

## A YEAR IN REVIEW, 2022



## Team Member Updates

We were pleased to welcome a new member to the research team:

- Bhavnita Mistry joined us in September, 2022 as Fiona's new Research Manager. She has over 14 years of experience coordinating and managing large and small research studies at the University of Toronto, Holland Bloorview and the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute.

### Updates:

Laura Connoy transitioned to a post-doc on the project. She will continue to work on the COPE projects, and will be co-leading a project for the PEPR Partnership focusing on meaningful engagement with migrant workers.

Congratulations to Riana Longo who defended her Masters thesis, "*Pain is What the Patient Says it is: A Secondary Analysis of Nurses' Reflections on the Term Pain Catastrophizing*".

Congratulations to Kathleen Rice who welcomed a new family member, Julian O'Neill. Welcome to the team Julian!

## Update on Study progress

### Presentations:

March 2022: We were invited to present during the Opening Panel Session for the University of Toronto's Interfaculty Pain Curriculum (IPC), <https://ipe.utoronto.ca/interfaculty-pain-curriculum> – co-chaired by Abhimanyu Sud. The theme was *Pain, Interprofessionalism and the Social Determinants of Health in Clinical Practice*. The title of our presentation was "Understanding the social and its impacts on chronic pain", presented by Laura Connoy.

May 2022: Canadian Pain Society's Annual meeting

We had two submissions

- Symposium: "Critical Social Science Approaches to Chronic Pain and Marginalization". Co-chairs: Perri Tutelman (standing in for Fiona Webster) and Therese Lane. Speakers: Laura Connoy, Lise Dassieu, Bruce Wallace.
- Poster: "What does the term pain catastrophizing mean to patients? Results from an international survey", by Fiona Webster, Laura Connoy, Riana Longo, and Beth Darnall

May 2022: Fiona Webster was invited to present at the Collaborative Mentorship Network (CMN) forum for the Alberta College of Family Physicians. The title of the presentation was: "Gender and chronic pain: Women's experiences through an intersectional lens".

January 2022: She was also invited to present at the Chronic Pain Forum (CPN), on "Chronic pain and marginalized groups".

### Publications:

Webster F, Connoy L, Sud A, Rice K, Katz J, Pinto AD, Upshur R, Dale C. **Chronic Struggle: An Institutional Ethnography of Chronic Pain and Marginalization**. *J Pain*. 2022 Oct 14;S1526-5900(22)00430-8. doi: 10.1016/j.jpain.2022.10.004.

Webster, F., Connoy, L., Longo, R., & Darnall, B. et al., (2022) **Patient Responses to the Term Pain Catastrophizing: Thematic Analysis of Cross-sectional International Data**. *The Journal of Pain*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jpain.2022.10.001>



## Looking forward to 2023

### Presentations:

We have three poster submissions for CPS May 2023

- A double-edged sword: The pandemic from the standpoint of people experiencing chronic pain and marginalization
- Understanding chronic pain through a gender lens
- Chronic struggle: a new framework for understanding chronic pain and marginalization

### Manuscripts under development:

- "Beyond sex differences: the role of gender in chronic pain". By: Kathleen Rice, Laura Connoy, Fiona Webster
- "Disjunctures of vulnerability during the time of pandemic: Taking up the standpoint of people with situated experience of chronic pain and marginalization". By: Laura Connoy, Abhimanyu Sud, Ross Upshur, Joel Katz, Craig Dale, Kathleen Rice, Andrew Pinto, Fiona Webster
- "Attending to marginalization in the chronic pain literature: A scoping review". By: Laura Connoy, Michelle Solomon, Riana Longo, Fiona Webster

### Other:

We are creating an international community of practice for critical scholars focusing on chronic pain. We will be hosting a webinar series in 2023, stay tuned. For more information, contact Bhavnita at [bmistry7@uwo.ca](mailto:bmistry7@uwo.ca)