

Critical social science perspectives in chronic pain: Results across multiple studies

PEPR Research Day Agenda

October 5th, 2026

Music Room, Hart House, University of Toronto, St. George campus

Time	Item
8:45	Continental Breakfast – <i>please note, breakfast will be located in the Donald Burwash room</i>
9:30	Welcome by Fiona Webster Opening remarks from Hance Clarke (Canadian Pain Society), Rupaleem Bhuyan (Centre for Critical Qualitative Health Research), and Norm Buckley (Chronic Pain Network)
10:00	PEPR project presentations (Round I) 1. A brokered dialogue study around the concept of participant engagement in research • Janet Parsons and Hannah Ali, University of Toronto 2. Weaving Indigenous knowledge into pain research: Cultural pathways to meaningful engagement • Vanessa Ambtman Smith, Western University • Hannah Burgé Luviano, Shkaabe Makwa, CAMH
11:00	Coffee break - <i>please note, refreshments will be located in the Donald Burwash room</i>
11:15	PEPR project presentations (Round II) 3. The social organization of patient engagement • Karime Mescouto, Western University 4. Interpretive synthesis of patient engagement framework • Fiona Webster, Western University
12:00	Guided discussion with audience
12:30	Lunch - <i>please note, lunch will be located in the Donald Burwash room</i>
1:30	PEPR project presentations (Round III) 5. Engaging Black communities in patient engagement in chronic pain research • Anna Hood, University of Manchester • Dennis Osei-Nimo Annor, Western University 6. The making of patient engagement in research: a look at its history • Karime Mescouto, Western University 7. Critical Approaches to Pain Scholarship (CAPS) Research Network • Fiona Webster, Western University 8. Engaging precarious status populations in pain research: A decolonial analysis • Mehmoona Moosa-Mitha, University of Victoria • Susana Caxaj, Western University
3:00	Guided discussion with audience
3:30	Coffee break - <i>please note, refreshments will be located in the Donald Burwash room</i>
3:40	Learning about PEPR's EMPOWER Committee – standing for Engaging Mmarginalized POwer, Expertise, and Representation • Desmond Williams and Emerald Asuncion, Western University
4:00	An overview of PEPR's relational synthesis project • Kate Rice, McGill University
4:15	Summary remarks by Desmond Williams
4:30	End of day