



NURSE: A Year in Review

The 2020-21 academic year saw a lot of exciting changes and development within the College's discovery portfolio, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. During the 2020 College Kick-Off in August, we identified a number of priorities for the academic year ahead. These initiatives were linked to the College Plan 2025, specifically the discovery goals to expand research impact, enhance our research strength, and promote a culture of scholarship. We would like to take this opportunity to look back at the year that was highlighting some of the foundational elements that will support where we will go in the upcoming year.

A large part of our focus this year was to create more mentoring and support structures for new and existing faculty in the College Research Signature Areas. The Research Committee advanced two Chair related applications this year: 1) a Canadian Research Chair (CRC), Tier 2; and 2) a USask Enhancement Chair. The CRC was awarded to Nursing, with a search to come, and the Enhancement Chair application is also positioned for fall completion.

We launched the Nursing Unit for Research & Scholarship Excellence (NURSE) to facilitate opportunities for faculty and students to engage in scholarship and research. This included the creation of the Research Coordinator position, a naming contest, and ongoing re-development of our research supports.

New communication tools, such as the Research Profile e-booklet and Researcher Social Media Slides were developed to increase visibility and knowledge mobilization and our very successful inaugural Research Day provided a great opportunity for nursing faculty and student scholars to share their projects with the wider University community.

Researcher Q & A

Michelle Pavloff, PhD Candidate



Q: Tell us three quick facts about yourself.

1. I love to travel with my family.
2. I am the Past President of the Canadian Association for Rural and Remote Nursing.
3. My research areas include rural mental health and rural nursing practice.

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: I loved learning about leadership and adult education in my Masters program, working with brilliant and passionate researchers at the CoN, and growing into an independent researcher in my PhD program. I am most looking forward to reading non-academic books again when I finish my program.

Q: What is one thing you are most proud of so far that you've accomplished being a graduate student?

A: I learned to be an independent researcher under the mentorship and guidance of experienced researchers. I am very proud that I can lead research teams now and hold external funding. I am also proud that I did all of this with three young kids at home.

Celebrating Nursing Research & Scholarship Success!

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In the News...

Park Prescriptions (PaRx) officially launches in Saskatchewan: This nature prescription is driven by health-care professionals, including Dr. Wanda Martin, who want to improve their patients' health by connecting them to nature. More information available [here](#).

Paving the way for a more resident- and family-centred model for long-term care: The Saskatchewan LTC Network, formed by Dr. Roslyn Compton and her extensive team, has been working together over the past year to respond to the impact of the pandemic lockdown on residents and their families. More information can be found [here](#).

Achieving Career Milestones: Congratulations to the following College of Nursing faculty who recently reached significant career milestones: Dr. Geoffrey Maina (Tenure); Dr. Shelley Peacock (Promotion to Professor); Dr. Holly Graham and Dr. Lynn Jansen (Promotion to Associate Professor); Dr. Hua Li (Renewal of Probation). More information available [here](#).

Celebrating Research Success: SHRF Research Connections 2021-22!

Congratulations to Dr. Roslyn Compton as co-PI on a SHRF Connections Grant with Dr. Abigail Wickson-Griffiths (University of Regina) and Katherine M. Ottley (PhD c). More information available [here](#).

Bourassa balances nursing, master's and hockey: Bailee Bourassa is giving (and living) a master class in balancing graduate studies, athletics, and work! More information available [here](#).

College of Nursing Research & Scholarship Day 2021: On June 3rd, the University of Saskatchewan (USask) College of Nursing virtually hosted its' inaugural Research & Scholarship Day. The day included two keynote speakers - Dr. Holly Graham, Indigenous Research Chair in Nursing & Assistant Professor, College of Nursing and Dr. Angela Bowen, Emeritus Professor, College of Nursing. More information available [here](#).

A selection of peer-reviewed journal articles indexed in Scopus from 2020:

- Besse, C., Vogelsang, L., Zdunich, J. (2020). The simulation games: Bringin' it to the bedside. *Nurse Educator*, 45(6) 339-342.

Nursing Research Spotlight

Innovations in Health Systems and Education Research



Carol Bullin RN, BScN, MEd, PhD
Assistant Professor

College of Nursing Campus: Saskatoon, SK

My research focuses on co-developing educational tools to improve treatment option decisions for Indigenous peoples living with Chronic Kidney Disease. Other interests include the prevalence of undiagnosed prediabetes and diabetes in Indigenous adolescents.

Community-Engaged Health and Nursing Research



Jennafer Klemmer RN, MN
Instructor

College of Nursing Campus: Saskatoon, SK

I work with community partners to address the needs of individuals, families, and the community for positive health outcomes through engagement, empowerment, and capacity building.

Health Equity Research



Wanda Martin RN, BScN, MN, PhD
Associate Professor

College of Nursing Campus: Saskatoon, SK

For my research, I work with community partners to improve health and reduce health inequities through food security and quality housing, examining the health effects of climate change, and by improving public health systems and services.

- Colbert, A.M., Peternelj-Taylor, C., Porta, C.M. (2020). 2020: Forensic Nursing: The State of the Specialty. *Journal of Forensic Nursing*,16(4) 183-185.
- Spurr, S., Bullin, C., Bally, J. and 1 more (...) (2020). Undiagnosed prehypertension/hypertension in Canadian adolescents: The critical role of the public health nurse. *Public Health Nursing*,37(6) 837-845.
- Mengesha, H.G., Vatanparast, H., Feng, C. and 1 more (...) (2020). Modeling the predictors of stunting in Ethiopia: Analysis of 2016 Ethiopian demographic health survey data (EDHS). *BMC Nutrition*,6(1).
- Stewart, N.J., MacLeod, M.L.P., Kosteniuk, J.G. and 6 more (...) (2020). The importance of organizational commitment in rural nurses' intent to leave. *Journal of Advanced Nursing*,76(12) 3398-3417.
- Wubie, A., Seid, O., Eshetie, S. and 4 more (...) (2020). Determinants of chronic energy deficiency among non-pregnant and non-lactating women of reproductive age in rural Kebeles of Dera District, North West Ethiopia, 2019: Unmatched case control study. *PLoS ONE*,15(10).
- Assemie, M.A., Alamneh, A.A., Ketema, D.B. and 4 more (...) (2020). Erratum: High burden of undernutrition among primary school-aged children and its determinant factors in Ethiopia; A systematic review and meta-analysis (*Italian Journal of Pediatrics* (2020) 46 (118) DOI: 10.1186/s13052-020-00881-w). *Italian Journal of Pediatrics*,46(1).
- Bally, J.M.G., Burles, M., Smith, N.R. and 4 more (...) (2020). Exploring opportunities for holistic family care of parental caregivers of children with life-threatening or life-limiting illnesses. *Qualitative Social Work*.
- Adeyinka, D.A., Muhajarine, N., Petrucka, P. and 1 more (...) (2020). Inequities in child survival in Nigerian communities during the Sustainable Development Goal era: insights from analysis of 2016/2017 Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey. *BMC Public Health*,20(1).
- Everitt, T., Engler-Stringer, R., Martin, W. and 1 more (...) (2020). Comparing Diet Quality of School Meals versus Food Brought from Home. *Canadian journal of dietetic practice and research: a publication of Dietitians of Canada = Revue canadienne de la pratique et de la recherche en dietetique: une publication des Dietetistes du Canada*,81(4) 179-185.

Stay Connected!

Want to learn more about Nursing Research and Scholarship?

Check out our [Webpage](#) and [Faculty Profiles](#)!

Want to keep on top of upcoming funding opportunities?

Consider joining the USask Health Science and/or Social Science [listserv](#)!

Want to know more about upcoming training opportunities?

- ✓ Check out the Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research (SCPOR) [Events Calendar](#).
- ✓ Find upcoming and archived CIHR Webinars [here](#)!
- ✓ Join a [CIHR SPOR Network](#)!
- ✓ Find out more about the [CIHR IIPH Indigenous Mentorship Network Program](#)

SSHRC: Imagining Canada's Future – Engagement on Future Challenges

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) is seeking feedback to identify the three future challenge areas that will be featured in future programming and/or corporate activities between 2022 and 2025. If you are interested in sharing your thoughts, please complete the [survey](#) by July 23rd.

CIHR: What you should know about the Fall 2021 Project Grant competition

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) has released a brief update on the upcoming Project Grant competition that discusses the impacts of the pandemic, extensions, virtual peer review and across-the-board cuts. Details can be found [here](#).

Important Dates:

Upcoming Grant Competitions

CIHR Project Grant Fall 2021 [competition](#)

Aug 18: Registration due to ResearchNet
Sept 2: Submit to UnivRS
Sept 15: Submit to funder

SSHRC Insight Grant 2021 [competition](#)

Sept 21: Submit to UnivRS
Oct 1: Submit to funder

CIHR Catalyst [Grant](#): Alcohol Research to inform health policies and interventions

Aug 18: Registration due to ResearchNet
Sept 3: Submit to UnivRS
Sept 16: Submit to funder

SHRF Solutions Innovation and Impact Grant [competition](#)

Sept 15: Eligibility Check cut-off date
Nov 18: Submit to UnivRS
Nov 30: Submit to funder

CIHR Catalyst [Grant](#): Official Language Minority Communities in Health Research

Sept 23: Submit to UnivRS
Oct 5: Submit to funder

CIHR [Chair](#): Wilfred and Joyce Posluns Chair in Women's Brain Health & Aging

Sept 23: Submit to UnivRS
Oct 5: Submit to funder

Contact Robin for details!

College of Nursing Activities

Aug 31: Deadline to submit **College of Nursing PhD program applications (for January start)**
Contact Raeleen for details!

Upcoming Research Events

May 4 to Aug 27: The *Student Undergraduate Research Experience Summer 2021* program is now open! Students can find out more about the program and register for sessions [here](#).

July 19: CIHR Project Grant Workshop. Register [here](#).

July 27: SSHRC Insight Grant Workshop. Register [here](#).

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