



July 23, 2018

While things quieten down during the summer, I would like to remind all GPT physicians about two upcoming meetings to discuss Department finances and other related topics. These will take place on:

**Monday, July 23rd | Noon  
Classroom E | ST. JOES - WEST 5th**

**Tuesday, July 31st | Noon  
Room 1J10 | MUMC**

Please RSVP if you plan on attending one of these meetings.

And if you are interested in participating in what promises to be an outstanding 2018-19 Department Leadership Program, can you let Joanne Milne know by August 15<sup>th</sup>.

*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:*

The following part time faculty who joined the Department on July 1st:

**Isabelle Coté**, Assistant Clinical Professor and **Michiel de Vries Robbé**, Associate Professor who both joined the Forensic Psychiatry Service at St. Joseph's Healthcare.

### *Farewell to:*

The following faculty who have relinquished their part time appointments with our department for various reasons, effective July 1st, 2018. I would like to thank all of them for their many contributions to our department and wish them all well in their future endeavours. They are: **Elliott Beaton, David Bird, Glenn Cameron, Joseph De Leo, Carl Delottinville, David Johnston, Anita Johnston, Kristy Keeber, John Marshall, Kareen McCaughan, Ian Nicholson, Barbara Pizzingrilli, Anne Rhodes, Ian Smith, Nadejda Stroganova, Salman Wahid, Kiristin Yates, Emil Zamora.**

### *Partnership with Pasteur Institute (France):*



**Flávio Kapczinski** was recently in Paris to complete the signing of an MOU with the Neuroscience Program at the Pasteur Institute. The main focus of this collaboration will be on how chronic depression, bipolar disorder and addictions, via immune activation, induce permanent changes in the brain increasing risk of dementia. *Pictured left to right are:* Pierre-Marie Lledo (Director of Neuroscience at Pasteur), Chantal Henry (Coordinator of Psychiatry at Pasteur), **Flavio**, and Marc Jouan (Director of International Affairs and International Networks at Pasteur). We are now planning a joint workshop with members of the Pasteur Institute early next year.

### *Congratulations to:*



**Pri Weerasekera** who received this year's ACPC Annual Award in Creative Professional Activity.



**Jon Davine** who is this year's recipient of the ACPC Annual Award in Excellence in Education.

**James MacKillop** who is the inaugural Director of the Michael G. DeGroot Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research. The appointment commenced on April 1st.

**Priyanka Comfort** who received the MSA Outstanding Resident Award for 2018 from HHS at a dinner held in June. Priyanka also joined the Child and Youth Mental Health Program at HHS on July 1st.

**Natasha Snelgrove** who was appointed to the CPA's inaugural Early Career Psychiatrist Working Group. This group will provide advice and leadership to the CPA on matters of interest to early career psychiatrists.

## Education News



Thanks to **Natasja Menezes** who completed her roles as Undergraduate Director on July 1st, a position she has held since 2012. We wish Natasja all the best in her recent leadership position as Chair of Student Affairs for the MD Program.



Welcome to **Vanessa Lentz** who has taken over the role as Undergraduate Director effective July 1st. We wish Vanessa all the best in her new role.

**Yuri Alatishe** and everyone involved in the Forensic Psychiatry Subspecialty Program on receiving full accreditation from the Royal College.

**Anthony Levinson** who was recently appointed to the position of MF5 Brain and Behaviour Clinical Skills Coordinator for a three-year term.

### *Clinical Fellowships:*

The department now has a total of nine **Clinical Fellowships** with the latest being in Geriatric Psychopharmacology and IDD/Dual Diagnosis. Other Fellowships include Forensics, Schizophrenia, Women's Health, Child Psychotherapy, Advanced Integrated Psychotherapy, ADD/ADHD, and Mood Disorders. For more information, contact [Alina Brotea](#).

## Research News



**Ryan Van Lieshout** has received five-year funding support from CIHR for his project, *"Self-Regulation in the Offspring of Women Enrolled in an RCT Assessing the Effectiveness of a Nutrition+Exercise Intervention for Healthy Gestational Weight Gain"*.



**Margaret Fahnestock** has received five-year funding support from CIHR for her project, *"ProNGF and Neurodegeneration in Aging and Alzheimer's Disease"*.

## Media News

**Andrea Gonzalez** spoke with CTV news and CFX 1070 in Victoria about the potential long term health effects the Thailand boys soccer team will endure after spending 18 days in an underground cave.

**Eleni Hapidou** on the publication of her article, *Factors involved in patients' perceptions of self-improvement after chronic pain treatment*, which was published in the May issue of the Canadian Journal of Pain.

**Michael DeVillaer** was quoted in a recent article by the National Post on the expectation that cannabis use will increase when it becomes legal.

**James MacKillop** spoke to the Toronto Star about how legalizing cannabis will boost research not only in Ontario but across Canada.