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GILBREA NEWS

Happy New Year! We hope that you and your family had a safe and relaxing holiday break. We are entering 2022 with (lots of snow), optimism and anticipation for a hopeful return to in-person events/learning but will continue with our programming virtually until safe. With that being said, we are excited to share some Gilbrea Centre updates and plans for the coming year!

In this issue, we are thrilled to introduce our newest Gilbrea Associate Member, Camille Isaac (OCAD University), as well as The Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Aging and Care (CIRAC) at the University of Graz in Austria as a community partner. We look back on the last semester to share some exciting research sessions and updates, and share the upcoming schedule for the Gilbrea Centre Student Group events.

Check out the “Upcoming Events” section of the newsletter to learn more and register for our upcoming seminars to finish off our 2021/2022 series. Missed a seminar? No problem, we also share our ICYMI section where you can look back and re-watch past seminars.

In our best efforts to help flatten the curve, the Gilbrea Centre team will continue to work remotely until safe to return. We will provide updates as we learn about them and are excited for a gradual return to our beautiful McMaster campus office in L.R Wilson Hall.

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KARL KINANEN 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. The research must be completed in conjunction with a thesis/graduate project.

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. Karl retired from McMaster University in 1992. As an Associate Professor in Social Work, Karl Kinanen taught the first Gerontology course in the mid-1970s and created the first Summer Institute on Gerontology in 1984. His work was instrumental in developing social gerontology at McMaster, and in Canada, and marked the beginning of many continuing education events for the professional community.

Congratulations to Bria Mitrovica, who has been awarded the Undergraduate scholarship for this year. In our next newsletter, we will include a feature on Bria as well as the soon to be named Graduate award winner (application deadline is January 25, 2022). For more information visit: <https://gilbrea.mcmaster.ca/gilbrea#n1342>

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 20th @11:00 am (Virtual Social - see below)
- February 24th @ 11:00 am (General Meeting)
- March 24th @ 11:00 am (Journal Club)
- April 21st @ 11:00 am (End of Year Social)

*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.

The Gilbrea Student Group invites you to their “Better Late Than Never” virtual holiday get together on January 20, 2022 from 11 am to 12:00 pm. Join them for a festive drink of wine or hot chocolate from home. Contact @GilbreaStudent or email gilbr_sg@mcmaster.ca to receive a link for the zoom 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.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

A workshop, sponsored by **Hamilton Aging in Community**, with four sessions designed to help maturing adults have the conversations necessary to successfully become conscious of the issues common to growing older, to get out of denial, and to become proactive in their own aging process. Participants will learn about the many advantages of living in a supportive community such as cohousing and home sharing and can decide if aging in community is right for them. Key concepts discussed will include interdependence, compassionate communication, reciprocal support, social cohesion, the environmental and economic impact of cohousing, the risk of taking charge or doing nothing at all and recognition that we do not outgrow our need for others.

- Dates: March 22 & 29, April 5 & 12, 2022
- Time: 12:30pm – 2:00pm
- Facilitators: Judy Shepalo (Cohousing Hamilton) & Dr. Ellen Ryan (Gilbrea Scholar, McMaster University)

Register for the Zoom 4-session course by contacting Ellen Ryan, ryaneb@mcmaster.ca

UPCOMING GILBREA EVENTS

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

We have continued to go virtual for the 2021/2022 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>

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
Register: <https://bit.ly/32YEZzW>

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
Co-hosted by the Department of Health, Aging & Society

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

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



NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Camille Isaacs is an Associate Professor of English at OCAD University in Toronto, specializing in postcolonial, and black diasporic literatures, particularly the Caribbean and Canada. She has considered the transmission of affect through social media for African women in the diaspora: "Mediating Women's Globalized Existence through Social Media in the Work of Adichie and Bulawayo" was published in *Safundi*. In addition, her edited volume, *Austin Clarke: Essays on His Works*, gathered critical essays on Clarke's work. She is deeply committed to equity work at OCAD University, co-chairing a task force that resulted in a commitment from the university to change the proportion of under-represented faculty and staff. Her current research considers aging and memory in Caribbean literature.



BECOME A MEMBER

Interested in learning more about becoming an Associate member of the Gilbrea Centre? Please e-mail gilbrea@mcmaster.ca

NEW COMMUNITY PARTNER

We would like to welcome the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Aging and Care as our newest community partner.

The Center for Interdisciplinary Research on Aging and Care (CIRAC) at the University of Graz in Austria was founded in 2020. The first of its kind in Austria, it was created to address socially relevant questions of aging, old age, and the organization of care (care structures and care cultures) from the perspectives of the humanities and social sciences. CIRAC's fields of research include the analysis of cultural representations of age, care, and the life course, human-technology interaction, ecologies of care, ethics and politics, and medical humanities. Its mission is to contribute to the growing field of Aging and Care Studies by facilitating inter- and transdisciplinary collaboration. More info: <https://cirac.uni-graz.at/en/>

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MEMBER PARTICIPATION

The following members and students participated in the Canadian Association on Gerontology virtual conference. "Hindsight 20/20: Looking Back for a Vision Forward in Gerontology" was held from October 20-23, 2021.

Dalmer, N. and Cedeira Serantes, L. (Oct 21, 2021) *Dubious ports, missing mice, and stashed passwords: Learning from a workshop series about older adults' digital hygiene and online privacy practices.*

Dalmer, N. and Cedeira Serantes, L. (Oct 21, 2021) *Imag(in)ing aging futures in comics and graphic novels.*

Dalmer, N., Mitrovica, B. and **Griffin, M.** (Oct 22, 2021) *Public libraries and community gerontology: Mobilizing social infrastructures for social inclusion.*

Dalmer, N. and Ellison, K. (Oct 23, 2021) "When I'm 64": *The futures of smart technology for aging in place, imagined by young adults.*

Marshall, T., and **Gillett, J.** (Oct 23, 2021) *How does the use of social media influence older adults' well-being?* in Poster Session VII.

Grenier, A., Kobayashi, K. and Imahori, D., (Oct 23, 2021) **Burke, E.** *The issue of research compensation: Strategies for meaningful inclusion and participation* in Poster Session VII.

Grenier, A. (Oct 21, 2021) *Precurity: A lens for understanding disadvantage and inequality in later life.*

Harvey, K. (Oct 21, 2021) *A Tale of Two Ageisms: The Identity Politics of Age in Group Exercise* in Poster Session III: CIHR-IA Student Poster Competition (Doctoral & Post-Doctoral).

Harvey, K. (Oct 21, 2021) *Taboo & untouchable: Body image in group exercise for older persons.*

Hatzifilalithis, S. and **Grenier, A.** (Oct 21, 2021) *(Re)Constructing Intergenerational Landscapes: Perspectives from Critical Gerontology.*

Sangrar, R., **Harvey, K.**, **Weldrick, R.**, Garnett, A., Kalu, M., **Hatzifilalithis, S.**, Patocs, A. and Kajaks, T. (Oct 23, 2021) *Interdisciplinary trainee networks to promote research on aging: Facilitators, barriers, and next steps* in Poster Session IX: Latebreaker Posters.

MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

Dalmer, N. & Barriage, S. (Eds.). (2021). Family Matters: Studying Information Phenomena Within the Context of the Family. *Library Trends*, 70(2).

Gombay, N., & **Andrews, G. J.** (2021). Living with embodied vibrations: Sensory experiences following a traumatic brain injury. **Social Science & Medicine**, 284, 114233.

Baluk, K. W., **Griffin, M.**, & Gillett, J. (2021). Mitigating the challenges and capitalizing on opportunities: a qualitative investigation of the public library's response to an aging population. *Canadian Journal on Aging/La Revue canadienne du vieillissement*, 40(3), 475-488.

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

- Congratulations to **Gavin Andrews** who was awarded **Doctor of Science** by the University of Nottingham
- Gilbrea Centre member **Chelsea Gabel** was included in the Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences report "**THINK BIG: How the social sciences and humanities are building a better Canada**"
- Dr. Mat Savelli discusses slowing down and reflecting on what you are doing and why on **Bounce McMaster** podcast.
- Read the first edition of the **McMaster Health, Aging & Society newsletter**, released in September 2021.

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