



# HSPR TALKS

**November 28, 2022**  
**12:00pm-1:00pm EST**

## WEBINAR

### PUTTING EVIDENCE AT THE CENTRE OF EVERYDAY LIFE

This webinar will discuss what's been learned during the COVID era about the need for citizen engagement in and leadership of efforts to 'put evidence at the centre of everyday life,' which is one of our core implementation priorities. It will also provide an opportunity to introduce the Evidence Commission's newly launched Citizen Leadership Group. This session is open to all and will also serve as an introduction to CAHSPR, the CAHSPR collaborative health system partnerships (CHIPs) theme group, while also introducing the early-stage work of the Evidence Commission's citizen leadership group.



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## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



### **Modupe Adefeso-Olateju**

*NGO leader and Commissioner, Evidence Commission*

Modupe Adefeso-Olateju is a recognized organizational leader and policy expert specializing in public-private partnerships and citizen-led assessments in education and works as the managing director of The Education Partnership Centre, which is Nigeria's pioneering education-partnership organization. Mo advises policymakers, corporations and international think tanks, and leads workstreams on a range of education sector support initiatives funded by multilateral organizations and corporate funders. She is a member of the team that is drafting Nigeria's mid- and long-term strategic plans. Mo sits on the boards of Malala Fund, Slum2School Africa, and Unveiling Africa Foundation, and is an advisory board member of the People's Action for Learning (PAL) Network. She offers technical advice on scaling education innovation to the Brookings Institution's Center for Universal Education Millions Learning project and the Global Schools Forum Learning Labs. As a Centenary Scholar, she graduated from the UCL Institute of Education with a PhD in Education and International Development and is a Fellow of the Asia-Global Institute in Hong Kong.



### **François-Pierre Gauvin**

*Senior Scientific Lead, Citizen Engagement and Evidence Curation at the McMaster Health Forum*

François-Pierre leads the McMaster Health Forum's citizen-engagement initiatives and the maintenance and ongoing content development of: 1) Health Systems Evidence ([www.healthsystemsevidence.org](http://www.healthsystemsevidence.org)), the world's most comprehensive, free access point for high-quality evidence about how to strengthen or reform health systems, and 2) Social Systems Evidence ([www.socialsystemsevidence.org](http://www.socialsystemsevidence.org)), the world's most comprehensive, free access point for evidence about strengthening or reforming 20 government sectors and program areas, and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. He also leads the Forum's francophone-outreach activities. François-Pierre's research interests focus on evidence-informed policymaking, as well as public and patient engagement in addressing pressing policy issues. He is also interested in the potential of deliberative forums to find innovative solutions to collective problems. François-Pierre holds a PhD in health research methodology from McMaster University, as well as a BA and MA in political science from Université Laval.



### **Maureen Smith**

*Citizen Leader and Commissioner, Evidence Commission*

Maureen Smith is a citizen leader committed to evidence-based medicine and patient/citizen engagement in research. Her commitment stems from her lived experience with the health system subsequent to a rare disease diagnosis in childhood. Maureen is the chair of Cochrane's Consumer Network Executive and is involved in several global Cochrane projects and advisory committees. In Canada, she is the chair of Ontario's Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) SUPPORT Unit's Patient Partner Working Group and sits on the board of directors. She is also a member of SPOR's Evidence Alliance. She is a patient member on the Ontario Committee to Evaluate Drugs since 2014 and the Ontario Health Technology Advisory Committee for the past four years. Most recently, Maureen became the citizen-partnership lead for the COVID-19 Evidence Network to support Decision-making (COVID-END), a global evidence network to support decision making. She also brought the consumer perspective as a co-investigator on the e-COVID-19 living map of recommendations global initiative. Previously, Maureen served on the Executive of the Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders and Rare Disease International.





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### **Beverley Pomeroy**

***Author, Patient Public Engagement Specialist and Board Member, CAHSPR***

Beverley Pomeroy is a Queer Researcher and an Award-Winning Patient Public Engagement Specialist. Bev has a particular interest in Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI+) and has co-developed a Trauma & Resiliency Informed Practice program for Patient Public Engagement; a strength-based approach to patient public experience. Bev's unique combination of education, professional experience and lived experience has exposed them to progressively senior leadership opportunities in a variety of health care and research environments; from community laboratory services to patient safety, and quality improvement. Bev landed in patient- oriented research after their daughter, Sophia, passed away in 2017 from a rare, complex, chronic disease at the age of 16. They sit on the board of BC Patient Safety Quality Council Oversight & Advisory, Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research Evidence Alliance, and Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research.



### **Jenn Thornhill Verma**

***Executive Lead, Evidence Commission Secretariat and Co-chair, CAHSPR CHIPS Theme Group***

Jenn is the Executive Lead for the Evidence Commission Secretariat, which is housed at the McMaster Health Forum. Jenn has served in senior positions in many organizations and advisory boards. She worked for fifteen years at the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement (now Healthcare Excellence Canada), where she designed the foundation's quality improvement collaborative approach, bringing together frontline providers, policymakers, and system leaders, including patients and families, to spread and scale innovation across Canada. Jenn is a board member of several organizations including Bruyère Continuing Care and Nourish Leadership; and she's an Officer of the Alumni Association Executive at the University of King's College. Jenn is also an accomplished freelance journalist and author who has covered health- and social-systems topics extensively. She holds a Master of Science in Medicine from Memorial University of Newfoundland and a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Nonfiction from the University of King's College. She is a fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and member of the Oxford Climate Journalism Network.



### **Nina Doad**

***Research Associate, CAHSPR CHIPS Theme Group***

Nina Doad is an undergraduate health sciences student at the University of Waterloo in Canada, where she also volunteers in the Wisdom and Culture lab, which combines core features of wisdom (intellectual humility, open-mindedness to change, integration of diverse viewpoints, and prosocial orientation). Nina is the research associate for the Collaborative Healthcare Improvement Partnerships (CHIPS) theme group of the Canadian Association of Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR). She is a member of the Citizen Leadership Group of the Global Commission on Evidence to Address Societal Challenges. Nina is also a working group member and chapter lead for the Canadian Social Prescribing Student Collective. She is interested in health promotion and disease prevention.