

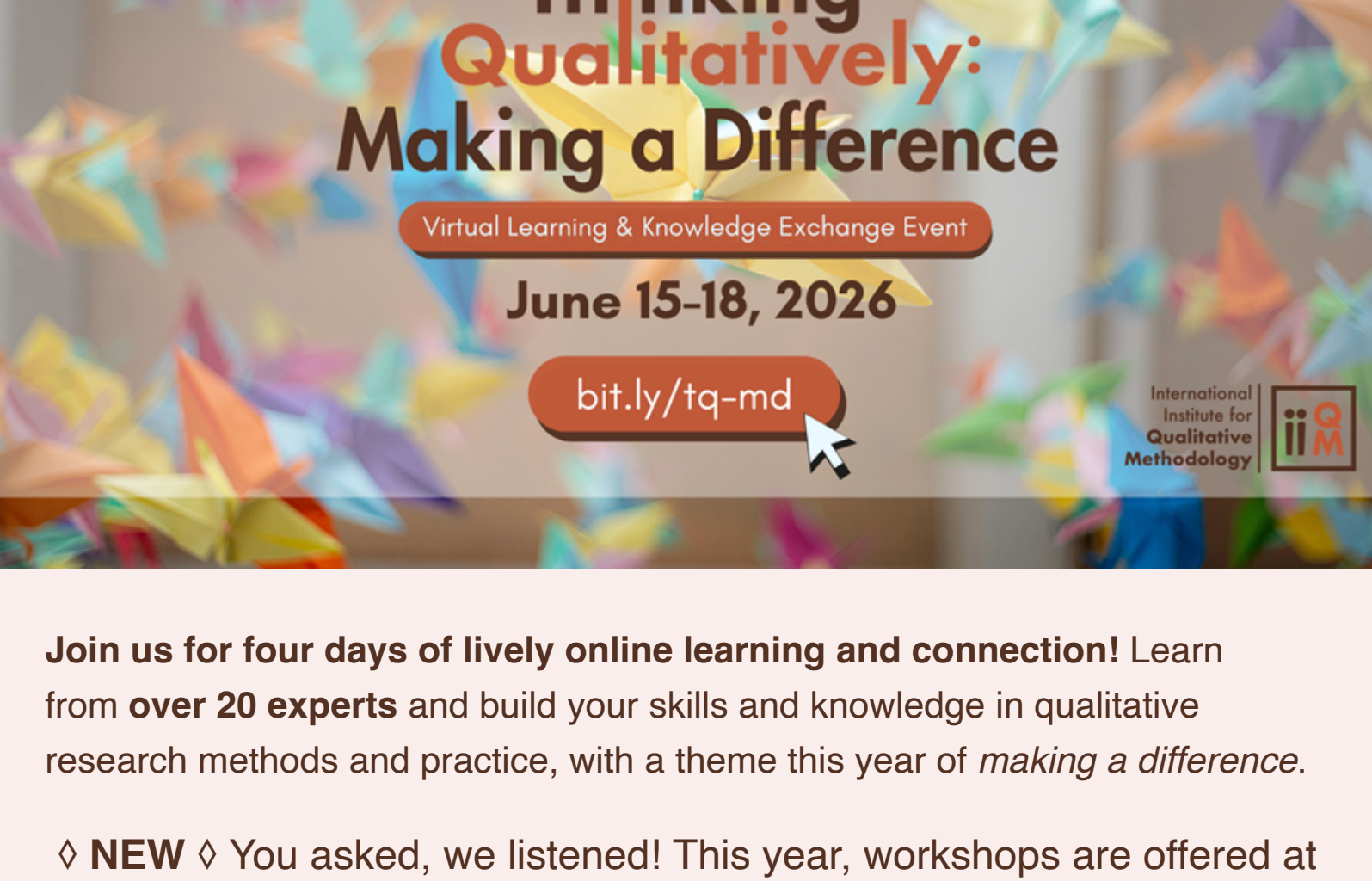




iiQM Newsletter Winter 2026

As we launch a new term, we want to warmly invite all of you in the iiQM network to participate in various activities. Read on for a recap of recent events and to learn more about our exciting lineup of upcoming opportunities:

- **Thinking Qualitatively**, our signature annual event, June 15-18.
- **Pushing the Boundaries of Qualitative Inquiry**, a three-part series in February, April, and June.
- **TRSI Hub Methods Seminar** – Longitudinal Data Collection, March 27.
- Two U of A **Quali-Tea** Gatherings in February and March.
- Free Resources & Upcoming Conferences.



Join us for **four days of lively online learning and connection!** Learn from **over 20 experts** and build your skills and knowledge in qualitative research methods and practice, with a theme this year of *making a difference*.

♦ **NEW** ♦ You asked, we listened! This year, workshops are offered at one of two learning levels: introductory or deep-dive.

[Visit our website here to learn more](#)

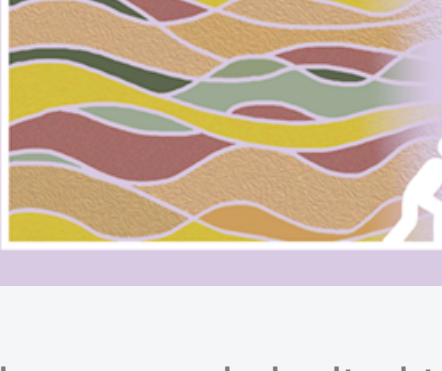
You'll boost your understanding of qualitative approaches with...

- **Diverse workshops.** Choose from **13 topics** with interactive, tailored instruction.
- **Practical Skill-Builders.** Choose from **5 topics** to apply new skills with hands-on demonstrations.
- **Engaging Knowledge Exchange.** Discuss methodological challenges and triumphs in "lightning" presentation sessions.
- **Connection and Networking.** Drop in for casual mixers, including a film night!
- **Recognition of Attendance.** Earn your digital badge (certificate).

[Save the Date and Register! June 15-18, 2026](#)



***Thinking Qualitatively (TQ)** is an annual event that aims to advance understanding of qualitative methods among graduate students, academic scholars, and community research practitioners all over the world. At **TQ**, you'll enhance your foundational qualitative research toolkit, engage with experts in the field, and build a supportive network of like-minded researchers.*



PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES OF QUALITATIVE INQUIRY

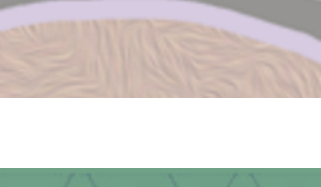
All are warmly invited to ***Pushing the Boundaries of Qualitative Inquiry!*** This year's speaker series explores creative ways to share qualitative research through story and narrative.

Expanding methods and epistemic communities: Mobilizing arts and creative methods to foster community, identity and wellbeing FEB 24, 3:00–4:30 PM (MST)
 Dr. Christopher Sonn Professor, Victoria University (Melbourne, Australia) [REGISTER HERE](#)

The work of stories in the world APR 2, 12:00–13:30 PM (MST)
 Dr. Carla Rice Professor, University of Guelph [REGISTER HERE](#)

Special screening and discussion of an award-winning film *Singing Back the Buffalo* (JUNE, hybrid)
 Dr. Tasha Hubbard Associate Professor, University of Alberta

Visit the [iiQM website](#) to learn more!



The ***Pushing the Boundaries series*** is a virtual event designed to showcase transformative research approaches and spark critical discussions about emerging ideas in qualitative methodology.

Transforming Research for Social Impact (TRSI) HUB Methods Seminar

Lessons for Longitudinal Data Collection from the Edmonton Transitions Study

Matt Johnson and Samuel Braden will focus on the benefits and challenges in longitudinal research. Longitudinal research projects that collect data from the same individuals over time are the only way to understand within-person development across the life course. However, recontacting study participants at each wave of data collection can be a challenging task.

Friday, March 27, 2026, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (MST)

In person: T 1-61 ([Tory building](#)) **Virtual:** [Zoom link](#)

[Register for the event](#)

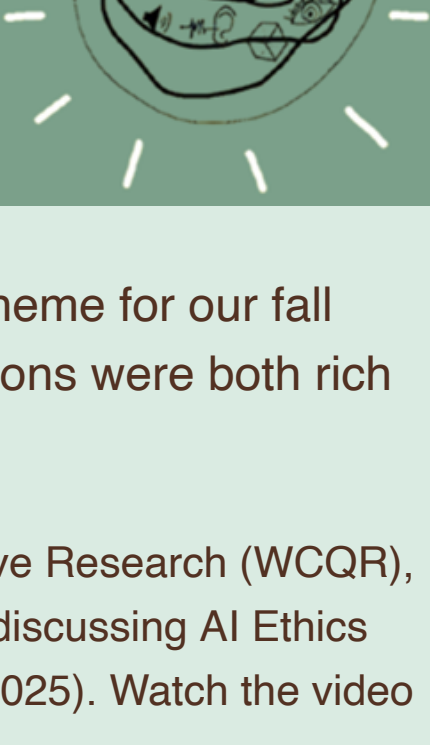
~Visit the [TRSI Hub](#) for more info~

Fall Events: In Case you Missed It!

SPEAKER SERIES

Ways of Knowing

AI Ethics and Qualitative Research



Artificial intelligence in qualitative inquiry was our theme for our fall 2025 **Ways of Knowing** series, and the conversations were both rich and provocative!

In a collaboration with the World Conference on Qualitative Research (WCQR), we showcased University of Alberta scholars on a panel discussing AI Ethics and Qualitative Inquiry at their pre-program event (Sept 2025). Watch the video [here](#).



PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION
AI ETHICS and QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: 

ONLINE
30 SEP/2025

Schedule: 4:00-5:00 PM (UTC-07:00)

PANELISTS:



ALI SHIRI
 University of Alberta (CA)



VERN GLASER
 Alberta School of Business (CA)



MICHAEL VAN MANEN
 University of Alberta (CA)

MODERATOR:



ELLIAN LERNER
 University of Alberta (CA)

Free registration at:
wcqr.ludomedia.org/pre-conference

ORGANIZATION   

In November, we collaborated with the TRSI Hub to offer **Integrating AI into the Qualitative Analysis World: Methodological Implications**. Together, we watched excerpts from Dr. Christina Silver's Thinking Qualitatively 2025 keynote presentation, followed by a discussion between Dr. Silver and the UA's own Dr. Maria Finnsdottir, a digital research specialist in the CSSH.



Integrating AI into the Qualitative Research Workflow
 10th June 2025



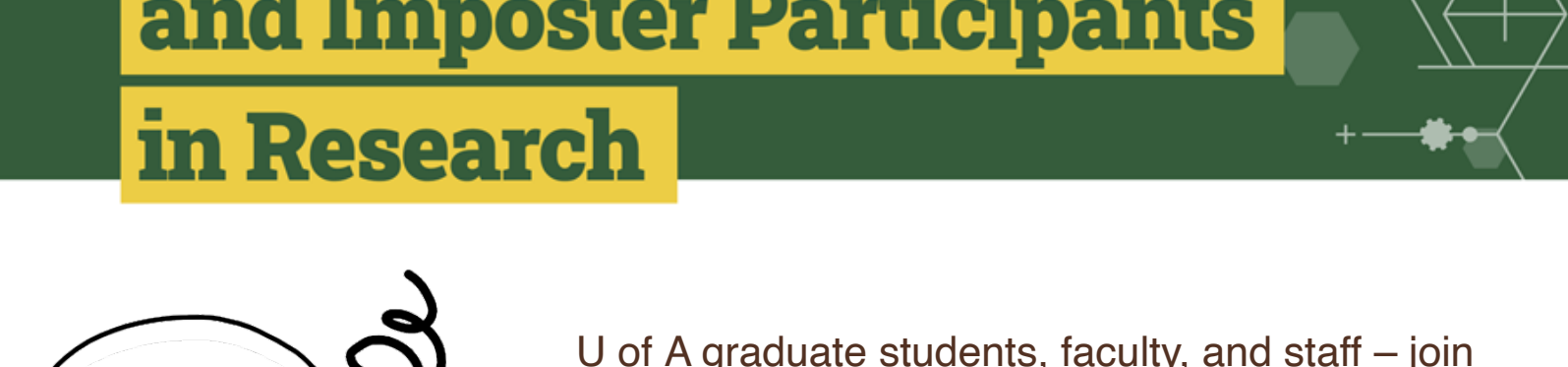
Designed and delivered by Christina Silver, PhD
 Associate Professor (Qualitative, Data Science), University of Surrey
 Director of the Qualitative Research Project
 Co-Founder & Director of Qualitative Data Analysis Services (QDAS)



Quali-Tea

It takes a community! Thank you to all who joined our first Quali-Tea of the year (Sept 2025) to think together about future directions for the iiQM. The energy, creativity, and interest were palpable. We were overwhelmed by the interest in contributing to the work of iiQM expressed in our follow-up survey. We are hatching plans and will be in touch with some of you.

And then in December, Hannah Brooks and Allison Soprovich led a discussion on what we can do when we encounter imposter participants in qualitative research, particularly in online settings. They also shared a [tipsheet](#) they developed to help researchers navigate these situations.





- U of A graduate students, faculty, and staff – join us for two Quali-Tea gatherings this winter in the Arts Student Lounge!
- “Knowing by Drawing” (Feb 26 @ 3 pm) with Jeongwon Gim
- “Creative Knowledge Mobilization” (March 19 @ 3 pm) with Bonnie Stelmach

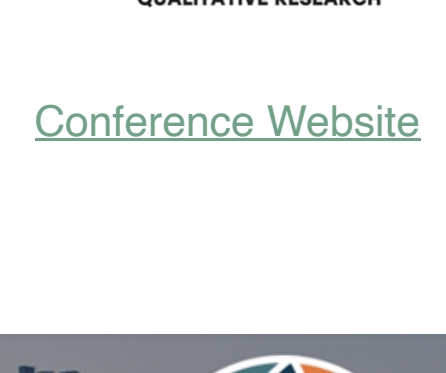
Visit the [iiQM website](#) for more information and to RSVP!

FREE QUALITATIVE RESOURCES

~The iiQM has a treasure trove of videos on our [YouTube channel](#), including master class webinars on mixed-methods, interpretive description, and more!

~And check out our two interactive short courses on [Intersectionality in Qualitative Research](#), one of them available in both English and French.

OTHER EVENTS



The Qualitative Report 17th Annual Conference

“A Matter of Trust”

Online: March 23-26, 2026

[Registration Now Open](#)

[Conference Website](#)



MMIRA 2026 Global Conference
 Brisbane, Australia
 24-27 August 2026
 Torrens University Campus

[REGISTER HERE](#)

[CALL FOR PAPERS NOW OPEN](#)

[DOWNLOAD FLYER](#)

“Navigating the Polycrisis: Mixed Methods for a Changing World”

Inclusive – Interdisciplinary – International

The MMIRA 2026 Global Conference is now open for submissions! This interdisciplinary event will bring together scholars, practitioners, and students worldwide to share innovative mixed methods research and foster collaboration.

Submission Details:

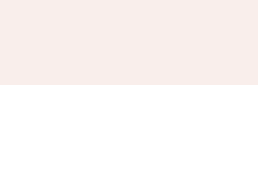
- The submission portal is live [here](#).
- They offer three types of submissions to suit diverse contributions: posters, research in progress (1500 words) and condensed papers (2000-2500 words)

Submission deadline: **28 February 2026**.

Let's connect our communities!

We value our connection with you and would love to stay in touch.

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