

Opening Ceremony

Professor Margaret Barry

Established Chair in Health Promotion and Public Health, National University of Ireland Galway
Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion Research

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: *Think upstream - Are you ready for the promotion revolution?*



Margaret Barry is a professor who works closely with policymakers and practitioners on the development, implementation and evaluation of mental health promotion interventions and policies at national and international level. Margaret has a keen interest in both the generation of evidence for mental health promotion and its translation for policy and practice. She currently holds the Established Chair in Health Promotion and Public Health at the National University of Ireland Galway, where she is Head of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Health Promotion Research.

Margaret was elected as Global Vice President for Capacity Building, Education and Training by the International Union for Health Promotion and Education from 2007 to 2010. She has served as Temporary Advisor to the WHO and has acted as project leader on major European Union funded initiatives. Appointed to the European Commission Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health from 2013-2016, she was re-appointed for a second term from 2016-2019. She is also co-author of the international text *Implementing Mental Health Promotion*, a second edition of which is currently being prepared for publication.

Dr. Brandi L. Bell

Assistant Director, Young Lives Research Lab, UPEI

Profile of Child and Youth Mental Health in Atlantic Canada

Brandi is Assistant Director of the Young Lives Research Lab at the University of Prince Edward Island. She is currently coordinating qualitative Patient Journeys research for the Atlantic Canada Children's Effective Service Strategies - Mental Health project (funded by CIHR) and is co-lead researcher for two projects evaluating the scale-up of Social and Emotional Learning in Atlantic Canada (Socially and Emotionally Aware Kids [SEAK] project, funded by PHAC, and SEL in First Nation Schools: Evaluating Scale-Up in New Brunswick, in collaboration with the First Nation Education Initiative Inc.). She holds a PhD in Communication Studies from Concordia University. After participating at ASI for the past two years, Brandi is excited to contribute to this year's symposium on Child and Youth Mental Health in Atlantic Canada.



Judith Clark

Elder; Honorary Doctor of Laws, UPEI

Aboriginal Opening

Judy is a Mi'kmaq woman from Abegweit First Nation. She is extremely active in her community and is committed to Aboriginal and women's issues within PEI and Canada in general. She is President of the PEI Aboriginal Women's Association, Executive Council for Native Women's Association of Canada and is the PEI representative for the RCMP Commissioner's National Aboriginal Advisory Committee. Judy has been a volunteer with the Girl Guides of Canada for 30 years and is currently a Mi'kmaw Circle Keeper with PEI's Aboriginal Justice Program. In recognition of her work, Judy was presented with a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, 2012. In May 2014 she was appointed on the Premier's Action Committee on Family Violence Prevention as a representative of the Aboriginal Women's Association of PEI. On May 13 2017, Judy was presented an Honorary Doctor of Laws by the University of Prince Edward Island.



Judy has a professional background in finance and conflict resolution, Researcher and has worked with the Department of National Defense, Abegweit First Nation and the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of PEI. She shares her traditional knowledge in a joint project with Parks Canada and today has a small business: "Epekwithk Mi'kmaq Cultural Consulting",

With the support of her husband, John, she leads her life in accordance with the teachings of her Elders. She is a proud mother of two daughters and has three granddaughters and a grandson.

Doug Crossman

P3R Consulting; ASI Board member

Doug Crossman has 35 years of involvement in the mental health, public health, and population health promotion fields. From September 2008 to December 2014, Doug served as a Senior Policy Advisor with the Public Health Agency of Canada, becoming one of the 'architects' of the Innovation Strategy (IS) with lead responsibility for the design, implementation, and evaluation of the mental health promotion component of the Strategy. Doug has recently established P3R Consulting in Stratford, Prince Edward Island. He is a member of an Advisory Committee for the McConnell and Carthy Foundations which lead the development of a 'social lab' framework to explore best practices in social-emotional learned based school policies and programs to be applied across the country. He has also completed a Certificate Program with the Institute of Social Emotional Intelligence in Colorado.



Michael R. Denny

Drummer, Eskasoni First Nation

Michael R Denny is a Mi'kmaq cultural expert from Eskasoni Mi'kmaw Nation, in Cape Breton. He has been singing Mi'kmaq songs and dancing all his life. He is very well known on the powwow Trail and is also the lead singer and drum keeper for the Stoney Bear Singers. He works full time as a Resolution Health Support Worker for Indian Residential School Survivors.

Malcom Shookner

President, Atlantic Summer Institute on Healthy and Safe Communities

Malcolm Shookner has an extensive background in community development, social research, health promotion and public policy in the non-profit, academic and public sectors. He has worked on many projects that use indicators to measure the quality of life, sustainability, health and well-being of communities. Malcolm is President of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Summer Institute on Health and Safe Communities Inc. He was formerly the Chief Statistician for Nova Scotia Community Counts (retired), a provincially supported website that provided information for and about communities.

