INQYR (International Partnership for Queer Youth Resilience) is a SSHRC-funded Partnership working to address the needs of gender and sexual minority youth (GSMY) and their use of information and communication technologies within diverse global contexts, while training the next generation of scholars and practitioners working with GSMY.

INQYR is led by Dr. Shelley L. Craig & Andrew Eaton at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work at the University of Toronto, and a Partnership Leadership Council of Regional Network Co-Chairs in Canada, Mexico, the United States, and the United Kingdom.

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The Inaugural INQYR Symposium (TISS)
International researchers will gather in Mexico City to discuss cross-cultural research on LGBTQ+ youth and online engagement.
Register to attend in-person or via webcast at inqyr.org/tiss

Regional Updates
Mexican & Canadian projects are underway! American & British projects are in development.

Student Training
The first cohort of INQYR’s International Student Training Network (ISTN) is halfway complete. Plus, a new PhD student opportunity.

Publications & Presentations
Recent outputs from the Partnership.
THE INAUGURAL INQYR SYMPOSIUM

AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON LGBTQ+ YOUTH RESEARCH

Thursday October 31, 2019 from 9am to 4pm at Auditorio Fernando Ocaranza, Facultad de Medicina, UNAM, Mexico City

Keynote presentations on cross-cultural LGBTQ+ issues and online engagement will be given by:

- Dr. Alba Pons (UNAM)
- Dr. Ashley Austin (Barry University)
- Dr. Lauren McInroy (The Ohio State University)

The International Partnership for Queer Youth Resilience (INQYR) focuses on the wellbeing and resilience of LGBTQ+ youth on information and communication technologies (ICTs)

To find out more and register, please visit www.inqyr.org/tiss
INQYR is comprised of four Regional Networks: Canada, Mexico, the United States, and the United Kingdom.

**Canada Regional Network**

Co-Chairs: Drs. Lauren B. McInroy & Sarilee Kahn

The Canada Regional Network has launched two projects:

1. **QueerVIEW**—a photo elicitation study of LGBTQ+ youth in the Province of Ontario

   QueerVIEW data collection is halfway complete! Please share the [website](#) and flyer (page 4) with your networks in Ontario.

2. **The ON Study**—an online survey of LGBTQ+ young peoples’ daily experiences online, particularly the negativity and discrimination that they encounter.

   This survey is open to LGBTQ+ youth aged 14-24 in Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom. Please share the [website](#) and flyer (page 5) with your networks in these three countries.
ARE YOU 14–29, IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ+, AND LIVE IN ONTARIO?

And do you identify with ONE OR MORE of the following?

- Identify as trans, gender non-confirming, non-binary
- Experience with foster care or child welfare
- Are a newcomer to Canada
- Experience with homelessness or couch-surfing

YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A PHOTOGRAPHER TO SHARE YOUR STORY THROUGH PHOTOS

QueerVIEW is a study using photos of experiences of queer youth. It involves:

- A quick online survey to qualify
- Submit 10-15 photos from your phone/camera
- An interview (online or in Toronto)
- Receive a $25 giftcard

PARTICIPATE: visit our website at www.inqyr.org/queerview

CONTACT: inqyr@utoronto.ca
The ON study is exploring LGBTQ+ young peoples’ daily experiences online, particularly the negativity and discrimination that they encounter. The research will be used to better understand what is happening to LGBTQ+ youth online, and to help develop supports for those struggling with the hostility they experience.

Participants must currently reside in the United States, Canada, or the United Kingdom.

The ON study is a 30-45 minute online survey, with an option of a follow-up interview.

To find out more and to participate, visit inqyr.org/theonstudy
The Mexico Regional Network has completed one project:

1. **Towards Free Expression of Identity and Desire: Focus Groups with LGBTQ+ Youth in Three Mexican States**

The team is currently analyzing data and will share findings soon.

The network is also expanding through the formation of the Mexican Research and Community Action Partnership on Sexual Diversity (RIADMX) to support INQYR. The RIADMX is a joint effort between Mexican organized civil society and universities to organize and coordinate research and intervention strategies that prevent, eliminate and attend the different forms of stigma, discrimination and violence that sexual minorities face in Mexico, in particular with gender and sexual minority youth.

The Mexico team is excited to host all of INQYR for TISS!
Regional Network Updates

US Regional Network

Co-Chairs: Drs. Ashley Austin & Michael Dentato

The US Regional Network has launched one project:

1. snapshoT—a photo elicitation study of trans, genderfluid, and non-binary youth in the United States

Please see the following page for the recruitment flyer. Participants who are between ages 14-29 and identify as trans* can complete a screening survey and receive instructions for submitting photos. The interviews will be conducted online via Zoom.
ENJOY TAKING PHOTOS?

IF YOU ARE YOUNG AND TRANS* IN THE U.S. THIS PROJECT IS FOR YOU!

Loyola University Chicago is conducting a national online study using photos on the experiences of trans, genderfluid, and non-binary youth living in the U.S.

If you are between 14-29 and identify as trans* you could participate and be eligible to enter to win a gift card for completing the study!

Regional Network Updates

**UK Regional Network**

Co-Chairs: Drs. [Daragh McDermott](mailto:Daragh.McDermott@aru.ac.uk) & [Julie Fish](mailto:Julie.Fish@aru.ac.uk)

The UK Regional Network is developing one project:

1. **QueerVIBE**—an online intervention that helps trans and non-binary youth navigate stressful interactions and mobilize for positive and empowering change!

QueerVIBE was piloted as Dr. Sam Martin’s PhD thesis (congrats, Sam!) and will be scaled-up as part of INQYR.

The network has expanded to include academics and students from ARU Cambridge, DeMontfort University, the University of Birmingham, and King’s College London

The UK RN was delighted to welcome Shelley Craig & Andrew Eaton to Cambridge for meetings in July 2019!
Student Training

The International Student Training Network (ISTN)

The ISTN is a training program for graduate and undergraduate students working with INQYR. The ISTN’s 2019-2020 cohort of fourteen students have completed three webinars and will attend further training at TISS. These training sessions include:

1. Research with Gender and Sexual Minority Youth (GSMY): Considerations, Strengths, Capacity-Building, & Regional/Cross-Cultural Differences with Drs. Shelley Craig, Ignacio Lozano-Verduzco, & Daragh McDermott

2. Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in Research Methods: Recruitment, Data Collection, Group Analysis, & Dissemination with Dr. Lauren McInroy & Andrew Eaton

3. Community-Based Research with GSMY with Dr. M. Alex Wagaman

4. Quantitative Research Methods with GSMY with Dr. Frank Dillon

5. Incorporating Political Analysis into Research with GSMY with Dr. Harold Young

If you’re interested in copies of these sessions, email Andrew Eaton.

Recruitment for the ISTN’s second cohort will open in Spring 2020!

Further, Shelley Craig is recruiting an INQYR Doctoral Research Trainee. Applications are due on November 1, 2019. See the following page for more details!
Funding Opportunity:

INQYR Doctoral Research Trainee

Professor Shelley Craig at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work (FIFSW) at the University of Toronto is seeking applications from prospective Social Work PhD students who wish to engage with a range of exploratory and intervention research studies for the wellbeing of Sexual and Gender Minority Youth (SGMY), with a focus on their use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs).

Overview

- The INQYR Doctoral Research Trainee will be a full-time PhD student at the FIFSW supervised by Dr. Craig for work with the International Partnership for Queer Youth Resilience (INQYR), a multi-year SSHRC-funded partnership comprised of numerous studies.
- INQYR’s research initiatives include: photo elicitation studies of SGMY in Canada and the US; expanding an ICT-based intervention for trans youth in the UK; qualitative studies of identity in Mexico City; an online survey of online negativity; and implementation of an affirmative group intervention for SGMY.
- The Trainee will participate in mixed-methods research training with Dr. Craig, and be a member of INQYR’s International Student Training Network (a cohort of graduate students), who receive specialized education from INQYR’s team members.

Who should apply?

A Trainee who wishes to enroll full-time in the PhD of Social Work program at the University of Toronto.

Duration

3-year competitive stipend for the successful Trainee, subject to annual review and possible extension.

Where can I learn more?

- Visit our websites at inqyr.org, projectyouthaffirm.org, and affirmativeresearch.org
- For detail about FIFSW’s PhD program, visit socialwork.utoronto.ca/programs/phd-programs/

How to apply

Prospective students must be admitted by both the INQYR project and FIFSW’s PhD Program. Prospective students should email a CV, statement of interest, and unofficial transcript to Andrew Eaton (INQYR project manager) at andrew.eaton@utoronto.ca before 5pm EST on November 1, 2019. Finalists will be interviewed. After the interview, prospective students need to also submit a full application to FIFSW’s PhD program.

Start Date: September 2020 (flexible)
INQYR team members (in bold) contributed to over 30 publications in 2019 so far. Here are a selection of relevant articles.

**Alessi, E. J., Dillon, F. R., & Van Der Horn, R.** The therapeutic relationship mediates the association between affirmative practice and psychological well-being among lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer clients. *Psychotherapy* 2019;56. doi:10.1037/pst0000210


**Publications**


Publications


Attend INQYR presentations at the 2019 Annual Program Meeting of the Council for Social Work Education in Denver, CO in October 2019!

**Dentato, M. P., & Kelly, B.** Facilitating different classroom conversations: Addressing oppression, privilege, and promotion of social justice

**McInroy, L. B., & Eaton, A. D.** #Teachingtech: Competencies from a social work practice with technology course.

**McInroy, L. B., & McCloskey, R. J.** Online versus offline support, safety, and resources: Directions for LGBTQIA+ youth services.

**Wagaman, M. A., Watts, K. J., & McInroy, L. B.** Impact of online/offline support on stress for LGBTQIA+ youths in “the South”.

Attend INQYR presentations at the 2020 conference of the Society for Social Work and Research in Washington, DC in January 2020!

**Craig, S. L., Eaton, A. D., & Dentato, M. P.** Empowering the team: A grounded theory investigation of the interprofessional teams in hospitals.

**Craig, S. L., Iacono, G., Austin, A., Eaton, A. D., Pang, N., & Leung, V.** Delivering empirically-supported interventions to sexual and gender minority youth: Evaluating the effectiveness of AFFIRM facilitator training.


**Watts, K. J., & Buckley, T.** Examining the effects of social participation on life satisfaction for LGB college students.
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