

Population Health and Aging Rural Research Centre



Mobilizing Aging in Place (MAP) Knowledge Summit Highlights Aging Issues in BC

Dr. Wendy Hulko led the Mobilising Aging in Place (MAP) Knowledge Summit on October 10, and on November 7, 2024. The two-part event involved five digital stories which were created by the MAP team, providing insights into the opportunities and difficulties older adults encounter in preserving their independence in their communities by drawing on the results of two comprehensive studies on aging in place.

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Stigma of Dementia in Rural Communities Workshop

Addressing Stigma of Dementia in Rural Communities Workshop

The PHARR Centre hosted a workshop on Sept. 5, 2024 with over 75 participants to explore strategies for reducing dementia-related stigma in rural communities. The event featured guest speakers, panel discussions, and an interactive World Café approach. Highlights from the workshop are shared at, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Wn-
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Michael Smith Health Research BC Reach Grant

Dr. Juanita Dawne-Bacsu and Dr. Wendy Hulko were awarded \$20,000 each by the Michael Smith Health Research BC Reach Program. Dr. Bacsu's project focuses on addressing stigma of dementia on social media, and Dr. Hulko's project aims to create an anti-oppressive gerontological social work community in Canada.

Alzheimer Society of Canada & CIHR's Institute on Aging's New Investigator Award

Dr. Bacsu has been awarded \$200,000 for the New Investigator Award to enhance rural cognitive healthcare by examining the care priorities, programming, and service needs of rural older adults living with cognitive impairment and dementia. .

Interior Health Research Week Presentation

On October 16, 2024 Dr. Bacsu shared a presentation of the Population Health and Aging Rural Research (PHARR) Centre at Interior Health's Research Week 2024! The event was well attended by community members, policymakers, and researchers.

PHARR Researchers Present at GSA Conference in Seattle

Drs. Hulko and Bacsu recently presented at the Gerontological Society of America Conference held in Seattle, Washington on November 13-16, 2024. This global conference was attended by over 4,500 participants with attendees from more than 40 countries. Dr. Hulko shared a presentation on creating digital stories of aging experiences using a rapid methodological review of development procedures. Dr. Bacsu gave presentations on a new leadership program that she developed to support new directors of research centres focused in the field of aging.



Thematic analysis workshop at the PHARR Centre

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Back by popular demand, an encore of the Thematic Analysis Workshop was held at the PHARR Centre on October 3rd, 2024. In collaboration with All My Relations and TRU Research Services, Dr. Bacsu provided thematic analysis training in codebook development, coding, and creating thematic maps.