## HSPR TALKS WEBINAR

## RESEARCH TO IMPACT INSIGHTS FROM CIHR HEALTH SYSTEM IMPACT FELLOWS

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In this presentation, guests will hear from four current CIHR Health Systems Impact Fellows: Dr. Vidhi Thakkar, Dr. Shaina Raza, Dr. Corey McAuliffe, and Dr. Tammy MacLean on their current learnings and takeaways as embedded health scholars and researchers across Canada. Presenters will offer a background on the purpose and goals of the CIHR Health Systems Impact Fellowship, followed by in-depth presentations on: patient-oriented research approaches for co-design and implementation of a program evaluation; use of AI, including data engineering and machine learning, to address public health challenges; benefits of applying realist evaluation within a provincial-wide initiative; and practice and application of Indigenous and non-Indigenous allied health services research. Furthermore, presenters will touch on themes such as hospice care, implications and novel approaches found within the COVID-19 pandemic, suicide prevention for post-secondary students, and reflections on the impacts of personal privilege and historical contexts within Canada.



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#### **VIDHI THAKKAR**

has completed her MSc at McGill University and PhD in Health Services and Policy Research the University of Toronto. She has worked with provincial Ministries of Health and healthcare organizations with expertise in health services research. She is a CIHR Health Systems Impact Post-Doctorate Fellow at the Victoria Hospice and University of Victoria. Vidhi is also a Lecturer at McMaster University and teaches courses in Data Analytics, Statistics, and Communicating with Healthcare Data. Her post-doctoral work focuses on the development of a program evaluation. She has a strong interest in health services and policy research, leadership & management, patient-oriented research, knowledge translation and applies her expertise in health services research to connect patient partners, health care professionals, and policymakers for the design and implementation of embedded research.

#### **TAMMY MACLEAN**

is a White settler and CIHR Post Doctoral Health System Impact Fellow at the Centre for WISE Practices in Indigenous Health at Women's College Hospital, Toronto. She is leading several studies to address racism and cultural safety in health service delivery. Tammy is also co-developer and evaluation lead for Oshki M'naadendimowin New Respect Cultural Safety, a 36-hour course for Faculty, staff and students of professional health service programs at the University of Toronto that aims to facilitate Reconciliation. Tammy is a Feminist and interdisciplinary scientist with graduate degrees Public Health and Policy. She is also a Registered Nurse

with over a decade of clinical experience with made vulnerable groups and communities in Canada, the United States and Australia.



#### **RAZA SHAINA**

is a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Health Systems Impact Fellow (HSIF) at Public Health Ontario and University of Toronto. She has completed PhD in Computer Science from Ryerson University (Toronto Metropolitan University), Canada with distinction. She is working on long-COVID research in her project. She is also a researcher, seasoned reviewer in peer review journals, subject matter expert, and a managing editor in a journal. Her research interests are in natural language processing, deep neural networks, artificial intelligence, and information retrieval systems. She has published a number of high-quality publications in information systems, artificial intelligence and health science domain.

#### COREY MCAULIFFE



completed her Master of Public Health from Emory University and her PhD in Social and Behavioural Health Sciences from the University of Toronto. She currently is a CIHR and Mitacs Health System Impact Fellow at the University of British Columbia and the Canadian Mental Health Association, BC Division. Her current work focuses on a campus suicide prevention initiative for all 25 of BC's publicly-funded post-secondary institutions, alongside a multi-year, nationally representative cross-sectional survey on the inequitable mental health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. McAuliffe has over 15 years of experience in global and public health practice and training with academic, governmental, and nongovernmental organizations. She has a strong interest in trauma, distress, mental health, and well-being; safe work environments; embodiment; and traditional and alternative health practices. Her orientation focuses on critical, social, holistic, phenomenological, and community-oriented responses that identify structural and systemic barriers aimed at impacting policy, oriented towards a process of social change and equity through heightened attention to contextual and cultural differences.



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