



OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

HIGHLIGHTS

- IJQM Special Collections – Calls for Papers
- Pushing the Boundaries of Qualitative Research (2024-25 International Series)
- Thinking Qualitatively: Research Relationships (TQ:2R) – June 9-12, 2025
- New free online courses now available!

A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTORS

Greetings from the International Institute for Qualitative Methodology!

As we enter an exciting academic year, we warmly invite you to join us in **attending lively upcoming events**, accessing our **new free online courses**, **celebrating success and community** in recent initiatives, and remembering the legacy of Dr. Sarah Jeanne Stahlke.

We are pleased to welcome **Jeongwon Gim** as our **new administrative assistant**.

Jeongwon is a Ph.D. candidate in Interdisciplinary Studies at the School of Urban and Regional Planning and the Department of Sociology at the University of Alberta. Her research focuses on using drawing as a multimodal methodology to explore and understand urban brandscapes.



It was wonderful to welcome over 60 UAlberta folks to the September Open House in our new space (450 Arts). We look forward to seeing more of you as the year unfolds.



As always, please be in touch with **ideas or questions for us**: iiqm@ualberta.ca.

Sara Dorow, Director

Gillian Lemermeyer, Associate Director

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pushing the Boundaries of Qualitative Research 2024-25 International Series

Join virtual conversations with experienced scholars who are asking new questions, crafting alternative approaches, and challenging how we think and do qualitative research. Hosted by graduate students.

More info soon – starts November 2024.

Announcing TQ 2025 Thinking Qualitatively: Research Relationships (TQ:24)

Mark your calendars for **June 9-12, 2025!** TQ:2R



will consider the fundamental importance of relationality in qualitative inquiry, including relationships among researchers, participants, and communities; between human and non-human actors; and across theory and method.

Join us in June to build skills and knowledge in your research methods and practice through workshops, webinars, a keynote series, and opportunities to connect.

Registration open by January 2025.

Thinking Qualitatively (TQ) is a signature annual event of iiQM. We aim to advance understanding of qualitative methods among graduate students, early career scholars, and community research practitioners all over the world.

LEARNING AND RESEARCH

New free online short courses now available!

The iiQM and the IIS (Institute for Intersectionality Studies) have collaborated to produce **two interactive, self-paced online learning modules:**



- *Introduction to Intersectional Qualitative Research*
- *Introduction to Intersectional Qualitative Health Research*

The courses are intended for individuals who are relatively new to intersectionality as a framework in qualitative research.

Learn more and [register](#).

Help us spread the word about this unique resource by sharing the [info page](#).

Decolonizing Approaches to Research at uAlberta (DARA)

This multi-method, story-based research project explores the experiences and **perspectives of UAlberta researchers** who understand their work as **decolonizing**.



The DARA Team

Cindy Gaudet, Jordana Salma, Sara Dorow, Melissa Tremblay, Nancy Van Styvendale, Audrey Medwayosh

DARA aims to:

- Understand how researchers conceptualize decolonization
- Learn about their approaches and methodologies
- Create community and conversation
- Illuminate joys and challenges in doing this work, and
- Identify changes and actions to support decolonizing research at the U of A.

Report will be available very soon.

IJQM Special Collections – Calls for Papers

Members of the iiQM network are encouraged to consider submissions to one of the upcoming special collections of the International Journal of Qualitative Methods. Upcoming special collections include:

- Participatory Research and Community Engagement - *deadline Oct 18, 2024*
- The Contribution of Qualitative Methods to Addressing Contemporary Public Health Challenges - *deadline Feb 20, 2025*
- Capable and Competent: Very Young Children's Meaningful Participation in Research - *deadline March 20, 2025*

To find out more, and see the full list of current calls for papers, visit the [Special Collections webpage of the IJQM](#).

EVENT RECAP

Thank you for making Thinking Qualitatively 2024 a success!

An international learning community

Thinking Qualitatively: Time and Place (June 3-5, 2024) was one of our most ambitious and most well-received events. Over 3 days, we welcomed a record number of over 130 registrants from 19 countries and 68 institutions as we considered a theme of time and place in over 23 interactive sessions. Our free public [keynote series](#) also drew hundreds of attendees across disciplines.

Participants highlighted how much they learned in a supportive environment:

“It was very **accessible, warm, encouraging**, and paid attention to our human-ness.”
“Learning **several new qualitative methods** during one event was super valuable.”

Congratulations to Zümra Kendir, a graduate student from Turkey!

She handily won a **one-year subscription to Quirkos** at one of our social events after staying up into the wee hours to participate.



“I **attended every single session** from beginning to the very end. It was a very productive experience for me and enriched my perception as a young researcher.”

This year, we also **awarded scholarships** for 15 graduate students and community practitioners from 9 countries who would otherwise have been unable to attend.

Our free public keynote addresses are **now available** on [our website](#):

- Land, Community, and Healing: Using Indigenous Approaches to Re-think Qualitative Methods in Health Contexts (Dr. LaVerne Demientieff)
- Juxtaposing (hetero)sexualities 1990/2020: Time binds, rematriation, and caring for the neglected things of social research (Dr. Rachel Thomson)

Learn more and watch the videos [here](#).

We look forward to continuing to grow the TQ community.

Our thanks to all of the workshop instructors and presenters, to the Arts Resource Centre at the U of A for smooth handling of the technology, and to the incredible team of people that made TQ:TaP possible, led by Event Coordinator Emily Friedrich. We would also like to thank our sponsors, including Quirkos, the Faculty of Arts, and the Kule Institute for Advanced Studies.

IN MEMORIAM

Remembering Sarah Stahlke (April 5, 1962 – August 7, 2024)

We pause to remember the life of **Dr. Sarah Jeanne Stahlke**, who passed away in early August in Edmonton, Alberta. Over the years, Sarah served in several roles with iiQM, including Education Director, Advisory Board member, and convener of Thinking Qualitatively. She was a prolific and passionate qualitative methodologist who especially contributed to advancing



the field of autoethnography.

Sarah was a lifelong learner who loved to mentor and support others in their development. Donations may be made to the "Dr. Sarah Stahlke Memorial Graduate Award in Sociology" at the [University of Alberta](#) or to [Doctors Without Borders](#). To learn more, read the [full obituary](#)







Let's connect our communities!

Have an event or opportunity to share?

Please get in touch with us at iiqm@ualberta.ca.

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