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Areas of Interest

Street Outreach, Community Safety, Abolition, Mad Studies, Homelessness, Harm Reduction

Education

- 2024–2028
(expected) **PhD**, York University
Critical Disability Studies
Supervisor: Marina Morrow, Health Policy and Management, York University
Committee: Sean Hiller, Health Policy and Management, York University
Jessica Vorstermans, Health Policy and Management, York University
- 2022–2024 **Master of Arts**, York University
Gender, Feminist, & Women’s Studies
Thesis: Homelessness & Activism in Toronto & Montréal: Toward Community-Based Participatory Research & Emergent Strategy
Supervisor: Rachel Gorman, Critical Disability Studies, York University
Committee: AJ Withers, Gender, Sexuality, & Women’s Studies, Simon Fraser University
- 2018–2022 **Bachelor of Arts**, Concordia University
Women’s Studies (Maj.); Philosophy (Maj.)

Research

(† = peer reviewed)

Publications

- 2024 “The Poverty Police: Police-Proxy University Services & Homelessness”, **Atlantis: Critical Studies in Gender, Culture & Social Justice**[†]

Reports

- 2025 “Community Safety Strategies, Not In-School Police: Recommendations for the York University Context”, York University
- 2022 “Crisis Intervention Manual”, Logifem
- 2022 “Community, Cultural, & Diversity Manual”, Logifem
- 2022 “Shelter Resident Intake Training Module”, Logifem

Community Outputs

- 2025 Bill Mill: Harm Reduction, Drug Use, Homelessness, Ontario Bill Poster
- 2025 Provincial Ontario Bill 6 (Safer Municipalities Act), Explainer
- 2024 Make our spaces policing-free, Poster Website

Conference Presentations

- 2025 “Grassroots Street Outreach: Lived Experience Mental Health Response in a Canadian Context”[†]
Critical Perspectives in Mental Health Conference
University College, Cork, Ireland, 14 November - 15 November
- 2025 “Against the School-to-Prison Nexus with Community Care”[†]
Transforming Justice
University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada, 14 May - 16 May
- 2024 “Policing-Free Knowledge: Crisis Response, Community Safety Strategies, & Universities”[†]
Care Not Cops Convergence
Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, 23 November - 24 November
- 2023 “The Poverty Police: Homelessness & York Security Services”[†]
Women’s & Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes (WGSRF)
Congress of the Humanities & Social Sciences
York University, Toronto, Canada, 29 May - 01 June 2023

Academic Experience

Research

- 2026 **Events Coordinator**, Mad Studies Hub, York University
Director: Marina Morrow
- 2025 **Research Assistant**, Community-Based Education on AI and Equity
PIs: Dr. Rachel Gorman and Cristo El Morr, York University
- 2024 **Research Assistant**, Anti-Carceral Feminist Community Safety Alternatives
PIs: Dr. Eric Kennedy, Dr. Patricia Wood, and Dr. Alison Crosby, York University
- 2024 **Community Advisory Board Member**, 2SLGBTQ+ Poverty in Canada, York University
- 2023 **Expert Advisor**, National Shelter Diversion, Social Innovation Lab, University of Calgary
- 2023 **Research Assistant**, Critical Data Design
PIs: Dr. Rachel Gorman, York University
- 2023 **Research Assistant**, Masking in the Time of Individualized Public Health
PIs: Dr. Jessica Vorstermans, York University and Katie MacDonald, Athabasca University
- 2020-2021 **Chair and Organiser**, SDBI Subversions Conference, Concordia University
- 2018 **Research Assistant**, Feminist Perspectives on Human Rights
PI: Dr. Genevieve Renard Painter, Concordia University

Teaching

Teaching Assistant

- 2024 Teaching Assistant, HLST 1011: Foundations of Health Studies, York University

Guest Lectures

- 2025 Guest Lecture, “Mental Health Response on Campus”, HLST 1011: Foundations of Health Studies,
Dr Jessica Vorstermans, York University, 28 Oct 2025
- 2025 Guest Lecture, “In-School Policing & Community Safety Strategies”,
GWST 4502: Violence Against Women, Dr Krista Hunt, York University, 24 Jul 2025
- 2025 Guest Workshop, “Stand Up for The School of Gender, Sexuality, & Women’s Studies”,
GWST 4502: Violence Against Women, Dr Krista Hunt, York University, March 26 2025
- 2024 Guest Lecture, “Homelessness & York Security Services”, HLST 1011: Foundations of Health Studies,
Dr Jessica Vorstermans, York University, 5 Feb 2024
- 2023 Guest Lecture, “Criminalised Homelessness”, PHIL 2332: Ethics of Criminal Law,
Dr Emma McClure, Saint Mary’s University, 29 Nov 2023

Service

2025-2026	Book Reviewer , AI Justice, York University
2025-2026	Event Planning Committee , Mad Studies Hub, York University
2025-2026	Indigenous Sharing Circle , Mad Studies Hub, York University
2025	Managing Editor , Critical Disability Discourses Journal, York University
2023	Graduate Programme Director Search Committee , GFWS, York University
2019	Faculty Liaison , Students of Philosophy Association (SoPhiA), Concordia University

Research Grants

2025-2026	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) - Doctoral (CAD 15,000), York University, <i>Offered, Accepted</i>
2024-2025	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) - Doctoral (CAD 15,000), York University, <i>Offered, Accepted</i>
2022-2024	FRQSC Masters Research Scholarship (CAD 35,000), York University, <i>Offered, Accepted</i>
2022-2023	SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship - Masters (CAD 17,500), York University, <i>Accepted</i>
2022-2023	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) - Masters (CAD 15,000), York University, <i>Offered, Declined</i>
2022-2023	SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship - Masters (CAD 17,500), U Ottawa, <i>Offered, Declined</i>
2022-2023	Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) - Masters (CAD 15,000), U Ottawa, <i>Offered, Declined</i>
2022-2023	SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship - Masters (CAD 17,500), UBC, <i>Waitlisted</i>

Academic Awards & Honours

2026	Anne Simone Graduate Student International Conference Award, York University (CAD 1,000)
2025	Academic Excellence Fund, York University (CAD 500)
2024 - 2028	Graduate Fellowship, York University (CAD 12,517)
2024	Graduate Scholarship, York University (CAD 3,000)
2023	Academic Excellence Fund, York University (CAD 2,000)
2023	Virginia Rock Scholarship, York University (CAD 2,000)
2022-2023	Graduate Fellowship, York University (CAD 10,000)
2022-2023	Graduate Scholarship, York University (CAD 8,000)
2022	Vinesh Saxena In-Course Scholarship for Academic Achievement (CAD 1,000)
2021	Provost In-Course Scholarship for Academic Achievement (CAD 500)
2020	Louise Perrier Memorial Scholarship (CAD 1,266)
2020-2021	Dean's List, Concordia University

Work Experience

2023 - 2024	Resident Support Worker, Out of the Cold, Halifax Engaging in support work and crisis response; providing harm reduction services; participating in support worker training; collaborating with support team and management; completing administrative responsibilities.
2022	Intervention Programme Developer, Logifem, Montréal Managing shelter resident, intervention worker, and staff meetings; organising focus groups; conducting interviews; organising survey research; completing crisis intervention research, community, cultural, and diversity research, and resident intake research; developing online training materials, modules, and manuals; testing training materials with intervention workers; facilitating training of intervention workers.

Professional Development

2025	Creative Facilitation Training - Institute for Medical Humanities (Oct 23 - Oct 24), Durham, England
2025	Community Conference - Housing Justice Assembly (April 25 - April 26), Toronto, Ontario
2024	Community Conference - Abolitionist Intimacies Symposium (June 29-July 1), Halifax, Nova Scotia
2023	First Aid & CPR Level C (Sept 13 2023) The Red Cross/Adsum (Women and Children's Shelter), Halifax, Nova Scotia
2023	Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Training (Sept 18 2023) Adsum (Women and Children's Shelter), Halifax, Nova Scotia
2023	Community Workshop - Trauma: Less Bollox More Healing (Mar 27-28 2022) Recovery Network: Toronto/Unity Kitchen, Ontario
2023	Community Workshop - UN_ESCALATE (27-28 Feb 2022) Recovery Network: Toronto/Unity Kitchen, Ontario
2023	Community Workshop - Naloxone Training (April 30 2023) The Works/Unity Kitchen, Toronto, Ontario
2023	Course on Research Ethics Based on the Tri-Council Statement Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans (TCPS 2: CORE 2022)
2023	Individualised Development Plan Certification York University, Toronto, Ontario
2021	Philosophy in an Inclusive Key Summer Institute (PIKSI) Massachusetts Institute of Technology, <i>Offered, Declined</i>

Public Outreach

2025 - 2026	Reporter, Phoenix Sings: News on Rebellion and Health for Mental Health Service Users, The Empowerment Council (CAMH) and Workman Arts, Toronto
2024	Invited Speaker, Film Screening "Someone Lives Here", Carbon Arc Cinema, Halifax
2023	Invited Speaker, "Whose Camp(us)? Reimagining Community Safety Together," Virtual Panel: Butterfly GoPaul, Ashley D'Sousa, Lynn LaCroix, Andrea Vásquez Jiménez, John Clarke
2023 - 2024	Planning Committee, Quebec Harm Reduction Conference, AIDQ, Montréal Participating in conference planning meetings; consulting on the theme of the conference; organising invited speakers.
2023	Peer Support Worker, Unity Kitchen (Peer-Led Kitchen & Drop-In Centre), Toronto Collaborating with peer team to operate front of house services; engaging in support work and crisis response; providing harm reduction services; collaborating on and facilitating community-led workshops; providing support to the kitchen.
2021 - Present	Harm Reduction Coordinator & Team Lead, Wolf Pack Street Patrol (Les Nocturnes) (Indigenous-Led Street Outreach), Montréal Negotiating Québec public health funding contracts, ordering harm reduction supplies and liaising with suppliers; making and distributing harm reduction kits; maintaining contacts with member organisations advocating for people who use drugs (PWUD), Indigenous peoples, and people experiencing homelessness; leading a team of street outreach workers; providing support to people during their substance use and generally; facilitating events such as Pow-Wows; leading a community-based research project on shelter space.
2020-2021	Volunteer Intervention Worker, Resilience Montreal (Urban Inuit Shelter), Montréal

Engaging in support work and crisis response; collaborating with intervention team; operating harm reduction tent; organising meetings for volunteers; training volunteers; providing administrative support; organising and dispersing donations; providing support to kitchen.

Technical Capacities

Data Analysis	NVivo
Reference Management	Zotero, L ^A T _E X
Typsetting	Microsoft office, iWork productivity suite

Languages

English (First Language), French (intermediate)

References

Marina Marrow	mmmarrow@yorku.ca
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Viviane Namaste	viviane.namaste@concordia.ca

Affiliations

Encampment Justice Coalition
Voices for Unhoused Liberation
Trinity Community Hub
Les Nocturnes
Mad Studies Hub, York University
Center for Feminist Research, York University
Women's, Gender, and Social Justice Association (WGSJ)
LivEx Network (Making the Shift), A Way Home & the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness
Canadian Lived Experience Leadership Network (CLELN)

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