



The WolbPack

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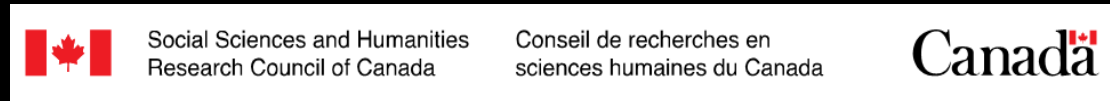
Community Rehabilitation and
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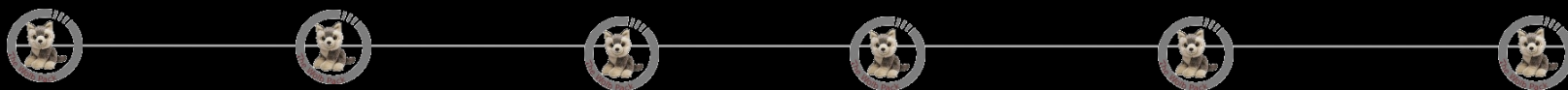
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[A piece about the group initiated by WenTao Li and Manel Djebrouni of the group](https://www.ucalgary.ca/utoday/issue/2019-03-07/cumming-school-student-group-encourages-undergrads-pursue-research)

<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!

Write up about Aspen Lillywhite <https://ucalgary.ca/news/class-2021-undergrad-embraces-empowering-new-way-thinking-about-people-disabilities> and Valentina Villamil <https://ucalgary.ca/news/class-2021-childhood-move-canada-sparked-lifelong-joy-learning-language> in Ucalgary News

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



Alumni

The WolbPack SINCE 2008

Boushra Abdullah
Sadia Ahmed
Shyrose Aujla
Natalie Ball
Gulshan Baloch
Kaitlyn Brien
Alshaba Billawala
Ashley Blackmore
Niklas Bobrovitz
Brigid Burke
Emily Chai
Jennifer Cheung
Rochelle Deloria
Lucy Diep
Manel Djebrouni
Elyse Dykstra

Gilary Guman
Erica Hartman
Hannah Holitzki
Emily Hutcheon
Mikaela Johnson
Sibat Khwaja
Verlyn Leopatra
Aspen Lillywhite
Aryn Brianne Lisitza
Wen Tao Li
Brian Litke
Rachel Mackay
Angelica Martin
Nicole Mfoafo M'Carthy
Kalie Mosig
Jacqueline Noga

Daniela Navia
Vivian Nguyen
Carolina Nuñez
Syeda Farwa Naqvi
Angel Onoh
Sonum Panesar
Theresa Rybchinski
Samantha Sirianni
Jeremy Tynedal
Valentina Villamil
Sophya Yumakulov
Kylah Wilson-Zelmer

Current Group

Chiara Salvatore
Sehar Sami
CRDS

Annie Nguyen
Noah Ulicki
CRDS

Brielle Lillywhite
Engineering

Khushi Arora
Kinesiology

Fatima Jamal Al-Deen
Simerta Gill
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
- Ability expectation and Ableism exercises
- 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

- Organ transplant

- Policy Literacy

- Peace

- Religion

- Resilience

- Role narrative

- Risk Narrative

• 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



Research related awards for Gregor Wolbring made possible by The WolbPack

- 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 SupervisorSkills, 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!