



Arts and Nature in Spirituality and Spiritual Care in Healthcare

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Two Projects

Prayer as Transgression? Exploring the
Accommodation and Resistance to Prayer in
Public Spaces

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A Participatory Scoping Review of Arts-
Based Spiritual Care Practices in Healthcare

Methods and Participants

(n = 109):

- Critical ethnography
- Spiritual Care Practitioners (*n = 44*)
 - Walking interviews on spaces of prayer, with photos
 - Research diary
- Administrators (*n = 22*), healthcare staff (*n = 25*) and citizens (*n = 18*)
 - Interview about prayer in healthcare
- Focus groups with a Practice Advisory Group

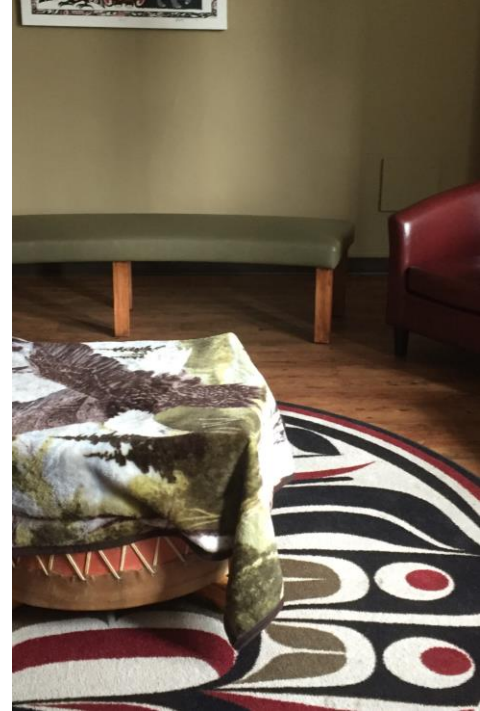
How is prayer a window on to religion in the public sphere?



Study Sites:

- 21 sites in Vancouver and London
- Two cities each with a blend of newcomers affiliated with various faith traditions and of none and a history of Anglo/European heritage
- Similar healthcare systems (i.e., publicly funded and administered) and hospitals with spiritual care departments





The arts can contribute to experiences of spirituality, religion and wellbeing in public healthcare.



The art of nature can also contribute to experiences of spirituality, religion and wellbeing in public healthcare.

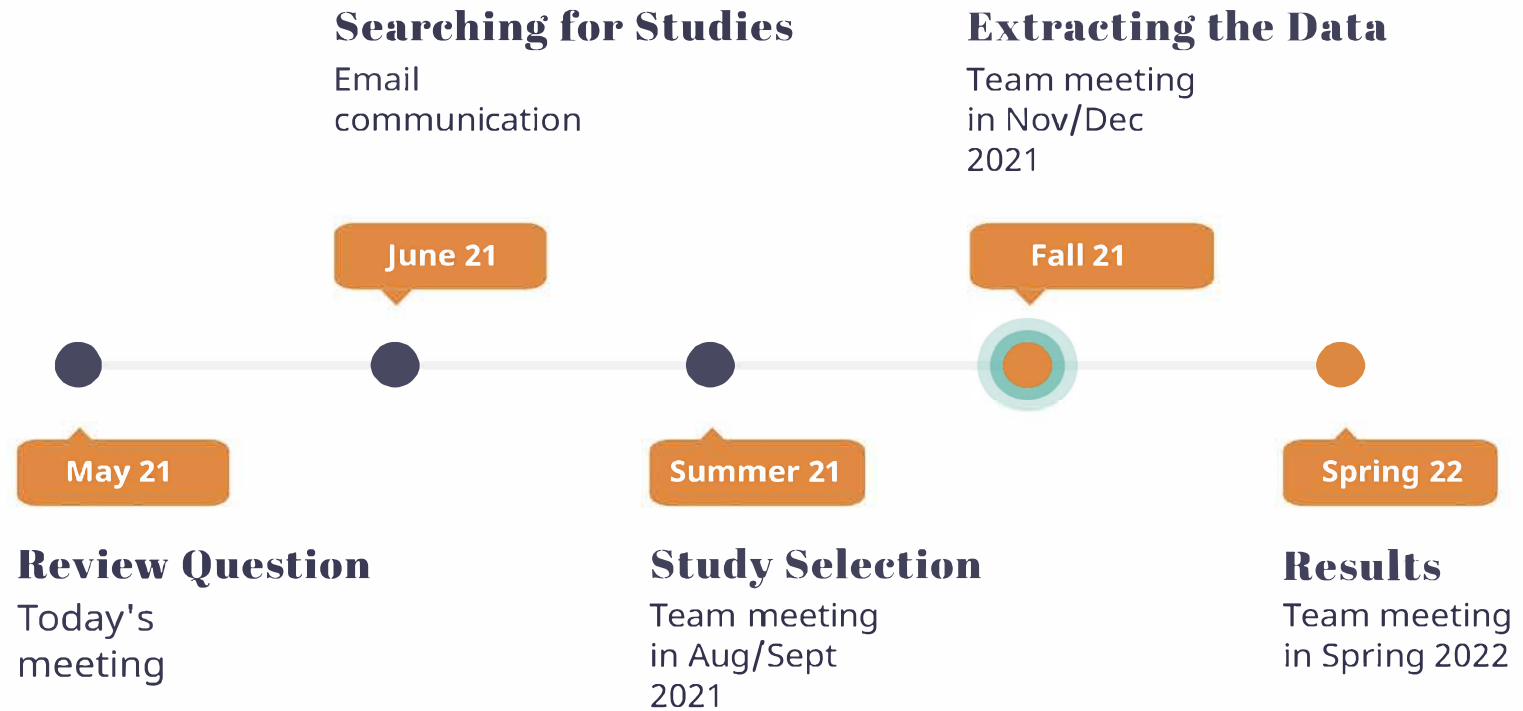




A Participatory Scoping Review of Arts-Based Spiritual Care Practices in Healthcare

Our scoping review purpose is to summarize the literature on arts-based practices for spiritual care in healthcare, and to examine how and why the arts have been used for spiritual care in healthcare settings.

Scoping Review Stages and Meetings



Thank you!