Welcome to the inaugural edition of the new Department Digest, which will replace the Chair's Update. It will serve the same purpose and cover the same items, but will be briefer with more e-links and will come out every two weeks, and should be readable on any platform. We want to use this first edition to work out any kinks and make sure it arrives smoothly, so please let Joanne Milne know if you have any problems receiving it or if you have any suggestions for future editions.

We are sending this Digest using the distribution list that was created for our 50th Anniversary which includes present and past faculty, residents, learners and staff. If you wish to have your name removed from this list, please "unsubscribe" your name by clicking on the link at the bottom of the page. This will ensure you no longer receive these updates.

Nick Kates

Important Dates:

Education Day
December 6, 2017
9:00-10:30am
Lower Auditorium
St Joe's, West 5th

Annual Holiday Reception
December 6, 2017
5:00-7:00pm
Great Hall
University Club

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Department News

Welcome to:
Ahhinav Sharma who joined the department on October 1st as an Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct) in the Waterloo region.

Laura Kennedy who joined the education administrative team on a six month contract on October 23rd.

Cheyenne Reid who also joined the education administrative team, replacing Lesley Wellington, as Education Program Associate effective November 13th.

Congratulations to:
Flavio Kapczinski who, in September, received an award from the Nanocell Institute in Brazil for his research. Bryce Bogie, MiNDS Masters student and research assistant for Karen Saperson and Sheila Harrms, who won the Best Poster Award at
Usha Parthasarathi and the PES team on receiving an Excellence in Action Award from Christian Horizons.

Sharon Duff on being elected to the Board of the Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry.

Jeff Ennis who has released his latest book, "Hypnotherapy for Pain Control: A Safe and Non-Addictive Way to Relieve Chronic Pain".

In the Media:

James MacKillop recently spoke to the Hamilton Spectator about the current opioid crisis in Hamilton. He also spoke to CMHL on the same topic. Hamilton Spectator

Michael Devillaer spoke live to CBC radio’s Ontario Report about the upcoming cannabis market.

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We will be saying thank you to four senior members of our Department who are retiring at the end of the year: Michael Boyle, Meir Steiner, Richard Swinson, Emil Zamora.

Updates:

Since the launch of McMaster’s mental health strategy in 2015, being led by Catherine Munn from our department and Allison Drew-Hassling from the office of student affairs, significant progress has been made to date. Progress report

Psychiatry Elves

The Elves were started 6 years ago to provide holiday gifts for psychiatric inpatients. This year’s goal is to reach all psychiatric inpatients at both at West 5th and Charlton.

To donate, visit: Psychiatry Elves

Events:

All tenure/teaching track and special faculty are invited to attend a Tenure & Promotion Workshop on December 8th, 9:00-Noon, Council Room 111, Gilmour Hall, McMaster. If you are interested in attending, please register at: T&P

January 17th, 2018 - Department meeting, 9:00-10:00am, Lower Auditorium, St. Joes-West 5th.

May 2nd, 2018 - 30th Annual Psychiatry Research Day, Mohawk College

50 Years of History - Photobook

Coming Soon ...
This commemorative album provides a snapshot of 50 years in the life of our Department and of our 50th Anniversary Celebrations in June 2017.

This book includes pictures across the decades of residents, faculty, staff, administration, various departments, events ... candid, memorable, funny, nostalgic pictures. You will enjoy looking at some of the moments we have captured all in on one book!

We hope that the photos will bring back memories of the people who helped us get to where we are today and the friendships you established and remind you of how your contribution helped to shape our history.

Order details coming soon.

If you wish to contribute to a future Newsletter (e.g. announcement, achievement, etc), please forward it to Joanne Milne

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