



Jenna Sherven

Jenna Sherven graduated with an MSc from the University of Toronto's genetic counselling program in 2022. Currently, she is working at The Genetics Clinic in Calgary, Alberta as a general genetic counsellor. Prior to grad school, Jenna completed a BSc. in biology with a minor in psychology from the University of Victoria. Jenna is passionate about progressing health equity within medical genetics. Jenna worked with the Silent Genomes Project as an undergraduate student and in grad school directed a research project focused on improving genetic counselling care for patients with limited English proficiency. In addition to her clinical and academic pursuits, Jenna competed as an athlete on the University of Toronto Varsity Squash team. When she is not providing clinical care, Jenna can be found on the squash court, in the gym and hiking in the mountains.



Andrea Shugar obtained her MS degree in Genetic Counselling from the University of Cincinnati in 1992. She has had a special interest in professional regulation of genetic counsellors for most of her career, and has published on the topic of risk of public harm and the case for regulation. She is also a past president of the CAGC and one of the founding members of the Ontario Association of Genetic Counsellors/ Association des conseillères et des conseillers en génétique de l'Ontario. Currently Andrea practices as a genetic counsellor at SickKids in Toronto and is a faculty member of the M.Sc. Program in Genetic counselling at the University of Toronto.



Jessica Hartley is the Program Director for the MSc. In Genetic Counselling Program and assistant professor within the Department of Biochemistry and Medical Genetics at the University of Manitoba. Jessica received a Masters of Science in Genetic Counselling from Northwestern University. She is a certified genetic counsellor with clinical experience in metabolism, newborn screening, cystic fibrosis and neurogenetics. Jessica has research interests in applying alternative practice and interprofessional models to improve genetics service delivery, and the clinical, genetic and psychosocial impact of metabolic diseases. She is also a passionate advocate for the growth of the genetic counselling profession. In her current role she is responsible for curriculum development, teaching, and the oversight of rotations and thesis projects for students within the Manitoba GC Program. In her spare time Jessica enjoys yoga, getting outside to hike and camp, and taking care of her jungle of almost 50 house plants!



Natasha Phillips was born and raised in Whitehorse, Yukon on the traditional territory of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and Ta'an Kwäch'an Council. A graduate of Simon Fraser University's Criminology program, Natasha's passion for improving access to justice and public safety policy shifted to a deep and personal interest in improving access and equity in health care system upon the birth of her and her husband's son just over 10 years ago.

Born with a rare condition that remained undiagnosed for almost 6 years led Natasha to embark on a journey that found her starting and co-facilitating the Rare Disease Foundation's Yukon chapter of the Parent to Parent Resource group that supports families living with rare conditions, as well as a career shift into health policy. The family continues to live and play in the Yukon while managing the demanding physical and emotional health needs of their child. The family has experienced many challenges and learning opportunities as they have undergone this health system journey, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, which Natasha looks forward to sharing during the CAGC 2022 conference.



Larissa Waldman is a genetic counsellor in the Cancer Genetics and High Risk Program at the Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre. Larissa earned her MSc in Genetic Counselling from University of Toronto. Prior to joining the Cancer Genetics and High Risk Program at the Odette Cancer Centre in January 2021, Larissa worked in the Division of Clinical and Metabolic Genetics, and Genetics and Genome Biology at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids). Larissa is currently a Genetic Counsellor in clinical oncology, a Lecturer in the MSc Genetic Counselling Program at the University of Toronto, and a curator with the NIH ClinGen Actionability Working Group. Larissa's academic interests include education in genetic counselling, the integration of precision oncology in cancer care, and cancer genetics.