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### EDUCATION

*Postdoctoral Researcher* (August 2006 –July 2008)

Centre for Research on Children & Families,  
School of Social Work  
McGill University: Montreal, Quebec  
Primary research - The Strengthening Families Program: Supporting Black families in Montreal.

*PhD, Human Development and Social Policy* (December 2006)

School of Education and Social Policy,  
Northwestern University: Evanston, Illinois  
Dissertation - Crime and Community: Collective Efficacy in Chicago Neighborhoods.

*M.A., Human Development and Social Policy* (June 2004)

School of Education and Social Policy,  
Northwestern University: Evanston, Illinois  
Thesis - Assessing the Long-Term Achievement Effects of the School Development Program in Chicago.

*B.A., Economics*, (June 1997)

*Bachelor of University Studies, Community Action,  
Service Learning Certificate (Lowell Bennion Community Service Centre)*  
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences  
University of Utah: Salt Lake City, Utah  
Thesis - Community Development in the Inner City: Lessons from the Past, Looking to the Future.

### EMPLOYMENT

*Associate Research Professor* (September 2019 to present)

School of Education,  
University of Colorado, Boulder

*Adjunct Professor* (September 2019 to present)

School of Social Work,  
McGill University

*Associate Professor, tenured* (June 2017 – August 2019)

*William Dawson Scholar*  
School of Social Work,  
McGill University

*Assistant Professor, tenure stream* (August 2013 – May 2017)  
School of Social Work  
McGill University

*Assistant Professor, non-tenure stream* (September 2008 – July 2013)  
Centre for Research on Children & Families,  
McGill University

### **AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

William Dawson Scholar (2016-2019) - 5-year, renewable McGill University award that recognizes a scholar “poised to become a leader in his or her field.” (Total: \$125,000)

Nominated by UNICEF Canada for international Best of UNICEF research competition - Jordan’s Principle Working Group (2015)

*International Indigenous Policy Journal* most popular paper – Sinha & Kozlowski (2013); over 23,000 downloads from journal website in 7 years

### **RESEARCH**

*My research focuses on the impact of social policies on children's access to services and on the health and well-being of families and children from historically excluded communities. I take a mixed-methods, interdisciplinary and participatory approach to exploring questions defined in partnership with public service and child/youth advocacy organizations working at the local, regional and national level levels. My approach to these projects engages community partners in a collaborative process of policy learning, prioritizes formal documentation of policy/contextual information, and treats thorough descriptive analysis as a necessary precursor to more complex analysis. My collaborative approach incorporates peer review by intersectoral stakeholders in the report/article production process and prioritizes direct presentation to stakeholder groups as well as dissemination through open-access platforms.*

#### **Selected Research Projects**

*Co-Principal Investigator, Inuit Child First Initiative, Grocery Supports Evaluation* (2023- present)

- A multidisciplinary research team and a cross-sectoral advisory committee are working to evaluate interventions funded through the Inuit Child First Initiative, the Inuit parallel to Jordan’s Principle. Currently in design phase, the first component will assess the impact of 6-months of grocery supports on children, families, and communities in Qikiqtaaluk, Nunavut.

*Co-Investigator, Systemic Change and Adolescent Learning in California Youth Organizing* (2022-24)

- Documented the strategies for long-term change, approach to youth development, and funding needs of youth organizing groups in California. Findings will inform the Stuart Foundations approach to funding youth organizing and development initiatives.

*Principal Investigator, CISD Summer Research Institute Evaluation (2022-2023)*

- Conducted a formative evaluation of a summer program designed to teach diverse high school students qualitative research skills while engaging them in learning about food security as well as culturally based food production and preparation practices in their community.

*Principal Investigator, The implementation of Jordan's Principle in Manitoba (2018-2023)*

- Evaluated the implementation of Jordan's Principle in Manitoba in partnership with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (AMC), a First Nations advisory group and an interdisciplinary research team. Funding for this study was ordered by the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal case. Study findings were submitted as expert testimony in the case. The research team provides ongoing support to AMC, as requested, to help ensure implementation of the recommendations made based on this study.

*Research Team Member, Better understanding the phenomenon of child neglect in the context of First Nations in Quebec: Component 4 of the Analysis of the Trajectories of First Nations Youth Subject to the Youth Protection Act (2017-2022)*

- Supported, as part of an intersectoral research team, the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission in designing and documenting findings of a study of the understanding of "child neglect" in First Nations in Quebec.

*Principal Investigator, Kee Tas Kee Now Children's Services formative evaluation (2019-2021)*

- Documented the implementation of health and allied health services for children and families in five, semi-remote First Nations in northern Alberta. Conducted in partnership with Kee Tas Kee Now Health Commission, to support the development of a long-term approach to the provision of equitable services in the Kee Tas Kee Now member Nations.

*Co-Principal Investigator, First Nations Health Consortium formative evaluation (2017-2019)*

- Supported and documented the development and implementation of a Jordan's Principle Service Coordination model intended to ensure access to equitable public services for all First Nations children in Alberta.

*Principal Investigator, First Nations Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect, 2019 (2013-2019)*

- In partnership with a national advisory committee, planned a study of the trajectories of First Nations children in the child welfare system. The study built on the First Nations Component of the Canadian Incidence Study of Child Abuse and Neglect 2008, which I directed. Secured over \$700,000 in funding to support implementation of a study and coordinated the national advisory committee over the 6-year planning period.

*Co-Principal Investigator, Access to equitable services for children with special needs in Pinaymootang, Manitoba (2015-2017)*

- In partnership with Pinaymootang First Nation, documented 12 families' struggles to access equitable services for children with special needs and the impact of these struggles on children, families and the community. This qualitative study directly informed provincial and national level efforts to implement Jordan's Principle.

*Co-Principal Investigator, Analysis of the Trajectories of First Nations Children and Youth in the Child Protection System – Component 3 (2014-2017)*

- Used Quebec administrative data to provide a comprehensive portrait of the child welfare trajectories of First Nations and non-Indigenous children. Worked in partnership with the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission and the Quebec Ministry of Health and Social Services to conduct the study and present results to directors of child welfare, the Commission on relations between Indigenous Peoples and certain public services in Québec, and researcher/practitioner groups.

*Principal Investigator, Jordan's Principle Working Group (2011-2017)*

- In partnership with UNICEF Canada, the Canadian Pediatric Society, the Canadian Association of Pediatric Health Centres and the Assembly of First Nations, documented the governmental response to Jordan's Principle and the factors contributing to denials, delays, or disruptions of public services to First Nations children. Findings from this project were covered by over 100 media outlets, mentioned in a speech on the floor of the Canadian Senate, and endorsed by First Nations and child advocacy groups across Canada. Report findings informed efforts to implement Jordan's Principle.

*Principal Investigator, First Nations component of the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect 2008 (2007-2013)*

- Collected data from ¼ of the Indigenous child welfare agencies in Canada. Developed and worked closely with a national advisory committee throughout the research process. Findings from this project informed the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, Canadian Human Rights Tribunal decisions, Assembly of First Nations and Canadian comments to parliamentary and United Nations committees, Aboriginal child welfare agencies' advocacy efforts, provincial/territorial Director of Child Welfare discussions and university education.

*Co-Principal Investigator, Strengthening Families Program Evaluation (2006-2013)*

- Documented the development and implementation of a multi-site, parent education program by a network of Black Anglophone community organizations. Provided consultation that extended beyond the evaluation, supporting development of a network strategic plan, visioning of a community response model for child welfare, and pursuit of sustained funding.

*Coinvestigator, Inuit Conceptualizations of Parent/Family Involvement in Secondary School in Nunavik (2009-2011)*

- Helped design and implement a study that engaged Inuit secondary school students and a community advisory committee in generating questions about family involvement in education. These questions were the basis for a series of focus groups and interviews.

*Coinvestigator, Community Capability and Development in Nunavik (2008-2010)*

- Helped facilitate partnership with representatives of the Kativik School Board and implement a qualitative study of resident perceptions of communal strengths and problems. Facilitated community conversations, in which Inuit leaders and community residents discussed research findings and the implications for policy/program development.

**Research Funding: \$1.86 million (USD equivalent) as PI + \$4.68 million as CI/Collaborator (USD equivalent)**

*Between 2006 and 2024 I was the principal or co-principal investigator (PI/Co-PI) on grants and contracts totaling \$2,046,498 (CAD; overhead/indirect costs excluded) and \$306,341 (USD). In addition, I was a co-investigator (CI) or collaborator on additional grants and contracts totaling \$6,008,236 (CAD; overhead/indirect costs excluded) and \$175,000 (USD).*

*Co-Principal Investigator, Evaluating ICFI Grocery Supports (2023- present)*

Co-Principal Investigator: Govindapillai, S.

Co-Investigators: Penney, J., Khan, M.N., Lavoie, J.G.

- Arctic Children and Youth Foundation (2023) \$18,000 CAD
- Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (2024) \$228,601 CAD

*Principal Investigator, Evaluating the Implementation of Jordan's Principal in Manitoba*

Co-Investigators: Lavoie, J., Gerlach, A., Lach, L., Bennett, M.

- Department of Justice, Canada and Public Interest Law Centre (2020-2022) \$148,400 CAD
- Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (2022-23) \$50,000 CAD

*Principal Investigator, Cuba Independent School District Summer Research Institute Evaluation*

Co-Investigators: Valladares, M, Baca, K., Nez, R.

- Cuba Independent School District (2022-23) \$50,000
- Women in the School of Education (2023) \$12,000
- Office of Outreach and Engagement (2023) \$11,000

*Co- investigator, Systemic Change and Adolescent Learning in California Youth Organizing*

Principle Investigators: Valladares, M., Valladares, S.

Co-Investigator: Kirschner, B.

- Stuart Foundation (2022-23) - \$75,000

*Principal Investigator, First Nations Health Consortium Support Project: Service Access Resolution Fund*

- First Nations Health Consortium (2020-21) - \$37,438
- First Nations Health Consortium (2023) - \$21,000

*Principal Investigator, Kee Tas Kee Now Child Health Services Formative Evaluation*

- Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council (2019-2021) - \$ 174,903

*Co-Investigator, First Nations Trajectories of Care*

Principal Investigator: FNQLHSSC

Co-Investigators: Tonino Esposito, Carl Lacharité

- Quebec Ministry of Health and Social Services (2018-2021) - \$375,000 CAD

*Co-Principal Investigator, First Nations Health Consortium Support Project*

Co-Principal Investigator: Luna Vives Gonzales Co-Investigator: Gerlach, A.

- First Nations Health Consortium (2017-19) - \$100,000 CAD

*Principal Investigator, \* First Nations Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect*

Co-Investigators: Fallon, B., MacLaurin, B., Hélie, S., Esposito, N., Collin-Vezina, D., King, B., Trocmé, N.

- Assembly of First Nations (2018-2022) - \$761,616 CAD

*\*Transferred leadership in 2019, when leaving Canada.*

*Co-Investigator*, \* Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect

Principal Investigator: Barbara Fallon

Co-Investigators: MacLaurin, B., Hélie, S., Esposito, N., Collin-Vezina, D., King, B., Trocmé, N.

- Assembly of First Nations (2018-2022) - \$1,500,000 CAD

*\*Co-investigator in research team until 2019, when leaving Canada.*

*Co-Investigator*, \* Facteurs familiaux entourant le phénomène de l'itinérance autochtone : des services de protection de la jeunesse à la rue

Principal Investigator: Stephane Grenier

Co-Investigators: Baskin, C.A., Angell, G.B., Namian, D.

Collaborators: Esposito, T., Laliberté, A.

- SSHRC Insight Grant (2018-2023) - \$222,000 CAD

*\*Co-investigator in research team until 2019, when leaving Canada.*

*Collaborator*, The influence of neighborhood socioeconomic disparities on child maltreatment

Principal Investigator: Tonino Esposito

Co-Investigator: Trocmé, N

Collaborators: Rothwell, D., Fallon, B., King, B., Maurer, K., Hélie, S., Goyette, M., Poirier, M, Sirois, M.

- SSHRC Insight Grant (2018-2023) - \$319,222 CAD

*Principal Investigator*, First Nations Incidence Study Planning/development

- Public Health Agency of Canada (Positioning FNCIS among national surveys; 2015-2016) - \$65,000

- Public Health Agency of Canada (Planning and engaging with First Nations child welfare agencies; 2016-2018) - \$97,900 CAD

*Principal Investigator*, Services communautaires de bien-être de l'enfance : Comblent l'écart entre les processus communautaires informels et les mandats des réseaux de protection de l'enfance au sein des communautés autochtones

- FRQSC Nouveau chercheur (2014-2018) - \$39,000 CAD

*Co-Investigator*, Geographies of Care: Professionals, caregivers, and children's views of (In)adequate supervision across cultures

Principal Investigator: Monica Ruiz Casares

Co-Investigators: Lacharité, C., Milot, T., Moss, E., Li, P. & Trocmé, N.

- SSHRC Insight Development Grant (2015-2018) - \$74,981 CAD

*Co-Investigator*, Building research capacity with First Nations and mainstream youth protection services in Quebec

Principal Investigator: Trocmé, N.

Co-investigators: Esposito, Rothwell, Fallon, Thomson, Collin-Vézina, Schlonsky, Goyette, Blackstock, Turcotte, Dufour, Macintosh & Wells

- SSHRC Partnership Grant (2012-2018) - \$1,560,352 CAD
- McGill VP Research (2012-2018) - \$100,000 CAD
- McGill Arts (2012-2018) - \$7,000 CAD

*Co-Principal Investigator*, Translating knowledge from the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal case on Aboriginal Child Welfare: a law-social work collaboration

Co-Principal Investigator: Sheppard, C.

- Andrea and Stephen Halperin Law-Social Work Program Support Fund (2015-16) - \$20,000 CAD

*Collaborator*, Understanding the relationship between neighbourhood socioeconomic disadvantages and child protection service outcomes

Principal Investigator: Esposito, T.

Co-Investigators: Trocmé, N. & Rothwell, D.

- SSHRC Insight Development Grant (2014-2016) - \$73,737 CAD

*Principal Investigator*, National First Nations child welfare research partnership

Co-Investigators: Trocmé, N. & Rothwell, D.

- McGill Collaborative Research Development Grant (2013-2015) - \$15,000 CAD

*Principal Investigator*, First Nations Child Welfare: Exploratory Research at the National Level

Co-Investigators: Montgomery, H.M. & Trocmé, N.

- SSHRC Insight Development Grant (2011-2014) - \$73,000 CAD

*Co-Investigator*, Strengthening Families Program Evaluation

Principal Investigator: Trocmé, N.

- National Crime Prevention Coalition (2011-2017) - \$50,000 CAD
- Public Health Agency of Canada (2006-2009) - \$40,000 CAD
- Public Health Agency of Canada (2009-2011) - \$30,000 CAD

*Co- Investigator*, Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect (CIS 2008)

Principal Investigator: Trocmé, N. Co-Investigators: Fallon, B. & MacLaurin, B.

- Public Health Agency of Canada (2007-2012) - \$1,455,000 CAD

*Co-Principal Investigator*, First Nations component of the CIS-2008

Co-Principal Investigator: Trocmé, N. Co-Investigators: Fallon, B. & MacLaurin, B.

- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (2010-2011) - \$90,000 CAD
- Public Health Agency of Canada (2008-2011) - \$65,000 CAD
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (2009-2010) - \$50,000 CAD
- Manitoba Department of Family Services and Housing (2008-2009) - \$100,000 CAD

*Co-Investigator*, Pilot Study of the Quebec Social Pediatrics Program

Principal Investigator: Trocmé, N.

Co-Investigator: Roy, C.

- Social Pediatrics Foundation (2010-2011) - \$59,000 CAD

*Co-Investigator*, Inuit Conceptualizations of Parent/Family Involvement in Secondary School in Nunavik

Principal Investigator: Ives, N.

Co-investigators: Beauregard, F., Moeller, S., Smith, D. & Thomson, W.

Collaborators: Lamb-Parker F. & Denov, M.

- SSHRC Aboriginal Research Development Grant (2009-2010) - \$16,925 CAD

*Co-Investigator, Partnership for Aboriginal Child Welfare*

Principal Investigator: N. Trocmé

Co-Investigators: Blackstock, C., Bennett, M., Collin-Vézina, D. &amp; Ives, N.

- SSHRC Community University Research Alliance LOI (2009-2010) - \$20,000 CAD

*Co-Investigator, Community Capability and Development in Nunavik: Mobilizing Knowledge in the Transition to Self Government*

Principal Investigator: Ives, N.

Co-Investigators: Thomson, W. &amp; Aitken, O.

- SSHRC Public Outreach Dissemination Grant (2009-2011) - \$140,000 CAD

*Co-Investigator, Community Capability and Development in Nunavik*

Principal Investigator: W. Thomson      Co-Investigators: Aitken, O. &amp; Ives, N.

- SSHRC Northern Research Grant (2008-2010) - \$40,000 CAD

*Co-Principal Investigator, Summer Workshop in Quantitative Methods for Aboriginal Child Welfare Research (2008, 2009)*

Co-Principal Investigator: Trocmé, N.

- National Network for Aboriginal Mental Health Research (2008-2009) - \$20,000 CAD
- National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health (2008) - \$10,000 CAD
- McGill School of Social Work (2008-2009) - \$10,000 CAD
- Centre for Excellence in Child Welfare (2008) - \$10,000 CAD

**TEACHING & SUPERVISION****Teaching**

School of Education, University of Colorado, Boulder

- *Community Based Research Fellows* (Year long seminar - 2023-34)
- *LEAD 4000: Leadership for Public Impact* (Leadership minor capstone – Fall 2020, 2021, 2022; Spring 2021, 2022, 2024 – co-taught, 2023)
- *EDUC 4112: Adolescent Development and Learning for Teachers* (Spring 2022, 2023, Fall 2023)
- *EDUC 8730: Principles and Practices of Community Based Participatory Research* (Fall 2022)

School of Social Work, McGill University

- *Social Policy Analysis* (MSW course – fall 2016; MSW & PhD course – fall 2017, winter 2019)
- *Anti-oppression Social Work Practice* (MSW Qualifying year course – winter 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
- *Foundations of Social Policy* (MSW Qualifying year course –fall 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
- *History & Philosophy of Social Work* (Undergraduate course - fall 2009, 2010)
- *Social Work Research* (BSW course winter 2008, 2009, 2010: spring 2014, 2015)

Centre for Research on Children and Families, McGill University

- *Child Welfare Policy Group* (Co-facilitated year-long seminar for graduate RAs - 2012-2013)
- *Quantitative Methods for Aboriginal Child Welfare Research* (Summer course for child welfare administrators, students and academics; designed and taught in 2008 and 2009)



School of Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University

- *Gender & the Life Course* (Undergraduate course, co-taught once)

Tutorials (semester long, 1-on-1 instruction)

- 1 MSW/law, Fall 2018; 3 MSW, Spring 2018; 1 MSW, Spring 2016; 1 BSW, Summer 2013

### Supervision

Supervision of Student Theses and Capstone Projects

- Postdoctoral supervision – 1 completed
- PhD supervision – 1 completed 2023, 1 in progress
- MSW & MSW-LLB-BCL capstone project supervision - 13 completed
- MSW Thesis supervision -1 completed

Research Assistant Supervision

- Since 2006, I have supervised 49 students who worked as RAs on my research project; including undergraduate, master's and PhD students from Education, Social Work, Law, Public Health and Anthropology. I approach supervision of RAs through a collaborative model which is grounded by: assigning a mix of short-term, concrete tasks and longer-term projects; weekly or bi-weekly meetings; and feedback on drafts of written work. This approach allows for work to be adapted to individual students' capacities and work styles.

## SERVICE

### Selected Community Activities and Committees

Guest editor (2020-2021)

- Co-editor for a special issue of *Child Welfare* focused on the relationship between poverty and child welfare system involvement, published in fall 2021. The articles collected in this issue call for a transformation of the child welfare system, from one focused on perceived parental failings to one that centers child and family voices and experiences in order to proactively address the structural injustices that can lead to child welfare involvement.

Data support projects – supporting social service agencies to develop data analytic capacity

- First Nations Health Consortium Data Support Project (2020-2023)
- Kahnawake Shaktiia'takehnhas Community Services Data Support Project (2010 – 2019)
- Centre de Jeunesse Abitibi-Temiscamingue Data Support Project (2014 – 2016)

Committees and working groups

- *Assembly of Manitoba First Nations Virtual Conference on Jordan's Principle committee (2022-23)* – Helped plan an online, day-long conference that served as a forum for presenting Jordan's Principle related research to First Nations citizens in Manitoba.
- *Child Welfare League of America Virtual Conference committee (2022)* - Member of a panel of journal guest editors and book editors supporting the planning of a virtual conference focused on *Moving Research to Practice*.
- *Circle of Experts (2022)* - Member of expert panel convened to inform a settlement agreement on Jordan's Principle compensation.

- *Child Welfare Research Portal (cwrp.ca) Advisory Committee (2015-2019)* - Advised on content and design of *cwrp.ca*, a website intended to provide a single point of access to Canadian child welfare research and policy
- *Child Maltreatment Surveillance - Working Group, Public Health Agency of Canada (2013 - 2016)* – Supported the development of national level child maltreatment surveillance strategies.
- *Alberta Child and Youth Advocate Investigative Review Committee (January, June 2015)* - Participated in two expert committees supporting the production of reports on systemic issues involved in cases of First Nations children killed or seriously injured while in parental care.
- *First Nations Child and Family Caring Society Support (2013)* - Coordinated a dozen students/staff/faculty to vet 1,500 documents, and review/summarize 600 documents related to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal case on First Nations child welfare.

### **Selected University and Departmental Activities and Committees**

Committee work, School of Education, University of Colorado, Boulder

- *Curriculum committee, School of Education (2020-present)* – Member of a committee reviewing curriculum changes and new courses.
- *Faculty chair (2022-present)*
- *Fundraising committee, CU Engage (2022-23)* member
- *Justice and equity committee, School of Education (2021-22)* – Member of a newly formed committee to address justice and equity issues within the School of Education.
- *Faculty mentor, School of Education Doctoral Mentorship Pathway Program (2020-21)* – Mentored a BIPOC PhD program applicant.

Supporting partnership work, University of Colorado Boulder

- *Advisory committee, PACES (2024)* – Member of a committee supporting the Office of Outreach and Engagement transition to the Office of Public And Community Engaged Scholarship
- *Coordinator, conversations on sustainable partnerships, University of Colorado, Boulder (2022-24)* – Coordinated a series of discussions between members of CU Engage, School of Education, Renee Crown Wellness Center on supporting sustainable place-based partnerships.
- *Team member, CU Engage Fundraising committee (2022-23)* Supported efforts to raise funds for CU Engage programs.
- *Team member, CU Engage DEI nomination development (2022)* – Supported the development of a nomination package for the President’s DEI award.
- *Cohort member, Community Perspectives Cohort, Office of Outreach and Engagement (2022)*- Participated in a year-long professional development program aimed at connecting faculty teaching, research and creative work to outreach and engagement initiatives with rural Colorado communities

Centre for Research on Children and Families, McGill University – An interdisciplinary research center that conducts and disseminates research on programs/policies for vulnerable children and families

- *Board member (2017-2019)* - Helped oversee center functions and governance.
- *Core faculty member (2008-2019)* - Supported center functioning by participating in hiring/appointment processes, helping to define administrative and training priorities, and consulting with community organizations interested in exploring potential partnerships.

Social justice and equity work, School of Social Work, McGill University

- *School of Social Work Washroom Redesignation Committee (2017-18)* - Worked with faculty and students to propose an inclusive plan for redesignating washrooms.

- *School of Social Work Equity Planning Committee (2013-2016)* - Helped found, and then co-chaired, a student and faculty committee focused on issues of equity and diversity.
- *School of Social Work merit assessment review committee (2016)* - Coordinated a committee that revised the tool used for annual merit review in order to ensure more equitable assessment for all tenured, tenure-stream and non-tenure-stream faculty members.

## PUBLICATIONS

*Author/co-author of 35 peer reviewed journal articles, 8 peer reviewed book or published report chapters, 3 publications in professional journals, 5 peer reviewed published reports, 14 additional published reports, 45 information sheets, and 12 unpublished reports. My h-index is 23 (Google Scholar).*

For each publication listed below, my primary contribution is identified as follows:

- \* Primary responsibility for conceptualization, analysis, and writing
- \*\* Contributed to development of paper concept/methodology and/or reviewed/edited drafts
- \*\*\* Played a lead role in the research supplying data used in secondary analysis
- <sup>c</sup> Corresponding author – primary responsibility for intellectual leadership of a project on which a student/postdoc is first author.

Underlined names represent students, working directly under my (co-) supervision on a research project for which I had primary intellectual responsibility. The pace of publications is partially shaped by my collaborative approach to research. Facilitation of collaborative processes takes significant time and resources, imposing limits on the possibilities for students to pursue independent publications.

Accordingly, I offer first authorship to students who:

- Drive the day-to-day work of analysis or writing,
- Demonstrate a strong understanding of required technical skills, and
- Make substantive contributions to the framing and interpretation of the research.

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles (35)

[35] **Sinha, V.** & Lavoie, J.G. (under review) Substantive equality, self-determination, administrative discretion: the implementation of Jordan Principles in Manitoba. Submitted to *Health Reform Observer*. (Submitted January 2024).

[34] Musiwa, A.S., **Sinha, V.**, Hanley, J. & Ruiz-Casares, M. (under review) Antenatal care coverage and early childhood mortality in Zimbabwe: New interpretations from Demographic and Health Surveys and Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys. Submitted to *Health and Place*. (Submitted October 2023). \*\*

[33] Musiwa, A.S., **Sinha, V.**, Hanley, J. Ruiz-Casares, M. & Skovdal, M. (accepted) “All these methods (...) complement each other”: Antenatal care acceptability in contexts of antenatal care pluralism in rural Manicaland, Zimbabwe. Submitted to *Women’s Reproductive Health*. (Resubmitted February 2024). \*\*

[32] Gerlach, A., **Sinha, V.**, Lach, L., & the Assembly of First Nations (accepted) The Consequences of ‘Benevolent’ Colonial Powers and Structural Inequities in the Implementation of Jordan's Principle in Manitoba, Canada. Submitted to *AlterNative: An International Journal of Indigenous Peoples*. \*\*

- [31] **Sinha, V.**, Sheppard, C., Gunnarson, M., Chadwick, K., Jamieson, G. (2021) Substantive Equality and Jordan's Principle: Challenges and Complexities. *Journal of Law and Social Policy*, 35, 21-43. <https://doi.org/10.60082/0829-3929.1422> \*\*.\*
- [30] **Sinha, V.**, Caldwell, H., Paul, L. & Fumaneri, P.R. (2021) A review of literature on the involvement of children from Indigenous communities in the Anglo child welfare systems: 1973-2018. *International Indigenous Policy Journal*, 12(1), 1-45 <https://doi.org/10.18584/iipj.2021.12.1.10818> . \*
- [29] Gerlach, A., Sangster, M., & **Sinha, V.** (2020) Insights from a Jordan's Principle Child First Initiative in Alberta: Implications for Advancing health equity for First Nations children. *International Journal of Indigenous Health* 15(1), 21-33. <https://doi.org/10.32799/ijih.v15i1.33991> \*\*
- [28] Hahn, H., Caldwell, H. & **Sinha V.** (2020) Applying lessons from the U.S. Indian Child Welfare Act to recently passed federal child protection legislation in Canada. *International Indigenous Policy Journal* 11(3), 1-27. <https://doi.org/10.18584/iipj.2020.11.3.8206> \*\*
- [27] Nkrumah, R.B. & **Sinha, V.** (2020) Revisiting global development frameworks and research on basic education access in Ghana and Sub-Saharan Africa: A review of evidence and gaps for future research. *Review of Education* 8(3), 733-764. <https://doi.org/10.1002/rev3.3205> \*\*
- [26] Bombay, A., McQuaid, R.J., Young, J., Sinha, V., Currie, V., Hymie, A., Matheson, K. (2020) Familial attendance at Indian Residential School and subsequent involvement in the child welfare system among Indigenous adults born during the Sixties Scoop era. *First People's Child and Family Review*, 15(1), 62-79. <https://fpcfr.com/index.php/FPCFR/article/view/401> \*\*
- [25] Caldwell, H. & **Sinha, V.** (2020) (Re)conceptualizing neglect: Considering the overrepresentation of Indigenous children in child welfare systems in Canada. *Child Indicators Research*, 13, 481-512. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2017.08.030> <sup>c</sup>
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## PRESENTATIONS

### Peer Reviewed Conference Presentations (Selected, 41)

- [41] Gerlach, A. & **Sinha, V.** (2023) Exploring the Consequences of 'Benevolent' Colonial Powers and Structural Inequities in the Implementation of Jordan's Principle in Manitoba, Canada. Canadian Children, Youth and Communities (CCYC) Health In | Equity Online Conference.
- [40] **Sinha, V.** (2023) Self determination and substantive equality (equity) in public services: Realizing complex goals through the implementation of Jordan's Principle. International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health; Tulsa, OK.
- [39] Gerlach, A., **Sinha, V.**, Lach, L., Lavoie, J., Bennett, M.(2023) The unintended consequences of 'benevolent' structures and their potential for harm in the implementation of Jordan's Principle in Manitoba, Canada. International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health; Tulsa, OK.
- [38] Lavoie, J., Gerlach, A., **Sinha, V.**, Lavalley, S., Bennett, M., Lach, L., (2022) The unintended consequences of 'benevolent' structures and their potential for harm in the implementation of Jordan's Principle in Manitoba, Canada. 12<sup>th</sup> Health Services Research Association of Australia and New Zealand conference: Sydney, AU.
- [37] **Sinha, V.**, Anderson, G.R., DiLorenzo, P., Ingoldsby, E., Fisher, C. Quintanilla, M.L. (2022) *Opening Panel*. Presentation at the Child Welfare League of America Virtual Conference on Moving Research to Practice.
- [36] Chadwick, K., & **Sinha, V.** (2019) *Jordan's Principle Service Coordination: preliminary findings from a developmental evaluation*. Presentation at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Meeting on Indigenous Health; Calgary, AB.
- [35] **Sinha, V.**, Bennett, M., Prokop, S., Montgomery, H.M., Petti, T (2018) *First Nations Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect 2019: A national study of child welfare trajectories*. Future of Child Welfare in Canada Conference; Calgary, AB.
- [34] Sablonnière-Griffin, M., Gray, R., **Sinha, V.**, Esposito, T. & Trocmé, T. (2017) *Analyse des trajectoires des jeunes des Premières Nations assujettis à la Loi sur la protection de la jeunesse*. Presentation at the 8<sup>ème</sup> Congrès Québécois sur la maltraitance envers les enfants et les adolescents; Montreal, QC.
- [33] Esposito, T. & **Sinha, V.** (2017) *Understanding 'Risk of Neglect' in the Quebec child protection system*. Presentation at the 6<sup>th</sup> Conference of International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI); Montreal, QC.
- [32] Sablonnière-Griffin, M. & **Sinha, V.** (2017) *Collaborating to analyze child welfare indicators for First Nations children in Quebec*. Presentation at the 6<sup>th</sup> Conference of International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI); Montreal, QC.

- [31] **Sinha, V.** (2017). *From Jordan's Principle to well implemented policy: achieving equitable services for First Nations children*. Presentation at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health; Denver, CO.
- [30] **Sinha, V.** (2016). *Realizing Jordan's Principle – next steps for First Nations Health Managers?* Presentation at the First Nations Health Manager's Association conference; Vancouver, BC.
- [29] **Sinha, V.** (2016). *Documenting over-representation in the Canadian context*. Presentation at the Re-imagining Child Welfare Symposium; York, ON.
- [28] **Sinha, V.,** Otis, N., Trocmé, N., Fallon, B., & MacLaurin, B (2016). *Lessons from Canadian Incidence Studies: Connecting data to policy and practice to accelerate change. Moving towards a full-scale First Nations Incidence Study: Comparisons of investigations in Aboriginal and provincial/territorial agencies*. Presentation at ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect; Calgary, AB.
- [27] Sablonnière-Griffin, M., **Sinha, V.,** Esposito, T., Trocmé, N. & Gray, R. (2016). *Long-term child protection service trajectories of First Nations children in Quebec*. Presentation at ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect; Calgary, AB.
- [26] MacLaurin, B, Trocmé, N., Fallon, B., & **Sinha, V.** (2016). *Lessons from Canadian incidence studies: Connecting data to policy and practice to accelerate change: Using Data to Inform Practice and Policy: Front-end Child Intervention Services in Alberta*. Presentation at ISPCAN International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect; Calgary, AB.
- [25] **Sinha, V.,** Gros-Louis McHugh, N., Sablonnière-Griffin, M, Esposito, T. (2016). *Une approche participative d'analyse de données pour comprendre les trajectoires longitudinales de services en protection de la jeunesse des enfants des Premières Nations au Québec*. Presentation at the 84th Congress of the Association francophone pour la savoir; Montreal, QC.
- [24] **Sinha, V.** (2015). *The ongoing struggle for Implementation of Jordan's Principle: Challenges to the provision of equitable services for First Nations children*. Presentation at the 6<sup>th</sup> International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health; Ottawa, ON.
- [23] **Sinha, V.** & Churchill, M. (2014). *No Jordan's Principle cases in Canada? The truth and politics of disparities in access to health and social services for First Nations children living on-reserve*. Presentation at the Indigenous Health Conference; Toronto, ON.
- [22] **Sinha, V.** (2014). *No Jordan's Principle cases in Canada: An overview of the federal government's response to Jordan's Principle*. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Network for Aboriginal Mental Health Research; Montreal, QC.
- [21] **Sinha, V.,** Trocmé, N., Fallon, B., & MacLaurin, B (2013). *Understanding the overrepresentation of First Nations Children: A comparison of investigations conducted by Aboriginal and provincial/territorial child welfare agencies*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference; San Diego, CA.

- [20] **Sinha, V.** & Trocmé, N. (2012). *Comparing First Nations and provincial/territorial agencies: An analysis of the First Nations component of the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect (CIS-2008)*. Paper presented at the Annual Colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children; Chicago, IL.
- [19] Thomas, S.P. & **Sinha, V.** (2012). *The overrepresentation of First Nations Children in the child welfare system: Findings from the FNCIS-2008*. Paper presented at the Prairie Child Welfare Consortium Conference; Edmonton, AB.
- [18] Fallon, B., Trocmé, N., MacLaurin, B., & **Sinha, V.** (2012). *Understanding increasing reports of maltreatment in Canada*. Paper presented at the Annual Colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children; Chicago, IL.
- [17] MacLaurin, B., Fallon, B., Trocmé, N., & **Sinha, V.** (2012). *The association between ethnicity and child maltreatment: Explaining factors*. Symposium, International Society for the Study of Behavioural Development, Edmonton, AB.
- [16] **Sinha, V.** & Trocmé, N., Fast, E., Fallon, B. & MacLaurin, B. (2011). *First Nations children in the Canadian child welfare system: Findings from the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect (CIS-2008)*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference; Tampa, FL.
- [15] Ives, N., **Sinha, V.**, Leman, D., Goren, A. & Thomson, W. (2011). *Community capability and development in Nunavik: Practice and policy strategies for social inclusion*. Paper presented at the Supporting Healthy Communities through Social Work conference, Thematic Network on Social Work, University of the Arctic; Reykjavik, Iceland.
- [14] Fast, E., **Sinha, V.**, Trocmé, N., Fallon, B. & MacLaurin, B. (2010). *The First Nations component of the Canadian Incidence Study: A capacity building approach*. Paper presented at the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Conference; Honolulu, HI.
- [13] Fallon, B., Trocmé, N., MacLaurin, B. & **Sinha, V.** (2010). *Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect*. Paper presented at the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN); Honolulu, HI.
- [12] Fallon, B., Trocmé, N., MacLaurin, B., & **Sinha, V.** (2010). *CIS-2008: Investigations of Maltreatment versus Risk of Maltreatment*. International Society for the Protection of Child abuse and Neglect Conference International Congress, Honolulu, HI.
- [11] Fast, E., **Sinha, V.**, Trocmé, N., Fallon, B., and MacLaurin, B. (2010). *"The First Nations Component of the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect: A capacity building approach to national level First Nations research."* Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Social Work Education Conference; Montreal, QC.
- [10] Fast, E., Petti, T., Thomas Prokop, S., Chabot, M. & **Sinha, V.** (2010). *The First Nations component of the Canadian Incidence Study: A capacity building approach*. Presented at the National Indian Child Welfare Association Conference; Portland, OR.



[9] Leman, D., Goren, A., Ives, N., **Sinha, V.** & Thomson, W. (2010). *Recapturing the strengths of Inuit families: Findings and recommendations for addressing Nunavik's social challenges in the transition to regional governance*. Paper presented at the Canadian Association of Social Work Education Annual Conference; Montreal, QC.

[8] Piché, A.M., Trocmé, N. & **Sinha, V.** (2008). Program evaluation in partnership with a cultural community: The Strengthening Families Program of the African Canadian Development and Prevention Network. Cultural diversity and vulnerable families conference; Montreal, QC.

[7] Blackstock, C., Trocmé, N. & **Sinha, V.** (2007). *A Comparison of Child Abuse and Neglect from the CIS-2003: Service implications for Aboriginal children and their families*. Paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Meeting on Indigenous Health, sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Canadian Pediatric Society; Montreal, QC.

[6] **Sinha, V.** (2007). *Beyond intervention for the common good: social control in Chicago neighborhoods*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Society; New York, NY.

[5] **Sinha, V.** (2007). *Crime and community: Dealing with disorder and drug markets in Chicago neighborhoods*. Paper presented at the Biennial Meetings of the Society for Community Research and Action; Pasadena, CA.

[4] **Sinha, V.** (2005). *Earnings and income: Economic resources of Illinois TANF recipients in the years after welfare reform*. Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems annual conference; Philadelphia, PA.

[3] Lewis, D.A. & **Sinha, V.** (2004). *Residential and income mobility of low-income families in Chicago*. Paper presented at the Changing Face of Metropolitan Chicago Conference, Chicago, IL.

[2] Payne, M.R., **Sinha, V.** & Cook, T.D. (2002). *Too much togetherness? The impact of neighborhood schools on adolescent development*. Paper presented at Northwestern University Graduate Student Interdisciplinary Urban Studies Conference, Evanston, IL.

[1] Payne, M.R., **Sinha, V.** & Cook, T.D. (2002). *The joint effects of school and neighborhood Influences on early adolescent development: A Two-Site Replication*. Paper presented at the Biennial Meetings of the Society for Research on Adolescence, New Orleans, LA.

#### **Invited Academic Presentations (Selected, 16)**

[16] **Sinha, V.** (2018) *The impact of child welfare policies on Indigenous children's access to services*. Invited presentation at the University of Windsor School of Social Work, hosted by the Health Equity and Social Inclusion Interdisciplinary Research Group.

[15] **Sinha, V.** (2017) *What's next with Jordan's Principle? A rapidly shifting policy landscape*. Invited presentation at the Disability and Human Rights Initiative seminar on the rights of Indigenous children with disabilities, Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism; Montreal, QC.

[14] Vives, C.L. & **Sinha, V.** (2017) *The impact of service disparities on First Nations children with complex needs living on reserves, their families, and their communities: a case study*. Seminar presented at the Centre for Research on Children & Families; Montreal, QC.

[13] **Sinha, V.** (2017). *Jordan's Principle - paediatric roles and responsibilities post CHRT ruling*. Grand Paediatric Rounds, Queens University; Kingston, ON.

[12] Sablonnière-Griffin, M., **Sinha, V.**, Esposito, T., Chabot, M., & Trocmé, N. (2016). *Trajectories of First Nations Youth Subject to the Youth Protection Act*. Seminar presented at the Centre for Research on Children & Families, Montreal, QC.

[11] Saylor, K., Commanda, C., **Sinha, V.**, Fast, E. (2015). *Understanding the overrepresentation of First Nations children in the child welfare system*. Panel Discussion at the Indigenous Health and Human Rights conference; Montreal, QC.

[10] **Sinha, V.** (2014). *No Jordan's Principle's cases in Canada? Governmental response to disparities in access to health and social services for First Nations people*. Presentation at Modeling the Interaction of Multidimensional Risk Factors in Caries Disparity: NCOHR Team Building Workshop; Montreal, QC.

[9] Montgomery, H.M., Loft, M., Montour, C., Hele, K., **Sinha, V.** (2014). *Indigenous presence: experiencing and envisioning Indigenous knowledges within Canadian post-secondary institutions from an education and social work faculty perspective*. Panel discussion at the Centre for Research on Children & Families, McGill University; Montreal, Q.C.

[8] **Sinha, V.** (2013). *Portrait de la situation actuelle en matière de protection de la jeunesse autochtone*. Presentation at the 10th Université Nomade de DIALOG : Portraits de la jeunesse Autochtone; Val-d'Or, QC.

[7] **Sinha, V.**, Trocmé, N., Fallon, B., MacLaurin, Fast, E. Prokop, S.T. et al. (2011). *Kiskisik Awasisak: Remember the children. Understanding the overrepresentation of First Nations children in the child welfare system*. Seminar at the Centre for Research on Children and Families, McGill University; Montreal, QC.

[6] **Sinha, V.**, Fast, E. & Trocmé, N. (2009). *The First Nations component of the Canadian Incidence Study-2008*. Seminar at the Centre for Research on Children and Families, McGill University; Montreal, QC.

[5] **Sinha, V.**, Piché, A.M. & Trocmé, N. (2009). *Implementing the Strengthening Families Program in Montreal's Black communities: Integrating community development with prevention programming*. Seminar at the Centre for Research on Children and Families, McGill University; Montreal, QC.

[4] Trocmé, N. & **Sinha, V.** (2008). *The Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect – Quantitative Methods in Aboriginal Child Welfare Research*. National Network for Aboriginal Mental Health Research Annual Meeting; Montreal, QC.

[3] Piché, A.M., **Sinha, V.** & Trocmé, N. (2007). *Managing expectations in a small-scale evaluation of a family support program with Montreal's Black Anglophone community: Integrating Community Development with Prevention Programming*. Seminar at the Participatory Research at McGill University Centre; Montreal, QC.

[2] **Sinha, V.** (2006). *Crime and community: Dealing with disorder and drug markets in Chicago neighborhoods*. Seminar at the Centre for Research on Children and Families, McGill University; Montreal, QC.

[1] **Sinha, V.** (2005). *Earnings and income: Economic resources of Illinois TANF recipients in the years after welfare reform*. Seminar at the Center for Urban Research and Learning, Loyola University; Chicago, IL.

### **Invited Presentations to Policy, Practice or Community Groups** (Selected, 31)

[31] **Sinha, V.** (2023) *The implementation of Jordan's Principle in Manitoba: Lessons and recommendations*. Presentation for the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Jordan's Principle research symposium (online).

[30] Gerlach, A., **Sinha, V.** & Flett, M. (2022) *Sharing & Mobilization Knowledge to Advance Jordan's Principle in Manitoba*. Presentation to Rehabilitation Center for Children Jordan's Principle staff; Winnipeg, MB.

[29] **Sinha, V.**, McKay, R., Kern, S., Edwards, M., & Knott, J., (2021) *Jordan's Principle 101: Equity in services for First Nations children*. Presentation at National Grand Rounds of the Canadian Pediatric Society.

[28] Fallon, B., **Sinha, V.** (2018) *Child welfare disparities and the incidence studies of reported child abuse and neglect: FNIS-2019 and OIS-2018*. Presentation to the Joint Sector Meeting of the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies; Toronto, ON.

[27] **Sinha, V.**, Vives, C.L., Kelsall, T., Larlee, P., Chadwick, K., Nieto, R., & Gerlach, A. (2018) *First Nations Health Consortium, Jordan's Principle Service Coordination: Preliminary findings from a formative evaluation*. Presentation to the Jordan's Principle Action Table; Ottawa, ON.

[26] **Sinha, V.** (2018) *Engaging families with child, family and prevention services*. Presentation to the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission Regional Round Table; Quebec, QC.

[25] Vives, CL. & **Sinha, V.** (2017) *Pinaymootang children with special healthcare needs: service disparities*. Presentation to the Jordan's Principle Action Table; Ottawa, ON.

[24] **Sinha, V.**, Delaye, A. & Vanloffeld, S. (2016). *Towards an Indigenous System of Prevention Performance Management*. Association of Native Child and Family Service Agencies of Ontario Annual Conference; Sarnia, ON.

[23] **Sinha, V.** (2016). *Law 21 and First Nations*. Presentation to the Coalition of English Speaking First Nations Communities of Quebec; Montreal, QC.

[22] Sablonnière-Griffin, M., **Sinha, V.**, Esposito, T., Chabot, M., & Trocmé, N. (2016). *Trajectories of First Nations Youth Subject to the Youth Protection Act*. Presentation to the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission Board of directors; Quebec, QC.

[21] Sablonnière-Griffin, M., **Sinha, V.**, Esposito, T., Chabot, M., & Trocmé, N. (2016). *Trajectories of First Nations Youth Subject to the Youth Protection Act*. Presentation to the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission Regional Roundtable; Quebec, QC.

- [20] **Sinha, V.** (2016) *Without denial, delay or disruption: ensuring First Nations children's access to equitable services through Jordan's Principle*. Presentation to the Canadian Child and Youth Health Council Steering Committee; Toronto, ON.
- [19] **Sinha, V.** (2015). *Without denial, delay, or disruption: Ensuring First Nations children's access to equitable services through Jordan's Principle*. Presentation to the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission Health Forum. Quebec City, QC.
- [18] Churchill, M. & **Sinha, V.** (2015). *Without denial, delay, or disruption: Ensuring First Nations children's access to equitable services through Jordan's Principle*. Presentation at the Treaty 7 Health Information Session. Calgary, AB.
- [17] **Sinha, V.** & Lach, L. (2015). *Ensuring First Nations children's equitable services through Jordan's Principle*. Webinar for the Canadian Association of Paediatric Health centres (ON).
- [16] **Sinha, V.** (2014). *Without denial, delay, or disruption: Ensuring First Nations children's access to equitable services through Jordan's Principle*. Presentation to the Assembly of First Nations Health Technicians Working Group. Wendake, QC.
- [15] Trocmé, N & **Sinha, V.** (2014). *Overrepresentation of First Nations children in Canadian child welfare systems*. Presentation to the Alberta Child Intervention Implementation Oversight Committee; Edmonton, AB.
- [14] **Sinha, V.** (2014). *Working towards a First Nations Incidence Study 2018: The potential of national research in the Quebec context*. Presentation to the First Nations of Quebec and Labrador Health and Social Services Commission Regional Round Table; Wendake, QC.
- [13] **Sinha, V.** (2014). *Exploring differences in the substantiation of neglect for First Nations and non-Aboriginal children*. Webinar for Practice and Research Together (PART) Ontario.
- [12] **Sinha, V.** & Blumenthal, A. (2014). *Jordan's Principle: From child-first to administrative response*. Presentation to the Coalition of English Speaking First Nations Communities in Quebec Health Services Integration Fund Technicians; Montreal, Q.C.
- [11] Blumenthal, A. & **Sinha, V.** (2014). *Jordan's Principle: From child-first to administrative response*. Seminar presentation at the Centre for Research on Children and Families; Montreal, QC.
- [10] **Sinha, V.**, Lach, L., & Blumenthal, A. (2013). *Implementation of Jordan's Principle: Understanding and addressing disparities in health and social services for status First Nations Children living on reserve*. Webinar presentation for the Canadian Association of Paediatric Health Centres (ON).
- [9] **Sinha, V.** (2013). *Composante Première nations de l'étude Canadienne sure l'incidence des signalements de cas de violence et de négligence envers les enfants 2008*. Presentation for Le Comité sur le projet de vie des enfants autochtones; Montreal, QC.

[8] **Sinha, V.** (2012). *Understanding the overrepresentation of First Nations children in the child welfare system*. Webinar presentation for Practice and Research Together (PART) Ontario.

Trocmé, N., Fallon, B., **Sinha, V.**, & Schlonsky, A. (2012). *Learning from one another: How variations in child welfare services to First Nations and children in foster care can inform policy and practice in Canada*. Presentation to the National Directors of Child Welfare; Banff, AB.

[7] **Sinha, V.**, Trocmé, N., Fallon, B., MacLaurin, Fast, E. Prokop, S.T. et al. (2012). *Kiskisik Awasisak: Remember the children. Understanding the overrepresentation of First Nations children in the child welfare system*. Keynote presentation at Kiskisik Awasisak: the Drumbeat of our Work, Conference sponsored by the British Columbia Caring for First Nations Children Society, the Indigenous Child Welfare Research Network, the Network for Aboriginal Mental Health Research, and the Centre for Research on Children and Families; Victoria, BC.

[6] **Sinha, V.**, Trocmé, N., Fallon, B., MacLaurin, Fast, E. Prokop, S.T. et al. (2012). *Kiskisik Awasisak: Remember the Children. Understanding the overrepresentation of First Nations children in the child welfare system*. Presentation at the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect 2008 Conference sponsored by the Saskatchewan First Nations Family and Community Institute, University of Regina, Faculty of Social Work (Saskatoon Campus), and the First Nations University of Canada, Indian Social Work Program; Saskatoon, SK.

[5] Trocmé, N. & **Sinha, V.** (2012). *La Composante premières nations de l'étude canadienne sur l'incidence des signalements de cas de violence et de négligence envers les enfants*. Commission de la santé et des services sociaux des Premières Nations du Québec et du Labrador, Visio-Conférence; QC.

[4] **Sinha, V.** & Trocmé, N. (2011). *The First Nations component of the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect*. Workshop presentation at the Annual General Assembly of the Assembly of First Nations; Moncton, NB.

[3] **Sinha, V.** (2011). *The potential impact of definitional narrowing of Jordan's Principle on access to services for First Nations children in the child welfare system*. Workshop presentation at the National Health Directors Forum of the Assembly of First Nations; Ottawa, ON.

[2] Trocmé, N., **Sinha, V.**, & Fallon, B. (2011). *The First Nations Component of the Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Abuse and Neglect 2008*. Presentation at the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies Directors Meeting; Toronto, ON.

[1] Trocmé, N., Fallon, B., MacLaurin, B., **Sinha, V.**, Turcotte, D. & Hélie, S. (2010). *The Canadian Incidence Study of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect – 2008: Major findings*. Keynote presentation at the Looking after Children Conference; Montreal, QC.

## MEDIA

### Interviews (7)

[7] Montour, D., Madill, L. & **Sinha, V.** (2017). *Indigenous children and foster care*. Panel Discussion for City Life, MaTV, Montreal, February 7.

[6] **Sinha, V.** (2016). *Urban Aboriginal children and foster care*. Interview for Urban Nations, MaTV, Montreal, June 8.

[5] **Sinha, V.** (2016). *Canadian Human Rights Tribunal ruling*. Interview on Newstalk 770, Calgary, February 1.

[4] **Sinha, V.** (2015). *Without Denial, Delay or Disruption*. Interview on the CBC North, February 12.

[3] **Sinha, V.** (2015). *Without Denial, Delay or Disruption*. Interview on the Ed Hand Show, February 12.

[2] **Sinha, V.** (2015). *Children ask Harper to 'have a heart' as report shows governments failing on Jordan's Principle*. Interview with APTN National News, February 10.

[1] **Sinha, V.** (2012). *Despite Parliament's vow, First Nations kids still fall through cracks, research shows*. Interview with APTN National News, July 24.

### **Commentaries (2)**

[2] **Sinha, V., Delave, A. & Trocmé, N.** (2016). *A win for First Nations children, but what's next?* Op-ed, Montreal Gazette, February 1.\*

[1] **Sinha, V. & Nutton, J.** (2013). *What Idle No More tells us about the need for change*. Opinion piece in the Montreal Gazette, January 11.\*

### **EXPERT WITNESS IN PUBLIC INQUIRIES OR LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

[5] **Sinha, V. & Petti, T.** (2023-24) *The out of home placement of First Nations children in Manitoba*. Report in preparation for submission as expert testimony to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, Ottawa. ON.

[4] **Sinha, V.** (2022-23) *The implementation of Jordan's Principle in Manitoba*. Memos and reports submitted as expert testimony to the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal: Ottawa, ON.

[3] **Sinha, V.** (2019) *The implementation of Jordan's Principle in Manitoba and access to services for children in Pinaymootang First Nations*. Testimony before the Manitoba Human Rights Tribunal; Winnipeg, MB.

[2] **Sinha, V.** (2018) *The implementation of Jordan's Principle: Observations from outside of Quebec*. Testimony before the Commission on relations between Indigenous Peoples and certain public services in Québec. Québec City, QC.

[1] **Sinha, V., Gray, R., Trocmé, N., & Esposito, T.** (2018) *Trajectories of First Nations youth subject to the youth protection act*. Testimony before the Commission on relations between Indigenous Peoples and certain public services in Québec; Montreal, QC.