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Congress on Women's Health Issues

**Building Alliances for Living,  
Working, Research, and Practice:  
Women's Health  
in the Postcolonial Context**

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

University of Victoria  
June 15-18, 2003

## June 16, 2003 – Concurrent Sessions

**1:30 – 3:00 pm**

<b>A1</b>	<b>LIVING WITH CANCER, Part I</b>
	Breast Cancer, Breast Reconstruction, and Decision Making: Through the Looking Glass <i>Mary Crabbe and Cheryl Forchuk</i>
	The Management of Breast Lumps by Xhosa Women in South Africa <i>N. Mdongolo, L. de Villiers, and V.J. Ehlers</i>
	Cultural Impacts on Women's Health Issues <i>Roxanne Nematollahi</i>
<b>B1</b>	<b>BUILDING ALLIANCES FOR HEALTH</b>
	Women in First Nations Administration: Working Together to Generate Child and Family Well-Being <i>Silvia Vilches and Jessica Ball</i>
	The Canadian Women's Health Network Journey to Networking: Leveraging the Power of the Internet <i>Ghislaine Alleyne and Barbara Bourrier-LaCroix</i>
	Anti-Racism Discourse: Why We Need It in a "Nice" Profession Like Nursing <i>Diana L. Gustafson</i>
<b>C1</b>	<b>VIOLENCE IN THE LIVES OF WOMEN, Part I</b>
	Seeing and Responding to Women's Health Issues: Multiple Nuances and Complexities of Criminal Harassment in Northern Communities <i>Si Transken</i>
	HIV/ AIDS, Violence, and Rural and Aboriginal Women <i>Colleen Varcoe, Sheila Dick, and Debra Burns</i>
	Educating Children about Intimate Partner Violence: An Attempt to Decrease Perpetuation in the Latino Community <i>Susan Mattson and Ester Ruiz</i>
<b>D1</b>	<b>LESBIAN HEALTH ISSUES</b>
	Including Lesbian Seniors in Community Care Services: Making Progress in Canada <i>Lyn Davis and Karen Gallagher</i>
	Hide and Seek, Show and Tell: Experiences of Disclosure of Lesbian Orientation <i>Carol McDonald</i>
	Lesbians and Breast Cancer: What do we Know, and What do we Need to Know? <i>Sue Wilkinson</i>
<b>E1</b>	<b>SUBSTANCE USE</b>
	Age and Ethnic Differences in Depression, Alcohol Use, and Suicidal Behaviors Among US Adolescent Females <i>Isabelita Z. Guiao and Elaine A. Thompson</i>
	Motivation for Alcohol Use, Problems Drinking, and Dating Violence of Female College Students <i>Kyung-Hyun Suh, Kyoung-Soon Lee, and Sun-Kyoung Kim</i>
	Perinatal Substance Use and the Concept of Motherhood <i>Ann Higgins</i>

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<b>A2</b>	<b>LIVING WITH OSTEOPOROSIS</b>
	Older Osteoporotic Women's Perceptions of Health, Quality of Life, and Well-Being <i>Laura Hurd Clarke, Teresa Ambrose, Heather McKay, Karim Khan, and Jo-Ann Zyla</i>
	The Quality of Health Information for Women on the Web: The Case of Bone Density Testing <i>Carolyn Joanne Green and Arminee Kazanjian</i>
	Osteofit: A Partnership Program <i>Deborah Lewis and Constance Waterman</i>
<b>B2</b>	<b>CONTRACEPTION</b>
	Knowledge, Use, and Access to Means of Contraception Among a Group of Women Who Did Not Plan Their Current Pregnancy <i>Emilia Saito and Camila Helena Sula</i>
	Who Are the Women Who Did not Plan Their Pregnancies and Who Gave Birth at a Teaching Hospital in San Paulo? <i>Emilia Saito and Camila Helena Sula</i>
	A Socio-Cultural Perspective on Decision Making in Contraceptive Method Use by Females and Males in Chiang Mai Province <i>Nantaporn Sansiriphun and Pimpawan Boonmongkon</i>
<b>C2</b>	<b>WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT</b>
	The Impact of Economic Development on the Health of Aboriginal Women in Canada <i>Sarah Fraser and Jane Fulton</i>
	Literacy and Women's Health in the Postcolonial Context: A Bangladesh Case Study <i>Kimine Mayuzumi</i>
	Empowering Philippine Women Through Development Initiatives <i>Amela M. Prieto</i>
<b>D2</b>	<b>MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH, Part I</b>
	Northern Territory School Students: Body Image and Eating <i>Jennifer Watson, Kathryn L. Roberts, Annie Mills, and Jill Huck</i>
	Treatment Inaccessibility, Danger, and Coercion Experienced by Homeless Mentally Ill Women <i>Jill Powell</i>
	My Sister Has an Eating Disorder <i>Mitzi Davis and Johnie Mazingo</i>
<b>E2</b>	<b>Workshop:</b>
	<b>WOMEN AND CANADIAN HEALTH CARE REFORM</b> <i>Madeline Boscoe</i>

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<b>A3</b>	<b>HEALTH OF OLDER WOMEN</b>
	Predictors of Health Promoting Lifestyle of the Elderly Women in Korea <i>Mi-Hae Sung</i>
	Health Promotion Behaviors of Elderly Women in Muang District Khonkaen Province <i>Sukumal Thanasate-Angkool, Punnee Muanwong, Wilawan Chumnirat, and Pruengjit Kanratsamee</i>
	The Lived Experience of Everyday Life of Low-Income Elderly Women Living Alone <i>Seung Ae Yang</i>
	Exploring Health Behavior of Elderly Women <i>Young Hye Kim</i>
<b>B3</b>	<b>LIVING WITH CANCER, Part I</b>
	Development of a Mammography Screen Beliefs Questionnaire in Chinese American Women <i>Tsu-Yin Wu and Mei-Yu Yu</i>
	Perception of Risk and Surveillance Practices for Women with a Family History of Breast Cancer <i>Wanda Martin</i>
	Breast Cancer Survivors' Conquest Experience <i>Young Hee Noh</i>
	Women Living with Breast Cancer: Building Alliances <i>Joan Bassett-Smith</i>
<b>C3</b>	<b>RURAL HEALTH</b>
	Women and Canadian Health Care Reform: Rural Women's Experiences with Maternity Care <i>Ivy Bourgeault and Rebecca Sutherns</i>
	Building Alliances for Women's Health Research in Isolated Settings: A Case Study <i>Beverly Leipert</i>
	A Comparison of the Life Style and Health Status of Rural and Urban Women in Korea <i>Jin Hyang Yang</i>
	Research Based Culturally Sensitive Protocols Improve Health Care in Rural Haiti <i>Mary Rappole, Mary Brooks, Michelle Swygert, Cindy Froncek, and Naoko Toida</i>
<b>D3</b>	<b>VIOLENCE IN THE LIVES OF WOMEN, Part II</b>
	Family in Russia: Women's Discrimination and Child Abuse as a Result of Domestic Violence <i>Venera Zakirova</i>
	Creating a Coalition to Address Intimate Partner Violence <i>Carole Pearce, Karen Windle, and Joellen Hawkins</i>
	Thriving After Abuse: Demedicalizing Survival <i>Joanne M. Hall</i>
	Identifying Strengths of Homeless Abused Women <i>Jean Croce Hemphill and Joanne Hall</i>
<b>E3</b>	<b>PROMOTING HEALTHY CHILDBIRTH, Part I</b>
	Labor is Considered a Kind of Illness for a Group of Brazilian Pregnant Women <i>Emilia Saito and Priscila Santos Netto</i>
	The Effects of Postpartum Home Visitation on Maternal Child Health <i>Ching-min Chen, Yi-Yi Chien, Chieh-Feng Chen, and Yung-Ting Kuo</i>
	Factors Influencing Post Abortion Outcomes Among High-Risk Patients in Zimbabwe <i>C. Mudokwenyu-Rawdon, M.C. Bezuidenhout, and V.J. Ehlers</i>
	For the Sake of the Baby: HIV Screening in Pregnancy <i>Anne Katz</i>

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<b>A4</b>	<b>WOMEN AT MIDLIFE</b>
	Disclosing Midlife Experience: Voices from Thai Women in the Contemporary Era <i>Manee Arpanantikul</i>
	An Ethnographic Study on the Experience of Middle-Aged Women with Hwabyung <i>Sun Ok Chae and Myoung Ok Cho</i>
	Application of Terror Management Theory to 9/11 Reactions of American Mid-Life Women <i>Sandra P. Thomas</i>
Symptom Alert! African American Women's Symptom and Health Experiences in the Early Menopausal Transition <i>A. Hudson, D. Taylor, K. Lee, Y. Beyene, Y. Gutierrez, J. Neuhaus</i>	
<b>B4</b>	<b>ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY</b>
	The Network of Trust: An Interactive, Bio-Psycho-Social-Spiritual-Developmental Program of Caring <i>Roberta Gates and Angie Barber</i>
	College Bound Sisters: Changing the Life Trajectory of Adolescents at High Risk for Teen Pregnancy <i>Hazel N. Brown and Rebecca B. Saunders</i>
	Sexual Orientation, Gender, and Teen Pregnancy Among Adolescents in Canada and the US <i>Elizabeth Saewyc, Carol L. Skay, Sandra Pettingell, and Aileen Murphy</i>
Problems Experienced by Pregnant Student Nurses in the Republic of South Africa <i>M.L. Netshikweta and V.J. Ehlers</i>	
<b>C4</b>	<b>CARING FOR WOMEN AS SEXUAL BEINGS</b>
	Understanding Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Care Choices <i>Marjorie McIntyre</i>
	A Baseline Study on Sexuality after Abdominal Total Hysterectomy: Experience of Japanese Women with Mental Damage after Surgery and Its Recovery <i>Toshie Toyoda, Misato Ishi, Hiroko Yokoyama, and Keiko Wada</i>
	Learning to Improvise: Developing Gynaecological and Breast Health Services for Women with Disabilities <i>Lenore Riddell and Kathy Greenberg</i>
A Study of the Effectiveness of Pelvic Floor Muscle Exercise (PFME) <i>Sun Young Park and Kyung Rim Shin</i>	
<b>D4</b>	<b>GLOBALIZATION AND HEALTH POLICY, Part I</b>
	Trade Agreements and Health Policy: Implications for Women <i>Marina Morrow and Olena Hankivsky</i>
	Gendering HIV/ AIDS in a Globalized World: Implications for Prevention Programs for Youth <i>June Larkin and Claudia Mitchell</i>
	Women's Health in Ghana: A Critical Analysis in a Postcolonial Context <i>Joan Bassett-Smith</i>
Community Health Promotion: Whose "Health" is it? <i>Carol Ewashen</i>	
<b>E4</b>	<b>MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH, Part II</b>
	Construction of a Postpartum Depression Model in Korea <i>Jeong-Yee Bae</i>
	"Well, actually the activities helped, like, get all my stuff out": Group Strategies for Improving Adolescent Health Education <i>Deborah L. Begoray and Elizabeth Banister</i>
	Losing Themselves, "Keeping the Guy": Adolescent Women's Health Issues Related to Their Dating Relationships <i>Sonya L. Jakubec and Elizabeth Banister</i>
Women, Children, and the Social Organisation of Knowledge Concerning Fetal Alcohol Syndrome <i>Carolyn Schellenberg</i>	

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<b>A5</b>	<b>NURSING ISSUES</b>
	Coming of Age During World War II: Student Nurses on the Home Front <i>Phyllis Noerager Stern and Eleanor Krassen Covan</i>
	The Lived Experience of Students Transferring into the Nursing Program <i>Kyung Rim Shin, Eun Jeong Cha, and Young Hye Kim</i>
	Promoting Quality Nursing Practice in the Operating Room <i>Linda Sigsby</i>
	Nurses' Work Experiences in Two Medium Sized Hospitals <i>Hae Ok Kim and Myoung Ok Cho</i>
<b>B5</b>	<b>LIVING WITH CHRONIC ILLNESS</b>
	Illness Behavior of Adult Women with Diabetes <i>Young Hae Hong and Myoung Ok Cho</i>
	Sense of Coherence and Functional Health Outcomes in Women with Lupus <i>Mary Powell</i>
	Experience of Women Living with Lymphedema <i>Myoung Ok Cho</i>
	A Study on Depression Among Korean Elderly Women <i>Keum Jae Lee, Kyung Rim Shin, and Ok Hyun Kim</i>
<b>C5</b>	<b>HEALTH OF YOUNG WOMEN</b>
	Adolescent Females and Physical Inactivity: Predisposing, Enabling, and Reinforcing Factors <i>Joan Wharf Higgins, Geraldine Van Gyn, Kathy Gaul, and Sandra Gibbons</i>
	Prevalence and Correlates of Sexuality Among University Students in China <i>Cui Zhi Jun and Zhao Li</i>
	Health of Egyptian Adolescents <i>Hend Mitwally</i>
	"Most guys want a girlfriend that will be like "Yes, yes, yes!": Adolescent women's Experiences of Their Sexuality <i>Kim Daly and Elizabeth Banister</i>
<b>D5</b>	<b>LIVING BODIES</b>
	This is My Story: Writing a Health Herstory as a Reflection on Health Beliefs and Practices <i>Anne Katz</i>
	The Ongoing Colonization of Women's Bodies <i>Nancy Wright and Rita Schreiber</i>
	Of Rose Petals and Sutures: Marks on a Woman's Body <i>Nancy Davis-Halifax</i>
	Body Image Then and Now: Aging with Multiple Sclerosis <i>Sara Leiserson</i>
<b>E5</b>	<b>COMMUNICABLE DISEASE</b>
	Statistical Survey of Diarrhoea in Jordan <i>Mohammed Dear Battikhi</i>
	Antenatal Care of HIV Positive Women in South Africa <i>Candice Bodkin</i>
	Forging Community Alliances for Perinatal Care of Women Living with HIV <i>Ardene Vollman and Jeanne Sargent</i>
	Gender Role Issues Impacting Mexican Women's Sexual Risk for HIV <i>Susan T. Roberts</i>

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<b>A6</b>	<b>GLOBALIZATION AND HEALTH POLICY, Part II</b>
	The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and its Influence on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights of Health Care Equality for Women and Nursing <i>Savitri Singh and Grace Woo</i>
	Public Health Care: An Imperative for Women's Health <i>Catherine van Mossel</i>
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<b>B6</b>	<b>UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING CHRONIC ILLNESS</b>
	Impact of Informal Social Support on Women Across the Life Cycle: A National Survey <i>Arminee Kazanjian and Denise Morettin</i>
	The Gender Gap in Distress: What Can Longitudinal Data Tell Us? <i>Peggy McDonough, Lisa Strohschein, Donna Ansara, Georges Monette, and Qing Shao</i>
	Partnering with African American Working-Class Women: Implications for Chronic Illness Management by Nurses <i>Carolyn Spence Cagle</i>
<b>C6</b>	<b>Workshop:</b> <b>A COMMUNITY INTERVENTION WITH ABORIGINAL WOMEN SUFFERING FROM THE TRAUMA OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE</b> <i>Judy Stein, Diane Harris, Kathleen David, Nora Lavalle, and Tammy Wylie, Ray McGuire</i>
<b>D6</b>	<b>DIFFICULTIES SURROUNDING CHILDBIRTH</b>
	Presence of Absence <i>Jackie Patey</i>
	Did You Hear? Women's Experiences of Hearing Unexpected News Following routine Prenatal Ultrasound <i>Jeanne Van der Zalm and Paul Byrne</i>
	Factors Influencing Pre-Eclampsia / Eclampsia Outcomes in High-Risk Patients in Zimbabwe <i>C. Mudokwenyu-Rawdon, M.C. Bezuidenhout, and V.J. Ehlers</i>
<b>E6</b>	<b>Workshop: [4:00–5:00]</b> <b>CHAMPIONS OF RESEARCH INNOVATIONS: CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE</b> <i>Catherine Kulisek</i>

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<b>A7</b>	<b>WOMEN AS SEX TRADE WORKERS</b>
	After the Sex Trade: Forging Alliances <i>Tamara Rozeck-Allen and Anne Marshall</i>
	The Prostitutes' Empowerment, Education, and Resource Society: An Uncommon Alliance <i>Jannit Rabinovitch</i>
	Are Sex Workers Receiving Client-Centred Health Care? An Examination of Sex Workers' Perceived Occupational Risks, Health Needs, and Access to Health Care Services <i>Rachel Phillips and Cecilia Benoit</i>
<b>B7</b>	<b>WOMEN, IMMIGRATION, AND RACIALIZATION</b>
	Older East Indian Immigrant Women and the Personal and Cultural Construction of Mental Distress <i>Manju P. Acharya and Herbert C. Northcott</i>
	"Culturally Sensitive Care": Hearing Immigrants from Afghanistan <i>Roxanne Nematollahi</i>
	The Impact of "Whiteness" in "Othering" Haitian Canadian Women's Ways of Caring for Aging Relatives at Home <i>Louise Racine</i>
<b>C7</b>	<b>PROMOTING HEALTHY CHILDREN</b> [4:00–5:00]
	Village Midwives and the Improvement of Maternal and Infant Health in Indonesia <i>Roosmalawati Rusman</i>
	Mums and Mentors <i>Maureen Hobbs</i>
<b>D7</b>	<b>LIVING WITH CANCER, Part III</b> [4:00–5:00]
	Breast Self-Exam: Study of an Underserved Population <i>Mary E. Periard and Brenda Knaack</i>
	Truth-Telling: Its History And its Effects in Cancer Care <i>Mary Ellen Purkis, Maxine Mueller, Martha Haylor, Chris Davis, Catherine van Mossel</i>
<b>E7</b>	<b>Workshop / Panel Presentation</b> <b>HEALTH VULNERABILITIES OF WOMEN: NEW EVIDENCE FROM CANADA</b> <i>Tracee Schmidt</i>
	The Upcoming National Women's Health Surveillance Report: Results on Life and Health Expectancy, Morbidity and Disability <i>Marie DesMeules, Douglas Manuel, Linda Turner</i>
	Gender, Marital Status and Psychological Distress: Evidence from the Canadian National Population Health Survey, 1994-1998 <i>Lisa Strohschein, Peggy McDonough, Georges Monette, Qing Shao</i>



## **Lesbians and Breast Cancer: What Do We Know - And What Do We Need to Know? (D1)**

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In the early 1990s the media reported lesbians' "increased risk" of breast cancer: 1 in 3 (relative to 1 in 8 for heterosexual women). In fact, we do not know whether lesbians are at increased risk of breast cancer - the relevant research has not (yet) been done. We only know that lesbians commonly share certain 'lifestyle' factors (e.g. less likely to have children, tendency to be overweight, higher than average alcohol consumption) which are considered risk factors for breast cancer. Nor do we do (yet) know much about the specific experience of lesbians who do develop breast cancer, or that of their partners. It is typically assumed that this experience will be no different from that of heterosexual women - yet lesbians have to face heterosexist assumptions and practices throughout the healthcare system, and there is research showing how detrimental this can be. Further, we cannot simply assume that women partnering women will respond to - and cope with - the threat of breast cancer in the same way as do heterosexual couples. I present some preliminary findings from a study of lesbian couples' experience of breast cancer to highlight how much more we need to know, and to identify some of the key issues future research needs to address.