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PROFILE SUMMARY

* Fluently bilingual (English, French)
* Trained social epidemiologist with over 13 years of public health and epidemiology research experience
* Over 6 years of experience supervising teams of epidemiologists, analysts, and students.

Research:

* I hold an Assistant Professor (Status Only) affiliation at the University of Toronto’s Dalla Lana School of Public Health, Epidemiology Division, with expertise in student supervision, teaching and mentorship.
* My social determinants of health-focused program of research examines individual-level, local area-level, and macro-level factors that influence health inequities throughout the life course and explores the impact of social and health policy interventions on these inequities, with an interest in integrating intersectionality theory into quantitative data analyses..
* Areas of research include:
  + Chronic disease (cancer)
  + Infectious disease (STBBIs, COVID-19)
  + Mental health (adverse childhood experiences, affective disorders, Deaths of Despair—suicide, drug poisonings, alcohol-related liver disease)

Competencies:

* Trained in epidemiologic research and design, population health surveillance and theory, advanced quantitative and causal inference-informed analysis and large-scale national dataset analysis and management using Excel, SPSS, SAS, R, Stata, ArcGIS (highest comfort with R and Stata). Experience in qualitative data collection and analysis.
* Extensive experience in scientific writing (peer-reviewed papers and public health reports).
* Extensive experience in literature reviews, environmental scans.
* Extensive experience collaborating with multi-level, national and international community-, academic- and public health-partners and stakeholders, providing strategic advice and briefings to senior management.
* Dynamic presenter. Flexible, adaptable, always striving for open and clear communication.

Government of Canada credentials: Indeterminate EC-06. Secret security clearance. Fluently bilingual (English, French) (Second Language Examination Scores: EEE), with Acting Manager (A/ EC-07) experience.

EDUCATION

| 2020 | **Postdoctoral Fellow in Social Epidemiology**  Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, Canada.   * Supervised by Dr. Arjumand Siddiqi. * Topic areas: Health equity, mental health, substance use, “deaths of despair”, COVID-19 * Analysis of Canadian (COVID-19 CPSS, CCHS, CanCHEC, ICES data) |
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| 2014-2019 | **PhD Public Health & Epidemiology**  University de Montréal, Montreal, Canada   * Supervisors: Drs. Geetanjali Datta, Lise Gauvin. * Training in biostatistics, causal inference, social and cancer epidemiology * International collaboration and training (University of Edinburgh, Scotland) * Thesis: *Multilevel determinants of colorectal cancer screening, pathways to cancer screening inequalities, and Canadian cancer program evaluation.* |
| 2012-2014 | **MSc Psychiatry (Focus: Psychiatric Epidemiology)**  McGill University, Douglas Mental Health University Institute, Montreal, Canada.   * Supervisor: Dr. Norbert Schmitz. * Training in biostatistics, social and psychiatric epidemiology * Thesis: *Assessing the relation between local neighbourhood-level social and economic changes through time and psychological distress using the National Population Health Survey of Canada.* |
| 2008-2012 | **BA Environmental Studies (Specialization in the Ecological Determinants of Health) and Women’s Studies**.  McGill University, Montreal, Canada.   * Graduated with Distinction. * Training in health geography, intersectionality and feminist and critical race theory |

EPIDEMIOLOGY AND PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

| 09/2021 to present | **Assistant Professor (Status Only)**  University of Toronto, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, Epidemiology Division, Toronto, Canada.   * Supervision of epidemiology and health promotion students (n=3) * Teaching in public health, epidemiology, social determinants of health * Collaboration on epidemiology and public health research |
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| 03/2022 to present | **Senior Epidemiologist / Biostatistician (EC-06)**  Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), Equity Analysis and Policy Research Team, Montreal, Canada.   * + - * Areas of work: Social Determinants of Health, chronic disease (mental health, diabetes) COVID-19       * Data analysis (in R/R studio, Stata)) and reporting for the Pan-Canadian Health Inequalities Reporting Initiative (CCHS, CanCHEC, GSS, Census)       * National and international multi-stakeholder, intersectoral collaborations       * Student (4) and Analyst (7) supervision |
| 01/2021 to 03/2022 | **Acting Senior Policy Analyst (EC-06)**  Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), Equity Analysis and Policy Research Team, Montreal, Canada.   * + - * Areas of work: Social Determinants of Health, COVID-19       * Analytical planning for the Pan-Canadian Health Inequalities Reporting Initiative       * National and international multi-stakeholder, intersectoral collaborations       * Literature reviews and report production       * Student supervision (3) and Analyst (5) supervision |
| 03/2020 to 06/2020 | **Field Epidemiologist (Surge Support)**  Direction de santé publique de Montréal, Montréal, Canada.   * COVID-19 contact tracing and spatial analyses of case data |
| 10/2018 to 12/2019 | **Analyst and Researcher (EC-05)**  Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC),Quebec Regional Office, Montreal, Canada.   * Areas of work: Health equity, sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections, antimicrobial resistance, climate change and zoonotic disease * Literature reviews and surveillance data analysis for the [PHAC 2020 report on syphilis](http://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/publications/diseases-conditions/syphilis-epidemiological-report.html) * National and regional stakeholder engagement and knowledge mobilization |
| 08/2014 to 10/2018 | **Research Assistant**  CHUM Research Center, Montreal, Canada.   * Supervised by Dr. Geetanjali Datta, Dr. Lise Gauvin * Areas of work: Cancer screening and prevention, social epidemiology, policy evaluation, health equity * Analysis of Canadian Cancer Registry, CCHS datasets |
| 09/2017 to 01/2018 | **Research Fellow**  University of Edinburgh, Scottish Collaboration for Public Health Research and Policy, Edinburgh, Scotland.   * Supervisors: Dr. John Frank, Dr. Louise Marryat * Areas of work: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), poverty and health inequalities, causal inference, knowledge transfer, and policy development. * Analysis of longitudinal Growing Up in Scotland Birth Cohort data |
| 01/2014 to 08/2014 | **Research Associate**  Institute for Health and Social Policy, Montreal, Canada.   * Supervisor: Dr. Frank Elgar * Areas of work: Child health, mental health, social determinants of health and youth resilience. * Analysis of the Health Behaviour in School-Aged Children dataset |
| 08/2012 to 08/2014 | **Research Assistant**  Douglas Mental Health Research Institute, Montreal, Canada.   * Supervisor: Dr. Norbert Schmitz * Areas of work: Psychiatric epidemiology, diabetes, social determinants of adult mental health, neighbourhood and community determinants of health * Analysis of National Population Health Survey and CCHS data |

OTHER TRAINING

| 2025 | Learning Git & GitHub. Codeacademy.  Practical Machine Learning. Coursera  Introduction to Survival/Time-to-Event Data Analysis. University College London. |
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| 2024 | **Using Generative AI in the Government of Canada.** Canada School of Public Service. |
| 2022 | **Bayesian Statistics: Techniques and Models.** University Santa Cruz.] |
| 2021 | **Bayesian Statistics: From Concept to Data Analysis.** University Santa Cruz. |
| 2021 | **Racial Health Equity Training.** National Collaborating Centre on Determinants of Health (NCCDH) |
| 2018 | **Intensive Field Epidemiology Course**. Public Health Agency of Canada. |
| 2017 | **A Framework for Analyzing Public Policies.** National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy. |
| 2014 | **Advanced SAS course.** Quebec Inter-university center for social statistics |
| 2014 | **Public Health Research Ethics**. Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec. |

AWARDS

| 2024 | PHAC's Diversity and Inclusion (DI) Award. Inequalities in Mental Health Report. Awarded by Nancy Hamzawi (President of PHAC) and Dr. Teresa Tam (Chief PH Officer). |
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| 2023 | **PHAC’s Dr. Andres Petrasovits Public Agency of Canada Award for Excellence in Public Health** Syphilis Outbreak Investigation Coordination Committee. Awarded by Heather Jeffrey (President of PHAC) and Dr. Teresa Tam (Chief PH Officer). |
| 2022 | **PHAC Science Product of the Month** for the report *How to integrate intersectionality theory in quantitative health equity analysis? A rapid review and checklist of promising practices.* Awarded by the Chief Science Officer, September 2022. |
| 2021 | **Social Determinants of Health Division - Instant Award – for Inequalities in COVID-19 reporting**, Public Health Agency of Canada. |
| 2019 | **Surveillance and Epidemiology Division Excellence Award** – for Syphilis Outbreak Surveillance and Reporting, Public Health Agency of Canada. |
| 2019 | **Health Security and Health Infrastructure Branch - Excellence Award**, Public Health Agency of Canada. |
| 2019 | **Collaboration and Team Spirit Award**, Public Health Agency of Canada, Quebec Regional Office. |
| 2019 | **Chancellor’s Honour Roll,** PhD graduation, Université de Montréal. |
| 2019 | **Best Doctoral Defence Award,** École de santé publique de l’Université de Montréal. |
| 2018 | **Médaille du lieutenant-gouverneur - Bronze Medal for Youth Engagement.** Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, the Honorable J. Michel Doyon. |
| 2017 | **Dean’s Prize for Community Engagement.** University of Montreal School of Public Health ($1000). |
| 2016 | **Jury’s Prize for Best Oral Presentation.** Colloque de l’Association des étudiants et étudiantes en santé publique de l’Université de Montréal ($250). |
| 2014 | **Roger Bland Award for Best Presentation by a Trainee.** Canadian Academy of Psychiatric Epidemiology (CAPE) ($200). |
| 2014 | **Marion Birmingham-Trevor Dennis Award for Best Student Presentation.** Department of Psychiatry, McGill University ($100). |
| 2014 | **Winner—*3 Minute Thesis* Competition.** McGill University ($800). |
| 2012 | **Graduate Excellence Award in Psychiatry**. McGill University ($1500). |

SCHOLARSHIPS AND RESEARCH FUNDING

| 2020-2022 | Postdoctoral Fellowship. Fonds de la recherche en santé -Québec (FRSQ) | $110,000 |
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| 2019-2024 | **Collaborator & Knowledge User.** REACH 3.0 - Canadian Research and Knowledge Mobilization Network to Connect People to Testing and Care and Reduce Stigma for HIV, HCV and other STBBI. Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) | $4,808,015 |
| 2015-2018 | **Vanier Canada Graduate Doctoral Scholarship.** CIHR | $150,000 |
| 2015-2018 | **Doctoral Training Award.** FRSQ. | $60,000 |
| 2017-2018 | **Michael Smith Foreign Study Supplement**. CIHR. | $6,000 |
| 2018 | **Travel Award.** CIHR-Institute for Population and Public Health. | $500 |
| 2018 | **Student Award.** Canada's Applied Research in Cancer Control Conference. | $150 |
| 2017 | **Travel Award.** CIHR-Institute for Cancer Research | $1,000 |
| 2016 | **Travel Award.** CIHR-Institute for Population and Public Health. | $2,300 |
| 2015 | **Scientific Production Award.** Quebec Inter-University Center for Social Statistics (QICSS) | $600 |
| 2015 | **Travel Scholarship.** Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics. | $250 |
| 2013-2014 | **Masters Training Award.** FRSQ. | $30,000 |
| 2014 | **Social Statistics Research Entrance Scholarship.** QICSS | $2,000 |
| 2014 | **Travel Award.** CIHR- Institute for Population and Public Health. | $1,500 |
| 2014 | **Graduate Research Outcome Grant**, QICSS. | $1000 |
| 2013 | **Graduate Research Excellence Award for Travel**. McGill University. | $900 |
| 2008-2012 | **National Award.** Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation. | $32,000 |
|  | **Total** | $5,206,215 |

GRANTS AND RESEARCH PROJECTS

*Parental leave February 2023-October 2024*

1. **(2022-Ongoing) Expansion of Health Inequalities Reporting Initiative’s Data Tool, to monitor trends in health inequality in Canada** 
   * Government-funded (Public Health Agency of Canada)
   * PI: SY Pan. Collaborators: C. Steensma, **A. Blair,** R. Jahan, D. Chakravartty.
   * Partners: Canadian Institute for Health Information, Statistics Canada, Pan-Canadian Public Health Network, First Nations Information Governance Center, Assembly of First Nations.
2. **(2024-Ongoing) Decomposition of mental health inequalities in Canada, and trends therein, 2002-2022**
   * Government-funded (Public Health Agency of Canada)
   * PI: **A. Blair,**  Collaborators: SY Pan, R. Jahan, D. Chakravartty.
   * Partners: Canadian Institute for Health Information, Statistics Canada, Pan-Canadian Public Health Network, First Nations Information Governance Center, Assembly of First Nations.
3. **(2022-2024) Monitoring trends and determinants of mental health inequalities in Canada**
   * Government-funded (Public Health Agency of Canada)
   * PI: **A. Blair.** Collaborators: C. Steensma, SY. Pan, D. Chakravartty, S. Harper, K. Mulligan, B. Restoule, H. Kenney, K. McKenzie, P. Bailey, S. Kennel.
   * Partners: Canadian Institute for Health Information, Statistics Canada, Pan-Canadian Public Health Network, First Nations Information Governance Center, Assembly of First Nations (Dr. Brenda Restoule), Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, Egale (Helen Kennedy), Wellesley Institute (Dr. Kwame McKenzie), Black Health Alliance (Paul Bailey), Canadian Mental Health Association (Sarah Kennel).
   * Supervision of 2 MPH practicum students (Kevin Jutras - McGill University, Rabina Jahan - University of Toronto).
4. **(2022-2024) The impact of employment quality on suicide, drug poisoning, and alcohol-related mortality in Canada: Insights from linked Census and administrative data**
   * Project Grant proposal submitted to CIHR in September 2022. Project on-going.
   * PI: F. V. Shahidi. Collaborators: **A. Blair.** A. Harris, R. Pabayo, A. Quesnel-Vallée, P. Smith, M. Tjepkema.
5. **(2023-2025) Exploring the impacts of different conceptions of health equity on population health outcomes**

Project Grant proposal submitted to CIHR in March 2023. Project on-going.

* + PI: B. Smith, Collaborators: **A. Blair.** Y. Asada, S. Harper, L. Rosella, A. Viens, C. Benny, N. King, K. Saylor, D. MacKay, A. Siddiqi.

1. **(2021-2022) Estimating inequalities in COVID-19 mortality in Canada**
   * Government-funded (Public Health Agency of Canada)
   * PI: **A. Blair.** Collaborators: C. Steensma, SY. Pan, R. Subedi, N. Aitken.
   * Partners: Canadian Institute for Health Information, Statistics Canada, all provinces and territories through the Pan-Canadian Public Health Network.
   * Completed deliverables:
     + 2 peer-reviewed report publications
     + 1 peer-reviewed manuscript publication
     + 1 conference presentation
     + 3 inter-jurisdictional federal webinars including to PHAC’s Special Advisory Committee on COVID-19
2. **(2021-2022) How to integrate intersectionality theory in health inequality analyses?**
   * Government-funded (Public Health Agency of Canada)
   * PI: **A. Blair.** Collaborators: B. Jackson, D. Chakravartty, A. El-Samra, C. Steensma.
   * Partners: Canadian Institute for Health Information, Statistics Canada.
   * Completed deliverables:
     + 1 conference presentation
     + 1 peer-reviewed report publication
     + 3 federal inter-departmental webinars, including to the SGBA+ Expert Committee Network
   * Supervision of 1 MPH practicum students (Université de Montréal)
3. **(2021-2022) Best practices in temporal health inequality analysis: An international environmental scan and rapid literature review**
   * Government-funded (Public Health Agency of Canada)
   * PI: **A. Blair.** Collaborators: A. El-Samra, C. Steensma, SY Pan.
   * Partners: Canadian Institute for Health Information, Statistics Canada.
   * Completed deliverables:
     + 1 peer-reviewed report publication
4. **(2020-2022) Social determinants of substance use and related Deaths of Despair in Canada**
   * Fonds de recherche en santé - Québec funded ($110,000)
   * PI: **A. Blair.** Collaborators: A. Siddiqi.
   * Completed deliverables:
     + 2 peer-reviewed publications
5. **(2020-2022) Social determinants of COVID-19-related inequalities in Canada** 
   * Fonds de recherche en santé - Québec funded ($110,000)
   * PI: **A. Blair.** Collaborators: A. Siddiqi, F. Shahidi, A. Parnia, K. Warsame, H. Naik, W. Byrne.
   * Completed deliverables:
     + 1 conference presentation
     + 3 peer-reviewed publications
6. **(2019-2014) REACH 3.0 - Canadian Research and Knowledge Mobilization Network to Connect People to Testing and Care and Reduce Stigma for HIV, HCV and other STBBI.** 
   * Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) - funded ($4,808,015)
   * PIs: S. Rourke, A. MacLeod, et al. Knowledge Users: **A.Blair** et al.
7. **(2018-2019) Identifying structural determinants of stigma: A rapid literature review** 
   * Government-funded (Public Health Agency of Canada)
   * PI: **A. Blair.** Collaborators: C. Bolster-Foucault, B. Ho Mi Fane.
   * Completed deliverables:
     + 1 conference presentation
     + 1 peer-reviewed publication
8. **(2018-2019) Preventing overall and social inequalities in adverse childhood experience (ACE) incidence: A national cohort study in Scotland**
   * Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) - funded ($6000), CIHR Travel Award ($500)
   * PI: **A. Blair.** Collaborators: J. Frank, L. Marryat.
   * Completed deliverables:
     + 2 conference/webinar presentations
     + 2 peer-reviewed publications
     + 1 report
9. **(2014-2019) Social determinants of and policy solutions to inequalities in cancer screening Canada: Preventing colorectal cancer burden** 
   * Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) - funded ($150,000), CIHR Travel Award ($2317), CIHR Travel Award ($1000)
   * PI: **A. Blair.** Collaborators: G. Datta, L. Gauvin, E. Strumf, M. Schnizter, S Ouédraogo
   * Completed deliverables:
     + 7 conference presentations
     + 3 peer-reviewed publications
10. **(2012-2014) Neighbourhood-level social determinants of population-level mental health in Canada** 
    * Fonds de recherche en santé - Québec funded ($30,000); CIHR Travel Award ($1,500)
    * PI: **A. Blair.** Collaborators: N. Schmitz, G. Gariepy.
    * Completed deliverables:
      + 5 conference presentations
      + 2 peer-reviewed publications

AFFILIATIONS

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| 2014-2021 | Member (Past: Media & Communications Volunteer), Society for Epidemiologic Research |
| 2019-2020 | Member and Co-coordinator, Field epidemiology community of practice (CEPITER) |
| 2013-2020 | Member, Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics. |

TEACHING

| 2023-2024 | Parental Leave |
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| 2022 | **Course Instructor, Social Epidemiology (CH5419)**  University of Toronto, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, virtual lecture, October 6.   * Topics: Measuring and decomposing health inequalities * Audience of 30 2nd-year masters students (epidemiology and health promotion). |
| 2022 | **Guest Lecturer and Tutor, Scientific Overviews (CHL5418)**  University of Toronto, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, virtual lecture, Winter 2022   * Topics: Developing research questions and identifying risk of bias. * Tutoring and grading of 10 graduate-level epidemiology students. |
| 2021 | **Guest Lecturer, Data Journalism (JR204)**  X University (formerly Ryerson University), virtual lecture, October 19.   * Topic: Developing research questions and identifying risk of bias. * Guest lecture to 24 undergraduate-level journalism students. |
| 2021 | **Guest Lecturer, Population Perspectives for Epidemiology (CHL5426H)**  University of Toronto,Dalla Lana School of Public Health, virtual lecture, October 7.   * Topic: National-level public health practice in Canada. * Guest lecture to 100 graduate-level students at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. |
| 2020 | **Guest Lecturer, Epidemiology Seminar**  McGill University, Montréal, Canada, virtual lecture   * + Co-presentation with Dr. Arjumand Siddiqi   + Topic: Social determinants of health and health inequality trends in Canada   + 70 participants (graduate students and faculty) |
| 2020 | **Guest Lecturer, Social Determinants of Health (CHL 5105)**  University of Toronto, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, virtual lecture   * Topic: Social Determinants of COVID-19 * Guest lecture to 100 graduate-level epidemiology students |
| 2014-2016 | **Workshop facilitator, Causal Inference Journal Club**  Université de Montréal, Montréal, Canada.   * Topic: Quasi-experimental research design. * Instruction of advanced methods workshops for 15 graduate-level students. |
| 2014 | **Guest Lecturer, Women and the Penal System course (SOC235)**  Bishop's University, Department of Sociology, Sherbrooke, Canada   * Topic: Prison 101 - Prison History, Prison Experience, and Prison Release in Canada * Visiting Instruction to 60 bachelor’s level students. |
| 2011 | **Guest Lecturer, Oppression in the 21st-Century course**  CEGEP Dawson College, Montréal, Canada   * Topic: Intersectionality - the experience of facing multiple oppressions. * Instruction to 30 college-level students. |
| 2011-2012 | **Workshop and training facilitaton, Sexual assault prevention and healthy social and sexual relationships.**  McGill University, CEGEPs and High Schools in Montréal, Canada   * Instructor, workshop series by the Sexual Assault Centre of McGill Student Society, provided to college and CEGEP students in Montreal. |

STUDENT SUPERVISION & MENTORING

**Students mentored/supervised: N=13**

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| 2023-2024 | Parental leave |
| 03/2022 to 11/2022 | **Supervision: MSc Epidemiology student**  Public Health Agency of Canada, Social Determinants of Health Division   * Student: Kevin Jutras, MSc Epidemiology student, McGill University. * Kevin is an Indigenous student who is contributing to Indigenous-specific analyses * Project: Exploring changes in mental health inequalities in Canada to guide future Pan-Canadian Health Inequalities Reporting Initiative analyse*s* |
| 01/2022 to 07/2022 | **Supervision: MSc Epidemiology Practicum student**  Public Health Agency of Canada, Social Determinants of Health Division   * Student: Rabina Jahan, MSc Epidemiology student, University of Toronto Dalla Lana School of Public Health * Project: Exploring changes in mental health inequalities in Canada to guide future Pan-Canadian Health Inequalities Reporting Initiative analyse*s* |
| 09/2021 to 12/2021 | **Supervision: FSWEP student research project.**  Public Health Agency of Canada, Social Determinants of Health Division   * Student: Radhika Sultania, MSc Epidemiology student, Western University * Project: Scan of provincial and territorial public health priorities to guide future Pan-Canadian Health Inequalities Reporting Initiative analyse*s* |
| 06/2020 to present | **Supervision: Independent student research project**  University of Toronto,Dalla Lana School of Public Health   * Co-supervision with Dr. Arjumand Siddiqi * Project: Trends in Black overall mortality and mortality by “Deaths of Despair,” by county and county characteristics in the United States. * Students:   + Kahiye Warsame, MPH, Dalla Lana School of Public Health   + Harsh Naik, Medical Student, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto   + Yulika Yoshida-Montezuma, MPH, Dalla Lana School of Public Health |
| 05/2021 to 09/2021 | **Supervision: FSWEP student research project.**  Public Health Agency of Canada, Social Determinants of Health Division   * Student: Ali El-Samra, MPH, École de santé publique de l’Université de Montréal * Project: Scan of international initiatives reporting on changes in health inequalities through time, and integration of intersectionality theory in national health inequality reporting |
| 2020-2021 | **PhD and MPH Student Mentoring.**  University of Toronto, Dalla Lana School of Public Health   * Research plan review and early career mentoring * Students:   + Emmanuelle Arpin, PhD candidate, University of Toronto   + Sai Surabi Thirugnanasampanthar, MPHc, University of Toronto |
| 01/2019 to 12/2020 | **Supervision: MSc. Public Health Practicum.**  Public Health Agency of Canada, Quebec Regional Office   * Project: *Scan environnemental des systèmes de surveillance au Québec* * Students:   + Clara Bolster Foucault, MSc Public Health, McGill University   + Holly McGarr, MSc Public Health, McGill University |
| 01/2019 to 05/2019 | **Mentoring: Masters of Public Health student, Université de Montréal.**  Public Health Agency of Canada, Quebec Regional Office   * Work review and mentoring * Students   + Ruoke Chen, MPH, École de santé publique de l’Université de Montréal   + Naomie Lewis-Hibbert, MPH, École de santé publique de l’Université de Montréal |
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KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION

**Working papers (on-going)**

1. **Working Paper. A. Blair.** R. Jahan. J. Mazza. B. McKinnon, SY Pan, D. Chakravartty. Trends in inequalities in mental health and well-being in Canada 2007-2002: Identifying priority outcomes and key health inequalities using matrix heat mapping
2. **Working Paper.** M. Perks, R. Jahan, D. Chakravartty, SY Pan, **A. Blair.** Inequalities in mental health and well-being according to precarious work conditions in Canada
3. **Working Paper.** R. Jahan, SY Pan, **A. Blair,** D. Chakravartty. Inequalities in Self-Perceived Discrimination in Canada: A Comparison of Trends Based on the General Social Survey's Victimization and Social Identity Thematic Contexts and Collection Modes.
4. **Working Paper.** M. Perks, R. Jahan, D. Chakravartty, SY Pan, **A. Blair.** Social inequalities in access to supportive school resources for children with disabilities in Canada

**Peer-reviewed journal publications**

2025

1. **Submitted, Under Review** K. Warsame, Y. Yoshida-Montezuma, A. Blair, A. Siddiqi. Are “Deaths of despair” a White Phenomenon? Black mortality from drugs, alcohol, and suicides in the USA from 1999 to 2022.
2. **Submitted, Invited to Revise and Resubmit.** F. V. Shahidi, A. Andreacchi, A. E. Fuller, **A. Blair**, N. Carnide, M. A. Harris, R. Pabayo, B. T. Smith, A. Siddiqi, P. M. Smith. Employment quality and mortality in Canada. *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health.*
3. A. Andreacchi. A. Fuller, P. Smith, **A. Blair**, A. Harris, N. Carnide, R. Pabayo, B. Smith, A. Siddiqi. F. Shahidi. Employment quality and risk of suicide, drug poisoning, and alcohol-attributable mortality. *American Journal of Epidemiology.* kwaf018,<https://academic.oup.com/aje/advance-article/doi/10.1093/aje/kwaf018/7994436?login=true>
4. M. Jamieson, **A. Blair,** B. Jackson, A. Siddiqi. Race-based sampling, measurement, and monitoring in health data: promising practices to address racial health inequities and their determinants in Black Canadians. *Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Journal.* Apr;45(4):147-164. doi: 10.24095/hpcdp.45.4.02. PMID: 40311048; PMCID: PMC12140144. <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC12140144/>

*Parental leave February 2023-October 2024*

2023

1. J. Frank, C. Sumpter, M. Bain, G. McCartney, **A. Blair,** D. Stockton, A. Ishaq. (2023) Public Health Priority Setting on a National Scale: The Scottish Experience. Public Health in Practice (2023); 5 (100327). <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2666535222001033>

2022

1. **A. Blair**, A. Siddiqi. (2022) The individual risk and population-level impacts of social determinants on the use of substances associated with Deaths of Despair. Preventive Medicine (2022); 164 (107327) <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36334684/>
2. **A. Blair**, A. Siddiqi. (2022) Social determinants of ethno-racial inequalities in substance use: A decomposition of national survey data. Social psychiatry and psychiatric epidemiology. (2022);57(10):2013-2022. doi: 10.1007/s00127-022-02281-3.
3. **A. Blair**, SY. Pan, R. Subedi, F.J. Yang, N. Aitken, C. Steensma. (2022) Social Inequalities in COVID-19 mortality by area- and individual-level characteristics in Canada, January to July/August 2020: Results from two national data integrations. Can Commun Dis Rep 2022;48(1):27–38. <https://doi.org/10.14745/ccdr.v48i01a05>

2021

1. **A. Blair**, A. Parnia, F. Vahid Shahidi. A. Siddiqi. (2021) Social determinants of hand hygiene, social distancing, and ability to work from home during the COVID-19 pandemic. Canadian Journal of Public Health. 818–830 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.17269/s41997-021-00553-0>
2. **A. Blair**, K. Warsame. H. Naik, W. Byrne, A. Parnia, A. Siddiqi. (2021) Identifying gaps in COVID-19 health equity data reporting in Canada using a scorecard approach. Canadian Journal of Public Health. 112(3): 352-362 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.17269/s41997-021-00496-6>
3. C. Bolster-Foucault, B. Ho Mi Fane, K. Gray, **A. Blair**. (2021) Structural determinants of stigma across health and social conditions: A rapid review and conceptual framework proposal to guide future research and intervention. Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention in Canada. 41(3):85-115 (2021) https://doi.org/10.24095/hpcdp.41.3.03
4. **A. Blair,** A. Parnia, A. Siddiqi. (2021) A time-series analysis of testing and COVID-19 outbreaks in Canadian federal prisons to inform prevention and surveillance efforts. Canadian Communicable Disease Report. 47 (1):66-76 (2021) <https://doi.org/10.14745/ccdr.v47i01a10>

2020

1. **A. Blair**, L. Gauvin. G. Datta. Impact of organized colorectal cancer screening programs, and program types, on socioeconomic and health-service related screening inequities. *Journal of Cancer Policy.* 24 (2020) <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcpo.2020.100229>
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3. (2022) Public Health Agency of Canada. Monitoring changes in health inequalities through time: A scan of international initiatives and a rapid review of scientific literature. [Authors: **A. Blair,** A El Samra, D. Charkravartty, B Jackson, et al.] [Monitoring changes in health inequalities through time: A scan of international initiatives and a rapid review of scientific literature - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/science-research-data/monitoring-changes-health-inequalities-scan-international-initiatives-rapid-review-scientific-literature.html)
4. (2022) Public Health Agency of Canada. How to integrate intersectionality theory in quantitative health equity analysis? A rapid review and checklist of promising practices. [Authors: **A. Blair,** A El Samra, D Charkravartty, B Jackson, et al.] <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/publications/science-research-data/how-integrate-intersectionality-theory-quantitative-health-equity-analysis.html>
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6. (2020) Public Health Agency of Canada. Syphilis in Canada: Technical report on epidemiological trends, determinants and interventions. Agence de la santé publique du Canada. [Authors: J. Aho, **A. Blair,** J. Vachon, et al] [www.canada.ca/en/services/health/publications/diseases-conditions/syphilis-epidemiological-report.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/services/health/publications/diseases-conditions/syphilis-epidemiological-report.html)

**Reports**

1. (2017) Frank, G. McCartney, P. Seaman, C. Mair, D. Stockton, **A.Blair**, L. Doi, G. Inglis, S. Malden, C. Sumpter. Evidence-Based Criteria for Scotland’s Public Health Priorities. Steering Group Report for the Scottish Government. <https://publichealthreform.scot/media/1270/evidence-based-criteria-report-sg-22-12-17.pdf>
2. (2014) **A. Blair,** C. Allen, "From Evidence to Policy: Report on the McGill University Institute for Health and Social Policy and the Montreal Health Equity Research Consortium Annual Meeting", McGill University Institute for Health and Social Policy. August 2014.

**Oral Presentations**

| 2025 | *Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics Conference.* “Trends in inequalities in mental health and well-being in Canada 2007-2022: Identifying priority populations and key health inequalities using matrix heat mapping” Montreal, August 11-13, 2025. |
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| 2022 | **(Invited speaker)** *15e édition du Colloque Excellence en Relève.* Opening Plenary Remarks - Mot d’ouverture. Centre interuniversitaire québécois de statistiques sociales (CIQSS). November 8, 2022. |
| 2022 | *Canadian Public Health Association Conference.* “How to integrate intersectionality theory in health inequity analysis: A rapid review and checklist of promising practices” June 2022. |
| 2021 | *Canadian Public Health Association Conference.* “Social inequalities in COVID-19 mortality by area- and individual-level characteristics in Canada, January to July/August 2020” October 2021. |
| 2021 | *Society for Epidemiologic Research Annual Meeting.* “When decomposition analysis highlights the importance of intersectionality theory in racial health inequity research” June 2021 |
| 2020 | **(Invited Speaker)** *McGill University Epidemiology Seminar. “*What Accounts for Canadian Health Inequalities?” McGill University, November 2020. |
| 2020 | *Canadian Public Health Association Conference.* “Social determinants of handwashing, social distancing, and ability to work from home during early COVID-19 pandemic lockdown in Canada, and the mediating role of workplace.” Virtual Conference, October 2020. |
| 2020 | **(Invited speaker)** Canada Research Data Center Network’s Research For Policy Panel: “Education and Social Development and COVID-19 in Canada.” May 26, 2020. |
| 2019 | **(Invited speaker)** École d’été du Centre interuniversitaire du Québec en statistiques sociales sur les données sur le cancer. "Inégalités socio-spatiales de la stratification du cancer colorectal au Canada: Illustration d'une analyse de données couplées", |
| 2019 | PHAC-Centre for Communicable Diseases and Infection Control: *STBBI Expert Working Group Meeting*. “Epidemiologic trends and determinants of syphilis outbreaks in Canada.” Ottawa, 2019. |
| 2018 | *Canadian Public Health Association Conference.* “Can community resources mitigate the effects of household poverty on ACE (Adverse Childhood Experience) incidence?” Montreal, Canada, May 2018. |
| 2018 | *Applied Research in Cancer Control Conference.* “The role of access to a primary care physician in mediating immigration-based disparities in colorectal screening: Applying multiple mediation analysis techniques.” Montreal, Canada, May 2018. |
| 2017 | **(Invited speaker)** *Glasgow University Center for Adverse Childhood Experiences.* “Community resources, household poverty, and ACE incidence: Preliminary results of a Scottish study.” Glasgow, UK, November 2017. |
| 2017 | *Society for Longitudinal and Life course Studies Conference. “*The Prevalence of Adverse Childhood Experiences in the General Population of Scottish Children.” Stirling, UK, October 2017. |
| 2016 | *Université de Montréal Ma thèse en 180 secondes. "*La promotion du dépistage du cancer colorectal au Québec et au Canada: Enjeux et pistes d'action." March 2016. |
| 2016 | *Epidemiologic Congress of the Americas. “*Disparity in colorectal screening between recent and non-immigrants in Canada: Mediation by access to a regular medical doctor.” Miami, USA, June 2016. |
| 2015 | *Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics Conference.* “Cervical cancer screening in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit women in Quebec.” Toronto, June 2015. |
| 2014 | *Canadian Academy of Psychiatric Epidemiology Annual Meeting. “*Neighbourhood deprivation change, urban renewal, social mobility, and psychological distress in Canada.” September 2014. |
| 2014 | *Three-Minute Thesis Competition. “*How do neighbourhoods impact mental health?”McGill University(Winner), and Dalhousie University. March-April 2014. |

**Poster Presentations**

| 2019 | *Journées annuelles de santé publique.* Déterminants structuraux de la stigmatisation : recension rapide et synthèse narrative des écrits. Montreal, Canada. |
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| 2018 | *Society of Epidemiological Research.* Impact of organized colorectal cancer screening programs on socioeconomic and health-service related screening inequities: A study of three provincial programs in Canada. Baltimore, USA. |
| 2017 | *Society of Epidemiological Research.* Urban area-level income and likelihood of non-recent colorectal cancer screening in Canada. Seattle, USA |
| 2016 | *Epidemiologic Congress of the Americas.* Disparity in colorectal screening between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal adults in Canada: Magnitude and meditational role of socioeconomic, health care access. Miami, Florida, June 2016. |
| 2014 | *Society of Epidemiological Research.* The effects of neighborhood social and material deprivation change on psychological distress of Canadian adults living in urban areas. Seattle, USA. June 2014. |
| 2013 | *Canadian Academy of Psychiatric Epidemiology Conference*. A Systematic Review of Causal Pathways Linking Neighborhoods to Depression Outcomes.Ottawa, Canada. September 2013 |
| 2013 | *International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiology Conference*. How Do Neighborhoods Affect Depression Outcomes?Leipzig, Germany. June 2013 |

**Newspaper articles and media interviews, and knowledge translation tools**

| 2020 | *Radio Interview.* [Un taux de positivité élevé dans les quartiers défavorisés de Toronto.](https://ici.radio-canada.ca/premiere/emissions/y-a-pas-deux-matins-pareils/episodes/485387/rattrapage-du-mercredi-7-octobre-2020/11) Radio Canada. |
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| 2020 | *Radio Interview.* [Éclosion de COVID-19 au centre correctionnel de Headingley](https://ici.radio-canada.ca/premiere/emissions/le-6-a-9/episodes/486850/rattrapage-du-mercredi-14-octobre-2020/7) (Manitoba) |
| 2020 | *News Interview.* [Mort de la COVID-19 derrière les barreaux : « C’est comme si on l’avait abandonné.](https://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/1720265/coronavirus-prison-penitencier-quebec-canada-bordeaux) Radio Canada. |
| 2020 | *News Interview.* [COVID-19 taking a toll in prisons, with high infection rates, CBC News analysis shows.](https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/prisons-jails-inmates-covid-19-1.5652470) CBC News. |
| 2020 | *Editorial.* [A lack of data hides the unequal burden of COVID-19.](https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/2020/04/16/a-lack-of-data-hides-the-unequal-burden-of-covid-19.html) Toronto Star. |
| 2020 | *News Interview.* [Health experts pen letter in support of anti-Black racism protests during the pandemic.](https://globalnews.ca/news/7038690/anti-black-racism-protests-coronavirus/) Global News. |
| 2020 | *Online Tool – Translation to French.* [COVID-19 Acute and Intensive Care Resource Tool](https://caic-rt.shinyapps.io/CAIC-RT/) |
| 2017 | *Magazine Interview.* Faut bouger ses fesses! Journal l’Actualité, June 2017. |
| 2017 | *Blog interview.* Ma thèse en 150 mots. May 2017. |
| 2017 | *Newspaper interview.*[Le Québec tarde à dépister un cancer meurtrier](https://nouvelles.umontreal.ca/article/2017/04/24/le-quebec-tarde-a-depister-un-cancer-meurtrier/). Le Forum de l’Université de Montréal. May 2017. |
| 2015 | *News Paper Interview.* Un colloque sur l’innovation en santé publique. Quartier Libre de l’Université de Montréal. February 2015. |

**Dissertations and theses**

1. Blair, Alexandra. (2018) [Addressing gaps in colorectal cancer screening in Canada : multilevel determinants of screening, pathways to screening inequalities, and program evaluation](http://hdl.handle.net/1866/22576). PhD Public Health & Epidemiology, Université de Montréal. Supervisors: Drs. Geetanjali Datta, Lise Gauvin. [Addressing gaps in colorectal cancer screening in Canada : multilevel determinants of screening, pathways to screening inequalities, and program evaluation](https://umontreal.scholaris.ca/items/06fd1932-1618-439d-a123-1c050264a165)
2. Blair, Alexandra. (2014) Urban neighborhood environments and adult affective health outcomes in Canada. MSc Psychiatry. McGill University. Supervisor: Dr. Norbert Schmitz. [Thesis | Urban neighborhood environments and adult affective health outcomes in Canada | ID: 3484zk819 | eScholarship@McGill](https://escholarship.mcgill.ca/concern/theses/3484zk819)

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| 2020 | *Medical Care,* manuscript review (1)  *Social Science & Medicine,* manuscript review (2) |
|  | *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*, manuscript review (2) |
|  | *IXe Congrès International d’Épidémiologie (Québec, 2020),* abstract review |
| 2019 | *Global Health Promotion,* manuscript review |
|  | *Chief Public Health Officer of Canada Annual Report,* PHAC*,* report review |
|  | *Infectious Disease and Climate Change Fund Review Panel,* PHAC |
| 2018 | *Journées annuelles de santé publique (JASP) 2019,* conference abstract review |
| 2017 | *Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health,* manuscript review |
|  | *Canadian Medical Association Journal,* manuscript review |
| 2014 | *Preventive Medicine,* manuscript review |
| 2011 | *KANATA Undergraduate Journal of Indigenous Studies,* manuscript review |

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| 2020 | **Scientific Committee Member**, IXe Congrès International d’Épidémiologie (Québec 18-20 Août 2020) |
| 2019-2020 | **Co-coordinator,** Statistical methods Discussion Group, Field Epidemiology Community of Practice (CP-EPITER) |
| 2017-2018 | **Chair**, Population Health Student and Postdoctoral Committee, CHUM Research Center, Montreal, Canada. |
| 2017 | **Annual evaluation review committee Student Representative**, Centre interuniversitaire de statistiques sociales du Québec (CIQSS) |
| 2016 | **Hiring Committee Student Representative,** Biostatistics Hiring, Département de médecine sociale et préventive, École de santé publique de l’Université de Montréal |
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COMMUNITY-BASED WORK EXPERIENCE

| 2011 | **Coordinator.** Campus Crops, McGill University. Montreal, Canada. |
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VOLUNTEER WORK

| 2024-ongoing | **Member, Environment and Sustainability Committee,** Centre de Petite Enfance Biscuit, Montreal, Canada. |
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| 2011-2020 | **Prisoner Support Volunteer.** RECON Group for Prisoners Serving Life Sentences, Federal Training Centre Penitentiary, Laval, Canada. |