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## **CALS Congress 2025 Program – June 2-4, 2025**

Leisure as a Bridge: Reframing Togetherness in a Changing World

*Hosted at George Brown College – St. James Campus, Toronto, Canada*

### **Sunday, June 1, 2025 Registration**

Time: 8:00AM to 4:00PM

Location: St. James Campus (200 King St. E.)

Time: 7:30AM to 4:30PM

Location: Waterfront Campus (51 Dockside Dr.)

### **Day 1: Monday, June 2, 2025**

**8:00AM- 9:00AM**

#### **Registration**

Location: St. James Campus (200 King St. E.)

**8:00AM- 9:00AM**

#### **Welcome Coffee**

Location: SJC-302

**9:00AM- 9:30AM**

#### **Opening Ceremony and Territorial Acknowledgement**

*Nancy Johnson and Chef David Wolfman*

*CALS-Congress Co-Chairs*

*Rudi Fischbacher, Dean of CHCA*

Location: SJC-302

**9:30AM- 10:30AM**

#### **Opening Keynote Presentation**

Reimagining Togetherness in Relational Ways

*Jackie Oncescu, University of New Brunswick*

Location: SJC-302

**10:30AM- 10:45AM**

#### **Morning Break**

<b>10:45AM- 12:15PM</b>	<b>Concurrent Paper Session 1</b>	
<b>Stakeholder Relationships and Knowledge Mobilization</b> Location: SJB-356 Moderator: Julia Froese  Engendering togetherness: Knowledge mobilization, exchange, and co-production in curling <i>Heather Mair, Simon Barrick, Laura Leitch, Luke Potwarka, and Adam Pappas</i>  Challenging stigma associated with dementia using a documentary film to support dance for life enrichment <i>Pia Kontos, Alisa Grigorovich, Romeo Colobong, Jon Parr Vijinski, Devin J. Sodums, Rosanne Aleong, and Rachel J. Bar</i>  Blowing up the “clinical vacuum”: Reflections on relevance in therapeutic recreation <i>Colleen Whyte, Darla Fortune, and Rebecca Genoe</i>	<b>Bridging Technology, Community, Recreation, and Tourism</b> Location: SJB-357 Moderator: Bronwen Valtchanov  Using geofencing as a tool to understand park equity <i>Martha Barnes, Julie Stevens, and Jackie Gervais</i>  AI as a catalyst for recreational water safety and community well-being <i>Arash Akhshik, and Masoud Akhshik</i>  Using eye-tracking and physiological sensors for investigating dark tourism and memorial sites <i>Rotem Mashkov, Tobias Ebbrecht-Hartmann, David Zolldan, Hagar Srulovitch and Noam Shoval</i>  Mapping harm and safety: Exploring sexual and dating-based violence on geosocial networking apps in Canada <i>Amy Matharu, Diana C. Parry, Christopher Dietzel, Stephanie Duguay, Eric Filice, and Corey W. Johnson</i>	
<b>12:15PM- 1:15PM</b>		
	<b>Lunch Break</b> <i>Sponsored by The Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, Brock University</i> Location: SJC-302	
<b>1:15PM- 2:45PM</b>	<b>Concurrent Paper Session 2</b>	
<b>Gender Experiences and Representations</b> Location: SJB-356 Moderator: Ashley Giroux  The divorcées: A feminist exploration of young women’s experiences of divorce <i>Bronwen L. Valtchanov and Diana C. Parry</i>  (Re)constructing representations of homemakers: A multi-method case study <i>Melanie S. Lim</i>	<b>Radical Reimaginings: Labour, Leisure, and Education</b> Location: SJB-357 Moderator: Jennifer Holman  “Revolutions are not improvised...”: Occupying the interstices of the anti-work, labouring differently, and rest-as-resistance movements <i>Kimberly J. Lopez</i>  The Temporary Autonomous Zones of space and the mind <i>Rasul A. Mowatt</i>	

<p>Body is body is home - Project run to you: Exploring black women runners' perspectives on what it means to be at home in our bodies <i>Asha Edwin and Janelle Joseph</i></p> <p>Mothers' experiences of well-being in prenatal and postnatal yoga at a maternal wellness centre <i>Trisha Xing and Dawn Trussell</i></p>	<p>Leisure-PUNK? Red pedagogy and praxis for leisure studies curricula <i>Dan Henhawk</i></p> <p>Reclaiming leisure's politically educative roots: Developing the Theorypractice Lab as a pathway to reignite collective responsibility <i>Lisbeth A. Barbary and Craig Fortier</i></p>
<p><b>2:45PM- 3:00PM</b></p>	<p><b>Afternoon Refreshment Break</b> Location: SJB-356</p>
<p><b>3:00PM- 4:15PM</b></p>	<p><b>Concurrent Paper Session 3</b></p>
<p><b>Navigating Injury and Barriers</b> Location: SJB-356 Moderator: Mohadeseh Mahmoudi</p> <p>From strength athlete to opioid addict: An autoethnographic exploration of injury, involuntary sport termination, and opioid addiction <i>Ann Marie Kieley and K. Pushkarenko</i></p> <p>Analysing barriers to outdoor rock climbing in Vancouver, British Columbia <i>Jennifer Wigglesworth</i></p> <p>Exploring accessible geotourism experiences for visually impaired tourists in Shahrekord and Isfahan, Iran <i>Samaneh Soleimani, Bahram Nekouie Sadry, and Fatemeh Moradi</i></p>	<p><b>Outdoor Leisure: Stress, Connection, Meaning</b> Location: SJB-357 Moderator: Jennifer Holman</p> <p>Conceptualizing outdoor recreation stress and implications for outdoor recreation behavior: A cognitive appraisal theory perspective <i>Ian E. Munanura and Jeffrey D. Kline</i></p> <p>Applying the Eudaimonic Activity Model to ground the Biophilia Hypothesis <i>Rebecca Koroll</i></p> <p>Experiencing ecological integrity: Bridging nature and culture in Canadian National Parks <i>Lucas Middleton</i></p>
<p><b>4:15PM- 6:00PM</b></p>	<p><b>CALS Board Members' Meeting</b> Location: SJB-336</p>
<p><b>6:30PM- 9:30PM</b></p>	<p><b>'Join or Die': Film Screening, Reception and Panel Discussion</b> Location: Waterfront Campus (51 Dockside Dr.), Room 607 Moderator: Heather Mair</p> <p>Panelists: <i>Troy Glover, University of Waterloo</i> <i>Darla Fortune, Concordia University</i> <i>Bobbie Breckenridge, GenWell</i></p>

Day 2: Tuesday, June 3, 2025	
8:00AM- 9:00 AM	<b>Welcome Coffee</b> Location: SJB-357
9:00AM- 9:15 AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>CALS-Congress Co-Chairs</i>
9:15 AM-10:45 AM	<b>Concurrent Paper Session 1</b>
<b>Reframing Perspectives in Tourism</b> Location: SJB-356 Moderator: Lucas Middleton  A cultural critical discourse analysis of hot air-balloon tourist skills, knowledge and emotion <i>Irit Shmuel and Paolo Mura</i>  Narratives of equity-deserving Canadian tourism social entrepreneurs in the technology sector: An ethics of care perspective <i>Gaurav Panse and Karla Boluk</i>  Bridging the gap between nations through transformative local food experiences <i>Stephen Hiamey</i>	<b>Cultivating Connection and Community Togetherness</b> Location: SJB-357 Moderator: Bronwen Valtchanov  Brooms, bonds, and bonspiels: Interrogating curling's community-building potential <i>Simon Barrick and Heather Mair</i>  Leisure as a catalyst for durable and temporary connection: Integrating endogenous and exogenous pathways to social capital <i>Troy Glover</i>  Integrating leisure in social prescribing: Opportunities and challenges for leisure scholars and practitioners <i>Amanda Johnson and Janet McKeown</i>  Nourishing connections: How Sikh langar inspires transformative community care <i>Jasmine Nijjar</i>
10:45AM- 11:00AM	<b>Morning Coffee Break</b> Location: SJB-357
11:00AM- 11:45PM	<b>Poster Session</b> Location: SJB-356
Leisure coping for parents of young adults with intellectual disabilities <i>Bronwen McComb and Sanghee Chun</i>  Creating space for 'other' families in travel and leisure: Insights from Filipino Muslim families in the Philippines <i>Robert Charles Capistrano and Safa Manala-O</i>	

<p>Validating the Dementia Public Stigma Scale (DePSS) for use within the recreation and leisure sector <i>Alisa Grigorovich</i></p> <p>The role of the philosophy of therapeutic clowning in the social world <i>Gervais Deschênes and François Gravelle</i></p> <p>Leisure and aging: Leisure for older adults visiting immigrant children <i>Nazila Najafi and Garrett Stone</i></p> <p>At what “cost”? The possibilities and conundrums of fitness stakeholder relationships <i>Aly Bailey, Shiva Mazrouei, and Meredith Griffin</i></p>	
<b>12:00PM- 1:45PM</b>	<p><b>Lunch and CALS General Members’ Meeting</b> Location: SJA-327A (200 King Street E)</p>
<b>1:45PM- 3:00PM</b>	<b>Concurrent Paper Session 2</b>
<p><b>Being Well Together: Leisure, Health and Well-being</b> Location: SJB-356 Moderator: Ashley Giroux</p> <p>The power of community: A leisure-based approach to postvention <i>Julia Froese and Lisa McDermott</i></p> <p>Building sustainable peer networks through outdoor orientation programs in support of student well-being <i>Kelly A. Pilato, Timothy S. O’Connell, and Anna H. Lathrop</i></p> <p>Mental wellness through meaningful leisure: A Lefebvorean analysis of tourism place experiences <i>Kelley McClinchey</i></p>	<p><b>Leisure Inclusion: Queer Bodies, Policies, and Possibilities</b> Location: SJB-357 Moderator: Giana Tomas</p> <p>Voyeurism, drag performance and queer culture <i>Fenton Litwiller</i></p> <p>Camp queer inclusion study: Making a case for mattering in camp thought and practice <i>Luc Cousineau and Mandi Baker</i></p> <p>“It’s just tricky with our political climate here”: Perspectives on anti-trans policy in sports and recreation <i>Celeste Pang, Eva Bošnjak, Gio Dolcecore and Marty Clark</i></p>
<b>3:00PM- 3:15PM</b>	<b>Afternoon Break</b>

<b>3:15PM- 4:30PM</b>	<b>Concurrent Paper Session 3</b>
<p><b>Constructing Leisure: Tools, Spaces, Moments</b>  Location: SJB-356  Moderator: Mohadeseh Mahmoudi</p> <p>Musicians rehearsing and the affective relationship to their leisure space  <i>Martin Lussier, Charlet Brethomé, and Lucile Ouriou</i></p> <p>Toy, vehicle, or equipment? Parent and children’s constructions of the bicycle in childhood  <i>Erin Sharpe, Jocelyn Murtell, and Alex Stoikos</i></p> <p>Intentionality and meaning-making in everyday life: A phenomenological exploration of everyday moments of leisure  <i>Karen Gallant, Heidi Lauckner, Susan Hutchinson, Brittany Bhatnagar, Ashlyn Stevens, Jacqueline Wojciechowski, and Stephanie Mason</i></p>	<p><b>Managing the Chaos: Reflections on Generating and Analyzing Online Longitudinal Data [Paper Series]</b>  Location: SJB-357  Moderator: Rotem Mashkov</p> <p>Paper 1: Using a multiauthor blog to explore baby boomer’s leisure experiences</p> <p>Paper 2: Diving into reflexive thematic analysis</p> <p>Paper 3: Embracing the chaos: Pitfalls and opportunities of longitudinal analysis in leisure research</p> <p><i>Rebecca Genoe, Toni Liechty, Wonock Chung, Jenna Fesemyer, Samara Stearns, Kristen Plandowski, and Pattara Tavilsup</i></p>
<b>4:45PM- 6:00PM</b>	<p><b>Student-Led Walking Tour</b>  Walking Through History: Social and Humanitarian Evolution in Downtown Toronto  <i>Sarah Olsen</i>  Location: Tour begins at the entrance of 300 Adelaide St East (Building SJB) and ends at the St. Lawrence Market</p>
<b>6:30PM- 9:00PM</b>	<p><b>George Brown College President’s Reception</b>  Location: The Quay Venue (100 Queens Quay East)</p>

Day 3: Wednesday, June 4, 2025	
8:00AM- 9:00AM	<b>Welcome Coffee</b> Location: SJC-302
9:00AM- 9:15AM	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>CALS-Congress Co-Chairs</i> Location: SJC-302
9:15AM- 10:15AM	<b>Closing Keynote Presentation</b> Indigenous Women's Health Resurgence through Physical Activity <i>Tricia McGuire-Adams, University of Toronto</i> Location: SJC-302
10:15AM- 10:30AM	<b>Morning Break</b>
10:30AM- 12:00PM	<b>Concurrent Paper Session 1</b>
<b>Sustainability and Shared Futures</b> Location: SJB-356 Moderator: Lucas Middleton  Plogging to bridge generations in a time of climate change <i>Kaneera Uthayakumaran, Kelsey Harvey, Meridith Griffin, Kristi Allain, Allison Jeffrey, and Madison Bird</i>  Who's not buying it? Negotiating sustainability and consumption with outdoor gear <i>Erin Sharpe and Jaden Fleming</i>  Inclusive development in urban green spaces: Examining immigrants' accessibility and policy implementation in Edmonton <i>Mohadeseh Mahmoudi and Elizabeth Halpenny</i>  Optimism and obstacles in environmental action: Sustainability in Ontario provincial sports organizations <i>Teresa Hill, Rob Millington, Simon Darnell, and Brad Millington</i>	<b>Equity and Access in Leisure Experiences</b> Location: SJB-357 Moderator: Julia Froese  "Too special for me": The meaning and experience of accessing leisure for midlife women experiencing poverty <i>Jenny Wubs and Erin Sharpe</i>  More than the machine: Critical perspectives on new Philippine arrivant labour and leisure heard through kuwentuhan <i>Giana Tomas and Kimberly J. Lopez</i>  Leisure as a restorative labour right: Insights from direct care workers in long-term care <i>Jaylyn Leighton, Giana Tomas, Kimberly J. Lopez, Ashley K. Flanagan, Sherry Dupuis, and Michelle Fleming</i>  Developing an adaptive movement program for disabled adults living with dementia: A process analysis <i>Ashley Giroux and Marueen Connolly</i>

<b>12:00PM- 1:00PM</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b> Location: SJC-302
<b>1:00PM- 2:15PM</b>	<b>Concurrent Paper Session 2</b>
<b>Student-Led Workshop</b> Location: SJB-356 Moderator: Rotem Mashkov  Philosophical implications of leisure studies: A student perspective <i>Brandon Rehaume, Hannah Clark, Quinn Michelin, and Steven Henle</i>	<b>Regenerative Futures in Tourism</b> Location: SJB-357 Moderator: Giana Tomas  Regenerative tourism: Towards a model of industry best practice <i>Jennifer Holman and Bryan Grimwood</i>  Exploring care embodiment and the regenerative impacts of youth in tourism destination communities: A Hermeneutic phenomenology analysis <i>Wut Yee Kyi Pyar and Karla Boluk</i>  Centering Indigenous entrepreneurs narratives of their visitors' experiences <i>Anke Föller-Carroll and Karla Boluk</i>  To regenerate research relationships: Re-visiting the Two Row Wampum-Covenant Chain Treaty <i>Ellie Joseph, Jay Bailey, Karla Boluk, and Mahshad Akhoundoghli</i>
<b>2:15PM- 3:00PM</b>	<b>Closing Remarks and CCLR 2026 Announcement</b> Location: SJC-302  <i>Kimberly Lopez, University of Waterloo</i> <i>Fenton Litwiller, University of Manitoba</i> <i>Amanda Johnson, Vancouver Island University</i>