



July 9, 2018

Welcome to the start of a new academic year, that promises to be a really exciting time for us, with the development of our new Centre for Clinical Neurosciences, a major expansion of academic activities at the Waterloo campus, planning for the Psychotherapy Masters, our CE Update in Psychiatry taking place next May, and another outstanding group of new residents joining us this week.

Also, the next Department Meeting will be held on October 10th.

Nick Kates

Important Dates:

September 7th, 2018
Machine Learning for Brain Health Symposium

Auditorium | SJHH - West 5th
more info will follow

October 10th, 2018
Department Meeting
Auditorium | SJHH - West 5th

[View the Department Calendar](#)

Department News

Welcome to:

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

Uzma Rehman at our Waterloo Regional Campus; **John Weekes** who joins the Waypoint Centre; **Esther Drenfeld** at HHS; and to **Katherine Holshausen** at St. Joseph's Healthcare.

The following PGY1 psychiatry residents who joined us on July 1st:

Hamilton:

Megan Puckering (McMaster University); **Zainab Mohamed** (McMaster University); **Emma Gregory** (McMaster University); **Jeremy Devine** (University of Toronto); **Stanislav Pasyk** (Queens University); **Sean Andrea** (University of Calgary); **Sang Ik Song** (University of Limerick)

Waterloo:

Mei Chen (McMaster University); **Jae Eun Ryu** (University of Toronto)

The following PGY6 psychiatry residents who also joined us on July 1st:

Child - **Marcia Santiago** (University of Saskatchewan)

Forensic - **Stephanie Bouskill** (McMaster University)

Geriatric - **Temitayo Peluola** (continuing in the program until October 2018)

Congratulations to:

Yuri Alatishe (Program Director) and everyone involved with the **Forensic Psychiatry Residency Program**, on being awarded full accreditation to the Program by the Royal College, with its next review taking place in 2021. A terrific achievement for a new and exciting program and another big step towards our goal of becoming the premier academic forensic psychiatry program in Canada.



All members of the **Offord Centre for Child Studies** who held their research symposium, "*Bridging Science to Practice in Children's Mental Health*", on May 3rd. The symposium was an opportunity to highlight some of the work taking place around our understanding of child/youth mental health and neuro-developmental disorders.

Ellen Lipman and everyone in the Child and Youth Mental Health Program who received MOHLTC funding to allow for the expansion of the program over the next three years.

Sarah Payne (PGY3), who has been accepted into the Clinician Educator Program, effective July 1st.

Ryan Van Lieshout who will be stepping down from the role of Associate Director, MiNDS to take over as Director of the MD PhD program effective July 1st.

James MacKillop who was appointed as the Director of the Michael G. DeGroot Centre for Medicinal Cannabis Research (CMCR) for a four year term, effective April 1st, 2018.

Peter Bieling who has accepted the role of Acting Vice President, Mental Health and Addiction Program at St. Joes, effective July 1st and to **Randi McCabe** who will move into the position of Director, Mood & Anxiety Services, Seniors Mental Health and Quality and Evaluation, taking over from Peter also effective on July 1st.

Research News



Zena Samaan and first year family medicine resident, Leen Naji, whose study found no significant association between cannabis use and suicidal behavior in people with psychiatric disorders. [Read more](#). The study was also published in *Biology of Sex Differences*.



Benicio Frey who received two year funding from CIHR for his grant, "*Intracortical Myelin as a Mechanism for Sex Differences in Major Depressive Disorder*".

Maxine Lewis, Peter Bieling, and Larissa Volman recently spoke to the Hamilton Spectator about raising the awareness of suicide. The full story can be found [here](#).

Ryan Van Lieshout was recently interviewed by [BlackDoctor.org](#) about the link between mental health problems in adulthood when corticosteroids are given to pregnant women in danger of delivering preterm.

James MacKillop whose testimony to a Senate sub-committee on Veterans Affairs about the limits of marijuana consumption was reported by [ipolitics](#).

Other News

If you were unable to attend the summer **Department Meeting** held on May 30th, you can view the video [here](#). Past Department Rounds have also been uploaded to the Department's website and can be viewed [here](#). Note that CME credit is only given if you attend department rounds in person or via webcast the same day.



The 22nd Annual McMaster Muskoka Seminars are now open for registration! The seminars are designed to provide clinicians (psychiatrists, family doctors, other GP psychotherapists, mental health professionals, etc.) with an opportunity to combine symposia with a relaxing summer vacation. To read more, view the seminars, and / or register, please visit [Muskoka Seminars](#).