At the first Department Meeting of 2018, which was held on January 17th, I briefly introduced our draft Strategic Plan for the next five years. If you have any feedback, comments or suggestions about the draft Plan, please let me know by February 15th.

Nick Kates

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, May 2, 2018
30th ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY
Mohawk College

July 9 - August 17, 2018
22nd ANNUAL McMaster Muskoka Seminar Series

SAVE THE DATE
February 7th - MiNDS Colloquium

Welcome to...

Neda Abedi-Sohroforouzani, Assistant Clinical Professor, who joined our department on January 1st working in the Mood Disorders and Anxiety Clinics.

Caitlin Davey, Assistant Clinical Professor, a psychologist who joined our department on January 1st working in the Mood Disorders Program.

Jacqueline Roche, who takes over as interim Director of Training for the Clinical Child Psychology Residency Program at HHS, while Jennifer McTaggart is off on maternity leave.

Congratulations to...
Our faculty who have just received CIHR grants:

Zena Samaan and James MacKillop who are co-PIs on a $1,116,900 grant to examine the pharmacogenetics of methadone maintenance treatment response.

Randi McCabe and Matilda Nowakowski who are co-investigators on a $2,275,000 grant to improve outcomes for high risk patients following extremity fractures.

Emily MacKillop, who with Randi McCabe and Heather McNeely, has been successful in establishing a new Neuropsychology Fellowship Program which will meet the requirements of the Association of Postdoctoral Programs in Clinical Neuropsychology (APPCN) and eventually lead us to becoming the first credentialed Canadian site in Adult Clinical Neuropsychology. More information can be found here.

Karen Rowa spoke to CHML radio about why New Year’s resolutions fail.

James MacKillop on his latest book, “Integrating Psychological and Pharmacological Treatments for Addiction Disorders - An Evidence-Based Guide”.

In the Media...

The CMAJ recently spoke to Suzanne Archie and Michael DeVillaer about the need for more research funding in the area of cannabis and youth mental health. Full article here.

Ryan Van Lieshout spoke to the Brantford Expositor about a study he is currently involved in where women who have recovered from postpartum depression are trained to deliver group CBT to women currently experiencing postpartum depression. The study will take another one to two years to complete.

Jon Davine spoke to CMHL radio’s Dr. Danielle show about bipolar disorder, treatment, and support.

Department News

Our Indigenous Mental Health Retreat will be taking place on Friday, February 16th (from 9:00-3:30pm) at the Woodlands Cultural Centre in Brantford. If you are interested in attending, contact Alicia Di Iulio

CaRMS visits - Thanks to everyone who participated in our CaRMS interviews over the last two weeks, which all seem to have gone especially well. And special thanks to Carlos Lalonde and Ashley Koch (WRC) and to Sheila Harms and Menika McKeegan for all their work in organizing four days.

CBS IQAP visit - The external visit to evaluate our proposed Masters Program in Psychotherapy will take place on February 20th and 21st. This is the last major step in getting approval of the new program. Our thanks to Elizabeth Pawluk and Tracey Oliphant for all their work in putting the final proposal together.

Research News
New funding opportunity - There are opportunities to apply for grants for collaborative projects through the newly established $100 million CAMH Discovery Fund.

30th Annual Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences Research Day call for Abstracts Submission Date is Wednesday, February 28th. Documents can be found on the Department website.

To learn about the research funding opportunities that are available and application deadline dates, please refer to the HRS bulletin.

50 Years of History Photobook

If you haven't ordered your commemorative book yet there's still time to do so... until February 9th. Order here.

Education News

The Psychiatry Residency Program is moving towards the Competence By Design model of learning. This new model of learning will be rolled out on July 1, 2019 with the subspecialty programs following one year later. Thank you to Karen Saperson for compiling a very comprehensive list of useful resources to help guide and orient faculty and residents to the new model. List of resources.

Are you interested in being a Faculty Advisor for the Indigenous Students Health Sciences Office (ISHS)? (Indigenous includes First Nations, Inuit and Métis). Application deadline is February 16th. More info.

The Faculty of Health Sciences is seeking a Regional Assistant Dean for their Waterloo Regional Campus. Deadline to apply is February 9th. More info.

The Faculty of Health Sciences is pleased to offer the Education Innovation Fund to provide support for the development and evaluation of novel and innovative approaches to health sciences education. More information can be found here.

Upcoming Seminars

Wednesday, February 14th, 10:00-11:00am
MIP Conference Room 2
Melissa Kimber, Offord Centre for Child Studies
Navigating the Academic Job Market, part III
Thursday, February 15th, 9:00-10:00am  
MIP Conference Room 1A  
Luciano Minuzzi  
Concussions in youth

McMaster University  
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences  

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