



The O'Brien Institute for Public Health &
the Department of Community Health Sciences present:

Controlling dogs in a multicultural and (post)colonial public space: Complexities, challenges and sensitivities in Iqaluit, Nunavut

Speaker: Francis Lévesque

**Friday, April 20, 2018 - 12:00 to 12:50 p.m.
G500 - Health Sciences Centre, 3330 Hospital Dr NW**

This presentation deals with the control of dogs in Iqaluit, Nunavut. Its objective is to show that controlling dogs in a multicultural and (post)colonial public space can raise complex, challenging and sensitive issues that should be taken into account by experts who seek to develop and implement interventions.

Francis Lévesque is assistant professor of anthropology at Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue's (UQAT) School of Indigenous Studies. He is currently director of the Qimuksik Network, a multidisciplinary network that brings together researchers and stakeholders from Nunavik and Nunavut to reflect about dogs in the Canadian Arctic. He holds a Ph.D. in anthropology from Université Laval in which he documented the killing of Inuit dogs that took place in the Canadian Eastern Arctic in the 1950s-1960s. His research also deals with the social impact of mining on northern communities and with the history of Inuit postsecondary education in Quebec.

Objectives:

1. Show that there are many ways to relate to dogs
2. Illustrate that in a multicultural and (post)colonial public space like Iqaluit, Nunavut, these different ways to relate to dogs can raise complex, challenging and sensitive issues
3. Demonstrate the absolute importance for public and animal health experts to understand these complex, challenging and sensitive issues before developing and implementing interventions

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