

Mental Health researchers: Memorial University

1. [Rick Audas](#), Medicine, PI on Access-MH [Atlantic Canada Children's Effective Service Studies in Mental Health](#) which included decision makers, clinicians, and academic researchers from across Atlantic Canada and developed an online [evidence supported resource map](#) to indicate to a wide range of stakeholders what services are available, how treatments can be accessed, and their comparative effectiveness.
2. [Kris Aubrey Bassler](#), Primary Health Research Unit, led the CIHR-funded Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovation Network to conduct primary care research with a clear focus on results that matter to patients. Citizens and patients played a key role, contributing to research projects, providing insight from the patient's perspective- may be a good person to talk to about connecting with patients in NL.
3. [Jan Buley](#), Faculty of Education, has led community-based research and interventions in the women's prison system, has worked at homeless shelters with at-risk youth, and has experience working in indigenous communities with a focus on building resilience
4. [Anne Burke](#), Faculty of Education, studies cyber bullying and the online activities of school-aged youth
5. [Cathryn Button](#), Psychology, is the chair of the MAPS program. Her research interests are related to psychological methods, research design and program evaluation. She is interested in the application of sound research principles in applied research settings and the improvement of program evaluation methods.
6. [Peter Cornish](#), Psychology, developed stepped care model at Memorial's student counselling centre, researches e-health approaches/ service delivery efficiencies in mental health
7. [Catherine deBoer](#), Social Work, partnered with the St. John's Status of Women Council in the design, implementation and evaluation of the *Right Here, Right Now Drop-In Counselling Centre* – a walk-in women's mental health clinic
8. [Ken Fowler](#)'s research includes Employment, Industry and Health, Mental Health and Addictions, Child Protection Services, and Health System Policy and Service Delivery. In addition to his academic research, he also conducts policy evaluations and program reviews on behalf of various Public Service Agencies and Health Boards.
9. [Sulaimon Giwa](#), Social Work, Gender, Sexuality and Health, Racism & Mental Health, Criminology, Police Education
10. [Nick Harris](#), Psychology, Addictions, Substance Use, Gaming Addictions, Gambling Addictions
11. [Olga Heath](#) Psychology/Medicine (retired) Eating Disorders, Interprofessional collaboration and practice
12. [Jacqueline Hesson](#) Faculty of Education: ADHD in children and adults; substance use in ADHD; positive mental health; and the role of social support and negative social interactions in the psychological well-being of individuals with chronic health conditions.
13. [Julia Janes](#), School of Social Work, Community engaged research with Indigenous urban youth, vulnerable older adults and the study of ethical community engagement

14. [Leah Lewis](#) Faculty of Education runs the community art hive project to support mental wellness among vulnerable populations in St. John's
15. [Robert Meadus](#) Nursing, Families and mental health; coping with mental health issues; children living with mentally-ill parents; adolescents with mood disorders
16. [Karen Parsons](#), Nursing, aging and memory impairment; the care of older adults, doing an ARC-NL-funded community research study on how to better communicate about services for people with dementia
17. [Nathaniel Pollock](#), PhD Candidate supervised by Dr Shree Mulay and formerly with Labrador Institute [studies suicide among indigenous peoples](#)
18. [Marilyn Porter](#). Sociology (retired) researches mental wellness among refugees and new Canadians
19. [Christopher Smith](#), Social Work, works with People who use drugs and studies approaches to harm reduction, supports for people living with HIV/AIDS, social and health services for trans and gender fluid individuals, methadone maintenance treatment, and overdose prevention initiatives in Canadian correctional institutions.
20. [Brent Snook](#): the study of human behaviour within the criminal justice system. He examines factors related to the validity and reliability of various psychological-based investigative practices and decision making within the criminal justice system. His current research is focused on helping youths understand their interrogation rights, and testing the effectiveness of various interviewing techniques.
21. [Joanne Smith Young](#), Nursing, has studied [Access to Autism Services in NL](#) and has undertaken collaborative research on Cumulative Trauma Disorders (CTDs) through a Community Alliance for Health Research (CAHR)/ CIHR funded fellowship
22. [Dorothy Vaandering](#): Faculty of Education, founded the [Restorative Justice / Relationships First Program in NL](#)
23. [Pamela Ward](#), Centre for Nursing Studies/ cross-appointed to Medicine, Mental Health and Body Image, Mental Health and health provider awareness of LGBTQ+ people, Community Health, Health Promotion, Population Health,
24. [Kelly Warren](#), Psychology, researches the intersection between psychology and law. Specifically, children's understanding of the correctional system, their abilities to serve as witnesses when they are victimized or see a crime, adult perceptions of child witnesses, and internet-related crimes against children and adults. More recently, she was awarded by ARC-NL to assess the perceptions and abilities of older (aged 65+) witnesses and victims of crime - understanding barriers to reporting and facilitating disclosure of maltreatment of older adults.
25. [Gerald White](#), Medicine, won the Governor General's Academic Medal (Gold) in 2014 for his doctoral studies on school bullying in NL and is part of PrevNet (promoting relationships and eliminating violence network)
26. [Gail Wideman](#), Social Work, is convener of the REGs on Aging, Military Families' and Veterans' Health, Palliative Care and on Human-Animal Interaction and Wellness (animal-assisted therapies with a MH focus) expertise in community-focused research