The WolbPack

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A piece about the group initiated by WenTao Li and Manel Djebrouni of the group
<https://www.ucalgary.ca/utoday/issue/2019-03-07/cumming-school-student-group-encourages-undergrads-pursue-research>; photo on the left for WenTao’s and Manel’s piece with many alumni showing up for the photo shoot Thanks all!


Lillywhite Aspen and Villamil Valentina (2021) Undergraduate research experiences: A narrative discussion between two undergraduate students within disability studies (both talk about their research experience with my group) in International Journal of Disability, Community & Rehabilitation Volume 19, Student Perspectives
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Starting
• GROUP

Jan. 2020
• Chiara Salvatore CRDS

Dec. 2020
• Sehar Sami
• Noah Ulicki CRDS

Mar. 2021
Brielle Lillywhite
Engineering

May 2021
Khushi Arora
Kinesiology

January 2022
• Annie Nguyen
• CRDS
Awards for WolbPack Members

Over 80 awards including research and community awards: for example

- Runner up Graduate Student Association (GSA) Future Innovator award (demonstrated excellence in research while showing a potential to make significant impacts in the field in the future,...original work for a newly emerging field.)
- Governor General’s Gold Medal for best Master thesis from the University of Calgary (started with me as an undergraduate)
- Community activity related award
- Best poster presentations
- Travel awards
- More see at https://wolbring.wordpress.com/academic-life-of-my-students-the-wolbpack/
The WolbPack since 2008

All students start with the WolbPack as undergraduates

Many join right in year one of their undergraduate bachelor degree

So far around 415 conference presentations (oral face to face, oral virtual, podcast, posters)

50 papers as first authors; more as co-authors

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Topics of Engagement

**Ability Studies**
- Ability expectation and Ableism governance
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- Aging well
- Anticipatory governance/Responsible Research and Innovation/Participatory technology assessment/citizen science
- Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning
- Art Therapy
- Autism/ADHD/Neurodiversity
- Back to work
- BIAS FREE Framework (Eichler/Burke)
- Bioethics Issues
- Bionics
- Brain Machine/Computer Interface
- Community Based Rehabilitation/ Matrix
- Community being the scholar
- COVID-19
- Climate change/Energy/water/food
- Cognitive/ Neuro/other Enhancements
- Conflict Studies
- Determinants of Health
- Determinants of Wellbeing

**Disability Studies**
- Disabled artists and disability arts
- Ecohealth
- Equity, diversity and Inclusion (EDI)
- Environmental activism
- Environmental education
- Education
- Eugenics
- Genetics; Gene editing; Personalized/Precision- Medicine,-genetic,-/public health,-engineering
- Global Health
- Health-Consumerism/promotion campaigns/Technology Assessment
- Knowledge production
- Lifelong learning
- Meaning of health/disability/impairment/well-being/...
- Motivated Reasoning
- Nano scale technology
- Neuroethics issues/ Neurotechnologies
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy

**Science and Technology Studies**
- Service and Social Robotics
- Social Responsibility
- Social Work
- Speech language pathology/audiology
- Sport
- STEM
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

**Sustainability Studies**
- Synthetic Biology/Gene editing/IGEM
- Violence and Abuse
- Work/employment/occupation/being occupied
Recipient of the University of Calgary 2022 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion award; Faculty and Postdoctoral Scholars category.

One of three finalist 2020 Sustainability Award University of Calgary category Faculty Sustainability Research Award. The email to me states “Congratulations! In recognition of your exemplary work on ecoableism and disability justice, you have been selected...” The award webpage states “Improving the quality of life of disabled people and securing a sustainable future for all” University of Calgary 2020 Sustainability Award

2014, 2016, 2018 Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) Research Mentor Award, Cumming School of Medicine

2017 Tanis Doe award of the Canadian Disability Studies Association

2015 Faculty of Graduate Studies, “My Supervisor Skills, GREAT Supervisor Award!” (! Part of the title)

2013 Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal of the Government of Canada; reason: impact of research on community

2011 Faculty of Medicine McLeod award for excellence in teaching (but also meaning my WolbPack)
Cheers!