

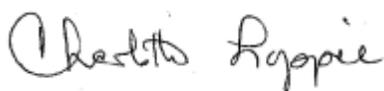
Editorial

Welcome readers. We are delighted and grateful to announce that, as of October 1, 2017, the Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto will be the new publishers of IJIH. And so, this is the last Issue to be published by the Centre for Indigenous Research and Community-Led Engagement at the University of Victoria.

In this Issue, we present five research articles that explore the social determinants of Indigenous peoples' health in Canada and the United States, including: environment, gender, language, policy, and victimization. As well, we offer an article that discusses the challenges and opportunities of working with large data sets involving Indigenous health. Scott Anderson and colleagues present the findings of their research about how gender and sense of community belonging influence the leisure behaviours of Métis adults in Canada. Alexandra Drawson and colleagues discuss the importance of understanding culture and context when undertaking First Nations health research involving large data sets. Barbara Jenni and colleagues discuss the successes and challenges of a Mentor-Apprentice Program method for adult Indigenous language learning and the impact of participation in these types of programs. Kris Murray and colleagues reveal the perceptions of school staff about the facilitators of and barriers to implementation of a Canadian First Nation school's healthy nutrition policy. Myra Parker and colleagues examine the relationship between self-reported bias-related victimization and generalized anxiety disorder, depression, and substance abuse among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and two-spirit American Indians and Alaska Natives. Janis Shandro and colleagues describe the Mount Polley Mine tailings dam breach and its impacts on the health of First Nation community health and environments.

On behalf of the IJIH editorial team, we hope that our readers have enjoyed and been inspired by the diverse and insightful articles we have had the honour to publish. Many thanks to all the authors as well as the Indigenous individuals, communities, and nations engaged in the important work of health and wellness research. It has been an honour and privilege to carry on the work of the National Aboriginal Health Organization (2004–2012); we look forward to future presentation of meaningfully engaged Indigenous health research made possible by the dedicated people at the Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health.

In health and healing,



Dr. Charlotte Loppie – *Editor of IJIH, 2012 – 2017*

Ani, Tansi, Kwe kwe, Boozhoo, Aloha, Bonjour, Welcome! The Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health (WBIH) is honoured to carry on the work that the National Aboriginal Health Organization and the Centre for Indigenous Research and Community-Led Engagement at the University of Victoria have done with the International Journal of Indigenous Health. As we transition, we invite scholars, researchers, and knowledge holders to become peer reviewers by sending a short introduction letter and C.V. to wbiih.dlsph@utoronto.ca. We will send out more information after our Editorial Advisory Board meets in early October 2017. We hope that you will continue to support the International Journal of Indigenous Health.

Miigwetch (thank you in Ojibwe),



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