

iiQM NEWSLETTER Fall 2025

As we launch a new academic year, we want to warmly invite all of you in the iiQM network to participate in upcoming events and activities. Read on to learn more about opportunities, including:

- Our Sept 30 international online panel, "**AI Ethics and Qualitative Research**," in collaboration with the World Congress on Qualitative Research - part of the *Ways of Knowing* fall series
- The two free **Intersectional Approaches to Qualitative Research** online courses - *one of them now available in French*.

And you can catch up on **Thinking Qualitatively**, our signature annual event. Hear from 2025 participants, and get a sneak preview of TQ 2026!

~Please be in touch any time with ideas, questions, or just to connect!
We are at iiqm@ualberta.ca~

SPEAKER SERIES

Ways of Knowing

AI Ethics and Qualitative Research



~An iiQM Ways of Knowing event

in collaboration with the World Congress on Qualitative Research~

SEPT 30, 9-10 am MST on ZOOM

[~learn more and register~](#)

In this round table dialogue, three experts at the University of Alberta—Ali Shiri, Vern Glaser, and Michael van Manen—will take the international stage to discuss what they are learning about the ethics of AI through their respective qualitative research projects: information ethics in the era of AI; ethnographic investigation of values embedded in organizational LLMs; and a phenomenology of AI ethics in health care. Moderated by iiQM Associate Director, Gillian Lemermeier.

WCOR
10th World Conference
on Qualitative Research

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

**AI ETHICS and
QUALITATIVE RESEARCH**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

ONLINE
30 SEP/2025

Schedule:
4:00-5:00 PM (UTC+10:00)

PANELISTS:

ALI SHIRI
University of
Alberta (CA)

VERN GLASER
Alberta Strategic
Business (CA)

MICHAEL VAN
MANEN
University of
Alberta (CA)

MODERATOR:

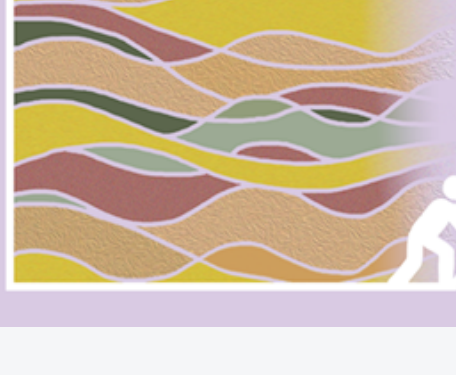
GILLIAN
LEMERMEIER
University of
Alberta (CA)

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

ORGANIZATION:

UPCOMING EVENTS from iiQM

Watch for Pushing Boundaries



PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES OF QUALITATIVE INQUIRY

Coming in winter 2026! Join virtual conversations with experienced scholars who are asking new questions, crafting alternative approaches, and challenging how we think and do qualitative research. *More info soon.*

Thinking Qualitatively: Making a Difference



Mark your calendars for June 2026 to build skills and knowledge in your research methods and practice through workshops, webinars, keynote series, and opportunities to connect! To get a taste, see our "TQ Wrap-up" below. **Registration open by January 2026.**

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

(from the broader community)

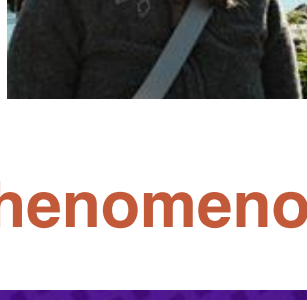
Digital Fragility, Sustainability, and Longevity, or Whatever Happened to the Internet Shakespeare Editions?

NOV 12, 10 am MST on ZOOM [Register Here.](#)

About 80% of all the digital scholarly projects created in the last thirty years have vanished without a trace, leaving us with little to show for the public funding, expertise, and time that went into their making. Using the Internet Shakespeare Editions and its successor Linked Early Modern Drama Online as examples, this talk looks at why digital projects have been so fragile, how we can better sustain them, and what we need to do to ensure their longevity.



Speaker: **Janelle Jenstand** (Professor of English and Academic Director of the Humanities Computing and Media Centre at the University of Victoria, Canada)



Moderator: **Maria Finnsdottir** (Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) Specialist, Digital Research Services, IST, University of Alberta)

Phenomenology: Pure and Applied

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PURE AND APPLIED**

Online Guest Lecture

DAN ZAHAVI

Wednesday, October 29th, 2025
18:00 CET (UTC+1) / 1:00 PM EDT (New York)
Registration: bit.ly/Zahavi2025
The Laboratory for Phenomenological Research
The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Qualitative Methods Network!

Are you a graduate student looking for connections to other graduate students doing qualitative research? Consider getting involved in the Graduate Student Qualitative Methods Network. [Sign up for their newsletter.](#) (They are based in the U.S. and interested in international expansion.)

~If you are interested in being a U of A graduate rep for GSQMN, contact us at iiqm@ualberta.ca~

FREE Online Courses: Intersectional Qualitative Research

Are you interested in intersectional approaches to qualitative research? Not sure about how to understand and put intersectionality into practice?

Check out our two [online, interactive, self-directed courses](#).

- Introduction to Intersectional Qualitative Research - *in both English and French*
- Introduction to Intersectional Qualitative Health Research

TQ:2R - That's a Wrap

Another great year! More than 180 people from across health, social sciences, and humanities fields gathered online over the course of four days to learn, connect, and theorize and practice qualitative methodologies. Thanks to all who made *Thinking Qualitatively: Research Relationships* so rewarding.

TQ by the numbers:

- 155 registrants, 31 presenters
- 19 countries, 8 provinces in Canada
- 68 different institutions and organizations
- 10 workshop topics, 5 skill-builders, 4 webinars, 2 lightning presentation sessions, 1 keynote, and 1 movie night!

Participants highlighted the welcoming atmosphere, high-quality speakers with diverse expertise, variety of sessions and topics, and relevant content. Here's what some had to say:

"incredible community of qualitative researchers who supported one another and engaged with one another with commitment"

"the sessions were amazing and the presenters were knowledgeable, approachable and supportive"

As we do each year, we partnered with Quirkos to offer a free student subscription to a graduate attendee at TQ. This year, Sydney Gaudet's name was drawn from the virtual hat! Sydney sent us her reflections on TQ:2R:

My first TQ experience was full of highlights, but presenting in the new Lightning Presentation sessions was the standout. As a PhD nursing student, I shared a methodological 'aha moment' that is shaping how I approach my research curiosities. The platform was incredibly fulfilling, offering space to think out loud in a supportive international community of creative, inspiring scholars.

I left TQ with my graduate cup re-filled and renewed energy to keep moving forward. I also made meaningful national and international connections that continue beyond the event, and I look forward to joining TQ again in the future!

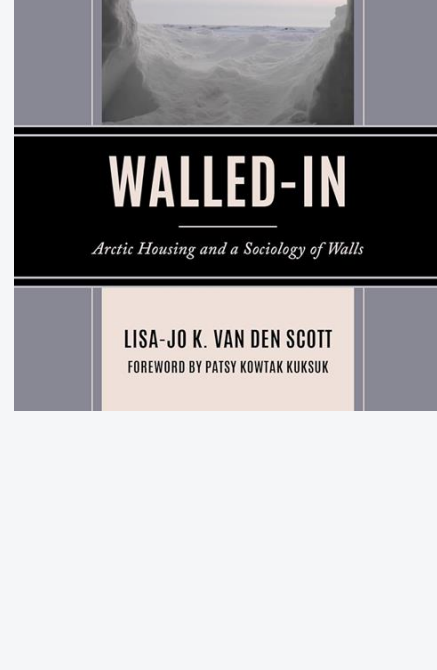


Sydney Gaudet

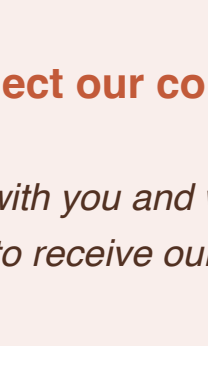
PhD Student, Faculty of Nursing, University of Alberta

NEW BOOK

Congratulations to iiQM Advisory Board member Lisa-Jo van den Scott (Sociology, Memorial University of Newfoundland) on the publication of her new book!



Walls profoundly shape the spaces we live in and the places we move through, impinge on our everyday lives, and entangle power relations, identity, and hierarchies. *Walled-In: Arctic Housing and a Sociology of Walls* explores these effects in the context of Arviat, Nunavut. Lisa-Jo van den Scott lays out the social processes inherent to their experience, arguing that walls, in addition to concealing colonial power relations, are boundary objects, cultural objects, and technological objects. Van den Scott's ethnography of *Arviarmiut* (people of Arviat's) contemporary lived experiences reveals the ways in which *Arviarmiut* are living in a foreign space, how this impacts their experiences, and how they exercise agency in navigating and reinventing these spaces in resilient and heterogeneous ways. *Walled-In* was recognized with Honourable Mention for the 2025 Canadian Sociological Book Award.



Let's connect our communities!

We value our connection with you and would love to stay in touch. However, if you prefer not to receive our emails, please let us know.

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