

Canada-International HIV and Rehabilitation Research Collaborative (CIHRRRC) Summer 2022 E-Update (July 2022)

New CIHRRRC Members

The **Canada-International HIV and Rehabilitation Research Collaborative (CIHRRRC)** welcomes **2 new members!** From South Africa, we welcome Dr. Natalie Benjamin-Damons, Senior lecturer/Second year coordinator in the Department of Physiotherapy at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg. From Canada, we welcome Dr. Tizneem (Tiz) Jiancaro, Post-Doctoral Fellow in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of Toronto. We would also like to celebrate the new affiliation of CIHRRRC member Anson Au as Assistant Professor of Sociology in the Department of Applied Social Sciences at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. This brings our CIHRRRC membership to China. CIHRRRC now has over **119 members** across **nine countries**.

CIHRRRC Updates



HIV in Motion: Latest Community of Practice Session



The **Community of Practice** called **HIV in Motion** held its most recent session, *Love it or leave it (in a drawer): what the evidence says about Fitbits and other Wireless Physical Activity Monitors*, on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 from 12:00 – 2:00 PM EDT. In case you missed it, keep your eyes peeled for the recording of the keynote presentation by CIHRRRC member, Dr. Tizneem Jiancaro [here](#). To learn more about the HIV in Motion CoP and listen

to content from the past three CoP online module sessions click here: <http://bit.ly/HIVinMOTIONSite>. For more information, you can reach out **George Da Silva**, Engagement Coordinator for HIV in Motion at george.dasilva@utoronto.ca. See the CIHRRRC website for information on the [HIV in Motion Study](#).

Conferences and Meetings

International AIDS Conference – Montreal, Canada – July 29-August 2, 2022

The 24th International AIDS Conference is happening in Montreal (and virtually) from July 29-August 2nd.

Realize is leading two zones in the conference Global Village to address inequities in the global HIV response. **The Silver Zone** will be the first International AIDS Conference Global Village networking zone dedicated to aging and older people living with HIV. This will be a place for aging and older people living with HIV to re-engage with the HIV community and follow the science on HIV and ageing, as well as to feel included and celebrated. *The Silver Zone* will showcase presentations, interactive workshops, and installations on topics of interest to aging and older people living with HIV, long-term survivors, and those who provide care and support to these populations. **The Disability Networking Zone** will include a 3 day program where conference participants and the public can meet, learn from each other's experiences, and engage with cutting edge global research and best practices. This zone will include presentations, stories, roundtable discussions, and interactive sessions that invite participants to share their knowledge with a wide range of Conference delegates and visitors.

International Workshop on HIV and Aging – Virtual Conference, October 13-14, 2022

The 13th International Workshop on HIV & Aging will take place online from 13-14 October, 2022. See more information, including information on abstract submission process [here!](#) **Abstracts are due by 22 July, 2022** at 23:59 EDT.

Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR), Virtual Conference April, 2022

The **31st Annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research** took place virtually on April 27th to 29th, 2022. CIHRRRC members, including Kelly O'Brien, Tizneem Jiancaro, Saul Cobbing, and Soo Chan Carusone, presented abstracts and poster presentations at the conference. You can access abstracts to the presentations, and the posters, [here](#).

CIHRRC Member Publications

- **Au A.** "[Decolonization and Qualitative Epistemology: Toward Reconciliation in the Academy.](#)" *Qualitative Social Work* (Online First). 2022 June 13: DOI: 10.1177/14733250221108626
- **Brown DA, O'Brien KK, Harding R, Sedgwick PM, Nelson M, Boffito M, & Lewko A.** "[Prevalence, severity, and risk factors of disability among adults living with HIV accessing routine outpatient HIV care in London, United Kingdom \(UK\): A cross-sectional self-report study.](#)" *PLoS ONE*. 2022 May 12: 17(5):e0267271.
- **Lau B, Sharma I, Manku S, Kobylanski J, Wong LY, Ibáñez-Carrasco F, Chan Carusone S, & O'Brien KK.** "[Considerations for developing and implementing an online community-based exercise intervention with adults living with HIV: a qualitative study.](#)" *BMJ open*. 2022 Apr 1;12(4):e059294.
- **Vajravelu S, O'Brien KK, Moll S, & Solomon P.** "[Exploring the disability experiences of South Asian Women living with HIV in Southern Ontario, Canada.](#)" *Disability and Rehabilitation*. 2022 Feb 14: 1-7.
- **O'Brien KK, Davis AM, Chan Carusone S, Avery L, Tang A, Solomon P, Aubry R, Zobeiry M, Ilic I, Pandovski Z, Bayoumi AM.** [Examining the impact of a community-based exercise intervention on cardiorespiratory fitness, cardiovascular health, strength, flexibility and physical activity among adults living with HIV: a three-phased intervention study.](#) *PLoS One*. September 24, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0257639>
- **Harding R, Jones CI, Bremner S, Bristowe K, West B, Seigert RJ, O'Brien KK, Whetham J, and the EMERGE Consortium.** [Positive Outcomes: validity, reliability and responsiveness of a novel person-centred outcome measure for people with HIV.](#) *HIV Medicine*. Published Online: Jan 11, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1111/hiv.13224> .

CIHRRC Member Presentations

CIHRRC member, Saul Cobbing, presented "Lessons from Africa: giving rehabilitation a more human face" at the University of Toronto Rehabilitation Sciences Institute (RSI) Leadership Rehab Rounds on April 20, 2022. You can listen to and view the recording [here](#).

Stay Tuned!

The next CIHRRC E-Update will be in **Fall 2022!** You can also follow us on **Twitter** [@CIHRRC!](#)

For more information on these activities and/or CIHRRC, please contact **Kiera McDuff, CIHRRC Coordinator**, at cihrrc@utoronto.ca or visit the CIHRRC website at <http://cihrrc.ca/>

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