



Psychiatry Digest

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From the desk of Nick Kates...

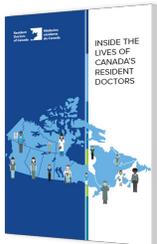
It's hard to imagine we're almost halfway through August, but we are now starting to think beyond the end of summer and are starting to plan for our fall calendar of events. These include the resumption of Rounds on September 9th., Education Day 2020 and our 2020-21 Leadership Program which we are hoping to launch in the next couple of months, so watch out for the upcoming announcements.

But of all the things we're looking forward to this Fall, perhaps the most exciting is the start of the Psychotherapy Masters Program in September, and our first cohort of 18 students. Laura O'Neill has taken over as Acting Director of the program during Liz Pawluk's maternity leave, and congratulations to Liz, Laura, and Tracey Oliphant on all their work in getting the Program off the ground.

And I hope you and your families continue to enjoy the last few weeks of this very different summer.

Nick

Upcoming Events



A reminder that **Kayla Simms**, PGY4 in Waterloo, is one of the contributing authors to the anthology of resident stories and reflections from across the country, will be one of the authors who will be sharing their stories at the virtual book launch of the Resident Doctors of Canada book, "*Inside the Lives of Canada's Resident Doctors*" taking place today, **August 12th at 7:00pm**. To register for the event and/or purchase a book, please visit the RDOC website [here](#).

The University College Dublin, College of Health and Agriculture Sciences are hosting this year's **Universitas 21 Health Sciences Group Annual meeting, "One Health: A Collaborative Approach to Healthcare"**, from **August 25th to 28th**. "One Health" is an approach to design and implementing programs, policies, legislation, and research whereby sectors communicate and work together to achieve better public health outcomes. This year's program can be viewed [here](#). Registration for the event can be found [here](#).

Department News

Congratulations to...

Tom Alexander who was recently appointed as Co-Chair Professional Competencies in the Undergraduate Medical Education Program for a three year term effective July 1st.



Elizabeth Pawluk and her partner, James, on the safe arrival of their daughter, Roselyn, on August 6th.

Media News

Laura Duncan and **Michael Boyle** wrote an opinion piece, "*Vaccine development in a hurry carries risks Canadians deserve to know about*", which was featured in Friday's Spectator. Full article [here](#).

Nick Kates was recently interviewed by the Spectator on strategies to deal with lockdown fatigue as the province reopens which was featured in Saturday's issue of the Spectator. Full article [here](#).

Resident News

Kayla Simms, PGY4 in Waterloo, whose letter to the editor of the Canadian Medical Association Journal, on the "*Importance of Challenging Anti-Indigenous Rhetoric - We Must Do Better*" was published in this month's issue. Read full story [here](#).

And a reminder about the email that Margaret McKinnon sent around yesterday about the **Association of Chairs of Psychiatry in Canada's annual award for research by a resident** If you're interested in nominating yourself, or someone else please contact Margaret McKinnon (mmckinnno@stjoes.ca) **no later than Friday, August 14**.

Education News

The attached information sheet contains a very useful summary listing of all the technology and accessibility supports that are available to assist instructors and students in the upcoming academic year. [Information sheet](#).

Research News

Research activity at McMaster has now moved to Phase 2. Under this phase, remote working remains the preference and, currently, a return to campus remains voluntary for researchers. The research community will be advised if this changes. In keeping with current supervisory responsibilities, researchers will retain responsibility for their research teams. All appropriate safety protocols must be in place before researchers and any required staff return to campus or the field. Full details, along with the application portal, are available [here](#).

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