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Monthly Newsletter

The Participatory Research Newsletter

This monthly newsletter aims to highlight the participatory research initiatives emerging from *Participatory Research @ McGill* (PRAM), and *Community Information, Empowerment and Transparency* (CIET), as well as share new opportunities for projects, courses, funding, and more!

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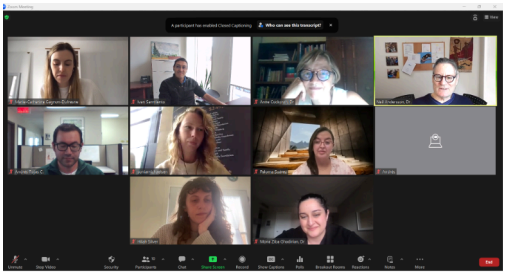
A Month in Review

An ever busy team, below are a few updates from the CIET-PRAM network.

Monthly Meeting

Sexual and gender-based violence amongst South Sudanese refugees



The monthly CIET-PRAM meeting is an opportunity to share project updates, present research protocols, practice dissertations defences, and more.

This month, PhD candidate, Sonia Michaelson, presented the results of her doctoral project. She shared her series of fuzzy cognitive mapping sessions and a survey with stakeholders, exploring the causes and solutions of sexual and gender-based violence amongst South Sudanese refugees. Sonia also presented some insights from the dissemination and feedback sessions with stakeholders in Uganda, a key part of her doctoral project.

Presentation

Research in Latin America, an opportunity for intercultural dialogue

Dr Iván Sarmiento, a member of CIET-PRAM, and Dr Mabel Carabali, an assistant professor at McGill's Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics, and Occupational Health, shared their insights during the Health in Latin America panel. The event was organized by Global Brigades and the Spanish and Latin American Students' Association of McGill (SLASA). Dr. Sarmiento discussed his work in Colombia and Mexico and presented the concept of intercultural dialogue as an

opportunity for the encounter of Indigenous and Western perspectives in the process of knowledge creation.

Celebration of Life

Khalid Umer Siddiqui

This past March, friends and colleagues from all over the world gathered to commemorate long time PRAM team member, Khalid Umer Siddiqui, who passed away suddenly in January 2024.

To honour his life's work, the team he closely collaborated with in Bauchi State, Nigeria created a touching documentary sharing their experiences with Khalid, which you can view here.

We are grateful to all who attended this tribute. If you would like to view a recording of the event, please contact Dr Iván Sarmiento.

NEW PROJECT LAUNCH

Reviving social interaction for healthy aging: participatory engagement of older adults in dementia prevention in rural African and Montreal contexts

We are happy to announce the recent 3-year funding of PRAM's upcoming project: *Reviving social interaction for healthy aging: participatory engagement of older adults in dementia prevention in rural African and Montreal contexts.*

Funded by CIHR, this project seeks to pilot the concept, feasibility, and acceptability of tools to measure operationalizing the hypothesized neurobiology of authentic participation, in preparation for a future multi-country RCT. The intervention will look at reviving meaningful social interactions through participatory research, which includes a two-pronged approach to the social dimension of aging: directly through the older adults, increasing their collaboration and socialization with other older adults; and indirectly through their caregivers, adding collective or socialized solutions to care. The pilot will initially include sites in Montreal and rural Botswana.

Congratulations to all involved! We look forward to sharing news as the project progresses.

Interested in learning more about knowledge translation and exchange in global health research?

JOIN FMED615: Applied Knowledge Translation and Exchange in Health

McGill University's Department of Family Medicine Summer School invites you to join this **ONE-CREDIT COURSE**. This blended-learning course, with **virtual** and **face to face sessions**, is dedicated to learning about integrated and participatory approaches to knowledge translation and exchange (KTE) in global health.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Instructor: Professor Anne Cockcroft
Modality: Blended learning; asynchronous online sessions and face-to-face sessions
Timing: 3-28 June, 2024; in-person sessions June 20 & 27 (9:30am-12:30pm)

The course takes an inclusive and participatory approach to KTE in global health settings, founded on extensive field experience in low- and middle-income countries. It covers principles and practice of integrated KTE in a global health context; critical evaluation and integration of evidence for planners and policy makers; collecting and using evidence for accountability in health services; and communicating evidence for action to different audiences.

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE COURSE OUTLINE AND LEARN MORE ABOUT FMED615!

Questions about the course?

Contact Michaela Field for more information.

Joining the PRAM Team

Student Internship

Anna Droppert

Please join us in welcoming Anna Droppert, a second-year medical student at McGill University. She is eager to enhance her writing and data analysis skills and looks forward to contributing to the PRAM lab's innovative research efforts.

Anna will collaborate with us on projects related to cultural safety in Indigenous health care and the use of participatory modelling using the Internet, respectively.

Interested in working with us?

Please contact Dr Iván Sarmiento with a note expressing your interest in the PRAM team.

Latest Publications

Highlighted below are some of the most recent publications from the industrious CIET-PRAM team:

Community Groups Co-Design Evidence-Based Docudramas to Communicate About Child Spacing in Bauchi State, Nigeria: A Qualitative Descriptive Study

Authors: Umaira Ansari, Khalid Omer, Yagana Gidado, Muhd Chadi Baba, Adamu Ibrahim Gamawa, Lois Ezekiel Daniel, Neil Andersson & Anne Cockcroft

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