



# CASPR

Critical Approaches to Scholarship in Pain Research

## 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW



Hello CASPR members!

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of 2024! What a year it has been. We have been busy with establishing our international community of practice and continue to gain interest among researchers across the globe! To date, we have 66 total members (this includes both General Members and CoP Members). We have representation from Canada, United States, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, India, Nigeria, and France.

We look forward to 2025! Happy New Year to you all!

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### 2025 Conference

We have set the date! On May 2, 2025, we will be hosting a CASPR conference at the Canadian Pain Society's Annual Scientific Meeting in Toronto, Canada! To learn more about the CPS ASM, please visit their website: <https://www.canadianpainsociety.ca/asm>. We have an exciting agenda for this daylong event and are looking forward to the opportunity to share the important critical work of our CASPR members. We hope you can all attend!

### Virtual Meeting

On Friday June 14th, we held a Virtual Meet & Greet for CASPR members. The purpose of the meeting was to facilitate introductions and discuss how we can best operate as a community of practice. We had 17 members attend. After a round of introductions, attendees were placed into breakout rooms where they could discuss how they imagine the future of CASPR, how we should organize in ways that best benefit members, and ways to better promote CASPR. A lot of interesting ideas were discussed and shared. These include:

- Hosting a symposium at USASP (this would have to be for 2026)
- Sharing resources for teaching
- Creating more opportunities for informal discussions/chats/meetings
- Developing more focused topics/themes for meetings or webinars



- Hosting workshops for members that can focus on problem solving, grants, publishing, etc.
- Creating a signature line for CASPR Members to use
- Setting up a WhatsApp so members can contact each other easily when attending the same conference
- Setting up a social media account (Blue Sky?)
- Sending out more regular communication blasts (special issues, conferences [alternatives to IASP], etc.)
- Creating Member spotlights and sharing through social media account

We will be moving forward with launching some of these ideas in 2025. Stay tuned! And please always contact us with any other ideas you have.

## Brocher

In February, we learned that our workshop application, "CASPR: Advancing critical approaches to scholarship in pain research" was not selected for implementation during the 2025 Brocher Foundation program. We look forward to re-applying again in 2025.

## IASP

In August 2024, CASPR funded a Topical Workshop entitled "Understanding disparities and inequities: a critical approach to pain through the lens of racism" where CASPR members Anna Hood, Staja (Star) Booker, and Vani Mathur, presented their work. Fiona Webster chaired. This was an excellent opportunity to share critical pain scholarship on an international stage.

## Call for Papers

We would like to share a call for papers in the Kennedy Institute of Ethics Journal on the topic of chronic pain and social justice. They invite articles between 5,000 and 10,000 words that engage with ethical and social justice issues surrounding chronic pain management. These include, but are not limited to:

- Stigma of chronic pain
- Chronic pain and epistemic injustice
- Chronic pain and the opioid overdose/drug toxicity crisis
- Chronic pain as a public health issue
- Chronic pain and disability
- Chronic pain and systemic racism
- Gender disparities in pain management
- Intersectional identities and chronic pain
- AI as a pain diagnostic tool
- Objective measures of chronic pain
- Chronic pain and narrative ethics



The deadline is April 30, 2025 with publication in September 2025. To learn more, please visit: <https://kiej.georgetown.edu/special-issue/category-special-issue/>