

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **Education**

- Sept. 2008 – April 2016      **Doctor of Philosophy, Social Work**  
Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto
- Sept. 2005 – April 2007      **Master of Social Work**  
Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto
- Sept. 2000 – May 2005      **Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Honours Degree**  
University of Toronto, Specialist in Exceptionality in Human Learning. Minors in Women's Gender Studies, Sociology, and Linguistics
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### **Evaluation and Research Consultation**

- March 2016 to June 2017**      **Research Assistant, Prison Transparency Project**  
Departments of Criminology and Sociology  
University of Toronto, Ontario

I participated in the development of the qualitative semi-structured qualitative interview guide and was responsible for participant recruitment, approximately 40 qualitative interviews and interview

transcriptions with former prisoners exploring their experiences human rights violations while incarcerated in provincial and federal criminal justice systems.

**September 2014 to June 2017**

**Gladue Caseworker**

Aboriginal Legal Services

Toronto, Ontario

I was responsible for preparing and submitting Gladue Reports to the Court for the sentencing of Aboriginal offenders. Gladue Reports assist the Judge in considering systemic and colonization factors impacting the over-representation of Aboriginal Peoples in the criminal justice system. Gladue Reports provide cultural and historical background information pertaining to the offender, including experiences of intergenerational trauma, Indian Residential School and child welfare involvement. Gladue Reports include recommendations in order to assist the Judge as they address the systemic underlying root causes of criminal activity for Aboriginal Peoples.

**March 2014 to September 2014**

**Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer**

Correctional Services of Canada

Greater Toronto Area, Central Ontario Region

I was responsible for organizing the release and community re-integration for Indigenous men and women exiting the federal prison system. In this role, I maintained relationships and supported Indigenous community members in complying with their conditions and maintaining their parole. I also participated in raising awareness among Parole Officers about Indigenous programs and community services available to Indigenous parolees.

**July 2013 to March 2014**

**Native Inmate Liaison Officer**

Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services

Brampton, Ontario

I was responsible for providing front-line staff, clinical professionals, managers and inmates with Indigenous cultural awareness training. My duties included providing cultural and spiritual care services, intake and assessment of needs, Indigenous programming and inmate discharge planning for high-risk Indigenous men including those with sexual offenses, addictions and mental health concerns. In this role, I built relationships with inmates, correctional guards and clinical staff to decrease culturally-based tensions within the facility.

**November 2012 to June 2014**

**Project Manager**

First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission and the Centre for Research on Children and Families at McGill University, Quebec

I completed a research fellowship through The Centre for Research on Children and Families at McGill University with the Building Research Capacity (BRC) with First Nations and Mainstream Youth Protection services in Quebec. The three main goals of this BRC partnership were to: understand the dynamics and outcomes of child protection services delivered to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal children; support First Nation and youth protection organizations' capacity to analyze clinical, administrative and appropriate population statistics in order to support them in planning and evaluating their programs and services; and train researchers in participatory data analysis.

Through this Fellowship, I was responsible for three projects and primarily participated in two projects in partnership with the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission (FNQLHSSC): (1) First Nations Regional Health Survey (2008) Fact Sheets; and (2) Volet Trios (Component Three) Analysis of the Trajectories of First Nations Children and Youth in the Child Protection System. I engaged in approximately 800 hours of research and participated in: Clinical Integration Groups; Statistical Integration Groups; BRC Partnership meetings; Data Analysis Groups; Child Welfare Research Workshops; Child Welfare Practice Workshops and CRCF Research Seminars.

I had the opportunity to work together with the FNQLHSSC to develop and the first Fact Sheet regarding type of investigation, substantiation and primary category of substantiated maltreatment for First Nations children across Canada, based on data from the First Nation Canadian Incidence Study (FNCIS). Participating in this Fellowship provided me with invaluable experiences and learning in project management, Participatory Action Research approaches, research proposal development and writing, advanced statistical analysis training, extensive peer dialogue, engagement with knowledge sharing activities, research mentorship and research supervision.

**January 2012 to May 2012**

**Program Evaluator**

Aboriginal Legal Services  
Toronto, Ontario

I assisted in the development and evaluation of the Healthy Relationships Healthy Children, Traditional Aboriginal Parenting Program Pilot Project for Indigenous families involved in the child welfare system and mandated to complete a parenting program.

**December 2011 to June 2012**

**Program Evaluator**

First Nations Family and Caring Society of Canada  
Ottawa, Ontario

I was responsible for the data analysis and final report entitled, *Touchstones of Hope: Participatory Action Research to Explore Experiences of First Nation Communities in Northern British Columbia*, Evaluation Report and disseminated the results of this research via WEBINAR to the communities involved.

**November 2011 to March 2012**

**Policy Analyst**

Commission to Promote Sustainable Child Welfare  
Ministry of Children and Youth Services: Toronto, Ontario

I participated in the research and final report of three separate projects, which led to the following reports: *Systemic, Cultural, and Legislative Barriers to Customary Care for Aboriginal Peoples*; *Child Welfare Outcomes for Aboriginal Children and Youth: A Discussion Paper*; and *Child and Family Services Act Possible Exemptions and Modifications in Aboriginal Child Welfare*.

**March 2010 to June 2014**

**Co-Principal Investigator**

Aboriginal Legal Services  
Toronto, Ontario

Funded by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada, I developed a Gladue database and conducted quantitative analyses exploring the criminal justice trajectories among attendees of Indian Residential Schools in Canada. The results of this research are documented in the report entitled, *Residential School Experience and Involvement with the Criminal Justice System Legacy Research – Post School Trauma and are included in the TRC’s Final Report*.

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## Teaching Experience

Please see accompanying teaching dossier for my statement of research interests, statement of teaching philosophies, engagement with post secondary education, teaching responsibilities, evidence of teaching effectiveness through instructor assessments by tenured faculty, unsolicited feedback from students and other forms of teaching. Appendix A includes copies of my instructor assessments by tenured faculty members.

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## Invited Speaking Engagements / Conference Contributions

- October 2016                      **Reconciliation in Indigenous Child Welfare**  
Intersection of Policy and Practice with Children and their  
Families, MSW Course  
Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto  
Toronto, Ontario
- April 2016                         **Navigating Post-Secondary Education for High-Risk Youth**  
Student Summer Mentorship Program,  
Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto  
Toronto, Ontario
- February 2016                    **First Nation Peoples and the Criminal Justice System**  
School of Social and Community Services, Criminal Justice  
Humber College  
Etobicoke, Ontario
- April 2015                        **Intergenerational Trauma and Legacy Reconciliation**  
Annual Ecumenical Good Friday Walk for Justice: Coming Full  
Circle, Reconciling Us  
Church of the Holy Trinity and Council Fire Native Cultural  
Centre, Toronto, Ontario
- February 2015                    **Aboriginal Approaches in Social Work**  
Basic Intervention Skills in Social Work Practice  
WEBINAR, School of Social Work,  
Laurentian University, Barrie Campus

- February 2014      **Fostering Cultural Identity for Aboriginal Peoples Living in Rural and Northern Ontario**  
Basic Intervention Skills in Social Work Practice  
WEBINAR, School of Social Work, Laurentian University
- June 2013      **Aboriginal Contributions to the World**  
National Aboriginal Day of Action Celebration  
Ontario Correctional Institute (OCI)  
Brampton, Ontario
- March to April 2013      **Fostering Cultural Awareness for Aboriginal Men who are Incarcerated**  
Staff Training Days  
Ontario Correctional Institute (OCI)  
Brampton, Ontario
- November 2012      **Youth Empowerment by Irwin Elman and Youth Leaving Care from the Office of the Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth**  
Innovation in Social Work Practice, Research, and Education  
Ontario Association of Social Workers (OASW)  
Toronto, Ontario
- July 2012      **Fostering Cultural Identity for Aboriginal Children and Youth**  
Aboriginal Awareness Day  
Peel Children's Aid  
Mississauga, Ontario
- April 2012      **Overcoming Educational System Barriers**  
Crown Ward Pathways: Part III  
Making Trails through Education: A Social College Work Initiative Forum (SCWI)  
Greens of Renton: Norfolk, Ontario
- October 2011      **Social Activism with Aboriginal Communities**  
Ryerson University, School of Social Work  
Toronto, Ontario
- July 2011      **Bill C-31: The Extinction of "Indians" in Canada?**  
International Congress on Law and Mental Health  
New York University Law School, U.S.A.

- April 2011                      **Navigating the Child Welfare System**  
 Crown Ward Pathways: Part II  
 Making Trails through Education: A Social College Work  
 Initiative Forum (SCWI)  
 Copetown Community Centre, Ontario
- November 2010                **Evidence Based Culturally Safe Practices**  
 Safeguards Training  
 Markham, Ontario
- October 2010                 **Evidence Based Culturally Safe Practices**  
 Safeguards Training  
 Kenora, Ontario
- June 2010                      **Child Welfare and Resiliency among Aboriginal Youth: A  
 Student's Exploration**  
 Pathways to Resilience II: The Social Ecology of Resilience  
 Dalhousie University  
 Halifax, Nova Scotia
- April 2010                     **Understanding Aboriginal Communities**  
 CITY Leaders: Creative Institute for Toronto's Young Leaders  
 United Way  
 Toronto, Ontario
- October 2009                 **Healing the Soul Wounds: Recovering Resilience from  
 Intergenerational Trauma**  
 Safeguards Training  
 Toronto, Ontario
- August 2009                 **Child Sexual Exploitation and the 2010 Olympics**  
 Youth Rally  
 Six Nations, Ontario
- July 2009                      **Bill C-31: The Cultural Genocide of "Indians" in Canada?**  
 31<sup>st</sup> International Congress of Law and Mental Health  
 New York Law University  
 New York, U.S.A.
- May 2009                      **Building Solidarity across Onkwehon:we Communities**  
 Indian Defense League of America  
 Ohsweken, Ontario

- January 2009                      **Issues of Diversity and Social Work**  
Social Work with Groups (MSW course)  
Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto  
Toronto, Ontario
- November 2008                      **Intersections of Homelessness and the Child Welfare System**  
Ending Family Homelessness Symposium  
Cities Centre, University of Toronto  
Toronto, Ontario
- May 2008                              **Looking at the Future of the Social Work Profession**  
National Social Work Conference  
Toronto, Ontario
- April 2008                              **Bridging the Divide between Researchers and Policy Makers'**  
First Nations and Inuit Health Branch's Inaugural First Nations,  
Inuit and Métis Health Research Meeting  
Montreal, Quebec
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## **Professional Development**

- May 20, 2015                      **Changing Stories, Changing Self: Narrative Medicine and Indigenous Healing**  
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, Provincial System  
Support Program  
Toronto, Ontario
- April 11, 2015                      **National Conference on Aboriginal Criminal Justice Post-Gladue**  
Osgoode Hall Law School, Professional Development  
Toronto, Ontario
- Feb. 27, 2015                      **Worker Health and Safety Awareness in Four Steps**  
E-Learning Certificate  
Ontario Ministry of Labour
- May 13-17, 2013                      **Decision-Making in Child Welfare**  
Intensive advanced statistics course  
Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work  
University of Toronto, Ontario
- Feb. 2013 – March 2013                      **Aboriginal Worldviews and Education**



University of Toronto  
Coursera – On-line Certificate Course

Jan. 2013 – Feb. 2013

**The Social Context of Mental Health and Illness**  
University of Toronto  
Coursera – On-line Certificate Course

Nov 9-10, 2012

**Innovation in Social Work Practice, Research and Education**  
Social Work Provincial Conference  
Ontario Association of Social Workers (OASW)  
Toronto, Ontario

Feb. 24, 2012

**More than a Nice Thing to Do: Using Practice-Based Evidence for Outcome Evaluation in Native Youth Programs WEBINAR**  
Terry Cross, Native Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)  
Research and Training Center for Pathways to Positive Futures  
Portland State University  
Oregon, U.S.A.

June 2-3 2011

**Think on Your Feet ® Course**  
Designed by Keith Spicer  
Toronto, Ontario

April 2011

**Generations: Multi-Generational Approach to Evaluation**  
Canadian Evaluation Society (CES) 2011 Conference  
Edmonton, Alberta

Oct. 2010

**Optimizing the Practice of Evaluation**  
Canadian Evaluation Society (CES) Ontario Annual Conference  
The Old Mill Inn & Spa, Ontario

Feb. 2010

**Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)**  
Customer Service Standard  
E-Learning Certificate  
Ryerson University

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## Memberships, Boards and Committees

Jan. 2018 – Present                      **Co-Chair**, Youth Research Working Group  
Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Services Society

Sept. 2017 – Present                      **Member**, Indigenous Working Group  
BC Association of Social Workers

July 2017 – Present                      **Member**, PSERT Research Working Group  
Ministry of Child and Family Development

July 2017 – Present                      **Member**, Equity Committee  
School of Social Work, UBC

July 2017 – Present                      **Member**, BSW Curriculum Committee  
School of Social Work, UBC

Sept. 2014 – Dec. 2015                      **Member, Board of Directors**  
Thunder Woman Healing Lodge  
Toronto Aboriginal Support Services Council (TASSC)

Aug. 2012 – Sept. 2014                      **Ninoshe (Auntie) Member**, Giiwedín Anang Council  
Aboriginal Alternative Dispute Resolution  
Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto

Oct. 2009 – Sept. 2014                      **Member**, Student Outreach Committee  
Ontario Association of Social Workers

April 2009 – Sept. 2013                      **Co-Chair**, No More Silence  
Toronto, Ontario

Nov. 2008 – Sept. 2013                      **Co-Chair**, For Women’s Autonomy, Rights and Dignity  
(FORWARD), Toronto

May 2010 – June 2014                      **Chair**, Child and Youth Advisory Committee  
Ontario Association of Social Workers

Sept. 2006 – June 2014                      **Member**, Board of Directors  
Central Ontario Branch  
Ontario Association of Social Workers

Jan. 2013 – June 2013                      **Peel Aboriginal Network Representative**  
Aboriginal Initiatives Committee, Community Engagement  
Subcommittee  
Peel Children’s Aid Society

Oct. 2009 – Sept. 2012	<b>Student Director</b> , Ontario Association of Social Workers Toronto, Ontario
May 2009 – May 2010	<b>Member</b> , Child and Youth Advisory Committee Ontario Association of Social Workers (OASW)
Sept. 2008 – Sept. 2009	<b>President</b> , PhD Student Association Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto
Sept. 2008 – June 2009	<b>Student Representative</b> , PhD Studies Committee Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto

## Publications

- Quinn, A.L.**, Nutton, J., Blumenthal, A., & Trocmé, N. (2014). *Type of Investigation, Substantiation and Primary Category of Substantial Maltreatment for First Nations Children across Canada*. Canadian Child Welfare Research Portal; Information Sheet # 131.
- Quinn, A.L.**, Saini, M. (2013). Authentic Youth Engagement in Social Work Services. *Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies (OACAS) Journal*.
- Saini, M., & **Quinn, A.L.** (2013). A Systematic Review of Randomized Controlled Trials of Health Related Issues within an Aboriginal Context. Prince George, BC: *National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health*.
- Shera, W., Muskat, B., Delay, D., **Quinn, A.L.**, & Tufford, L. (2013). Using a Group Work Practice Standards Inventory to Assess the Impact of a 'Social Work Practice with Groups' Course. *Social Work with Groups*, 36(2-3): 174-190.
- Quinn, A.L.** (2012). Canada Touchstones of Hope: Engaging Aboriginal Communities. *International Social Service: International Reference Centre for the rights of children deprived of their family (ISS – IRC) Monthly Review No. 7*. General Secretariat: Geneva, Switzerland.
- Quinn, A.L.**, & Saini, M. (2012). *Touchstones of Hope: Participatory Action Research to Explore Experiences of First Nation Communities in Northern British Columbia Evaluation Report*. Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto.
- Saini, M., & **Quinn, A.L.** (2012). Authentic Engagement: A Youth's Right to Full Participation. *OASW News Magazine: The Journal of the Ontario Association of Social Workers*, 38(1).
- Quinn, A.L.**, & Shera, W. (2009). Evidence-based practice in group work with incarcerated youth. *International Journal of Law and Psychiatry*, 32(5): 288-293.

**Quinn, A.L.** (2007). Reflections on inter-generational trauma: Healing as a critical intervention. *First Peoples Child and Family Review*, 3(4): 72-82.

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## **Unpublished Manuscripts for Submission**

**Quinn, A.L.,** Shlonsky, A., and Eisner, A. Does one size fit all? Conventional Protection Risk Assessment for Aboriginal Families.

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## **Community Volunteer Experience**

June 2009 – September 2014

### **Peel Aboriginal Network (PAN)**

- Facilitator of Aboriginal Family Literacy Program, Region of Peel
  - “I am Aboriginal” presentations, Peel District School Board and Dufferin-Peel Catholic School Board
  - Full Moon Ceremonies
  - Drumming and Smudging community presentations
  - Annual National Aboriginal Day of Action
  - Aboriginal mental health in Peel Region, Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS)
  - Annual Mother’s Day Potluck and Social
  - Annual Santa visits PAN
  - David Suzuki Secondary School Grand Opening Ceremony and Celebrations
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Annual MY GAMES for kids in grades 6-8
  - 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Take Back the Night Rally
  - Mayor Hazel McCallion’s New Year’s Day Celebration, City Hall
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## **Academic and Research Awards**

April 2018

**Recipient,** SSHRC Explore Grant  
School of Social Work, Faculty of Arts, UBC

- December 2016      **Academic Appointment, Assistant Professor, Status Only**  
Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work  
University of Toronto
- May 2016      **Recipient of Aboriginal Postsecondary Education and Training Bursary**  
First Nations House  
University of Toronto
- October 2015      **Recipient of Gladys Watson Aboriginal Education Fund**  
First Nations House  
University of Toronto
- December 2014      **Recipient of the Scholarship for Aboriginal Students Studying in Health Professions**  
City of Toronto
- April 2013      **Recipient of Aboriginal Student Leadership Award of Excellence**  
Recognizing outstanding commitment, service, and high standards of excellence within the community.  
Miziwe Biik Aboriginal Employment and Training  
Toronto, Ontario
- Nov. 2012 to Nov. 2014      **Participatory Data Analysis Research Assistantship Award**  
Centre for Research on Children and Families (CRCF)  
McGill University; Montreal, Canada
- April 2011      **Recipient of the Ontario Volunteer Service Award**  
Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration  
Toronto, Canada
- May 2009      **Recipient of the Joseph Bombardier Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) scholarship, three years**
- December 2006      **Recipient of the Gordon Cressy Leadership Award**, recognizing students for their exceptional volunteer involvement, serving the University of Toronto community
- December 2006      **Recipient of the Newman Leadership Scholarship**  
Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto
- December 2005      **Recipient of the Jean Eleanor Ross Woodsworth Award**  
Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto

January 2005

**Recipient of the Canada Millennium Scholarship**  
Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation

January 2003

**Recipient of the Canada Millennium Scholarship**  
Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation

January 2002

**Recipient of the Canada Millennium Scholarship**  
Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation

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## **Professional Affiliations**

**Professional Member**, BC Association of Social Workers (BCASW)

**Professional Member**, Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW)