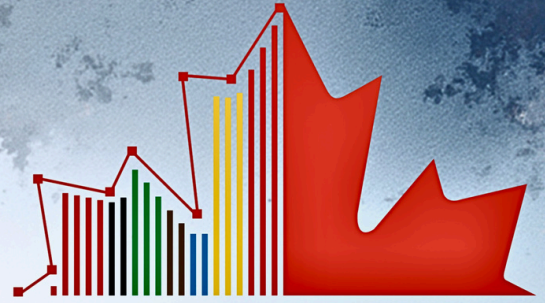


# CSEB Virtual Conference

June 16-17, 2026



## Connecting Data, Connecting People: *Advancing Epidemiology and Biostatistics in Canada*

Conférence virtuelle SCEB

Du 16 au 17 juin 2026



## Preliminary Conference Program

Program is subject to change

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## TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026

11:00AM - 11:15AM	<b>WELCOME REMARKS</b> Presented by Dr. Hilary Brown, President, CSEB
11:15AM - 12:15PM	<b>“ASKING QUESTIONS THAT MATTER, GETTING ANSWERS THAT HELP”</b> Presented by Dr. Ellie Murray
12:15PM - 12:45PM	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b> Participants will break for lunch, stretch your legs and come back refreshed for breakout sessions.
12:45PM - 2:15PM	<b>CONCURRENT SESSIONS A</b> Participants will participate in a series of themed concurrent sessions to hear presentations from the CSEB community that were selected from the call for abstracts. Detailed programming for the concurrent sessions will be released shortly.
2:15PM - 2:30PM	<b>BREAK</b>
2:30PM - 4:00PM	<b>CONCURRENT SESSIONS B</b> Participants will participate in a series of themed concurrent sessions to hear presentations from the CSEB community that were selected from the call for abstracts. Detailed programming for the concurrent sessions will be released shortly.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026

11:00AM - 12:00PM	<b>“DATA WITHOUT BORDERS: THE POTENTIAL FOR DISTRIBUTED ANALYSIS IN CANADA”</b> Presented by: Dr. Kim McGrail, Simon Fraser University, Dr. Jean-Francois Ethier, Universite de Sherbrooke, Moderated by: Dr. Lisa Lix, University of Manitoba
12:00PM - 12:30PM	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b> Participants will break for lunch, stretch your legs and come back refreshed for breakout sessions.
12:30PM - 2:00PM	<b>CONCURRENT SESSIONS C</b> Participants will participate in a series of themed concurrent sessions to hear presentations from the CSEB community that were selected from the call for abstracts. Detailed programming for the concurrent sessions will be released shortly.
2:00PM - 2:15PM	<b>BREAK</b>
2:15PM - 3:45PM	<b>CONCURRENT SESSIONS D</b> Participants will participate in a series of themed concurrent sessions to hear presentations from the CSEB community that were selected from the call for abstracts. Detailed programming for the concurrent sessions will be released shortly.
3:45PM - 4:00PM	<b>AWARDS AND CLOSING REMARKS</b> Presentation of awards recognizing the great work and achievements in the CSEB Community.

# SPEAKER INFORMATION



**Dr. Ellie Murray** is an epidemiologist and biostatistician who specializes in translational methodology to bridge the gap between theoretical methodologists and applied scientists and improve the uptake of novel methods in medicine and public health research. She focuses on causal inference methods to answer comparative effectiveness questions for complex and time-varying treatments using observational data and randomized trials when available, and individual-level simulation modeling when insufficient data exist in the time frame required for decision-making. Dr Murray holds an ScD in Epidemiology and MSc in Biostatistics from Harvard, an MPH in Epidemiology from Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, and a BSc in Biology from McGill University. She writes the E is for Epi newsletter, cohosts the podcast Casual Inference, and can be found on social media under the handle @epiellie.



**Dr. Jean-François Ethier** is a clinician scientist and professor in the Department of Medicine and the Department of Computer Science at the Université de Sherbrooke. He also practices as an incumbent physician in the Internal Medicine Department of the Centre hospitalier universitaire de Sherbrooke (CHUS). He leads the technological development the Health Data Research Network and co-leads the Groupe de recherche interdisciplinaire en informatique de la santé. His research program is also deployed, in collaboration with French colleagues, through his work as an associate researcher at INSERM. This collaboration has led to the creation of the French-Canadian network Ensemble, for rare diseases, which he co-leads with Pr Anita Burgun. Jean-François's work explores the issues surrounding learning health systems (LHS).



**Dr. Kimberlyn McGrail** is Scientific Advisor for Population Data BC and the Scientific Director and CEO of Health Data Research Network Canada. Her research interests are quantitative policy evaluation and all aspects of population data science. Kim was the inaugural Deputy Editor of the International Journal of Population Data Science, the 2009-10 Commonwealth Fund Harkness Associate in Health Care Policy and Practice, 2016 recipient of the Cortlandt JG Mackenzie Prize for Excellence in Teaching, and 2017 recipient of a UBC award for Excellence in Clinical or Applied Research.



**Dr. Lisa Lix** is a Distinguished Professor and Canada Research Chair in the College of Community and Global Health, University of Manitoba. Dr. Lix's expertise lies in developing and applying data science methods for electronic health data. Her research has advanced scientific knowledge about bias in disease diagnoses, methods to improve the validity of chronic disease case ascertainment methods and chronic disease risk prediction. Dr. Lix is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and the American Statistical Association. She holds leadership roles with Health Data Research Network Canada and the Canadian Network for Observational Drug Effect Studies.