



Spring 2019 Newsletter



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• Chair Report •



Greetings all NRIG members! I hope everyone is enjoying spring. The sun and spring flowers popping up these days are certainly giving me more energy to put towards my research endeavors! I hope you're also feeling renewed.

NRIG Webinar

We were thrilled to host Dr. Melissa Kimber, Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at McMaster University, during our webinar event on “Preparing for a Career in Academia” on March 26th. The talk was very well received with participants on site at McMaster as well as others who joined via phone and online. The presentation was archived, and the link is available to view on our [website](#). Anyone in graduate studies would benefit from the information Melissa presented. Thinking about your career goals early-on is helpful to navigating decisions and carving out your path to success! Keep an eye out for upcoming webinars. We hope to be offering more this year.

RNAO Annual General Meeting

The RNAO AGM is taking place in Toronto from April 11th to 13th. NRIG will have a booth hosted by our Finance Officer, Dr. Winnie Sue. Stop by and say hi and take a look at our new marketing materials! We are thrilled to have new postcards, pends and banner that are updated to align with our new website. A big thank you to the Executive team and our Membership Chair, Christina Moldovan who oversaw the project.

Thank you to our Policy and Political Action Officers Sheila Boamah and Marzieh Moattari, who attended Queen's Park Day and met with local MPPs to advocate



for nursing research. Check out their report, included in our newsletter.

I also want to thank our Communications Officer, Demelza Domingo for her hard work and dedication to the newsletters you see each quarter. She does a fantastic job pulling together news and events, research funding and reports to keep our members informed.

NRIG Annual General Meeting

Keep an eye on your emails for NRIG's upcoming AGM in June, 2019. We plan to host this event at Ryerson University this year. Dr. Quinn Grundy, an Assistant Professor with Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing will be presenting to us on her research, which explores industry partnership in health care and the implications for health information, health care delivery and scientific evidence. Her unique perspective on the impact of these partnerships to nurses and nursing researchers is fascinating. You won't want to miss this! You can check out Quinn on her [website](#). We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

Thank you very much to all our members for your continued investment and support of NRIG. Happy Spring and see you in June!

Sincerely,

Amy Wright
NRIG Chair

• New NRIG Execs •



MELISSA NORTHWOOD, our *Member-at-Large-NRIG Board-Social Media* executive team member joined the NRIG executive in November 2018 having found the community a great support as a PhD student and early-career nurse researcher. Melissa is a PhD student in the School of Nursing at McMaster University and is conducting a mixed methods research study on the complexity of living with diabetes and urinary incontinence for older adults receiving home care services. Melissa hopes to grow NRIG's social media presence connecting our membership to international interdisciplinary researchers. Tweet her @northwoodRN @RnaoNRIG and join the conversation!



MARZIEH MOATTARI, our *Co-Policy & Political Action Officer*, executive team member, has a strong background in nursing education and research. She holds an academic ranking as full Professor from Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, Shiraz, Iran. She is a highly compassionate teacher and has a Master's degree in Medical Education in addition to BSc, MSc, and Ph.D. degrees in nursing. She has taught many subjects to nursing students at undergraduate and graduate levels. Also, she has conducted and published many types of research as the principal investigator. She also has graduate supervisory skills and has supervised more than forty theses and dissertations. Additionally, she has presented the research findings in national and international conferences across the globe. These achievements are reflected in her author impact factor (H Index) of 21 on Google Scholar and 7 in Scopus (Web of Science). As a member of RNAO and its interest groups, she decided to politically engage in the Nursing Research Interest Group to better influence teaching, research and leadership to enhance the quality of life of the diverse population of Canada.



SHIVALI BAROT, our *Student Representative*, executive team member is a final year student at the Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing's accelerated nursing program at the University of Toronto. She finished her undergraduate studies in Human Biology and Psychology at U of T as well. Her research interests primarily include Oncology and she has published and presented at several conferences. Her goals for the NRIG Executive Student member position include bridging the gap between students and NRIG initiatives, and she hopes to bring forth new ideas for students to get involved in research events.



OONA ST-AMANT, our *Secretary* is an Assistant Professor at the Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing, Ryerson University. Her program of research focuses on health promotion and social inclusion, notably with an interest in various forms of care working, including pedagogical explorations of caregiving and culturally responsive care. As principal investigator, she leads work funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CHIR), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) and other institutions. Dr. St-Amant's research involves various qualitative methodological approaches to facilitate a critical and rich understanding of contextualized human experiences. As an educator, she consistently relays the importance of research not only as a safeguard for patient care, but also as an engine for social innovation and progression.

• Award Recipient •



DANIELLE BOURQUE, the 2019 *RNFOO NRIG Award* recipient, is an Indigenous Masters Student completing her MSc in Nursing. She is from Beaver Lake Cree Nation in Treaty 6 territory. Her thesis research is focused on the integration of indigenous cultural safety in nursing curricula. This research will directly inform the ongoing implementation of Indigenous cultural safety curriculum in Canadian Schools of Nursing, fostering purposeful consideration of ways in which nursing education can address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action. Within the School of Nursing, Danielle is a graduate research assistant for a CIHR catalysts grant, mentored by Dr. Bernice Downey, looking at Indigenous perspectives of heart health. Lastly, Danielle is the Education Chair on the Canadian Indigenous Nurses Association (CINA) board of directors, where her passion is to improve the health of Indigenous Peoples by supporting Indigenous Nurses, and by promoting the development and practice of Indigenous Health Nursing.



• NRIG Awards •

The 2019 NRIG Scholarship & Grants Program is now open with \$12,500 in funding available. Two new awards have been added this year to support funding for conferences and new NRIG members.

The deadline for applications is April 15th, 2019. Application and information forms can be found [here](#).

The following is a list of available scholarships and grants.

➤ **Conference Grant: 1 x \$500**

Awarded to an NRIG member attending or presenting at a conference (preference will be given to NRIG members presenting at a conference and those who have no alternative conference funding). Applicants must be a member of NRIG for a minimum of two years.

➤ **New NRIG Member Award: 1 x \$500**

Awarded to a new NRIG member who is currently enrolled in a Master's or PhD program (preferably in nursing) or who is a novice nurse researcher (defined as a nurse who has completed their Master's or PhD degree within the past five years). Applicants must be members of NRIG for less than two years and must agree to maintain NRIG membership for a period of one year.

➤ **NRIG Scholarships: 3 x \$1500**

Awarded to an NRIG member currently enrolled in a PhD program, preferably nursing. Preference will be given to NRIG members who have not received a previous scholarship or grant. Applicants must be members of NRIG for a minimum of two years.

➤ **NRIG Research Grant (PhD Student): 1 x \$3000**

Awarded to an NRIG member currently enrolled in a PhD program, preferably in nursing. Preference will be given to NRIG members who have not received a previous scholarship or grant. Applicants must be members of NRIG for a minimum of two years.

➤ **NRIG Research Grant (Novice Researcher): 3 x \$1500**

Awarded to an NRIG member who is currently a new investigator (defined as a postdoctoral fellow or a researcher who has obtained their MN or PhD within the last five years). Preference will be given to NRIG members who have not received a previous scholarship or grant. Applicants must be members of NRIG for a minimum of two years.

If you have questions regarding the application process please contact, Barbara Chyzzy or Gillian Strudwick.

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Chyzzy, NRIG Past-Chair



• Policy and Political Action •

This year marks RNAO's 19th Annual Queen's Park Day events, and as the Policy and Political Action Officers of NRIG, we are pleased to attend and give voice in support of patient care and nursing in Ontario. As part of the Queen's Park experience, myself and Marzieh had the opportunity to tour the historic building and attend Question Period, where elected officials debate the issues of the day. Prior to attending the Question Period, we had an opportunity to dine with MPP Percy Hartfield (representing Windsor-Tecumseh region) and informed him of a wide range of nursing and health priorities including the need to strengthen primary care, and transforming long-term care to keep residents healthy and safe. In total, there were twelve key topics/backgrounders that myself and other NRIG executives addressed with MPPs. In the afternoon of Queen's Park Day, we hear directly from the Premier and Minister of Health and the Opposition Party Leaders and Opposition Health Critics regarding their views on nursing, health care and the social and environmental determinants of health. We are pleased that the MPPs all come in support of our mutual goal of improving health and wellbeing of Ontarians. Overall, this year's Queen's Park Day was a success and we are grateful for the support of the MPPs for their concerns in these matters which led to rich political discussion, and hopefully a resolution in the immediate future.



Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Christine Elliot, discusses the importance of nursing in Ontario at Hart House, University of Toronto (U of T).



Barbara Chyzy, NRIG's Past-Chair, thanks Christine Elliot for supporting nurses in Ontario.



Queen's Park Day afternoon presentations at Hart House, U of T.



• Social Media Report •



Interest Group Chair's Meeting. Presentation by Nursing Students of Ontario President Lauren Allison.



Marzieh Moattari & Sheila Boamah, NRIG Policy and Political Action Officers with Barbara Chyzy, NRIG Past-Chair.

Respectfully Submitted by Sheila Boamah & Marzieh Moattari, NRIG Policy & Political Action Officers

NRIG has been getting social and expanding our on-line community on Twitter (@RnaoNrig), Instagram (rnao.nrig), and Facebook (RNAO Nursing Research Interest Group). We are still in a developmental stage with very few followers on Facebook and Instagram but we hit a Twitter milestone in January as we gained 100 followers and now have 164 followers! Social media platforms can be a great resource for meeting researchers internationally, staying up to date on new publications in your field, and participating in discourse related to the practicalities of conducting research. So, NRIG members, please add us to your profiles, share and follow our posts, and tag us in to conversations of interest. Don't have any of these social media accounts? Consider setting a spring goal of joining at least one platform and link us in. If you share a passion for mobilizing social media for the good of nursing research, please reach out to Melissa Northwood, Member at Large for Social Media (@northwoodRN).

Respectfully submitted, Melissa Northwood, Member-at-Large-NRIG Board-Social Media





• Student Corner •

In March, NRIG was invited to attend York University's Nursing Career Fair! We had a great turnout as we met with enthusiastic undergraduate students. Students were eager to learn about nursing research and opportunities for funding. They were excited to join NRIG to take advantage of the opportunities to apply for our research grants and scholarships in the future. Students also indicated an interest in networking opportunities for which events such as our upcoming Spring AGM will support. It was exciting to hear that many of the students that visited our table were considering a career in nursing research upon graduation.

NRIG looks forward to continuing to support our nursing student members in their endeavors through networking, events, webinars, resources and highlighting funding opportunities.



Respectfully Submitted, Amnveer Deol, Past- Student Representative





• Upcoming Opportunities •

SAVE THE DATE!



Canadian
Doctoral Nursing
Network Conference

Dates and Location:

June 10th & 11th, 2019

University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan

2019 Keynote Speakers:

Alec Couros, BEd, MEd, PhD

Dr. Maura MacPhe, RN, PhD

Goals:

To bring together nursing scholars engaged in doctoral research, for networking, scholarly discussions and learning opportunities. To provide doctoral students the opportunity to submit an abstract and present. To provide support, encouragement and mentoring of doctoral students.

For more information click [here](#).



For those interested in post-doctoral or job opportunities University Affairs offers a job database that sends email alerts after signing up and selecting your job preferences. To get started, please click [here](#).



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Please click on [here](#) to access the following upcoming Grant opportunities:

May 1st, 2019 Grant Application Deadline:

- [Global Nursing Research Grant](#)
- [American Nurses Foundation Grant](#)
- [Chamberlain College of Nursing Education Research Grants](#)



The **International Journal of Nursing Studies** is calling for papers for a special issue on ‘Self-care in long term conditions’. Papers of interest include “reviews and studies that have the potential to change nursing care practice of policy”. They are particularly interested in Random Control Trials and systematic reviews of trials.

Deadline to submit is May 31st, 2019. Please click [here](#) for more information.



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ARCHIVES OF PSYCHIATRIC NURSING

The **Archives of Psychiatric Nursing** is calling for papers for a special issue on ‘The future of Psychiatric Nursing—10 years later’.

For a list of topics and for submission details, please click [here](#). **Deadline to submit is June, 2019.**



Birth is calling for papers responding to the commentary: “Asking Different Questions: A Call to Action for Research to Improve the Quality of Care for Every Woman, Every Child.”

For more information, please click [here](#). **Deadline to submit is April 15th, 2019.**



Advances in Nursing Science is calling for papers for special issues on “Artificial Intelligence and Robotics” and “Humanizing Precision Science”.

Deadline to submit is April 15, 2019. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Psycho-Oncology

Journal of the Psychological, Social and Behavioral Dimensions of Cancer

WILEY

Psycho-Oncology is calling for papers for a special issue on e-health innovations.

Deadline to submit is April 30, 2019. Please click [here](#) for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!



The Canadian Nursing Informatics Association, New Brunswick Nursing Informatics Group and Nova Scotia Nursing Informatics Group is hosting a conference titled ‘Nursing Informatics IS Nursing’.

Date and Location:

June 13th & 14th, 2019

University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB

2019 Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Maxim (Max) Topaz, PhD, RN, MA

Nursing Informatics: Current Trends and New Frontiers

For more information click [here](#).



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• 2018-2019 NRIG Executive Members •

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