

# Community Health Sciences Department Council Meeting November 21, 2023



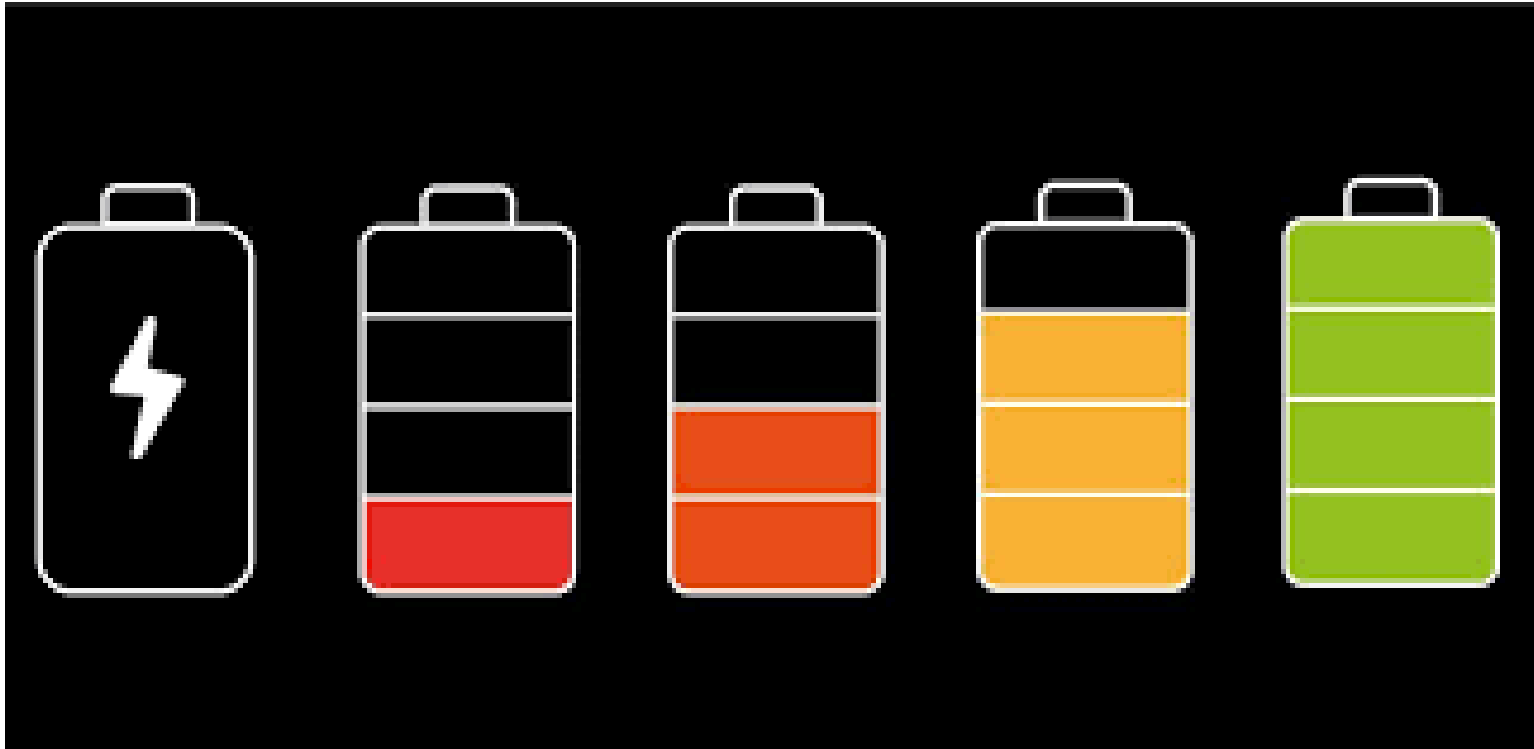
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Haven't done one of these in a while...

# Breakout Room Catch Up!



Be sure to take some time to **recharge**  
over the holiday break!



**Katie Birnie** won the ASTech Award for Women in Innovation – Research category! She was a finalist for her work related to pediatric pain management national health standard.



**Bukola Salami** is the winner of the Health Research Foundation (HRF) of Innovative Medicines Canada's 2023 HRF Diversity & Equity in Research Award! This makes her the FIRST recipient of this new award!



**Nauzer Forbes**  
Interventional Endoscopist and Associate Professor of Medicine  
**Why he's a 2023 Top 40 Under 40:** His collaborative research in the field of interventional endoscopy has put Calgary on the world map.



**Aravind Ganesh**  
Assistant Professor of Neurology, Vascular and Cognitive Neurologist  
**Why he's a 2023 Top 40 Under 40:** A global leader in neurology, he also runs a crowdfunding platform that gives a leg up to researchers around the world.

# In Case You Hadn't Heard Yet...



The O'Brien Institute is pleased to announce that Kirsten Fiest, PhD, has been named the Scientific Director of the O'Brien Institute, effective Nov. 1, 2023.

Kirsten brings a wealth of expertise, a commitment to advancing public health, and an inspiring vision for the Institute's future to the role. She is an accomplished academic, currently an associate professor of critical care medicine, community health sciences and psychiatry at the CSM. She also served as the director of research and innovation in the Department of Critical Care Medicine.

Please join us in congratulating Kirsten on her new appointment!

# Clarivate's Highly Cited CHS Members!



Congratulations to **Gil Kaplan, Nathalie Jetté, Marcello Tonelli, Tamara Pringsheim, and Samuel Wiebe** – all CHS Faculty members who were recently listed as Clarivate's most highly cited!



> [Matern Child Health J.](#) 2023 Nov 8. doi: 10.1007/s10995-023-03831-0. Online ahead of print.

## Examining the Relationship Between Screening for Postpartum Depression and Associated Child Health Service Utilization and Costs: A Study Using the All Our Families Cohort and Administrative Data

Shainur Premji <sup>1 2</sup>, Deborah Ann McNeil <sup>3 4 5</sup>, Maria Jose Santana <sup>3 6</sup>, Eldon Spackman <sup>3</sup>

> [Intern Emerg Med.](#) 2023 Sep 2. doi: 10.1007/s11739-023-03404-7. Online ahead of print.

## Solutions for patients visiting the emergency department with non-emergent issues: results from a deliberative public policy analysis process

Janna Newton <sup>1</sup>, Kiarash Riazi <sup>2</sup>, Neha Vashist <sup>1</sup>, Hailey Jarvis <sup>1</sup>, Eddy Lang <sup>3</sup>, Fiona Clement <sup>2</sup>, Reed F Beall <sup>4</sup>

Open Access Review

## Coverage of Allies, Allyship and Disabled People: A Scoping Review

by  Gregor Wolbring <sup>1,\*</sup>  and  Aspen Lillywhite <sup>2</sup> 

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<sup>2</sup> 2J2.00 Walter C. MacKenzie Health Sciences Centre, Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2R7, Canada

\* Author to whom correspondence should be addressed.



NEW!

> [J Osteopath Med.](#) 2023 Nov 3. doi: 10.1515/jom-2023-0118. Online ahead of print.

## An analysis of osteopathic medical students applying to surgical residencies following transition to a single graduate medical education accreditation system

Tyler K Williamson <sup>1</sup>, Victor H Martinez <sup>1</sup>, Desiree E Ojo <sup>1</sup>, Christian B Allen <sup>1</sup>, Roberto Fernandez <sup>1</sup>, Jason Larson <sup>1</sup>, Martin Timoney <sup>1</sup>, Julieanne P Sees <sup>2</sup>

> [J Commun Healthc.](#) 2023 Jul;16(2):180-185. doi: 10.1080/17538068.2022.2135713. Epub 2022 Nov 14.

## Communication in the conversation between preceptors and physicians-in-training during simulation: what is not said

Tanya N Beran <sup>1</sup>, Ghazwan Altabbaa <sup>2</sup>, Elizabeth Oddone Paolucci <sup>1</sup>

- Admissions Application Deadline December 1, 2023
- Distinguished Doctoral Recruitment Scholarship (DDRS)
- AI policy resources for supervisors/instructors

## Report to CHS Dept Council - Tuesday Nov 21 2023

- my first report of 2023/24 academic year - inform/remind that I am serving as the Department Representative for CHS on the Faculty Association (FA)
- my role in that capacity is to act as liaison between FA board of directors and members in CHS, including to keep members of academic dept informed, and receive feedback from dept members to bring back.

## The Dept Reps have had two meetings so far this academic year (Oct 11 and Nov 9) - here are some updates:

- Note that we have a new Faculty Association President, Dr. Kent Donlevy from the Werklund School of Education (See also <https://www.tucfa.com/board-of-directors/>)
- Major item: with respect to our Collective Agreement, which ends June 30 2024, we will enter the bargaining period in January
- There was indication that compensation will be the focal issue.
- however in the Dept Reps forum, members brought up other issues that they are equally if not more concerned about
- one is workload - several members report quite dramatic increases in workload that are not necessarily being recognized nor transparently assigned.
- in light of the U of C's new strategic plan this is likely to get worse
- another concern is cuts to essential infrastructure and supports that people need for their work.
- these are just a couple of examples - the point is that if you have concerns this is an important time to speak up
- finally, acknowledge the new merit assessment process, feedback on that is welcome as well.

## Send questions or feedback to either of:

[lmclaren@ucalgary.ca](mailto:lmclaren@ucalgary.ca)  
[faculty.association@tucfa.com](mailto:faculty.association@tucfa.com)



Input is currently being sought from academic staff to inform the upcoming bargaining process. Please note that, in addition to or instead of sending comments to Lindsay or directly to the faculty association, a survey has been created for this purpose. **You would have received the message below, and a second message with your specific survey link.** The message containing the survey link may be in your junk or clutter folder. **The deadline to complete the survey is December 8, 2023.**

*TO: Faculty Association Members,*

*The Faculty Association will shortly be entering into negotiations with the Board of Governors on the Collective Agreement. Given this, the Faculty Association Bargaining Team is undertaking a bargaining survey to hear from members and help set priorities for bargaining.*

*By now, you should have received an invitation from Simple Survey with a link to complete the survey. Please check your spam/junk folders if you do not see the invitation email. If you cannot find the invitation, please contact [faculty.association@tucfa.com](mailto:faculty.association@tucfa.com) for assistance. Please do not share the invitation email with colleagues as it contains a link that is specific to you to ensure that we receive responses from only academic staff and one response per member. If you know of an academic staff member who did not receive an invitation, please have them contact the Faculty Association at the email address above.*

*It is important that the Bargaining Team understand the priorities of our membership, so please take a few minutes and fill out the survey. At this point, we are asking fairly general questions; once we start bargaining, we may come back to you with more specific questions. To allow plenty of time for the Bargaining Team to review the results and prepare for bargaining, we ask that you respond to the survey by December 8, 2023.*

*Thank you for your thoughtful responses.*

*Faculty Association Bargaining Team*

*Hamid Habibi (Principal Negotiator), Trevor Tombe, Sheila Miller, and Don Kozak (Resource person)*

# Institute Updates



## Apply to become the Institute's next Associate Scientific Director – Policy and Partnerships

The deadline to apply for the position of **Associate Scientific Director, Policy and Partnerships, Centre for Health Policy** at the O'Brien Institute for Public Health has been extended to **December 1, 2023**.

## Apply to become the Institute's next Associate Scientific Director – Health Systems

Please submit a cover letter and Curriculum Vitae by **December 15, 2023**, to:  
Leslie Campbell, Administrative Coordinator  
[leslie.campbell@ucalgary.ca](mailto:leslie.campbell@ucalgary.ca)



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## A healthier future for all: Mobilizing health equity research into action

O'Brien Institute Members Forum 2023

Date: November 22, 2023

Time: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Location: Red and White Club, 1833 Crowchild Trail NW

## Rounding up the unusual suspects: non-traditional sources for funding your research

January 18 , noon (O'Brien/CHS seminar series)

**Panelists:** Sybil Choles, Derek Exner, Gavin McCormack, Joanna Rankin, Jenna Slobozian



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## General:

- The CHSSE team is working on a number of student-led projects and initiatives that will be rolled out throughout the year.
  - Are students in your lab interested in getting involved or looking for more of a community? We are compiling a rolling list of dedicated student volunteers - students can email [chsse@ucalgary.ca](mailto:chsse@ucalgary.ca) for more information.
- We got the Quality Money funding (\$4,975) for our planned writing retreat and trip to Banff in Winter 2024.

## Upcoming Events (November - December):

- A monthly CHSSE newsletter will be circulated to students. Events and opportunities from the Department and/or faculty members are welcome and can be sent to [chsse@ucalgary.ca](mailto:chsse@ucalgary.ca).

Event List (November-December 2023)		
Proposed Event	CHSSE Lead	Timing
CHSSE Mentorship Program (Launch)	Mentorship Coordinator	November 21st, 2023
MDCH 640 (Epidemiology I) Critical Appraisal Review Session	First-Year Representative	November 30th, 2023
CHSSE Sweater Sales	Event Coordinators	November 27th - December 8th
CHSSE Executives Outing	Co-chairs	December (TBD)
Holiday Cookie decorating and self-care bags	Event Coordinators	December (TBD)

**Joining us today to discuss a new collaboration between CHS faculty and CUHAS are Deborah Dewey and Jessalyn Holodinsky!**





# No Scents Makes Sense

The University is committed to promoting the health, safety and well-being of its workers, students, visitors and contractors, in accordance with the University of Calgary Occupational Health & Safety Policy.

Occupational hygiene is a component of health and safety that focuses on preventing and minimizing the potential for workers to experience negative health effects, as a result of exposure to hazards found in their workplace.

There is a growing understanding about adverse effects experienced by some people when they are exposed to scented products. There are members of our university community who may not be able to use facilities such as study spaces, libraries, theatres, classrooms, and work spaces due to the presence of scented products.



*Fragrance Free Zone*

Please help us to accommodate those who are chemically sensitive to fragrances and other scented products.



**If you work alone on campus, please be sure to download the UCSafety App.** Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) legislation and UCalgary's updated Work Alone Standard require you to have a Work Alone Plan and an effective means of communicating with your point of contact in the case of an emergency. You must also check-in at regular intervals to verify that you are safe.

Link in chat.

**Dr. John Jarrell will discuss *Historical insights into the sensitization of women's pelvic pain***

**When:** November 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM  
Q&A at 7:30 PM

**Where:** Rose Room, CWPH 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor



RSVP to Marcia ([Marcia.Garcia@ucalgary.ca](mailto:Marcia.Garcia@ucalgary.ca)) to attend in-person or follow the link in the chat to register online.

# Transdisciplinary Scholarship Gathering

Faculty and students are invited to join the next Gathering for advancing transdisciplinary scholarship at the UCalgary.

Hear the latest on how you and your colleagues are defining transdisciplinarity and learn about the new ways in which graduate students and faculty can pursue transdisciplinary research and scholarship.

Date: **Tuesday, November 28, 2023**

Time: **9:00 AM – 1:00 PM MT**

Location: **MacEwan Ballroom, 3rd floor of MacEwan Student Centre, Main Campus**

This in-person event includes a light lunch.

Scan here to register!





# Annual CHS & O'Brien Institute Holiday Party

**Thursday, December 7, 2023 from 1-3 p.m.**  
**Rose Room, CWPH - 3rd Floor**

Join the Department of Community Health Sciences & the O'Brien Institute for Public Health for a dash of holiday cheer to wrap up the year!

We will celebrate esteemed colleagues and announce this year's O'Brien Institute award winners at 1:15 p.m. Oh what fun!

For questions, please email party planners:  
Angie Taylor, O'Brien Institute, [angela.taylor@ucalgary.ca](mailto:angela.taylor@ucalgary.ca)  
Mariko Roe, CHS, [mnroe@ucalgary.ca](mailto:mnroe@ucalgary.ca)

**Please register!**



Gregor is offering 3 workshops this fall, check them out if you can!

**Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Through an Ability Studies Lens**

**Nov 30, 9:00AM to 10:30AM**

**Danger of Burnout and Anxiety: What are the social stressors and what to do about them?**

**Dec 7, 9:00AM to 10:30AM**

**Allies and Allyship with a particular focus on disabled people/people with disabilities**

**Dec 14, 9:00AM to 10:30AM**

Please reach out to Gregor ([gwolbrin@ucalgary.ca](mailto:gwolbrin@ucalgary.ca)) for the links or if you have questions.

The University of Calgary has updated our Standard Territorial Land Acknowledgement to reflect a recent Métis Nation of Alberta decision to create 22 districts in place of 6 regions. This means we are now situated in Districts 5 and 6. Region 3 is no longer applicable.

## **New 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 (**Districts 5 and 6**).*

# CIHR Health System Impact Fellowship (HSIF)

<https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/51211.html>

Goal: Accelerate learning health systems and enhance the preparedness of the next generation of health services and policy PhD graduates to make meaningful and impactful contributions throughout their careers, within and outside of academia.

- 1 Support Impact-Oriented Career Paths
- 2 Expand and Enrich the Traditional Training Environment
- 3 Increase Research Talent within Health System Organizations

## Key Dates:

- **Competition Open Date:** November 2023
- **University of Calgary Info Session** November 2023
- **Application Date:** February 2024
- **Notice of Decision:** August 2024
- **Funding and Fellowship Start Date:** September, 2024



**UofC is the home of the CIHR HSIF National Cohort Training Program!**

Happy to chat if you are interested in this program:

Simron Sidhu, NCTP Programme Manager at [harsimronjoot.sidhu@ucalgary.ca](mailto:harsimronjoot.sidhu@ucalgary.ca)

Deborah Marshall, Principal Applicant at [damarsha@ucalgary.ca](mailto:damarsha@ucalgary.ca)





# UCalgary's 2023 Service Effectiveness Survey

This is an opportunity to provide feedback on the services you use in your role at the university. Your feedback will help us understand which services are important to you, what is working well, where we need to improve, and how we can allocate our resources more effectively.

On Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, **you will have received an email from Cubane Consulting with a personal link to the online survey.** The confidential survey should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. A high survey response rate will be vital to attain institution-wide data, and your support in this endeavour is essential. Please take the time to participate before Dec. 1, 2023.

*Please note, you cannot not forward your unique survey link to anyone else – if somebody else completes the survey using your link, you will not be able to respond. The survey invitees only includes select academic and professional staff.*

# Launch of the CSM Strategic Plan

Come and connect with the CSM community – learners, trainees, faculty, staff and others – all are welcome! CSM’s senior leadership will be in attendance to share our priorities and objectives for the future.

Date: November 23, 2023

Time: 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm | formal remarks at 4 pm

Location: Health Research Innovation Centre (HRIC) Atrium

Registration link in chat.

Department council has moved around a bit this year. It will be held on a Tuesday, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. still, and the new dates are as follows:

~~September 26~~

~~October 17~~

~~November 21~~

**December 19**

If you require the updated Zoom invites, please contact Brenda Green at [bgreen@ucalgary.ca](mailto:bgreen@ucalgary.ca)

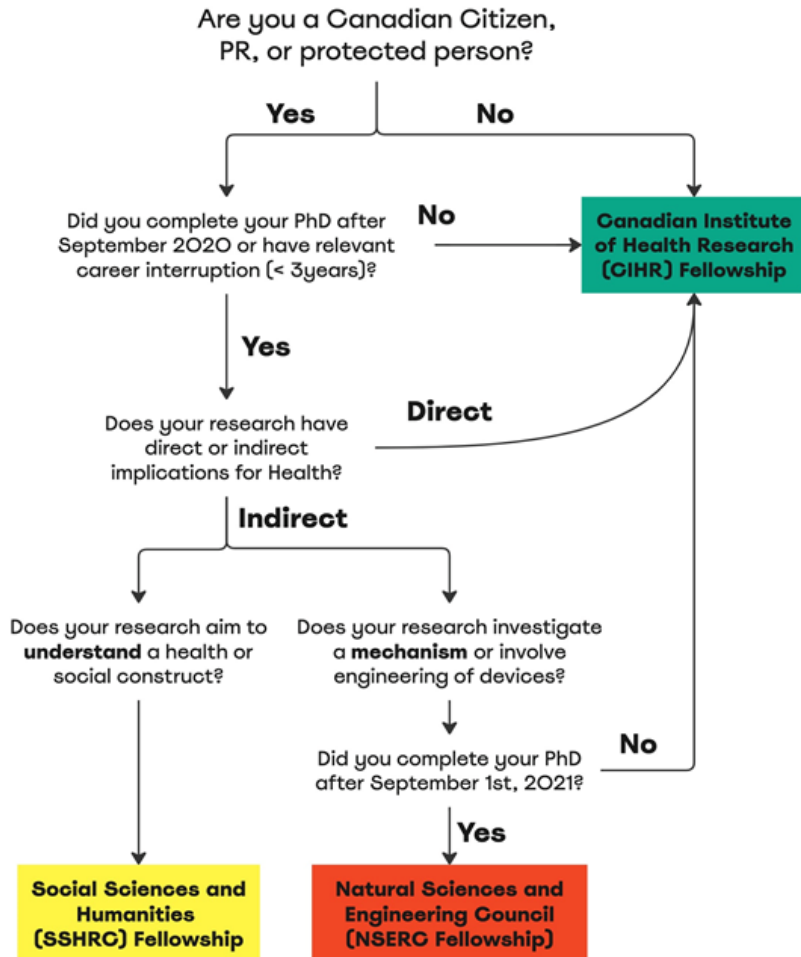
We created a living course list document that contains all of the currently available courses in MDCH, when they are offered, who is teaching them, as well as a description of each course.

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>

## Which Triagency Do I Apply To?



**Postdocs, Supervisors, and Supporters:** SSHRC and NSERC are live already, and CIHR is expected to launch soon. These are your action items right now:

- 1) **Create your CCV** and have it reviewed by the Grant Development Office. Make an appointment.
- 2) **Identify a reference/mentor** that can attest to an aspect of your research persona: presentation skills, work ethics, knowledge translation/ impact etc. Three references are required, make these connections well before a letter is needed.
- 3) **Plan your writing with a timeline**, add extra time for reviews from your supervisor and the Grant Development Office.
- 4) Did you apply last year? **Send in your reviewer feedback** to have it deciphered and come up with a game plan!

More info available through the link in the chat.

## Reminder: the new Transdisciplinary Connector Grants program is now open for applications.

This new program is designed to promote initiatives that enable UCalgary teams to **explore questions, challenges and opportunities that demand a transdisciplinary approach**. Connector funding is distinguished from other forms of support such as start-up or bridge funding by its focus on fostering new connections among scholars, trainees, and external partners.

### Key details:

Value: Initiating stream: up to \$10,000; Consolidating stream: up to \$20,000

Duration: Initiating stream: 6 months; Consolidating stream: 12 months

Deadlines recurring annually on: ~~May 15, Aug 15~~, Feb 15 & Nov 15

For more information please visit:

<https://research.ucalgary.ca/research/transdisciplinary>

- **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](mailto:sar@ucalgary.ca)

For additional information and to access support please visit:

<https://ucalgary.ca/risk/emergency-management/covid-19-response/mental-health-covid-19>