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

To All Members of the Department,

The start of the academic year is a time to welcome both new members of our department as well as our new psychiatry residents and fellows. So, I would like to welcome the following who have recently joined our Department:

**New Psychiatry Residents (PGY1s) and Fellows:**
We welcomed the following residents into the general psychiatry program as PGY1s on July 1st. In Hamilton we are joined by Christopher Clarkstone (U of Ottawa), Amanda Canfield (U of Toronto), Laura Finkleberg (Queen’s), Elizabeth Lovell, Colin Ngan and Sandra Westcott (all McMaster) and Julia Kulikowski (Ross University).

And Ryan Weist (NOSM) and Kayla Simms (U of Ottawa) join the Waterloo Regional campus.

Tyler Oswald is our first PGY6 in Forensic Psychiatry, Erin Hanley becomes a PGY6 in Geriatric Psychiatry following her recent maternity leave and Priyanka Comfort is a PGY6 in Child Psychiatry. We also welcome new fellows Noemie Praud and Abdullah Alqahtani in Forensics.

**New Faculty**
Sabina Nagpal joined our department as a GFT. Sabina completed her residency at Dalhousie and has been working at UBC until moving recently to the Hamilton area. She will be working in Women’s Health, the Schizophrenia Program, and also with the Psychotherapy Clinic. She is also participating in our Global Mental Health initiatives.

Liz Pawluk joined us as a part time faculty member on May 1, 2017 working in the Anxiety Treatment and Research Centre and has also taken on the role of Director of CBS. We are also joined by Laura Katz at the Michael G. DeGroote Pain Clinic at MUMC; Anne Rose from the Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care in Penetanguishene; Olivia Ng with the Autism Spectrum Disorder and Developmental Pediatric Programs at HHS; Elena Ballantyne who joined the Clinical Neuropsychology Service at St. Joe’s; Andrea Graci who joined the schizophrenia inpatient unit at St. Joe’s; Ava Muir and Siti Rasyidah Abd Halim at Homewood Health Centre; and Carolyn Wilson at Grand River Hospital.

**Richard Swinson**
On July 1st. Richard Swinson stepped down as Medical Director of the Anxiety Treatment and Research Centre, a role he has held since 1998 when the ATRC began. His decision to come to McMaster led many to follow including Martin Antony, Peter Biebling, Randi McCabe and Karen Rowa. Richard will be retiring at the end of this year and he is leaving a great legacy as the ATRC has developed a world-renowned reputation for clinical service, training, and research. We will have a chance to say thank you to Richard and celebrate his achievements at our Holiday Reception on Wednesday December 6th.
Other leadership changes at SIH
Lawrence Martin has stepped down as Head of Service of the Mood & Anxiety Service and in a new leadership model; Maxine Lewis takes over as Head of Service of both Mood & Anxiety and Seniors Mental Health and Luciano Minuzzi is the Medical Director for the Mood & Anxiety program. And the Eating Disorders Clinic will now be managed by Randi McCabe, who is taking over from Debbie Bang.

Geriatric Psychiatry Program – Internal Review
We have received the report following the Internal Review of our new Geriatric Psychiatry Residency Program, which was extremely complimentary about the program and its faculty, and stated that there were no weaknesses. Congratulations to Tracy Cheng, Karen Saperson and everyone involved with the Program.

And Carrie McAiney was part of a large group from MIRA participating in and presenting at the world’s largest conference on aging - the International Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics World Congress - in San Francisco, California. MIRA, the McMaster-hosted Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging and other organizations teamed up to host a Canadian Exhibit Pavilion, which highlighted Canada’s expertise in a number of areas of aging research. In 2016, McMaster received a $15M gift from Chancellor Suzanne Labarge to fund the Labarge Centre for Mobility in Aging, part of MIRA.

Our second annual Boot Camp for Medical Students
Congratulations and thanks to Amanda Ritsma and Natasja Menezes, who organized an extremely successful second annual Boot Camp for MD students. Thanks also to Lisa Kennedy and Lesley Wellington for their organizational support, to all our faculty who participated and to our residents - Farhad Davoodi, Alanna Courtright, Roselyn Wilson, Rachel Lamont, Sarah Payne and Anne Lizius who led sessions with the students.

Marilyn Korzekwa’s next swim
Good luck to Marilyn Korzekwa as she embarks on her next distance swim, across Lake Tahoe on August 20th. Details of her swim and how to give to the Sashbear Foundation, the mental health program she is raising money for can be found at https://www.thespec.com/community-story/7463049-hamilton-psychiatrist-marilyn-korzekwa-to-swim-lake-tahoe/

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