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Education

Deborah McPhail is an Assistant Professor in Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba. She is an interdisciplinary critical health scholar who studies the social aspects of fat and "obesity." Deborah's current work focuses on the interplay among fatness, social oppressions and cis women's, trans-men's, and trans-masculine people's reproductive health, with particular emphases on issues of health equity and healthcare access.

Deborah is the co-editor of "Obesity in Canada: Critical Perspectives" (U of T Press) and the author of the forthcoming book "Contours of the Nation: Making Obesity and Imagining Canada, 1945-1970" (U of T Press). Approaching fatness as simply a type of bodily difference, both books explore how fat bodies have become stand-ins for and caught up in reproducing other types of social oppressions (racism, classism, homophobia, etc.), and ask the question: "what's so wrong about fat?"

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