

SYILX TERRITORY
UBC OKANAGAN · KELOWNA, BC

CER RDM SYMPOSIUM

Enacting Community Engaged Research Data Management

Data stewardship, **rooted in community**. A symposium on responsible research management data in community contexts.

DATES

Sept 18–19, 2026

Fri – Sat

LOCATION

UBC Okanagan Ballroom

Kelowna, BC · UNC 200

FORMAT

In-person

Talks · Workshops · Peer review

Program and Schedule



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Thank you for attending this two-day symposium which explores thoughtful practices of Research Data Management in the context of Community Engaged Research. One focus of the symposium will be to share and workshop the *Community Engaged Research Data Management (CER-DM) Handbook* – concrete guidelines for responsible data storage and stewardship in community research contexts.

Day one will feature keynote presentations by invited speakers and panel discussions. On **day two** you will participate in a **live peer review** of a draft of the CER Research Data Management Handbook. Copies of the Handbook will be shared with you prior to the start of the conference. You will receive a *Peer Review Certificate* after your participation in day two.

CER-DM Symposium Schedule
UBC Okanagan – September 18-19, 2026

Time	Session	Speakers
Day 1 – Fri Sept 18, 2026 (UBC Okanagan Ballroom, UNC 200)		
8:30-9am	Registration and light breakfast	
9:00-9:15am	Sylx Territorial Welcome	Amber Cardenas
9:15-9:30am	Symposium welcome + goals	Christine Schreyer (ICER, UBCO), Karis Shearer, (Amp Lab, UBCO) Marjorie Mitchell (Library, UBCO), Paul Martin (OC)
9:30am-10:30am	Session 1: Libraries on Research Data Management for Community Engaged Research from Library perspective	Marjorie Mitchell (UBCO Library), Felicity Tayler (U Ottawa Library), Robyn Hall (MacEwan Library)
10:30am-10:50am	Coffee Break	
10:50am-11:50am	Session 2: Health Research with Communities and Data Management	Karen Emmons (Harvard School of Public Health), Heather Gainforth (UBCO)
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch	
1:00pm-2:00pm	Session 3: Indigenous Data Management / Data Sovereignty	Taya Jardine (Xwi7xwa Library, UBCV), Fiona McDonald (UBCO), Hanna Paul (UBCO), and Morgan King (Independent Consultant)
2:00-2:20pm	Coffee Break	
2:20 to 3:10pm	Session 4: Community Engaged Research and Data Management - Scoping Review Presentation	Lola Melchior (UBCO), Tamsyn King (UBCO)

3:10 to 3:40	Session 5: Research Data Management from a Humanities perspective	Emily Murphy (UBCO)
3:40-4:45pm	Presentation/Overview of Handbook (Handout) (Peer Review Process & Assignment)	Christine Schreyer, Karis Shearer, Marjorie Mitchell, Paul Martin
Day 2 – Sat Sept 19, 2026 (UBC Okanagan Ballroom, UNC 200)		
8:30-9:30am	Full breakfast	
9:00am-10:00am	Peer Review Session A	Leads: Research Team and Plenary Speakers
10:00-10:20am	Coffee Break	
10:00-11:00am	Peer Review Session B	Leads: Research Team and Plenary Speakers
11:00am - 12pm	Summary of Peer Review	Lead: Research Team (Shearer and Schreyer)
12pm-1pm	Lunch	
1:00-1:45pm	Plenary Reflections	Plenary Speakers
1:45pm-2pm	Coffee Break	
2pm-2:45pm	Final Reflections and Thank Yous	Schreyer, Shearer, Mitchell, and Martin
2:45pm-3pm	Exit Survey	

Engaging Community Engaged Research Data Symposium Panelists

Karen Emmons, (she/her)
Harvard School of Public Health

Dr. Emmons is a Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences, whose research focuses on community-based approaches to cancer research with under-resourced communities. She is currently the Faculty Director of the Community Engagement Program for Harvard's Clinical Translational Science Award. Dr. Emmons is the lead author of the pivotal paper "Data sharing in the context of community-engaged research partnerships". This paper introduces the concept of FAIR-ER principles of data management, which we plan to build on in our CER-DM Toolkit.

Heather Gainforth, (she/her)
UBC Okanagan, Faculty of Health and Social Development

Dr. Heather Gainforth is an Associate Professor in the School of Health and Exercise Science & the Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Research Coproduction & Implementation Science, whose research focuses on closing the gap between health behaviour change research and practice by examining knowledge mobilization — the act of moving research evidence into the hands of research users

Robyn Hall, (she/her)
MacEwan University, Digital Initiatives and Scholarly Communications

Robyn Hall is the Unit Coordinator for Scholarly Engagement at MacEwan University Library and a faculty librarian supporting research in the social sciences. She has presented widely on the open access movement. Her current research focuses on how libraries can support the creation, dissemination, and preservation of community-based research outputs. Robyn also leads the Community Scholars Program across the Prairie provinces and Northwest Territories, connecting non-profit organizations and charities with scholarly resources and research supports.

Taya Jardine (she/they),
Xwi7xwa Library, UBC Vancouver

Taya Jardine is a two spirit Mi'gmaw e'pit from Natoaganeg First Nation. They are the Indigenous Metadata Librarian at Xwi7xwa Library and part of UBC Library's Technology, Discovery and User Experience Unit. She is an expert in Indigenous metadata, cataloguing, and naming practices from an Indigenous data sovereignty perspective

Morgan King, (she/they)
UBC Okanagan Alum, Independent Consultant

Morgan King is an interdisciplinary queer white scholar who lives and works on the lands of the Syilx Okanagan Peoples and grew up in Regina, Saskatchewan, on Treaty 4 Territory and the homelands of the Métis. Morgan brought her interest in sustainability and experience working in the wine and beverage industry to her research. Her Master's project focuses on the sustainability and resiliency of the Okanagan, Similkameen, and Thompson Valley wine regions in B.C., examining how these terms and ideas are understood and how they are shaped through adaptive strategies. She did this by working with local wine industry community groups, such as the B.C. Wine Grape Council, Sustainable Winegrowing B.C., and the B.C. Grape Growers' Association. Through her past and current work, Morgan focuses on knowledge that the community seeks and is relevant to the industry by working in industry research partnerships. Morgan is currently consulting as a researcher for the British Columbia Wine Industry Task Force after winning a contract with the Climate Resilience Working Group. She is working on creating a way to catalogue B.C.-relevant climate resilience research, prioritize funding for climate resilience research, and understand how climate resilience can be translated in the B.C. wine industry

Tamsyn King, (she/her)
Institute for Community Engaged Research

Tamsyn King (she/her) is a fourth-year undergraduate student in the Bachelor of Sustainability program at UBC Okanagan. Originally from Windsor, Ontario, she grew up as a settler on territory honoured by the Wampum Treaties, the traditional lands of the Three Fires Confederacy (Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi) and the Huron/Wendat peoples, and now lives and studies on the unceded territory of the syilx Okanagan people. Tamsyn's background includes GIS and data analytics, work as a research assistant with ICER, and most recently in organizational data governance at The Atmospheric Fund, a municipal climate agency and fund in Toronto. She is also currently a coordinator with UBC's Climate Solutions Research Collective and VP Finance of the Sustainability Course Union at UBCO. Her interests include climate and energy policy, environmental law, and environmental justice.

Fiona P. McDonald, (she/her)

UBC Okanagan, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

Fiona P. McDonald is an assistant professor of visual anthropology at the University of British Columbia, Okanagan (UBCO), which exists on the unceded and ancestral territory of the Syilx Okanagan Peoples. She is the founder and director of the Collaborative + Experimental Ethnography Lab (www.ce2lab.org). Her research areas include material culture, digital tools, multimodal approaches, games, labs, social change, accessibility, and climate justice. Fiona is currently turning a long-term ethnographic research project into a monograph that addresses both historical and contemporary uses of woollen blankets, examining the plurality of things and objects that have been reworked and recycled by contemporary artists and customary makers in Canada, U.S., and Aotearoa New Zealand. She is the co-editor (with Nicholas J. Mizer) of the forthcoming *Routledge Handbook on the Anthropology of Play and Games* (2028). She co-created *Anthropocenes*, a multiplayer, collaborative tabletop board game that addresses the challenge of preventing runaway environmental change. Her engagement with research ethics and data have appeared in recent solo-and co-authored publications such as: [“Making Data From Drawing: How Step-by-Step Protocols Can Enrich Reflexive Inquiry in Qualitative Research”](#) (2026) in *Forum Qualitative Sozialforschung Forum: Qualitative Social Research*; [“Data as Living Entities—Reflections on Values-Driven Approaches to Relational Data in Partnered Research”](#) (2026) in *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*; and [“Critical Research Spaces as Scholarship: an Ethnography Lab as an Apparatus for the Experimental, the Imaginary, and the Relational”](#) (2026) in *American Anthropologist*.

Fabiola Melchior, (they/she)

Institute for Community Engaged Research

Fabiola Melchior is a PhD student in UBCO’s interdisciplinary sustainability program. As an international graduate student from Germany, they are an uninvited white settler on ancestral, unceded and currently occupied territory of the syilx Okanagan people. Fabiola has a background in environmental sciences, community studies, and community-engaged praxis and research. As a Research Assistant, they have been involved with ICER’s work around Research Data Management in Community-engaged Research. Their doctoral research explores the settler colonial legacies of (fire) insurance, embedding and understanding ‘wildfires’ as well as values underlying ‘property’ and ‘ownership’ in the context of racial capitalism, settler colonialism and global processes of financialization. Fabiola is currently a visiting researcher at the Institute for Urban Research at Malmö University in Sweden.

Marjorie Mitchell, (she/her)

UBC Okanagan, Copyright, Scholarly Communication and Research Data Management Librarian

Marjorie has been a librarian at UBC Okanagan since 2005, and has been doing Research Data Management (RDM) since 2014. If you talk with Marjorie for more than a moment, she'll start tossing "pearls of wisdom" at you, like "There is no such thing as data shaming" or "The best time to create a data management plan (DMP) is at the beginning of your research. The second-best time is today." She strongly believes that having a DMP should make life easier for a researcher, even if it takes a little while to create your first one.

Emily Murphy, (she/her)

UBC Okanagan, Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies

Emily Christina Murphy is Assistant Professor, Digital Humanities in the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies at UBCO. She directs the ReMedia Infrastructure for Research and Creation, a Canada Foundation for Innovation-funded facility that focuses on multimedia cultural memory. Projects in ReMedia focus on a wide range of topics: comics, Goodreads, contemporary performance in Canada, and modernist robots. Her co-edited collection, *EnTwine: Critical and Creative Teaching with Twine* will be published with Amherst College Press in November 2026, and recent and forthcoming work appears in the *International Journal of Humanities and Arts Computing*, *Comparative Literature Studies*, and *CanLit*. Her presentation today focuses on flamenco performance communities in Canada, multimedia cultural memory, and research data management.

Hanna Paul, (she/her)

UBC Okanagan, Office of the Vice-Principal Research

Hanna Paul is Métis and Beaver First Nation on her dad's side and Ukrainian and French on her mom's side. Her Métis community is in northern Alberta and locally known as Buttertown, or the North Vermilion Settlement. Hanna brought her moon time (menstruation) and body image research idea back to her Métis community because Indigenous youth and women's confidence is often affected by colonial body shame and taboos; in contrast to colonial taboos, moon time is meant to be a ceremonial moment in a person's menstrual cycle. Her Master's research project discusses Métis women's stories about moon time and colonial body shame through visiting and berry picking in Buttertown, Alberta. She was the 2023 Master's Researcher of the Year and received the 2023/24 Thesis Award for this work. After completing her Master's degree at UBC Okanagan (UBCO), Hanna stayed on to take on the role of Indigenous Research Facilitator in the Office of the Vice President of Research and Innovation. This role builds capacity for Indigenous research at UBCO

Felicity Tayler, (she/her)

University of Ottawa, Data Literacy Research Institute

Dr. Felicity Tayler is presently working on a book manuscript, which combines oral histories with the visualization of metadata representing co-publishing relationships in magazines. Emergent storytelling honours coalitional moments for artistic community formations in 1980s Toronto. An occasional visual artist and curator, Tayler has produced numerous exhibitions and published scholarly writing on this topic. At the University of Ottawa, Tayler is the Research Data Management Librarian, and a founding member of the Data Literacy Research Institute, where she is the Lead of the Ethical Data Cluster. She contributes data curation expertise to the SSHRC-funded [Canadian BIPOC Artists Rolodex](#) digital platform and living network that showcases the work of Black, Indigenous, People of Colour artists. As a Research Associate of the uOttawa Humanities Data Lab, she has published [bilingual Digital Humanities pedagogical resources](#), endorsed by the Digital Research Alliance of Canada.

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