

## Board Director biography



**Claudia Malacrida**

**Associate Vice-President Research,  
Professor of Sociology, University of Lethbridge**

**Director**

Claudia Malacrida is internationally recognized as a leading scholar in the fields of disability studies and the sociology of the body. She is a sought-after speaker on qualitative research methods, the history of medicine, childbirth and medicalization, the social construction of difference, and the history of institutionalization and eugenic sterilization in Canada.

Her research engages with both historical and current sociological concerns. She is the author of several books on disability, health and the body, including *Mourning the Dreams: Miscarriage, Stillbirth and Early Infant Death* (Left Coast Press), *Sociology of the Body: a Reader* (Oxford University Press), *Cold Comfort: Mothers, Professionals and ADHD* (University of Toronto Press), and *A Special Hell: Institutional Life in Alberta's Eugenic Years* (University of Toronto Press).

Malacrida is engaged in two ongoing research projects. "Eugenics to Newgenics in Alberta" explores the continuities and disjunctures between historical eugenic actions and current responses to disabled people's sexuality and reproduction. "Childbirth and Choice" examines the cultural, structural, moral, social and discursive contexts that both constrain and produce women's childbirth experiences.

**Administrative Positions Held:**

- 2016-present Associate Vice President (Research)  
University of Lethbridge
- 2011-2015 Department Chair  
Sociology, University of Lethbridge
- 2008-2011 Program Coordinator  
Individualized Multidisciplinary Master of Arts Program

**Service Positions Held:**

- 2016-present Member  
Federal Review Panel for Fundamental Science

2016-present	Executive Committee Member Alberta Academic Health Network
2016-present	Board Member, Program Advisory Committee Member Alberta Gaming Research Institute
2016-present	Steering Committee Member SPOR (Alberta Innovates)
2016-present	Partnership Board Member RESOLVE, Manitoba Family Violence Research Centre
2016-present	Steering Committee Member University of Alberta Integrated Health Institute
2015-present	SSHRC Leader Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
2015-present	University Delegate Canadian Institute for Health Research
2011-present	Board Member Global Congress for Qualitative Health Research - <a href="http://global-qhr.org/">http://global-qhr.org/</a>
2013-2016	Board Member, Centre for Oral History and Tradition University of Lethbridge
2006-2009	Board Member (Faculty Representative) University of Lethbridge Board of Governors