



April 18, 2019

While work continues on resolving the issues that have arisen with PES, and I will keep you updated regularly on what is happening, there is a lot else going on in the Department.

Congratulations to everyone involved with the Neuropsychiatry Graduate Program on what appears to have been a very successful IQAP (Institutional Quality Assurance Process) visit last week. And particular thanks to **Sandra Murphy** for all her work in organizing the visit and **Flavio Kapczinski** for his leadership of the program.

The CPA has just published the first 8 articles from the follow-up Ontario Child Health Study, led by **Michael Boyle, Kathy Georgiades,** and **Laura Duncan,** and their colleagues at the Offord Centre. They can be found [here](#). And the findings are already generating a lot of media interest.

Members of the Offord Centre also held a lovely gathering last week, to mark the 15th Anniversary of Dan Offord's passing.

And can I wish you and your families a very enjoyable long weekend.

*Nick Kates*

## Important Dates:

May 1, 2019

*Department Research Day*

Mohawk College

*\*more info\**

May 30 & 31, 2019

*Psychiatry Review Course*

Hamilton Convention

Centre

*\*more info\**

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## Department News

*Welcome to the following faculty who joined the Department on April 1st:*

**Alex Drossos**, Assistant Professor (former PGY6), working with the Child and Youth Mental Health Program and the Aboriginal Health Centre.

**Sadiq Hasan**, Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct), working in the Halton and Niagara regions.

The following who are located at the William Osler Health System in Brampton and who hold Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct) appointments:

**Prakash Babani**, geriatric psychiatrist; **Harmeet Bami**, **Manamohan Johnson**, and **Charles Ohene-Darkoh** who are all consulting psychiatrists.

And to **Shannon Altura**, Postgraduate Education Associate, who joined the education team in the admin offices on March 25th.

But we also said farewell to **Alicia Di Iulio** who has left the Department to take up a position at Homewood. Our thanks to Alicia for all she did in the 18 months she was with us, and we wish her all the best with this new opportunity.

### *Congratulations to:*

**Flavio Kapczinski** who was successful in the October 2017 (just announced) Ontario Research Fund Infrastructure Competition.



**Sabina Nagpal** and her partner, Tom, on their arrival of their third child, Jaya, born on March 1st.

## Media News



Social media may impact mental health. A study by **Michael Van Ameringen** was noted in **Bustle**.



**Stelios Georgiades** spoke to **SpectrumNews** about a study on autism. He also did a story in **The Spec** on ASD - Autism Spectrum Disorders - and how autistic people, with adequate support and understanding, can contribute to the supports and services they require to live healthy and productive lives.



A study by **Maiko Schneider** showed how sex hormones are important for brain connectivity in transgender women. The **Medical Express** has the full story.



**Gary Hasey** who did a Guest Editorial, "*Novel AI tools and the 'virtual' psychiatrist*" in the **Chronicle of Neurology + Psychiatry**.

## *New Program Launch /Science of Cannabis*

A new program, developed by **James MacKillop**, is being launched at McMaster beginning May 1, "**The Science of Cannabis**". This is the first post-secondary program in the country of its kind with a focus on the scientific study of cannabis and its therapeutic applications, risks and harms. **Global News** and **CBC.ca** spoke to James about this 'first of its kind' program in Canada.

## Research News

Applications for the **Graduate Diploma in Clinical Epidemiology** being offered through the Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence, and Impact are now being accepted. Deadline to apply is April 26th. Visit **GDCE** for more information.

## Education News



**Phil Shnaider** will be one of the presenters at the **Cognitive Processing Therapy: Evidence-Based Treatment for PTSD** workshop taking place on **June 6th and 7th** at the Mattamy Athletic Centre (site of the former Maple Leaf Gardens). More details and/or register, click [here](#).

There are a number of workshops being offered through the **Program for Faculty Development**.....*Orientation Session for Health Sciences Faculty, Leading Self and Others, Google Suite for Education, Mindful Teaching: The Art & Science of Optimal Learning.* To find

out more and/or register, visit: PFD.

The MacPherson Institute for Leadership, Innovation and Excellence in Teaching work with the McMaster community to support innovation, leadership and excellence in teaching and learning. They provide development opportunities, individual consultations, events, and resources on effective teaching practices. Read the [MacPherson Memo](#) for the latest initiatives taking place.

## Competency Based Medical Education Update!

The Royal College Psychiatry Specialty Committee has drafted the revised training requirements and required competencies for General Psychiatry Residency training.

To get ready for 2020, we would like to do a "soft launch" with our incoming 2019 pg1s.

Thank you to those of you who have agreed to supervise a pg1 for a few weeks this summer!



To get a jump on CBME (& earn a Section 1 CME credit),

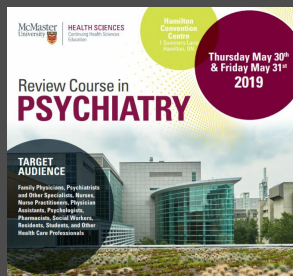
consider attending one of these **Intro Info Sessions:**

*Acute MH Docs' Meeting | May 7th 12-1pm (for acute MH docs)*  
*Geriatric Psych Retreat | May 7th ??? pm (for geri psych faculty)*  
*Schizophrenia Docs' Rounds | May 9th 8-9am*  
*MH&AP Rounds, West 5th | May 23rd 12-1pm*  
*Mood & Anxiety Docs' Mtg | Date TBD 12-1pm*

And stay tuned for more **CBME Newsflashes**.

Thank you for your investment in our learners!

Questions? Contact JoAnn Corey



## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!

Psychiatry Review Course

May 30 & 31, 2019

Hamilton Convention Centre, Hamilton

To view the itinerary or to register - [click here](#)

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