



August 24, 2018

This has been a very busy summer planning wise, with a lot of discussions about new programs including the development of a Centre for Clinical Neuroscience, an academic psycho-oncology project, the expansion of the community component of CBS, expanding our academic presence at the Waterloo Regional Campus, and new department leadership roles. These will all be addressed further over the coming weeks and at the Department meeting on October 10th.

And as we all too rapidly move towards Labour Day, I would like to wish everyone a very enjoyable last week of summer.

Nick Kates

Important Dates:

September 7th, 2018

Machine Learning for Brain Health Symposium

Auditorium | SJHH - West 5th

flyer

October 10th, 2018

Department Meeting

Auditorium | SJHH - West 5th

November 2nd, 2018

Tackling Depression Conference

Art Gallery of Hamilton

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Department News

Welcome to:

Ben McCutchen, Assistant Clinical Professor at the Waterloo Regional Campus who joined our department on August 1st.

Congratulations to:

John Krzeczowski, PhD MiNDS student of **Ryan Van Lieshout's**, who was awarded a Vanier Graduate Scholarship - CIHR's most prestigious PhD award.

Thank you to:

Laura Kennedy who, after working in our Education Office for the past 10 months, has taken a permanent position at the Offord Centre supporting Ellen Lipman beginning on August 20th. We wish her all the best in her new role and thank her for all her assistance while she was with us.

Natasja Menezes, Amanda Ritsma (PGY4) and **Cheyenne Reid** for organizing another really successful *Boot Camp* for second year MD students which was held from August 7th-17th.

Sheila Harms, Alyssa Wang (PGY4) and **Sarah Payne (PGY4)** who have just left to become the next group to visit Mbarara University in Uganda.

Remembering Stan Dziurdzy:

I was very sorry to hear of the death of **Stan Dziurdzy** earlier this week. Stan worked in our Psychiatry Emergency Service (EPT) in the 1970s and 80s, before returning to his practice in Burlington, and had a lasting impact on all of us who worked with him.

Distinguished Alumnus / Alumna Rounds



We are instituting a new annual event where a former member of our department will be invited to give a presentation at Rounds on their work. It will take place on September 26th during our Department Rounds slot and I am delighted that **Glenda MacQueen** will be our inaugural presenter. More details of Glenda's Rounds, which will be followed with a chance to meet informally with our presenter, will follow.

Research News



Congratulations to **Irene Vitoroilis**, postdoc fellow under the supervision of Kathy Georgiades, who was one of ten distinguished Ontario university scholars to receive a 2018-19 Women's Health Scholars Award, earning up to \$50,000, to continue her work on understanding risks to mental health, and the factors that can protect against them, among adolescent immigrants and refugees. [Full story.](#)

New Department Leadership Role



As the department continues to expand - we now have over 70 GFTs and 350 part time or adjunctive faculty - we have decided to create a new position of **Director of Interprofessional Faculty Development**, who will work closely with the Associate Chair, Education in the recruitment, promotion, career advancement and professional development of all part time faculty members except for our GPT physicians, including the three year reappointment reviews.

I am very pleased to announce that **Heather McNeely** has agreed to take on this role and I wish her well in this important and exciting new position.

EIP Working Groups

We have a number of EIP working groups, all of which aim to complete their work by the end of January and which have started to meet or will be meeting in September. Membership is based upon the last survey we sent out four months ago, but if you are interested in joining any of these groups there is still an opportunity so please let Joanne Milne know as soon as possible.

These groups are:

- Communication
- Developing new revenue streams
- Expanding community education through CBS
- New faculty recruitment and development
- Faculty retention
- Using QI methods to improve our processes
- Building an Alumni Association

Media News

Not enough medical students are choosing psychiatry. **Karen Saperson** spoke to CHCH-TV recently about the psychiatrist shortage in Ontario.

Violence in Toronto: How to prevent PTSD after mass violence. Read **Margaret McKinnon's** story which was featured in *The Conversation* and the *National Post*.

Benicio Frey's research on linking white matter patterns to cognitive performance in bipolar disorder was featured in the *Brain and Behaviour's* Research Foundation's e-newsletter.

James MacKillop was featured in *The Spectator's* report that experts who gathered at first cannabis conference indicated the need that more research is needed in this area.

Jennifer Brasch spoke to the *Hamilton Spectator* recently about how the expansion of beer and wine could be detrimental to those who suffer from alcoholism.

The *Toronto Star* spoke to **David Rosenbloom** around concerns about random drug testing effectiveness and challenges faced with administering the tests.

Meeting with GPT physicians

On **Wednesday, September 26th from 8:00-8:50am**, before Department Rounds, at the West 5th site (room t.b.d.), I will be holding one final meeting with our GPT physicians to talk about all aspects of our finances and expenditures. All GPT physicians who were unable to attend the meetings in July are invited to attend.

Upcoming Conferences

Supporting Women with Pregnancy Loss: A Mental Health Perspective

September 24, 2018

9:00AM to 2:30PM | Lower Auditorium, St. Joes - West 5th (lunch included)

****registration required****

This conference is hosted by the Women's Health Concerns Clinic at SJHH.

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