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GILBREA NEWS

Happy Spring! The Gilbrea Centre comes to you with an issue full of exciting information and announcements featuring great changes coming to the Centre over the summer:

We are thrilled to announce that as of July 1st, 2022, Dr. Anthea Innes has been appointed Director of the Gilbrea Centre! Want to learn more about our new Director? Read the next section which features Anthea's biography and Research interests.

Dr. Meridith Griffin (current Acting Director of the Centre), and Dr. Nicole Dalmer (Associate Director), will be staying on as Associate Directors of the Centre. We are so pleased to have them both continuing on the Gilbrea team.

Gilbrea has already begun the search for a SHARE Group Coordinator (commencing Fall 2022). The Faculty of Social Sciences and the McMaster Institute for Research on Aging (MIRA) has also invested in a two-year post-doctoral fellowship to be located in the Centre starting Fall 2022. Finally, Gilbrea will be hiring an RA in lieu to help with research and programming.

Under the leadership of Anthea Innes, Meridith Griffin and Nicole Dalmer, the Gilbrea Centre is excited to kick off Fall 2022 with new projects, programming, and a growing team.

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GILBREA'S NEW DIRECTOR - DR. INNES

Dr. Anthea Innes: Professor in Health Aging and Society, Gilbrea Chair in Aging and Mental Health, Incoming Gilbrea Director as of July 1st, 2022

Anthea is a social scientist who has specialized in the area of dementia for the last 25 years. At the core of her work is a concern to engage with the lived experiences of those impacted by dementia, namely, those diagnosed with the condition, their family members and professional care supporters. Her research interests span the care continuum from pre-diagnosis to end of life. Her particular research topics include rurality, technology and creative approaches to supporting those living with dementia. She has



conducted research in Canada, Malta, England, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland as well as her native Scotland. She has been a member of European wide and Canadian wide research teams. She is a member of **INTERDEM** a group of leading psychosocial researchers from across Europe (and beyond) and a Canadian team of researchers, **RADAR** exploring rurality and dementia care.

Read more about Anthea and her plans for the Gilbrea Centre in the [FSS announcement post](#).

RESEARCH SNAPSHOT

“Palaces for the People”: Mapping Public Libraries’ Capacity for Social Connection and Inclusion.

This knowledge synthesis study will examine the many ways in which public libraries foster feelings of connectedness among patrons and the communities they serve. With an international team, this synthesis is the first of its kind and comes at an opportune moment to consolidate and highlight the creative ways in which public libraries are mitigating growing feelings of disconnection in Canadian society.

Dalmer, N. K. (P.I.), McKenzie, P. (Co-Applicant), Rothbauer, P. (Co-Applicant), Johnston, J. (Collaborator), MacLeod, L. (Collaborator), Oliphant, T. (Collaborator), Birdi, B. (Collaborator), & Goulding, A. (Collaborator). (2022-2023). “Palaces for the People”: Mapping Public Libraries’ Capacity for Social Connection and Inclusion. SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grant. \$29,984.

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UPCOMING GILBREA EVENTS

2021 gilbrea centre for Studies in Aging 2022 *Virtual* SEMINAR SERIES

All 2021-2022 seminars were held via zoom. Miss a session or want to re-watch? Find links to the recorded seminars on our YouTube channel below:

In Case You Missed It

Genderacialised, labouring bodies in long-term care homes in a time of “woke”

Dr. Kimberly Lopez, Assistant Professor, University of Waterloo
Watch: <https://youtu.be/IE6r6X79T6U>

Unpacking the complexity of public preferences for and beliefs about dying at home in Canada

Dr. Laura Funk- Professor, University of Manitoba
Watch: https://youtu.be/O4C_zNR8NfQ
Co-hosted by the Department of Health, Aging & Society

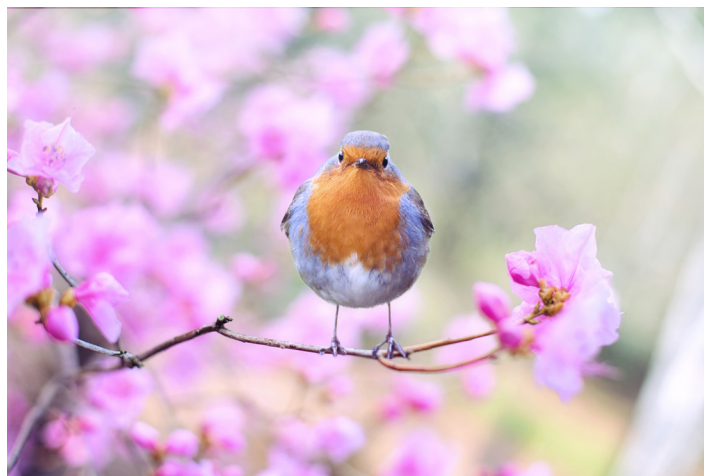
At the limits of care: How women negotiate moral, gendered responsibilities in our aging society

Dr. Janna Klostermann, Professor, Brock University
Tuesday, February 1, 2022 | 2:30PM-3:30PM EST
Co-hosted by the Department of Health, Aging & Society

Safe places for aging and care? Exploring violence in care for older adults

Dr. Rachel Herron, Professor, Brandon University
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 | 2:30PM-3:30PM EST
Watch: <https://youtu.be/c20Jh45hHAY>
Co-hosted by the Department of Health, Aging & Society

Full details available at:
<https://gilbrea.mcmaster.ca/events>



STUDENT MEMBERS

The Gilbrea Centre student group welcomes students with an interest in social studies of aging.

Each month, the student group meets to discuss a journal article of their choosing or have a writing session. Everyone is welcome to join in on the conversation! Keep an eye on the Gilbrea Student twitter page (@GilbreaStudent) for dates and times of the next Journal Club meeting.

Interested in joining the student group? Learn more about the Centre and its current student members by visiting <http://gilbrea.mcmaster.ca/people> or contact gilbrea@mcmaster.ca.

STUDENT AWARDS

Each year, the Ronald Bayne Gerontology Award and the E.B. Ryan Scholarship is awarded by the School of Graduate Studies on the recommendation of the director of the Gilbrea Centre for Studies in Aging.

The Ronald Bayne Gerontology Award was established in 1999 by Barbara Bayne to honour Dr. Ronald Bayne's valuable contribution to the study of Gerontology at McMaster University. Social Sciences and Humanities graduate students conducting research in the field of aging are eligible for the award. The E.B. Ryan Scholarship was established in 1997 using funds raised by a performance of the play "Letter from Wingfield Farm" and is awarded to Social Sciences and Health Sciences graduate students conducting research in the field of aging. We would like to congratulate this year's winners:

2022 Ronald Bayne Gerontology Award: Harneet Hothi

Harneet has recently completed her Masters in the Health and Aging Program at McMaster University. Her thesis focused on understanding the impact of COVID-19 in long-term care on outcomes such as mortality, by different demographic and socioeconomic variables. Additionally, she took interest in learning about the social-cultural dimensions of health and aging to further her understanding about different approaches to improving health equity



2022 E.B. Ryan Scholarship: Julia Kruizinga

Julia Kruizinga is pursuing a master's of nursing thesis-based degree at McMaster University. She works as a hospice/palliative care nurse and her clinical work and passion for research drove her to pursue graduate studies. Her research interests involve early integration of palliative care, quality end-of-life outcomes, and improving access to palliative care. The focus of her thesis work is on comparing quality indicator rates for individuals receiving palliative care.



KARL KINANEN RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

Starting this year, the Karl Kinanen Student Research Scholarship will be awarded annually to 1 Undergraduate student (\$1500) and 1 Graduate student (\$3000) from the department of Health, Aging and Society who, through their research are dedicated to improving the quality of care of older adults and to helping people stay connected in the Hamilton community. These scholarship funds have been made possible due to the generous support of former McMaster faculty member Karl Kinanen, his wife, Beatrice Kemp and a number of friends and colleagues.

Bria Mitrovica (below) from the Department of Health Aging and Society was awarded the inaugural Karl Kinanen Undergraduate Student Research Scholarship. Bria's is conducting work on a project titled "Aging in Place with Public Libraries: Mobilizing Social Infrastructure for Social Inclusion" which aims to give a voice to older patrons' understanding of the library's role in their everyday lives and bring attention to public libraries as a platform which positively impacts older adult' feelings of social isolation and wellbeing.



Amanda Bull (below) from the Department of Health, Aging and Society, was awarded the inaugural Karl Kinanen Graduate Student Scholarship. Amanda is exploring the lived experiences of older adults who face ageism in the workplace and contribute to the current knowledge gap on this topic. The goal is to not only shed light on these issues, but inform equity, diversity and inclusion practices and policies that tend not to include age-related issues.



Congratulations to both Bria and Amanda!

UPCOMING CONFERENCES



British Society on Gerontology Conference
Online, July 6-8, 2022

<https://www.britishgerontology.org/events-and-courses/bsg-annual-conference>



Aging & Social Change: Twelfth Interdisciplinary Conference
Krakow, Poland, September 22-23, 2022

<https://agingandsocialchange.com/2022-conference>



ENAS: Narratives and Counter-Narratives of Aging
and Old Age: Reflexivity in Aging Studies
Bucharest, Romania, Sept 29 - Oct 1, 2022

<http://enas.comunicare.ro/>



CAG2022: Closing the Research-Practice Gap

Regina, SK, Oct 20-22, 2022

<https://cag2022.ca/>

IN THE NEWS

- Nicole Dalmer (Gilbreia Associate Director), was awarded the 2022 Faculty of Social Science Early Career Research Award
- Jim Dunn (HAS Chair and CHEC Director), was featured in the Globe and Mail article "Housing advocates push for increased regulation of Canadian Landlords"
- Anthea Innes was interviewed by the McMaster Communications team to discuss her new Appointment as Professor, Health Aging and Society and Gilbreia Chair in Aging and Mental Health. Anthea shared her journey to McMaster and plans for her time here.
- Read the second edition of the Health Aging and Society Department Newsletter, released in May 2022

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