

Research Update • Spring 2021

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Funding and Awards



Dr. Tracey Rickards, Associate professor, received **more than \$1.5 million in funding** towards the Mobile Seniors' Wellness Network: Reaching Rural New Brunswickers research project.

The COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized and exacerbated the isolation of many New Brunswickers and highlighted the need for remote or at-home service delivery for the most vulnerable population.

This innovative project has the potential to contribute to the ability of seniors to age-in-place. A multidisciplinary team including nurses and social workers will make home visits to monitor the health and safety needs of seniors and assess and augment foot care. This work will contribute enhanced understanding of the needs of older adults and inform the concurrent development and contribution to a resource bank that will provide access to information and services for older adults who are living in their homes.

"The Mobile Seniors' Wellness Network pilot project is a collaboration between UNB and Horizon Health Network to better understand the needs of seniors wanting to remain at home as they age," says Dr. Rickards. "With simultaneous goals of improving diabetic foot health among isolated seniors and to decrease the self-reported incidence of loneliness and social isolation, we will increase support and access to services for seniors and caregivers in Fredericton and the surrounding region."

Congratulations to UNB Faculty of Nursing Teaching Innovation Award recipient, Renée Gordon! This award is in recognition of an innovative teaching solution that combined virtual simulation and concept-based learning activities to simulate elements of a traditional clinical day, including the development of clinical judgment through critical thinking and reflection. This innovation was developed to address challenges linked to in-person clinical placements being put on hold during the first wave of COVID-19 in 2020.



[Read more here](#)

Dr. Jason Hickey was awarded the following by Employment & Social Development Canada Reaching Home Program: **\$325,000**. Turning Leaf Foundation, Hickey, J.E. Land purchase (62 acres) and land/culture-based healing camp development. Role: Lead for proposal writing and program evaluation.

Under One Sky Friendship Centre: New house purchase and emergency shelter development. **\$130,000** Employment & Social Development Canada Reaching Home Program. Role: Lead for proposal writing.

Under One Sky Friendship Centre, Indigenous Cultural Diversity Training Expansion. **\$75,000**. National Association of Friendship Centres Role: Co-writing application, leading evaluation.

Congratulations, Jason!

Faculty members, **Dr. David Busolo, Dr. Jason Hickey, Dr. Petrea Taylor, Renée Gordon and Alisha Keough**, were the successful applicants for the grant below:

Busolo, D., Hickey, J.E., Taylor, P., Gordon, R., Keough, A. Innovating nursing education using virtual-technology to combat COVID-19. \$33,385. NBIF/NBHRF.

Congratulations to all!

Dr. David Busolo was part of group of researchers awarded a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) 2020 Fall Project Grant, Amount over four years, \$761,176.00, 2021-2025. The research project is investigating, Young immigrants and refugees co-designing mental health and well-being solutions.



Dr. David Busolo and Dr. Jason Hickey were successful in their application for a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Fall Project Grant 2021-2022. Evaluating COVID-19 Mental Health and Child Welfare Supports at the Under One Sky Friendship Centre in Fredericton, New Brunswick. Amount **\$195,911**

Congratulations to both!

Please join us in congratulating Instructor **Bev Gaudet** who was recently awarded a University Merit Award.



Congratulations to **Stephen VanSlyke** who was the recipient of the 2020-2021 Faculty of Nursing Excellence in Teaching Award!



Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey & Dr. Sue O'Donnell were awarded a NBIF Research Professional Initiative award valued at **\$30,000** to be used as matching funds to support a Research Manager for their program of research focused on Violence, Gender and Health. Congratulations, Kelly and Sue!



Congratulations to Dr. Pam Durepos who has been awarded a University Research Fund (NF Explore) valued at **\$6,891**. The award will fund the research project, Creating the Caring Ahead and Coping with Change Intervention for Family Caregivers of Person with Dementia.

Congratulations to Dr. Petrea Taylor who won the 2020 Global Qualitative Nursing Research (GQNR) Best Paper Award for her article, *Hunting to Feel Human, the Process of Women’s Help-Seeking for Suicidality After Intimate Partner Violence: A Feminist Grounded Theory and Photovoice Study*.



Papers published by the GQNR in 2020, were reviewed in relation to the significance of the contribution of the findings to new understandings in the field of study, methodological excellence, overall elegance of the writing and presentation of ideas. [More details here](#)

We would also like to congratulate Dr. Taylor as the recipient of the 2020-2021 Faculty of Nursing Excellence in Teaching Award!

Newsroom

Dr. Sue O’Donnell participated in a Canadian Federation of Mental Health Nurses, titled *Identifying and Responding to Workplace Bullying and the Related Consequences*, on March 18th. [Read more here](#)



Congratulations to MN student, Shelley Francis! Shelley was featured by CBC News for her instrumental work in an initiative to provide patients in seven hospitals in the Horizon Health Network with sacred medicines.

Each hospital involved in the project is equipped with a how to guide for performing smudging ceremonies. Congratulations, Shelley on this amazing achievement!

Hospital authority offers sacred medicines to meet cultural needs of Indigenous patients [Read the full story here](#)



Dr. Kathy Wilson, UNB Associate Vice President Academic (Fredericton) and Nursing faculty member, was featured in the Fall/Winter 2020 Alumni News based on the work that she and members of the UNB community have done to manage UNB's response to COVID-19. [Read the full article](#)

MN graduate (2019), Amanda Myran, Piluwitahasuwin, Assistant Vice-President Indigenous Engagement and **Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey**, Associate Professor and Assistant Dean, UNB-Humber collaborative program, Director of Community Research, Scholarship and Teaching, FDCHC, and research fellow at the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, were featured by UNB, in honour of International Women's Day. [See the full story here](#)

Amanda Myran (MN'19) is UNB's first Piluwitahasuwin, Assistant Vice-President Indigenous Engagement. Through this role, she serves as a vital link between the university and Wabanaki and Indigenous communities.

[Read more about Amanda Myran's work here](#)





Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey (BN'99, MN'07, PhD'13) is a research fellow at the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research. She helped develop the myPlan Canada App for women experiencing intimate partner violence.

[Read more about Dr. Scott-Storey's work here](#)

In April 2021 **Kelly** participated as a panel member in The Shaping Debate, a virtual public dialogue to discuss a sustainable future for health care in New Brunswick. [More details here](#)



A non-traditional path for Joan Kingston (BN'78) where nothing is unattainable

Author: Dr. Lorna Butler

Joan Kingston's (BN'78) career pathway as a Registered Nurse is neither linear nor traditional. Rather it reflects her character and the results of numerous initiatives that not only changed peoples' lives but altered the landscape of their communities so others could thrive. [Read more here](#)

On April 26th, **Dr. Paul Mazerolle, president** and vice-chancellor of the University of New Brunswick, visited the Fredericton Downtown Community Health Centre (FDCHC).

To the right, **Dr. Mazerolle is accompanied by Joan Kingston, Dr. Tracey Rickards and Dr. Kelly-Scott Storey**

Over the last 15 years, the FDCHC has served as a living laboratory for student education and provided care to thousands of vulnerable members of our community.



Student Research and Awards

Congratulations to **Karen Ursel, UNB BN alumna** and **MN student, Carolyn Baxter** who were recipients of the 2020-2021 McPhedran Nursing Faculty Development Graduate Scholarships

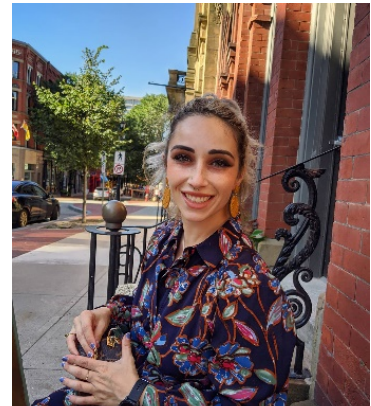


Congratulations to Master of Nursing student Ruth Lue who was awarded a SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship Master's Award!

These highly competitive national awards are valued at \$17,500 over one year and will support Ruth's research focused on, Toxic Stress and the Black Child: The Impact Over a Lifetime.

Ruth will work with thesis committee members Dr. Kelly Scott-Storey (Nursing) and Dr. Lucia Tramonte (Sociology) to complete this research. Please join me in congratulating Ruth on this significant achievement. **Well done, Ruth!**

Congratulations to **MN Nurse Practitioner Student, Kaitlyn Assadpour** who successfully defended her thesis on May 11, titled, The role of Nurse Practitioners in preventing the revolving door of readmissions and emergency department visits among individuals with complex care needs. Kaitlyn's research has illuminated the important role that NPs play in Preventing readmissions and emergency department visits via their multifaceted role, approach to care, and time spent with patients.



Kaitlyn completed her thesis while also completing the NP program and is looking forward to completing her final clinical practicum in the summer term. Thank you to Supervisor Dr. Shelly Doucet, Committee Member Dr. Alison Luke, Internal Reader Dr. Lisa Keeping-Burke, and External Reader Dr. Neeru Gupta (Sociology). **Way to go, Kaitlyn!**



In January 2021, **MN Nurse Practitioner student, Jennifer Splane**, presented a poster titled, Improving transitions from pediatric to adult healthcare for youth/young adults with complex care needs (CCN): Preliminary Findings, in the inaugural transition pop-up event through Children's Healthcare Canada. Jen's poster was part of the poster fair and presented in the Rapid-fire Presentation Series. [The poster can be found here](#)

On May 6th, Jennifer successfully defended her thesis titled, Transitioning from pediatric to adult health care: Exploring the practices and experiences of care providers. Findings from Jen's research highlight critical gaps in health care for those moving from pediatric to adult care that point to important service provision and policy implications. Jen completed her thesis while also completing the NP program and is now looking forward to completing her final clinical practicum in the summer term. Well done, Jen and Thank you to supervisor Dr. Shelly Doucet, committee member Dr. Alison Luke, Internal Reader Dr. Lisa Keeping-Burke, and External Reader Dr. Amanda Benjamin (Education).

Jennifer has been accepted to complete a PhD in Health at Dalhousie University and offered a Nova Scotia Graduate Scholarship valued at \$15,000 over 4 years!

Congratulations, Jennifer on all of these important achievements!

Our MN grads are doing amazing things! Congratulations to **Master of Nursing graduate Patricia Morris (MN 2020)** who has been awarded the Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship!

This highly competitive and prestigious national award is valued at \$50,000 over three years and will support Patricia's UNB Interdisciplinary Studies doctoral research focused on understanding the impacts of non-consensual nursing care on clients with cognitive impairments living in long-term care facilities in New Brunswick. Clients with cognitive impairments, such as those that result from Alzheimer's Disease, are now advocating for the right to make choices for themselves well into advanced disease. Nevertheless, there are times when healthcare professionals must intervene and subvert these choices



in order to protect the safety and the dignity of the patient whose judgment and cognition are impaired.

Patricia is working with Dr. Rose McCloskey (Nursing) and Dr. Karla O'Regan (STU Criminology, UNB Law, MMFC Research Fellow) to complete this research.

UNB BN student, Ridhi Sharma is the recipient of an NBHRF Studentship Stipend valued at \$5,175. Ridhi will be mentored and supervised by Dr. Emily Read while studying the overall client, caregiver and provider experience in using remote monitoring in conjunction with other home care services and evaluate the cost-effectiveness of these technologies.

Congratulations to **UNB BN student, Jocelyn Russell**, who is the recipient of an NBHRF Studentship Stipend valued at \$6,900. Jocelyn will be mentored and supervised by **Dr. Petrea Taylor** on a qualitative study entitled, Women's health promotion in the context of suicidality: A grounded theory study. Jocelyn will have the opportunity to work on a literature review, data collection, data analysis, and theory development and writing and is looking forward to this exceptional learning experience!



Please join us in congratulating our students on these exciting achievements!

Faculty Publications

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