability, and Long-term Residential Care*, (pp. 105-

120). New York City: Columbia University Press.

Gray, J., Kontos, P., Dupuis, S., Mitchell, G., **Jonas-Simpson, C.** (2017) *Dementia (re)performed: Interrogating tensions between relational engagement and regulatory policies in care homes through theatre*. S. Chivers and U. Kreibner (Eds) *Care Home Stories: Aging, Disability, and Long-term Residential Care*, (pp. 105-120). New York City: Columbia University Press.

Blin, C., & **Jonas-Simpson, C.** (2017). *Disenfranchised grief among bereaved youth*. In C. Arnold (Ed.), *Understanding Child and Adolescent Grief: Supporting Loss and Facilitating Growth*. New York, NY: Routledge.

## Grants

### **Rose Steele, RN, PhD**

Oct. 2017

Norman Saunders Complex Care Initiative - Grant Competition (Hospital for Sick Children)



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Operating Grant \$14,128  
over 1 year

*Development of a conceptual framework for quality of life in children with medical complexity nearing end of life*

Principal investigator Dr. K. Widger, RN, PhD; co-applicants S. Adams, RN-EC, NP-Paediatrics, MSN, CPNP-PC/AC Dr. A. Rapoport, MD, FRCPC, MHSc; **Dr. R. Steele**, RN, PhD; and Dr. J. Struelli, MD, PhD

## **Christine Jonas-Simpson, RN, PhD**

Dupuis, S.L., & McAiney, C. (Co-PIs), with Mitchell, G., **Jonas-Simpson, C.**, Kontos, P., & Gray, J. (Co-Is). (2016-2017). Towards person-centred and relational caring: Development and evaluation of a Relational Caring Learning Series. Funded by the Alzheimer Society of Canada. (Total budget: \$85,000).

Dupuis, S.L., & McAiney, C. (Co-PIs), with Mitchell, G., **Jonas-Simpson, C.**, Kontos, P., & Gray, J. (Co-Is). (2017-2018). Supporting Relational Caring in Long-Term Care Homes. Funded by the

Alzheimer Society of Canada.  
(Total budget: \$85,000).

## MScN Thesis Students

### **Funmilayo Agbi, RN, MScN (Candidate)**



**Thesis title:** Public Health Nurses' Perceptions of Assessing, Identifying and Addressing Elder Abuse: A Descriptive Qualitative Study

**Supervisor name:** Nazilla Khanlou RN, PhD

**Research:** There has been a significant increase brought to the awareness and understanding of the prevalence, personal and societal costs related to the abuse of older adults in the Canadian society. Yet, 1 in 6 older adults is experiencing some form of elder abuse. The Canadian government invested significant funding

on research and programs to fight elder abuse, most of which are on education, awareness, and legal remedies. Despite these efforts, very few incidences are actually reported or addressed and there is very limited research on policy responses and interventions at addressing elder abuse in the community. Health care professionals in the community lack awareness of tools and steps to address the issue. The aim of this study is to examine public health nurses' perceptions of assessing, identifying and addressing elder abuse in their nursing practice.

**Awards:** York graduate scholarship (No additional application made for funding for research purpose).

### **Debora Cateni, RN, MScN (Candidate)**



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**Thesis Title:** The Effect of Method of Delivery and Psychosocial Factors on Postpartum Sexual Satisfaction

**Supervisor:** Christine Kurtz Landy RN, PhD

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*

**Lola Olawo, RN, MScN (Candidate)**



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**Thesis title:** Exploring the Attitudes, Beliefs and Practices Concerning Mental Health Amongst African Immigrant Youth Living in Canada: An Interpretive Description Study

**Supervisor:** Beryl Pilkington RN, PhD

**Work:** Lola brings in experience from a number of nursing settings including critical care, emergency and mental health. She has done volunteer work with immigrant and refugee populations before and she is very passionate about mental health. She was involved in the development of the African Students Association at Ryerson during her undergraduate years. She currently works as a mental health nurse and she realizes the value culturally competent care adds to a patient's recovery journey. Her research study will seek to understand the views African immigrant youth hold towards mental health. It is her hope that the findings from this study can help break down barriers to accessing mental healthcare for this population and influence practice at both the mental health promotion level and the treatment level. She is a recipient of the

Nursing Education Initiative Grant Program funded by the RNAO.

## School of Nursing Events 2017

- Congratulations to all the Fall 2017 graduates from the BScN and MScN programs.



- Saturday October 14, 2017 School of Nursing hosted the Undergraduate Nursing Pinning Ceremony.
- Graduate Programs Open house (MSCN, MSCN-PHCNP, PhD) will be held on Thursday Oct 26,

2017 <http://nursing.gradstudies.yorku.ca/event/graduate-nursing-open-house-fall-2017/>

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Entry BScN Information session will be held on November 9, 2017 <http://nursing.info.yorku.ca/event/2nd-entry-bscn-information-session>