



Alberta Gambling Research Institute 25th Annual Conference

Preliminary Conference Program

April 30 – May 2, 2026
The Banff Centre, Banff, Alberta
Kinnear Centre

All times Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

Thursday, April 30		
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Student Session (for 'Student' Registrants only)	
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Welcome Reception	
Friday, May 01		
8:30 am – 8:55 am	Welcome / Conference Opening Remarks	
Morning Sessions - Theme: Sports Gambling & Advertising		
9:00 am – 9:45 am	Session 1: Leveling the Playing Field: Current Knowledge and Future Directions of Sports Betting Research	Andrew Kim
9:50 am – 10:35 am	Session 2: Gambling Marketing: Insights from a Decade of International Research	Philip Newall
Morning Sessions (con't) - Theme: Youth Gambling		
10:50 am – 11:30 am	Session 3: 25+ Years of Youth Gambling Research: Myths, Realities and New Understandings	Jeffrey Derevensky
11:35 am – 12:15 pm	Session 4: Relative Prevalence of Problems With Gambling, Substances, Digital Media and Mental Health Among Youth	Carrie Shaw

Friday, May 01 (con't)

Afternoon Sessions – Theme: Regulatory Challenges

1:30 pm – 2:10 pm	Session 5: Nudging Positive Play: Overcoming Barriers to Responsible Gambling Tool Use with Incentives	Michael Wohl
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	Session 6: True Regulatory Capture of Provincial Online Gambling Market	Rob Williams
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Poster Presentations	

Saturday, May 02

Morning Sessions – Theme: Qualitative Research

8:30 am – 9:10 am	Session 7: Lost in the Data: The Case for Qualitative Inquiry into Gambling Problems and Harms	Rachel Volberg
9:15 am – 9:55 am	Session 8: The Evolution of Lived Experience in Gambling Research: Insights and Challenges	Stephen Sharman

Morning Concurrent Sessions

10:10 am – 11:50 am	Sessions: 9a, 9b, and 9c	Sessions: 10a, 10b, and 10c
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Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

1:00 pm – 2:40 pm	Sessions: 11a, 11b, and 11c	Sessions: 12a, 12b, and 12c
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Afternoon Sessions

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Session 14: A Cross-Country Tour of Canadian Gambling Statistics	Rhys Stevens
3:20 pm – 4:10 pm	Session 15: Regulating Gambling-Like Products: Loot Boxes, Blind Boxes, and Card Packs	Leon Xiao
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Poster Award Presentation & Closing Remarks	Carrie Shaw

Note: Program subject to change.