

RESEARCH BULLETIN

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VIRTUAL EVENTS AND WEBINARS

[NEW] Research Spring Training 2021

Mark your calendars! RESEARCH SPRING TRAINING 2021 will take place virtually on **Tuesday, May 4 from 9:00am to 3:00pm**. More details and agenda to follow. Please RSVP to Jessica.Long1@msvu.ca



[NEW] CIHR University Delegates Drop-in Sessions with Dr. Derek Fisher

As the University Delegate to CIHR for MSVU, I am pleased to bring you updates from the monthly delegate meetings. Below is a summary of some of the major CIHR news from the February and March meetings.

- CIHR's online discussion on systemic racism in Canada's health research funding system launched on February 4, 2021 and will be open until April 9, 2021. <https://letstalk-cihr.ca/systemic-racism-and-canadas-health-research-funding-system>
- CIHR is recruiting members to join its Institute Advisory Boards. Applications **will be accepted until April 12, 2021**. New members will be invited to serve terms of three years beginning on September 1, 2021. <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50722.html>
- CIHR is seeking applications from qualified Canadian ethics experts to fill vacancies on the Standing Committee on Ethics. <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/52385.html>
- In response to requests from peer reviewers, the Spring 2021 Project grant competition will see the return of the Summary of Progress report. This free-form, two-page (maximum) document **will be mandatory for all applicants** and will provide the opportunity to describe how the application fits into your overarching research program. This document will allow you to outline any results from your research activities that support your current application.
- **CIHR plans to remove the across-the-board budget cuts applied to all funded applications starting with the Fall 2021 Project Grant competition** with the intent of providing greater discretion to peer review committees on budget allocations.
- Equalization: CIHR has updated the equalization applied to project grants. A portion of the competition budget is reserved to ensure the proportion of grants funded is at least equal to the proportion of applications received from **ECRs, females NPIs and applications submitted in French**. If a grant is written by a female ECR in French, this will be counted three times towards equalization as CIHR will look at the variables individually.

Dr. Fisher will be holding drop-in sessions for researchers to discuss CIHR's programs, policies and initiatives, propose questions for the next CIHR University Delegates Meeting, and learn more about latest news from CIHR. If you would like to discuss these more, or to provide feedback you would like me to bring to CIHR, please feel free to reach out or attend one of the monthly drop-in sessions I will be holding. Drop-in sessions will take place on the following dates:

- Friday, April 9 at 10:00am
- Friday, May 14 at 10:00am

Please RSVP to Jessica.Long1@msvu.ca.

[NEW] Video Proceedings of J. Krishnamurti and the Contemporary World Crises Conference

We are happy to report that *J. Krishnamurti and the Contemporary World Crises International Online Conference* that took place on February 19-21 and Feb 26-28, 2021 was a huge success. In this conference, a group of Canadian and Indian scholars, educators, professionals, and students came together to discuss the relevance of J.

Krishnamurti's philosophical ideas in today's world. The online conference featured twenty-two speakers from a range of disciplines including psychology, law, religious studies, philosophy, and education. The speakers engaged in panel discussions and question/answer sessions with attendees in six two-hour sessions throughout the two weekends of the conference. There were over 370 registrants. Every daily session resulted in rich expressions of the panellists' personal, scholarly, and professional journeys with the work of J. Krishnamurti, and engaging dialogues with attendees. It brought together a vast number of like-minded individuals, resulting in a cross-cultural and inter-disciplinary community of people concerned with societal and individual betterment, and who have seen how the wisdom of J. Krishnamurti may further those goals in their own unique contexts. The conference was organized by Dr. Ashwani Kumar (Program Director) of Mount Saint Vincent University in collaboration with Dr. Nayha Acharya (Team Member) of the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, with the support of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute's Program Development Grant. Many thanks to those of you who attended the conference. If you could not attend the conference, we have attached the program for your reference. You can also watch the video proceedings here:

Keynote Panel:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1isPbB-IXwo&list=PLfVjDB_dQhEpYnHf6l8WMJ_XrT-Oln7CL

Practitioners' Panel:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VffegmYOSLI&list=PLfVjDB_dQhEpYnHf6l8WMJ_XrT-Oln7CL&index=2

Scholars' Panel I:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DsJZ8koe8ME&list=PLfVjDB_dQhEpYnHf6l8WMJ_XrT-Oln7CL&index=3

Scholars' Panel II:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNF6TaWFxbQ&list=PLfVjDB_dQhEpYnHf6l8WMJ_XrT-Oln7CL&index=4

Teachers' Panel:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EWPGDhXmCZo&list=PLfVjDB_dQhEpYnHf6l8WMJ_XrT-Oln7CL&index=5

Alumni Panel:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6JFfMlcmUc&list=PLfVjDB_dQhEpYnHf6l8WMJ_XrT-Oln7CL&index=6

The Federated Research Data Repository (FRDR) is now in Full Production

Portage's [Federated Research Data Repository](#) (FRDR) has officially launched into full production! Full production offers many new features and benefits:

- Publish research data in a Canadian-owned, bilingual national repository option
- 1 TB of repository storage available to all faculty members at Canadian post-secondary institutions - more storage may be available upon request
- Secure repository storage, distributed geographically across multiple Compute Canada Federation hosting sites
- Data curation support provided by Portage
- Ability to work with multiple collaborators on a single submission
- Your data will be discoverable alongside other Canadian collections in the FRDR Discovery Portal

FRDR is designed to address a longstanding gap in

Canada's research infrastructure by providing researchers with a robust repository option into which large research datasets can be ingested, curated, processed for preservation, discovered, cited, and shared. The FRDR Discovery Portal enables discovery of and access to Canadian research data, while FRDR's repository services will help researchers store and manage their data, preserve their research for future use, and comply with institutional and funding agency data management requirements. More information about FRDR and its partners can be found at www.frdr-dfdr.ca.

Portage is offering webinars on FRDR to help researchers, faculty, librarians, and others learn how to use the platform for data sharing, deposit, and discovery. See the [announcement](#) for more details. If you have any questions or would like to know more about FRDR, please contact support@frdr-dfdr.ca.

Canadian Sociological Association – Upcoming Webinar

On Writing Theory Webinar and Workshop: April 27, 2021

The conventions of academic writing are well established in sociology. Our discipline has guidelines for communicating methodologies and telling compelling research narratives. However, despite the abundance of theory in sociological publications the conventions for writing theory are less clear and far from institutionalized. This two-part workshop series will provide a guide for writing

theory. It will offer feedback to sociology students or early career theorists on writing theory.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Save the date: seminar on preprints hosted by the Centre for Journalology

Centre for Journalology is hosting a (free) seminar on preprints on April 15th at 12EST. The session will cover two key areas:

1. What preprints are and the practicalities of making one
2. The impact of preprints knowledge dissemination related to COVID-19 and biomedicine more generally.

The speakers, Dr. Jessica Polka and Dr. John Inglis, are world renowned experts in this space, we are really looking forward to hosting them! Jessica is the Executive Director of ASAPbio and has produced many excellent resources on preprints. John is the co-founder of bioRxiv and medRxiv, the servers many of us use to create preprints.

Please see attached poster & register

here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/journalology2021talk3>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[NEW] Funding Productivity and Innovation Voucher Program

Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) will launch their [Productivity and Innovation Voucher Program](#) in mid-April. This program gives Nova Scotia companies the opportunity work with universities and access expertise they do not have in-house.

Projects must demonstrate how they improve productivity, develop a new product, service or process and create growth. This is a two-tier program: a Tier 1 application are for up to \$15,000, Tier 2 applications are up to \$25,000. First time applicants must submit a Tier 1 request. No cash contribution is required from the company.

The companies must be registered in NS with the majority of their workforces in the province. If you have a company that you are interested in working with and feel the Productivity and Innovation Voucher Program could be a good fit, please contact **Danielle Goodfellow**, Industry Liaison Officer, at danielle.goodfellow@smu.ca to discuss the proposed project.

[NEW] SSHRC Connection Grants

Connection Grants support workshops, colloquiums, conferences, forums, summer institutes, or other events or outreach activities that facilitate:

- disciplinary and/or interdisciplinary exchanges in the social sciences and humanities;
- scholarly exchanges between those working in the social sciences and humanities and those working in other researchfields;

- intersectoral exchanges between academic researchers in the social sciences and humanities and researchers and practitioners from the public, private and/or not-for-profit sectors; and/or
- international research collaboration and scholarly exchanges with researchers, students and non-academic partners from other countries.

The internal deadline for the SSHRC Connection Grants is **April 15**. Learn more about the Connection Grants [here](#).

[NEW] CIRA's 2021 Grants Call Open - till April 14th 2PM ET

CIRA will be granting over \$1 million to Canadian non-profits, charities, and researchers leading projects to improve Canada's internet - especially for projects that benefit northern, rural, and Indigenous communities, and students (K-12, and post-secondary). You'll find all the details here: <https://cira.ca/grants> and we've also shared a [webinar](#) to orient people to the application process. The application period will be **open until April 14 at 2PM ET**.

Call for Applications: Release Time Awards

The Committee on Research and Publications receives applications for Release Time Awards to be granted by the University in early April. The number of awards granted is determined by the Collective Agreement between Mount Saint Vincent University Board of Governors and Mount Saint Vincent University Faculty Association. Each RTA will grant the recipient release from a half credit course teaching for the explicit purpose of conducting research. Release Time Awards will be granted through a competition adjudicated by the Committee on Research and Publications. The competition is open to full-time faculty members who hold a peer-reviewed external grant during the period for which release time is requested. Competitions will be held in April of each year, to be taken up in the following fall or winter semester. Release Time Awards may only be applied to research activities.

Policy: <http://www2.msvu.ca/DocumentCentral/Documents/Faculty%20Release%20Time%20Awards.pdf>

Form: https://www.msvu.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/CRP.FORM_.01120Release20Time20Awards1.docx

2021 President's Special Conference Fund

Please find attached the call for applications and application form for the **2021 President's Special Conference Fund**.

Applications are invited for funding up to \$5000.00 to assist faculty members and departments in hosting a conference on campus and/or virtually. The goal of the

President's Conference Fund is to support initiatives that advance the goals of MSVU's Strategic Plan: *Strength Through Community (2021-2028)*. Evidence of active and meaningful student involvement in the conference is required. Priority will be given to:

- conferences that help raise the profile of the University in the external community.
- conferences held on campus or designated as being hosted by MSVU for virtual conferences.
- first-time applicants.

The conference must take place within 2 years of the awarding of the funding. Applications should be submitted to the Committee on Research and Publications at research@msvu.ca no later than **15 May 2021**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

[NEW] Portage Launches DMP Assistant 2.0!

The Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL) Portage Network is pleased to announce the launch of [DMP Assistant 2.0](#). Hosted by the University of Alberta Library, the DMP Assistant is a national, open, bilingual data management planning (DMP) tool to help researchers better manage their data throughout the lifespan of a project. The tool develops a DMP by prompting researchers to answer a number of key data management questions, supported by best-practice guidance and examples.

Version 2.0 has several new features and benefits, including:

- The ability to 'clone' DMPs for use in similar projects
- The ability for institutions to create more flexible DMP templates both in terms of institutional customization as well as enhanced template development functions such as cloning, use of phases, and themes, and working from a range of new discipline- and methodology-specific templates
- New usage statistics dashboards for institutional administrators

Version 2.0 also features enhanced bilingualism, supported by recent upgrades to the original [DMP Roadmap](#) codebase in collaboration with the [Digital Curation Centre \(DCC\)](#). These upgrades will improve internationalization and multilingual support not only for the DMP Assistant, but for other instances of the DMP Roadmap codebase globally. Portage and the University of Alberta Library DMP Assistant team also employed professional translation services, with subsequent expert validation, to help ensure an enhanced and truly bilingual service.

[NEW] FREYA – The power of PIDs

Check out [this video](#) on the power of PIDs. This video was made for the FREYA project. Visit <https://www.project-freya.eu/en> for more information.

[NEW] CIHR IGH Training Modules Survey

In 2015, the CIHR Institute of Gender and Health (IGH) launched [online training modules](#) on integrating sex and gender in health research. Since then, thousands of people have completed the modules. But, in that time, our understanding of sex, gender, and their influence on health has evolved. We want to make sure that our training modules reflect current knowledge and best practices.

Please help us improve our modules by completing our [Sex & Gender Training Modules Survey](#) to share your feedback with us. In addition to demographic questions, the survey includes five open-ended feedback questions - so feel free to be as detailed in your responses as you would like!

[NEW] CIHR Access Newsletter (March 2021)

Read the newsletter [here](#).

[REMINDER] UN Sustainable Development Goals

MSVU is interested in framing research around the UN Sustainable Development Goals (<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>). There are several advantages to doing so: it provides a narrative framework to communicate the “big picture” for some of MSVU’s research; it makes it easier for community partners to find faculty members working on the same problem; it is likely going to become an important piece when applying for Tri-Council grants.

We are encouraging faculty to indicate whether they are willing to be listed as working towards one (or more) of the goals and, if so, including the appropriate SDG logo(s) on their faculty webpage and listing them in a public database of researchers organized by the goals on the MSVU Research Office website. We are also happy to work with faculty to determine which goal(s) best fits their research. Please contact Jessica.Long1@msvu.ca if you are interested.

Please find more information on the SDGs on the MSVU website [here](#). The UN SDG logos can be found [here](#).

MSVU RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS

[NEW] Dr. Janice Keefe receives funding from the NS Health Research Fund

Congratulations to Dr. Janice Keefe on receiving funding from the Nova Scotia Health Research Fund (NSHRF)! This will go towards supporting Dr. Keefe's study "The Unsung heroes: Long term care staff's quality of work life. A complete list of recipients is available online on the Nova Scotia Health Research Fund webpage (<http://www.cdha.nshealth.ca/discovery-innovation/research-fund>).

[NEW] New Publications by Dr. Columba Gonzalez-Duarte

Dr. Columba Gonzalez-Duarte, Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, is pursuing a greater understanding of the relationship between monarch butterflies and the people and communities with whom they interact: <https://msvu.ca/tracking-butterflies-dr-columba-gonzalez-duarte-and-her-multi-species-multi-sited-research/>

Dr. Columba González-Duarte, Assistant Prof in MSVU's Sociology & Anthropology Dept, recently published an article in World Development which examines the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve Program in a context of rural violence: <https://bit.ly/31e0Oax>. Dr. González-Duarte also co-authored a new article in the NACLA Report on Indigenous communities in Mexico defending the Monarch Forest.

[NEW] Dr. Maya Eichler named one of this year's top Women in Defence for 2021!

Congratulations to Dr. Maya Eichler for being included in this year's Top Women in Defence for 2021 by Esprit de Corps, Canada's leading defence magazine! Learn more: <https://fliphtml5.com/insrc/kliu> (Dr. Eichler featured on pg. 26).

[NEW] Dr. Zachary Zimmer receives \$1.2 million grant from CIHR

Dr. Zachary Zimmer, a Tier I Canada Research Chair & Director of the Global Aging Community Initiative at MSVU, received a \$1.2 million grant from the CIHR Project Grants to study the biological effects of war on aging. Learn more: <https://www.msvu.ca/msvu-researcher-receives-1-2-million-grant-to-study-biological-effects-of-war-on-aging/>

IT&S CYBERSECURITY TIPS

Warning Fake IT&S Phishing Emailing and Login Forms

Cyber criminals periodically send us emails pretending to be from the IT&S department asking you to click a link to confirm your password, reset your bandwidth, clear out storage, among other things. These emails often will have deadlines or threaten to disable your account if you do not take immediate action, and the links go

to fake login forms designed to steal your password. The forms may be branded to look like an Office 365 or myMount login. Once they have your password, they can access your files and personal information, or use your account to send spam or to conduct cyberattacks.

Please do not click on any links in such emails and forward them to the IT&S Help Desk at helpdesk@msvu.ca. Learn more about phishing on the [IT Security site](#).

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