



The ethics of honoraria for research participation: *Lessons learned from the field*

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Researchers and participants have a longstanding tension with the use of honoraria for participation in research. Yet, empirical ethical inquiry into these tensions remains quite limited. This presentation tackles these tensions, drawing from the findings of a recent study examining ethical and methodological challenges in research with people who experience significant marginalization and discrimination. There are many ethical issues surrounding the use of honoraria that expand beyond those of inappropriate influence and/or possible coercion. Research participants and researchers have diverse and often competing and incompatible perspectives in how honoraria get used in recruitment and data collection. And, there appears to be gaps in knowledge about how honoraria are meant to be used. The lessons learned from this project offer some recommendations for the current Tri-Council Policy Statement guidelines to ensure that they provide sufficient support to help researchers and participants navigate these sensitive issues.

Dr. Vicky Bungay is an Associate Professor at the UBC School of Nursing and holds a Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Gender, Equity and Community Engagement. As the Director of the Capacity Research Unit, her work focuses on addressing inequities that negatively affect people's health and well-being including the devastating effects of stigma, discrimination and violence. She is interested in how research partnerships can positively impact communities that are regularly excluded in health and social policy and programming that affect their lives and how community-based interventions support real world evidence. Her current research and partnerships are tackling such issues as research ethics in practice, equity oriented care, gender-based violence, and evidence-informed recommendations to promote and protect the health, safety and human rights of people engaged in the sex industry.

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