On behalf of Nick Kates, Chair, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences -

To: All members of the Department:

This is the second part of our August Update. I would also like to wish you a very enjoyable last three weeks of summer and look forward to seeing you again at Department Rounds on Wednesday, September 6th.

Changes in our Education Office
I am very pleased to announce that Lesley Wellington – currently our Education Associate – has moved into the role of Education Coordinator and will be responsible for part-time renewals and appointments, department rounds, and support for the Vice-Chair Education. She will also be providing support to Menika McKeegan for Postgraduate activities, which has enabled Menika to assume the responsibility for Tenure and Promotion in addition to her role in Postgrad. And Wendy Mattingly will continue to assist with Tenure and Promotion over the coming months.

Hot off the presses
Members of our department have been the senior editors on two books that have come out in the last month.


Ana Hategan is the Lead Editor of an extremely well reviewed recent book on “On Call Geriatric Psychiatry”. http://www.springer.com/gp/book/9783319303444 A number of people at McMaster are chapter authors including Ana herself, Albina Veltman, Sheila Harms, Dan Ambrosini, Emily MacKillop, Karen Saperson, Julia Baxter, Gary Chaimowitz, Sid Stacey, Tricia Woo and Usha Parthasarathi.

Indigenous Mental Health
In the early Fall, we will be holding a retreat for anyone in the department with an interest in our Indigenous Mental Health initiative. If you are interested in finding out more, or in attending just let me know over the next two weeks.

I am also attaching a link to a National Conference on “Indigenous Health Practice and Research – Building on our Roots” in Hamilton in October, being organized by the De Dwa Da Dehs Nye> Aboriginal Health Centre. Information on the conference and preconference activities can be found at http://aboriginalhealthcentre.com/indigenous-health-practice-and-research-conference/
McMaster University International Compendium
McMaster is preparing the 3rd. edition of its compendium of International / Global Health Projects. If you are involved in any such initiatives can you complete the template at this site: https://global.mcmaster.ca/compendium by August 31st.

Congratulations to....
Rachel Lamont and Roselyn Wilson, along with Rachel Erstling whose quality improvement project entitled, “Improving Patient’s Outcomes at a Refugee Psychiatry Clinic”, won a quality assurance award from the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Ben McCutcheon who did an outstanding job representing McMaster and the Waterloo Regional Campus when presenting on medical assistance in dying (MAID) at the International Law and Mental Health Conference in Prague last month. Accompanied by Brian Furlong, the presentation appears to have gone extremely well with many compliments about the caliber of residents at McMaster.

Sandra Witelson who was one of three honorees at the Jewish National Fund Annual Negev dinner, which honored three McMaster doctors who have been at the forefront of local healthcare research and innovation.

David Streiner who has been asked to serve as the Scientific Officer of CIHR’s PSB (Psychosocial, Sociocultural, Behavioural Determinants of Health) Committee.

Elmar Gardazi and Susan Strong for their projects that were recently led to them being recipients of the Dr. Ian and Shirley Rowe Award for 2017. This award provides seed funding for pilot projects that explore novel approaches to addressing the transition and support leads of individuals with schizophrenia and schizoaffective disorder.

Ryan Van Lieshout and Louis Schmidt who received a CIHR grant for their work with McMaster’s Longitudinal Low Birthweight Cohort

Susan Birnie, our former Department Manager, who received the Governor General’s Award for her volunteerism and her services to Girl Guiding in Canada.

Mike DeVillaer was invited by the Quebec Ministère de la Santé et des Services Sociaux [Ministry of Health and Social Services] to The Forum D’Experts Sur L’Encadrement Du Cannabis Au Québec [The Experts Forum on a Cannabis Framework for Quebec]. Mike has also been invited to serve as a witness to The House of Commons’ Standing Committee on Health in view of its study of Bill C-45, An Act respecting cannabis and to amend the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, the Criminal Code and other Acts.

Our faculty In the News
Ryan Van Lieshout was featured in an article in the Hamilton Spectator on findings from the longitudinal low birth weight study, this one looking at early aging in the LBW cohort. He also gave an interview to the Dr. Danielle Show on CHML.

Stelios Georgiades (Offord Centre) was quoted in a commentary on GlobalNews.ca about the services needed by families living with autism in Canada.
Hamilton Health Sciences Share included a piece on the new **Pediatric Autism Research Collaborative (PARC)** established in collaboration with MacART to bridge research and clinical service delivery. [http://hhssshare.ca/2017/07/parc-project/](http://hhssshare.ca/2017/07/parc-project/)

CBC radio Hamilton included a feature on *Debris* the commercial video game about psychosis developed by **Suzanne Archie** and her team. [http://www.cbc.ca/beta/news/canada/hamilton/debris-game-1.4226303](http://www.cbc.ca/beta/news/canada/hamilton/debris-game-1.4226303)

**Paul Links** was interviewed on CHML about the impact of, “13 Reasons Why”, a television series based on the 2007 novel of the same name, on teen suicide.

Nick