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Andrew R. Hatala is a cultural psychologist, community-health researcher, and medical anthropologist with community-based research experience in urban Canadian contexts and rural communities in southern Belize. He became Assistant Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences after completing a CIHR post-doctorate fellowship in the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology at the University of Saskatchewan investigating strategies of resilience and mental health among First Nations and Metis youth. This was a mixed-method project drawing on arts-based qualitative research methodologies. Dr. Hatala completed his PhD from the Culture, Health, and Human Development program in the Department of Psychology at the University of Saskatchewan. His dissertation involved a comparative analysis of the relationship between Q'eqchi' Maya traditional healer conceptions of mental illness and Western conceptions outlined in the DSM-5, including how this relationship or lack thereof impacts health policy and practice in Belize. The Belizean and Canadian research projects both involve knowledge generation of key psychological and socio-cultural determinants of health and well-being among Indigenous populations, community-informed ethical practices, relationship building, engagement with critical social theory, and the translation of research findings to support collaborative university-community goals. His published works focus on Indigenous healing and epistemology, Indigenous nosology of mental illness and disorder, culture and spirituality, and resilience and well-being among Aboriginal youth populations.

Education:

2015 CIHR Post-Doctorate Fellowship, University of Saskatchewan, Community Health and Epidemiology

2014 Ph.D. University of Saskatchewan, Cultural Psychology

2008 B.A. University of Saskatchewan, Psychology-Religious Studies

Area of Specialization:

Indigenous or traditional forms of medicine and healing, youth resilience and well-being, Culture and Spirituality, qualitative health research, community-based research

Selected publications:

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