

# MMRC Research Rounds Schedule 2022 - 2023

**Wednesdays  
1230 - 130 pm**

**One Zoom Link:**

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The McMaster Midwifery Research Centre is hosting a series of Research Rounds in 2022-2023 open to MMRC Fellows, researchers, midwifery undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff, community midwives, medical residents, and anyone interested in midwifery research.

Please join us using the same Zoom link to watch the latest research in progress. The schedule, topics, presenters and their bios are listed below.



Wed., Nov. 30, 2022	<b>Perinatal health of people with disabilities in Ontario</b>	Lesley Tarasoff, Hilary Brown
Wed., Jan. 11, 2023	<b>Are larger babies in midwifery care because of undiagnosed gestational diabetes? GDM screening and perinatal outcomes among midwifery clients in British Columbia</b>	Elizabeth Nethery
Wed., Feb. 1, 2023	<b>Collaborative research partnerships to advance midwifery</b>	Cristina Mattison, Kirsty Bourret
Wed., Mar. 1, 2023	<b>Burnout in Midwifery</b>	Andrea Lawlor, Meagan Furnivall
Wed., Apr. 5, 2023	<b>Social justice based curriculum for Ontario Midwifery: What does it look like?</b>	Claire Ramlogan-Salanga
Wed., May 31, 2023	<b>Community engagement and anti-racist approaches to pregnancy health knowledge exchange with racialized newcomers in Canada and Denmark</b>	Luseadra Joy McKerracher

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Wednesday, November 30, 2022, 1230-130pm

### Perinatal health of people with disabilities in Ontario

*Lesley Tarasoff, PhD, Hilary Brown, PhD*

Lesley Tarasoff is a Canadian Institutes of Health Research-funded Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Toronto Scarborough and the Centre for Addiction & Mental Health. Primarily drawing on qualitative methodologies, Dr. Tarasoff's program of research aims to understand and address disparities and inequities in reproductive and perinatal health and health care experiences among often-stigmatized and marginalized populations, chiefly women with disabilities and sexual minority women.



Hilary Brown is an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto, in the Department of Health & Society (Scarborough Campus) and the Dalla Lana School of Public Health (St. George Campus). She is cross-appointed to the Temerty Faculty of Medicine's Department of Psychiatry and is an Adjunct Scientist at Women's College Hospital and ICES. Dr. Brown holds a Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Disability & Reproductive Health. Her research program uses epidemiologic methods to examine maternal and child health and mental health across the life course, with a particular focus on populations with disabilities and chronic disease, health equity, and the social determinants of health.



Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 1230-130pm EST (930-1020am PST)

### Are larger babies in midwifery care because of undiagnosed gestational diabetes? GDM screening and perinatal outcomes among midwifery clients in British Columbia

*Elizabeth Nethery, RM, MSc, MSM, PhD Candidate*

Elizabeth Nethery is a PhD candidate in the School of Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia and a Registered Midwife in British Columbia. She is a perinatal and reproductive epidemiologist with a broad interest in the impacts of research evidence on clinical practice. Her research uses quantitative analytic tools to explore midwifery outcomes from community births, reproductive health care and, most recently, changes in antenatal screening practices and diagnosis. Her dissertation study focussed on gestational diabetes with Dr. Patti Janssen at the University of British Columbia. She was supported by a Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship.



Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 1230-130pm

## Collaborative research partnerships to advance midwifery

*Cristina Mattison, PhD, Kirsty Bourret, RM, PhD*

Dr. Cristina A. Mattison is an Assistant Professor (Part-time) in the Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence, and Impact. Cristina obtained her PhD in Health Policy and MSc in Global Health from McMaster University. She is a health systems and policy researcher that applies this lens to sexual and reproductive health and rights. Specifically, her work focuses on understanding the roles of midwives in health systems, which includes midwifery association strengthening.



Dr. Kirsty Bourret (elle/she/her) is a trained midwife, Adjunct Scientist at the McMaster Midwifery Research Centre (MMRC), Fellow at Karolinska Institute, and was a Francophone faculty member with the Midwifery Education Program at Laurentian University. Kirsty was awarded the prestigious FORTE international postdoctoral fellowship funded through the Swedish Research Council to continue her research on midwife-led person-centered comprehensive abortion care in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). She also received a Mitacs Accelerate fellowship to co-conduct a multi-country, multiple case study to further study midwifery association strengthening.



Wednesday, March 1, 2023, 1230-130pm

## Burnout in Midwifery

*Andrea Lawlor, PhD, Meagan Furnivall, BHSc, MSc, RM*

Andrea Lawlor, PhD, is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at King's University College, Western University. Her research focuses on Canadian law and public policy with a specific focus on administrative law and health and social policy.



Meagan Furnivall, MSc, is a Registered Midwife practising in London, Ontario. Meagan is focusing on building Midwifery Research Capacity as the Clinical Research Lead at London Health Sciences Centre. Meagan's research interests include how midwifery students and obstetrical residents learn and understand shared decision making, the safety and implementation of skin-to-skin contact in cesarean section, interprofessional collaboration, and sustainable midwifery.



Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 1230-130pm

## **Social justice based curriculum for Ontario Midwifery: What does it look like?**

Claire Ramlogan-Salanga RM, BComm, BHSc, MSc

Claire Ramlogan-Salanga is a registered midwife and lecturer with the McMaster Midwifery Education Program. Her leadership positions include Chair of Council at the College of Midwives of Ontario and Chair of the Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the Canadian Midwifery Regulator Council. As part of her commitment to support the midwifery community she co-developed the Canadian IBPOC Peer Review program. Her research interests include health professions education, social justice education reform, intersectional approaches to research design and methodology and health equity.



Wednesday, May 31, 2023, 1230-130pm

## **Community engagement and anti-racist approaches to pregnancy health knowledge exchange with racialized newcomers in Canada and Denmark**

*Luseadra Joy McKerracher, PhD*

Luseadra McKerracher is a Junior Fellow at the Aarhus Institute for Advanced Studies, an Assistant Professor at the Department for Public Health, and a member of the Platform for Inequality REsearch Aarhus University (PIREAU), all at Aarhus University in Aarhus, Denmark. She does community-engaged research and health promotion work focused on identifying and reducing nutritional, housing, and other environmental inequities that affect adolescent (i.e., preconception) and pregnancy/peri-natal health. This work is framed using a Developmental Origins of Health and Disease (DOHaD) perspective, with a view towards supporting health and preventing disease throughout the lifecourses of parents and their children.

