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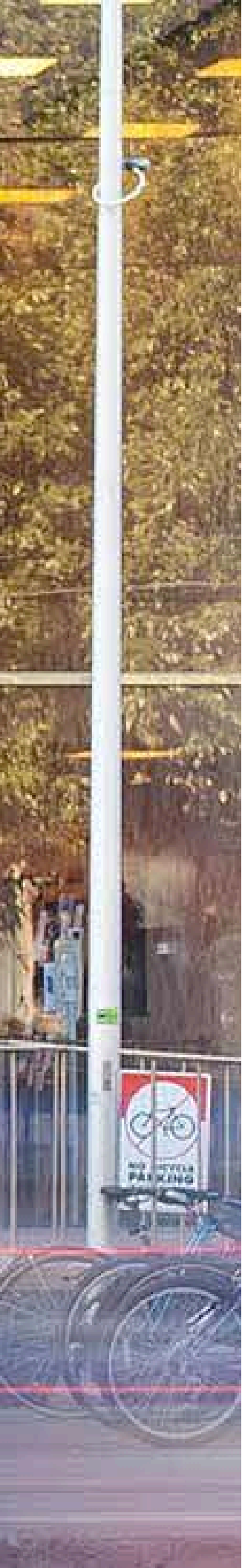


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The Investigative Journalism Bureau (IJB)

Led by award-winning investigative reporter, Robert Cribb, the IJB conducts high-impact investigative research and reporting on matters of vital public interest while training the next generation of investigative journalists.

Based at the University of Toronto's Dalla Lana School of Public Health, the IJB brings together senior journalists, academics, students and media organizations in Canada, the United States and globally to tackle important issues with depth and context. The model has produced award-winning, groundbreaking reporting that has triggered political reaction, policy change, widespread public debate and follow-up reporting by journalists across the country.

The IJB combines lessons learned over more than a decade moving dozens of public interest stories from classrooms to media front pages and broadcast outlets through the National Student Investigative Reporting Network, which Cribb founded in 2010. Today, the IJB's investigative reporting is integrated with Dalla Lana's Journalism and Health Advocacy Program, led by Robert Steiner, an award-winning journalist and founding director of the Fellowship in Global Journalism.

Led by a team of senior journalists working alongside distinguished researchers and academics, the IJB empowers student and early-career journalists with the opportunity to have tangible public impacts on major issues shaping the health and wellness of the Canadian, North American and global populations. We actively focus on diversity recruitment of student interns and have hired a number of BIPOC journalists who have worked on impactful journalism that more accurately reflects our society by ensuring a range of perspectives.



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Awards

In less than four years, the IJB's journalism has been honoured with several prestigious national and international journalism awards and nominations.

- 2024 Signal Award for 'The Ultimate Choice' podcast
- Award juries for three major Canadian journalism prizes cited *The Patient Files: Hidden Stories from Inside Ontario's Hospitals* in 2024 including the Canadian Journalism Foundation's Jackman Award for Excellence in Journalism – our third nomination in four years for one of Canada's top journalism prizes. The project was also a finalist for both the Canadian Association of Journalists Awards and the Digital Publishing Awards in the Data Journalism category.
- Our investigation into growing incidents of hate crimes was also nominated for a 2024 CJF Award.
- Our series "Suspended" which explored a flawed government system that removes driver's licenses from drivers who pose no public risk was awarded the 2023 CAJ Data Journalism Award and was also nominated for a CJF Jackman Award for Excellence in Journalism.
- Canadian Journalism Foundation's Jackman Award for Excellence in Journalism Honours for reporting on Youth Mental Health
- Mindset Award for Mental Health Reporting
- Registered Nurses Association of Ontario Media Award for reporting on opioid drugs sold on Ontario streets.
- In 2022, the IJB was honoured with the The Data-Driven Reporting Project award, a prestigious U.S.-based prize supporting intrepid reporting that utilizes data and serves underrepresented communities. Only two Canadian outlets received the award -- which came with a \$100,000 USD prize.
- IJB founding donor Gerry Gotfrit received an Arbor Award from the University of Toronto in recognition of his impactful support for the IJB. It was celebrated at a gala event at the University of Toronto hosted by Dalla Lana dean Steini Brown to celebrate the IJB and its accomplishments at the Star.

PUBLISHED STORIES

2023/24



Privileged and Confidential

Our unprecedented analysis of complaints lodged with criminal and civil courts, law societies, and human rights tribunals reveals hundreds of allegations of sexual misconduct against lawyers, both from the public and within the profession. Dozens of female lawyers we interviewed revealed the severe professional repercussions they face when they come forward, contributing to a culture of silence around these issues. We discovered that clients unknowingly hired lawyers under investigation for sexual misconduct. This two-part series has triggered strong response from the head of Ontario's Law society and a call for change to a pervasive culture of silence and fear.

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Indigenous Infrastructure: Unfit, Unsafe, Unjust

Over the past year, we've broken new ground in our reporting on Indigenous social issues, from in-depth national coverage of housing infrastructure inequities to the disproportionately large number of deaths by fire on First Nations. After hiring our first full-time Indigenous affairs reporter, Ryan McMahon, we have emerged as a leading newsroom producing comprehensive and insightful reporting on issues that don't often get the investment they need and deserve. We ended the year with a multi-part investigation into critical gaps in a federal program designed to provide essential mental health health coverage for First Nations and Inuit communities. The project also featured Mind Games, a compelling mini-documentary produced in collaboration with TVO, highlighting the challenges within the NIHB mental health program.



Ryan MacMahon, IJB Indigenous Affairs Reporter

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FIRST NATIONS

Reserves suffer \$349B funding gap

'Clear injustice' over Ottawa providing basic essentials, analysis finds

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We can't catch up. We can never catch up.”

RUSSELL WESLEY
CAT LAKE FIRST NATION CHIEF

ROBERT CRIBB
STAFF REPORTER
WENDY-ANN CLARKE AND MZWANDILE PONCANA
INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM BUREAU

In Cat Lake First Nation, there's only ever enough money to build three new houses a year.

For the community of 680 people, the level of federal infrastructure funding doesn't come close to addressing the community's long-standing struggles with housing disrepair, overcrowding and mould, says chief Russell Wesley.

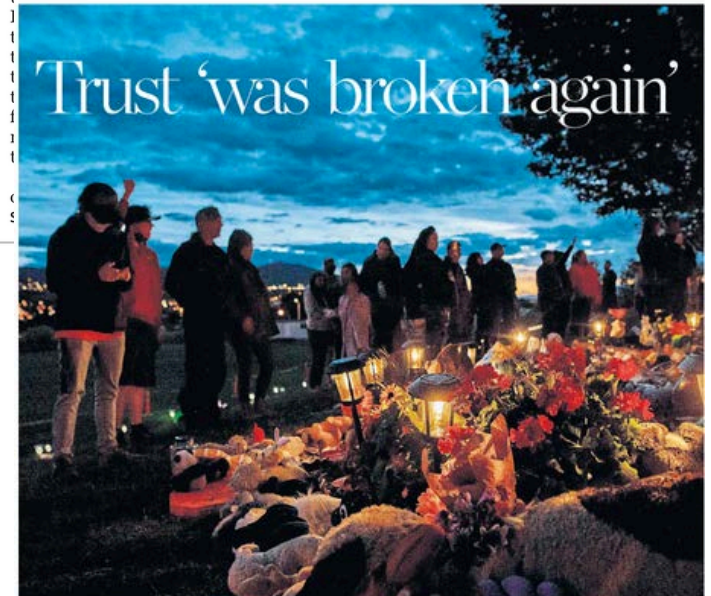
New housing applications to Ottawa just keep piling up, Wesley says. Meanwhile, multiple families live together in some of the reserve's already dilapidated homes.

“We can't catch up. We can never catch up.”

It will take nearly \$59 billion to bring infrastructure in Cat Lake and other Ontario First Nations communities in line with the rest of the country by 2030, according to a groundbreaking analysis shared with the Investigative Journalism Bureau and the Star. That's part of an eye-widening \$349-billion infrastructure gap in Indigenous com-

munities across Canada. That equalization figure — which is 20 times the size of Indigenous Services Canada's total annual

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THERAPISTS FROM INI cause the college don't have any further training, most recently in Indigenous or reconciliation strategies in place," says Annelis former
People gather outside the
struggled to cope with the lingering impact. Deborah McLean, a band councillor at the time, was sent a thorough with SASW or by asking directly for either a vulnerable sector check or a criminal background



STAR/IJB/TVO
INVESTIGATION

'AN INNATE FEAR'

A murder conviction. Sex with an ex-client. Defending residential schools. Why a program for Indigenous patients uses therapists with troubling pasts

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Dr. Owen Anstey has posted online an article defending Indian Residential Schools. The Toronto psychologist has publicly labeled "the facts" of a social media post that claimed reports of Indigenous children's bodies being buried in unmarked

graves were "all a hoax." He is also approved by the federal government to provide counselling to vulnerable Indigenous patients. The Non-Incarcerated Health Benefits (NIHB) program is designed to fund care to First Nations and Inuit people, who face some of the highest rates of suicidality in the world. The federal program is falling short very patients, critics charge, by endorsing therapists with troubling professional and personal histories. They include counsellors with serious

professional disciplinary or criminal records, having sex with a former client and abandoning a vulnerable patient who has come suicidal as a result, a joint investigation by the Toronto Star, Investigative Journalism Bureau and TVO has found. Anstey has twice faced discipline, including one case where the regulator found problems with a parental capacity assessment he made in a child custody case. In both cases, he was ordered to undergo

Checklist from top left: Dr. Owen Anstey, Cleopatra Maloney and Jon Weston. PHOTOGRAPHY: JESSICA HARRIS/THE CANADIAN PRESS; JESSICA HARRIS/THE CANADIAN PRESS; JESSICA HARRIS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

STAR/IJB/TVO INVESTIGATION



A mental-health initiative 'set up to deter' access

Advocates say program meant to help Indigenous people is mired in red tape

health care providers are willing to do to ensure patients don't fall through the cracks, it isn't enough. Sheldon said one of her former clients who was living on the streets couldn't get counselling because he was unable to prove he lost his previous coverage when he lost his job. In order to receive benefits, he had to call the government and provide documents to prove he no longer had private insurance. But he didn't have a phone or the resources to

retrieve what was required.

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TRAIL OF BROKEN TRUST

Critics say program for Indigenous health care is falling patients by endorsing therapists with troubling histories INI

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STAR/IJB EXCLUSIVE

First Nations sue feds over fire safety

'Discriminatory' lack of funding puts Indigenous lives at risk, suit alleges

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The federal government's "discriminatory" underfunding of fire protection on First Nations reserves is responsible for Indigenous people perishing in fires at disproportionately higher rates than other Canadians, a lawsuit filed by two Ontario First Nations alleges. Oneida Nation of the Thames, near London, and Sandy Lake First Nation, 500 kilometers northwest of Toronto, filed a "comprehensive" lawsuit against the federal government in Federal Court in Ottawa, arguing the suit is a "substantially heightened risk to our lives, property and well-being." The claim, filed in Federal Court in Ottawa, says the Attorney General of Canada, takes the responsibility of making the most to retain jurisdiction over the case "will not be met in Canada, but adopted funding patterns for fire protection services on reserves in Ontario that are inconsistent with the Charter." "We think a necessary order to the suit is necessary to make sure Canada does not avoid its obligations to First Nations and Indigenous peoples," says Brian Mitchell, a lawyer with Toronto law firm Mitchell Keenan LLP, which is representing the two nations. "Canada cannot treat First Nations people living on reserves as if their lives and safety are worth less than the lives and safety of non-Indigenous Canadians." The allegations have not been proven in court. No statement of defence has been filed. SEE LAWSUIT, A8

ONLINE NEWS

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY

Number of deaths 'deeply disturbing'

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Indigenous Services Canada (ISC), the federal ministry responsible for First Nations issues, did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the claim. A recent Statistics Canada analysis of 700 fire deaths across Canada between 2018 and 2020 found 20 per cent of the victims were First Nations, Métis or Inuit. "That proportion of deaths is four times higher than the percentage of Indigenous people in Canada. A 2021 report from Ontario's Chief Coroner's table found children living on a reserve in Ontario are 86 times more likely to die in a fire than children living elsewhere. In a written statement this week, responding to general questions from reporters prior to the lawsuit being filed, ISC called the numbers of First Nations fire deaths "deeply concerning" and said they highlight the "urgent need for better fire protection in First Nations communities. The Government of Canada takes these reports seriously and knows that there is more work to be done." That work includes a First Nations Fire Protection Strategy, developed with the Assembly of First Nations, which focuses on "long-term, community-based solutions." The lawsuit alleges the Canadian government has been aware of the problem on First Nations for two decades and has done "nothing to address it." The government inaction has violated Indigenous people's Charter right to life and security of person and amounts to "a stain on the conscience of this nation." In Oneida, there have been 30 structural fires since 2006 and the community has run out of patience, says fire chief Glenn Hill.

"We put our name on the lawsuit because the way we're doing things isn't working, it's clear. We need change." In December 2006, a fire killed a father and four children. There were no working fire hydrants to fight the blaze. So firefighters had to use water from a tanker truck, which had to repeatedly leave the scene to collect water. "It left a hole in our community,

but also highlighted the issues we have been facing for far too long," says Todd Cornelius, chief of Oneida. "That fire brought to light some of the systemic issues that First Nations communities are facing across the country — both underfunded housing and inadequate fire services." Almost eight years later, Oneida still doesn't have enough functioning hydrants on its reserve and those that exist are in need of repair, Cornelius says. The First Nation has been requesting funding to install hydrants that would cover the entire community for the past 26 years without success, the claim reads. "Until we get new building codes and proper standards in First Nations housing, we're fighting a losing battle," says Arnold Lazare, a longtime fire service member in the Mohawk community of Kahnawake and the deputy operations chief of the Indigenous Fire Marshals Program. When the federal government launched the First Nations Fire Prevention Strategy, Minister of Indigenous Services Party Hadju said in a statement that a lack of building and fire codes along with poor housing conditions and overcrowding means "there are far too many First Nation lives lost to fires." SEE NEXT PAGE

Invisible Threat

Over the past two years, the IJB has detailed the impacts of radon, a little-known carcinogen, in collaboration with researchers at the University of Calgary. Based on a unique dataset of more than 30,000 radon test results from homes across Canada, we published the most comprehensive look at where radon silently exists around us, the risks to human health and how government regulations have failed to protect us. The stories include an in-depth examination of dangerous levels of radioactive gas in Northern Ontario homes using internal government emails to reveal authorities' dismissive attitude towards residents safety concerns.

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'I thought I was safe': Federal government's radon advice creates a false sense of security



Illustration by Aidan Lising

Toxic Supply

Building on our years of reporting about the alarming rise of "ultra-potent" synthetic opioids contaminating street drugs across Canada, we've seen these substances—some even more powerful than fentanyl—surge in prevalence. In Toronto, their presence in street drug tests quadrupled since the COVID-19 pandemic. Our latest reporting shows that while opioid overdoses continue to devastate Toronto neighborhoods, supervised consumption sites have dramatically reduced drug-related fatalities.

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OPIOID CRISIS

Safe consumption sites saving lives

New study shows dramatic drop in overdoses within 500 metres of supervised spaces

SCOTT MARTIN AND DECLAN KEOGH
INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM BUREAU
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HEALTH REPORTER

As opioid overdoses continue to ravage Ontario, Toronto neighbourhoods with supervised consumption sites have seen dramatic decreases in drug fatalities, a new study shows.

The study, published this month in the *Lancet*, found a 67 per cent reduction in overdose deaths in neighbourhoods within 500 metres of supervised consumption sites after they opened. That reduction in mortality rippled as far as five kilometres from the sites.

It is one of the first papers to study overdose deaths in communities surrounding consumption sites, controversial spaces where people can use drugs under supervision. The results come amid a provincial pause on consumption site approvals, and provide new evidence supporting controlled drug use as an effective tool in the battle against a public health crisis that has affected tens of thousands of Canadians.

"These sites are doing what they're supposed to be doing, which is preventing deaths," said Indru Ramnathan, a research assistant at the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute's Centre on Drug Policy Evaluation and the study's lead author. "And potentially also doing that in a way that we haven't really thought of before, which is at the community level or population level."

Daniel Werb, co-author of the new *Lancet* study, suggests that consumption sites increase

backs on them?"

Sam Mortimer, a public health nurse at Public Health Sudbury and Districts, said the new study has implications for communities in northern Ontario, where funding for these sites is strained.

the province. Mortimer said that if sites such as this lose funding, it would be "devastating" for Sudbury and other northern Ontario communities.

"Then we're looking at preventable deaths, substance-use related harms and strained emergency and health care, like social services."

According to Public Health Sudbury and Districts, 29 non-fatal overdose events occurred at the Spot, and 645 referrals were made to off-site health-care services since it opened in late September 2022.

In the fall of 2020, Ramnathan, then studying for her master's in science in health policy, made a weekly trip to the chief coroner's office in Toronto from her parents' home near Grimsby, where she would sift through hundreds of files containing the intimate details of Ontarians who died of an overdose. The reports included the circumstances surrounding a person's death, including hospital admission records, police reports and interviews with family, friends or whoever had found them.

Ramnathan became a witness to the tragic — and often untimely — deaths of Ontarians swept up in an ever-expanding overdose crisis.

Those hours at the coroner's office became the foundation of her research into supervised consumption sites. But it came with a mental toll, she said.

"It was heavy. It was ... the nature of people's lives ending and descriptions of how they were found," she



GIOVANNI CAPRIOTTI FOR THE TORONTO STAR



Suspended

In an update to our multi-part award-winning series investigating Ontario's medical fitness to drive assessment system, Ontario's NDP leader called out the government at Queen's Park for suppressing dozens of responses to questions about the program posed by the IJB. The controversial government program routinely suspends the licences of safe drivers based on alleged health conditions. These internal communications, which we obtained through freedom-of-information requests sparked further concern. Following our reporting, a private member's bill was tabled to reform the contentious program.

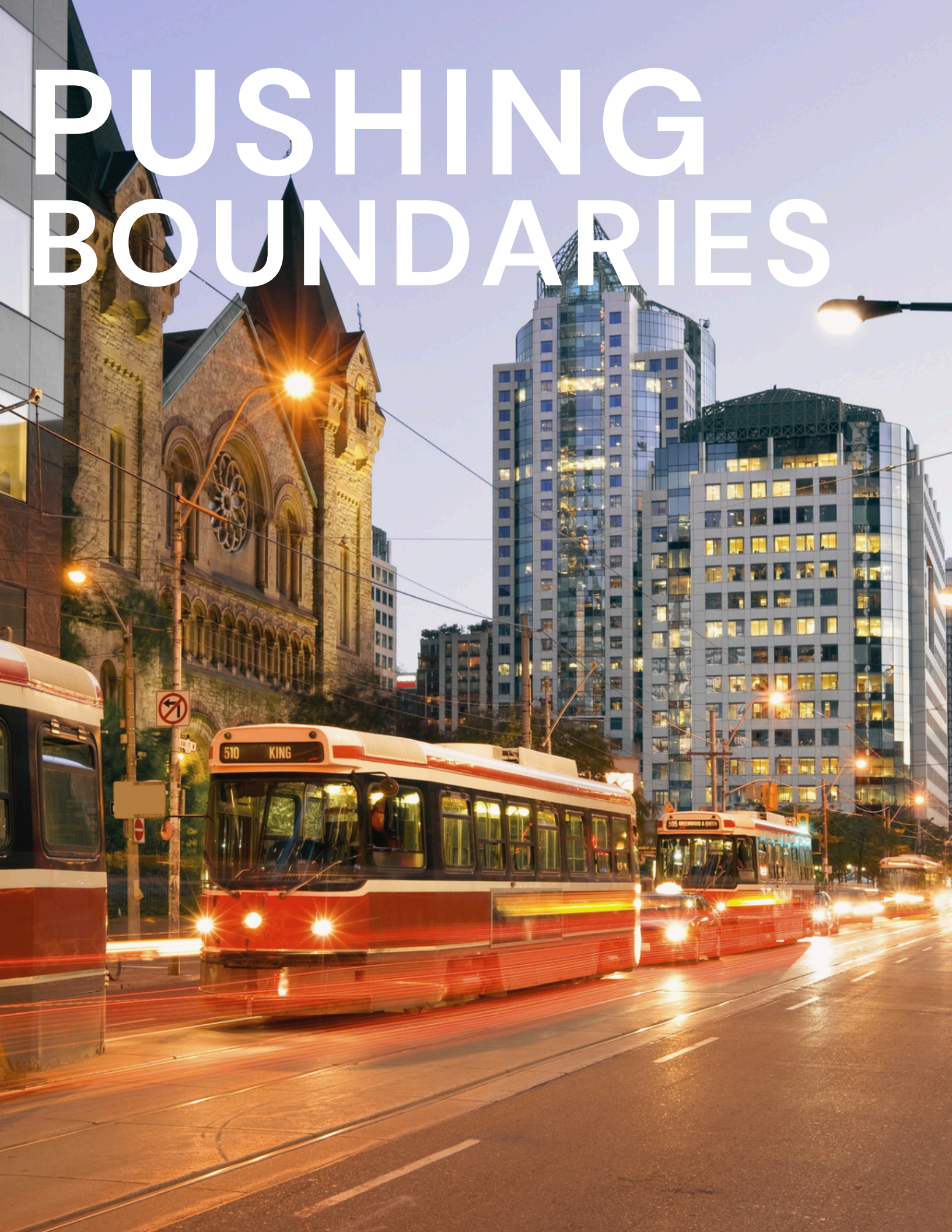
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Ontario NDP leader, **Marit Stiles**, asks why the Ford government withheld information from IJB reporters



PUSHING BOUNDARIES



Beyond traditional investigative storytelling, the IJB has expanded dramatically over the past year into podcasts and documentaries, creating unique public databases and in-depth training.

Public Databases

The Sunlight Project: Ontario's most comprehensive public repository of completed freedom of information requests.

After two years of painstaking work by our reporters, the IJB launched Ontario's most comprehensive public repository of completed freedom of information (FOI) requests this past year. It contains details from over 75,000 FOI requests made to 28 Ontario ministries and the Premier's Office since 2014. Accessible on our website, this database provides key insights into government action on issues ranging from healthcare to the environment to the economy. With a simple keyword search, the public can now uncover previously hidden records and use that information to request detailed documents from the relevant ministry. This invaluable resource sheds light on the accessibility of public information, empowering greater transparency between our government systems and the public.

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Lead tainted drinking water database for detailing test results in Ontario schools and daycares

For the past five years, we have been forensically monitoring and analyzing lead levels in drinking water at schools and daycares across Ontario. Our unprecedented analysis revealed that nearly half of the province's public schools have recorded at least one instance of toxic lead in drinking water exceeding federal safety guidelines, potentially affecting over 800,000 students. In collaboration with the University of Toronto's HIVE Lab, we developed an interactive database that allows Ontarians to access lead test results in schools and daycares from 2019 to 2023. This reporting has garnered significant political attention and sparked media coverage across the province. As a result, the issue has been raised at Queen's Park, prompting calls for immediate action to ensure safe drinking water in schools and daycares throughout the province.

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Toxic lead showing up in Ontario school and daycare drinking water as evidence of serious health dangers grows



By Declan Keogh, Norma Hilton, Scott Martin and Robert Cribb

In the past four years, nearly half the province's public schools have had at least one test for toxic lead in drinking water exceed the federal safety guideline, an analysis by the Investigative Journalism Bureau has found.



IJB director Rob Cribb visited **The Agenda** with Steve Paikin on TVO to discuss our investigation into elevated lead levels in the drinking water of schools and daycares.

The Patient Files: Hidden stories from inside Ontario's hospitals

Our unprecedented analysis of patient experience survey results in Ontario over the past decade found hospitals often ignore patient feedback, despite a system meant to identify problems and drive solutions. Our reporters spent years fighting to make patient survey data from over 50 hospitals public for the first time. With this data, which included more than 120,000 patient survey comments, we collaborated with the University of Toronto's HIVE Lab, to create an interactive map with visualizations showing patient experiences across the province. The data reveals, for the first time, both harm from medical errors and system failures, as well as life-saving care. Our investigation has earned several prestigious honors for uncovering what patients, often ignored, have been telling hospital leaders for years.

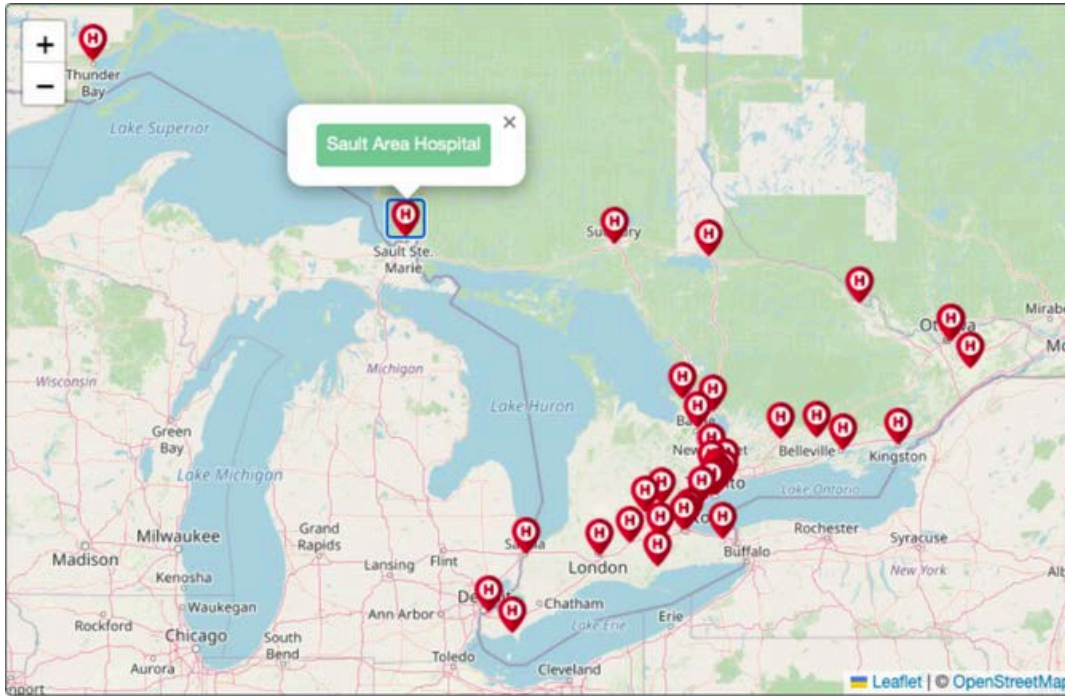
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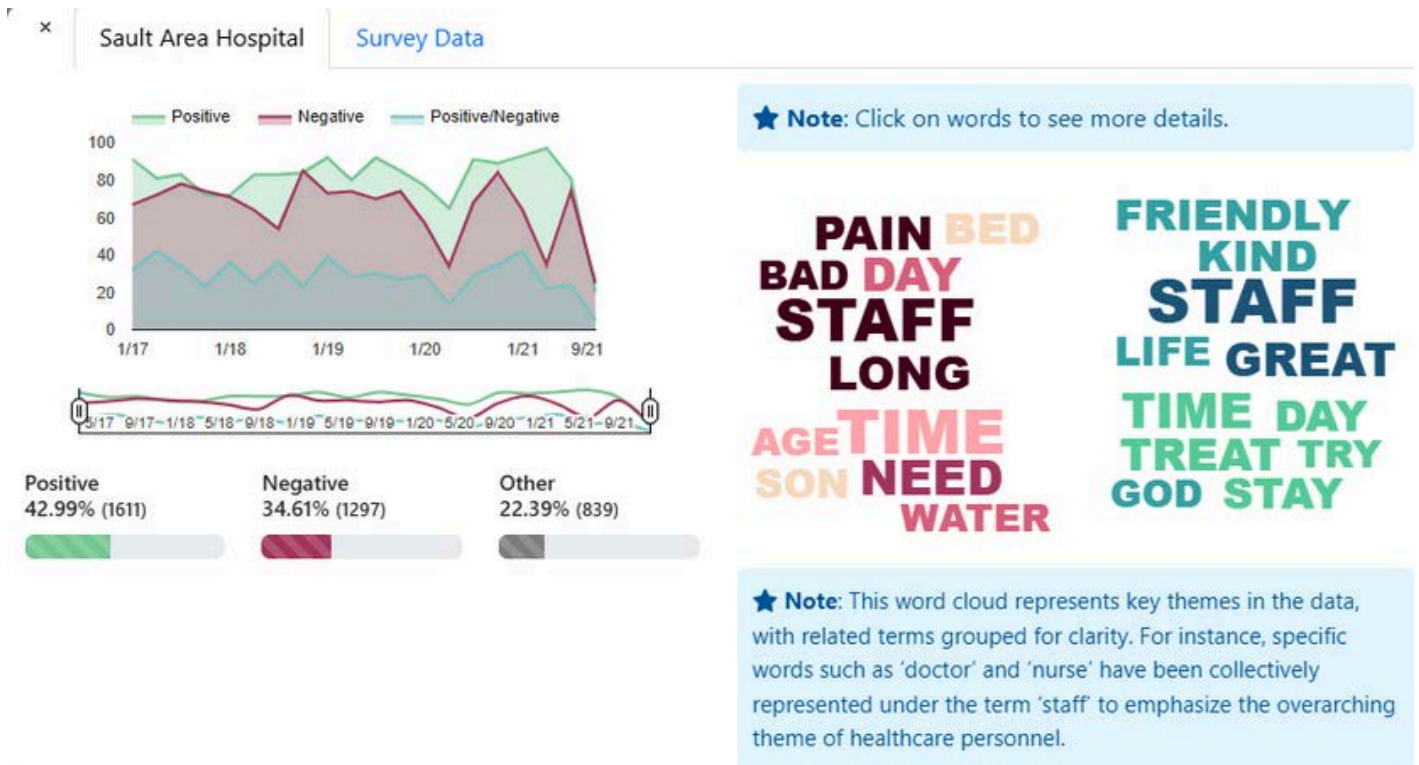
THE PATIENT FILES

Ontario hospitals asked those treated about the care they received. Results were kept secret — and pleas for change went ignored A20-21

NATHAN DENETTE THE CANADIAN PRESS



Our Interactive map of hospitals and health networks allows users to access data visualizations showing what patients have been saying about their experiences there.

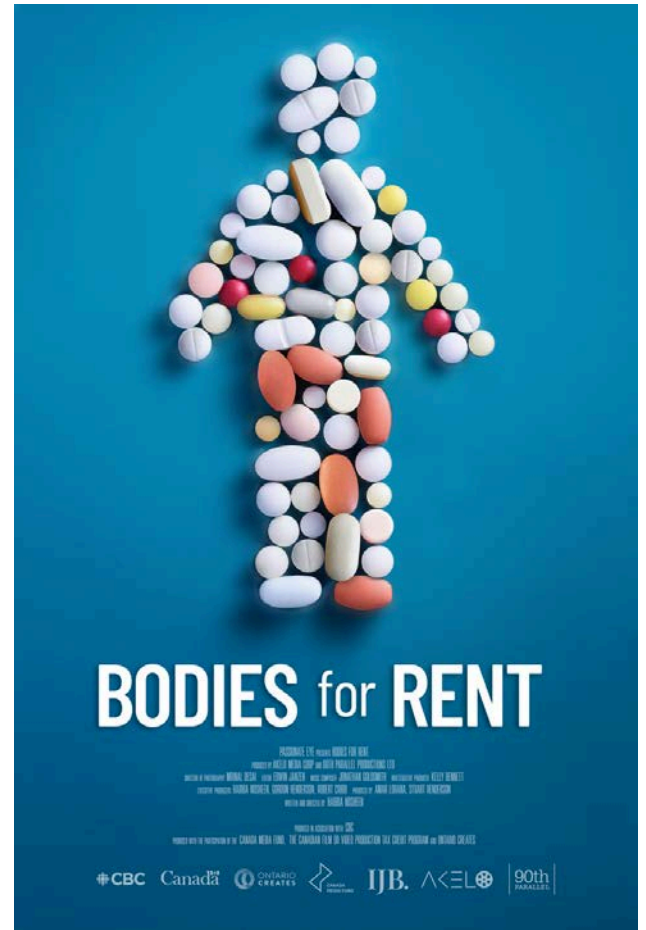


Multimedia Storytelling

Bodies for Rent Documentary

For the first time, we collaborated with a documentary production company to co-produce the documentary *Bodies for Rent* which aired on CBC in September 2024. Our groundbreaking work into Canada's clinical trials industry uncovered a troubling practice— thousands of “professional guinea pigs” volunteer their bodies each year for money and perks that experts describe as exploitative and unethical. Financial incentives often lead participants to lie to qualify for studies, potentially compromising data that Health Canada relies on to approve drugs.

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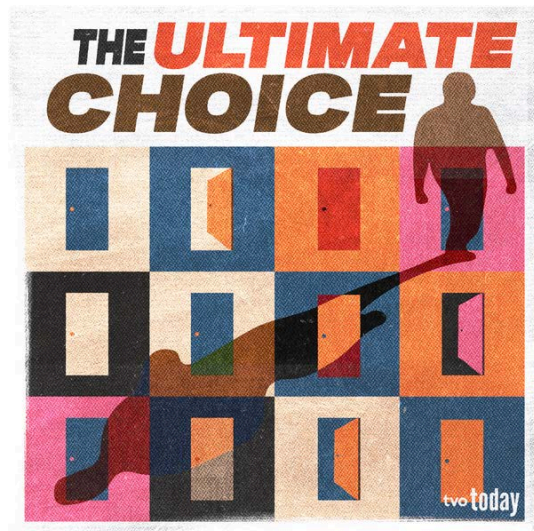


Franco discusses the side effects he's experiencing in the emergency room, in a scene from *Bodies for Rent*, a documentary that aired on CBC on Sept. 25.

The Ultimate Choice Podcast

We have made a significant mark in the podcasting world through our groundbreaking series, The Ultimate Choice produced in partnership with TVO Today and the Toronto Star. Based on our in-depth reporting on medically assisted death (MAID), this powerful docuseries, follows the intimate journey of Michael and his wife, Ann, as they navigate Michael's decision to pursue MAID due to an incurable illness. Hosted by IJB founder and director Rob Cribb, the podcast not only tells Michael's story but also challenges Cribb to confront his own family history as he grapples with the emotional and ethical complexities of MAID.

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Our podcast, Heliograph: The Investigative Journalism Playbook, is an independent initiative designed to highlight the power of investigative reporting around the globe. As part of our commitment to supporting powerful investigative journalism, this podcast pulls back the curtain on the strategies, lessons learned, and behind-the-scenes stories that fuel investigations with real-world impact. Hosted by our IJB journalists, Heliograph features candid conversations with accomplished reporters, sharing the inspirations, challenges, risks, and rewards behind their influential work. Through this podcast, we offer listeners a unique window into the craft of journalism that helps shape societies and holds power to account.

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Training

In September, we welcomed our third CJF-IJB Black Investigative Journalism Fellow, Démar Grant. Grant joins the IJB for six months to work on our ongoing investigative projects under the guidance of the bureau's editors and senior reporters. Our inaugural CJF-IJB Black Investigative Journalism Fellow, Wendy-Ann Clarke, has now joined us as a full-time reporter.



Fulfilling our mission to help develop the next generation of investigative journalists, we continue training early-career journalists in other ways. We've had eight interns (Rhythm, Maeve, Gigi, Scott, Jess, Prisha, Patrick, Stacey) join us over the past year. Two of them joined us as Unifor summer interns from April to September. These internships, at \$13,000, are among the highest paid in the country. Together, we're building a legacy and quickly becoming a top-choice destination for the best young journalists in the country.

The IJB and the U of T Faculty of Law just completed the third year of our one-of-a-kind media law externship. The year-long externship brings enterprising young law students under the guidance of IJB Director Robert Cribb, Toronto Star lawyer Justin Manoryk.

COLLABORATIVE IMPACT



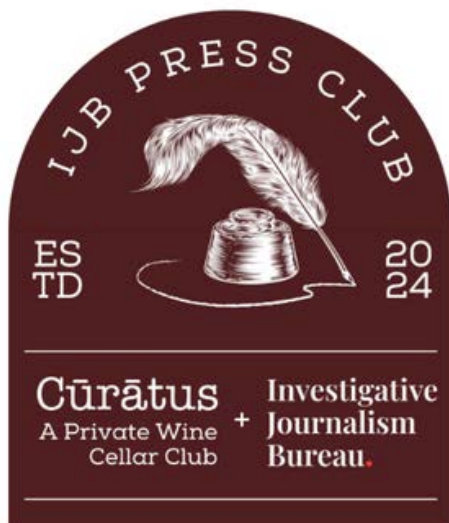
IJB and IRE Cross-Border Conference



This year marked a milestone for the Investigative Journalism Bureau with the success of our first-ever cross-border conference in partnership with Investigative Reporters and Editors. The event brought together a diverse group of attendees, from passionate students to some of the world's most esteemed investigative reporters. The level of engagement was unparalleled, as participants actively contributed to meaningful conversations that are helping shape the future of journalism in Canada and beyond.

Among the many highlights were the panel discussions, which featured industry giants such as Pulitzer Prize winners David Cay Johnston, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Connie Walker, investigative reporting legend Ron Nixon of the Associated Press and Nicole MacIntyre, editor-in-chief of the Toronto Star. These sessions inspired dialogue and provided invaluable insights into the ever-evolving landscape of investigative journalism.

IJB Press Club



In collaboration with Toronto's prestigious Curatus Wine Cellar Club, this year we proudly introduced the IJB Press Club. These exclusive monthly events are a hallmark of our newsroom's dedication to fostering dialogue and community engagement around the most impactful investigative stories of our time.

Each month, we host thought-provoking conversations, where journalists, editors, and news lovers gather to reflect on the remarkable achievements of Canada's top investigative reporters.

Diversifying Academic Partners

We've been leveraging our academic partnerships and the resources at the University of Toronto to collaborate on major public interest research. We continue to expand this network in the shared interest of accessing unique ideas, data, research and resources.

We've named Daniel Werb, researcher, author and the director of the Centre on Drug Policy Evaluation as the IJB's Scientific Lead. Physician and author Blair Bigham serves as a scientific consultant and reporter, offering expert insights on healthcare investigations. Other academics we are working with include Dr. Aaron Goodarzi, Canada's leading expert on radon exposure and Alison Thompson and Trudo Lemmens, University of Toronto luminaries who research the global pharmaceutical industry.



PEOPLE & STAFF



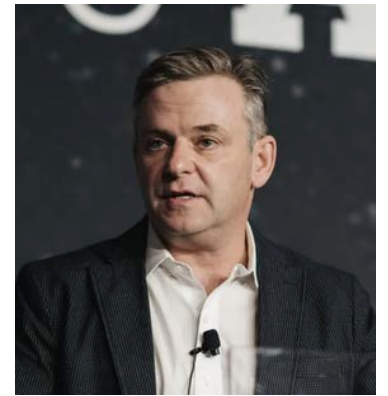


ROBERT CRIBB, FOUNDER & DIRECTOR

Robert Cribb is founder and director of the Investigative Journalism Bureau and an investigative reporter at *the Toronto Star*. He has received national and international reporting awards for investigations into offshore tax evasion, child exploitation, human trafficking, dangerous doctors, environmental threats and public safety. He was part of the international reporting team that produced the Pulitzer Prize-winning Panama Papers investigation in 2017. Cribb is founder of the National Student Investigative Reporting Network, past president of the Canadian Association of Journalists, the first international board member of Investigative Reporters and Editors, current president of Canadian journalism charity Veritas – Advancing Journalism in the Public Interest and is co-author of *Digging Deeper: A Canadian Reporter's Research Guide* (Oxford University Press). Cribb is recipient of both the Massey Journalism Fellowship and the Atkinson Fellowship in Public Policy Reporting.

ROBERT STEINER, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF FELLOWSHIP IN JOURNALISM

Robert Steiner began his career as a global finance correspondent for The Wall Street Journal with postings in New York, Hong Kong and Tokyo, where he was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize, won two Overseas Press Club awards and the Inter-American Press Association Award. After leaving The Wall Street Journal Steiner received his MBA from the Wharton School of Business, at the University of Pennsylvania and then worked as a business strategy executive, first at The Boston Consulting Group and later as Group Vice President in charge of Strategic Planning for Bell Globemedia, parent of the Globe and Mail and CTV. From 2006 to 2010, Mr. Steiner served as Assistant Vice President of the University of Toronto in charge of Strategic Communications. He lives in Toronto with his wife, daughter and son.



WENDY-ANN CLARKE, REPORTER

Wendy-Ann Clarke is a multimedia journalist with a passion for exploring the ways in which history, culture, sociology, psychology, and other disciplines intersect to bring greater understanding to the news stories of today. Clarke's in-depth investigative reporting on First Nations healthcare reflects her deep commitment to amplifying underrepresented voices and advancing equity in reporting. A former track-and-field athlete and coach, prior to joining the IJB, she worked with CBC Sports covering a wide range of sporting disciplines and reported on athletics during the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Clarke has also worked with the Catholic Register newspaper, where she reported on a range of important issues and received several honours.



MASIH KHALATBARI, REPORTER

Masih Khalatbari is a graduate of the Toronto Metropolitan University School of Journalism where he was a Teacher's Assistant for the Investigative Journalism and Radio and Podcasting courses. He has been involved in several multimedia projects, including podcasting, documentary film and print journalism. His in-depth, multimedia investigations have helped to shape public discourse and been cited internationally, including the "The Ultimate Choice," a groundbreaking docuseries produced with TVO Today and the Toronto Star.

RYAN MCMAHON, INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

For nearly two decades, Ryan McMahon has been a trailblazer in Indigenous comedy, podcasting, and storytelling. An independent creative known for forward-looking, bold and irreverent storytelling, he's an award-winning writer, an acclaimed journalist, a highly sought-after keynote speaker, and one of the best Indigenous comedians working today. Most recently, McMahon's docuseries, *Thunder Bay* (CRAVE TV, 2023), was nominated for three 2024 Canadian Screen Awards including Best Factual Series, Best Direction – Factual, and Best Writing – Factual.



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