

Annual Report For Organized Research Units

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2. Faculty Representation:

Please see Section 5 (*Membership and Governance*) for a full list of YIHR faculty representation.

3. Charter dates: *First Charter 1990; Last Renewal 03/2005 (SCOR Review)*

4. Mandate

The York Institute for Health Research (YIHR) has a mandate to facilitate, support and conduct health research under six broad themes: Diversity and Health; Health Law and Ethics; Health and the Environment; Health Governance; Health Care and Health Equity; and Social Justice. YIHR facilitates, supports, and conducts research under these themes through the lenses of community engagement, interdisciplinarity, internationality, multi-method approaches and policy relevance. YIHR promotes integrated, practical and multidisciplinary health research by drawing together and supporting a range of social, environmental, biomedical and behavioural scientists, as well as researchers from business, law, education, fine arts, the humanities and the physical sciences and by providing resources to facilitate large collaborative and/or complex research projects.

5. Membership and Governance

Active Members		
Initiative	York University Members	Faculty
Disability Rights Promotion International (DRPI)	Marcia Rioux	School of Health Policy and Management, Faculty of Health
	Roxanne Mykitiuk	Osgoode Hall Law School
National Network on Environments and Women's Health	Dayna Nadine Scott	Osgoode Hall Law School
Major Collaborative Research Initiatives (MCRI)	Pat Armstrong	Dept of Sociology, Faculty of LA&PS
	Jacqueline Choiniere	School of Nursing, Faculty of Health
	Tamara Daly	School of Health Policy and Management, Faculty of Health
	Megan Davies	Dept of Social Science, Faculty of LA&PS
	Joel Lexchin	School of Health Policy and Management, Faculty of Health
Center for Disease Modeling	Jianhong Wu	Dept of Mathematics & Statistics, Faculty of Science & Engineering
	Jane Heffernan	
	Neal Madras	
	Seyed Moghadas	
Program Evaluation Unit	Mina Singh	School of Nursing, Faculty of Health
Program Evaluation Unit/ YIHR Projects	Michaela Hynie	Department of Psychology, Faculty of Health
Taking Action	Sarah Flicker	Faculty of Environmental Studies
YIHR Projects	Naomi Adelson	Department of Anthropology, Faculty of LA&PS

Other Members		
	Title	Name
York Institute for Health Research	Research Projects Coordinator	Marc Settino
	Centre Coordinator	Mirela Cojoaca
	Work Study Student	Nneka Nwaogu

Disability Rights Promotion International	Project Coordinator	Rita Samson
	Research Associate	Christopher Lytle
	Research Assistant	Gillian Parekh (Doctoral Student)
	Research Assistant	Jessica Vorstermans (Doctoral Student)
	Research Assistant	Paula Hearn (M.A. Student)
National Network on Environments and Women's Health	Projects Coordinator	Jyoti Phartiyal
Centre for Disease Modelling	Administrative Clerk	Katya Richardson
YIHR Program Evaluation Unit	Program Evaluator	Carolyn Steele Gray
	Work Study Student	Joo Ann Lee
Taking Action	Non-faculty PI	Jessica Yee
	Research Assistant	Ciann Wilson (Doctoral Student)
	Research Assistant	Erin Konsmo (M.A. Student)
	Postdoctoral Fellow	Xuan Thuy Nguyen

Other YIHR Faculty Members	
York University Members	Faculty
Annie Bunting	Dept of Social Science, Faculty of LA&PS
Rachel Gorman	School of Health Policy & Management, Faculty of Health
Thomas Klassen	School of Public Policy and Administration, Faculty of LA&PS
Amin Mawani	Schulich School of Business
Nancy Halifax	School of Health Policy & Management, Faculty of Health
Celia Haig-Brown	Faculty of Education
Jon Johnson	Dept of Social Science, Faculty of LA&PS
Bonita Lawrence	Dept of Equity Studies, Faculty of LA&PS

David McNab	Dept of Equity Studies, Faculty of LA&PS
Susan McGrath	School of Social Work, Faculty of LA&PS
Uzo Anucha	School of Social Work, Faculty of LA&PS
Narda Razack	School of Social Work, Faculty of LA&PS
Yvonne Bohr	Dept of Psychology, Faculty of Health
Dennis Raphael	School of Health Policy & Management, Faculty of Health
Serban Dinca-Panaitescu	School of Health Policy & Management, Faculty of Health
*Note that Other YIHR Faculty Members have been co-applicants on pending, unsuccessful or recently successful YIHR submitted proposals and have not contributed to ongoing project or initiatives between July 1, 2011 to April 30th, 2012, but are still affiliated with YIHR.	

Executive Committee Members	
Name	Faculty
Harris Ali	Faculty of Environmental Studies
Pat Armstrong	Department of Sociology, LA&PS
Sarah Flicker (on leave)	Faculty of Environmental Studies
Sandra Gabriele	Department of Design, Faculty of Fine Arts
Stephen Gaetz	Faculty of Education
Joan Gilmour	Osgood Hall Law School
Michaela Hynie	Department of Psychology, Faculty of Health
Sudeshna Maitra	Department of Economics, LA&PS
Ron Pearlman (Ex-Officio Member)	Department of Biology, Faculty of Science & Engineering
Marcia Rioux	School of Health Policy and Management, Faculty of Health
Mina Sing	Graduate Program in Nursing, Faculty of Health
Jianhong Wu	Department of Mathematics & Statistics, Faculty of Science & Engineering

Executive Committee Subcommittee	
Student Representatives	
Ellen Sweeney (Doctoral Student)	Ciann Wilson (Doctoral Student)

6. Annual Progress in Fulfilling Mandate

Facilitating, supporting and conducting multidisciplinary health research

From June 2011 to April 2012 YIHR was engaged in 29 ongoing research projects within the six themes (see APPENDIX 1 – PART A for full list). YIHR's organizational structure maximizes its ability to successfully facilitate, support and host a broad range of interdisciplinary research including independent research initiatives (e.g. Disability Rights Promotion International; National Network on Environment and Women's Health; MCRI; Center for Disease Modeling; Program Evaluation Unit; Taking Action) and individual projects by York faculty.

A key manner in which YIHR supports and facilitates work by researchers from a number of York University faculties is by providing administrative support to faculty members who wish to submit proposals to funding agencies or who have successfully obtained funding. This support is particularly important for the development and administration of large multidisciplinary team grants. From June 2011 to April 2012, YIHR submitted 21 research proposals (See APPENDIX 1- PART A for full list). One of the most notable proposals is the successful Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) proposal, *“Implementing a Multi-Sector Employment Strategy for Women and Men with Disabilities”* submitted by Dr. Marcia Rioux (principal investigator, PI) and four other York University co-investigators from the faculties of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (LA&PS), Health, and Schulich School of Business. Other operating grant proposals have been submitted to peer reviewed granting agencies such as the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Grand Challenges Canada, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board Research Advisory Council (WSIB RAC), the Swedish International Development Agency, Health Canada, and Heritage Canada. Although not all submitted proposals are funded, YIHR is clearly succeeding in supporting and facilitating the generation of new health research and knowledge.

As an Organized Research Unit, YIHR has the unique opportunity to draw faculty from different disciplines and backgrounds. The YIHR Executive Committee is a prime example of this interfaculty interaction. The YIHR Executive Committee is comprised of York University faculty members from seven faculties across the university (see Section 5). Each YIHR Executive Committee member differs in their area of study however the prospect of health-related research bridges the faculty gap and brings them together.

Ensuring health research is integrated and practical

YIHR has built knowledge mobilization into all of its work as a vital component of any ongoing research. YIHR facilitates knowledge exchange by supporting numerous conferences and workshops both nationally and internationally, providing administrative and financial aid, as well as supporting applications to granting agencies for these activities. From June 2011 to April 2012, York Institute for Health Research initiatives held 42 workshops/conferences. For example YIHR’s initiative, Disability Rights Promotion International, has held regional workshops in countries in Africa, Europe, Asia, South America and North America (See APPENDIX 1 – PART B). YIHR also regularly supports health related conferences and workshops organized by other organizations (See APPENDIX 1 – PART B). For example, YIHR paid for graduate student support to organize and deliver the *“Seeking Solutions Symposium”*, a national symposium for health care providers, policy makers, researchers and health administrators on health care for the uninsured, organized by Women’s College Hospital and Sick Kids Hospital.

As part of the YIHR Program Evaluation unit’s efforts to support community partners’ program evaluations, the Program Evaluation Unit, in partnership with the York University Knowledge Mobilization Unit, facilitated a series of 12 workshops from June 2011 to April 2012. These workshops were designed to provide community participants with the support and tools needed to improve their skills in evaluation and research methodologies (see APPENDIX 1 – PART B). In collaboration with the Homeless Hub, the Program Evaluation Unit has also developed an on-line course in program evaluation for agencies in the homelessness sector, which was pilot tested in the spring of 2012 with community

mental health organizations in a partnership with the Canadian Mental Health Association (Ontario Branch).

An important aspect of YIHR's Knowledge Mobilization activities includes linking research to policy. In order to facilitate this research-policy relationship, YIHR has developed partnerships and collaborations with several Local Health Integration Networks (LHIN) in the Greater Toronto Area (e.g. Central West LHIN and Toronto Central LHIN). In addition, YIHR also has on-going projects with Health Canada and Heritage Canada where it builds in components that include policy makers as members of project advisory committees. (See APPENDIX 1 – PART C for a list of Knowledge Mobilization activities and practices)

YIHR sees student engagement in health research as essential. A Student Executive Committee acts as a liaison to York University students through workshops as well as YIHR's Twitter, Facebook and website. From June 2011 to April 2012 the Student Executive Committee facilitated four events for York University graduate students. Most notable is the YIHR Annual Graduate Student Symposium that brings together graduate students engaged in health-related research from across all disciplines and provides them the opportunity to present and to publish in the symposium proceedings posted on the YIHR website (see APPENDIX 1- PART D). Graduate and undergraduate students also participate in health research as research assistants and graduate assistants both at the level of individual projects and initiatives, and for the YIHR overall.

YIHR also hosts the Ontario Training Centre (OTC) Graduate Diploma in Health Services and Policy Research, who's Site Coordinators are Pat Armstrong (YIHR faculty member) and Marcia Rioux (Institute Director). The diploma helps to inform policy development and decision-making about the organization, funding, and delivery of health services or the allocation of resources dedicated to improving health. Unique features of this Diploma Program include: availability of courses addressing important issues in health services research at any of the six participating universities (Lakehead, Laurentian, McMaster, Ottawa, Toronto, and York), linkages with students and faculty across universities and disciplines, field placement opportunities in policy and research settings across the province. Four York students were accepted into the program for 2011-2012. As of April 2012, 18 York students have graduated and received their diplomas; one will graduate in the summer 2012 and four will graduate in the fall of 2012 (see APPENDIX 1- PART E).

7. Financial Accountability

(See attached)

8. Objectives for Upcoming Year

YIHR is structured to include initiatives as well as individual York faculty research projects. Many of YIHR's initiatives (DRPI, NNEWH, CDM) will submit funding proposals to large peer reviewed granting agencies (CIHR, SSHRC, NSERC) to supplement their funding, and engage in knowledge mobilization and dissemination practices. YIHR also intends to attract new research initiatives, including new program evaluation contracts, as these provide long-term sustainability and financial predictability for the ORU. YIHR will continue to support individual York faculty research projects. For example, YIHR faculty are currently developing funding proposals to submit to CIHR in the fall 2012 operating grant competitions(\$300,000+, 3 years peer reviewed).

YIHR strongly encourages and supports less experienced York faculty members to apply for research funding. YIHR plans to target newly appointed faculty, introducing them to YIHR as well as informing them about the research support available when submitting proposals through YIHR.

Many of YIHR's initiatives plan to host conferences and workshops in the upcoming year. One notable example includes the DRPI conference *"Monitoring Disability Rights: An exploration of recent models and their advantages and disadvantages"*. This conference will be held at York University from May 26th to May 27th, 2012 and will include 20 participants gathering from across Canada as well as 15 non-Canadian visitors.

The YIHR Students' Executive Committee will facilitate regular health-related events and workshops aimed at engaging students interested in health research and providing opportunities for peer feedback and exchange (e.g. the popular Annual Graduate Student Symposium and OGS/Graduate School Application workshops). In addition, YIHR plans to publish the first edition of the YIHR journal *"Health Tomorrow: Interdisciplinarity and Internationality"* in the spring of 2012. This online peer-reviewed journal is dedicated to publishing innovative and diverse health scholarship from emerging and established academics from all disciplines. This project was initiated by the 2010-2011 Student Committee Executive Members Julia Brassolotto and Nav Baldeo. This digital journal offers another forum for students to become involved in interdisciplinary health research and share their findings with others in a collegial environment.

In the next year, YIHR's Program Evaluation Unit has plans to expand. Currently the Program Evaluation Unit's Coordinator, Dr Mina Singh, and YIHR's Associate Director, Dr. Michaela Hynie, are working to create a Program Evaluation graduate diploma. The completed diploma program will be submitted to York University for approval in the fall of 2012. The YIHR Program Evaluation Unit diploma will include course work as well as a partnership with MITACS to provide practicum opportunities for graduate students. The YIHR Program Evaluation Unit believes the diploma will promote program evaluation and facilitate evaluation capacity in the community while training a new generation of highly skilled professionals.

9. Other relevant items the Director wishes to report

YIHR is structured in a unique way, sharing resources between research initiatives and individual research projects. Initiatives are research areas that include more than one research project within a broad research theme that fits into YIHR's priorities. Projects are short-term projects (1-3 years) that are interdisciplinary in nature and do not fall into one of these broader themes or initiatives but still meet the YIHR mandate.

YIHR's structure of initiatives and projects allows for organizational efficiencies. YIHR support staff members are able to support both research initiatives and in individual projects and grant development in a manner that is flexible and that avoids duplication of efforts. Because of this flexibility, staff members also have the opportunity to a broad range of skills and networks.

YIHR has been able to sustain a high level of activity due to its superb staff members, which includes project officers and research associates who assist with the submission of all research proposals as well as supporting York University researchers with their projects. This kind of support is invaluable when applying to large and complex funding opportunities, and especially when there are multiple

collaborators across a range of sectors.

YIHR's distributed resource model also involves the sharing of costs with other research centers (e.g. LaMarsh Centre for Research on Violence and Conflict Resolution) and among other researchers. Examples include the sharing of capital (e.g., photocopying machines and office supplies) and the sharing of staff (e.g., administrative support). Nonetheless, YIHR still faces challenges in the costs of infrastructure support (e.g., the cost of phone lines, the need to update computers), as funding for infrastructure is difficult to obtain directly from contracts and grants and thus is only available through direct funding from the university or through tri-council overhead.

10. Appendix 1 – Additional Information about Progress in Fulfilling Mandate

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11. Appendix 2 – Individual Member Contributions

APPENDIX 2: A – Rioux, M.

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APPENDIX 2: C – Singh, M.

APPENDIX 2: D – Scott, D.

APPENDIX 2: E – Armstrong, P.

APPENDIX 2: F – Choiniere, J.

APPENDIX 2: G – Daly, T.

APPENDIX 2: H – Davies, M.

APPENDIX 2: I – Lexchin, J.

APPENDIX 2: J – Wu, J.

APPENDIX 2: K – Heffernan, J.

APPENDIX 2: L – Madras, N.

APPENDIX 2: M – Moghdas, S.

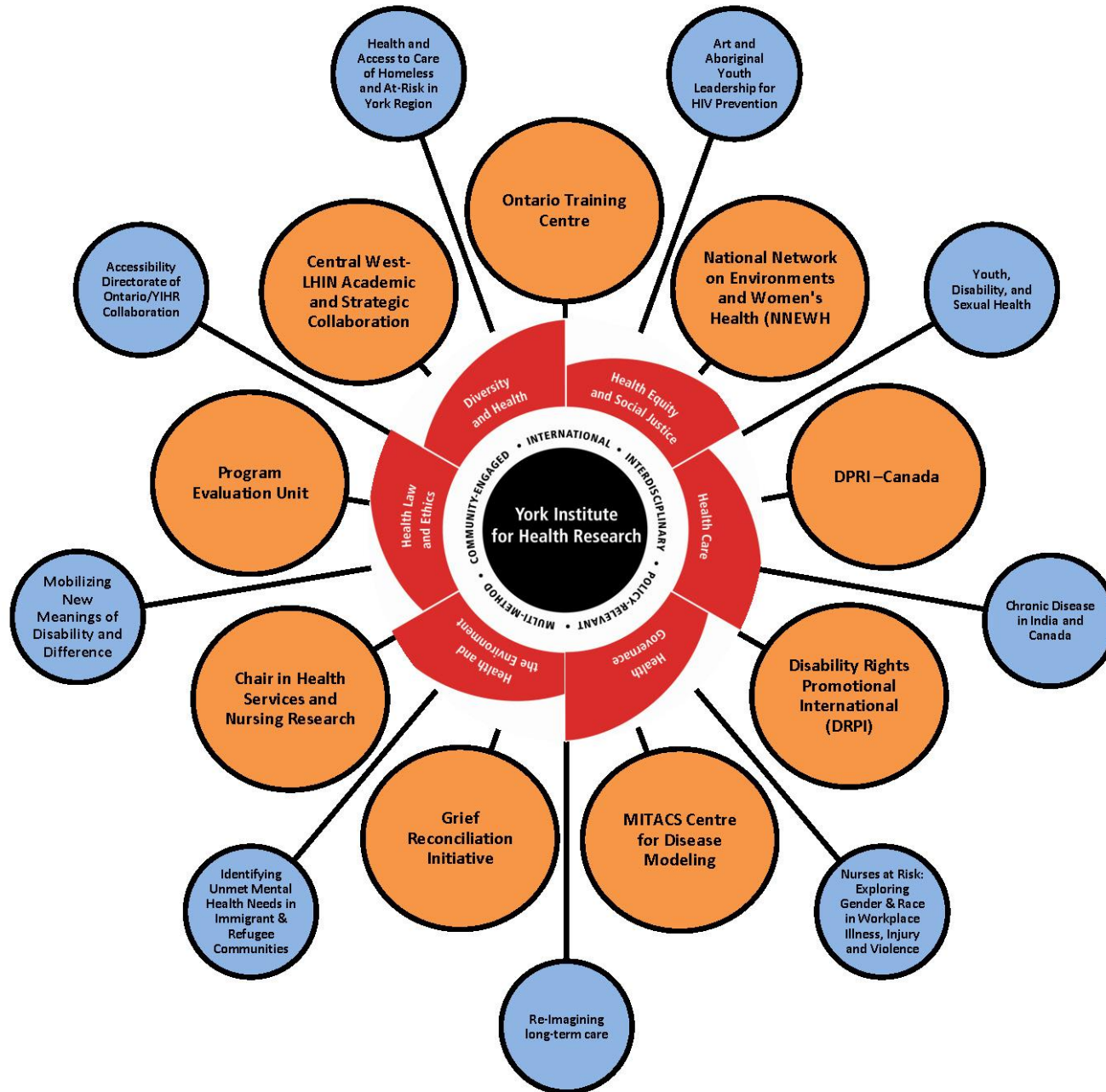
APPENDIX 2: N – Flicker, S.

APPENDIX 2: O – Mykitiuk, R.

APPENDIX 2: P– Naomi, A.

APPENDIX 1 – PART A: ONGOING/SUBMITTED PROJECTS & PROPOSALS

YIHR's Initiatives & Projects



APPENDIX 1 – PART B: CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Disability Rights Promotion International (DRPI)

- Regional Disability Rights Monitoring Trainings
 - Location: Becici, Montenegro
 - Date: Jan 22-30, 2012
 - Description: Training of monitors, site coordinators and data analysts
 - Number in Attendance: 14
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 14
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 14
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 14

- Regional Disability Rights Monitoring Trainings
 - Location: Marrakech, Morocco
 - Date: Feb 20-15, 2012
 - Description: Training of monitors, site coordinators and data analysts in DRPI monitoring tools and methodology
 - Number in Attendance: 20
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 20
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 20
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 20

- Regional Disability Rights Monitoring Trainings
 - Location: Buenos Aires, Argentina
 - Date: Mar 22-29, 2012
 - Description: Training of monitors, site coordinators and data analysts
 - Number in Attendance: 6
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 6
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 6
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 6

- Regional Disability Rights Monitoring Trainings
 - Location: Kathmandu, Nepal
 - Date: Apr 18-24, 2012
 - Description: Training of monitors, site coordinators and data analysts
 - Number in Attendance: 14
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 14
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 14
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 14

- Disability Rights Promotion International (DRPI)-Monitoring Disability Rights: An exploration of recent models and their advantages and disadvantages
 - SSHRC's Aid to Research Workshops and Conferences in Canada
 - Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: May 26th - 27th 2012

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- Description: The Let the World Know Re-visited Workshop is designed to provide a forum to facilitate discussion on research, best practices and current ideology emerging from the field of monitoring and specifically disability rights monitoring. Several international organizations engage in disability rights monitoring and promote various approaches to praxis and policy initiatives. However, opportunities for knowledge exchange within the field remain limited.
- Number expected to be in attendance: 31
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 25
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 20
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 16

- Regional Disability Rights Monitoring Trainings
 - Location: Johannesburg, South Africa
 - Date: June 4-10, 2012
 - Description: Training of monitors, site coordinators and data analysts
 - Number expected to be in attendance: 22
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 22
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 22
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 22

- Regional Disability Rights Monitoring Trainings
 - Location: Honduras
 - Date: June 25 - July 1, 2012
 - Description: Training of monitors, site coordinators and data analysts
 - Number expected to be in attendance: 6
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 6
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 6
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 6

National Network on Environments and Women's Health

- Women Automotive Plastic Workers at Risk? Starting the Conversation
 - Location: Windsor, Ontario
 - Date: January 26 2012
 - Number in Attendance: 71
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 59
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 9
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 3

Major Collaborative Research Initiatives (MCRI)

- Looking for indicators of acceptable work or organization, based on “francophone work activity analysis”
 - Location: York Advanced Research Seminars, York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: September 12th, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 14

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- Total number of participants from outside York University: 4
- Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
- Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Social care models and ethics of care
 - Location: York Advanced Research Seminars, York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: October 17th, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 11
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 4
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Welfare states and care models in historical perspective
 - Location: York Advanced Research Seminars, York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: November 14th, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 15
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 4
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Continuums of care and welfare state change
 - Location: York Advanced Research Seminars, York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: December 12th, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 15
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 4
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Welfare state typologies in social policy
 - Location: York Advanced Research Seminars, York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: January 20th, 2012
 - Number in Attendance: 12
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 4
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Framing care work comparatively
 - Location: York Advanced Research Seminars, York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: February 10th, 2012
 - Number in Attendance: 15
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 6
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 1
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Gender and comparative frameworks- levels of analysis
 - Location: York Advanced Research Seminars, York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: March 19th, 2012

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- Number in Attendance: 14
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 5
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0
- Professions and approaches to care; Cultural theories of disability and care models: clashes
 - Location: York Advanced Research Seminars, York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: April 13th, 2012
 - Number in Attendance: 15
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 5
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

Centre for Disease Modeling

- MITACS Transmission Dynamics: Canada-India Symposium on Modeling and Informatics of Disease and Environment
 - Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: August 29 - 31, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 30
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 18
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 4
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 3
- Centre For Disease Modeling Distinguished Lecture Series: Yuan Lou
 - Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: September 16, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 30
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 1
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0
- Centre For Disease Modeling Distinguished Lecture Series: Hans Heesterbeek
 - Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: September 19, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 30
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0
- Centre For Disease Modeling Distinguished Lecture Series: Jacques Belair
 - Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: November 25, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 30
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 1
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

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- MITACS Transmission Dynamics: CDM Symposium: Information Diffusion and Media Impact on Infectious Diseases
 - Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: December 6, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 30
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 4
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 1
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 1

- Centre For Disease Modeling Distinguished Lecture Series: Xiaoqiang Zhao
 - Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: December 9, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 30
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 1
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Centre For Disease Modeling Distinguished Lecture Series: Fred Brauer
 - Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: January 2, 2012
 - Number in Attendance: 30
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 1
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- MITACS Transmission Dynamics: Second CDM Incubation Day of Excellence in Nonlinear Dynamics and the Life Sciences
 - Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: January 24, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 35
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 35
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Centre For Disease Modeling Distinguished Lecture Series: Yingfei Yi
 - Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: March 23, 2012
 - Number in Attendance: 30
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 1
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

Program Evaluation Unit

- Introduction to Program Evaluation
 - Location: Markham Convergence Centre, Markham, Ontario
 - Date: October 25, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 15

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- Total number of participants from outside York University: 15
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Evaluation Concepts, Trends, Innovations
 - Location: TD Engagement Centre, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: November 8, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 8
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 8
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Applying Program Logic Model to Plan Your Evaluation
 - Location: TD Engagement Centre, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: November 15, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 8
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 8
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Mixed Method Research
 - Location: TD Engagement Centre, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: November 22, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 7
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 7
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0
 - Qualitative Data Analysis

- Research Mixed Methods
 - Location: Markham Convergence Centre, Markham, Ontario
 - Date: November 23, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 15
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 15
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Community Based Research/PAR
 - Location: Markham Convergence Centre, Markham, Ontario
 - Date: November 30, 2011
 - Number in Attendance: 15
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 15
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Qualitative Data Analysis
 - Location: TD Engagement Centre, Toronto, Ontario

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- Date: November 29, 2011
- Number in Attendance: 6
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 6
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Digital Storytelling
 - Location: Markham Convergence Centre, Markham, Ontario
 - Date: January 17, 2012
 - Number in Attendance: 15
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 15
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Digital Storytelling
 - Location: TD Engagement Centre, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: January 17, 2012
 - Number in Attendance: 6
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 6
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Community Based Research/PAR
 - Location: TD Engagement Centre, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: January 31, 2012
 - Number in Attendance: 6
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 6
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Qualitative Analysis
 - Location: Markham Convergence Centre, Markham, Ontario
 - Date: February 14, 2012
 - Number in Attendance: 15
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 15
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

- Evaluation for Policy Requirements
 - Location: Markham Convergence Centre, Markham, Ontario
 - Date: February 28, 2012
 - Number in Attendance: 15
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 15
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

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Taking Action – Meetings Planning and Dissemination

- Kahnawà:ke Taking Action! Art and Aboriginal Youth Leadership for HIV Prevention Community Launch
 - Location: Kahnawake, Quebec, Canada
 - Date: April 21, 2012
 - Number in Attendance: 20
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 20
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 20
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

YIHR- Other

- YIHR Annual Graduate Student Symposium: Health at the Intersection
 - Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: April 27, 2012
 - Number in Attendance: 20
 - Total number of participants from outside York University: 3
 - Total number of participants outside Ontario: 0
 - Total number of participants outside Canada: 0

YIHR - Sponsored Events

- Centre for Refugee Studies - Graduate Students Conference,
 - Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: April 27-28, 2012
 - YIHR Funding: \$200

- Critical Disability Studies Stud. Assoc., -8th Annual CDSSA Grad Student Conference
 - Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: April 14, 2012
 - YIHR Funding: \$150

- Seeking Solutions Symposium: Linking Ethics, Research Evidence and Policy-Practice Change-
The Hospital for Sick Children, Women's College Hospital
 - Location: Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario
 - Date: February 21-22, 2012
 - YIHR Funding: \$200

APPENDIX 1 – PART C: KNOWLEDGE MOBILIZATION

YIHR recognizes knowledge mobilization as more than a separate activity that occurs after research has been completed. YIHR has consequently built knowledge mobilization into all of its work, as a vital component to any ongoing research. Several notable examples have been provided below.

Disability Rights Promotion International (DRPI)

Online Training Course

In an effort to ensure sustainability of training in disability rights monitoring, DRPI is translating its training materials that have, thus far, only been used during ‘in-person’ trainings, into an online course. This new course will permit any individual or group around the world with Internet access to learn how to conduct disability rights monitoring using the DRPI tools and methodology. Presentation of training material will include text, video clips featuring DRPI personnel from around the world and self-learning activities and quizzes. Communication between participants around the world has been facilitated through the use of social media (Twitter).

National Network on Environments and Women’s Health

- Development of a new website for April 2012: www.womenandchemicals.ca
- Development of a plain language background article on endocrine disruption for the public
- Planned partnering with Canadian Auto Workers (CAW) for continued knowledge translation (webinar, information tools) in summer 2012

Major Collaborative Research Initiatives (MCRI)

- MCRI project Toronto Community Consultation: September 15th, 2011
- MCRI project Ottawa Community Consultation: October 26th, 2011

Program Evaluation Unit

- From June 2011 to April 2012 the YIHR Program Evaluation Unit in partnership with the York University Knowledge Mobilization Unit facilitated a series of 12 workshops designed to provide community participants with the support and tools needed to improve their skills in evaluation and research methodologies (See APPENDIX 1- PART B)
- In collaboration with the Homeless Hub, the Program Evaluation Unit has also developed an on-line course in program evaluation for agencies in the homelessness sector

YIHR- Other

- YIHR recognizes and understands the importance of linking research to policy. In order to facilitate this research-policy relationship, YIHR has developed partnerships and collaborations with several Local Health Integration Networks (LHIN) in the Greater Toronto Area (e.g. Central West LHIN and Central LHIN).

APPENDIX 1 – PART D: FACILITATING FACULTY AND STUDENT RESEARCH

York University Faculty

YIHR has increasingly attracted researchers from a number of York University faculties who want to be engaged in interdisciplinary health research. Furthermore, YIHR provides administrative support to individual faculty members who wish to submit proposals to funding agencies. As an Organized Research Unit separate from a faculty or department, YIHR has the unique opportunity to draw upon the wealth of individual researchers and scientist from different disciplines and backgrounds at York University. YIHR is able to pull together a group of individuals who might not share the same discipline but who have similar health research goals and interests.

The York Institute for Health Research Student Executive Committee Events

OGS Workshop

- Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
- Date: September 27, 2011
- Number in Attendance: 21
- Description: This workshop offered graduate students an important opportunity to receive peer review of OGS applications and distribution/discussion of OGS information materials.

Graduate School Application Workshop

- Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
- Date: November 15, 2011
- Number in Attendance: 17
- Description: This workshop provided an opportunity for fourth year undergraduates and Masters students to receive feedback from peers on how to apply to Grad School. Participants received tips on writing their applications and handouts with an example of a recent successful application. Students also had the opportunity to receive feedback through peer review on their draft applications.

Realities of a Career After Graduate School

- Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
- Date: February 13, 2012
- Number in Attendance: 12
- Description: The YIHR student committee held the workshop "Realities of a Career After Graduate School". Carolyn Steele from the York University Career Centre facilitated the workshop. This interactive session began with a presentation and discussion of trends and opportunities in the post-grad job market. The workshop continued with participants working in groups to discuss how their grad school experiences translate into highly transferable skills. This discussion was particularly useful in conceptualizing a methodology for career exploration as students move towards completing their graduate studies

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YIHR Annual Graduate Student Symposium: Health at the Intersection

- Location: York University, Toronto, Ontario
- Date: April 25, 2012
- Number in Attendance: 20
- Description: Brought together graduate students across all disciplines who were engaged in health-related research and provides them the opportunity to present to their peers and publish in the symposium proceedings posted on the YIHR website.

List of Presenters and topics below:

2012 YIHR Graduate Student Symposium: Health at the Intersection	
Flavia Genovese and Janet Juanico Cruz	“Closed Doors”: Barriers accessing healthcare services by Latin American women who have suffered violence and precariousness in Toronto
Navindra Baldeo	Accessing Health Care Services in the Outer Suburbs of York Region
Farah Islam	Health Equity for South Asian Communities in Toronto Challenges and Recommendations
Syeda Farahnaaz Kabir	A Rights-Based Approach to Address Income as a Social Determinant of Health to Reduce Diabetes Mellitus Among South Asian Populations in Canada
A.J. Lowik	Toward a Corporeal Trans-Feminism: The Case of the Abortion Clinic and Trans-Feminist Theories of Inclusion
Aimee K.H. Whitefoot	The Politics of Infant Feeding in Canada- Tracing the Socio-Historical Trajectory of the Breast Pump
Ellen Sweeney	Moving Beyond Breast Cancer Awareness Campaigns
Andrea Campbell and Sandra Smele	A New Approach to Understanding Violence in the Mental Health Sector
Samantha Hudyma	Helping Frontline Specialized Care Workers Support the People they serve through their Grief- The Development of a Training Model for Best Practice
Michael G. Miceli	The Bipolar Future -The Surge in Diagnosis and Treatment of Pediatric or Early-Onset Bipolar Disorder
Sheila Macdonald	Examining Various Myths and Truths about Harmful Chemicals Found in Everyday Products
Ragini Sharma	Take a deep breath in and let it go. And Relax.....

APPENDIX 1 – PART E: CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEACHING

Ontario Training Centre Graduate Diploma in Health Services and Policy Research

Pat Armstrong (YIHR faculty member) and Marcia Rioux (Institute Director) co-direct the York University site of the Ontario Training Centre (OTC) Graduate Diploma in Health Services and Policy Research, and YIHR houses the diploma’s student office. Health services research is intended to inform policy development and decision-making about the organization, funding, and delivery of health services or the allocation of resources dedicated to improving health.

Unique features of this Diploma Program include: availability of courses addressing important issues in health services research at any of the six participating universities (Lakehead, Laurentian, McMaster, Ottawa, Toronto, and York), linkages with students and faculty across universities and disciplines, field placement opportunities in policy and research settings across the province, and summer institutes. Students accepted into the diploma program are eligible for stipends. Four York students have been accepted into the program for 2011-2012. As of April 2012, 18 York students have graduated and received their diplomas; one will graduate in the summer 2012 and four will graduate in the fall of 2012.

OTC Students	Department
Suzanne Peters	Sociology
Barbara Nicole Balan	Education
Patricia Marie Williams	Sociology
Albert Banerjee	Sociology
Monnah Green	Woman's Studies
Isabel Sousa	Sociology
Bonita Heath	Critical Disabilities
Jeremy Petch	Philosophy
Hope Shamonda	Philosophy
Mark Staz	Philosophy
Elizabeth Doyle	Philosophy
Alana Marie Harrington	Kinesiology
Navindra Baldeo	Geography
Nathan Harron	Philosophy
Daniel Perez	Kinesiology
Farah Islam	Kinesiology and Health Science
Deborah Kanter	Clinical-Developmental Psychology
Samantha Yamada	Clinical-Developmental Psychology
Qamar Zaidi	Health Policy&Equity

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OTC Awards

- CHSRF/CIHR Grant for Ontario Training Centre Post-Doctoral Fellowship
 - PI: Eric Mykhalovskiy
 - Start/end dates: March 1, 2012 - August 31, 2012
 - Amount: CAD \$25,000

- CHSRF/CIHR Grant for Ontario Training Centre Post-Doctoral Fellowship
 - PI: Pat Armstrong
 - Start/end dates: March 1, 2012 - August 31, 2012
 - Amount: CAD \$25,000

APPENDIX 1 – PART F: VISITORS

Centre for Diseases Modeling

CDM Project: Mitacs Transmission Dynamics

Name of Visitor: Hildebrando Rodrigues

Date: July 31 - Aug 8, 2011

CDM Project: Mitacs Transmission Dynamics

Name of Visitor: Haiyan Wang

Date: July 31 - Aug 26 - Dec 25, 2011

CDM Project: GEOIDE

Name of Visitor: Natarajan Arunachalam

Date: July 31 - Aug 30 - Sep 3, 2011

CDM Project: GEOIDE

Name of Visitor: Prashant Goswami

Date: July 31 - Aug 30 - Sep 3, 2011

CDM Project: GEOIDE

Name of Visitor: Upadhyayula Murty

Date: July 31 - Aug 30 - Sep 3, 2011