

Abridged Online Curriculum Vitae

Dr Rebecca J. Haines-Saah



Biographical Snapshot: I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences. Trained as a Health Sociologist, my research focuses on adolescent mental health and substance using a critical public health approach that prioritizes harm reduction, social justice, and the lived experiences of persons that use drugs. Since joining the University of Calgary in 2016 I have focused my research program on youth cannabis use and the public health policy implications of cannabis legalization in Canada. My current projects also include qualitative and policy-focused research on parent advocacy for drug policy reform in the context of the opioid crisis, and youth policy engagement for mental health promotion.

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

Name: **Rebecca Jephtha Harrison Saah** (Legal name)

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Present rank: Assistant Professor (January, 2016)

Faculty: Department of Community Health Sciences, Cumming School of Medicine
Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary

ACADEMIC RECORD

Final degree: PhD

Completed: September 2007 (Degree conferred March 2008)

Specialty: Behavioural Health Sciences

Institution: University of Toronto, Ontario Canada

i. Undergraduate

Bachelor of Arts (1991–1995), Joint Honours

McGill University, Montréal QC

Departments of Sociology and English

Minor in Women's Studies

ii. Graduate and Post-doctoral

Master of Arts (1995–1998)

York University, Toronto ON

Department of Sociology

Doctor of Philosophy (1999–2007) **Flexible-Time Doctoral Program for practicing professionals*

University of Toronto, Toronto ON

Department of Public Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine

Behavioural Health Science: Social Science and Health Stream

Collaborative Program in Addiction Studies Minor (CoPAS)

Science Policy Fellowship (2014-2015) University of British Columbia, School of Nursing, Vancouver BC *Jointly sponsored by:* British Columbia Ministries of Health and Child and Family Development

Funding source: Canadian Institutes of Health Research; Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research

Post-Doctoral Fellowship (2008-2010)

University of British Columbia, School of Nursing, Vancouver BC

Funding source: Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada (primary); Psychosocial Oncology Research Training Program, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (top-up funding)

Post-Doctoral Fellowship (2007-2008)

University of British Columbia, School of Nursing, Vancouver BC

Funding source: Integrated Mentoring Program in Addictions Research Training
Canadian Institutes of Health Research

RECENT EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

i. Undergraduate Courses

- 2018 HSCO 403: Advanced topics in Social Determinants of Health
Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Calgary
My Role: Guest Lecture, 3 sessions (1 hour), 10 Students
- 2016, 2017 MDSC 308A: Interdisciplinary Research Approaches
Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Calgary
My Role: Guest Lecture, 2 sessions (3 hours) , 100+ students
- 2016 HLSC 3850: The Social Context of Addiction
Faculty of Health Sciences, The University of Lethbridge
My Role: Guest Lecturer
2016: 1 session (2 hour lecture, online course), 20 students

ii. Graduate Courses

- 2017 - current MDCH 683: Introduction to Qualitative Health Research for the Health Sciences
Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Calgary
My Role: Instructor
2017: Co-Instructor; 2018: Instructor, 13 weekly sessions (3 hours), 20 students
- 2018 MDCH 680: Foundations of Population & Public Health
Department of Community Health Sciences, University of Calgary
My Role: Guest Lecture, 1 session (3 hours), 10 students

SELECTED ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2017-present O'Brien Institute for Public Health, Population Health & Prevention Group (Co-Lead, Invited)
- 2018-present Office of Professionalism, Equity, and Diversity (OPED) (Faculty-wide Advisory Committee)
- 2017-2018 University of Calgary Internal Cannabis Working Group (Research expertise and policy review)
- 2016-present Alberta Health Services, Mental Health and Addictions SCN (Core Committee Member, Invited)

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Current Institutional Research Affiliations:

- 2017-present Hotchkiss Brain Institute, Mental Health NeuroTeam (Invited Member)
- 2016-present Mathison Centre for Mental Health Research and Education (Associate Member, Approved)
- 2017-present O'Brien Institute for Public Health, Centre for Health Policy (Strategic Advisory Council, Invited)

Ad-Hoc Manuscript Peer Review: Addiction Research & Theory, American Journal of Preventive Medicine, BMC Public Health, BMJ Open, Canadian Journal of Psychiatry, Canadian Journal of Public Health, Critical Public Health, Drugs:

Education, Prevention and Policy, Global Health Promotion, Health, Health & Place, Health Psychology Review, International Journal of Drug Policy, International Journal of Public Health, Journal of Medical Internet Research, Media International Australia, Patient Education & Counseling, Qualitative Health Research, Research in Nursing & Health, School Mental Health, Social Science & Medicine, Society and Mental Health, Sociology of Health & Illness, Women and Birth, Women's Health Issues

Journal Editorships:

2017-present Critical Public Health (*Associate Editor*)

CURRENT RESEARCH FUNDING

Peer-Reviewed Research Grants (As Co-Investigator and Principal Investigator)

Date	Amount	Title	Applicants	Funding / Partners
2018-2020	\$65,134	Diffusing the Daily Report Card: Exploring the Utility of an Innovative Coaching Model to Support Dissemination of an Evidence-Based Resource in Canadian Elementary Schools	D Exner-Cortens (PI), J Owens (Co-I), RJ Haines-Saah (Co-I)	Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (Insight Development Grant)
2018	\$108,100	Assessing the Needs of Vulnerable Sub-populations: A Scoping Review of Best Practices in Response to the Opioid Crisis	K. Millaney & C. O'Gorman (Co-PI), RJ Haines-Saah (Co-I) , et al.	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Operating Grant: Opioid Crisis Knowledge Synthesis)
2017-2019	\$194,000	Exploring the effects of Quebec's legislation "An Act to Bolster Tobacco Control" on social inequalities in smoking	K Frohlich (PI), Josée Lapalme, RJ Haines-Saah (Co-I) , et al.	Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute (Prevention Innovation Grants)
2017-2020	\$264,000	Healthy public policy through engagement: Promoting the mental health of Canadian children	EJ Jenkins (NPI); R Haines-Saah (Co-PI) ; C Waddell et al.	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (Project Grant)
2017-2018	\$49,000	Enhancing systems collaboration for high-risk youth with mental health disorders and addictions	G. Dimitropoulos (PI), RJ Haines-Saah (Co-I) , et al.	Alberta Health Services Addiction Mental Health Strategic Clinical Networks (Pathways to Innovation & Integration in Addiction and Mental Health)
2017-2018	\$14,000	Building Capacity for the Inclusion of Young	EJ Jenkins, RJ Haines-Saah (Co-I) , C Waddell, R	Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (Convening & Collaborating

		People in Healthy Public Policymaking to Promote Mental Health	Lampard, J Morris	Awards)
2017-2018	\$40,000	Partnering to implement an evidence-based intervention within schools to improve child mental health	J McClennan, J Owens, R Haines-Saah (Co-I) , et al.	PolicyWise for Children and Families (Research Grant)

Internal awards, Government grants and commissioned projects

Date	Amount	Title	Applicants	Funding / Partners
July 2018	\$25,000	Population Health Research on Cannabis	S Patten, F Clement, RJ Haines-Saah	Office of the Vice-President Research, University of Calgary (Seed Money)
Dec. 2017	\$60,000	Seeing Beyond the Numbers – What families want you to know about opioids, stigma, and harm reduction	RJ Haines-Saah(PI) , E Hyshka, EJ Jenkins, HM Morris, D May, P Schulz	Government of Alberta, Alberta Health - Alberta Opioid Response (Public awareness grants to communities)
2018-2020	\$340,000	Emergency Health Threat Implementation Science Program on Opioid services: At-risk youth/newer users	P Conrod, S Stewart, J Henderson, R Haines-Saah* , D Fast (Leadership Team; *Prairie Node Lead)	Health Canada funding to the Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse (CRISM) (Implementation Science Program Project)
2016-2018	\$25,000	TRACE4PARENTS - Strategies to facilitate dialogue about cannabis use between parents and adolescents	RJ Haines-Saah (PI)	The Petro-Canada Young Innovator Award In Community Health

RECENT PUBLICATIONS [underlined indicates students or research trainees as co-authors]

[Lapalme J](#), [Haines-Saah R](#), Frohlich K (Submitted: July 2018). More than a buzzword: How intersectionality can advance social inequalities in health research. *Critical Public Health*.

Lake S., Kerr T, Werb D, [Haines-Saah R](#), Fischer B, Thomas G, Walsh Z, Ware MA, Wood E, Milloy M.J. (Submitted: June 2018). Guidelines for Public Health and Safety Metrics to Evaluate the Potential Harms and Benefits of Cannabis Regulation in Canada. *International Journal of Drug Policy*.

[Haines-Saah RJ](#), [Mitchell SA](#), [Slemon A](#), Jenkins EK (In press: July 2018). 'Parents are the best prevention'? Troubling assumptions in cannabis policy and prevention discourses in the context of legalization in Canada. *International Journal of Drug Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2018.06.008>

Jenkins EJ, [Slemon A](#), [Haines-Saah RJ](#) (In Press: July 2018). A Guide to Multi-Site Qualitative Analysis (MSQA). *Qualitative Health Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1049732318786703>

Milne A, Weijts C, Haines-Saah RJ, McLaren L (2017). Parents' online discussions about children's dental health: a critical content analysis. *Canadian Journal of Public Health* 108 (3): 265-272. <http://dx.doi.org/10.17269/cjph.108.5944>

Spackman E, **Haines-Saah R**, Danthurebandara V, Dowsett E, Noseworthy T, Clement F (2017). Marijuana Use and Perceptions of Risk and Harm: A Survey among Canadians in 2016. *Healthcare Policy* 13(1): 17-27. doi: 10.12927/hcpol.2017.25194

Jenkins EJ, Slemon A, **Haines-Saah RJ** (2017). Developing harm reduction in the context of youth substance use: A cross-site analysis of context and harm minimization strategies. *Harm Reduction Journal* 14:53. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12954-017-0180-z>

Ng CKY, **Haines-Saah RJ**, Knight RE, Shoveller JA, Johnson, JL (2017, early online). "It's not my business": Exploring heteronormativity in young people's discourses about LGBTQ issues and their implications for youth health and wellbeing. *Health - An Interdisciplinary Journal for the Social Study of Health, Illness and Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1363459317715776>

Ahmed S, **Haines-Saah RJ**, Afzal AR, Tam-Tham H, Al Mamun M, Hemmelgarn BR, Turin TC (2017). User-driven conversations about dialysis through Facebook: A qualitative thematic analysis. *Nephrology* 22(4): 301–307. doi: 10.1111/nep.12780

Moffat B, **Haines-Saah RJ**, Johnson J (2017). From didactic to dialogue: Assessing the use of an innovative classroom resource to support decision-making about cannabis use. *Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy* 24(1): 85-95. doi: 10.1080/09687637.2016.1206846

Haines-Saah RJ, Bell KI (2016). Challenging key assumptions embedded in Health Canada's cigarette packaging legislation: Findings from ethnographic interviews with smokers in Vancouver. *Canadian Journal of Public Health* 107(6), E562-E567. doi:<http://dx.doi.org/10.17269/CJPH.107.5681>

Ng CKY, **Haines-Saah RJ**, Hilario, CT, Jenkins EK, Johnson JL (2016). Unpacking young people's narratives about their aspirations: A Bourdieusian perspective. *International Journal of Child, Youth and Family Studies* 7(3/4), 423-455. <http://dx.doi.org/10.18357/ijcyfs73-4201616129>

Haines-Saah RJ, Hilario CT, Jenkins EJ, Ng CKY, Johnson JL (2016). Understanding adolescent narratives about 'bullying' through an intersectional lens: Implications for youth mental health interventions. *Youth & Society*, (Published online February 1, 2016). doi: 10.1177/0044118X15621465

Haines-Saah RJ, Kelly MT, Oliffe JL, Botorff JL (2015). Picture Me Smokefree: A Qualitative Feasibility Study Using Social Media and Digital Photography to Engage Young Adults in Tobacco Reduction and Cessation. *Journal of Internet Medical Research*, 17(1): 327. doi:10.2196/jmir.4061

Haines-Saah RJ, Bell K, Dennis S (2015). A qualitative content analysis of health warning labels on cigarette packaging in Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the USA. *American Journal of Public Health*. 105(2): e61–e69. doi:10.2105/AJPH.2014.302362