

Abstract for Workshop
Atlantic Waves Conference

Wait! Don't Burn Your Bra!
Knowledge Translation, Advocacy and Activism in Feminist Research

Using the Healthy Balance Research Program (HBRP) as a case study this workshop will examine the nature of the relationship between Knowledge Translation, Advocacy and Activism.

The HBRP is a CIHR funded research program that has examined the relationships between women's unpaid caregiving, health, well-being and earning a livelihood in Nova Scotia. The Program has brought together dozens of researchers, community partners and caregivers including four research teams and four Equity Reference Groups. In the final year of this research program the emphasis is on sharing the research findings with a broad audience and identifying opportunities to influence policies and programs directed at unpaid caregivers.

The intention of this session is to stimulate discussion about the fine line between making research relevant to policy, advocating for policy change, advocating for political change, and social action. As research funding agencies increasingly emphasize the need for both broad-based community partnerships and the use of research to effect change we have to ask a number of questions:

- How can academic researchers, community organizations, government partners and community members work together to move forward feminist issues?
- How can research be translated into action while maintaining a broad spectrum of partnerships?
- What is the relationship between Knowledge Translation, Advocacy and Activism?
- What might best practice look like for negotiating broad-based partnerships and the need to translate research into policy, social or political change?

Suggestions will be brought forward using the HBRP as a context.