



Fostering Mentorship and Guidance in Undergraduate Research

Panel 2

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Location: Cedar Conference Center (1205AB), KPU Surrey Campus

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Panel Moderator: Dr. Zahia Marzouk

Delve into the workings of mentorship and guidance in undergraduate research. By hearing about students' and faculty's experiences in their research projects, attendees will gain firsthand insights into effective guidance practices to assist in fostering a collaborative and knowledgeable approach to mentorship.

Chelsea Klassen

Chelsea graduated from UFV in 2018 with her Bachelor of Arts degree in Global Development Studies, including minors in Sociology and Latin American studies. In 2022, she graduated from the Institute for Development Studies at the University of Sussex with her Master's degree in Development Studies, where her thesis research focused on the role of sport in women's empowerment in Afghanistan. She has worked as a consultant at the UN Office on Drugs and Crime in Laos focusing on alternative development.

Her diverse international experiences have brought her to Uganda, Australia, Turkey, and Afghanistan, among other countries. In 2020, she fulfilled a dream when she taught ice skating in Afghanistan to young women. In addition to her CHASI work, Chelsea loves teaching in the Global Development Studies department at UFV. Chelsea loves the opportunities that CHASI gives her to work alongside such talented students and participate in meaningful community based research.



Miranda Erickson

Miranda is finishing her fourth year as a student at UFV majoring in Sociology with a concentration in Social Research and an extended minor in Psychology. She enjoys applying her knowledge to local and global contexts and has a special interest in public responses to government policies and systems. Miranda hopes to pursue her MA in Sociology and study how online claims-making can produce real-world health outcomes. At CHASI, she is excited to learn more across disciplines as she engages with other researchers and their works. In her spare time, Miranda enjoys expressing her creativity through sewing and crocheting. When she isn't making something, she likes to read short stories and non-fiction.

Dr. Tara Lyons

Tara Lyons, PhD is faculty in KPU's Criminology department and Chair of the KPU Research Ethics Board. Dr. Lyons' research examines how legal, health, and social systems and policies impact communities. Specifically, her work examines how intersecting social and structural factors shape the health and wellbeing of 2SLGBTQIA+ people, sex workers, and people who use drugs.

Luka Wall

Luka Wall is KPU's Manager of Institutional Research in the Office of Planning & Accountability, where they oversee research that aims to guide university decision-making and improve the student and employee experience. They have a background in applied social psychology, including previous projects on citizenship education and anti-Indigenous bias in the legal system.

Camille Bédard

Camille Bédard is a fourth-year student completing a BSc in applied psychology with a minor in counselling at KPU. He has experience conducting both quantitative and qualitative course-based research, and since early 2023, has been working with Dr.



Tara Lyons and her research team to explore the experiences of 2SLGBTQIA+ students at teaching-focused post-secondary institutions. Alongside his research, Camille is an active member of the KPU community, as President of both the Pride Society and Psychology Society. It's his goal to encourage co-curricular involvement and to strengthen relationships between faculty and students.

Gurkirat Singh Nijjar, University of British Columbia

Dr. Afsana Tabibi, Kwantlen Polytechnic University