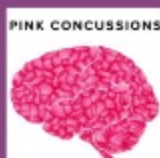


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INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE & BRAIN INJURY: BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS & BUILDING UNDERSTANDING

NOVEMBER 13, 2024
EASTERN STANDARD TIME

10:00-10:15 AM	Welcome
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11:15-11:45 AM	Trainee Data Blitz: Natalie Jenkins , PhD Candidate, University of Glasgow & Shambhu Adhikari , PhD, University of British Columbia
11:45-12:15 PM	Survivor Focused Session
12:15-12:45 PM	Lunch
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1:15-1:45 PM	Trainee Data Blitz: Tori Stranges , PhD Candidate, University of British Columbia & Samira Omar , PhD, University of Toronto
1:45-2:30 PM	Practice-Based Talk: Carolina Bottari , PhD, School of Rehabilitation of the Faculty of Medicine at Université de Montréal and the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Rehabilitation of Greater Montreal
2:30-2:45 PM	15 Minute Break
2:45-3:30 PM	Research-Based Talk: Kathy Chiou , PhD, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
3:30-4:15 PM	Practice-Based Talk: Rachel Ramirez , LISW-S, CARE Alliance
4:15-5:00 PM	Research-Based Talk: Wendelin Hume , PhD, University of North Dakota
5:00-5:15 PM	Prepare for Networking
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HANNAH VARTO
NP(F), MN, SANE-A



NATALIE JENKINS
PhD Candidate



SHAMBHU ADHIKARI
PhD



TORI STRANGES
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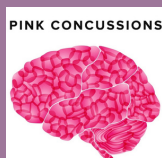
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

'Embracing' and Creating Non-Acute Medical-Forensic Services. A Health Care Response to Violence

Wednesday, Nov 13th at 10:15 AM EST



HANNAH VARTO
NP(F), MN, SANE-A

Nurse Practitioner Hannah Varto has been practicing in the field of forensic health care for most of her 22 year career. She established Canada's first outpatient sub-acute specialty forensic clinic in 2015 in Surrey, BC. She provides non-urgent medical-forensic care to survivors of recent interpersonal violence. Hannah recognized the missed diagnosis, assessment and treatment of non-fatal strangulation in her patient population and as such, in 2021, established a Strangulation Clinic that focuses on this specific aspect of violence. Hannah realized that she was sitting on a wealth of data about survivors of violence, including incident details and injury characteristics. She teamed up with a group of UBC researchers to begin looking at blood biomarkers after brain injury in her population. She has taken part and led a few studies examining program data for trends and co-relations associated with interpersonal violence. Hannah is a contracted instructor with BCIT's Forensic Health Sciences and provides private legal-nurse consulting. With her recent completion of myoActivation training to treat chronic pain, Hannah looks forward to integrating this treatment into her practice and exploring its application to her patient population.

TRAINEE DATA BLITZ

Intimate Partner Violence and Brain Injury: Examining Long-term Brain Health in Mid to Later Life

Wednesday, Nov 13th at 11:15 AM EST



NATALIE JENKINS
PhD Candidate

Ms Jenkins is a final-year PhD candidate at the School of Psychology and Neuroscience at the University of Glasgow, Scotland. Her research focuses on long-term brain health consequences of remote intimate partner violence-related traumatic brain injury. She earned her bachelor's degree in neuroscience at the University of Edinburgh and her master's degree in psychology at the University of Bristol where she specialised in neurodegenerative diseases and brain ageing.

TRAINEE DATA BLITZ

Community Support Network Intervention- A Unique and Evidence-based Rehabilitation Protocol for Brain Injury due to Intimate Partner Violence

Wednesday, Nov 13th at 11:30 AM EST



SHAMBHU ADHIKARI
PhD

Shambhu Adhikari, is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the School of Health and Exercise Sciences at the University of British Columbia. Professionally, Dr. Adhikari is a Physiotherapist with concentration in Neurological Physiotherapy. Currently, he is focusing his research in; a) characterizing brain injury due to intimate partner violence, b) development and subsequent evaluation of the effectiveness of a rehabilitation intervention for survivors of intimate partner violence-caused brain injury and, c) development and validation of a clinical decision-making tool that is quick and simple to use in a clinical setting and detects whether a brain injury from intimate partner violence has occurred or not. He has also been working on translating research on neuroplasticity in individuals with neurological conditions into clinical practice.

TRAINEE DATA BLITZ

Reimagining IPV-Caused Brain Injury: Insights from 2S/LGBTQ+ Survivors

Wednesday, Nov 13th at 1:15 PM EST



TORI STRANGES
PhD Candidate

Tori Stranges is a PhD Candidate and Sessional Instructor in the faculty of Health and Social Development at the University of British Columbia. Tori's research interests include health research funding trends, health care access, brain injury, and intimate partner violence in the 2S/LGBTQ+ community. Tori has a particular interest in how survivors access health and community care. Tori is an Institute of Community Engaged Research Scholar. She sits on the Scientific Advisory Panel for The GenWell Project and Community- University Engagement Fund, is an affiliated researcher with the Institute for Social Connection, and a researcher with The Roundtable- BC's LGBTQ2S Mental Health and Substance Use Networking Space. Tori is a Brock University alumni graduating from the inaugural year of the Masters of Professional Kinesiology program. Tori recently moved to the unceded, traditional territory of the Silyx Okanagan Nation where she continues to play an active role in her community advocating for social justice, and change.

TRAINEE DATA BLITZ

TBI Rehabilitation and Institutional Racism and Anti-racism

Wednesday, Nov 13th at 1:30 PM EST



SAMIRA OMAR
PhD

Dr. Samira Omar, PhD, is a recent graduate of the doctoral program at the Rehabilitation Sciences Institute, University of Toronto. She is a TBI rehabilitation researcher whose work is grounded in personal, professional, and academic knowledge of how racial health disparities impact the health and well-being of Black people living with TBI and their caregivers. Her PhD dissertation is the first set of Canadian studies to provide a comprehensive understanding of institutional racism in Black experiences of TBI rehabilitation research and practice using innovative approaches with important implications. She has won several awards both locally and nationally during her doctoral studies. Most recently, she was awarded an inaugural Black Scholars Personnel Award funded by Heart & Stroke, Brain Canada, and Canadian Institutes of Health Research Institute of Circulatory and Respiratory Health (CIHR-ICRH) to continue this program of research.

PRACTICE BASED-TALK

Building an Integrated Support Network for Women Victims of Intimate Partner Violence and Traumatic Brain Injury

Wednesday, Nov 13th at 1:45 PM EST



CAROLINA BOTTARI PhD

Professor Carolina Bottari is an occupational therapist who specializes in cognitive disorders following a traumatic brain injury. She is a full professor in the School of Rehabilitation of the Faculty of Medicine at Université de Montréal and scientist at the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in Rehabilitation of Greater Montreal.

Professor Bottari holds a PhD in rehabilitation sciences from Université de Montréal and a CIHR-funded postdoctoral fellowship in neuropsychology at McGill University. She started her academic career after over 10 years as a clinician working with people with brain injury. She is an internationally recognized and widely published researcher, with 90 published articles and 300 abstracts. She has attracted a total of more than \$11 million in external grant funding and recently received the award of excellence for her outstanding career from the Ordre des ergothérapeutes du Québec. In recognition of her work with vulnerable populations, in 2014 Professor Bottari was awarded the prize for social responsibility from the Faculty of Medicine at Université de Montréal. Professor Bottari is currently leading several largely funded intersectoral grants seeking to put into place an ecosystem of care around women victims of intimate partner violence at risk of having sustained a traumatic brain injury.

RESEARCH-BASED TALK

Supporting Survivors: Identifying and Responding to Needs after Domestic Violence–Related Brain Injury

Wednesday, Nov 13th at 2:45 PM EST



KATHY CHIOU
PhD

Dr. Kathy Chiou is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She received her PhD in Psychology from the Pennsylvania State University after finishing her pre-doctoral clinical internship with an emphasis on neuropsychology at the University of Florida Health Sciences Center. She completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the Kessler Foundation, and continued her work there as a research scientist before joining UNL. Her program of research is aimed at understanding the bio, psycho, and socio-determinants of cognitive functioning and outcome following traumatic brain injury (TBI). Dr. Chiou has particular interests in studying TBI in at-risk, marginalized, and underserved populations. Projects in this area aim to: 1) understand the effects of brain injury as they occur in complex, intersecting contexts of culture, environment, and mental/behavioral health, and 2) identify and address disparities in outcomes and access to care after injury. She hopes that research in this area will help bring about systematic changes to service delivery that ultimately improve outcomes and quality of life for all survivors with brain injury.

PRACTICE-BASED TALK

Better Together: Building Collaborations to Understand and Address Brain Injury from Violence in Ohio

Wednesday, Nov 13th at 3:30 PM EST



RACHEL RAMIREZ
LISW-S

Rachel Ramirez, LISW-S, is the Director of Health and Disability Programs and the Founder of The Center on Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury at The Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN). She focuses on supporting professionals and systems to develop brain injury aware, trauma-informed services and systems. She provides extensive national and international training, technical assistance, consultation, and program support. Rachel has co-authored several peer reviewed journal articles and has been featured on National Public Radio as well as in The New York Times Magazine and The Washington Post.

RESEARCH-BASED TALK

Trauma and the Mind: Investigating the Intersections of Interpersonal Violence and Brain Injury in Indigenous Communities to Establish a Pathway to Understanding and Healing

Wednesday, Nov 13th at 4:15 PM EST



WENDELIN HUME **PhD**

Dr. Wendelin Hume is an educator and researcher at the University of North Dakota where she has been for the past 33 years after completing her undergraduate degree at Black Hills State University in Spearfish South Dakota and her graduate education in Criminal Justice and Criminology at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. Based in part on her experiences growing up as an enrolled member of the Nautkamegwanning Nation an Anishinaabe reservation in Northwestern Ontario and on her work in the Criminal Justice field her academic interests include Tribal Justice, Restorative Justice, the impact of traumatic brain injury on justice involved individuals, and victim issues ranging from intimate partner violence to Elder Justice. Her personal interests center around her family, her ranch, and contributing time and energy to her community and her undergraduate and graduate students.

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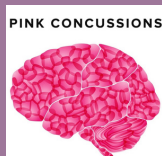
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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

IPV and Brain Injury: The Current State of the Science

Thursday, November 14th at 10:15 AM EST



CARRIE ESOPENKO
PhD

Dr. Carrie Esopenko is an Associate Professor in the Department of Rehabilitation and Human Performance at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City. She also holds adjunct faculty appointments at the Traumatic Brain Injury and Concussion Center at the University of Utah, and in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at Rutgers – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. She is the principal investigator of a National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke R01-funded multi-site study examining the psychological, cognitive, and neural signatures of IPV-related head trauma. She is the Lead Investigator of the ENIGMA Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Working Group seeking to increase IPV brain injury research collaborations worldwide, and co-leads ENIGMA Global Knowledge Exchange Network which aims to provide education and training supports to service providers and advocates working with IPV-related brain injury. She is also a member of the ENIGMA Sports-Related and Military Brain Injury Working Groups, as well as the Co-Principal Investigator for Rutgers University's involvement in the Ivy League/Big Ten Epidemiology of Concussion Study. Her research focuses on understanding the effects of neurotrauma and mental health conditions across populations and identifying methods for injury prevention and patient-specific and community-based intervention strategies.

TRAINEE DATA BLITZ

Predictors of Ongoing Problems in Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence–Related Brain Injury

Thursday, Nov 14th at 11:15 AM EST



JESSICA STUMP
PhD Candidate

Jess Stump is a second-year graduate student in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Clinical Psychology Training Program. Jess works under the advisement of Dr. Kathy Chiou in the Clinical Neuroscience and Neuropsychology Lab. Her research interests center on enhancing understandings of traumatic brain injury in underrepresented groups with a focus on IPV-related brain injury and TBI in rural communities.

TRAINEE DATA BLITZ

“A Whole Ball of All-togetherness”: A Qualitative Exploration of the Intersection of Intimate Partner Violence, Brain Injury, and Mental Health

Thursday, Nov 14th at 11:30 AM EST



DANIELLE TOCCALINO
PhD

Danielle Toccalino (she/her) is a white, able-bodied, settler woman living, working, and learning on lands that are part of Treaty 13 and the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Covenant (Toronto, Ontario). She completed her PhD at the Institute of Health, Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto under the supervision of Drs. Angela Colantonio and Christine Wickens exploring the intersections of intimate partner violence, brain injury, and mental health as it relates to access to and use of and experiences with healthcare and community services. Danielle is now a post-doctoral CIHR-IHSPR Health Systems Impact Fellow at Women's College Hospital where she works with Dr. Janice Du Mont (trans-LINK Canada Network) and Ms. Sheila Macdonald (Ontario Network of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centres). Her post-doctoral research explores service access for trans and gender diverse survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual assault.

TRAINEE DATA BLITZ

Effects on Quiet Stance Postural Control Stability in Women Who Have a History of Brain Injury from Intimate Partner Violence: A Preliminary Study

Thursday, Nov 14th at 1:15 PM EST



BRADI LORENZ

PhD Candidate

Bradi Rai Lorenz is a PhD Candidate at the University of British Columbia's Okanagan campus. Her research focuses on understanding brain dysfunction in women who have experienced intimate partner violence-caused brain injury. Specifically, she is looking at perturbations in balance control and circulating hormone levels (such as estradiol, progesterone, and cortisol) following IPV-BI.

TRAINEE DATA BLITZ

The Polytrauma Clinical Triad among Women Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence

Thursday, Nov 14th at 1:30 PM EST



SHARON LEONG
PhD Candidate

Sharon Leong is a clinical psychology Ph.D. student at the University of Kentucky. Her research interests span across multiple topics, including neuropsychological assessment, neurorehabilitation, and single-session interventions. She currently studies the effects of intimate partner violence (IPV)-related brain injury on cognition and mental health with the hopes of developing a treatment intervention for women survivors of IPV. Beyond her research, Sharon mentors underrepresented students interested in pursuing a graduate degree in psychology and has participated in graduate school application panels and events, including delivering a virtual presentation on post-baccalaureate research positions with over 100 global attendees.

RESEARCH-BASED TALK

The Elephant in The Room: Intimate Partner Violence, Women, And Traumatic Brain Injury in Africa South of the Sahara

Thursday, Nov 14th at 1:45 PM EST



MARTINA ANTO-OCRAH PhD

Dr. Martina Anto-Ocrah is an Assistant Professor of Medicine & Epidemiology whose research centers on pregnancy, sexual, and reproductive health epidemiology in the United States (US) and global populations. As a reproductive epidemiologist, Dr. Anto-Ocrah's US-based work explores the impact of traumatic brain injuries on women's reproductive wellbeing (pregnancy, sexuality, menstruation, socio-cultural norms, etc.), while her global health work is focused on obstetric emergencies and The Three Delays. Though a quantitative methodologist, Dr. Anto-Ocrah has a deep appreciation for mixed methods research and often involves qualitative research methodologies and machine learning approaches in her work.

In her spare time, Martina enjoys humorously blogging about parenting a 12-year-old singleton and his 9-year-old triplet siblings. She appeared on the 2018 holiday season of the Netflix hit baking show Nailed It! (Nailed It! Holiday, Episode 3, "You Mitzvah Spot").

PRACTICE-BASED TALK

Making the Connection Between Disability and Victimization

Thursday, Nov 14th at 2:45 PM EST



CYNTHIA AMODEO
MEd, MA

Ms. Cynthia Amodeo is a licensed mental health counselor who specializes in the intersection of domestic violence and disabilities. She began as a children's counselor at Barrier Free Living, Freedom House, and has since held several leadership positions in the agency including Coordinator of Family Services, Director of Family Services, Director of Social Services and Chief Program Officer. She took on the role of CEO in 2023. Ms. Amodeo regularly presents at Domestic Violence and Trauma conferences nationally to spread awareness of how domestic violence affects people with disabilities. Prior to working at Barrier Free Living, Ms. Amodeo counseled children infected and affected by HIV/AIDS and survivors of the 2001 World Trade Center attack. Ms. Amodeo received her Master of Education and Master of Arts from Teacher's College, Columbia University in 2006.

RESEARCH-BASED TALK

Translational Insights into the Aftermath of Intimate Partner Violence-related Brain Injury

Thursday, Nov 14th at 3:30 PM EST



SANDY SHULTZ
PhD

Sandy Shultz is a Professor at Vancouver Island University where he established and directs the Vancouver Island Centre for Trauma & Mental Health Research. He is also a Professor at the Department of Neuroscience, Monash University where he leads the Monash Trauma Group. His lab applies a translational approach that involves parallel clinical and preclinical studies to provide complementary insights into brain injury pathophysiology, biomarkers, and treatments. In 2022, he established an Australian-wide research program focussed on the topic of intimate partner violence-related brain injuries and is now engaged in similar research programs in Canada.

PRACTICE-BASED TALK

Seeing the Unseen: Identifying Acquired Brain Injuries from Blunt Trauma and Strangulation

Thursday, Nov 14th at 4:15 PM EST



JACQUELYN CAMPBELL

PhD, RN, FAAN

Jacquelyn Campbell, PhD, RN, FAAN is a Professor in the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. As an international leader in research and advocacy regarding domestic and intimate partner violence (IPV) and health outcomes, including homicide. Dr. Campbell has published more than 350 articles and seven books on these topics. She has been the Principal Investigator of more than 15 major NIH, CDC, NIJ, DOD and DOJ grants in her decades of policy work collaborating with domestic violence survivors, advocates, health care professionals and marginalized communities. Dr. Campbell is on the Board of Directors for Futures Without Violence and is the Director of the Danger Assessment Training and Technical Assistance Center.



MICHELLE PATCH

PhD, APRN-CNS, FAAN

Michelle Patch, PhD, APRN-CNS, FAAN is a board-certified Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist and Advanced Forensic Nurse and is an Assistant Professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. Her internationally recognized scholarship and clinical practice address patient, staff, and public health safety, specifically during times of crisis, violence, disaster, and trauma. Dr. Patch's research focuses on health care responses to intimate partner violence and assault-related mechanisms including strangulation and head trauma. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, Secretary for the Forensic Nursing Certification Board, past-Chair of the Academy of Forensic Nursing's Research Committee, and a Medical Advisory Board member for the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention.