



CLSA Update

Transforming Everyday Life

Into Extraordinary Ideas!



Cognition data for all 51,000 participants now available

Cognition data for more than 51,000 CLSA participants are now available for access by researchers. To learn more about the CLSA research platform and accessing the data, click [here](#).

An assessment of 20,000 participants in the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) has shown the performance of CLSA participants is similar to what has been observed in previous studies of cognition conducted in both French and English, lending support to the use of the CLSA cognitive measures in large, epidemiological studies of aging. The research, published in *The Clinical Neuropsychologist*, was led by Dr. Holly Tuokko, a professor of psychology at the University of Victoria. To view the paper, which includes detailed descriptions of the CLSA cognitive measures, click [here](#). The French translation of the paper is available [here](#).



2017 Data Access Application Deadlines

The 2017 deadlines for submitting applications are:

- March 13, 2017
- June 12, 2017
- October 16, 2017

Approved applicants are required to sign a CLSA Access Agreement that outlines the specific uses of data and the CLSA expectations with respect to privacy and confidentiality. Ethics approval from the applicant's institution is also required prior to data release. When planning for your project, please include in your timeframe at least five months from the application submission deadline to the time you receive your dataset. For more information, please review the [data access process](#). Questions should be directed to access@clsa-elcv.ca.



Dr. James Nazroo

February Webinar: The English Longitudinal Study of Ageing

[Class, retirement, and inequality in later life: Findings from the English Longitudinal Study of Ageing \(ELSA\)](#) will be presented by Dr. James Nazroo, a professor of sociology at the University of Manchester and co-principal investigator of ELSA. Using findings from ELSA, this webinar will empirically examine questions on how the nature of later life is changing, how this relates to period and cohort influences, and how processes of inequality persist into later life. The CLSA Webinar Series aims to provide researchers and trainees with a forum to discuss the latest health and aging research. To register, click [here](#).



Ann Toohey

Research projects using CLSA data

To date, more than 64 projects using the CLSA research platform have been approved. Several approved users have presented results based on the 20,000 CLSA participants who take part in telephone interviews. These presentations have been featured as part of [CLSA Webinar Series](#):

- In December 2016, Ann Toohey, a PhD candidate at the University of Calgary, presented [Aging-in-place with pets: Is pet-ownership relevant to social participation and life satisfaction for older adults in Canada?](#) The webinar focused on her thesis research, which includes an analysis of CLSA data as part of a case study exploring the role of community services in enhancing benefits and addressing challenges of pet ownership for seniors.
- In November 2016, Dr. Verena Menec, a professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba, and Dr. Nancy Newall, an assistant professor of psychology at the Brandon University, presented a [Definitions of Social Isolation: A pilot study using CLSA Data](#).
- In September 2016, David Kanters, a M.Sc. candidate at McMaster University, presented his thesis project which developed a new [frailty measurement tool](#) that was created and used to evaluate the frailty of participants in the CLSA.



David Kanters

To view the complete list of approved project summaries, visit our [website](#). Approved researchers interested in presenting as part of the CLSA Webinar Series should contact [Mark Oremus](#), CLSA associate scientific director.



CLSA participates in Alzheimer's Association International Conference

In July 2016, the CLSA celebrated Canadian scientists working in the field of aging and international partners at a reception held during the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in Toronto. The event was held in partnership with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Alzheimer Society of Canada, the Canadian Association on Gerontology, the Ontario Brain Institute, AGE-WELL and the Consortium of Canadian Centres for Clinical Cognitive Research. More than 180 researchers and partners attended for an exchange of ideas on aging and dementia.



CLSA and DPUK collaborate on big data research

The CLSA and the Medical Research Council Dementias Platform UK (DPUK) are pursuing opportunities for [collaborative research](#) using big data to address the public health burden of dementia.



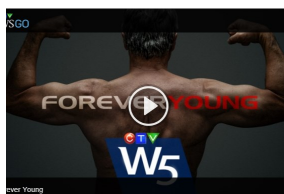
Dr. Carol Bassim



Dr. Andrew Wister

CLSA Team News

- Dr. Carol Bassim has joined the CLSA and McMaster University as an assistant professor in the Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence, and Impact. Her focus will be on the management of complex data and on the Quality Management System of the CLSA.
- Dr. Mark Lathrop, co-chair of the CLSA “-omics” committee, has been [re-appointed](#) scientific director of the McGill University and Génome Québec Innovation Centre.
- Dr. Maureen MacDonald, a CLSA co-investigator, has been [appointed](#) the next Dean of Science at McMaster University.
- Dr. Parminder Raina, lead principal investigator of the CLSA, has been [appointed](#) to a Council of Canadian Academies’ expert panel on the Transportation Needs of an Aging Population.
- Dr. Brent Richards, co-chair of the CLSA “-omics” committee and a member of the Data and Sample Access Committee, has been [elected](#) to the American Society for Clinical Investigation as well as the [Royal Society of Canada’s College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists](#).
- Dr. Andrew Wister, CLSA local site principal investigator at Simon Fraser University (SFU), has been [appointed](#) director of the SFU Gerontology Research Centre.



In The Media

The work of the CLSA has been featured by various news media in the last few months.

- [CTV W5](#) put the CLSA in the spotlight as part of a documentary on the secrets of aging well.
- [UA magazine](#) featured a story on the long-term gain and promise of the CLSA.
- Dr. Vanessa Taler, CLSA local site principal investigator at the University of Ottawa, spoke to the [Ottawa Citizen](#) about the census and seniors.
- [Research2Reality](#) asked Dr. Parminder Raina, lead principal investigator of the CLSA, about being a scientist and the science of aging.



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