



Psychiatry Digest

December 10, 2020

We are getting closer to what is likely to be the most unusual Holiday Season we have ever experienced, which is why we want to continue as many of the traditions we have come to value as we can. One of those is our annual **holiday celebration** taking place on **Thursday, December 17th from 5:00-6:00pm** and I hope you will do your best to join us so we can celebrate together, even while we're apart.

And on the day before, **December 16th, from 12.00 – 13.00** we will be holding a virtual farewell to **John Deadman** who is retiring after 37 years at McMaster. If you would like to join the farewell, please contact Joanne Milne (milnej@mcmaster.ca) who will provide you with the Zoom details.

On a different note, and building upon the work of our IT working group, the Executive has recommended that we adopt Microsoft Teams as the major platform for our day to day communications, and that we also learn more about the Office 365 Suite, to which we have access through McMaster. To assist us moving in this direction we will be arranging a series of webinars in the new year for anyone who is interested, with further details in January. If you and your group have experience with using Teams can you let Joanne Milne know, so that we can draw on your experiences during the webinars.

I also want to acknowledge the tremendous work that **Suzanne Archie (Chair)** and **Bev Pindar-Donick (Vice Chair)** have been doing leading our **Anti-Black Racism Task Force**. This Digest includes a slide show Suzanne has prepared summarizing their activities to date.

And finally a very Happy Hanukkah to everyone who will be celebrating it tonight.

Nick

Department News

Congratulations to...



Lawrence Martin and **Dora Fuciarelli** who are both celebrating 25 years of service with McMaster and who will be recognized at a Milestone Celebration on January 26th. Our thanks to each of them for their many contributions to our department and McMaster over the years.



Taiane de Azevedo Cardoso, a post-doc working with Flavio Kapczinski, who is the recipient of a 2021 Society of Biological Psychiatry Domestic Travel Fellowship Award. She will be attending their annual meeting in late April.

All the winners of Department Innovation Awards. They are: **Dante Duarte** who received an education and research award; **Jon Davine** and **Soyhoon Min** who each received a clinical award; and **Ryan Van Lieshout**, **Alex Drossos**, **Michele Korostil**, and **Jennifer Couturier** who are all recipients of research awards.

Welcome to...

The following part time faculty who joined our Department on November 1st. **Emily Copps**, Assistant Professor working in the pediatric chronic pain program; **Julie Irwin**, Assistant Professor working in the general pediatric neurology program, and **Senayit Tekabo**, Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct) working at Niagara Health.



A reminder to consider making a donation to the **Psychiatry Elves**, who hope to provide holiday gifts for all psychiatric inpatients at both West 5th and Charlton, which is more important than ever this year. To donate, please visit **St. Joseph's Foundation**. Under "Gift Designation", choose "Psychiatry Elves". If you have any questions, contact Megan Puckering (megan.puckering@medportal.ca) or Zainab Mohamed (zainab.mohamed@medportal.ca), the residents who are leading the Elves this year.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion



We have had two important presentations at Rounds over the last two weeks, from **Sonia Anand** (as part of Education Day) and from **Bonny Ibhawoh** on **Anti-Black Racism** last week. Sonia's slides can be found on our website at this link [here](#) and Bonny's presentation can be viewed [here](#). If you missed his Rounds, I would really encourage you to watch it as he addressed a wide range of significant and relevant issues.

I am also attaching the slide presentation that **Suzanne Archie** has prepared on the work of the **Department's Anti-Black Racism Task Force**. This is still a preliminary plan but gives you some idea of the wide-ranging scope of this Task Force and the fantastic start they have made. The slides can be viewed [here](#). If you are interested in participating in the work of the Task Force just let Bev know pindon@mcmaster.ca.

Research News

I would like to highlight the work of a new partnership between clinical services at **McMaster Children's Hospital**, led by **Roberto Sassi** and **Paulo Pires**, and **Laura Duncan**, **Michael Boyle** and **Ellen Lipman** from the **Offord Centre**. This group used standardized intake data that was collected on almost 100% of the clients from the Children and Youth Mental Health in 2019 to create an internal summary report and community-facing report card that is now on the HHS website. The report can be found [here](#).

Education News

The **Richard and Mary Pelling Scholarship and Bursary in Psychiatry** is open to full time students and residents enrolled in a health discipline, studying psychiatry in the Faculty of Health Sciences or Faculty of Social Sciences at McMaster. **Deadline to apply is December 31, 2020**. For more information or how to apply, click [here](#).

From the Postgrad Office

Our residency program held another very successful **Virtual Mock OSCE** for our residents on November 20th. We are thrilled to be able to host this for our residents, particularly as this component of this year's Royal College exam will be conducted virtually. Thank you to all of our faculty that gave their time to act as examiners! We couldn't have done it without you.

Special thanks to **Rachel Lamont**, our faculty Mock OSCE Coordinator and to **Cheyenne Reid, Ashley Clark** and **Menika McKeegan** for their work in preparing and providing tech support.

Dream-Team of Administrative Professionals!

We are pleased to welcome **Joshua Chiasson** to our dream team of professional administrators with our residency program. An introduction to each member of our PA team and their main portfolios can be found [here](#).

And speaking of curtain calls...



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TO AN INPATIENT UNIT NEAR YOU

Psychiatry residents gaining Inpatient On-Call experience will begin to rollout this winter, pandemic-willing. For further details, check out this

[Supervisor Quick Reference](#)

(WRC Supervisor Quick Reference release date pending)

Media News



Jean Clinton, a panelist on the Safe Schools: Bullying Prevention and Intervention Review Panel, was quoted in a Global News article, "*Hamilton's school board pushing for delay on final report from bullying review panel.*" Full article [here](#).

John Bradford who is at the trial of Alek Minassian, the man who drove a van down a busy Toronto sidewalk killing 10 pedestrians, was quoted in an article by the Windsor Star. Full story [here](#).



Rebecca Chauhan's testimony at the same trial also received significant media coverage. Full story [here](#).

Staying Connected.....Pfizer Vaccine Update

We're delighted that the Province has finally worked out how to distribute the Pfizer vaccine.



The Department recognizes and acknowledges that it is located on the traditional territories of the Anishnabe and Haudenosaunee nations as part of the Upper Canada Treaty, and within the lands protected by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Covenant.