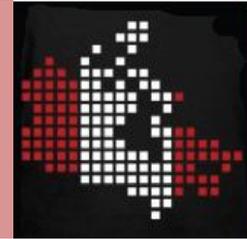


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POPULATION HEALTH INFORMATION

(1) **LinkedIn Account**

Keeping in touch with students and staff is now easier with the new *Population Health Student Association* account on LinkedIn. Add us to your network, and keep contacts up to date on what to expect during the PhD and beyond! We can be found at:

<http://ca.linkedin.com/pub/population-health-student-association/31/312/b05>

(2) **Upcoming Events**

The grant application process can be taxing on students who've already got a lot on their plate. Look forward for a PopHealth Student Funding session, with advice from successful applicants, in early September 2011.

Celebrations!

Engagements: We'd like to extend our congratulations to Ngoc-Thy Dinh on her engagement. We wish you the best!

Weddings: Our congratulations go out to Catherine Chesnay on her marriage. May you have a long and loving union.

Births: Many happy returns to Esther Shoemaker for the new addition in her life. Wishing you many cherished memories.



Discussions with....

Dr. Lise Dubois

"A university career is like the career of an artist", states Dr. Lise Dubois when talking about how creativity is important in research. A life in research was amongst the many topics discussed during our interview with Dr. Lise Dubois last winter, who also talked to us about her academic career, her research interests, and her thoughts about the Ph.D. in Population Health at the University of Ottawa.



Dr. Dubois started her academic journey with a Bachelor degree in nutrition followed by a Master's and Ph.D. in Sociology, with a focus on the sociology of health. More specifically, her doctoral thesis addressed the representation of health on television. She then continued with a Post doc on nutrition and population health which launched her career in the field. Afterwards, Dr. Dubois spent 8 years at Laval University and came to the University of Ottawa to do research at the Institute of Population Health seven years ago.

Her current research interests include a population health investigation of child nutrition and obesity. This multidisciplinary project is based on data obtained from pregnant women. Amongst her many future projects, Dr. Dubois is planning a sabbatical in Helsinki and Stockholm. There, she will be working on the analysis of data taken from sets of twins to assess the genetic and environmental social components that influence child nutrition.

As current Ph.D. students, we asked for Dr. Lise Dubois' advice on how to approach a future university career. *"Planning in advance"* was the take home message. She emphasized the importance of publications, the benefits of doing a Post doc, and the helpful guidance a mentor could provide. *"You should not be shy to ask, it's part of the profession"*, Dr. Dubois reminded. She concluded this conversation by emphasizing the positives of a life in academia. *"A university career is very dynamic and always new. The freedom of thought and the intellectual freedom are extraordinary!"*

We concluded the interview with a discussion on the Population Health program at the University of Ottawa. Dr. Dubois mentioned the requirements of the program (the courses, the comprehensive exam, and the thesis) and reminded us with a smile that *"A good thesis is a thesis that is finished."* With these words, she was emphasizing the importance of aiming for a realistic project in population health. *"The Population health program is well constructed, very open, and very large. For us, it is interesting to see students from different backgrounds."* Most importantly, it is crucial to pursue something that is exciting to us!



AWARDS + HONOURS

Ngoc-Thy Dinh received the best student poster award for her work on “ The Optimization of Mammography Screening in Canada – A Cost-Effectiveness Study” at the PHAC Forum.

Laura Bisailon was awarded the Graduate Student Award of Merit 2011 from the Senior Women Academic Administrators of Canada.

PUBLICATIONS

One of the goals of the Ph.D. process is to successfully author research articles related to our thesis topics. We'd like to recognize the work of our Population Health graduate students on their recent publications.

Bisailon, L.M. & Rankin, J.M. (2011). Politics and pragmatics in interviews using institutional ethnography. *Qualitative Health Research* (accepted)

Bisailon, L.M. (2010). Human rights consequences of mandatory HIV screening policy of newcomers to Canada. *Health and Human Rights: An International Journal*, 12(2), pp. 119-

134. <http://www.hhrjournal.org/index.php/hhr/article/view/373/581>

Bisailon, L.M. (2010). Working from within endemic HIV stigma: Developing Canadian social workers' understanding of the challenges faced by newcomers managing HIV. *Canadian Social Work*, 12(1), pp. 32-44. <http://www.casw-acts.ca/> (English) and http://www.casw-acts.ca/index_f.html (French)

Congratulations on your accomplishments, Ms. Bisailon!



DR. SIMONE DAHROUGE

~ SUCCESSFUL DEFENDANTS ~

We'd like to send our warmest regards to recent graduates of the Population Health Ph.D. program! All the best for all the adventures to come...

- Dr. Simone Dahrouge
- Dr. Monique Potvin Kent
- Dr. Vivien Eileen Runnels
- Dr. Jane Elizabeth Yardley

DR. MONIQUE POTVIN KENT

Where they are now...

Dr. Gail Webber, a 2008 graduate from the PhD program, is now participating as a Principle Investigator for a CIHR funded Knowledge Translation meeting on the CIHR catalyst research regarding 'Access to Reproductive Health Care Services for Beer Promoters in Southeast Asia (Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam and Laos)'. Beer promoters are generally young migrant women who have come from the countryside to the city to sell beer in order to make money to support themselves and their families. They are often exploited.

The knowledge translation meeting is to be held in Bangkok on April 28 and 29th and we are inviting knowledge users from governments and NGOs in the region.

Keep us up to date with your news! We can be reached at pophealth.uottawa@gmail.ca