



IMPART QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

July 2008

Program

Our New Name

In keeping with the expansion of our mandate to include the intersections of violence, trauma and mental health with addictions and gender, IMPART has a new name! Formerly the Integrated Mentor Program in Addictions Research Training, IMPART now stands for:

Intersections of
Mental Health
Perspectives in
Addictions
Research
Training

Upcoming Events

2008-2009 DATES

Research Day Sept 15, 2008

Term 1 Seminars:

Oct 6, 2008 Dec 8, 2008
Nov 10, 2008 Jan 12, 2009

Term 2 Seminars:

Feb 9, 2009 April 6, 2009
Mar 9, 2009 May 4, 2009

Trainee Focus Group & Graduation Dinner: May 25, 2009

Funding Application

IMPART was successful with its Letter of Intent for a renewal of the IMPART Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Strategic Training Initiative in Health Research (STIHR) grant! The next step in the process is to complete the full grant application, due

November 3, 2008.

People

Our New Alumni!

Nine of our trainees will be completing their IMPART training as of August 2008. Congratulations to all and best wishes to them as they continue on in their careers as addictions researchers and clinicians!

Fiona Choi

Ph.D. candidate, UBC

Matt Graham

Provisional Psychologist
Canmore Pain Clinic, Canmore, Alberta

Dr. Rebecca Haines

SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow and Psychosocial Oncology Research Training (PORT) Program Trainee
Centre for Nursing & Health Behaviour Research (NAHBR), UBC

Dr. Kim Hellemans

Assistant Professor
Dept of Psychology
Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario

Dr. Jenny Rogers

Psychiatry Resident Doctor Postgraduate Year 5

Kate Shannon

Fellow
Division of AIDS, UBC Faculty of Medicine
BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS

Dr. Joanna Sliwowska

Postdoctoral Fellow, UBC

Meaghan Thumath

Clinical Practice Initiatives Lead HIV/AIDS
Vancouver Coastal Health
Adjunct Faculty, School of Nursing, UBC

Alan Wood

Program Nurse Manager, Nursing Directorate
BC Ministry of Health Services

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Congratulations
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This Strategic Training Program in Gender, Women & Addictions Research is funded by:
the Canadian Institutes of Health Research



November

RENEWED TRAINEES

Congratulations to our following trainees on the successful renewal of their IMPART awards:

- Travis Baker
- Michelle Coghlan
- Brittany Dixon-Bingham
- Durwin Foster
- Erin Gibson
- Lucy McCullough
- Nancy Poole

NEW IMPART TRAINEES

Welcome to our newest IMPART trainees who are starting the program on September 1, 2008:

Kristina Brache

Ph.D. student
Clinical Psychology
The University of Victoria

Trica McDiarmid

Masters student
Counselling Psychology
The University of British Columbia

Warren Michelow

Ph.D. student
Population & Public Health
The University of British Columbia

Margo Pearce

Masters student
Public Health
London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

Iris Torchalla

Postdoctoral Fellow
Tobacco Research
British Columbia Centre of Excellence for Women's Health

FELLOWSHIPS

Marcus Greatheart

was awarded a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Masters Award (\$17,500) for his research on "Impacts of social isolation and oppressions on the health of Female-to-Male transsexuals (FTM)."



Rebecca Haines was awarded a Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$88,000 over 2 years) for her research on "A Critical Analysis of Youth Anti-Smoking and Substance Use Prevention Campaigns - 1960 to present" and a Psychosocial Oncology Research Training Program (PORT) fellowship.

Hajera Rostam was awarded a University Graduate Fellowship (\$16,000) from the University of British Columbia.

Kate Shannon was awarded a CIHR Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$135,000 over 3 years) with the University of British Columbia and the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS for her research on "Social, structural, and environmental factors mediating access and adherence to ART among HIV positive women in low, middle, and high-income countries."

GRANTS

Josie Geller (IMPART Mentor), **Carrie Matteson**, **Krista Brown** (IMPART Trainee), **Suja Srikameswaran**, and **Jean-Pierre Chanoine** were awarded a \$50,000 grant from the British Columbia Medical Services Foundation to support their research on "Readiness and motivation for change in overweight youth and their families."

New Additions



Congratulations to IMPART Postdoctoral Trainee **Dr. Joanna Sliwowska** and her husband **Jan** on the birth of their daughter **Helena Maria**, born on May 27th, 2008 at 8:22 p.m.

Congratulations to IMPART Trainee **Durwin Foster** and his wife **Wendy** on the birth of their son **Brogan Will**, born on June 22, 2008 at 3:45 a.m.

Trainee Publications & Presentations

New trainee publications (submitted, accepted, in press or published) this quarter include:

PAPERS

- **Baker, T.E.**, & Holroyd, C. (2008). Which way do I go? Neural activation in response to feedback processing and decision making in a virtual T-maze. *Cerebral cortex*.
- Bell, K., McCullough, L., Devries, K., Jategaonkar, N., & Greaves, L. (submitted). Location restrictions on smoking: Assessing their differential impacts and consequences in the workplace. *Canadian Journal of Public Health*.
- Bélanger, M., O'Loughlin, J.L., **Okoli, C.T.C.**, McGrath, J., Setia, M., Guyon, L., & Gervais, A. (in press). Nicotine dependence symptoms among young never-smokers exposed to environmental tobacco smoke. *Addictive behaviors*
- Bogusz, A.L., Hardy, S.L., Lehman, M.N., Connos, J.M., Hileman, S.M., **Sliwowska, J.H.**, Billings, H.J. McManus, C.J., Valent, M., Singh, S.R., Coolen, L.M., & Goodman, R.L. (2008). Evidence that γ -amino butyric acid is part of the neural circuit mediating estradiol negative feedback in anestrus ewes. *Endocrinology*. 149(6):2762-72.
- Geller, J., **Brown, K.E.**, Zaitsoff, S.L., Menna, R., Bates, M.E., & Dunn, E.C. (2008). Assessing readiness for change in adolescents with eating disorders. *Psychological Assessment*, 20, 63-69.
- Hahn, E.J., Fernander, A., Rayens, M.K., **Okoli, C.**, Hatcher, J. (submitted). Smoking behavior and quit attempts among Southern African Americans. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*
- **Haines, R.J.** (2008). Smoking cessation was difficult for adolescents because of various stressors of daily life and major lifestyle changes that were required (Commentator). *Evidence-Based Nursing* 11(1):28.
- Heo, S., Moser, D.K., Lennie, T.A., & **Okoli, C.** (in press). Health-related quality of life in patients with heart failure: Ask the patients. *Heart & Lung: The Journal of Acute and Critical Care*.
- Holroyd, C.B., **Baker, T.E.**, Kerns, K.A., & Müller, U. (2008). Electrophysiological evidence of atypical motivation and reward processing in attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. *Neuropsychologia*, 46: 2234-2242.
- Lan, N., Yamashita, F., Halpert, A.G., **Sliwowska, J.H.**, Ellis, L., Yu, W.K., Viau, V., & Weinberg J. (submitted). Effect of prenatal ethanol exposure on hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal function across the estrus cycle. *Alcohol Clin Exp Res*.
- **Okoli, C.T.C.**, Richardson, C., & Johnson, J.L. (2008). An examination of the relationship between adolescents' initial smoking experience and their exposure to peer and family member smoking. *Addictive Behaviors*. 33 (9): 1183-1191
- **Okoli, C.T.C.**, Richardson, C., Ratner, P.A., & Johnson, J.L. (in press). Adolescents' self-defined tobacco use status, marijuana use, and tobacco dependence. *Addictive Behaviors*
- **Okoli, C.T.C.**, Johnson, J.L., & Malchy, S. (submitted). Correlates of secondhand tobacco smoke exposure among persons with severe mental illness accessing community mental health services. *Tobacco Control*.
- **Okoli, C.T.C.**, Ratner, P.A., **Haines, R.**, **Sullivan, K.**, Guo, S.E., & Johnson, J.L. (submitted). Do researcher-derived classifications of youths' smoking behavior correspond with youths' characterizations of their behavior? *Addiction*.
- **Rostam, H.** (submitted) The Iraqi Expatriates' Experiences of the North American Media Coverage of Iraq" currently under review for the following journal. *International Journal for the Advancement of Counselling*.
- **Sliwowska, J.H.**, Lan, N., Yamashita, F., Halpert, A.G., Viau, V., & Weinberg, J. (in press). Effects of prenatal ethanol exposure on basal hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal activity and hippocampal 5HT1A receptor mRNA levels in female rats across the estrous cycle. *Psychoneuroendocrinology*.

PRESENTATIONS

- Anderson, C. L., **Foster, D.**, Carlson, L., Smallwood, J., & Schooler, J. W. Reducing mind-wandering through the development of mindfulness and meta-awareness. (June, 2008). Mind and Life Summer Research Institute, Garrison, NY. (Poster presentation).
- **Baker, T.E.** (2008). Neural and cognitive mechanisms of addiction. XXIX International Congress of Psychology ICP. Berlin, Germany.
- **Baker, T.E.**, & Kerns, K.A., (2008). Performance monitoring in children with behavioural dysregulation: An electrophysiological study. International Neuropsychological Society Conference, Hawaii. (paper presentation)
- Dunn, E.C., Geller, J., & **Brown, K.E.** (accepted). Substance use in women seeking treatment for eating disorders: prevalence, severity, and barriers to accessing care. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the Eating Disorders Research Society, Montreal, Quebec, Canada in September 2008.
- **Foster, D.** (2008). Pilot Integrative Intervention for Individuals with Co-Occurring Addictions and Trauma: Gender and Sex-Based Analysis. (June, 2008). Constructivist Psychology Network Biennial Conference, Victoria, BC. (Abstract accepted for presentation).
- Geller, J., **Brown, K.E.**, Dunn, E.C., Srikameswaran, S., & Jones, M.I. (accepted). Social support in the eating disorders: Intra and interpersonal determinants of support satisfaction. Poster to be presented at the annual meeting of the Eating Disorders Research Society, Montreal, Quebec, Canada in September 2008.

Trainee Publications & Presentations (Continued)

- McCullough, L. Substance use counsellors' experience with mandated clients. Canadian Counselling Association Conference, 2008: Moncton, New Brunswick.
- Parkes, T., Carter, D., & **Poole, N.** (May 30, 2008). Experience of mental health problems, violence, alcohol and tobacco use, and related health and social issues in pregnancy. Online presentation for the Addressing Interconnections Webcast Series, ActNow BC - Healthy Choices in Pregnancy.
- Parkes, T., Cory, J., & **Poole, N.** (April 30, 2008). Experience of violence, alcohol and tobacco use, and related health and social issues in pregnancy Online presentation for the Addressing Interconnections Webcast Series, ActNow BC - Healthy Choices in Pregnancy.
- Parkes, T., **Poole, N.**, & Cailleaux, M. (June 19, 2008). Multiple substance use, violence and related health issues in pregnancy. Online presentation for the Addressing Interconnections Webcast Series, ActNow BC - Healthy Choices in Pregnancy.
- Parkes, T., **Poole, N.**, & Salmon, A. (March 18, 2008). Better Practices Review of Interventions aimed at Supporting Women to Reduce their Use of Alcohol in the Childbearing Years. Webcast presentation for ActNow BC - Healthy Choices in Pregnancy - Webcast Series, (See www.hcip-bc.org).
- Parkes, T., **Poole, N.**, Salmon, A., Greaves, L., & Urquhart, C. (June 3, 2008). Effective Interventions to Support Women to Reduce their Alcohol Use in the Childbearing Years and During Pregnancy: A Better Practices Systematic Review Paper presented at the 34th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society (KBS 2008), Victoria, BC.
- **Poole, N.** (March 26, 2008). Working with Health Professionals on Collaborative Intervention with Women who use Alcohol and Tobacco in Pregnancy - ActNow BC Healthy Choices in Pregnancy. Invited presentation to The Mayor's Four Pillars Coalition Meeting, Vancouver, BC.
- **Poole, N.** (May 1, 2008). Virtual Connections: Women's Health Research and Technological Advances. Keynote presentation at Bridging silos in women's health research: Forging connections across disciplines and diversities, Women's Health Research Network's Annual Summer Institute, Victoria BC.
- **Poole, N.**, & Chaim, G. (June 10, 2008). Finding the Balance between Population-Informed and Population-Specific Services. Presentation at the International Symposium on Needs Assessment and Needs-based Planning for Substance Use Services and Supports, Toronto, ON.
- **Poole, N.**, & Greaves, L. (May 28, 2008). Madly off in all Directions: A Dialogue on Highs and Lows. Presentation at the Gender Matters Conference, Toronto, Ontario.
- **Poole, N.**, & Urquhart, C. (April 10, 2008). Substance Use Prevention and Treatment with Women Affected by FASD – How are we doing it? Third National Biennial Conference on Adolescent and Adults with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, Vancouver, BC.
- **Poole, N.**, & Urquhart, C. (April 16, 2008). Working with Women on Substance Use and Related Health Issues Pre, During and Post Pregnancy. Yukon Front Line Prenatal Service Providers Conference, Whitehorse, Yukon.
- **Poole, N.**, Carter, C., **Coghlan, M.**, Casey, L., Riley, D., Salmon, A., et al. (May 13, 2008). Coalescing on Women and Substance Use: Virtual discussion of women-centred harm reduction. Poster presented at the International Harm Reduction Association's 19th International Conference, Towards a Global Approach, Barcelona, Spain.
- **Poole, N.**, Salmon, A., & Greaves, L. (June 1, 2008). Conducting Qualitative, Community-Based, and Participatory Action Research Presentation at the GENACIS Workshop, 34th Annual Alcohol Epidemiology Symposium of the Kettil Bruun Society (KBS 2008), Victoria, BC.
- **Poole, N.**, Salmon, A., Rutman, D., & Badry, D. (May 6, 2008). Using a Virtual Community of Practice to Support Community-Academic-Policy Research Partnerships on FASD Prevention from a Women's Health Determinants Perspective. Presentation at the CU Expo 2008, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC.
- **Poole, N.**, Urquhart, C., & Horner, E. (May 13, 2008). Harm Reduction in the Perinatal Period: A Women-Centred Educational Strategy. Poster presented at the International Harm Reduction Association's 19th International Conference, Towards a Global Approach, Barcelona, Spain.
- Rostam, H. (2008). The Help Seeking Experiences of Canadian Ethnic Minority Immigrants with Alcohol-Related Problems, poster presented at Crossing Borders: International Congress on Cross-Cultural Psychology at Jacobs University, Bremen Germany, July 27-31, 2008.
- **Uban, K.** examining the role of estradiol on effort-based decision making in female rats at the 2008 Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology conference (SBNE) in Groningen, Netherlands.
- **Uban, K.** (2008) Effects of prenatal ethanol exposure and stress on adult neurogenesis, presented at the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP) Conference in Vancouver, BC
- Urquhart, C., **Poole, N.**, & Horner, E. (June 9, 2008). Using an integrated framework to support women in childbearing years on reducing harms associated with alcohol and tobacco use. First International Conference on Motivational Interviewing, Interlaken, Switzerland