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NOMINATED PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:

Renée Masching

TITLE OF YOUR PROJECT:

 Aboriginal HIV and AIDS Community-Based Research Collaborative Centre 2.0 (AHA Centre)

RESEARCH TEAM
 List all **current** investigators- their university affiliation and their role (principal investigators; co-investigators; knowledge users). Additional pages may be used if required.

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Role: Principal Investigator

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Role: Principal Investigator

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Role: Principal Knowledge User



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Role: Principal Knowledge User

Name: Carrie Martin

Institute: CAAN (formerly Native Women's Shelter of Montreal)

Role: Principal Knowledge User

Name: Arthur Dave Miller

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Role: Principal Knowledge User

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Role: Principal Knowledge User

Name: Raye St Denys

Institute: Shining Mountains Living Community Services

Role: Principal Knowledge User

Name: Shohan Illsley

Institute: The 595 Prevention Team

Role: Knowledge User



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Name: Shari Margolese

Institute: Independent Community Consultant

Role: Knowledge User

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Role: Knowledge User

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Institute: Canadian HIV Trials Network

Role: Knowledge User

Name: Margaret Kisikaw Piyesis (formerly Poitras)

Institute: CAAN

Role: Knowledge User

Name: Vicky Thomas



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Institute: The Cedar Project

Role: Knowledge User

Name: Jaqueline Anaquod

Institute: First Nations University of Canada – Main Campus (Regina, SK)

Role: Co-Investigator

Name: David Brennan

Institute: University of Toronto

Role: Co-Investigator

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Institute: York University (Toronto, ON)

Role: Co-Investigator

Name: Saara Greene

Institute: McMaster University

Role: Co-Investigator

Name: Adrian Guta

Institute: University of Windsor (Ontario)

Role: Co-Investigator

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Institute: University of Toronto (formerly Ontario HIV Treatment Network)



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Institute: McMaster University

Role: Co-Investigator

Name: Kate Jongbloed

Institute: University of British Columbia

Role: Co-Investigator

Name: Alexandra King

Institute: University of Saskatchewan (formerly Lu'ma Native Housing Society)

Role: Co-Investigator

Name: Carmen Logie

Institute: University of Toronto

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Name: Candice Lys

Institute: Foxy

Role: Co-Investigator

Name: Zack Marshall

Institute: University of Waterloo (Ontario)

Role: Co-Investigator



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Name: Debbie Martin

Institute: Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia)

Role: Co-Investigator

Name: Stephanie Nixon

Institute: University of Toronto

Role: Co-Investigator

Name: Doris O'Brien-Teengs

Institute: Lakehead University (Thunder Bay, ON)

Role: Co-Investigator

Name: Margo Pearce

Institute: Canadian HIV Trials Network

Role: Co-Investigator

Name: Jenny Rand

Institute: Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia)

Role: Co-Investigator

Name: Patricia Spittal

Institute: University of British Columbia

Role: Co-Investigator

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Role: Co-Investigator

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Institute: First Nations Health Authority (West Vancouver, BC)

Role: Co-Investigator

Name: Michael Wilson

Institute: McMaster University

Role: Co-Investigator

Name: Catherine Worthington

Institute: University of Victoria (British Columbia)

Role: Co-Investigator

Name: Marni Amirault

Institute: Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN)

Role: Collaborator

Name: Rene Boucher

Institute: Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN)

Role: Collaborator



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Name: Patrick Brownlee

Institute: Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN)

Role: Collaborator

Name: Del Jacko

Institute: Mental Health Association of Canada

Role: Collaborator

Name: Sandy Lambert

Institute: AHA Centre

Role: Collaborator

Name: Carrielynn Lund

Institute: Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN)

Role: Collaborator

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Role: Collaborator

Name: Andrea Medley

Institute: First Nations Health Authority (West Vancouver, BC)

Role: Collaborator

Name: Renée Monchalin



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Institute: University of Victoria (formerly University of Toronto)

Role: Collaborator

Name: San Patten

Institute: San Patten and Associates

Role: Collaborator

Name: Maggie Paul

Institute: AHA Centre Elder

Role: Collaborator

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Institute: Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN)

Role: Collaborator

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Institute: San Patten and Associates

Role: Collaborator

Name: Sean Rourke

Institute: University of Toronto (formerly Ontario HIV Treatment Network)

Role: Collaborator

Name: Trevor Stratton

Institute: Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN)

Role: Collaborator



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Name: Cliff Thomas - DECEASED

Institute: AHA Centre Elder

Role: Collaborator

NEXT GENERATION OF RESEARCHERS

1) Please indicate the number of trainees **related to this grant since it was awarded.**

Trainees since grant was awarded

An individual who is enhancing their research skills through involvement in research and works under the formal supervision of an independent researcher

The AHA Centre has and will continue to support graduate and undergraduate students who are engaged in working in the field of Indigenous HIV CBR. Over the course of this grant to date, the AHA Centre has supported 29 mentees in total to date.

- 1) **Aaron Li**, Masters Student, McMaster University, School of Social Work. Supervised by Dr Randy Jackson. Mentored by Renée Masching. Aaron is currently enrolled as a PhD student at McMaster.
- 2) **April Mazzuca**: PhD Candidate, University of British Columbia, School of Population and Public Health. Supervised by Dr. Patricia Spittal. Mentored by Sherri Pooyak for the Cedar Project Partnership.
- 3) **Carol Lopez**, Masters Student, McMaster University, School of Social Work. Supervised by Dr Randy Jackson. Mentored by Renée Masching. Degree completed.
- 4) **Danielle Atkinson**, Masters (University of Victoria). Supervised by Dr Catherine Worthington, Mentored by Renée Masching and the Drum & Sash operations team. Degree completed. Enrolled in Med school.
- 5) **Jasmine Cotnam**, GIPA Homefire Coordinator and CAAN IPHA Liaison until March 31, 2020. Marni has supported Jasmine through GIPA Homfire’s ethics application and offered general support to Jasmine in her role as project coordinator.

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- 6) **Chenoa Cassidy-Mathews**, PhD Candidate, University of British Columbia, School of Population and Public Health. Supervised by Dr. Patricia Spittal. Mentored by Sherri Pooyak for the Cedar Project Partnership.
- 7) **Madison Wells** is a student in the Master of Public Health program at the University of Victoria. Madison continues work with the AHA Centre staff, which included assisting with and developing a peer workshop which was held in July 2019.
- 8) **Margaret Robinson**: PhD (Dalhousie University). Mentored by Renée Masching for the IHART program, Seattle, Washington.
- 9) **Meghan Sullivan**, Bachelor of Science in Medical Sciences, Dalhousie University. Currently attending med school at Dalhousie University. Mentored by Marni Amirault and Renée Masching.
- 10) **Michael Parsons**: (undergrad, social work; Dalhousie). Mentored by Marni Amirault and Renée Masching.
- 11) **Rachel Landy**: Post-Doctoral Fellow, University of Victoria. Supervised by Catherine Worthington. Mentored by Renée Masching and the Drum & Sash operations team (formerly a PhD candidate as listed below).
- 12) **Richa Sharma**: PhD Candidate, University of British Columbia, School of Population and Public Health. Supervised by Dr. Patricia Spittal. Mentored by Sherri Pooyak for the Cedar Project Partnership.
- 13) **Sandy Lambert**, Community Research Associate, Vancouver, BC, mentored by Sherri Pooyak.
- 14) **Will Gooding**, PhD Candidate, McMaster University, School of Social Work. Supervised by Dr Randy Jackson, Mentored by Renée Masching.
- 15) **Trevor Stratton**: International Indigenous Working Group on HIV & AIDS Coordinator working with CAAN. Engagement in international Indigenous research as a contributor, mentored by Renée Masching and Marni Amirault

Trainees who have completed their studies/trainee role with the AHA Centre in previous years (up to June 30, 2021):

- 1) **Andrea Mellor**: PhD, Social Dimensions of Health University of Victoria, BC. Completed in June 2021.
- 2) **Jenny Rand** (PhD, interdisciplinary studies; Dalhousie). Mentored by Marni Amirault. Completed in 2020.
- 3) **Kate Jongbloed**, PhD, University of British Columbia, School of Population and Public Health. Supervised by Dr. Patricia Spittal. Mentored by Sherri Pooyak for the Cedar Project Partnership. Completed in February 2020.
- 4) **Agnes Yu**, Law student, University of Toronto. Mentored by Renée Masching and Marni Amirault
- 5) **Cliff Thomas** (Elder) Mentored for a presentation for Wise Practices by Cathy Worthington and Marni Amirault.
- 6) **Emma Leckey**, Law student, University of Toronto. Mentored by Renée Masching and Marni Amirault
- 7) **Jacqueline Anaquod**, MA student, University of Victoria, Mentored by Marni Amirault & Sherri Pooyak
- 8) **Jessica Danforth**: (CAAN's Youth Leadership Coordinator). Mentored by Renée Masching, Marni Amirault & Sherri Pooyak
- 9) **Michal Fong**: Undergraduate Student, Mt. St. Vincent University, Halifax
- 10) **Rachel Landy**, PhD, Memorial University. Mentored by Marni Amirault. Completed in 2019.
- 11) **Renée Monchalain**, PhD, Dalla Lana School of Public Health University of Toronto. Mentored by Marni Amirault & Sherri Pooyak. Completed in 2019.
- 12) **Dawson Wigle**: Undergraduate student enrolled in The Community Research Partnership in Ethics (CRPE) at Trinity College (U of T). Supervised by Dr. Anita Benoit, mentored by Trevor Stratton, Marni Amirault, Jennifer Mavritsakis and Renée Masching.
- 13) **Valerie Power**: Undergraduate student enrolled in The Community Research Partnership in Ethics (CRPE) at Trinity College (U of T). Supervised by Dr. Anita Benoit, mentored by Trevor Stratton, Marni Amirault, and Renée Masching.
- 14) **Kiellan Rook**: Undergraduate student enrolled in The Community Research Partnership in Ethics (CRPE) at Trinity College (U of T). Supervised by Dr. Anita Benoit, mentored by Trevor Stratton, Marni Amirault, and Renée Masching.



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- 15) **Ronan van Rooij:** Undergraduate student enrolled in The Community Research Partnership in Ethics (CRPE) at Trinity College (U of T). Supervised by Dr. Anita Benoit, mentored by Trevor Stratton, Marni Amirault, and Renée Masching.
- 16) **Dylan Rose:** National Aboriginal Advisory Committee member applying to the Royal Roads University, Bachelor of Commerce Program. Supervised by Sherri Pooyak.



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IMPACT:

Community Engagement Fund: The purpose of the [Community Engagement Fund](https://www.ahacentre.ca/community-engagement-fund.html) (CEF) is designed to assist Indigenous communities, Indigenous AIDS Service Organizations, Indigenous students and/or allies interested in developing research proposals focused on HIV. This program funds two or more projects up to a maximum \$10k each. More information about this program can be found on the website: <https://www.ahacentre.ca/community-engagement-fund.html>. All applications are peer reviewed by members of the AHA Centre's National Aboriginal Research Advisory Committee and the larger CAAN community. Due to the anticipated end of funding for AHA 2.0 of June 30, 2022, the decision was made to sunset the Community Engagement Fund program and so a call for proposals was not circulated for 2021-2022. Below are the successful applicants for the 2020 Community Engagement funding call:

- Saara Greene (McMaster University): *Indigenous Women, HIV and Cannabis: What are the important questions to ask?*
- Surita Prashar (BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS): *The James Raven Project: sharing stories about stigma in healthcare settings to heal, educate and move forward in a good way.*

The Journal of Indigenous HIV Research (Volume 11): The AHA Centre partnered with colleagues at PAN/REACH on Volume 11 of the JIHR. Volume 11 call for papers was built around the theme: *Navigating Allyship: What does it mean to work together in service to the community?* and launched January 2020. Volume 11 has been the most robust volume of the JIHR to date with 7 peer reviewed articles and an additional 7 stories, commentaries and a student paper that do not undergo peer review. Each article submitted to the JIHR must be first vetted by the Editorial Team, peer reviewed (if applicable), sent to authors for revision, and then undergo a final edit before the manuscript is sent for translation (we worked with a total of three translators on Volume 11) and then formatted for online publication. An [informal peer review mentorship program](#) was developed for Volume 11, in hopes of attracting first time reviewers, with a total of 16 mentor and mentee participants. Due to the large number of manuscripts and impacts from COVID, our Editorial Team was unable to meet our publication date in celebration of World AIDS Day (December 01, 2020). In lieu, a soft launch of Volume 11 occurred on December 01, 2020, featuring a brief [promotional video](#), the titles, authors, author bios and abstracts of each submission. [Volume 11](#) was formally launched on August 03, 2021, with complete articles in English and their French translations. JIHR Editors were invited to present about Volume 11 at the [HIV Stigma CoP](#) hosted by James Watson at REACH on June 29, 2021. A [Volume 12, 2021 call for papers](#) was built around the theme *Capacity Bridging* and was launched with Volume 11 with a due date of July 12, 2021. Additionally, AHA Centre staff have worked in a mentorship role with the Two-spirit HIV/AIDS Wellness and Longevity Study (2Shawls) research team since December 2018, when they submitted three manuscripts to JIHR's Volume 10 call for papers. This suite of papers discusses the scoping review, methods and research findings from their CIHR-funded research project. Working with AHA staff, the team revised and re-submitted their articles to the Volume 12 call. These articles will be included in JIHR Volume, set for publication on December 1, 2021. See the [JIHR REPORT](#) prepared by San Patten and Associates re: 2Shawls mentorship. *See the KT section below for a full (English and French) Volume 11 reference list.*

Sharing Space: Indigenous Research in the time of COVID: Since January 12, 2021, the AHA Centre in partnership with colleagues at PAN/REACH have hosted the Sharing Space community of practice sessions bi-monthly. Sharing Space offers an opportunity for anyone involved in Indigenous research to come together and learn from and support one another as we seek ways to do research in a good way during the COVID pandemic. Each session begins with a 15-minute presentation from a research team about their project, challenges COVID-19 has presented, and solutions the team has found to those challenges. After the formal presentation, the floor is opened to all attendees for discussion. The formal presentations are recorded and posted to the [PAN website](#) and made available to the wider community. To date, we have 75 registrants in total. Attendance at these sessions has been declining, but we suspect that this is due to the impacts of COVID 19 and an increasingly demanding work environment. The



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number of attendees is as follows: **Session 1:** 31 attendees; **Session 2:** 23 attendees; **Session 3:** 15 attendees; **Session 4:** 15 attendees; **Session 5:** 10 attendees. *See the KT section below for a full list of presentations.*

Leading the Way Grant: This grant brings together community members working in the field of HIV and includes members of the AHA Centre’s staff, Governing Council (GC) and National Aboriginal Advisory Committee (NARAC) to discuss Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Doing (IWKD). Project Goal and Objectives: *Establish an Indigenous HIV and health research framework to promote and support the uptake of IWKD and its diversity.*

1. To increase the knowledge and understanding of IWKD as it relates to HIV and AIDS research with Indigenous people by bringing together the AHA Centre’s Governing Council, National Aboriginal Research Advisory Committee and AHA Centre staff to explore the concept of IWKD; 2. To expand the uptake of IWKD that is relevant to research with Indigenous people who are affected by or living HIV and AIDS in Canada through the development of a CIHR operating grant; 3. To build capacity of an Indigenous graduate student interested in Indigenous HIV CBR research.

AHA Centre Knowledge Nest: Working in collaboration with the AHA Centre’s Governing Council and our National Aboriginal Advisory Committee (NARAC), the AHA Center is developing an Indigenous Knowledge Sharing Model that will be premiered at Wise Practices VIII, May 2022. Combined with findings from *Leading the Way*, the AHA Centre will champion a framework for Indigenous knowledge sharing.

Wise Practices VIII: The Wise Practices Gathering is the AHA Centre’s main Capacity Building and Knowledge Translation event. This Gathering is held every two years and co-hosted by the AHA Centre, CAAN and community partners. Our next WP was being planned for 2020 however, given the impacts of COVID on travel and our research community in general, the AHA Centre team decided that we would hold WP VIII in 2021 instead. Planning for WP VIII began in January 2021. Event planning is in full swing for a Gathering the week of May 16, 2022, that will be held at the Fairmount Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Feast Centre Partnership: The AHA Centre and Feast Centre staff have met several times over the course of the past year to discuss our partnership and possible collaborations (a guest editorship on JIHR Volume 13, a writing retreat, and contributions from the AHA Centre to the planning and roll out of the Feast’s Learning Lodge sometime in the new year). We have partnered with The Feast Centre for Indigenous STBBI Research for the official launch of their Centre on October 14, 2020. The event was broadcast on [YouTube](#) showcased the Feast Centre’s research team and an impressive list of Indigenous performers, including Inuit singer/songwriter, Susan Aglukark. The high-profile performers of this event attracted lots of attention to the issues of HIV and STBBI in First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities in Canada. Feast is also a confirmed partner on Wise Practices VIII, May 2022.

CAAN Website: From September 2020 until its launch (June 01, 2021) AHA Centre staff were members of CAAN’s Communication Committee. This committee worked with Type C Consulting to do a complete content audit, re-design, content development and re-build of the CAAN website: <https://caan.ca>. Under the direction of CAAN’s CEO, all of CAAN’s research projects, including [The AHA Centre](#) and the [Journal of Indigenous HIV Research](#), are now housed on the CAAN site. AHA Centre staff are working with CAAN’s Multimedia & Graphic Design Coordinator to move all content from the [AHA Centre’s website](#) to its permanent home on CAAN.ca.

Project, student, and grant support: The AHA Centre receives requests to support the Indigenous HIV and STBBI research landscape in myriad ways. The following is a list of projects and initiatives that staff are currently supporting (roles could include leadership roles, contributing to the work of research teams, mentoring, the facilitation of networking and partnering between projects and teams, and so on):

- The *Weaving Our Wisdoms Study (WoW): Using a Land-Based Approach to Optimize Whole-istic Health among Indigenous*



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People Living with HIV. Sherri Pooyak, NPKU, CAAN/AHA Centre

- *Leading the Way: The AHA Centre explores Indigenous ways of knowing and doing within HIV research*. Sherri Pooyak (NPKU), CAAN;
- *THE NINE GENDERS: A Traditionalist's way of organizing Indigenous gender and interpreting gender through an Indigenous worldview*, Mike Parsons (NPUK), CAAN;
- *The GIPA Homefire: APHAs Leading the Way to a Wholistic View of GIPA*. Randy Jackson (NPI), McMaster;
- *Two-spirit HIV/AIDS Wellness and Longevity Study (2Shawls)*. David Brennan (NPI), University of Toronto;
- *Establishing a circle of care for Indigenous people that increases access and use of Indigenous healing strategies*. Anita Benoit (NPI), University of Toronto;
- *The Feast Center for Indigenous STBBI Research*. Randy Jackson (NPI), McMaster University.
- *Sexual Health & HIV/AIDS: longitudinal Women's Needs Assessment (SHAWNA)* Kate Shannon (NPI) University of British Columbia
- *Community Research Partnership in Ethics Program*. Anita Benoit, University of Toronto.
- *I'm Ready Research Program*. Sean Rourke (NPI) St. Michael's Hospital.

2) COVID-19 pandemic Impacts:

Since AHA Centre core staff live in several locations across the country (Saskatchewan, Quebec and Nova Scotia), they are adept and skilled at working virtually across time zones and distance as they carry out the day-to-day tasks of the Centre. That said, the COVID-19 pandemic has still certainly impacted the work of the AHA Centre over the reporting period. First and foremost, national and provincial travel restrictions have meant that no AHA Centre committees or teams have been able to meet in person. While we have maintained virtual meeting schedules with our Operations Team, our Governing Council and National Aboriginal Research Advisory Committee (NARAC), the concentration of our work with these teams occurs while in person, which has not been able to happen since 2019. Pandemic travel restrictions have impacted not only meant the work of the AHA Centre, but other research teams as well. Meetings occur over virtual platforms, but this has not proved as effective as being meeting in person. Engagement with team and committee members has been more difficult. There was a learning curve (that still persists for some) when it came to getting everyone successfully connected and online. People needed hardware and software, and the support to buy, install and download them. We have had to get third party support for Elders and more senior team members as they manage many competing virtual platforms and try to learn how to use them. We have also been impacted by myriad issues related to 'Zoom fatigue'. An increased number of virtual meetings webinars and virtual conferences for example, means our staff of two and a half are being forced to choose between moving the work of the AHA Centre forward or getting caught up on the latest information being shared. The plethora of meetings also impacts our committees, Elders and team members who confide in us that they are being stretched too thin. Staff are also seeing an increased workload because teams are unable to meet in person. Finally, the mental health of AHA Centre staff, colleagues, and team and committee members has been negatively impacted by COVID to varying degrees as we struggle to find balance between our personal and professional lives while striving to successfully negotiate this ever-changing, 'new reality' we find ourselves in.

ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE/Knowledge Translation (KT) –PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER KT ACTIVITIES:



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Please attach a list of all presentations and other KT activities **related to this grant since it was awarded**, by you or others on your team.

CIHR's definition of Knowledge Translation:

A dynamic and iterative process that includes **synthesis, dissemination, exchange and ethically sound application of knowledge** to improve the health of Canadians, provide more effective health services and products and strengthen the health care system.

PUBLICATIONS:

The Journal of Indigenous HIV Research (JIHR): The AHA Centre launches an annual call for papers to the Journal of Indigenous HIV Research (JIHR), previously known as the Canadian Journal of Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Community-Based Research (CJACBR). While a call for Peer Reviewers is launched, articles are vetted for suitability and then, if selected, sent to peer review. JIHR's Editorial team synthesizes reviewer comments and sends them to the Corresponding Authors with a date for revised manuscripts to be returned. The Editorial Team assess whether reviewer comments have been addressed and conducts a line edit of each manuscript before it goes to the Translator. We act as a liaison between author teams and the translator should a request for clarification be sought. Once papers are finalized and translation is complete, layout is done before articles are published on the AHA Centre website.

JIHR Volume 8 (2017)

- Anita C. Benoit and Doe O'Brien-Teengs (2018) Indigenizing research practices: Two Indigenous researchers share their experiences of incorporating Indigenous culture into research. *Canadian Journal of Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Community Based Research*. Vol: 8, Pp. 3-21.
- Chris Macklin, Malcolm King, Alecia Kallos, Sharon Jinkerson-Brass, Sandra Laframboise, Renée Masching, Tracey Prentice, Alexandra King (2018) Community-directed research priorities for Indigenous peoples in Canada and hepatitis C: a scoping review. *Canadian Journal of Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Community Based Research*. Vol: 8, Pp. 22 –43.
- Chris Macklin, Malcolm King, Alecia Kallos, Sharon Jinkerson-Brass, Sandra Laframboise, Renée Masching, Tracey Prentice, Alexandra King (2018) Water Journey: methods for exploring the research priorities for Indigenous peoples in Canada and hepatitis C. *Canadian Journal of Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Community Based Research*. Vol: 8, Pp. 44 – 60.
- Alecia Kallos, Chris Macklin, Malcolm King, Sharon Jinkerson-Brass, Sandra Laframboise, Renée Masching, Tracey Prentice, Alexandra King. (2018) Water Journey: emerging themes for research priorities for Indigenous Peoples in Canada and hepatitis C. *Canadian Journal of Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Community Based Research*. Vol: 8, Pp. 61 – 80.
- Randy Jackson and Renée Masching (2018) Knowledge translation in Indigenous communities: a review of the literature. *Canadian Journal of Aboriginal HIV/AIDS Community Based Research*. Vol: 8, Pp. 81 – 104.

JIHR Volume 9 (2018)

- Landy R. (2018) Evaluating knowledge and attitude change among participants in a participatory filmmaking and HIV and AIDS education workshop for Indigenous youth. *The Journal of Indigenous HIV Research* Vol. 9 Pp. 3 – 21



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- Landy R. (2018) Évaluation du changement dans les connaissances et les attitudes chez les personnes participant à une réalisation participative de film et à un atelier d'éducation sur le VIH et le sida pour jeunes indigènes. *Revue de recherche indigène sur le VIH* Vol. 9 Pp. 3-23
- Denise Jaworsky, Flo Ranville, Valerie Nicholson, Roberta Price, Carol Kellman, Elizabeth Benson, JanaRae Tom, Erin Ding, Janet Raboud, Hasina Samji, Renée Masching, Mona Loutfy, Anita C. Benoit, Robert S. Hogg, Evanna Brennan, Susan Giles, Anita Rachlis, Curtis Cooper, Nimâ Machouf, Chris Tsoukas, Mark Hull, on behalf of the Building Bridges Team and the Canadian Observational Cohort (CANOC) collaboration (2018) Antiretroviral therapy treatment interruption among Indigenous Peoples living with HIV in Canada – a Building Bridges study guided by community. *Journal of Indigenous HIV Research* Vol. 9 Pp. 22 – 37
- Denise Jaworsky, Flo Ranville, Valerie Nicholson, Roberta Price, Carol Kellman, Elizabeth Benson, JanaRae Tom, Erin Ding, Janet Raboud, Hasina Samji, Renée Masching, Mona Loutfy, Anita C. Benoit, Robert S. Hogg, Evanna Brennan, Susan Giles, Anita Rachlis, Curtis Cooper, Nimâ Machouf, Chris Tsoukas, Mark Hull, on behalf of the Building Bridges Team and the Canadian Observational Cohort (CANOC) collaboration (2018) Interruption de traitement antirétroviral chez les peuples indigènes vivant avec le VIH au Canada – une étude Building Bridges dirigée collectivement. *Revue de recherche indigène sur le VIH* Vol. 9 Pp. 24-41
- Jackson, R. (2018) A Thunder's Wisdom. *Journal of Indigenous HIV Research* Vol. 9 Pp. 38 – 56.
- Jackson, R. (2018) La sagesse du Tonnerre *Revue de recherche indigène sur le VIH* Vol. 9 Pp. 24-41.
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WISE PRACTICES GATHERINGS:

The bi-annual Wise Practices Gathering is the AHA Centre’s flagship Knowledge Translation and Capacity Bridging event. This Gathering brings together diverse stakeholders in Indigenous community-based HIV and AIDS research for the dissemination of knowledge and research, capacity-bridging and networking opportunities. The event brings together many stakeholders including but not limited to AHA Centre team members, Indigenous, non-Indigenous, academic, community and peer researchers, Indigenous people living with HIV and AIDS (IPHAs), government employees, policy analysts, AIDS service organizations, front line health care workers and students. The WP Gathering is unique in that it is the only national, community-based HIV and AIDS research event mandated to specifically disseminate research evidence to the Indigenous community in Canada. Planning for Wise Practices VIII began January 2021.

Wise Practices VIII – Winnipeg, Manitoba. May 16-19, 2022.

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In keeping with our schedule of hosting a Gathering every two years, The AHA Centre was poised to host WP VIII this year (2021). However, with the impacts on travel of the COVID-19 pandemic, we chose to plan for a hybrid, in-person / virtual event in the spring of 2022, when travel restrictions have hopefully loosened, and delegates will feel more comfortable with the prospect of in-person meetings. Planning for WP VIII has started. We have struck a planning committee, have selected Gathering dates (May 16-19, 2022), location (Winnipeg, Manitoba), and hotel (Fairmont, Winnipeg).

The following is a list of presentations supported by the AHA Centre through WP 2017 and 2019:

Wise Practices VI – Calgary, Alberta. Sept 25-28, 2017

WP VI LAVERNE MONETTE MEMORIAL LECTURE: This opening keynote lecture reflects community need, interest in research, advocacy to address the gaps in our response to HIV and AIDS, and respectful terms of engagement for the research process. It is our sincere hope that this living legacy in the form of a lecture series will honour LaVerne's life and ensure that we will continue the work that needs to be done. **Topic:** The History of Indigenous HIV – People, Policy and Process. **Presenter:** Denise Lambert.

WP VI WORKSHOP SESSIONS: Workshop sessions at WP range from 60 – 90 minutes in length, depending on what the agenda will allow.

- *CanHepC Network/CAAN: Enhancing the Response to Hep C within Indigenous Communities in Canada.* Facilitators: Alex King, Carrielynn Lund, Daryl Luster and Wendy Wobeser.
- *Working Together: A Dialogue about Supporting Indigenous Peer Researchers.* Facilitators: Sandy Lambert, Sherri Pooyak, Marni Amirault, Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco, James Watson.
- *“Grab your gitch and go!”: Meaningfully engaging positive Indigenous women in Health Intervention Research: The Visioning Health II Experience.* Facilitators: VHII Team members with the Women of VHII.
- *Family Matters Processes and Findings about the Inclusion of APHLAs and their Families.* Facilitators: Rene Boucher, Doris Peltier, Jack Haight, Donald Turner, Priscilla Bilsborrow, Shari Margolese.
- *Engaging Elders in Research in a Good Way.* Facilitators: Cliff Thomas, Cathy Worthington and Marni Amirault.
- *Where are we with the Cure for HIV?* Facilitators: Renée Masching, Robert Reinhard, Carrie Martin.

WP VI ORAL SESSIONS: Oral presentations at Wise Practices are organized under session themes. Each presentation is 20 minutes: 15 minutes to present and 5 minutes for Q&A.

Session Theme: Capacity Building and Cultural Competence

- *Creating safer spaces for sharing: an arts-based alternative to the focus group.* Presenter: Adina Lasker.
- *More than Just Recruitment.* Presenter: Jasmine Cotnam.
- *The Revolving Door of the Justice System: Personal Stories and Experiences in the Yukon.* Presenter: Alyssa Carpenter.
- *Métis HIV Mental Health and Aging.* Presenter: Raye St. Denys.

Session Theme: Reporting Back

- *Early Outcomes of the Indigenous Research Initiative at the Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN).* Presenter: Jessica Demeria.
- *Wise Funding Practices: Creating an Indigenized funding process at the Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN).* Presenter: Jessica Demeria.

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- *HIV and Aging*. Presenter: Chaneesa Ryan.
- *Relationship quality and unmet needs among Indigenous Canadians in HIV - serodiscordant relationships*. Presenter: Sandra Bullock.

Session theme: Indigenous Knowledges for Community and Program Relevance

- *Indigenous communities and HIV disclosure to Sexual Partners*. Presenter: Sandra Ka Han Chu.
- *Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network's Research and Policy Unit: A Critical Appraisal of a History of Involvement*. Presenter: Lauren Byce.
- *Examining Inuit knowledge within a CBPR HIV Prevention Intervention Project: A Case Study*. Presenter: Jenny Rand
- *Creating a Toolkit for Indigenous Mothers and the people that support them: project Update*. Presenter: Doe O'Brien-Teengs.

Session Theme: Community and Program Relevance

- *Development of a Rural Model for Integrated Shared Care in First Nations and Métis Communities DRUM*. Presenters: Laura Tomkins with DRUM Community and Team members.
- *The history of Indigenous HIV: People, Policy and Practice*. Presenter: Denise Lambert.
- *Experiences of the HIV Cascade of Care Among Indigenous People: A Systematic Review*. Presenter: Kate Jongbloed
- *The Cedar Project: Examining strengths and HIV related vulnerabilities associated with sex work involvement among young Indigenous women who use drugs in British Columbia, Canada*. Presenter: Richa Sharma.

WP VI PLENARY SESSIONS:

- *An Indigenous HIV Research FEAST: New Directions for HIV Research with Indigenous Communities* Presenters: Tracey Prentice and Renée Masching.
- *International Indigenous Knowledge Sharing Panel*. Presenters: Marni Amirault (Canada) Roberto Orellana (Guatemala); Pilar Montalvo (Peru); Marama Pala (New Zealand); Wilo Muwadda (Australia); Meghan MacDonald (USA); Marni Amirault (Canada); Clive Aspin (New Zealand/Cambodia).

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Wise Practices VII – Montreal, Quebec. August 26-29, 2019

WP VII LAVERNE MONETTE MEMORIAL LECTURE: This opening keynote lecture reflects community need, interest in research, advocacy to address the gaps in our response to HIV and AIDS, and respectful terms of engagement for the research process. It is our sincere hope that this living legacy in the form of a lecture series will honour LaVerne's life and ensure that we will continue the work that needs to be done. **Topic:** Community-Based Research and Epidemiology **Presenter:** Dr. Anita Benoit.

WP VII WORKSHOP SESSIONS: Workshop sessions at WP range from 60 – 90 minutes in length, depending on what the agenda will allow.

- *What is an HIV Older?: A Mini CBR-Workshop Exploring Land Based Wellness and the Concept of and HIV Older*. Facilitators: Sherri Pooyak, Val Nicholson, Sandy Lambert, Madison Wells and the WOW Team.
- *HIV and Infant Feeding: Developing resources relevant to Indigenous communities*. Facilitators: Nicci Stein, Doris Peltier, Lena Serghides, Sheila Nyman & Sarah Khan.



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- *Stamsh Silhanay Lhawat: Warrior Women Healing*. Facilitators: Bernice Thompson; Candice Norris; Sharon Jinkerson-Brass.
- *Niikaniganaq – All my Relations: reducing stigma through circles and ceremony*. Facilitators: Sharp Dopler, Christina Bendevis, Mike LaFramboise, Ross Saunders & Dawn Lyons.
- *Indigenous women managing stress through increased knowledge and culture*. Facilitators: Anita Benoit, Jasmine Cotnam & Catherine Moses.
- *Ethnicity and Health: Building Intercultural Solutions for Equitable Tuberculous Care with Indigenous Peoples: Locally and Globally*. Facilitators: Trevor Stratton, Charles Bottle, Igah Sanguya, Marc-André LeBlanc, Marlene Larocque & Wendy Wobeser.
- *Digging Deep: Examining the Root Causes of HIV and AIDS Among Aboriginal Women*. Facilitators: Margaret Kiskaw Piyesis.

WP VII ORAL SESSIONS: Oral presentations at Wise Practices are organized under session themes. Each presentation is 20 minutes: 15 minutes to present and 5 minutes for Q&A.

Session Theme: Reporting Back

- *A Two-Eyed Seeing Approach to Wholistic Healing and Wellness for People with Drug Use Experience*. Preseters: Matthew Fisher & Candice Norris.
- *Exploring Factors of HIV and HCV Prevalence Among First Nations, Metis and Inuit Communities Living in Precarious Conditions in Montreal*. Presenters: Sylvain Beaudry & Carrie Martin
- *The Elevate Ambassadors Initiative – Building Bridges*. Presenters: Charles Bottle, Beatrice Spade, Simon Moonias & Yvonne Hunter.

Session Theme: Prevention and Support Interventions

- *Culturally Specific and gender based STBBI interventions designed by and for Indigenous women and girls*. Presenters: Abrar Ali, Stephanie Smith & Victoria Weapenicappo.
- *Peer Indigenous Research Associates: Our Journey into Research*. Presenters: Hazel Debbie Cardinal, Robert Chippeway & Corrine Ducharme.
- *Trans PULSE Canada Research Project*. Presenters: Carol Lopez & Randy Jackson..
- *Hepatitis C in Abitibi-Temiscamingue Region of Quebec*. Presenters: Michele Deschamps & Donna McBride
- *Indigenous HIV Leadership: Preliminary Findings from a Scoping Review*. Presenters: Jasmine Cotnam & Doris Peltier.
- *Indigenous Masculinity and HIV Wellness: Preliminary Findings of a Scoping Review*. Presenter: Aaron Li.

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- **Research in a Good Way (Oral presentation)** Sherri Pooyak and Marni Amirault (presenters)



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- **Capacity Bridging: Reciprocal and equitable knowledge sharing on a research team (Poster)** Sherri Pooyak and Marni Amirault (presenters)..
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- **HIV Disclosure Without Consent Linked to Increased Risk of Violence Against Women Living with HIV in Metro Vancouver, British Columbia. (Poster)** (Sherri Pooyak, co-presenter).
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- **Examining HIV related vulnerabilities and sex work involvement among young Indigenous men and women who use drugs in Vancouver and Prince George, BC. (Poster)** (Sherri Pooyak, co-presenter).
- **Experiences of The HIV Cascade of Care Among Indigenous People: A Systematic Review. (Poster)** (Sherri Pooyak, co-presenter).
- **A Critical Examination of Housing Services for People Living with HIV And Recommendations For Action. (Poster)** (Sherri Pooyak, co-presenter).
- **HIV And Housing Histories: Using Timelines to Trace Connections Between Housing and Health. (Poster)** (Sherri Pooyak, co-presenter).

Eshwiitood ** Ni-Kwayachi-Kuskehtanan Ready, Willing, and Able! CBR Workshop, Saskatoon - May 8 and 9, 2019** AHA Centre staff were members of the Planning Committee for this pilot, pre-CAHR workshop that was held for the Indigenous HIV, CBR community in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The AHA Centre assisted with workshop promotion and recruitment as well.

- **Safe consumption/CBR case study** (Albert McLeod, Sherri Pooyak, Marni Amirault presenters)

CAHR 2019 Roadmap to Indigenous Presentations (The AHA Centre compiles a comprehensive list of all Indigenous-led or Indigenous-focused posters and presentations at CAHR annually.)

- **“Weaving Our Wisdoms”: Using a Land-Based Approach to Optimize Whole-istic Health Among Indigenous People Living with HIV.** Chad Dickie, Sandy Lambert, Valerie Nicholson, Sherri Pooyak, Renee Masching, Renee Monchalain, Stephanie Nixon, Marni Amirault, Charlotte Loppie, Tracey Prentice, Andrea F. Mellor, Katie N. Webb.
- **The Cedar Project: Intergenerational Child Welfare Experiences and HIV Viral Suppression Among Young Indigenous People Who Have Used Drugs.** Kate Jongbloed¹, Sherri Pooyak², Margo E. Pearce¹, April Mazzuca¹, Wenecwtsin Wayne Christian³, Richard T. Lester¹, Martin T. Schechter¹, Patricia M. Spittal¹, The Cedar Project Partnership.
- **The Cedar Project: HIV-related Vulnerabilities and Experiences of Racism Among Young Indigenous People Who Have Used Drugs in Prince George and Vancouver, BC.** Richa Sharma¹, Sherri Pooyak², Wayne Christian³, David Zamar⁴, April Mazzuca¹, Kate Jongbloed¹, Margo Pearce⁵, Martin Schechter¹, Patricia Spittal¹, Cedar Project Partnership^{6, 7, 8}.
- **The Cedar Project WelTel mHealth Study: Effect of mHealth on HIV Viral Suppression Among Young Indigenous People Who Have Used Drugs.** Kate Jongbloed, Sherri Pooyak, Margo E. Pearce, David Zamar, April Mazzuca, Richard T. Lester, Martin T. Schechter, Patricia M. Spittal, The Cedar Project Partnership.

CAHR 2020 (Virtual) Roadmap to Indigenous Presentations (The AHA Centre compiles a comprehensive list of all Indigenous-led or Indigenous-focused posters and presentations at CAHR annually.)



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- **Weaving our Wisdoms: Optimizing Whole-istic Health among Indigenous People Living with HIV through Teachings from and on the Land.** Valerie Nicholson, Chad Dickie, Sandy Lambert, Knighton Hilstrom, Sherri Pooyak, Renée Monchalain, Stephanie Nixon, Renée Masching, Marni Amirault, Tracey Prentice, Andrea Mellor, Madison Wells.
- **Embodied and Evolving Indigenous HIV Leadership: An Example from GIPA Homefire** Sandy Lambert¹, Michael Parsons, Randy Jackson, Doris Peltier Trevor Stratton, Donald Turner, Kerrigan Beaver, Jack Haight, Peetanacoot Nenakawekapo, Rene Boucher, Priscilla Bilsborrow, Danita Wahpoosewyan, Jasmine Cotnam, Renée Masching, Marni Amirault, Tara LaRose, Tracey Prentice, Charlotte Loppie, Aaron Li, William Gooding.
- **Evaluating Dried Blood Spot Testing from a Métis Community Perspective** Danielle Atkinson, Raye St. Denys, Kandace Ogilvie, Carrilynn Lund, Renée Masching, Rachel Landy, Catherine Worthington, DRUM & SASH Team.

Sharma, R., Bozoki, V., Henderson, E., Demerais, L., Christian, W., **Pooyak, S.**, Thomas, V., Jongbloed, K., Mazzuca, A., Pearce, M.E., Spittal, P.M., for the Cedar Project Partnership. *The Cedar Project Partnership: A model for strengths-based community-driven HIV research among young Indigenous peoples*. Indigenous Graduate Student Symposium, Vancouver, March 14, 2020.

CAHR Conference, May 05-07, 2021 (Virtual)

[CAHR 2021 \(Virtual\) Roadmap to Indigenous Presentations](#) (The AHA Centre compiles a comprehensive list of all Indigenous-led or Indigenous-focused posters and presentations at CAHR annually).

- Logie, C., Lys, C., Sokolovic, N., Mackay, K. I., Kanbari, A., Pooyak, S., Gesink, D., Loppie, C. (2021). Food insecurity and associated HIV vulnerabilities among Northern and Indigenous adolescents in the *Northwest Territories, Canada: informing social contextual HIV prevention approaches*. 30th Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research, May 5-7 (Virtual).
- Lys, C., Logie, C., Sokolovic, N., Mackay, K. I., Kanbari, A., Pooyak, S., Gesink, D., Loppie, C. (2021). *The effectiveness of arts-based HIV and STI prevention strategies with Northern and Indigenous adolescents in the Northwest Territories, Canada*. 30th Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research, May 5-7 (Virtual).

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:

22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018): Amsterdam, Netherlands: July 2018

2018 International Indigenous Pre-Conference: The AHA Centre supported the 2018 Indigenous Pre-Conference by circulating the call for abstracts, participating on the Pre-Conference Abstract Committee, participating in event roll-out and facilitating several Dialogue and Report-Back sessions during the conference.

22nd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2018) Indigenous Networking Zone:

The Indigenous Networking Zone is set up in the Global Village at the International AIDS Conferences as a space for conference delegates to meet, share resources and to share their projects and research to a wide audience by way of presentations, video screenings and dialogue sessions, for example. AHA staff and team members contributed to the Indigenous Networking Zone set-up and hosting. AHA Centre presentations in the Indigenous Networking Zone include:



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- **Capacity Bridging.** (July 24, 2018) Indigenous Networking Zone. Presenters: Marni Amirault and Renée Masching.
- **The CTN and CAAN Collaboration.** (July 25, 2018) Indigenous Networking Zone, Amsterdam, Netherlands. Presenters: Kevin Pendergraft, Kristin Westland, Renée Masching and Marni Amirault.

22nd International AIDS Conference. Amsterdam, Netherlands. (AIDS 2018) Presentation:

Family Matters Research Findings. (July 27, 2018) AIDS 2018 Conference Presenters: Donald Turner; Rene Boucher; Krista Shore; Renée Masching and Marni Amirault.

2019

Loppie, C. and **S. Pooyak** (May 2019). *Ethical issues in participatory health research with indigenous people.* Centre for Social Justice and Community Action. 10th Anniversary Conference, followed by research workshop, 21-23 May 2019. Top-down meets bottom up: negotiating ethics in participatory action research (PAR) for health and social well-being. Durham University, Durham, England.

8th International Indigenous Pre-Conference on HIV & AIDS (AIDS 2020). San Francisco & Oakland, United States. Virtual: July 2020

- **Wiser 2020: Weaving Indigenous Stories of Experience and Resilience.** Panel presentation regarding CAAN and AHA Centre's partnership with ViiV Healthcare. Wiser Session IX: Diverse Indigenous Responses to HIV: India and Canada.

23rd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2020), July 6-10, 2020, San Francisco & Oakland, United States.

Jongbloed, K., **Pooyak, S.**, Thomas, V., Pearce, ME., Mazzuca, A., Sharma, R., Demerais, L., Lester, RT., Schechter, M.T, Spittal, PM, For the Cedar Project Partnership. *Supporting the '10-10-10': Results from the Cedar Project WeITel mHealth Program for HIV-related health and wellness among young Indigenous people who have used drugs in two Canadian cities.* 23rd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2020), July 6-10, 2020, San Francisco & Oakland, United States.

Jongbloed, K., **Pooyak, S.**, Pearce, ME., Mazzuca, A., Sharma, R., Christian, WM., Teegee, M., Demerais, L., Lester, R.T, Schechter, M.T, Spittal, PM., For the Cedar Project Partnership. *The Cedar Project: Intergenerational child apprehension and HIV health and wellness among young Indigenous people who have used drugs in two Canadian cities - a mixed methods study.* 23rd International AIDS Conference (AIDS 2020), July 6-10, 2020, San Francisco & Oakland, United States.

4th biennial Indigenous Health Conference, May 21-23, 2020, Niagara Falls, Canada.

- Jongbloed, K., Pooyak, S., Thomas, V., Pearce, ME., Mazzuca, A., Sharma, R., Demerais, L., Lester, RT., Schechter, MT., Spittal, PM., For the Cedar Project Partnership. *The Cedar Project WeITel mHealth Program for HIV-related health and wellness among young Indigenous people who have used drugs.* 4th biennial Indigenous Health Conference, May 21-23, 2020, Niagara Falls, Canada.
- Jongbloed, K., Pooyak, S., Pearce, ME., Mazzuca, A., Sharma, R., Christian, WM., Teegee, M, Demerais, L., Lester, RT., Schechter, MT., Spittal, PM., For the Cedar Project Partnership. *The Cedar Project: Intergenerational child apprehension and HIV among young Indigenous people who have used drugs in British Columbia.* 4th biennial Indigenous Health Conference, May 21-23, 2020, Niagara Falls, Canada.



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OTHER PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

2017

Capacity Bridging: Reciprocity at Work in Research - Vlog July 25, 2017 Sherri Pooyak, Janice Duddy, presenters.

GMSH Skills Building Symposium – Toronto, Ontario. October 23-24, 2017

- a) **Resilience in gay men: results from the Gay Strengths and 2SHAWLS studies (oral presentation).** Dr. David Brennan, presenter.

CAAN Board of Directors, Toronto, ON, November 4, 2017

- b) **CAAN Research and Policy Unit (RPU) (Presentation)** Renée Masching.

CanHepC Network Online Trainee Session, November 8, 2017

- c) **Indigenous Peoples, Research Engagement and HepC (Webinar)** Renée Masching and Carrielynn Lund (presenters) with contributions from Dr Alexandra King.

ViiV Community Summit – San Diego, California, USA, November 11, 2017

- d) **Indigenous Perspectives on HIV/AIDS in 2017 – A Dialogue of Facts, Challenges and Initiatives (Panel Presentation)** Renée Masching, Trevor Stratton, Val Nicholson and Taija Revels (Alaska.)

University of Victoria: Idea Fest 2017. **Aboriginal HIV & AIDS Community Based Research Collaborative Centre (AHA Centre)** (Oral Presentation) Sherri Pooyak.

2018

Gay Men's Mental Health Summit: Synchronizing Our Impact - Toronto, Ontario. March 14-15, 2018

The Seven Paths to Resilience: Findings from 2SHAWLS – The Two-Spirit HIV/AIDS Wellness and Longevity Study. (Workshop) Dr. David Brennan, presenter.

Indigenous HIV/AIDS Research Training (IHART) Program Team Meeting and Writing Retreat (University of Washington based) – Kona, Hawaii, USA, April 11, 2018 Renée Masching, presenter.

- e) **Leading the Way: An Organizational Purpose in Indigenous HIV and AIDS Research in Canada (Panel Presentation)** Renée Masching.

T'licho workshop hosted by REACH (May 8 – 10, 2018):

- f) **CBR 101** (workshop presentation): Marni Amirault.
- g) **Family Matters Research Project (2012-2015): an example of participatory analysis.** Marni Amirault (Workshop presentation): Marni Amirault (See Objective 2 for details)..
- h) **Survey Design – Where and how do I start?** (Workshop presentation) Anita Benoit

The BC Community-Based Research Quarterly Meeting, May 2018

- i) **Knowledge to Action through Collaboration: How Community Practice facilitates the uptake and integration of research findings.** Sherri Pooyak, presenter.



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August 23, 2018, GIPA Homefire Meeting. Halifax NS.

An Introduction to Research Presenter: Marni Amirault.

December 1, 2018, Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Day, Ottawa, Ontario. *Our Research Journey* Presenters: Sherri Pooyak; Doris Peltier; Andrea Mellor and Jasmine Cotnam.

2019

July 17 – 19, 2019. Vancouver, BC. *Community-Based Research 101/102*. (Workshop in partnership with Dr. Peter Centre) Facilitators: Sherri Pooyak; Marni Amirault; Jasmine Cotnam.

October 28, 2019, **5 Questions with Sherri Pooyak, PAN Affiliated Researcher and Community-Based Research Manager with the AHA Centre**

Sharma, R., **Pooyak, S.**, Thomas, V., Mazzuca, A., Zamar, D., Jongbloed, K., Pearce, M., Schechter, M., & Spittal, P. *The Cedar Project: Experiences of interpersonal racism among young Indigenous people who have used drugs in Prince George and Vancouver, BC*. Canadian Public Health Association, Ottawa, April 30 – May 2, 2019.

Pooyak, S., *Researching “in a good way” – Lessons learned from working with Indigenous people who are living with and affected by HIV*. 2019 National Conference and Annual General Meeting Professional Development Workshops. Canadian Association of Research Ethics Boards. April 10, 2019.

2020

April 22, 2020 (Webinar) **Journal of Indigenous HIV Research Call for Submissions**. Jennifer Mavritsakis (Moderator) Marni Amirault, Randy Jackson, Andrea Mellor, Sherri Pooyak, and Janice Duddy (presenters).

September 23, 2020. [Fireside Chat # 3: What Women Want – Through CAAN](#) This Fireside Chat spoke to the partnership between ViiV Healthcare, Impact Canada and CAAN/The AHA Centre. Presenters: Monique Fong (CAAN); Renée Masching (CAAN/AHA Centre); Sarah Martens Wapisiw (CAAN) and Marvelous Muchenje (ViiV Healthcare). Presentation support: Marni Amirault (CAAN/AHA Centre); Celine Aubin (ViiV Healthcare); Sugandhi del Canto (CAAN) and Rita Rahmati (Impact Canada).

September 14, 2020. HIV 2020 Online [The Nine Genders, A Reintroduced Way of Organizing Gender](#). The AHA Centre supported the development of this presentation made by members of the 9Genders research team during the HIV 2020 virtual conference.

October 14, 2020. [The Feast Centre for Indigenous STBBI Research Launch](#). AHA Centre supported the Feast launch and contributed a short video congratulating the Feast team and addressing our partnership.

December 01, 2020. Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week (AAAW). [Indigenous Research in HIV and CAAN’s Leadership](#). The AHA Centre lead and supported CAAN’s Research Unit (RU) in their contribution to Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week, 2020. This video gives an overview of CAAN’s research projects, including the AHA Centre’s soft launch of Volume 11 of the Journal of Indigenous HIV Research (JIHR).



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Pooyak S., and M. Pearce. *Share learnings from Cedar project and build capacity. ICS measurement and planning Evaluation and Implementation Working Group Meeting – PPSUP.* July 23, 2020.

2021

January 25, 2021. **Marni Amirault (presenter).** Community Based Research and Partnerships. (Guest lecture for HLTH AGE 3G03: Community-Based Research. McMaster University).

February 23, 2021. **Renée Masching, Marni Amirault, Carrielynn Lund and Jennifer Mavritsakis (presenters).** Community Based Research at CAAN. (Invited panel presentation made to SOCSOCI701-Critical Approaches to Community-Based Research Graduate class at McMaster University.)

June 20, 2021. [Journal of Indigenous HIV Research Panel Presentation.](#) The HIV Stigma Community of Practice.

1. **Marni Amirault and Janice Duddy (Presenters)** *JIHR Volume 11: enacting our theme of navigating allyship.*
2. **Claudette Cardinal and Niloufar Aran:** *Let the Fires Unite: Our journey of Allyship.*
3. **Harlan Pruden (Presenter)** *Drivers of Sexual Health Knowledge for Two-Spirit, Gay, Bi and/ or Indigenous Men Who Have Sex with Men (2S/gbMSM).*
4. **Darren Lauscher and Madeline Gallard:** Making Allyship Work: Allyship Perspectives in a Community-Based Research Study.

[Sharing Space: Indigenous Research in the time of COVID \(a community of practice\) presentations.](#) The Sharing Space Community of Practice series is co-developed and co-facilitated in partnership between the AHA Centre and PAN/REACH staff. It has been designed to support Indigenous HIV and STBBI researchers during COVID-19 to help find solutions for doing research in a good way during a pandemic.

- **September 20, 2021:** Shari Margoese *Cannabis Research in Canada: a Snapshot of Cannabis research in the era of COVID.*
- **June 29, 2021:** Leona Quewezance and Miranda Keewatin. *KOTAWE (start a fire) igniting cultural responsiveness through community-determined intervention research.*
- **April 20, 2021:** Diandra Oliver. *Introduction to Quirkos.*
- **February 16, 2021:** Kelsey Timler. *Art Justice.*
- **January 12, 2021:** Sherri Pooyak. *Weaving our Wisdoms.*

Pearce, M., and **S. Pooyak.** *How We Take Care of Our Own: The Cedar Project.* Strengthening the Circle: Fraser Salish Indigenous Health Research Symposium. June 3, 2021. Vancouver, British Columbia.

AHA Centre Website:

The AHA Centre launched its website in March 2018 in an effort to provide our team and the Indigenous HIV community a ‘one-stop-shop’ for Indigenous-focused, community-based HIV research. The website houses a rich resources section, the full collection of The Journal of Indigenous HIV Research and a community bulletin board which has been successful in providing our partners and collaborators with a place to network, share ideas, job opportunities, etc. Our website has allowed us to promote our work widely and more effectively, make it more accessible to the communities and organizations we work with, as well as provide a clear connection between our Centre and our work. **Between July 01, 2020 and June 30, 2021 we’ve had 2,225 unique visits and 5,837 page views.** Top 6 pages most visited: Fact Sheets/Policies, JIHR volume 11, Our Team, JIHR, What We Do, Sharing Space. For more information: <http://www.ahacentre.ca>.



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Fact Sheets and presentations:

AHA Centre 2.0
Capacity Bridging
Doing Research in a Good Way
How to Write Field Notes
Joining a CBR Team
Jargon Busting 101
Research Project Roles
Tips for Peer Review
Tips for Grant Writing
Community-Based Research 101 & 102
Knowledge Translation 101
Doing Research in a Good Way: Decolonizing the Research Process
Arts-based Research
Turning Research into Action! CBR Overview-from data collection to Knowledge Translation
A Guide to Writing a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Operating Grant
A Guide to Writing a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Catalyst Grant
[Tips to help with peer review](#)

AHA Centre Outreach:

AHA Centre Newsletters are circulated every two months to update AHA Team members and the research community on the work of the AHA Centre, current research events, etc.

AHA Centre Bulletin Board is updated regularly as another information sharing tool.

The Partner Resources page on our website is a place for our community to share what they're learning from their research with the rest of us.

Social Media: The AHA Centre is active on social media through the following platforms:

- **Facebook:** Caancbr Managers = 285 'Friends'
- **Twitter:** @CAANCBRM = 790 Followers
- **Instagram:** CAANCBRM = 103 Followers

We use these platforms to share information and create community. Of special note, Facebook Messenger, in particular, is a tool that the community uses to reach out to us.