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UPCOMING RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AT UBCO
Research Seminar

Dr. Gareth Jones, Assistant Professor in the School of Occupational Therapy at the University of Western Ontario, will be presenting on "**Gerokinesiology: Emerging Perspectives in Fitness, Frailty, Falls and Fractures**". The presentation will be held on Thursday, May 10, 2007, from 2:00 - 3:30 pm in ART 103. Dr. Jones is a candidate for the UBC Okanagan Human Kinetics program. All faculty and students are welcome to attend.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

2007 Syme Fellowship at the Institute for Work & Health

The S. Leonard Syme Training Fellowship is a prestigious award made annually by the Institute for Work & Health to promising young graduate students pursuing studies in work and health. Preference will be given to candidates whose research interests include understanding the social determinants of health and illness in work environments, and/or evaluating workplace interventions to improve health and/or the associated measurement issues.

In 2007 the Institute will be considering applications for two awards: a major award which would normally be in the range of \$15,000-20,000; and a minor award which would not exceed \$5,000. The term of award will be 12 months. The deadline for applications is **June 4, 2007**. For more information please visit the [website](#).

Lawson Foundation Diabetes Funding Opportunity

The Lawson Foundation invites letters of intent to support innovative projects that address: 1) the prevention of diabetes in at-risk populations and/or 2) the delivery of health care to those who are living with diabetes. Funding up to \$150,000 is available over a 2 year period. The deadline is **August 15, 2007**. For more information, please visit the [Lawson Foundation website](#).

Conference Travel Bursary

The BC Rural and Remote Health Research Network (BCRRHRN) is offering Travel Bursaries for BC-based graduate students and researchers who are actively engaged in rural and remote health research, and who will be presenting their related research at a conference. The maximum amount of funds available are as follows:

\$750 for conferences in Western Canada (BC, AB, SK, MB)
\$1,000 for conferences in Eastern Canada (east of Manitoba) or in the USA
\$1,500 for conferences outside Canada or the USA

Deadline: The first of every month

For more information, please visit the [BCRRHRN website](#).

CIHR RFA on Co-Morbidity

In June 2007, CIHR's Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction (INMHA) will be launching a Request for Applications (RFA) for research on co-morbidities of mental illness, addiction, brain and sensory disorders. There will be three different funding mechanisms made available through this RFA:

1. Emerging Team Grant: Co-morbidities of mental illness, addiction, brain and sensory disorders

- Up to \$300,000 per annum for up to 5 years
- LOI Deadline: Oct. 15, 2007 Full Application Deadline: June 15, 2008

2. Catalyst Grant: Co-morbidities of mental illness, addiction, brain and sensory disorders

- Up to \$80,000 per annum for one year
- Registration Deadline: Nov. 1, 2007 Full Application Deadline: Jan. 15, 2008

3. Knowledge Synthesis Grant: Co-morbidities of mental illness, addiction, brain and sensory disorders

- Up to \$80,000 per annum for one year

A full announcement of this CIHR RFA will be made in June. Please visit the [CIHR website](#) for more information.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS**Addictions Research In Vancouver - Serving the Needs of the Community**

The primary aim of this workshop is to present an overview of the range of research on addiction currently undertaken in Vancouver and acquaint both healthcare professionals and those in charge of health policy, service planning and funding, with the latest research on various aspects of addiction. This workshop will be an opportunity for an open and informed discussion between colleagues who have political responsibility for addressing the problems of addiction and the researchers who are engaged in providing objective information to the solution of these issues.

The workshop is taking place on **June 9, 2007** in Vancouver. To register, please email reception@sm.hivnet.ubc.ca.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**Director, Interprofessional & Practice Education Unit**

The Faculty of Health and Social Development at UBC Okanagan is seeking a Director for the Interprofessional & Practice Education Unit. This position will involve identifying, planning, and developing opportunities for interprofessional academic and practice education, and curricula in collaboration with faculty and other stakeholders. The successful candidate will have a Master's degree and six years related experience, including post-secondary curriculum and coordination or an equivalent combination of education, training, and experience.

[Full Job Description \(PDF\)](#)

Closing Date: May, 31, 2007

UPCOMING CONFERENCES & EVENTS**Highlights:**

National Forum on Cancer Care for All Canadians: Improving Access & Minimizing Disparities
Date: November 1-3, 2007
Location: Vancouver, BC
Details: This conference will explore ways to improve access to culturally competent quality cancer care for all Canadians.
Call for Abstracts Deadline: June 30, 2007
Website: <http://www.interprofessional.ubc.ca/Cancer.htm>

Responding to Alcohol - Monitoring, Treatment, Policy and Harm Reduction
Date: May 11, 2007
Location: Vancouver, BC
Details: The Centre for Addictions Research of BC (CARBC) is hosting this one-day symposium in which recognized specialists from Canada and abroad will speak on aspects of a helpful response to problematic use of this popular substance.
Website: <http://www.silink.ca/portals/0/resources/070511Alcohol.pdf>

Children's and Adolescents' Participation in Healthcare Decision Making: Ethical and Developmental Considerations
Date: May 30, 2007
Locations: Toronto, ON
Details: This conference will enable participants to identify ethical and developmental concepts that support the inclusion of children and adolescents in decision-making about their healthcare, as well as challenges and cautions that should be taken into consideration.
Website: <http://www.sickkids.ca/sickkidsbioethicsconference/default.asp>

13th Annual Dreambuilders Education Conference
Date: October 25-26, 2007
Location: Calgary, AB
Details: Conference on health care, housing and community services for seniors.
Abstract Deadline: May 7, 2007
Website: http://www.bethanycare.com/events&conferences/Dreambuilders_2007/callforp.pdf

A complete list of upcoming conferences can be viewed at <http://web.ubc.ca/okanagan/hsd/research/conferences.html>

FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Publication

Richardson, C.G., Ratner, P.A., Zumbo, B.D., **Bottorff, J.L.**, Shoveller, J.A., Prkachin, K.M., & Johnson, J.L. (2007). Validation of the dimensions of tobacco dependence scale for adolescents. *Addictive Behaviour*, 32, 1498-1504.

UPCOMING DEADLINES

Funding Agency	Name of Grant	Application Deadlines	Website
BC Medical Services Foundation	Research & Development Grants	LOI: July 20, 2007 Full Application: Sept. 14, 2007	http://www.vancouverfoundation.bc.ca/GrantInformation/BC_Medical/BCMRResearchFund.shtml
BC Mental Health and Addictions Research Network	Seed Grants	October 1, 2007	http://www.mhanet.ca/documents/SeedGrantApplication_000.pdf
Canadian Tobacco Control Research Initiative	Idea Grant Research Planning Grant	October 1, 2007 May 30, Aug. 31, & Nov. 30, 2007	http://ctcri.ca/~ctcri/en/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=20&Itemid=39
CIHR	Team Grant Program	LOI: Feb. 15, 2007 Full Application: Sept. 1, 2007	http://www.cihr.ca/e/31228.html
CIHR	Seed Grant: Mobility & Aging	Registration: April 1, 2007 Full Application: June 1, 2007	http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/32782.html
CIHR	Operating Grant: Knowledge Translation	Registration: April 1, 2007 Full	http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/32865.html

	Network in Alzheimer and Dementia	Application: June 1, 2007	
HeRRO	Seed Funding	April 30, 2007	http://www.herro.ubc.ca/news.aspx?NewsID=122
MSFHR	Team Planning Award	May 15 & Nov. 15, 2007	http://www.msfr.org/sub-funding-research-planning.htm
National Cancer Institute of Canada	Program Project Grant	LOI: May 1, 2007 Full Application: Sept. 15, 2007	http://www.ncic.cancer.ca/ncic/internet/standard/0,3621,84658243_85810071_langId-en,00.html
National Cancer Institute of Canada	Individual Research Grants	October 15, 2007	http://www.ncic.cancer.ca/ncic/internet/standard/0,3621,84658243_85804622_langId-en,00.html
SSHRC	Standard Research Grants	October 15, 2007	http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/standard_e.asp
SSHRC	Northern Research Development Program	June 6, 2007	http://www.sshrc.ca/web/apply/program_descriptions/northern_e.asp
UBC	Martha Piper Research Fund	April 23 & October 1, 2007	http://www.research.ubc.ca/marthapiperfund.aspx

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Institute for Critical Studies in Gender and Health - Guest Speaker Series

The Institute for Critical Studies in Gender and Health is presenting ***The Empress has no Clothes: Exposing the Truths of Intersectional Research with Marginalized Populations*** on May 9, 2007 from 12:30-2:00 pm at SFU Harbour Centre. This presentation will invite scholars and new researchers to consider themselves as subjects within the context of the move towards intersectional feminist and social justice research practices. This discussion will include investigating and challenging the make up of the research team itself and the need for an intersectional analysis of both the research subjects/participants and the research team.

Guest speakers include Natalie Clark, MSW, RSW, Faculty at the School of Social Work and Human Service at TRU, and Sarah Hunt, MA, Community-Based Researcher at the Justice Institute of BC.

Please RSVP to rhunt@sfu.ca.

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