

GHHCSG July 2023 Communiqué

What's happening in Canadian Health Geography?



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A note from the executive : *On this Communiqué we are spotlighting some recent work in Canadian health geography, including recent publications in Canadian Geographies, and we get reflections from two upcoming scholars as to why their recent publication was significant to them. And, as all researchers consider new ways to help make findings more accessible for knowledge users, the Communiqué also highlights the use of podcasts by health geographers as a successful way reach new audiences. Thanks, as always, to our great community for your contributions.*

As summer field work winds down, don't forget to take a photo or two and share with us. Whether you're off in the Upper West Region of Ghana like our Student Rep Cynthia, collecting data in an urban environment in Canada, or working right from your office desk, we would love to see what your 2023 summer work has encapsulated (grad students, we're particularly looking to you). If you have anything - photos, important dates, calls, job postings, etc. - that could be relevant to the Canadian health geography community please send us a message at gghcsg@gmail.com or directly to our Social-Communications officer Abraham at amnunbogu@uwaterloo.ca.

-From your GHHCSG executive: Jenna, Andrea, Emily, Abraham and Cynthia.

Here are four things to know this month:

1. We asked: what makes a publication significant to you?

Leah Coppella, PhD Student (Simon Fraser University, working with Dr. Valorie Crooks): *"My first co-authored publication is significant to me because it was a product of collaboration with many stakeholders, including nonprofits, scholars and young people."*

- Coppella, L. I., Flicker, S., & Goldstein, A. (2023). ["Make sure I hear snoring": Adolescent girls, trans, and non-binary youth using sound for sexual wellbeing boundary-making at home during COVID-19.](#) Wellbeing, Space and Society, 4, 100117.

Rodrigo Curty Pereira, PhD Candidate (University of Waterloo, working with Dr. Susan Elliott): *"It's significant to me because it's my first paper in Health Geography, a needed validation as I switched fields from my undergraduate studies in International Relations."*

- Curty Pereira, R., Elliott, S.J., & Llaguno Cárdenas, P. (2023). [Stepping into the Void: Lessons Learned from Civil Society Organizations during COVID-19 in Rio de Janeiro.](#) International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 20(8), 5507.

2. Health and wellbeing in Canadian Geographies

While health geographers contribute to a vast array of journals, health and wellbeing publications in the CAG's official journal provides a pulse on the sub-discipline with Canada. Here are nine relevant papers in Canadian Geographies from the last year:



Deacon, L., Sarapura, S., Caldwell, W., Epp, S., Ivany, M., & Papineau, J. (2023). [COVID-19, mental health, and rurality: A pilot study](#). *The Canadian Geographer/Le Géographe canadien*. Early view.

Ramirez Prieto, M., Sallans, A., Ostertag, S., Wesche, S., Kenny, T.A., & Skinner, K. (2023). [Food programs in Indigenous communities within northern Canada: A scoping review](#). *The Canadian Geographer/Le Géographe canadien*. Early view.

Rishworth, A., Niraula, A., Dean, J., Wilson, K., Ghassemi, E., & Baldo, A. (2022). [Rural futures? Mapping newcomers' hopes about potential resettlement in Canadian rural areas](#). *The Canadian Geographer/Le Géographe canadien*, 67(2).

Cardwell, F.S., Clarke, A.E., & Elliott, S.J. (2023). [Investigating self-reported food allergy prevalence in Waterloo Region, Canada](#). *The Canadian Geographer/Le Géographe canadien*, 67(2), 226-236.

Quick, M., Christidis, T., Olaniyan, T., Newstead, N., & Pinault, L. (2022). [Exploring the associations between cooling centre accessibility and marginalization in Montreal, Toronto, and Vancouver, Canada](#). *The Canadian Geographer/Le Géographe canadien*.

White, I., & Castleden, H. (2022). [Time as an instrument of settler evasion: Circumventing the implementation of truth and reconciliation in Canadian geography departments](#). *The Canadian Geographer/Le Géographe canadien*, 66(4), 639-652.

Ibarra-Bonilla, J.S., Villarreal-Guerrero, F., Pinedo-Alvarez, A., & Prieto-Amparán, J.A. (2023). [COVID-19 in Chihuahua, Mexico: Assessing its spatial behaviour through the inverse distance weighted interpolation technique](#). *The Canadian Geographer/Le Géographe canadien*. Early view.

Kelly, M. (2023). [Snowbirds and snowflakes: Mobility and aging across the Canada-United States border](#). *The Canadian Geographer/Le Géographe canadien*, 67(2), 217-225.

Jacob, T., & Oswin, N. (2022). [Trans migrations: Seeking refuge in “safe haven” Toronto](#). *The Canadian Geographer/Le Géographe canadien*, 67(2).





3. Knowledge Translation in action

Three podcast episodes to add to your summer queue

Exploring Reconciliation through Clean Energy in Indigenous Communities with Dr. Diana Lewis and Dr. Heather Castleden

Dr. Diana Lewis (Western University) and **Dr. Heather Castleden** (University of Victoria, previously Queen's University) are Co-Directors of *A Shared Future: Achieving Strength, Health, and Autonomy through Renewable Energy Development for the Future*, an international research program which explores how Indigenous knowledge systems, as applied to renewable energy development, may have the potential to lead us towards 'healthful environments' through reconciling and healing our relations with each other as well as with the land, air, and water around us. On this episode of the Porcupine, Drs. Lewis and Castleden consider what happens when industry fails to build respectful relationships and commit to meaningful consultation, and the clear relationship between reconciliation and good energy.

<https://porcupinepodcast.ca/exploring-reconciliation-through-clean-energy-in-indigenous-communities/>

Politicization of Wind Energy in Rural Canada with Dr. Chad Walker

Dr. Chad Walker (Dalhousie University) has built upon his PhD in health geography to become an interdisciplinary environmental social scientist with interest around justice, equity, and public support for low-carbon transitions. On this episode of *Clearing a New Path*, Dr. Walker shares insights from years of research on wind energy development, its frequent politicization, and what this can teach us about the acceptance of wind energy in Canada and abroad.

<https://www.clearinganewpathpodcast.com/podcast/episode/394dd7ff/politicization-of-wind-energy-in-rural-canada>

Bringing safety to new heights in aviation with Angeline Ram

Angeline Ram, PhD student in Geography and Environmental Management (University of Waterloo), spent 18 years in the aviation industry and experienced and observed normalized workplace discrimination. She has leveraged her lived experience into her research, where she studies the root causes of unhealthy and unsafe workplace environments through an intersectionality lens. On this episode of *Psych Health and Safety in Canada* (FlourishDx), Angeline discusses the siloing of what is considered "safety" and what this means for health and wellbeing in industry.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luSoLwfHkho>

4. Other recent Canadian health geography scholarship to note

Achore, M. & Bisung, E. (2022) [Experiences of inequalities in access to safe water and psychosocial distress in Ghana](#). *Social Science & Medicine*, 301, 114970.

Ambtman-Smith, V., Wysocki, K., Bomberry, V., Reitmeier, V., & Nightingale, E. (2023). [You can't just bring people here and then not feed them: A case in support of Indigenous-led training environments](#). *Environment and Planning F*, 2(1-2), 56-76.

Amram, O., Rosenkrantz, L., DDes, S. A., Schuurman, N., Panwala, V.J., & Joudrey, P.J. (2023). [Availability of timely methadone treatment in the United States and Canada during COVID-19: A census tract-level analysis](#). *Drug and alcohol dependence*, 245, 109801.

Azupogo, A, Dery, F., Achore, M. & Bisung, E. (2023). [Health implications of coping with water insecurity at the household level](#). *Water Security*, 19, 100135.

Betkus, G, Freeman, S, Martin-Kahn, M., Lau, S, Flood, F, Hanlon, N. and Banner-Lukaris, D. (2023). [Comparisons of in-person and telegeriatric follow-up consultations](#). *Journal of Telemedicine and Telecare* 29(1), 33-40.

Bisung, E. & Dickin, S. (2022) [Who does what and why? Examining intra-household water and sanitation decision making and autonomy in Asutifi North, Ghana](#). *Journal of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Development*, 11(5), 794-804.

Buse, C., Aker, A., McLaren, L., HubkaRoa, T., Sweeney, E., van der Jagt, R., & members of the National Working Group on Environments, Health, and Societal Wellbeing (inc. Castleden, H). (2023). [Canada needs a funding institute focused on environments, health and societal well-being research](#). *Canadian Journal of Public Health*.

Buttazzoni, A., Ferguson, K. N., & Gilliland, J. (2023). [Barriers to and facilitators of active travel from the youth perspective: a qualitative meta-synthesis](#). *SSM-Population Health*, 22.

Edge, S., Davis, C., Dean, J., Onilude, Y., Rishworth, A., & Wilson, K. (2023). [The role of urban and rural greenspaces in shaping immigrant wellbeing and settlement in place](#). *Wellbeing, Space and Society*, 4, 100127.

Ludwig, A., Rousseu, F., Kotchi, S. O., Allostry, J., & Fournier, R.A. (2023). [Mapping the abundance of endemic mosquito-borne diseases vectors in southern Quebec](#). *BMC Public Health*, 23(1), 1-18.

Plamondon, K. M., Dixon, J., Brisbois, B., Pereira, R. C., Bisung, E., Elliott, S. J., ... & Shahram, S. (2023). [Turning the tide on inequity through systematic equity action-analysis](#). *BMC Public Health*, 23(1), 890.

Richmond, C., Reitmeier, V., Big-Canoe, K., Mandawa, E., Mohammed, R., & Abrams, H. (2022). [The health impacts of social distancing among Indigenous People in Ontario during the first wave of COVID-19: The health impacts of social distancing](#). *International Journal of Indigenous Health*, 17(1).

Rose, J., & Castleden, H. (2022). " A serious rift": The Indigenous Health Research Community's refusal of the 2014 CIHR funding reforms and underlying methodological conservatism. *The International Indigenous Policy Journal*, 13(3), 1-19.

Snyder, J., Crooks, V. A., & Cole, T. (2023). Impacts of news media coverage on Canadian medical crowdfunding campaigns. *Journal of Philanthropy and Marketing*, 28(1), e1778.

Wood, T, Freeman, S, Banner-Lukaris, D, Martin-Kahn, M, Hanlon, N and Flood, F, (2022). Exploring user perspectives of factors associated with use of teletrauma in rural areas. *Australasia Emergency Care* 25(2), 106-114.

Job postings

Geography, The Environment and Geology - Term Assistant Professor, Lakehead University. Closing August 8, 2023. https://www.universityaffairs.ca/search-job/?job_id=62328

Postdoctoral Fellow in Environmental Health, Centre for Environmental Health Research, CEHR in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Ontario Tech University (closing date extended) <https://ontariotechu.csod.com/ux/ats/career-site/4/home/requisition/612?c=ontariotechu>

Sociology - Assistant Professor (Qualitative Methods, Specialization in Inequality, Diversity and Stratification), McGill University. Closing August 11, 2023.

Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies - Assistant Professor (3-year term), Saint Mary's University. Closing August 25, 2023.

Political Science - Assistant Professor (Health Care Policy), Cape Breton University. Closing September 8, 2023.

Biological Anthropology - Assistant Professor (Medical Anthropology in Global Health), University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC). Closing September 25, 2023.

Sociology and Anthropology - Assistant Professor (Critical Race Studies), University of Guelph. Closing September 23, 2023.

Indigenous Health Governance - Tenure-Track Tier 2 Canada Research Chair, Simon Fraser University. Closing Sept 10, 2023. https://www.universityaffairs.ca/search-job/?job_id=62227

Dates of note

August 15, 2023 - email the GHHCSG with anything you would like to see in the August Communique.

October 16 to October 18, 2023 - The 2023 Canadian Conference on Global Health in Ottawa, Canada and virtual. Abstract submission completed, registration now open.

October 25-28, 2023 - AGX (formally Applied Geography Conference) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Abstract submission and registration now open.

April 16 to 20, 2024 - American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. Abstract submission and registration dates TBA.

July 14 to July 19, 2024 - The International Medical Geography Symposium in Atlanta, Georgia. Abstract submission and registration dates TBA.