



October 16, 2018

If you missed last weeks Department Meeting it can be viewed by following this [link](#).

And the *International Journal of Clinical Practice* carried a lovely interview with **Dave Streiner**. Read full article.

Finally, I hope you will be able to join us on **Thursday, November 1st from 15.30 – 17.30 at McMaster University's University Club (West Room)** as we say farewell and thank you to Sid Stacey who is retiring after 7 years with the Department.

Nick Kates

Important Dates:

October 24th

*Anita Spenser Lectureship in
Clinical Behavioural Sciences*

Atrium | Innovation Park
7:00pm

November 2nd

*Tackling Depression
Conference*

Art Gallery of Hamilton
register

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Department News

Welcome to:

The following Assistant Clinical Professors who joined our Department on October 1st:

Michael Brown, working at both St. Joes and Juravinski Hospitals; **Roselyn Wilson** working at St. Joes and in Grimsby and who are both recent graduates of our residency program; and **Ashley Legate**, a psychologist working at McMaster Children's Hospital and Ron Joyce Centre.

Congratulations to:

Shuang Xu, who replaced Carlos Lalonde as the Regional Educational Lead, Postgraduate Psychiatry at the Kitchener Waterloo campus, effective September 1st. Thank you to Carlos for his many contributions to postgraduate education over the last few years.

Bruno Losier who has taken over the role of Chair of the Department Rounds Organizing Committee, replacing Heather McNeely. Thank you to Heather for doing such a terrific job in organizing an outstanding series of rounds over the past couple of years.

Miriam Spinner who has been appointed as Pro-Bedel by McMaster University, to carry the university Mace at Convocation when the Bedel is not available. This award goes to one of McMaster's longest serving faculty members, and Miriam is the first woman appointed to this role.

Remarkably, three members of our Department featured in front page stories in the Hamilton Spectator over the last two weeks. Their stories are below.

James MacKillop



Michael Amlung



Jean Clinton



James MacKillop and the Michael DeGroot Centre for Cannabis Research were featured in a major article in the Spectator last week. [Full article](#).

Michael Amlung's story talked about driver's perception that it is not dangerous to drive after consuming cannabis. [Full story](#).

Jean Clinton, who is one of this year's Hamilton Gallery of Distinction inductees. She will be honored at their 35th annual gala dinner and ceremony on November 13th. [Full story](#).

Other Media News

Suzanne Archie spoke to the *Spec* about how youth are at much higher risk of developing psychosis from smoking cannabis.

James MacKillop was interviewed by *The Spec* regarding the risks, especially for youth, as the legalization of cannabis use approaches. **James** also spoke to the CBC about the impact of second-hand smoke from cannabis.

The Research Institute at St. Joes spoke to **Michael Amlung** about cannabis impaired driving and how more research is needed on this issue. [Full story](#).

Research News

Congratulations to **Gary Hasey** and his colleagues from Engineering who recently won the 2018 International Award in Medical Diagnostics from Universal Medica in France for their work on learning-based diagnostic, treatment planning psychiatric technology.

Baby News

Alison Kerkhof and her husband, Jordan, on the safe arrival of their first child, Oliver Andrew, on September 20th.

Susan McNair and her husband on the safe arrival of their first

child, Henry James, on October 2nd.



Art Gallery of Hamilton World Film Festival



The AGH's annual World Film Festival runs from October 11th - 22nd and features over 40 films, many of which touch on mental health themes [AGH film schedule](#). We will be holding discussion panels after two of these movies. These are:

THREE IDENTICAL STRANGERS

8:30pm | Friday, October 19th | AGH Pavilion, 123 King St.W.

KEEP THE CHANGE

7:00pm | Sunday, October 21st | AGH Pavilion, 123 King St.W.

Thanks to **Nadeem Akhtar** for his work in organising this.

Education News

Our **Department's Education Day** is coming up on Wednesday, November 21st from 9:00-10:am in the Lower Auditorium at SJH - West 5th. This year's presenter is David Taylor from the Department of Medicine at Queen's University. [More info](#).

A reminder about the **2018 Stege Awards** (Fellowships and Stipends) available to students in our Department. Details about each of the awards can be found [here](#).

The **Program for Faculty Development** has a number offerings this fall. To read more about the workshops or to register, please visit [PFD](#).

Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction Program (MBSR) is a 10 week course designed to promote both personal wellness and professional resilience and capacity. To learn more or to register, [click here](#).

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