

2019 ANNUAL CAHSPR CONFERENCE WHEN RESEARCH MEETS POLICY



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A MESSAGE FROM THE SCIENTIFIC CO-CHAIRS

Welcome to CAHSPR in the lovely ocean-side city of Halifax. As your Scientific Co-Chairs, Matthew Menear and Emily Gard Marshall, we are excited to share our enthusiasm for this year's conference venue and program. Bringing the conference to Atlantic Canada is part of CAHSPR's commitment for a strong national meeting, facilitating the participation of researchers, policy and decision makers, patients and students from across the country. We were delighted when this year's conference received a record-breaking number of abstracts, indicating the interest in exploring the east coast of Canada and a conference that will showcase the very best in health services and policy research. This year's conference theme is "Where research meets policy" and we are planning an outstanding conference program highlighting how evidence is shaping our health policies and improving the lives of Canadians. We have also innovated this year by creating a new category of presentation tailor-made for policy and decision makers, who will be able to share innovative policies, programs or initiatives of high interest to the HSPR community. Never before have we held a meeting offering so many opportunities for participants to rub elbows with world-class researchers and health system leaders. Aside from our packed conference program, we hope you will make the most of what this great city has to offer, from Halifax Boardwalk, Citadel Hill, Keith's Brewery, the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia, the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21, the Public Gardens, Point Pleasant Park, and our many food and music venues. Not far from Halifax you can find the famous Peggy's Cove Lighthouse, wine country and the Grand-Pre National Historic site in the fertile Annapolis valley, charming towns along the south shore, and the stunning beauty of Cape Breton. The local toast is a hearty call and response of "SOCIABLE", and we expect you will find Atlantic Canada a friendly, historic and fun setting.



Dr. Emily Gard Marshall, BA, MSc, PhD, is an Associate Professor in the Dalhousie Department of Family Medicine Primary Care Research Unit, cross-appointed in Psychiatry and Community Health and Epidemiology, a Healthy Populations Institute Associate Research Scholar, Nova Scotia Health Authority Affiliated Scientist, McGill Family Medicine Adjunct Professor, Faculty Mentor for the CIHR TUTOR-Primary Health Care Strategic training program, Board Member of the Canadian Association of Health Services and Policy Research and former CAHSPR Primary Health Care Theme Group Chair. Her mixed methods research examines primary healthcare access, continuity, and comprehensiveness in community and institutional settings with the goals of improving access equity and optimizing patient and provider outcomes. She currently leads "MAAP-NS: Models and Access Atlas of Primary Care Providers in Nova Scotia", the first Canadian study linking census provider and practice survey data to equity and comprehensiveness outcomes from billing data; "The UP study: Unattached Patients in primary care - a mixed methods understanding of causes, consequences and solutions"; and the Nova Scotia arm of the CIHR funded ECPC-Study of family physician practice patterns and preferences.

Matthew Menear is currently a postdoctoral fellow affiliated with the Institut national d'excellence en santé et en services sociaux (INESSS) and the Research Centre on Primary Healthcare and Services of Laval University. He completed his doctoral training within the School of Public Health at the University of Montreal, specializing in the organization of healthcare services. His research focuses on the delivery and organization of mental health and addiction services within primary care and on the engagement of patients and families in their care. His project with INESSS will focus on the development and evaluation of COMPAS-SM, a new patient-oriented intervention designed to promote reflexivity and quality improvement in mental health care within primary care settings in the province of Quebec.

