



## Technology and Innovative Solutions Chapter

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### President's Message

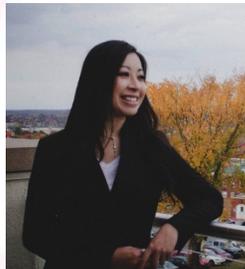
Hello TISC members,

I am thrilled and honoured to make my first official address. Technology is humanity's endeavour to extend its reach. Our ambitions come with opportunities and risks. Being a technology enthusiast as well as a counselling therapist, I would like to share my vision with this chapter.

What is most important to me is creating a welcoming environment for practitioners to explore and understand emerging technologies and their effects on our society. Our chapter continues to develop national guidelines for practitioners with this goal in mind. I believe it is through open and hospitable discussion that these practice guidelines may best evolve for years to come.

So please, if you ever have any questions about anything technology related (there is no such thing as a dumb question), please reach out to me by email or our [Facebook page](#). If there's sufficient interest, we may even host monthly Q&A's!

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## Member Announcements

### Technology Guidelines Update

The Technology Guidelines are in the editing stages! This is a very exciting time. Dawn Schell has been working hard to provide clear descriptions and considerations for anyone using technology in their professional practice.

Please follow our [blog](#) and join the conversation on our [Facebook Page](#) (@CCPATechGuidelinesProject).

You can follow us on our Twitter handle [#CCPATechGuidelinesProject](#).

### Apps for Safety

As phone and online apps continue to be easily accessible, free, and commonly used in our daily lives, it is fantastic to hear of the useful apps developed in response to current crises. *Intrepid* is a sexual assault safety app in which the app connects by Bluetooth to metal strips on a person's clothing. When the clothing is removed, the app detects it and responds accordingly. See [here](#) for an explanatory video.

Have you heard of any other apps that interest you? Share them by emailing [TISinfo@ccpa-accp.ca](mailto:TISinfo@ccpa-accp.ca)!



## **Leadership in Technology and Disability Awareness**

Executive member [Shawn Smith](#) has done it again! The host of [#JobCreatorsRadio](#) has made great contributions to the topics of neurodiversity, disabilities, and entrepreneurship. He has recently been



accepted to the CCPA Leaders of Tomorrow program taking place in Ottawa, Ontario from November 15-16, 2017. Follow his experience and enthusiasm [here!](#)

## **Build your Private Practice!**

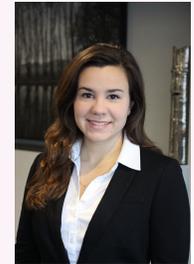
Are you looking to build and grow your private practice this Fall? Private Practice Bootcamp is a flexible 9-week online business training program designed specifically for therapists covering legal logistics, niching, marketing, branding, finances, online presence, plus much more. Leave with your own personalized business plan and efficient marketing strategy. Combine professional exploration, one-to-one coaching and community to help you confidently make your private practice dream a reality. You don't have to do it alone! Next round starts September 21st, 2017. For more information, go to <http://www.thebusinessofhelping.com/private-practice-bootcamp/>

## **Member contributions and professional development**

### **Get Involved!**

The TISC is still a burgeoning Chapter of the CCPA. We want you to get involved in the innovative and exciting discussions about how to lead our fellow members in technology use and its application to our practice.

Elise Meertens is a student member who is currently completing her Masters of Counselling at Athabasca University. She has volunteered her skills in social media and writing to the TISC. She says the



opportunities and support from the Chapter have opened her horizons to the many applications and considerations of technology in the counselling field. You can connect with Elise on [LinkedIn](#).

If you would like to volunteer with the Chapter, there are many opportunities to share your research, projects, and skills in the community. Please email [TISinfo@ccpa-accp.ca](mailto:TISinfo@ccpa-accp.ca) to get involved. We would love to hear from you!