

## BC Nursing Research Initiative

### Nursing Research Facilitator Biographies

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**Linda Axen, Northern Health**

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*Linda Axen, MN, BSN, RN* completed her RN diploma (honours) at BCIT. She obtained her BSN and MN-Advanced Practice Leadership through the University of Victoria. Her final project in her graduate studies was an integrative literature review of perceptions of the Clinical Nurse Specialist role. Linda has extensive clinical research experience in the areas of osteoporosis, gastroenterology and cardiology. Linda is particularly interested in nursing research conducted with the aim of making more visible the work of nurses. Linda is also passionate about all research which seeks to ensure the voices of northern residents, both health providers and patients, is heard within the provincial research forum.



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*Agnes Black, MPH, RN* has worked as a nurse and health care researcher for the past 12 years. She completed her BSN at the University of Washington in Seattle, and her Master of Public Health at Simon Fraser University. Her nursing background includes work in family medicine and oncology. Her research interests include cancer screening and prevention, aboriginal health, mental health and marginalized populations.





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*Bubli Chakraborty, MES, RN* has worked as a nurse for the past 15 years with a strong focus on community health, HIV/AIDS and marginalized populations. She recently completed an interdisciplinary program to obtain her Master in Environmental Studies where she explored how public private partnerships work to address health care needs. Bubli brings skills in facilitation, project management and qualitative research to her position as a BCNRI facilitator.



**Lynn Cummings, Vancouver Island Health Authority**

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*Lynn Cummings, BScN, MN, CHPCN (C)* has an extensive background in various advanced practice roles such as a practitioner, consultant, educator, researcher and administrator. Her clinical expertise has been with adults predominantly at end of life and now more recently with older adults with mental health and addictions disorders. She has been a course writer for the University of Victoria's elective in palliative care nursing and contributed a chapter to the text *Grief and the Healing Arts*. Lynn has presented at various courses and conferences, and contributed to the Canadian Nursing Association's certification exam for hospice palliative care nurses. Lynn is currently VIHA's nursing research facilitator and chair of the Health Research Ethics Board. Lynn is a passionate advocate for nursing and is committed to advancing nursing practice and quality care through supporting research and knowledge transfer.





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*Katrina Plamondon, MSc, RN* has ten years of nursing practice experience began in critical care/emergency, followed by a focus in public health and street outreach and most recently, nursing education. She completed her BN at the University of Calgary and MSc in Community Health & Epidemiology at the University of Saskatchewan under a CIHR-funded Strategic Training Fellowship in community and population health. Her diverse background includes strategic planning/policy development, facilitation and community development, partnership building, and community-based research. She is an active member of the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research, co-leading a team focused on building capacity in knowledge translation. Her research interests include population health, global health policy, health equity, vulnerable populations, harm reduction, and knowledge translation/engaged scholarship.



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*Charlene Ronquillo, MSN, RN* joins Fraser Health after recently completing her Master of Science in Nursing at UBC with a focus in research. Her thesis examined the Oral History of Immigrant Filipino Nurses in Canada from 1950 to 2000, and utilized historical and qualitative methods. Charlene has presented at various local and national conferences and published on her thesis, and other work, in peer-reviewed journals. Her research interests include health inequities, global health, health policy, knowledge translation, health informatics and nursing history. Charlene's clinical background area is in neurosciences at Vancouver Coastal Health and more recently at the UBC Student Health Services.

