

AMEA 2017 Conference-Bio and Pictures

The Rodney Lazenby Fatality Inquiry

Presenter-Dawn Rault

The pre-inquiry conference for Officer Lazenby's death was held on Monday, February 13th, 2017 in Calgary. This presentation will provide an overview of the purpose, issues, and procedures of the fatality inquiry. It will further explain who was granted status at the inquiry, and the focus on the inquiry that is scheduled for June 12-16, 2017 in Calgary.

Protecting children from dog-bites and associated trauma: results from a review of pediatric hospital charts in Edmonton

Presenters-Drs. Sarah Curtis, Sylvia Checkley, Melanie Rock, and Dawn Rault

This presentation will share the results of a chart-review of 697 pediatric dog-bite cases from a hospital in Edmonton. Information extracted included data related to patients (age, gender), dogs (behavior prior to bite, breed), bites (location on patient, injury), and treatment and inter-agency collaboration. These records were collected before the BSL (Breed Specific Ban) was implemented in 1997, and after it was removed in 2012.

Dr. Sylvia Checkley

Associate Professor

Ecosystem and Public Health (EPH)

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Dr. Checkley completed her DVM degree at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine. Following graduation, she worked in a busy rural community veterinary practice for eight years as an associate and then co-owner. Dr. Checkley pursued graduate studies (Epidemiology) at WCV, where she also worked as a Teaching Assistant, Sessional Lecturer, and Assistant Professor. She then worked for the Food Safety Division of Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development, where she was a key member of the development and implementation team for a major livestock surveillance initiative - the Alberta Veterinary Surveillance Network (AVSN). Sylvia joined the UCVM Faculty in September 2009, with a half time appointment to ProvLab.

Dr. Sarah Curtis

Assistant Professor/Emergency
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Dr. Sarah Curtis is Assistant Professor in the Departments of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine, as well as being affiliated with the Women and Children's Health Research Institute. She is an active member of Pediatric Emergency Research Canada (PERC), Translating Emergency Knowledge for Kids (TREKK), and StaR Child Health, which is an international collaboration that seeks to enhance the quality, ethics, and relevance of clinical research in child health by promoting the use of evidence-based standards and guidance for the design, conduct and reporting of clinical trials with children.

Dr. Melanie Rock

**Associate Scientific Director, O'Brien Institute for Public Health
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Dr. Melanie Rock is Associate Scientific Director of the O'Brien Institute for Public Health (since January 2016). She is also Associate Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences, Cumming School of Medicine (primary appointment);

the Department of Ecosystem and Public Health, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (joint appointment); the Faculty of Social Work (adjunct appointment with supervisory privileges); and the Department of Anthropology and Archeology, Faculty of Arts (adjunct appointment with supervisory privileges).

Previously, Dr. Rock held a New Investigator Award from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Petro-Canada Young Innovator in Community Health Research Prize, and a Population Health Investigator Award from the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (now known as Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions). She is registered with the Alberta College of Social Workers, with a scope of practice emphasizing social research, community services and public policy in relation to [One Health](#).

Dawn Rault, PhD(c)-University of Calgary



Dawn Rault graduated from Mount Royal University with a diploma in Criminology and completed her undergraduate studies in Criminal Justice at the University of the Fraser Valley. Dawn graduate with her MA in Human Security and Peacebuilding at Royal Roads University and is currently completing a PhD in Community Health Sciences with a focus in Population and Public Health at the University of Calgary. Dawn has been an instructor with the Department of Economics, Justice, and Policy Studies at Mount Royal University since 2006 and teaches nine courses including research methods, young persons in conflict with the law, diversity and the justice system, interviewing, and practicum seminars. Her research focuses on the enforcement of pet laws and the work of bylaw and peace officers in Alberta.