

RESEARCH SEMINAR SERIES

Improving Access and the Experience in Genetic Healthcare: Research Insights through a Genetic Counselling Lens

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Jessica Hartley (she/her) is the Program Director for the MSc in Genetic Counselling and an Instructor II in the Department of Biochemistry and Medical Genetics. She earned her MSc in Genetic Counselling from Northwestern University and has clinical expertise in metabolic disease, newborn screening, and neurogenetics. In 2017, she transitioned to academia to develop the MSc in GC program, overseeing teaching, clinical work, and thesis projects. Jessica's vision focuses on improving patient access and experience in genetic healthcare. She aims to evaluate new service delivery models, develop informative curriculum, and promote the value of genetic counsellors, most recently as the Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors president. She is an avid hiker and backcountry camper and is looking forward to cross country skiing this winter!