

Julie Devaney

Health Advocate

Education

Gestalt Institute of Toronto 2020

Private practice as Gestalt therapist in Year Five of training program.

York University 2007

Master of Arts Degree in Critical Disability Studies. "Clinical Encounters: The Politics of My Leaky Body". Supervised by Margrit Shildrick. Nominated for University Thesis Award.

Experience

The Empowerment Council at the Centre for Addiction & Mental Health (CAMH) 2017-2018

- **Research & Writing.** Produced *More Than Paint Colours: Dialogue About Power & Process in Patient Engagement* (2017) with Lucy Costa and Priya Raju. Wrote script and coordinated production of Empowerment Council 25th anniversary video with filmmaker Wendy Rowland.
- **Teaching & Curriculum Development.** Participated in curriculum development and teaching "Centering Madness" for first year psychiatry residents at the University of Toronto; including the development of training scenarios based on patient stories. Presented at May 2018 CAMH *Lunch & Learn*, "Everything you've wanted to know about patient engagement but were afraid to ask."

Gateways to Cancer Screening 2006-2017

- **Research & Writing.** Coordinated focus groups consisting of and facilitated by women with disabilities. Coded transcripts and was principal co-author of collaborative paper published in *Disability & Society* and co-author of collaborative paper in *The Journal of Medical and Radiation Sciences*. Worked at Mount Sinai Hospital collaborating with women with disabilities, health providers, fellow researchers and hospital administrators to implement focus group findings.
- **Teaching & Curriculum Development.** Produced *Standardized Patient* training for staff using composite sketches of women who participated in focus groups. Coordinated the training of *Standardized Patient* actors by researchers with disabilities. Wrote content for E-Learning Modules. Writer and Creative Producer of documentary film, *It's About Communication: Creating An Enabling Environment in Mammography*. Web: <http://vimeo.com/41270130>

My Leaky Body 2006-2015

- **Writing.** Wrote and began performing the play, *My Leaky Body*, in 2006, then published a book by the same name in 2012.
- **Presenting & Facilitating.** Performed, provided keynotes and facilitated workshops at over 100 events for health providers, patients and the general public on communication, collaboration and advocacy in clinical settings. Venues included hospitals, theatres, classrooms and boardrooms from St. John's, NL, to Whitehorse, YT in Canada, as well as New York, Washington DC, and the UK.
- **Patient Advocacy.** Created "Leaky Body" story-telling workshops for people affected by cancer at Gilda's Club in Toronto (monthly from April 2009-June 2010), culminating in a public performance by participants. Provided two Vancouver workshops for PAIN BC in January 2013, supporting the narrative process of people living with complex pain. Went on to write document recording and reflecting on these stories for use in PAIN BC's advocacy work with patients and providers.

Publishing

Books

- *MESS: The Hospital Anthology*, Coeditor with David Molenhuis, March 2014: Tightrope Books, Toronto.
- *My Leaky Body: Tales from the Gurney*, Sole Author. 2012: Goose Lane Editions, Fredericton.

Selected Journals & Anthologies

- Devaney, J., Costa, L., and Raju, P. *More Than Paint Colours: Dialogue about Power and Process in Patient Engagement*. (Toronto: The Empowerment Council, 2017).
- Seaton, B., Muraca, L., Devaney, J., and Angus, J. "I Want to Help, but What Do You Do in a Situation Like That?" Health Care Providers' Qualitative Perspectives on Working with Disabled Women in Breast Cancer Screening." *Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Sciences* (November 2017).
- Devaney, J., "The Fat Shaming Epidemic", *From Discord to Discourse: A Collection of Contemporary Canadian Essays*, 2012: Toronto.
- Devaney, J., Seto, S., Barry, N., Odette, F., Muraca, L., Fernando, S., Chandani, S., and Angus, J. "Navigating Healthcare: Gateways to Cancer Screening", *Disability and Society*, October 2009.

Literary Collaborations

- **Between the Lines Books.** Member of Editorial Committee. Providing manuscript evaluation for political nonfiction and memoirs. Editorial support and feedback given on books such as Libby Davies' *Outside In* (2019), Marilyn Churley's *Shameless* and Shakil Choudhury's *Deep Diversity*, both published 2015.
- **"I've Been Hacked."** Story Editor & Dramaturg for Writer and Performer Robin Duke's one-woman show about her experiences with cancer. The show is directed by Martha Burns and launched in July 2016. In this capacity I have provided patient and healthcare expertise as well as facilitating the writing process.
- **Ontario Arts Council.** Juror for *Disability Arts* grants in January 2018 and *Writers' Works-in-Progress* in September 2015.

Selected Press

- **CBC Radio:** *White Coat, Black Art*, National, Dec 2009; *Airplay*, Whitehorse, Sept 2011; *The Current*, National, Sept 2012; *Weekend Arts Magazine*, St. John's, Sept 2012; *All in a Day*, Ottawa, April 2013.
- **Quill & Quire:** *My Leaky Body* "Starred Review" and named one of Top Five Non-Fiction Books of 2012.
- **CTV Morning Live:** Ottawa, April 2013.
- **Print:** *Toronto Star*, "Needed: a dose of humanity", May 2008; *Abilities Magazine* "Thumbs up!", Summer 2008; *Saskatoon Star Phoenix*, "Put patients first", Sept 2009; *National Post*, Book Review, Sept 2012; *Winnipeg Free Press*, "Riveting medical memoir speaks for 'gowned exhibit'", Nov 2012; *Vancouver Sun & Calgary Herald*, "Alarming tale of healthcare system has lessons for everyone", Feb 2013.

Selected Keynotes, Performances & Facilitated Workshops

- **2018:** CAMH *Lunch & Learn*, “Everything you’ve wanted to know about patient engagement but were afraid to ask,” with Lucy Costa.
- **2017:** Seneca College Nursing, guest lecturer.
- **2016:** ARCH Disability Law panelist for *International Day of Persons with Disabilities* with Dr. Nav Persaud, Johanna Macdonald and Dr. Jeff Nisker. Ryerson University Disability Studies guest lecturer.
- **2015:** North York General Hospital, Keynote speaker for *Patient Safety Week*.
- **2013:** PAIN BC Patient Advocacy Workshops Vancouver, January; The Canadian Association of Enterostomal Therapy, Toronto, ON, May 1; “About Kid’s Health”, Sick Kids Hospital Guest Speaker, July; Bulkley Valley Health Care & Hospital Foundation, October.
- **2012:** Canadian Nursing Students’ Association, St. John’s, NL, September; Public performance and book launch, MUN Medical School Main Auditorium, September; College of Medicine Integrative Health Seminar, Saskatoon, SK, October; Edmonton Clinic Health Academy, Edmonton, AB, October; Institute for Public Health & Calgary Health Care Improvement Network, Calgary, AB, November; Ontario Hospital Association Keynote, Toronto, November; Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, December.
- **2011:** Ontario Hospital Association, keynote speaker, Stratford, September; Whitehorse General Hospital, 12 workshops/performances, Yukon, September; Women’s Worlds, speaker for DisAbled Women’s Network, Ottawa, July; Ontario Hospital Association, Thunder Bay & North Bay, April.
- **2010:** Canadian Breast Cancer Network, Toronto, October; Peninsula Medical School, Exeter, UK, May; School of Social Work, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, March; Gilda’s Club, Toronto, Monthly workshops: April 2009-June 2010.
- **2009:** Brandon Regional Health Authority, Brandon, Manitoba, October; Manitoba Congress of Medical Laboratory Sciences, Brandon, October; “Patient Safety Conference”, Weyburn, Saskatchewan, October; Jewish General Hospital, Montreal, October; Trillium Health Centre “Back to School”, Mississauga, September; InterD3 Conference, Saskatoon, Town Hall, September; Canadian Patient Safety Institute, Toronto, April; Cross-Alberta Tour, Organized by the Public Health Ethics Network, March.
- **2008:** Faculty of Nursing, University of Toronto, March; Women’s Health Research Network, Victoria BC, May; “Nurse’s Week”, Ontario Nurses’ Association, North Bay, ON, May; Canadian Medical Radiologists, Moncton, June; Quality Day, David Thompson Health Region, Red Deer Alberta, October.
- **2007:** B.C. Disabilities Health Research Network, Vancouver December; Performance Studies International, New York University, NYC, November; Knowledge Translation in Motion Series, University of Toronto, October; Seminar for Healthcare Technology and Place, University of Toronto, March.
- **2006:** Disability Studies Association, Lancaster, UK, September; Society for Disability Studies, Washington DC, June; Canadian Disability Studies Association, York University, May.

Grants & Recognition

With *Gateways* Team

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| Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation. Implementation Grant for <i>Gateways</i> . | 2009 |
| City of Toronto Access Award, with Nancy Barry for <i>Gateways</i> project. | 2008 |

Individual

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| Named “Women’s Health Hero” by <i>Best Health Magazine</i> . | 2011 |
| Ontario Arts Council, Writers’ Reserve Grants for <i>My Leaky Body</i> . | 2009 |
| DisAbled Women’s Network Canada, <i>My Leaky Body</i> sponsorship for <i>SummerWorks</i> . | 2008 |