



E-NEWS

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GILBREA NEWS

Happy New Year! As we enter a new semester and with the pandemic still very much part of our lives, we wish to reach out and provide our continued well wishes and give you an update on the Gilbrea Centre's virtual programming.

In this issue, we are excited to announce some additions to the Gilbrea Centre team: Cal Biruk and Ashwini Namasivayam-MacDonald join us as associate members, and The Village at Canadore College as a community partner. Finally, we share some updates on upcoming events and conferences that we can look forward to attending (both in person and virtually) over the next year.

2021 for us is more than just a new year; it is also the 10-year anniversary of the Gilbrea Centre! Though we are unable to celebrate in person as we may have hoped, we wish to acknowledge the long-standing success and achievements of the Centre, our research, members, and community in our next newsletter which will be dedicated to commemorating this milestone. Stay tuned!

In our best efforts to help flatten the curve, the Gilbrea Centre team will continue to work remotely this Winter. We will be checking our email frequently and posting updates on our social media platforms. Please email gilbrea@mcmaster.ca if you would like to contact us.

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COMMUNITY PARTNER

We would like to welcome The Village at Canadore College as our newest community partner.

The Village at Canadore College is a world class health and wellness facility, the first of its kind within Canada. It uses a ground-breaking approach to educating the next generation of our country's health professionals. The Village blends Indigenous, Eastern and Western practices, and offers student led clinics, custom built classrooms, and a traditional Indigenous ceremony space. The facility fosters a spirit of collaboration that enhances the delivery of community-based services while inspiring a new ideal for holistic care and healing - across all life stages - that can be adopted by communities across the country. Areas of research priority for the Village include: interprofessional education, senior quality of life, intergenerational living and collaboration, and intercultural approaches to health and well-being.

More info: <https://www.canadorecollege.ca/the-village>



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!

- January 21st @11:00 am (General Meeting)
- February 18th @ 11:00 am (Journal Club)
- March 18th @ 11:00 am (Virtual Social Event)
- April 15th @ 11:00 am (Writing Session)

*Note: All meetings are held at 11:00 am. Contact @GilbreaStudent or email gilbr_sg@mcmaster.ca to receive a link for the zoom meeting.

We are excited to announce that the Student Group will be participating in the Alzheimer Society Walk for Memories. This year's event will be virtual and instead of walking in a pre-arranged event, movement by the student group will include fun activities including building a snow man, exploring a trail, yoga etc. Donate to their team page and help the Alzheimer's Society continue to make a difference in the lives of people affected by dementia. <http://ow.ly/zvLG50D6Jcc>

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.



GSG members at January 2020 Alzheimer's Walk.



UPCOMING EVENTS

2020 gilbrea centre for Studies in Aging 2021 *Virtual* SEMINAR SERIES

We are going virtual for it's 2020/2021 Seminar Series! All seminars will be held via Zoom. If Zoom is a new experience for you, check out our guide which will walk you through the process of joining us online. <http://ow.ly/jRiy50Bg4mz>

Intersectionality, gender, sexual orientation, and caregiving for partners/spouses in later life

Dr. Toni Calasanti, Professor, Virginia Tech
Wednesday, March 17, 2021 | 11:30AM-12:30PM EST
Co-hosted by the Department of Health, Aging & Society

In Case You Missed It

Topic: Time, Embodiment and Age

Dr. Julia Twigg, Emeritus Professor, University of Kent
Co-hosted by the Department of Health, Aging & Society
YouTube link will be released shortly!

A critical exploration of creativity and dementia at the intersection of embodiment, relationality and citizenship

Dr. Pia Kontos - Associate Professor, University of Toronto
Co-hosted by the Department of Health, Aging & Society
Watch: <https://youtu.be/QBXry0rSt4c>

Digital technologies and the shaping of aging futures: A critical research agenda

Dr. Barb Marshall, Professor, Trent University
Watch: <https://youtu.be/47q7xzmVQVY>

Full details available at :

<https://gilbrea.mcmaster.ca/events>

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

We would like to welcome Ashwini Namasivayam-MacDonald as the newest Associate Member of the Gilbrea Centre!

Ashwini Namasivayam-MacDonald is a clinically trained speech-language pathologist and an Assistant Professor in the Speech-Language Pathology Program with the School of Rehabilitation Science at McMaster University. Her current research focuses on understanding the physiological aspects of disordered swallowing in older adults. More specifically, her work centers on building a comprehensive and collaborative approach to dysphagia management in older adults, especially with those living with dementia. Her research also explores swallowing-related quality of life, management of dysphagia related caregiver burden and dysphagia management in long term care. In 2020 she was awarded the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Early Career Contributions in Research Award.



Cal Biruk is Associate Professor of Anthropology. Cal is the author of *Cooking Data: Culture and Politics in an African Research World* (Duke University Press, 2018); the book draws on ethnographic work in Malawi to trace the social lives of quantitative health data collected by population scientists, and shows how data reflect and cohere new social relations, persons, forms of expertise, and economies. Cal's research and teaching interests include: medical anthropology, critical global health studies, postcolonial science and technology studies, anthropologies of quantification and data, histories of anthropological theory, and queer studies. Cal is working on a few projects, including one that theorizes global health—as knowledge project, form of governance, and site of resource distribution—from the perspective of small, seemingly minor objects. This book-in-progress curates global health technologies and devices such as flipcharts, HIV tests, packets of condoms, NGO vehicles, and annual reports, and analyzes the racialized relations, affects (such as trust and suspicion), and economies they assemble amid aid geographies and audit culture. Cal is also working on a project that theorizes fitness wearables as queer technologies amid the datafication of health and bodies, and beginning a new project that tracks the thing-concept of "African health", and the relations, technologies, and ways of knowing it has cohered from the era of tropical medicine to Covid-19 in Malawi. Cal enjoys travel, running, marine life, hiking, and gardening.



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UPCOMING CONFERENCES



**Aging & Social Change: Eleventh Interdisciplinary
Vancouver, BC, September 23-24, 2021**

<https://agingandsocialchange.com/2021-conference>



**CAG2021: Looking Back for a Vision Forward
in Gerontology**

Toronto, Ontario, Oct 21-23, 2021

<https://cagacg.ca/sem/cag2021/>



**IFA 15th Global Conference on Aging
Niagara Falls, Ontario, Nov 9-12, 2021**

<https://www.ifa2021.ngo/>

IN THE NEWS

- **Kaitlin Wynia Baluk** (Gilbrea Student Group member) discusses how religious public art can communicate a religious belief in a manner that is respectful of and intelligible to a diverse secular audience.
- Margaret Denton (former Scholar-in-Residence) is awarded the **2020 Order of Hamilton**.
- Associate Memmbers **James Gillett and Jeremiah Hurley** are two of three researchers in the Faculty of Social Sciences that have received almost \$75,000 from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) to launch projects in partnership with community organizations.
- Associate Member Laura Tamblyn-Watts is quoted in a Toronto Star article entitled "'It's the seniors who suffer.' 73 residents have died at Tendercare. Grieving families ask: Where's the accountability?".

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