

DEPARTMENT:	
TERM	SPRING/SUMMER 2022
PROFESSOR:	Christine Gibb
RESEARCH TITLE:	Everyday experiences & mobilities of children, teens and older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic
NUMBER OF STUDENT:	3
LANGUAGE:	English or French
ASSIGNMENTS CAN BE SUBMITTED IN FRENCH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO

RESEARCH DESCRIPTION:

This research study - **Everyday experiences & mobilities of children, teens and older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic** - explores the lived experiences of children, teens and older adults in several sites in Canada and the U.S., examining vulnerability, mobilities, and capacities. The results of this study will contribute to better disaster preparedness, responses, and policies and support systems that address the specific challenges and resilience of these potentially vulnerable and highly diverse groups. The study, which brings together an international team from three social science backgrounds, also explores the potential for digital communication between generations during disasters. The study uses mixed methods that are both child- and older adult-centric and pandemic-appropriate, including journals, interviews, research workshops, podcasting and surveys.

KEY LEARNING ACTIVITIES:

As part of this directed research course, students will contribute to multiple aspects of the study. At present all activities are being carried out remotely. The main research activities will support the creation of a poster for the 2022 Virtual Natural Hazards Workshop (July 10-13, 2022). For example:

- Transcribe interviews
- Collaboratively, conduct qualitative analyses of the interviews and research workshops (proficiency in Dedoose or other qualitative coding software is an asset)
- Download and clean quantitative data from the surveys
- Conduct statistical analyses on the quantitative data (proficiency in software such as SPSS, Stata, SAS, R or Excel is preferred)
- Identify key themes and findings
- Prepare an academic poster that communicates the research objectives, methodology and findings to a practitioner and researcher audience (proficiency in PowerPoint, Canva or other design software is preferred)
- Attend the 2022 Virtual Natural Hazards Workshop (July 10-13, 2022)

The research activities will also include one or more of the following:

- Recruit study participants, including through emails and phone calls to organizations and through social media
- Assist in conducting interviews and research workshops with research participants in English and/or French
- Participate actively in research meetings with the research team (over Zoom)
- Present findings in a written report and an oral presentation to the research team