Madison Wright's Reflection on ISSOTL 2022

I am so grateful for my experiences at ISSOTL 2022 in Kelowna, BC. It was an amazing opportunity to present a talk about research ethics education and the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL). After my talk, I engaged in so many follow-up discussions about research ethics around the world, and it was fascinating to learn about how research ethics differs between countries.

At ISSOTL, it was incredible to be surrounded by international leaders in the field of SoTL and be able to learn from and with them during our time together. Being able to engage with these experts in-person and discuss ideas about SoTL research was an opportunity that I will always cherish and hope to have again soon. I can now put faces to the names on SoTL papers that I have been reading, and I have made contacts that I can reach out to for support on my next SoTL project or to work with as future collaborators.

ISSOTL has fostered such a welcoming and supportive SoTL research community. For me, one of the main benefits of attending ISSOTL was everyone I met and learned from. There is such an openness in this community to share their expertise, and we are bonded by our common goal of improving education. There was no shortage of innovative and inspiring sessions at the ISSOTL conference. Many of the ideas that I heard about at this conference will be put into practice when I start my teaching faculty position this year. This conference came at a perfect time as I am finishing up my PhD and gearing up to start my faculty position. I was so grateful for all of the research and career advice that everyone so willingly shared with me during the conference.

Overall, ISSOTL is about community, sharing expertise, and improving education, and I am so grateful to be part of this incredible group!