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RIHSE NEWS

Centre for Research and Innovation in Health Sciences Education

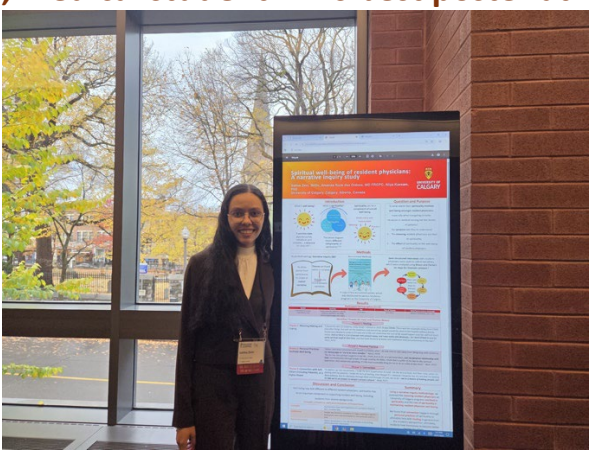
Advancing education research and scholarship to shape a healthier future for all

Building Capacity—Building Community—Providing Support in HSE

Warmest Wishes to you from RIHSE for a healthy and restful holiday season!

Trainees Honoured at ICRE 2025 in Quebec City

Salma Zein, medical student wins best poster at ICRE!



Salma Zein is currently a first-year medical student at the University of Calgary's Cumming School of Medicine. Prior to medical school, she completed her Bachelor of Health Sciences degree in Health and Society. Salma focused on residency education for her Honours thesis, which she presented as a poster at the 2025 International Conference for Residency Education in Quebec City. She was co-supervised in this work by Dr. Aliya Kassam and Dr. Amanda Roze des Ordons. Congratulations!

Dr. Chloe Lee, Resident, Honoured in Top 3 Papers at ICRE!

Dr. Lee is a fourth year Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation resident at the University of Calgary. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Calgary in Cellular, Molecular, Microbiology (CMMB), medical degree at the University of Alberta, and is happy to be back home for her residency training! Her interests include research in residency education, and geriatric rehabilitation. In her free time, she enjoys training with her Taekwondo team as a 4th dan black belt. Dr. Lee's work as a RESP Scholar led to her abstract submission, "Beyond Competence: Developing a Robust Theory of Readiness to Practice". Her work was accepted as a platform presentation and was nominated for a special plenary at the closing of ICRE for one of the Top 3 Papers. She was the only resident selected, and her work was one of 200 abstracts reviewed. Congratulations, Dr. Lee!

The RIHSE Team is Growing!

Anthony Sturgeon

Anthony moved in the summer of 2025 with his Family to Calgary, having previously worked in Vancouver with UBC Faculty of Medicine UGME. He was program coordinator for the Clinical Skills program for 4 years and then managed the Case Based Learning team for over 4 years. Anthony is looking forward to this new chapter with RIHSE as Project Coordinator.

Shree Lamichhane

Shree Lamichhane has a background in clinical health sciences and public health research. He obtained his MRes degree in Cancer Biology (Health Sciences) from Charles Darwin University, Australia, and MSc in Molecular Biology with Bioinformatics from the University of Wolverhampton, UK. He joined the Department of Medicine, Division of Palliative Medicine, at Queen's University in Kingston in May 2022 as a part-time Research Manager, and the Oncology Clinical Trials unit at Kingston Health Sciences Centre in May 2021 as a Research Data Coordinator. In 2019, he joined the Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, as a Cancer Project Coordinator, where he worked on cancer control strategies for First Nations communities from the Northern Saskatchewan.

Dr. Ana Rame

Ana Rame (she/her) is a health equity scholar of Mexican, Lebanese, and Nicaraguan heritage whose work is grounded in community-based and justice-oriented frameworks. Her research journey began in partnership with the Nahua community of Huitzilan de Serdán and has since focused on addressing the structural and colonial roots of health inequities. Ana is a former Fulbright scholar and holds a Master's degree in International Peace and Conflict Resolution. Earlier this year she earned her PhD in Public Health. Her research examines the structural determinants of health, settler-colonial drivers of inequity, and transformative, equity-driven education for health service providers. Ana is currently finishing a postdoc in Structural Determinants of Health and Climate Justice at the Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary.

RIHSE Programming 2026

RIHSE Rounds is Moving

In 2026, our first RIHSE Rounds will be in the usual location, same zoom link, 08:00 January 6, in Room G384. **Dr. Wendy Ye** will be presenting our first rounds of the year: **Tensions and Tightropes: Professionalism and Personal Identity**

Beginning the following week, on January 12th, RIHSE rounds is moving to MONDAYS in room G382. As always, we will have coffee and treats for those who join in person, and a zoom option will be available as well. **Please click here to sign up to present a session**

RIHSE rounds are open to all faculty and learners (graduate students, post-docs, residents, fellows, medical students, undergraduate students in any of the health sciences) at the University of Calgary and beyond.

Sessions may include research presentations and updates, HSE research journal club, best practices in teaching and learning, debates in HSE, and more. These are informal, welcoming, thought-provoking, and fun.
Want to present? Contact RIHSE@ucalgary.ca .

RIHSE Dinner Series:

RIHSE dinners are modeled after historical events held in government early in American History. The idea is to host a small group of individuals with varied experiences to come together to deeply discuss a topic of interest through a facilitated discussion. The event consists of time to mingle, followed by dinner, during which a discussion is facilitated through rounds of questions that everyone can contribute to in turn, to deeply explore the subject. Registration will open in January. Space is limited to 12 people. **Our next event will be on Wednesday, February 18 at 6:00 pm.** We will be discussing how to value education work within the Academy.

Visiting Scholar – Dr. Meredith Young

Dr. Meredith Young from the Institute for Health Sciences Education will be joining RIHSE as a visiting scholar in June of 2026. Please contact RIHSE if you would like to meet with her during her stay!

1st Western Summit on Health Sciences Education Research

Co-Hosted between RIHSE and the Centre for Health Education Scholarship at UBC. An intensive meeting for HSE Scholars to come together in the West to discuss their emerging HSE research. Interested in presenting at this conference? Email kevin.eva@ubc.ca

October 4-5, **2026**
Alt Hotel, Calgary, Alberta
Registration will open in early 2026.

More to come. Watch this space!

External Events

AMEE Ottawa Conference
August 22-26, 2026, Vienna, Austria

International Conference on Residency Education (ICRE)
October 22 – October 24, 2026 Ottawa, Canada

International Congress on Academic Medicine (ICAM)
April 16 - 19, 2026, Ottawa, Canada

Funding Opportunities

Taylor Institute - Teaching and Learning Grants

Peer feedback deadline: November 6, 2025

Application deadline: January 13, 2026

In Memoriam

The Cumming School of Medicine was saddened to share the news of the loss of Dr. Ian Mitchell on December 4, 2025. Dr. Mitchell was pediatric respirologist, a medical bioethicist and advocate, a career educator who was beloved by medical students, residents and graduate students throughout his long career at the University of Calgary. You can read more about his storied career here: https://ucalgary.ca/news/memoriam-ian-mitchell-cumming-school-medicine.

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