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NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Our ACHRI Child Health and Wellness newsletter will now be delivered monthly.

COMINGS AND GOINGS: ACHRI EDUCATION DIRECTORS

Join is in welcoming Drs. Jay Riva-Cambrin and Elizabeth Oddone Paolucci as the new ACHRI education directors. Dr. Riva-Cambrin's clinical interests in Pediatric Neurosurgery include the treatment of hydrocephalus and clinical trials. Dr. Oddone Paolucci's research is interdisciplinary and collaborative, focused on applied methods related to the design of research studies, measurement, and assessment.
Dr. Susan Samuel concluded her tenure as the education director (clinical research) on September 30. Additionally, Dr. Quentin Pittman will be stepping down from his role in the coming year.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Susan and Quentin for their dedicated years of service at ACHRI. Their unwavering commitment and invaluable contributions have significantly enriched our organization. Susan’s leadership as the ACHRI education director (clinical research) has been exemplary, leaving a lasting impact on our academic endeavours. Likewise, Quentin’s guidance as our education director (basic research) has played a vital part in our success, and we deeply appreciate his hard work and dedication.

As they transition to new chapters in their professional journeys, we wish Susan and Quentin continued success and fulfillment.

WELCOME NEW ACHRI MEMBERS & COLLABORATORS

We are so pleased to welcome our newest ACHRI members and collaborators:

Member:
**Danielle Whittier**, Child Health and Wellness Researcher, Child Health Data Science Program, and Assistant Professor of the Dept. of Cell Biology & Anatomy

Collaborators:
**Karin Eldred**, MSc Rehabilitation Science, Child Health and Wellness Collaborator, Care Transformation of Children Program and Physiotherapy Research Clinician at ACH

**Nicole Romanow**, MSc Community Health Sciences, Child Health and Wellness Collaborator, Child Brain & Mental Health Program and Research Program Manager at the Calgary Pediatric Stroke Program and BCI4Kids

**Greta Heathcote**, MEd Higher Education Leadership, Child Health and Wellness Collaborator with Child Brain & Mental Health Program, Research Partner at Precision Neurodevelopment Lab, and Associate Director, Work-Integrated Learning &
Neurodiversity Initiative at the Taylor Institute for Teacher and Learning, TI Experiential Learning Team

**Ofodile Joe-Uzuegbu**, MPH Quality and Safety Leadership Specialization (in-progress) and MBBS, Child Health and Wellness Collaborator in Precision Medicine & Disease Mechanisms Program and Clinical Research Coordinator in Dermatology, Department of Pediatrics

**WELCOME NEW ACHRI STAFF**

Welcome to [Dr. Vineetha Warriyar Kodalore Vijayan](#) who joins the ACHRI team as the **Biostatistical Consultant**. She earned her PhD in Statistics from the Memorial University of Newfoundland and further enriched her academic journey through an UCalgary Eyes High Postdoctoral fellowship. One of her favorite parts of being a biostatistician is the ability to collaborate with researchers across many disciplines. In her free time, she enjoys quality moments with family, music and crocheting.

Welcome to [Sabrana Tropa](#) who joins ACHRI as an Administrative Assistant and is supporting Drs. Catherine Lebel and Ashley Harris. She completed her Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and worked as Business Analyst in Oil Gas industry for several years in Bangladesh before moving to Calgary. She loves exploring new places and making memories with her kids.

**INNOVATE CALGARY AWARD**
Postdoctoral fellow Dr. Patrick Sipila and supervisor Dr. Aru Narendran (Division of Pediatric Oncology) received an 'evolve to Innovate' -e2i- award from Innovate Calgary. Their anti-cancer vaccine for high-risk leukemia in children, supported by Kids Cancer Care Foundation and Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation, earned them this recognition. The award includes funding, an innovation curriculum, and mentorship, aiming to evolve research into practical innovations for societal benefits.

ACHRI CHILD HEALTH AND WELLNESS RETREAT

You are invited to the 2023 ACHRI Research Retreat: One Child Every Child. Our goal for this retreat is for ACHRI members, trainees, and research staff to learn about and join the One Child Every Child initiative. Please circulate to your One Child Every Child research team members. Registration also secures your over-night accommodations.

Event details
Thursday, December 7: 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Friday, December 8: 8 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity
View Program

Retreat registration and trainee abstract deadline: Wednesday, November 1 at 11:59 pm MST
bit.ly/2023-achri-retreat-registration

Questions? Email r4k@ucalgary.ca
We are pleased to welcome Alex Johnston who has recently joined the ACHRI team as an Event Specialist contracted to organize this year’s retreat. Alex has many years of experience managing operations of large-scale events and conferences. Her keen eye for detail and love for bringing people together led her to event planning and she's thrilled to be brought on board to spearhead ACHRI’s retreat. When Alex isn’t working, you can find her painting, with family and friends or trying the latest restaurants.

Mark your calendars!

Join the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation for radio’s most heartwarming three days of the year. From February 7 - 9, 2024 the Country 105 Caring for Kids Radiothon will take place.

Encourage your friends and family to tune in!

Our national research initiative, One Child Every Child, aims to transform child health research and improve child health outcomes for all children.
Want to get updates on all things One Child Every Child? Filling in this webform allows you to join the network through Basecamp, our online collaboration platform. Building something this big takes time, and we are grateful for your input.

Please note: If you identify as an Indigenous researcher, please also reach out to Dr. Michael Hart at michael.hart@ucalgary.ca.

- Your One Child Every Child team

**UPDATED UCALGARY 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.

The University of Calgary has updated our Territorial Land Acknowledgement to reflect a recent community decision to change the name of Wesley First Nation to Goodstoney First Nation. At UCalgary, and within ACHRI, it is important we honour the land we live and work on as part of our commitment and responsibility for truth and reconciliation.

"Our laws come from the land, and our practices of granting rights and privileges is a process we were born with, that ties us to this land."

- Piikani Elder Dr. Reg Crowshoe, Hon. LLD’01, Cultural Advisor at UCalgary

Learn more about Territorial Land Acknowledgement and Cultural Protocol.

**IMPaCT SALARY AWARDS**
ACHRI TRAINEES & POSTDOCS

ACHRI FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION

We are pleased to announce the Fall 2023 Competition for the following fellowship awards:

- **ACHRI Postdoctoral Fellowships**: Deadline Wednesday, November 1, 2023
- **ACHRI PGME Clinical Research Fellowships**: Deadline Wednesday, November 1, 2023

For details on these and other trainee awards, please visit our Trainee Funding page. Contact Julia Klenin-MacLock (jklelin@ucalgary.ca) with any questions.

Don't miss this opportunity, so visit the ACHRI website to apply.

STUDENT AND FELLOW OPPORTUNITIES
What you get as an AVA scholar-mentee:

- Opportunities to break down barriers between academia and community to do impactful work
- Mentoring by an academic AND a community leader
- An Individual Development Plan (IDP) tailored to your research, learning, and career goals
- Membership in a CIHR-funded national network
- Access to AVA internships and other programs
- Regular Community of Practice meetings with other scholar-mentees
- Guidance and support on how to navigate professional and personal responsibilities
- Networking opportunities

The Alliance Against Violence & Adversity (AVA) CIHR Health Research Training Platform housed at the Owerko Centre is looking to recruit Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Fellows with an interest in gender-based violence and/or childhood adversity, to participate in its National Triadic Mentorship Program.

Applications are now being accepted. The deadline to participate in the January 2024 cohort is November 3, 2023.

Learn more.

Canadian Neurodevelopmental Research Training Platform (CanNRT)

2024 Fellowship Opportunity

CanNRT is now welcoming applications from graduate students, and postdoctoral and clinical fellows training in universities across Canada who are conducting research in neurodevelopment and associated conditions for the 2024 Fellowship

Application deadline: October 31, 2023 by 5 pm

Learn more.

JOURNAL CLUB & RIP SEMINARS

ACHRI Trainees and Postdocs are invited to some ACHRITA educational opportunities:

Journal clubs are engaging platforms where trainees come together to explore and discuss the latest research and developments in the various areas of child and maternal health and development. It's a great opportunity to keep up with cutting-edge topics, connect with your peers, and foster critical thinking and research collaboration.

For detailed information and to sign up for journal club sessions, please visit our website here.
Embark on a journey of knowledge-sharing as we announce the return of our Research-In-Progress (RIP) Seminars in October! These sessions provide an invaluable platform for trainees to present their cutting-edge research to an interdisciplinary audience, fostering the development of essential presentation skills.

RIP seminars are scheduled for the first Tuesday of each month, commencing on November 7, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. The venue will alternate between the Health Sciences Center and Alberta Children's Hospital.

If you're eager to showcase your research, presentation slots are now open! Secure your place by adding your name and contact details to the available slots here. Please note that presenters must be available for in-person presentations. In case all slots are taken, don't miss the chance—add your name to the waitlist for a potential opportunity.

Questions? Contact ACHRITA@ucalgary.ca or visit webpage.

TRAINEE REGISTRATION

ACHRI supervisors: Please encourage your trainees to register to the ACHRI Trainee Registration in order to receive the newsletter, updates and access to funding and workshops.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

SSHRC: Partnership Grants
These grants provide support for formal partnerships that advance research, research training and/or knowledge mobilization in the social sciences and humanities through mutual co-operation and sharing of intellectual leadership, as well as through resources as demonstrated by cash and/or in-kind contributions.
Deadline: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 (NOI Internal)
Details

Society of Rural Physicians of Canada
National Advanced Skills and Training Program for Rural Practice
The Goal of the program is to increase opportunities for access to training by providing support/funding for practicing rural physicians, including international medical graduates and those in their first year of practice, to increase their skill sets based on the needs of rural, remote, and Indigenous communities.
Deadline: Training must be completed by Friday, March 15, 2024
Details

EVENTS AND SEMINARS

Gairdner Global Perspectives Event
Engaging Global Communities in Perinatal & Child Health Research
Wednesday, October 25, 2023
9 am - 12:30 pm
Drs. Cesar Victora, Zubia Mumtaz, Anne CC Lee, Dena Zeraatkar

Register

Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds
Paging KidSIM Stat: Introducing KidSIM Consults. More than just Education
Wednesday, October 25, 2023
8:30 - 9:30 am
Drs. Kerri Landry, Ashlea Wilmott, Helen Catena, & Dr. Jeffrey Lin

Register

Child Health and Wellness Seminar
Lipid transport and storage in the brain
Monday, October 30, 2023
8:30 - 9:30 am
Dr. Maria Ioannou

Register

Owerko Neurodevelopmental Clinical Rounds
Enhancing Fueling and Mental Health in Youth in Bigger Bodies
Wednesday, November 1, 2023
12 - 1 pm
Leslie Steeves & Dr. Chelsea Durber
Virtual or In-Person, Child Development Centre, Main floor Boardroom

Register

Mitacs Globalink Research Award
Information Session Webinar
Wednesday, November 1, 2023
1 - 2 pm

Register

Snyder Institute Hybrid Mini-Medical School Lecture
Mitochondrial Dysfunction in Disease
Monday, November 6, 2023
6:30 - 8:00 pm
In-Person (Theatre 4, doors open at 6:15 PM) and Online
Drs. Tim Shutt and Derek McKay

Register

UNICEF Canada
Youth Advocacy Summit: The Right to be Heard
Monday, November 20, 2023
10 - 11:30 pm

Register

Calgary Adapted Hub Seminar Series: In Memory of Eli Wolff
Promoting Physical Activity and Health in Children with Disabilities Through Schools: The Inclusion Spectrum Framework
Tuesday, November 28, 2023
12 - 1 pm
Register

Children's Healthcare Canada
Flip the Script: High Performing Health Systems for Kids!
Sunday, December 3 - Tuesday, December 5, 2023
Vancouver, BC
Details

For all events visit the ACHRI calendar.

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