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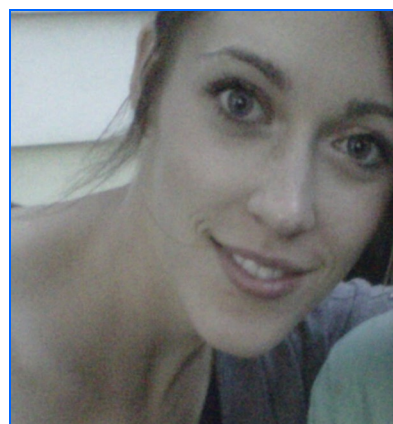
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CORE NEWS

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RECOGNITION OF AWARDS



We are very excited and proud to announce that one of our faculty members and Master student has received awards for their hard work and dedication.

Dr Wolbring received the **Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal** whereby the citation is about that his academic work in disability studies and ability and ableism ethics and governance has been of benefit to the greater community **Emily Hutcheon**, Master student in CRDS supervised by Dr Wolbring received the **Marlin Styner Award a Premier's Council Awards.**

Congratulations to you both on these awards, they are well deserved!

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FALL CONVOCATION

Fall Convocation took place November.12th at the Jack Singer Hall.

CRDS had 17 graduating in the ceremony and we are very proud that two of our students graduated with distinction.

We wish all of our CRDS-BCR students the best in their future endeavors.



Call
for
Interview
Participants

Research on Voices of Adults with Disabilities amidst their Family Caregiving Contexts Bonnie Lashewicz and Team

For the past half year, our research team has been focused on questions of how to better “hear” the voices of adults with disabilities. Our work on this topic is rooted in concern that the less conventional voices of adults with disabilities are under-represented in research and more broadly, are subject to being lost or overshadowed amidst the louder, more articulate voices of others. Accordingly, we are getting a study underway in January where we will interview adults with disabilities together with one or both of their caregiving parents. We want to examine how adults express themselves in their parent caregiving contexts and what researchers can learn from the dynamics of these interactions. Our ultimate goal is to contribute understandings of ways adults with disabilities can be facilitated in directing their own lives.

Call for interview participants: We are looking for adults with disabilities willing to take part in two interview together with one or both of their caregiving parents. Interviews will be informal conversations about the interests, activities and support needs of the adult with a disability and the roles of caregiving parents in facilitating these interests, activities and needs being understood.

For further information, please contact Bonnie Lashewicz

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CRDS-SA: Your Undergraduate Students' Association

The CRDS-SA has had an incredibly full and exciting Fall semester! For those of you who are unaware or unsure of what the CRDS-SA is here for, here is a quick recap:

We are the Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies Students' Association, and we aim to improve each student's experience in this undergraduate program through empowering and advocating for students, as well as provide opportunities to hone leadership skills and network with professionals in the rehabilitation and disability studies fields. How do we fulfill this lofty mission? Certainly this cannot be done without the aid of many willing and wonderfully helpful connections with faculty and members of the community. By hosting a number of events and pursuing prestigious goals, we hope to bring fresh opportunities to any student willing to participate.

What has the CRDS-SA done this semester?

What a busy semester it has been! The CRDS-SA kicked off the year with a Meet n' Greet in September, followed by a Bake Sale, Career Fair and Town Hall meeting. Amidst these four events we pursued our goal of implementing an American Sign Language (ASL) course and began a new round of CRDS specific hoodies. We are most excited for the opportunities the ASL course would provide our students, and after meeting with the Linguistics, Languages, and Cultures Department it seems as though this dream may become a reality in time for Fall 2014! We will keep you posted regarding the progress of the first ever prospective ASL course offered for credit at the UofC!

From Left to Right: Kayla King, Michaela Christensen, Nicole Hedin, Teresa MacGregor, Kassi Shave, Jen Brown, Sue-Len Chow, Paige Reeves



What has the CRDS-SA done this semester?

Transitioning into the New Year, the CRDS-SA will be distributing the hoodies that have been ordered this semester (order yours by December 6th!) and are beginning a new round of events! We are looking at hosting a movie night in That Empty Space to show a documentary about a boy with autism, and will be hosting either a Career Night or Career Fair once again! Of course, we will end the Winter semester with a Town Hall meeting to bring any student concerns to the faculty as well as work on any projects they may have for us. Lastly, we will be continuing the implementation of the ASL course and looking further into the ability for CRDS students to declare a minor.

Save the date
for next
CRDS town
hall meeting
in March

How to get involved

The CRDS-SA is growing rapidly and taking on more and more initiatives to benefit the students majoring and minoring in CRDS. Because of our rapid expansion, growing workload, and graduating members, we look forward to recruiting new members. If you would like to become involved in the CRDS-SA, the time you donate will be recognized on your Co- Curricular Record. Now truly is the time to join as many of our current members graduate this April and there will be many opportunities available for members in the Fall of 2014, so get involved now to see what we are all about and set yourself up for a great Fall 2014! **For more information about the Students' Association, please email crd@ucalgary.ca**



Open Access from Dr Wolbring's research group:
http://www.crd.s.org/research/faculty/Gregor_Wolbring.shtml



Research interests: Ability expectation and ableism studies; Disability Studies; portrayal of people with disabilities; Social, ethical, legal, economic, environmental, cultural and governance issues of new, emerging and converging sciences and technologies (S&T) such as nanoscale S&T, molecular manufacturing, aging, longevity and immortality research, cognitive sciences, neuromorphic engineering, genetics, synthetic biology, governance of bodily enhancement S&T, artificial intelligence and social robotics; impact of S&T on: marginalized populations especially disabled people; Sports; human security (food, climate, water, energy...); models and determinants of health; global health, tele-health/e-health, health- (technology assessment, law, care and policies); bioethics issues; media analysis.

*You find much more openly available to read by going to his webpage such as posters and podcasts at http://www.crd.s.org/research/faculty/Gregor_Wolbring.shtml
 Or contact Dr. Wolbring at gwolbrin@ucalgary.ca*

New Appointment

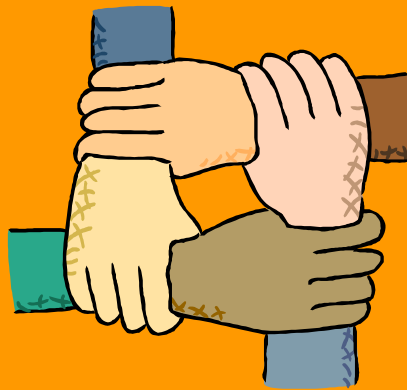
American University of Sovereign Nations (AUSN); Visiting Professor of Ability Expectation and Ableism Studies (Faculty of Medicine), USA 2013-

Paper

Abdullah Boushra and Wolbring Gregor Analysis of newspaper coverage of active aging through the lens of the 2002 World Health Organization report Active Ageing: a policy framework and the 2010 Toronto Charter for Physical Activity: A Global Call for Action (supp file) in International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health 2013, 10(12), 6799-6819;
<http://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/10/12/6799/pdf> and **supp file** <http://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/10/12/6799/s1>

Presentations in Calgary:

We presented two talks and numerous posters at the 2020 Vision for Humanity Symposium 2013: Toward Human Security Worldwide which took place in Calgary November 2, 2013, Parkdale United Church <https://sites.google.com/site/2020visionsymposium/home>



Special Issue of the International Journal of Disability, Community & Rehabilitation (IJDCR) with the theme What Sorts of People Should There Be?, edited by Gregor Wolbring, Associate Professor Community, Rehabilitation and Disability Studies, Department of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Calgary, Canada is now available at http://www.ijdc.ca/VOL12_02/index.shtml

Articles:

What Sorts of People Should There Be? From Descriptive to Normative Humanity, by Kirk Allison
 Portrayals of and Arguments around different Eugenic Practices: Past and Present, by Natalie Ball and Gregor Wolbring

Ethically Communicating a Prenatal Down Syndrome Diagnosis: a Theoretical Model Describing its impact on Pregnancy Termination Decisions, by Zachary P. Hart

Screened Out of Existence: The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Selective Screening Policies, by Janet E. Lord

Prohibiting Preferences: Unjustifiable Discrimination against Deaf People Who Want a Deaf Child, by Albany Lucas

What Sorts of People Should be Included... and How? Introducing the BMX model of Inclusion, by Erica S. McFadden and Judith A. Snow

In the Best Interests of Whom? Wrongful Life and Birth Torts: A Regretful Return of State-Sanctioned Ableism, Ian McIntosh and Anne Sommers

Dumps For Humans: the Institutionalization and Citizenship of People with Intellectual and Psychiatric Disabilities in Guatemala, by Samantha L. Serrano

Katrina Milaney 's Dissertation

Katrina is a CRDS PhD student who completed her dissertation December of this year.

“My Dissertation was an interdisciplinary study of a women’s unit in an Alberta prison. My intention was to understand from a gendered-disability lens how the woman in jail is constructed within political ideology. As well, I was interested in examining the impact ideology has on the experiences of these women. My central argument is that the provincial corrections system is a form of structural violence against women with past histories of abuse”

- Katrina