This is the time of year when career reviews begin. For all GFTs Joanne Milne will be in touch shortly to arrange a time. If any GFTs would like to meet with me, just contact Joanne.

If you ever miss a Department Rounds, they can now be found on our YouTube channel.

And for regular items about the Department, I’d encourage you to follow me on Twitter.

Nick Kates

Department News

Welcome to:

Folake Esan and Nikhil Koushik, Assistant Clinical Professors (Adjunct) both of whom are based at the Waterloo Regional Campus and to Kirandeep Somal, Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct) based at our Niagara Campus, all of whom joined our Department on February 1st.

Congratulations to:

Madgalena Janus who has just been promoted to the rank of full Professor in recognition of her many contributions to the department and university including the development and dissemination of the EDI, the instrument gold standard for assessing early childhood development and school readiness.

Karen Saperson who was the 2017 recipient of The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada’s AMS/Donald R. Wilson Award. The Chronical of Neurology and Psychiatry spoke to Karen about this award and her work in education and geriatric psychiatry. Full article.

Tea Rosic, PGY2 who has been invited to participate in and present at a colloquium for residents at the upcoming American Psychiatric Association meeting in May 2018.
Parminder Raina, associate member of our department, who has recently been appointed to Canada’s National Seniors Council.

Laura Duncan who recently received the 2017 Jane Murphy Award of Excellence for a poster presentation from the Canadian Association of Psychiatric Epidemiology.

Natasha Snelgrove, Gary Chaimowitz, and Tom Hastings who were all recently elected to the OMA’s Council. Tom is the Chair of the Section on Psychiatry, Gary is a delegate for the same section, and Natasha is a District 4 delegate.

Elizabeth Pawluk, Tracey Oliphant and everyone who was involved with the recent IQAP (external review) for our new CBS Masters Program in Psychotherapy, which went really well.

Harriet MacMillan on 25 years of service at McMaster and to Anna DeSimone, staff member at the Offord Centre, for attaining 20 years of service at McMaster.

Peter Szatmari and members of the Offord Centre, whose video, Pathways in ASD Study - a family’s story, was ranked first in the CIHR 2017 Human Development, Child and Youth Health video completion.

In the Media

Sheila Harms and her involvement with the collaborative partnership between McMaster’s psychiatry postgraduate program and Mbarara University. The article is featured in McMaster News. You can view this article and others in the series here.

Luciano Minuzzi was recently interviewed by Steve Buist from the Hamilton Spectator. Read full article here.

Jeff Ennis provided the Toronto Star with his opinion on the opioid crisis. Full article.

Gary Chaimowitz was cited on Yahoo News recently after he gave a testimony at a murder trial in St. John’s Newfoundland.

James MacKillop and Jason Busse spoke to the Hamilton Spectator about the recent Michael G. DeGroote Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research conference on Innovations in the Science of Cannabis. Read more

Nel Wieman, former member of our department and Canada’s first female Indigenous psychiatrist, who was interviewed by Michael Enright from the CBC Sunday Edition. Listen to the full interview here.

John Bradford who was recently interview by the Washington Post about the dynamics that underlie the actions of a man accused of killing and dismembering six men in Toronto. Read the full article here.

Terry Bennett and her team Catharine Munn’s article,
who won the recent HHS Strategy Story Contest with their short video about the Family Check-up.

“Isolation of abusive men not the answer” recently appeared in the Hamilton Spectator. Read the full article here.

A number of our faculty members appeared in St. Joes’ Research Institute Quarterly Newsletter - Innovator 2018 - Winter Edition. Their articles can be found here.

**Education News - Hamilton and KW**

**Congratulations to:**

Sophiya Benjamin on her recent appointment to the position of Postgraduate Psychiatry Research Lead at the Waterloo Regional Campus and to Andrea Alvarez who is the Regional Education Leader - Undergraduate Psychiatry also at the Waterloo Regional Campus.

The Faculty Development office has a number of new workshops which are open to faculty, staff and residents. To learn more about the Spring workshops, view course calendar and/or to register, please visit PFD office.

The 11th Annual Day in Faculty Development is taking place on Wednesday, May 9th from Noon-6:00pm at the David Braley Health Sciences Centre. The theme is "The Next BIG Thing in Health Sciences Education". More info here.

Competency By Design roll out begins on July 1, 2019. The Postgraduate Medical Education Program have compiled a number of FAQ Newsletters and resource guides. The latest newsletter can be found here. Visit MAC-CBME for past newsletters and other resource guides.

**Research News**

Stelios Georgiades, co-investigator, on a multinational study funded by NIH and being led by the University of California which aims to improve the ability to measure "change over time" in children and youth with autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders. Read more.

Michael Amlung, PI, and co-investigators Luciano Minuzzi and James MacKillop was recently awarded a $281,772 grant from NIH on his project entitled, "Intracortical Myelin as a Novel Neural Marker of Alcohol Use Disorder".

The first Research Seminar of 2018 will take place on April 9th from 3:30-4:30pm at St. Joes West 5th campus, conference room E. Catherine Gill Potruff from HRS and Sherisse Webb from ROADS will provide an overview of their roles and resources available. Please RSVP your attendance to Alison Kerkof as seating is limited.

**Baby News**

**Congratulations to:**
Sebastien Prat and his wife, Anne, on the arrival of their fourth daughter, Edmee, last month; Karen Saperson and Jeremy Goldberg on the arrival of their first granddaughter, Ruby Max, on February 4th; Christina Gojmerac and her partner, Stan, who welcomed Benjamin on February 9th; and to Erin Hanley and her partner on the arrival of Benjamin on Wednesday (March 7th).

For Information

The Federation of Medical Women of Canada (FMWC) is a national organization that is committed to the professional, social, and personal advancement of women physicians and to the promotion of the well being of women in the medical profession and in society. To learn more about this organization, attend their annual conference in September or to become a member, please [read more].

Where are they now?

James Bourgeois, former department member (2009-2012) was recently appointed Chair at Baylor Scott & White Health in Texas.

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