



SASKATCHEWAN POPULATION HEALTH AND EVALUATION RESEARCH UNIT

University  
of Regina



February was an exciting and busy month for SPHERU faculty. Though it was a short month, our faculty found time to host national symposiums, attend workshops and forums.

### National Symposium at University of Regina

Dr. Michelle Stewart was part of a national symposium in Regina from Feb. 22-Feb. 23 to focus on how to address the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action regarding fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD). Hosted by the Canada Northwest FASD Partnership, about 60 people attended the sym-



Audience at "FASD and the Law 2017" workshop listen to roundtable speakers that included frontline professionals and parents/caregivers. Workshop convened in advance of the 7th International Conference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder: Results and Relevance—Integrating Research, Policy and Promising Practices Around the World at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver.

posium titled, "FASD, Justice and Reconciliation: Tough Questions, New Collaborations."

Guest speakers attended from British

Columbia, the Yukon, Northwest Territories, Saskatchewan and new Brunswick.

In addition to the symposium, about 30 people attended the public event later that evening, titled "FASD Tackling the stigma in Daily Life."

The symposium was part of Dr. Stewart's work with Canada FASD Research Network.

### FASD & Law Day

Dr. Stewart then co-hosted the FASD & Law Day in Vancouver

on Feb. 28.

The workshop shed light on strategies for legal practitioners and families.

The sessions revolved around key issues related to FASD but also focused on collaboration and developing or enhancing programs and services to meet the needs of people who encounter the justice system as victims, witnesses and offenders.

The workshop followed previous events



FASD Justice & Reconciliation: Tough Questions, New Collaborations

held in 2013 and 2015 that focused on FASD and Justice.

Approximately 200 people attended the event, including parents/caregivers, students, researchers and those from legal, health, social work and medical fields.

As a free and public event, a rotating roundtable format offered perspectives from various legal branches as well as parents and caregivers.

To learn more about the event, or to view the livestreams, visit <https://fasdresearch-project.com>.

### SHRF Healthy Aging in Place -- Study 1

The first study of the SHRF Healthy Aging in Place research project has been completed and a report has been prepared to be disseminated to the research communities involved in the study.

Community presentations will be held in Young, Watrous and Wolseley in early March.



Healthy Aging in Place cover for Study 1

To view the Study 1 report, visit [http://www.spheru.ca/research\\_projects/projects/healthy-aging\\_improving-rural-seniors-health.php](http://www.spheru.ca/research_projects/projects/healthy-aging_improving-rural-seniors-health.php)

### Best Presentation Award

At the annual Student Research Day on Feb. 10, Daphne McRae was awarded the "Best Research Presentation by a Doctoral Student or

Candidate."

The recognition was awarded to McRae based on her thesis topic, "Does Antenatal Midwifery Care Reduce Prevalence of Small-for-Gestational-Age Birth and other Adverse Infant Birth Outcomes for Women of Low Socioeconomic Position? A Cohort Study Utilizing Provincially Administrative Data to Compare Midwifery-Led and Physician Led Mod-

els of Care."

McRae was working with Dr. Muhajarine on the project.

SPHERU congratulates Daphne on this excellent accomplishment!

### National Research Consultation

From Feb. 14-15, Dr. Muhajarine and student Joelle Schaeffer went to Ottawa to participate in the Aboriginal Head Start in Urban and Northern Communities (AHSUNC) Research Forum.

The research forum was intended to be a stepping towards better understanding health and social outcomes of the AHSUNC program on Canadian Indigenous children and their families living off reserve.

The forum provided an opportunity to establish connections with the research community, strengthen the Aboriginal health research network, and create partnerships for future applications for intervention research funding under CIHR *Pathways to Health Equity for Aboriginal Peoples*.