



Eaton  
LAB

# NEWSLETTER

Empowering  
communities  
through impactful  
research

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We are pleased to introduce the inaugural newsletter of Dr. Andrew Eaton's Social Work Research Lab. Grounded in community-based and interdisciplinary approaches, the lab brings together health and social science perspectives to better understand and address issues related to aging, sexuality, and mental health. Through research, collaboration, and knowledge mobilization, our work is guided by a commitment to equity, inclusion, and the lived experiences of individuals and communities. This newsletter will highlight ongoing projects, partnerships, and insights from our team as we work toward research that informs practice, policy, and meaningful social change.

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## THE LAB HAS MOVED

The Eaton Lab's primary affiliation has moved to the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois Chicago, creating new opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration and community-based research. UIC's strong focus on urban health, social justice, and applied scholarship closely aligns with the Lab's mission to address aging, sexuality, and mental health.

Dr. Eaton also maintains research privileges at the University of Regina and the University of Toronto, ensuring continuity of existing projects and partnerships and supporting the Lab's cross-border research activities.



## MEET LAB STAFF AND STUDENTS

We've refreshed the [Staff and Students](#) page on our website to reflect the growing and interdisciplinary team that makes up the Eaton Lab. The updated biographies highlight the diverse research, practice, and advocacy expertise of our members, including work in community-led mental health crisis response, trans and non-binary sexuality and relationships, HIV advocacy and prevention, harm reduction, health equity, and youth and urban mental health.

We encourage readers to [VISIT](#) the website to learn more about our team and their ongoing work.

## LEARN ABOUT OUR CURRENT PROJECTS

The Eaton Lab is currently engaged in several active research projects, including recently published protocols for:



### ***The Men's Sex Survey***

Heterosexual men who have sex with men (H-MSM) are a unique population that experience a lack of concordance between their sexual identity, attractions, and behaviors. We are currently surveying diverse groups of men to better understand the unique perspectives and experiences of H-MSM.

[Learn More](#)

### ***3 Infections, 1 Fight: A Community Response***

Using hotspot maps generated from ReportNeedles.ca, the project deploys targeted pop-up interventions offering peer-led education on PrEP and PEP, Point-of-care (POC) testing for HIV, syphilis, and Hep C, and connection to follow up care.

[Learn More](#)

### ***Alternative Crisis Mental Health Responses: A Knowledge-to-Action Study***

We have completed two scoping reviews on co-response and civilian-led response and have just completed data collection on key informant interviews regarding practices in the field.

[Learn More](#)

Together, these projects reflect the Lab's focus on community-based, interdisciplinary research addressing sexual health, mental health, and systems of care. Findings from these studies will be shared over the coming year through publications, presentations, and community knowledge exchange.

Check out some of our resources for  
***3 Infections, 1 Fight***



Download  
the map [HERE](#)



Download the safer smoking  
brochure [HERE](#)

## RECENT & UPCOMING EVENTS

A **NEW SECTION** of the Lab website is dedicated to recent and upcoming events. Presentation material is available from a workshop on conducting long-term community-based research and from a symposium on our project for heterosexual-identified men who have sex with men (H-MSM).

In February 2026, we will be presenting a webinar about ***3 Infections, 1 Fight*** and registration is open.

[Register Here](#)