



## CCC 2017 Spring Event:

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# A critical cross-border conversation on the potential and promise of student research and action

Critical Cross- borders Conversations Research Group thanks all those who participated in our Spring Event on March 27 at Thompson Rivers University. Our event was attended by many, including faculty members from a variety of different disciplines; the TRU Research Office; students; and community members. The theme for our first research seminar was **“A Critical Cross-border Conversation on the Potential and Promise of Student Research and Action”**. Some of CCC Research Group’s main objectives has been to:

- Engage both critical faculty and graduate and undergraduate students in innovative conceptualizations and methodologies;
- Expand TRU's profile to other critical research communities, extending the local to the global with the goal of social justice and equity;
- Host events that will bring together researchers at TRU, and from institutions in Canada and around the world, who are working on critical research projects, pedagogy and practices.



Our spring event allowed us to bring our objectives to fruition. It is with great enthusiasm that we announced that the CCC student researchers will be presenting their poster presentation at the CASWE Conference at the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences in Toronto this May. The student researchers will be presenting on **Unsettling Research Reification: Undergraduate Social Work Research Assistant Experiences**. During the CCC Research Spring event, they



passionately spoke on their involvement in critical research focusing on the inclusiveness of social work’s professional education, the profession’s engagement with social activism, social policy, and critical media analysis, and the operations of the CCC Research Group. Furthermore, the group addressed implications for transgressive social work education, pedagogy, and practice.



We had the pleasure of having *Our Social Justice Movement* present a trailer for their upcoming documentary. Our Social Justice Movement is a group of six social work students with a passion for social justice a commitment to stand in solidarity with marginalized and oppressed groups. Currently, their work focuses on bringing our community together through the art of documentary filmmaking. Our Social Justice Movement will premiere their documentary on April 22nd at Padlock Studios. The second showing will be on April 27th at Kamloops Downtown Library. A discussion period will follow the show.



It was a great honour to have Dr. Airini, Dean of Social Work and Education, provide the keynote address, 'Being who we were called to be'. Dr.

Airini's presentation explored the futures made possible by critical, cross-border conversations in research. She shared her insights into imagining research, the researcher, and the university from the interdisciplinary *Knowledge Makers* Indigenous research mentoring initiative. In part, she emphasized promising practices in critical cross-border research and taking ownership and accountability of "who we were called to be".

### Acknowledgements

Our first year as the CCC research group has seen many exciting developments. We have started to build both our structure and our brand as a research group. We have formed meaningful engagements and collaborations with TRU researchers, our endorsers, and within the larger community. It is our belief that these relationships will further foster the mission of social justice and equity across borders and across disciplines.

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APRIL 22 DOORS OPEN AT 7PM FILM STARTS AT 8PM  
Padlock Studios

APRIL 27 DOORS OPEN AT 6PM FILM STARTS AT 6:30PM  
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