Community Health Sciences
Department Council Meeting
April 12, 2023
Land Acknowledgment
The University of Calgary has updated our Standard Territorial Land Acknowledgement to reflect a recent community decision to change the name of Wesley First Nation to Goodstoney First Nation.

Standard Territorial Land Acknowledgement:

*The University of Calgary, located in the heart of Southern Alberta, both acknowledges and pays tribute to the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7, which include the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprised of the Siksika, the Piikani, and the Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut’ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Goodstoney First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3.*

Please update and revise all communications that are specific to the territorial land acknowledgement. For more information, visit the UCalgary cultural protocol page and direct any questions to vpie@ucalgary.ca.
Congratulations to all on the END OF TERM! Lots of amazing work to be proud of!
With the summer coming up around the corner, don’t forget to schedule some vacation time!
Alan received an **SU Teaching Excellence Award for Medicine** for the 2022/2023 academic year!
Well done, Alan!
Dr. Franco Rizzuti received a **2023 Canadian Medical Association Award for Young Leaders, Early Career**! This award is intended to celebrate the efforts of young physician leaders of tomorrow for their efforts today. Congratulations, Franco!

Congratulations to Dr. Katie Birnie, the recipient of the **2023 Early Career Award** from the Pain in Childhood Special Interest Group of the International Association for the Study of Pain!

Dr. Marcello (Cello) Tonelli, Associate VP Research (Health), was selected to receive a **Killam Annual Professor Award** at the Killam Reception this October. Congratulations, Cello!
Dr. Catherine Patocka, a graduate student in CHS, is a **finalist in this year’s Three Minute Thesis competition**! Faculty, staff and students are invited to cheer her on during her 3MT on **April 20 from 5 – 7:30 p.m. at the Hunter Hub on Main Campus**.

Space is limited, please be sure to register: [https://go.ucalgary.ca/20233MT-Finals_LPRegistration.html](https://go.ucalgary.ca/20233MT-Finals_LPRegistration.html)
Dr. Mary O’Brien is joining us today to discuss Transdisciplinary Course-based Graduate Programming.
Updated CWPH 3rd Floor Space Guidelines

The O’Brien Institute and Community Health Sciences have reviewed and updated the space allocation principles for the CWPH 3rd floor.

Key changes include:
- Workstations are expected to be in use “full-time” where full-time is defined as three (3) or more days per week.
- Workstations will be allocated for a 1-year period, renewable upon review of demonstrated on-going use.

To view the updated Space Principles or for more information, please visit https://obrieniph.ucalgary.ca/membership/members-resources/research-infrastructure-and-knowledge-translation-platforms/infrastructure
Funding Opportunities

**VPR Catalyst Grants**

- **Focus:**
  - Catalyze research initiatives that will lead to substantial external funding
  - Intended to support *well-defined early-stage* research activities
- **Value:**
  - $1,000 - $15,000
  - up to $20,000 awarded in rare cases
- **Duration:**
  - 6 months

**Transdisciplinary Connector Grants**

- **Focus:**
  - Exploration of questions, challenges, and opportunities that demand a transdisciplinary approach
  - Foster *new connections* among scholars, trainees, and external partners
- **Value:**
  - up to $10,000 - Initiating stream
  - up to $20,000 - Consolidating stream
- **Duration:**
  - 6-12 months

*Go to VPR Catalyst Grants*

*Go to Transdisciplinary Connector Grants*
Funding Opportunities

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

ImAGIning Canada's Future Ideas Lab: Global Health and Wellness for the 21st Century

Stage 1: Call for participants for hybrid workshop
August 2023 Competition

PRIHS 8 – Digital Health
Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Health System (PRIHS) 8 Info Session

Launched on April 3, the focus of PRIHS 8 is Digital Health, which will target technological opportunities such as, but not limited to, 3D printing, artificial intelligence, robotics, additive manufacturing, machine learning, or extended reality. Submissions must also target promising solutions that address priority health system challenges aligned with Strategic Clinical Networks (SCNs) and Integrated Provincial Programs.

When: Wednesday, April 12, 2023 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

To register, please scan the QR Code:
Upcoming Institute Events

Alberta 2023: Health system challenges and opportunities

Join us at 6:30 pm on May 2nd, 2023 at the Central Public Library for a Town Hall presented by the Centre for Health Policy at the University of Calgary: Alberta 2023: Health System Challenges and Opportunities. We will be joined by an esteemed panel of experts to discuss health system challenges facing Albertans and potential solutions. Topics to be discussed include:

- Access and quality of health care in rural and remote Alberta - Dr. Aaron Johnston, MD
- Options to improve senior care - Dr. Jayna Holroyd-Leduc, MD
- Primary care reform - Dr. Kerry McBrien, MD
- Youth mental health - Dr. Paul Arnold, MD, PhD
- The future of Alberta Health Services - Dr. Tom Noseworthy, MD

The event will be moderated by Ken Lima-Coelho, President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Calgary. Our experts will provide brief presentations, followed by questions from the audience and panel discussion. We encourage members of the public to attend and ask questions.
• University’s draft Strategic Plan
• Faculty Association Board of Directors election
• Across-the-board wage increase
• Tenure and Promotion Workshops
GPD Update: a new recruitment scholarship

FGS provided these funds to CHS for MDCH students

Criteria:  - academic and research excellence
           - supportive research environment
           - applications to all scholarships for which they are eligible

Eligibility: open to direct entry domestic PhD students in thesis-based programs only (Effective for Fall 2023 students)

Amount: top up to minimum stipend of approx. $12K/year for 4 years

Call for Applications: due April 17 at 16:00 (email Mariko if you need an application form mnroe@ucalgary.ca)

Reviews: Conducted April 18-28 by review committee (Bonnie, Deirdre, and Dallas)

Decisions announced: week of May 1st
New MDCH Course List Document

**FALL TERM**

- MDCH 600 – Introduction to Community Health Sciences (Fall Block Week Course)
- MDCH 610 – (VET610) Essentials of Biostatistics
- MDCH 612 – Biostatistics III: Models for Repeated Measures Studies and Time-to-Events Studies
- MDCH 629 – Foundations of Practice & Science in Medical Education
- MDCH 640 – (VETM640) Fund of Epidemiology
- MDCH 666 – Health Policy
- MDCH 700A – Professional Development & Experiential Learning
- MDCH 741 – Systemic Reviews & Meta-Analysis
- MDCH 742 – Advance Topics and methods used in Epidemiology
- MDCH 730A – Doctoral Med Ed Res Seminar

**WINTER TERM**

- MDCH 637 – Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion of Community Rehabilitation and Disability (Winter Block Week Course)
- MDCH 611 – (VETM611) Biostatistics II: Models in Health Outcomes
- MDCH 615 – Machine Learning for Health Data Science
- MDCH 627 – Med Ed Assess & Measurement
- MDCH 628 – Teach, Learn & Curriculum Design
- MDCH 636 – Advanced Exploration and Visualization in Health
- MDCH 649 – Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases
- MDCH 660 – Foundations of Health Services Research
- MDCH 662 – Economic Evaluation
- MDCH 664 – Admin Data Analysis Methodology
- MDCH 681 – Health Research Methods
- MDCH 683 – Introduction to Qualitative Health Research for the Health Sciences
- MDCH 700B – Professional Development & Experiential Learning
- MDCH 740 – (VETM740) Advanced Epidemiology
- MDCH 730B – Doctoral Med Ed Res Seminar
The Office of Professionalism, Equity and Diversity (OPED) have launched a grassroots initiative to support the food needs of our local campus community. Located in the Health Sciences Centre atrium (aka Hippocrates Mall), the community pantry will be stocked with non-perishable and hygiene essentials and available to all campus community members.

Campus groups and departments are invited to become involved by organizing donation collections. Please direct questions to oped@ucalgary.ca about how you can help, or provide feedback anonymously here:
A reminder to students and supervisors, the Faculty of Graduate Studies will be sending a notification to students on May 1st reminding them to complete their Annual Progress Reports. Once those are submitted by the student, a notice will go out to their supervisors to contribute and finalize the report.

**Annual Progress Reports are due by May 31, 2023.**

Please direct any questions to chsgrad@ucalgary.ca
There is still time to join us for our first-ever student-focused event, **Interdisciplinary Student Research Showcase: Celebrating the Future**

Thursday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the HRIC Atrium, lunch is provided.

Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend and check out some amazing student work!

For showcase details including registration please visit: https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/community-health-sciences/education/celebrating-our-future-interdisciplinary-student-research-showcase
The search for an Associate Dean Graduate Studies and an Associate Dean Undergrad are underway. Stay tuned!
Updates

A couple of things to update you on:

✓ Graduate Certificates: waiting for gov’t approval
✓ BCR Curriculum Review: final meeting in June
Interested in Tenure and Promotion?

If you have been considering applying, please set up a meeting through Brenda for us in May to discuss.
The deadline for applying for the 2023/2024 fellowship is April 15, 2023.

Applications for the Canadian Network for Statistical Training in Trials (CANSTAT) fellowship are open to individuals with MSc. or PhD in statistics, biostatistics, or a relevant health sciences discipline (e.g., public health or epidemiology) with a strong statistical or quantitative background. Trainees who will complete their graduate degree requirements this summer are also encouraged to apply.

For more information about the application requirements, please check out CANSTAT’s webpage here: https://can-stat.ca/admissions-and-funding/

Successful applicants will begin the fellowship on September 1, 2023.
Zack has two upcoming presentations aimed at showcasing some recent work. These are open to all, if you are interested in checking them out the registration links for each are posted in the chat!
Cory Owens will be discussing *Animal Experimentation in Western Medicine: A History of Ethical Debate and Co-evolving Animal Protection Laws*

Harold Miletich will discuss *Lessons From History: Embryology and Androgyny of the ‘Human Animal’*

When: April 17th starting at 6:00 PM, Q&A at 7:30 PM

RSVP to Marcia (Marcia.Garcia@ucalgary.ca) for in-person attendance or Register online: https://ucalgary.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqd-qhqjMvHtJgUYWoqNDI2o9J5LQP4hgd
The Department of Community Health Sciences invites you to a special seminar presentation:

**Dr Mina Tadrous**

“Using data to shape pharmaceutical policy at a local, national and international level“

**DATE:** Friday April 21\(^{st}\), 2023  
**TIME:** 10:00am – 11:00am  
**LOCATION:** Rose Room 3E47 3\(^{rd}\) Floor  
CWPH Building

For those wishing to attend via zoom, please click on link below:

https://ucalgary.zoom.us/j/97872171721
Questions!
Hybrid Work Program Highlights:

- The program comes into effect on March 1, 2023
- There is an enrollment process to partake in the program
- The program applies to MaPS and AUPE staff
- 60-min Training Sessions will be offered (starting March 2, registration required)
- Resources include the Program Guidelines, Discussion Considerations, and Statement of Understanding

To register for an info session, or for more details, please visit: https://www.ucalgary.ca/hr/hybrid-work-program
Given our return to campus this fall, we encourage all staff, students and faculty to review and follow AHS guidelines and visit UCalgary’s COVIDSafe website (links in chat) for further information about masking, classroom ventilation, and other resources.

Quick FAQs:
**What should I do if I’m sick?** Follow AHS guidelines, inform your academic lead and arrange coverage for your classes.
**What should I do if a student reports a COVID-19 infection?** Support them by letting them know how to keep up on course activities.
**Can I require a student to isolate or wear a mask when sick?** The short answer is no. While isolation is no longer legally required, it is recommended; masks wearing is recommended for the first 5 days at the onset of symptoms.
**Can I move my in-person class online (i.e. lots of sick students in class)?** Changing course modality is not normally done during the term but if you have concerns, reach out to your academic leader to identify options for teaching and learning continuity.
The OnCore CTMS is designed to enhance clinical trial infrastructure by increasing efficiencies in clinical trial management. It enables increased capacity for additional studies, standardization and adoption of best practices, and improved study quality, budget management, and regulatory compliance from automated processes. OnCore is a state-of-the-art, cloud-based enterprise solution hosted in a Canadian Data Centre.

How can OnCore help?
• Enhances clinical performance
• Improves clinical trial reporting
• Increases efficiencies in clinical trial management
• Improves patient safety and management
• Increases capacity for additional studies
• Standardizes workflows and information
• Ensures study quality, budgeting, invoicing, and compliance

For more info visit: https://research.ucalgary.ca/clinical-trials/resources-clinical-trials/clincial-trials-management-system
UCalgary's inaugural RDM Strategy (aka The Strategy) is now available on the Research website (link in chat), in compliance with Tri-Agency requirements. It is a living document that will change with time and new developments in RDM.

The Strategy outlines what institutional supports will be in place for RDM including:

- **Institutional Policies and Processes** – build a robust policy, procedure & process framework to allow UCalgary to support its research communities and meet institutional obligations
- **IT Infrastructure** – support services include active storage, secure data storage, High-Performance Computing (HPC), and an institutional data repository
- **Support Services** – include basic training and consultation for key areas of RDM (i.e. data management plans), cybersecurity, and meeting funders’ RDM requirements
- **Building a broader RDM Culture** – develop a network or Research Data Champions, advocate for common approaches to and increased support for RDM-related needs, etc.
What is ChatGPT? It is an AI program model trained to follow instructions in a prompt and provide a detailed response using Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback (RLHF).

The Taylor Institute has prepared some information and resources for faculty and students around growing concerns over the impact ChatGPT could have on teaching and learning (links will be posted in the chat):

- Teaching and Learning with Artificial Intelligence Apps
- A First Response to Assessment and ChatGPT in your Courses
- eLearn Articles and Resources for ChatGPT
- Resources on Academic Integrity
Mental Health at any time!

- **Practice compassion**
  Try to recognize everyone is going through this moment under varying circumstances. Your own reactions and emotions are okay, as are others. Communicate your comfort level to those you interact with and encourage others to do the same.

- **One day at a time**
  The uncertainty that we are coping with is a significant challenge. Instead of ruminating on the past or worrying about the future, be mindful of the present moment. This can help us focus on our own emotions and what we can control.

- **Reach out**
  Although heightened stress in this situation is normal, support is available for you to discuss your feelings. If fear or stress is impacting your ability to participate or complete daily tasks, homework, or activities, reach out to your community—friends, family, faith, or through counselling or crisis lines.

- **Concerned about a student?** E-mail the Student at Risk team at sar@ucalgary.ca

We created a living course list document that contains all of the currently available courses in MDCH, when they are offered, who is teaching them, as well as a description of each course.

The intent for this list is provide a simple, one-stop-shop document for use by supervisors when discussing what upcoming courses are required or optional that a student should consider taking.

You can find this list on the CHS website under Resources for Supervisors, here: https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/community-health-sciences/resources/faculty-and-staff