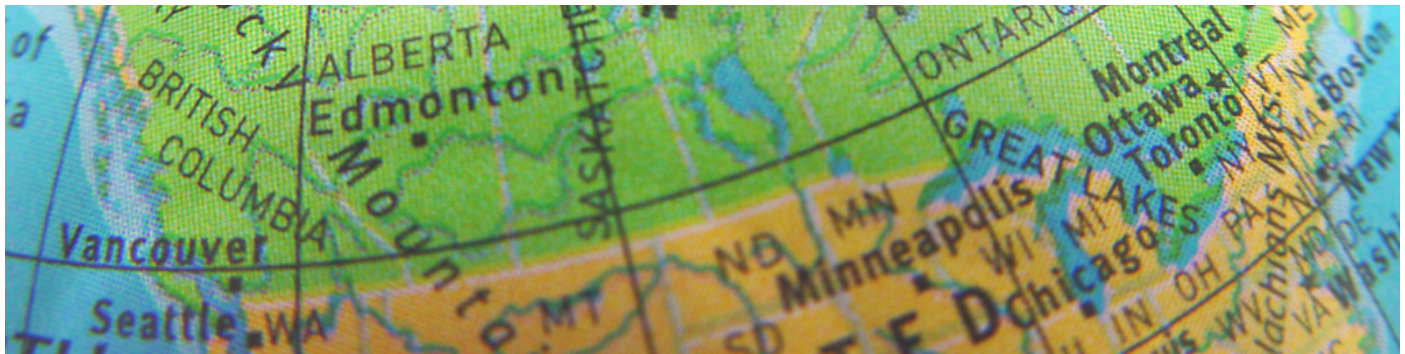




# CASPR

Critical Approaches to Scholarship in Pain Research

**2023 YEAR-IN-REVIEW**



Welcome to our first year-in-review! It's hard to believe how quickly time has passed since we first reached out to you in 2022 with a request to start a community of practice related to critical social science approaches to chronic pain. To our delight, there has been a strong positive response. We now have 56 members from across the globe, many of whom are highlighted on the CASPR webpage. We are located internationally with 36% in Canada, 27% in United States, 27% in Europe and remaining members in Australia, Nigeria, and India. There is an extensive disciplinary span within our membership covering sociology, anthropology, criminology, psychology, philosophy, social work, nursing, art history, physical therapy, and occupational therapy.

A huge thank you to those of you who delivered such amazing presentations in our first year as well as to those who attended, tweeted, showed interest or circulated information about our group. We look forward to continuing to build our momentum in 2024 and to future opportunities to meet each other both virtually and in-person.

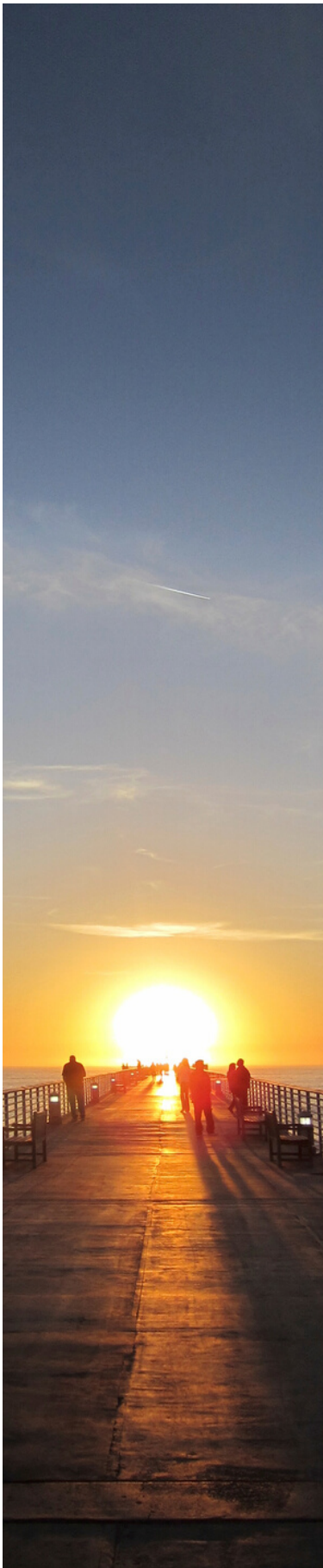
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## **SURVEY**

In August 2023 we circulated a survey to our membership, to which 42 people responded. We took note of additional things we could do that would be useful to members. These include: organizing a special issue of a journal for members' work, organizing a virtual meet and greet, and organizing an in-person meeting or conference. Regarding the 2024 CASPR webinar series, the top five choices for topics are: critical approaches to self-management; EDI in pain research; patient engagement; drugs/pharma; and, fibromyalgia. If you are interested in presenting your research, please reach out to Fiona or Laura. For more detail, check out our website.

[www.criticalpainscholarship.ca](http://www.criticalpainscholarship.ca)



## WEBSITE

Our website ([www.criticalpainscholarship.ca](http://www.criticalpainscholarship.ca)) launched in March 2023 with an official logo. You can find CASPR members, events, webinar recordings and a discussion board where you can share thoughts and ideas with CASPR members. The password to enter is **DiscussPainCASPR**. We hope to increase use of the discussion board going forward. We would also like to highlight new publications and other outputs by CASPR members on our website. Be sure to reach out to Fiona or Laura with your updates. We will also be sharing these through our affiliated X (formerly Twitter) account:  [@cope\\_study](https://twitter.com/cope_study)

## WEBINARS

In 2023 we hosted 6 webinars on critical topics on (chronic) pain including methodologies, gender, critical disability studies and racism. Recordings can be accessed on the CASPR website under **Webinar Recordings**. We are continuing to develop the 2024 webinar series and will be in touch once topics have been finalized. We anticipate launching beginning March or April 2024.

## IASP

Fiona has been working with IASP to try and establish a Special Interest Group (SIG), given the uniqueness of the work we do. Several of us have also submitted abstracts to IASP World Congress on Pain for workshops on the topics we covered in our webinars in 2023. We are hoping to hold an in-person meeting in Amsterdam during the meeting and to include as many members as possible. Stay tuned for developments!

## BROCHER

In December, we submitted a proposal to the Brocher Foundation for a 2-3 day in-person workshop for 15 CASPR members. Results will be announced in February 2024! The Brocher Foundation promotes “multidisciplinary research on the ethical, legal and social issues (ELSI) of new medical developments and health policies”. To learn more, visit their site: [www.fondation-brocher.ca](http://www.fondation-brocher.ca)

## 2024 VIRTUAL MEETING

We will be hosting a 90-120 minute virtual meet and greet for CASPR members in March 2024. We're hoping this will be an opportunity for our large international group of researchers to introduce themselves and network with other like-minded researchers in the field. We will be in touch with potential dates.



## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Canadian Journal of Pain launched a call for papers for their special issue on "Social and Health Inequities in Chronic Pain across the Lifespan". Fiona is acting as one of the special issue editors. Fiona may have funds to help cover publication costs for this issue, so please let her know if you are planning to submit. The manuscript deadline is April 30, 2024. To learn more, visit their [\*\*special issue\*\*](#) page.



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