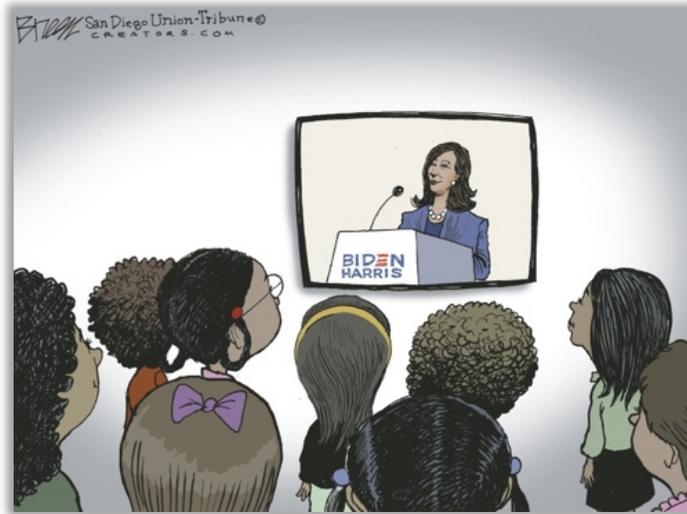


# COPE II Newsletter

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## TEAM UPDATES



We would like to extend a warm welcome to the newest COPE team member, Dr. Leigh Chapman! Leigh received her PhD in Nursing from UofT and specializes in harm reduction. She is currently Senior Advisor at UHN's Social Medicine Program and Director of Clinical Services at ICHA and co-organizer at the Toronto Overdose Prevention Society. Leigh will be taking on the role of **Coordinator** for the tentatively entitled "Community and Patient Engagement Committee". The goal of this committee is to guide the COPE II research team through meaningful engagement with people who have in/direct experience managing chronic pain along with poverty, mental health issues, and/or addiction, as well as community members, and policymakers. That group will interact regularly with us as representatives of the research and clinical fields. We are still working on naming this Committee so any guidance you have from other projects would be warmly welcomed. We will share the Terms of Reference for this group with you soon along with the list of possible Committee members.

In other news, Fiona co-hosted a Canadian Journal of Pain Special Issue webinar with PhD candidate Perri Tutelman entitled "Qualitative Research and Pain: Current Controversies and Future Directions". The webinar gave an overview of the contributions that qualitative methods

can offer to pain research. Selected authors presented a sampling of studies published in the Special Issue that demonstrate the novel theoretical and methodological advancements in the field. Click [here](#) to read the Special Issue introduction, and [here](#) to watch the webinar.

## CONFERENCES

With the rise of the second wave of the pandemic, more and more conferences are going virtual. While we submitted many abstracts last year, we have decided to limit the number of conferences we participate in this year. Currently, we have submitted two abstracts to the Canadian Pain Society, and will submit to Congress, and IASP.

## GRANTS

As you all may know, we submitted an application to the [CIHR Fall Project Grant Competition](#) entitled “Chronic pain and poverty in a time of pandemic”. Results of this competition will be available in the early Spring.

We continue to search for other funding opportunities. Please let us know of any opportunities you might hear about. We were hoping to apply for a SSHRC Partnership grant to help evaluate some of Pain B.C.’s excellent programs but ultimately decided this was taking on too much additional work. We hope to pick this up again next year. We may also apply for a SSHRC Connection Grant in February 2021 which funds knowledge translation activities and events. Here, we will be requesting funds for a webinar (in lieu of a conference), and other associated social media tools as a way to uniquely express COPE I and II study findings.

## ANALYSIS, FUTURE, INTERVIEWS AND PODCAST DEVELOPMENT

We held two successful group transcript review meetings in September and November. From these meetings, we finalized the coding framework; using the framework Laura has now coded 19 of the 21 transcripts. Additionally, we finalized the second interview guide and plan on recontacting two participants, Poppy and Sophie, using more guided new elicitation methods.

We have also started scripting a series of 6 podcasts; each podcast will also become a peer reviewed manuscript. The list of topics will be circulated to the team soon. Stay tuned!

We hope that you all have a pleasant and restful winter break. Looking forward to reconnecting in 2021!

