

# **CSEB Mentorship Breakfast**

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 7:30am - 8:30am at the CSEB Conference

CSEB looks forward to hosting a Mentorship Breakfast where mid-career and senior faculty will be assigned to tables to provide mentorship and advice to graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and early career faculty on areas such as:

- Academic and non-academic careers,
- Research and publishing,
- Grant writing,
- Teaching,
- Work-life balance, and
- The job market

Master's and PhD students, postdoctoral fellows, and faculty in the first 5 years of their academic appointments are invited to attend. You will find details of each mentor's background and interests below. At the breakfast, each table will have a sign with the mentor's name, job title, and a keyword describing their research interests, to help direct attendees to the table that best suits their interests. We look forward to seeing you there!



# **Meet the Mentors**



## Mark Asbridge

Mark Asbridge is Professor and Head in the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology at Dalhousie University and holds a cross-appointment in the Department of Emergency Medicine. Prior to joining Dalhousie, Mark completed at the University of Toronto and a post-doctoral fellowship at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto. Mark's research program examines the areas of addictions, road safety, injury prevention and emergency medicine, and public policy, with a primary focus on impaired driving research. He has published over 170 peer reviewed articles. His work on cannabis and impaired driving has informed public policy and education efforts provincially, nationally, and internationally. Mark previously received a Canadian Institutes of Health Research New Investigator Award and held the Mothers Against Drunk Driving — MADD Canada Professorship in Impaired Driving Research and Prevention.



# Leigh Ann Butler

Leigh Ann Butler is a Senior Epidemiologist with Indigenous Services Canada – Atlantic Region where she has worked for the past 7 years. She has worked in public health, or public health adjacent roles, for almost 14 years with experience working as an epidemiologist at local, provincial and federal government levels in Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Nova Scotia, respectively. She holds a Masters of Health Science in community health and epidemiology from the University of Toronto, as well as a Graduate Diploma in Clinical Epidemiology Research from Memorial University in Newfoundland and Labrador. While she loves talking all things epi, she believes in the importance of striving for a healthy work-life balance. You can often find her travelling (despite a recent 2-ish year break), listening to podcasts, hiking along a coast or experimenting in the kitchen. Happy to chat about work or the latest episode of TPWKY (over a #quarantini). IYKYK.



## Eduardo Franco

Eduardo Franco is Professor of Oncology and Epidemiology; Chairman, Department of Oncology; and Director, Division of Cancer Epidemiology, McGill University, Montreal. Since 1985, his research has focused on cancer epidemiology and prevention, topics on which he has published hundreds of articles and two books. He mentored 135 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. He is Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute* and Editor Emeritus of *Preventive Medicine*. He received the Canadian Cancer Research Alliance's Distinguished Service to Cancer Research Award; Canadian Cancer Society's Warwick Prize; Geoffrey Howe Outstanding Contribution Award from the Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics; University of British Columbia's Chew Wei Memorial Prize in Cancer Research; and McLaughlin-Gallie Award from the Royal College of Physicians of Canada. He is Officer of the Order of Canada and Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.



#### Anita Koushik

Anita Koushik is a Professor of Epidemiology in the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine at the Université de Montréal School of Public Health, and a Research Scientist at the Centre de recherche du CHUM. She received a BSc in Pharmacology from the University of Alberta, an MSc in Community Health & Epidemiology from Queen's University, a PhD in Epidemiology & Biostatistics from McGill University, and then conducted postdoctoral training in the Department of Nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health. Her research program aims to increase our understanding of the etiology of cancer in order to improve primary prevention and risk assessment efforts. Her projects focus on lifestyle factors. She also conducts research on the identification of modifiable factors that can improve prognosis and quality of life of cancer survivors.



#### Vicki Kristman

Dr. Vicki Kristman is a Professor in the Department of Health Sciences and Director and Senior Scientist of the EPID@Work (Enhancing the Prevention of Injury and Disability@Work) Research Institute at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario. She holds a Lakehead University-Ontario Research Chair in Injury & Disability Prevention. Dr. Kristman completed her doctoral degree in epidemiology from the University of Toronto in 2007 and completed the CIHR Work Disability Prevention strategic training program held in Sherbrooke, Quebec as a postdoctoral fellow at the University Health Network in Toronto. In 2014, Dr. Kristman was awarded a prestigious CIHR New Investigator Award for her program of research on "Preventing Work Disability through Accommodation". She conducts research to better understand factors associated with health, particularly mental health, and disability in the workplace to develop and test interventions to improve the lives of workers.



#### Geneviève Lefebyre

Geneviève Lefebvre is a full professor in the Department of Mathematics at UQAM, which she joined in 2008. She obtained her PhD in Statistics from McGill University in 2007, and subsequently enriched her training with a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of British Columbia. Her research interests include biostatistics, causal inference and computational statistics, with a focus on applied methodology. Her work is supported by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada and the Fonds de recherche du Québec - Santé. Since the start of her career, Geneviève has been regularly involved with the Statistical Society of Canada and has sat on several granting agency committees. At UQAM, she is Co-Director of the Undergraduate Program Unit in Mathematics and Statistics and Co-Director of the Centre de recherche facultaire en statistique et sciences des données STATQAM. She is also the mother of two boys, aged 11 and 13!



#### Lisa Lix

Dr. Lisa Lix is a professor and associate head of Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba and currently serves on the board of directors of the Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute. Dr. Lix is an internationally recognized expert in the development and application of statistical models to improve chronic disease research and surveillance using population-based electronic health data. Her research has advanced scientific knowledge about bias in disease diagnoses, methods to improve validity of chronic disease case ascertainment methods, and chronic disease risk prediction. As director of the Data Science Platform in the George & Fay Yee Centre for Healthcare Innovation, she oversees biostatisticians, bioinformaticians, analysts and database developers who link and analyze clinical, administrative, and biological databases to enhance the provincial and national environments for patient-focused research using electronic health data. She also leads nationally funded training initiatives on big data analytics and artificial intelligence in public/population health.



#### Erica Moodie

Erica E. M. Moodie is a Professor of Biostatistics and a Canada Research Chair in Statistical Methods for Precision Medicine. She obtained her undergraduate degree at the University of Winnipeg in Math & Statistics, an MPhil in Epidemiology from the University of Cambridge, and an MSc and PhD in Biostatistics from the University of Washington, before joining the faculty at McGill. She is the 2020 recipient of the CRM-SSC Prize in Statistics and an Elected Member of the International Statistical Institute. Dr Moodie serves as an Associate Editor of Biometrics and a Statistical Editor of Journal of Infectious Diseases. She holds a chercheur de merite career award from the Fonds de recherche du Quebec-Sante. Dr Moodie has published extensively (and seen numerous revisions and rejections) and obtained grants from NSERC and CIHR; she has also had grants rejected. Dr Moodie has supervised nearly 50 trainees and teaches 1-2 graduate courses each year. She also has two children. She looks forward to answering questions on any aspects of academia including the academic job market, publishing, grant-writing, and work-life balance.