



February 22, 2019

The Department meeting two weeks ago focused on some of the exciting work taking place in our major programs and a video can be viewed [here](#).

Last week we hosted a visit from colleagues at the Pasteur Institute (in Paris) and the French Embassy to discuss our growing partnership (more will follow in the next Digest). The Spec also ran a story on this partnership - [article](#).

That was followed by a very successful and high quality Neuroscience Symposium organized by Flavio Kapczinski and colleagues.

And a number of our researchers were successful in the recent CIHR funding competition.

Nick Kates

Important Dates:

April 10-12, 2019
13th Annual Risk & Recovery Forensic Conference
Sheraton Hotel
more info

May 1, 2019
Department Research Day
Mohawk College
more info

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Department News

Welcome to:

The following faculty members who joined our Department over the last few months:

Roselyn Wilson, Assistant Clinical Professor working in the Youth Wellness Centre at St. Joes and in outpatients in Grimsby; **Michael Brown**, Assistant Clinical Professor working in the Consultation Liaison Psychiatry at St. Joes; **Ashley Legate**, Assistant Clinical Professor working in the Child and Youth Mental Health Program at McMaster's Ron Joyce Centre; **Leanne Martin**, Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct) working in outpatient mental health services in Cambridge. **Bill Simpson**, Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct) working with Michael Van Ameringen.

And to **Jennifer MacDonnell** who joins us from the Department of Family Medicine as the Undergraduate Education Assistant (replacing Cheyenne Reid who has temporarily taken on the role of Assistant to the Psychiatry Residency Program), effective February 11th. Jennifer will also support our Director of Administration.

Congratulations to:

David Streiner, Professor Emeritus, whose H-Index reached 101, which means he has had 101 publications that have each been cited at least 101 times, the first member of our Department to reach that number. This is a truly stupendous achievement, and a testimony to David's sustained academic excellence. But he still has some way to go to overtake the all-



Anne Lizius (PGY4) who is the recipient of the 2018 St. Joseph's Healthcare Best Resident Award.

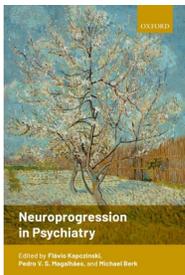
Jon Davine who was awarded the title of Distinguished Fellow from the American Psychiatric Association.

Michael Amlung who is the 2019 recipient of the Distinguished Scientific Early Career Contributions Award from the Society of Addiction Psychology.

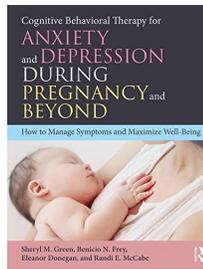
Olabode (Bode) Akintan who has been awarded a McMaster Medical School teaching award.

To the following who have been elected to the OMA (Ontario Medical Association) for 2019:

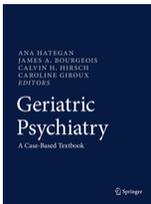
- **Natasha Snelgrove** - Section on Psychiatry-Secretary & Delegate
- **Gary Chaimowitz** - Section on Psychiatry-Delegate
- **Tom Hastings** - Section on Psychiatry-Delegate



Flavio Kapczinski who is the main editor of a newly published book on "Neuroprogression in Psychiatry", which provides an overview of recent developments in this emerging field.



Sheryl Green, Benicio Frey, Eleanor Donegan, and Randi McCabe on their recent book, "Cognitive Behavioural Therapy for Anxiety and Depression During Pregnancy and Beyond: How to Manage Symptoms and Maximize Well-Being".



Ana Hategan, whose book, "Geriatric Psychiatry: A Case Based Textbook" (released in April) was one of the top 10 publications globally in both psychiatry & neurology for Springer Science in 2018. It sold 172 copies and had close to 25,000 digital downloads.

Media News

Gary Hasey's article on rTMS for Veterans appeared on the front page of *The Spec*.

Jennifer Brasch was also interviewed by *The Spec* about the new rapid access clinical at St. Joes which is making strides in addiction care.

In the January issue of *The Lancet*, **Mike DeVillier** spoke about Canada's expanded cannabis retail market.

Jean Clinton did a piece with *Indonesia Mother and Baby* about how eye contact promotes a strong emotional connection.

Listen to **Jeremy Devine's** (PGY1) interview with *CBC The Current* about Vancouver's new safe supply drug program and whether it is helping people with addictions.

Catharine Munn spoke to *The Record* about how best to help students struggling with mental health issues. The Spec published the same article.

James MacKillop spoke to *CMAJ News* about industry funding of research and standards of transparency.

Boris Sakic spoke to the *Globe and Mail* about the numerous factors that can result in depressed mood.



In the Winter edition of *network*, Faculty of Health Sciences Newsmagazine, **Zena Samaan** spoke about her study on how cannibals does not increase suicidal behavior. The study was published in the journal *Biology of Sex Differences*. [Full article](#).

Bernice Downey, lead for Indigenous Health Initiative for the Faculty, was also featured. [Full article](#).



Did you know that access to the Hamilton Spectator e-edition is available at **no cost** to McMaster Faculty and Staff? Click on The Spec Logo to be taken directly to today's e-edition.

Research News

Andrea Gonzalez (co-PI) received \$1.28 million from CIHR, for five years, for her project, *"The SafeCare Program for Child Neglect: Examining Differential Outcomes and Change Mechanisms"*.

David Streiner was a co-investigator on a \$708,000 5 year grant from CIHR for a study to look at *"Enhancing frontal lobes plasticity and function in patients with mild cognitive impairment"*. David was also a Co-I on another CIHR grant entitled *"Comparing standard vs. enhanced reconsolidation therapy for the treatment of psychological trauma: A randomized controlled trial."*

Margaret McKinnon is a co-investigator on a 5 year CIHR grant led by Sandra Moll that was recently funded entitled *"e-Ami": Co-designing a mobile approach to PTSD prevention and peer support with Ontario public safety personnel"*.

Margaret McKinnon and **Randi McCabe** (co-I) who received \$150,000, for one year, from CIHR for their project, *"A randomized control trial examining the treatment efficacy of a novel approach to cognitive remediation in public safety personnel with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and co-morbid conditions."*

Ryan Van Lieshout who is the co-PI with Louis Schmidt on a 5 year CIHR grant entitled: *"The McMaster cohort of extremely low birth rate survivors in the fifth decade of life: physical, neuropsychiatric and socio-economic outcomes"*

Margaret McKinnon who received a \$185,000 donation from the Cowan Foundation, Military Casualty Support Foundation, and Schlegel Health Care to fund the implementation of the cognitive remediation approach in two Operational Stress Injury Clinics in the province.

Manpreet Sehmbi, student of **Benicio Frey**, has received the prestigious Samuel Gershon Junior Investigator Award from ISBD (International Society for Bipolar Disorders).

Margaret McKinnon has been invited by the Government of Canada to participate in the National Conference on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: Working Together to Inform Canada's Federal Framework on PTSD. The conference takes place in April 9-10, 2019 in Ottawa.

Have you registered for **Research Day** yet? [Deadline to register is April 15, 2019](#). Registration form and other information can be found [here](#).

Did you know that the Department's Research Office has a section on our Department's website, *"Spotlight on Research and Scholarship"*? This section profiles some of our Department's researchers and scholars with their recent accomplishments, projects, publications, etc. To learn more, [click here](#).

Upcoming Conference

The 39th Annual Canadian Academic of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Conference is calling for Abstracts. The conference is being held from September 15-17, 2019 in Quebec. **Roberto Sassi** is this year's Chair of the Research & Scientific Program Committee. To read more or submit an abstract, click [here](#).

Professionalism Workshop

The Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine is hosting a half day workshop on "*Navigating the Murky Waters of Professionalism*" on March 4th from 12:30-6:30 at the Royal Botanical Gardens. To find out more or to register, see [flyer](#).

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