



Research & Scholarship Newsletter

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Message from Dr. Pammla Petrucka, Interim Associate Dean, Research & Graduate Studies

Years ago I read Malcolm Gladwell’s (2000) bestseller, *The Tipping Point*, which provided an unique perspective on how the spread of ideas is somewhat akin to the spread of epidemics. Gladwell suggested that as epidemics evolve, they can lead to ‘tipping points’ which potentially result in unanticipated transformation. Like no other time in our College’s history, we have people, supports, opportunities, capacities, and unbridled vision – the perfect environment to transform our presence and pre-eminence in nursing research. With the emergence of this tipping point in nursing research in the College of Nursing, we encourage each of you to consider your roles, potentials, and needs to transform your research program and invite you to reach out to the NURSE team to help you realize these aspirations!

USask launches three new signature areas of research!

The University of Saskatchewan has selected three new signature areas of research, to be added to the six current signature areas. The new areas include Communities and Sustainability, Health and Wellness, and Quantum Innovation. Details regarding the renewal process can be found [here](#). Interested in learning more about these new signature areas and the selection process? Join [Campus Conversations](#) on March 2 to learn more.

Researcher Q & A

Geneveave Barbo, RN, BN, MN, MCISc –
 Doctoral Candidate



Q: Tell us three quick facts about yourself.

1. I was born in Philippines and moved to Montreal when I was 12.
2. I am fluent in three languages: English, French, and Tagalog.
3. I enjoy playing soccer and baking.

Q: What is the best part of taking your graduate nursing education? What are you looking forward to the most about finishing your program?

A: The best part of pursuing doctoral studies in nursing is that every day I am privileged to learn more about health and how nurses can contribute to addressing health inequities. Once I complete my program, I hope to continue conducting research and add to the nursing science knowledge base.

Q: 6. What areas of research and/or scholarly work are you interested in and why?

A: My research interests include global health, migrant health, and access to health services. As a nurse, I have worked in various health care settings and cared for clients with diverse backgrounds. I noticed that most often socially marginalized populations experience major health inequities. I want to dedicate my time to addressing such inequities because I believe that everyone has the right to the highest attainable health. I believe that nurses have the moral and professional duty to promote social justice and health equity.

DID YOU KNOW? Grad Student Edition!

- ✓ Geneveave has created a Slack digital workspace for all College of Nursing graduate students!
- ✓ The goals of this space are to enhance engagement and increase networking opportunities.
- ✓ Interested in joining? Contact Geneveave



Research Administration 101: Developing a Research Plan

Research and scholarship development has many moving parts. Managing team activities, grant development, knowledge translation and community engagement is no small feat. As a faculty member who also has teaching responsibilities, managing this teaching load and research can be difficult. On the research and scholarship side of your portfolio, we suggest developing a research plan.

What is a research plan? A research plan is a tool that can help you identify key research-related tasks over the next 12 to 18 months. You can develop a plan for funded or unfunded work and should consider any activities that would typically happen pre- and post-award. Some general activities to consider are listed below.

- Grant applications: List any potential funding opportunities you may apply to within the next 12 to 18 months. Develop timelines for team coordination, writing, and approvals.
- Current projects: Identify all current projects (funded and unfunded) to illustrate the full scope of your ongoing research and scholarship work.
- Collaboration and engagement: Track any ongoing team development, recruitment, and engagement. Also identify community engagement plans and activities.
- Knowledge translation: Include academic (i.e., publications, conference presentations, etc.) and non-academic (i.e., infographics, policy briefings, media stories, etc.) knowledge translation outputs.

Who can help within the College of Nursing? You will be able to access a Research Planning tool and supports in the soon-to-be-launched College of Nursing Resource Buckets. In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to see a draft copy of the tool, please contact [Robin Thurmeier](#) or [Caitlin Olauson](#).

Stay Connected!

Learn more about our Nursing Research and Scholarship? Check out our [Webpage](#) and [Research Snapshot](#)! **Keep on top of upcoming funding opportunities?** Join the USask Health Science and/or Social Science [listserv](#)!

Do you engage in Patient-Oriented Research? Join the SCPOR [Affiliated Researcher Alliance](#) (ARA)!

Help us Celebrate Success!

A form has been set up in SharePoint to help us share success publicly. You can submit something for yourself or on behalf of someone else. No success is too small to submit!

[Submit a success today!](#)

Once the form is submitted, we will work with you to determine the best way(s) to communicate and celebrate the items. If a submission is received on behalf of someone else, the individual will be contacted in advance of circulating the news publicly.

Key Contacts:

Dr. Pammla Petrucka: Interim Associate Dean Research and Graduate Studies

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Robin Thurmeier: Research Facilitator (Pre-Award)

Caitlin Olauson: Research Coordinator (Post-Award)

Jill Brown: Graduate Program Coordinator

Kylie Kelso: Marketing and Communications Specialist

Tammy Morrison: Financial Analyst

Nicole Shapka: Strategic Business Advisor – Human Resources

Celebrating Nursing Research & Scholarship Success!

BE WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS

In the News...

Funding Success! Dr. Geoffrey Maina receives 2021 MHRC-SHRF Saskatchewan Mental Health Impact Grant: Over the next year, Dr. Maina will work with his team to identify the mental health needs of racialized youth who are new to Canada and reside in Regina, SK. Congratulations Geoffrey! More information available [here](#).

USask launches new “Visiting” video series: USask launched this series on February 17 to celebrates stories and accomplishments of USask researchers—what experiences shaped them, what drives them, what they study, and how they are making a difference in the world. Dr. Holly Graham was featured in the inaugural “Visiting” video. Congratulations Holly! Recordings of this session can be found [here](#).

February 15th was

#InternationalChildhoodCancerDay! Dr. Jill Bally was highlighted on the College of Nursing social media channels for her important work in this area. Details can be found [here](#).

USask Research Minute with Dr. Helen Vandenberg: Assistant Professor Dr. Helen Vandenberg sits down for a USask Research Minute to discuss her current project, The History of Saskatchewan Early Hospitals, 1873-1920. Congratulations Helen!! More information is available [here](#).

February 4th was #WorldCancerDay: Dr. Schroder Sattar was highlighted on the College of Nursing social media channels for her important work in this area. Details can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

A selection of peer-reviewed journal articles indexed in Scopus from 2021:

- Maina, G., Ogenchuk, M., Gaudet, S. (2021). Living with parents with problematic substance use: Impacts and turning points. Public Health Nursing.
- Iqbal, S., Barolia, R., Ladak, L. and Petrucka, P. (2021). Smoking cessation interventions in South Asian countries: Protocol for scoping review. BMJ Open.
- Bunes, M., Compton, R.M., Press, M. and 1 more (...) (2021). Are you prepared for end-of-life care? A content review of Canadian end-of-life care standards and competencies for Saskatchewan. Journal of Palliative Care.

Nursing Research Spotlight

Innovations in Health Systems and Education Research



Tania Kristoff RN, PhD

Assistant Professor – Academic Programming
College of Nursing Campus: Prince Albert, SK

My research focuses on using simulation as a teaching strategy to improve communication and decision making skills in nursing students.

Community-Engaged Health and Nursing Research



Shelley Peacock RN, BSc, BSN, MN, PhD

Associate Professor
College of Nursing Campus: Saskatoon, SK

My research is in the area of older adults living with dementia and their family caregivers. I partner with community organizations to improve support for family caregivers, including those who have a relative living in a long-term care home or those who are bereaved.

Health Equity Research



Susan Fowler-Kerry BA (Psych), BSN, MN, PhD

Professor
College of Nursing Campus: Saskatoon, SK

My program of research focuses on child, youth, and maternal health with a specialty in pediatric pain and palliative care. A further focus is directed towards building capacity for partnerships and collaboration to address global health related issues targeting good health and well-being.

- Agatha Ogunkorode, R.S., Holtslander, L., Ferguson, L. et al. (2021). Factors influencing the health-seeking behaviors of women with advanced stages of breast cancer in Southwestern Nigeria: An interpretive description study. *International Journal of Africa Nursing Sciences*.
- Tzeng, H.-M., Jansen, L.S., Okpalauwaekwe, U. and 2 more (...) (2021). Adopting the Fall Tailoring Interventions for Patient Safety (TIPS) Program to engage older adults in fall prevention in a nursing home. *Journal of Nursing Care Quality*.
- Spurr, S., Bally, J., Mcharo, S.K. et al. (2021). Beyond “Watching the Sweets”: An interpretive description of adolescent's understandings and insights into preventing prediabetes and type 2 diabetes. *Journal for Specialists in Pediatric Nursing*.
- Burles, M., Holtslander, L., Peternelj-Taylor, C. (2021). Palliative and hospice care in correctional facilities: Integrating a family nursing approach to address relational barriers. *Cancer Nursing*.
- Ogenchuk, M., St. Pierre, R., Uswak, G. et al. (2021) . Community led: celebrating wellness with a smile. *International Journal of Circumpolar Health*.
- Li, H., Glecia, A., Kent-Wilkinson, A., Leidl, D., et al. (2021). Transition of mental health service delivery to telepsychiatry in response to COVID-19: A literature review. *Psychiatric Quarterly*.
- Adeyinka, D.A., Petrucka, P.M., Isaac, E.W. et al. (2021). Changing patterns of gender inequities in childhood mortalities during the Sustainable Development Goals era in Nigeria: Findings from an artificial neural network analysis. *BMJ Open*.

2022 Images of Research Contest Now Open!!

The eighth annual Images of Research photo competition will give faculty and student researchers an artistic avenue to showcase their research and to celebrate the great diversity of work taking place on campus and beyond!

Let's showcase Nursing research and scholarship!

- ✓ Submit an image to any of five categories.
- ✓ Submitted images must be accompanied by a 120-word description of the image and its relation to your research.
- ✓ Grand Prize, category winners and runners-up will be given cash prizes, as well as prizes for Viewer's Choice and Best Description.

Full contest rules available [here](#).

Submit your image before March 16th! Voting opens from March 17th to 31st.

March Awareness Days

Throughout the month of March, watch the College of Nursing social media feeds for stories linked to:

- ❖ **Kidney Month**
- ❖ **Women's Day**
- ❖ **Brain Awareness Week**

Follow our social media channels for more details!

[Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)

****Contact Kylie if you have a research story that you would like to share for any upcoming awareness dates!****

Important Dates:

College of Nursing Activities

Lunch and Learns (12:00-1:00 pm)

March 7: USask University Library: Data Management

Speaker: Kevin Read

RSVP by March 4, 2022

NURS 990 Sessions (12:00-12:50 pm)

March 2: TBA

Facilitator: Dr. Margie Burns

March 9: Impact of Digital Divide on Wellbeing Among Patients with Mental Health Disorders During COVID-19

Facilitator: Dr. Hua Li

March 16: TBA

Facilitator: Dr. Brenda Mishak

March 23: TBA

Facilitator: TBA

March 30: TBA

Facilitator: Michelle Pavloff, PhD student

**The above events are available to all within the College.*

*Contact Amanda to RSVP!**

Upcoming Research Events

Mar 30: The Conversation Canada – Tips for Pitching and Writing

will provide an overview of how researchers can unlock their knowledge for use by the wider public. Register [here](#).

Apr 28: Pediatrics Child Health Research Trainee Day showcases research from students across USask. Abstracts are due March 25 and can be submitted [here](#).

May 5: USask 2022 Life and Health Sciences Research Expo is an annual showcase of basic, translational, clinical, applied, and social and population health science. Further information available [here](#).

Jun 8 to 14: JBI Comprehensive Systematic Review Training Program is designed to prepare health sciences researchers, clinicians, librarians, graduate students and other individuals involved in quality and practice portfolios to develop, conduct and report systematic reviews of evidence. The program will be delivered virtually this year. Registration and payment are due by May 2, 2022. Contact [Lisa Keeping-Burke](#) for further information.

Upcoming Grant Competitions

SSHRC [Explore](#) and [Exchange](#) Grants

Mar 11: Submit to UnivRS

Mar 18: Application forwarded to OVPR

SCPOR Learning Health System Project

Mar 8: Online Information session

Apr 5: EOI Deadline

Sep 5: Submit to UnivRS

Sep 15: Submit to funder

IDRC Women RISE (Pre-Award)

Mar: Call launched

Apr: Concept Notes due

Jul: Proposals due

Contact Robin for details.