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July 1st is always a landmark day for our Department, as we welcome new learners and faculty but also say goodbye to some longer serving faculty, staff and our departing residents. It is also a day of transitions as people move into new roles. This Digest marks all of these as I would like to welcome our new residents and faculty, express my thanks and appreciation to all our faculty who are leaving us or stepping down from leadership roles.

July 1st also marks the beginning of the "academic summer" and whatever your plans I would like to wish you and your family a great long weekend and an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

Nick

Save the Date!

Department Rounds Restart
September 11th

Fall Department Meeting
September 18th

Annual Education Day
December 11th

Annual Holiday Reception
December 11th

Department News

Welcome to:

The following individuals who will join our department as GFTs on July 1st:

Rachel Lamont who joins the Schizophrenia Program at St. Joes.

Ashley Johnson who will provide services to our General Psychiatry Program and at De dwa da dehs nye>s Aboriginal Health Centre and will be our new lead for Indigenous Mental Health.

Rafael Candiago who, after completing a clinical fellowship in the Mood Disorders Program, will join the WSIB Clinic at St. Joes.

And to the following who join us as GPTs:

Erin Hanley who will be working in the Seniors Mental Health Program at St. Joes.

Eleanor Donegan who will join the Women's Health Concerns Clinic at St. Joes.

Albert Gyimah who is located at the Brampton Civic Hospital.

Stephanie Lavoie clinical neuropsychologist at McMaster Children's Hospital.

Peter Sheridan psychologist currently working in the Forensic Program at St. Joes.

Our general psychiatry PGY1 residents and subspecialty residents who join us next week:

General Psychiatry Residents

Hamilton:

Aaron Prosser, Ashley Cerqueira, Claire Slavin-Stewart, Kimberly Ng, Kristin Delcellier, Guarav Sharma, and Rachel Barnett

Waterloo Regional Campus:

Kazim Mirhadi and Daniel Weiss

Subspecialty Residents:

Child and Adolescent: Janet Song and Elliot Stansfield (August 30th start)

Geriatric: Briana Howarth and Sumit Chaudhari (August 27th start)

Forensic: Alanna Courtright, Jono Duboff (August 19th start), and Gillian Munro

New Leadership Roles:

Psychiatry Residency Program - On July 1st, **Sheila Harms** steps down after 5 years as Director of our Psychiatry Residency Program and **JoAnn Corey** will be taking over. JoAnn will also continue as CBD Lead as we begin to introduce and test components of the new curriculum and standards over the coming 12 months, before the formal launch on July 1st, 2020.

We had a chance to say 'thank you' to **Sheila** at our summer dinner, but I would like to again acknowledge the amazing job she has done, during not always the easiest of times, and thank her for the vision, compassion, creativity, and dedication she brought to this role, overseeing many important innovations and changes. And I would like to wish **JoAnn** the very best as she takes over.

Clinical Investigators Program - I also want to welcome **Benicio Frey** who is the Department's new Lead for the Clinical Investigators Program, with the twin mandate of overseeing the CIP Program but also promoting research in our residency program. And thank you to **Zena Samaan** who is leaving this role to take over as CIP Director for the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Congratulations to:

The following faculty members who have all been awarded CAWAR (Continuing Appointment Without Annual Review) and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor effective July 1st:

Terry Bennett, Alan Eppel (CAWAR only), **Stelios Georgiades, Andrea Gonzalez, Sheryl Green, Luciano Minuzzi, and Laura Rosato.**

Sid Stacey who received the *Kim Harper Service Award* from the Hamilton Academy of Medicine for his many important contributions to suicide prevention in Hamilton and his work as Chair of the Suicide Prevention Community Council of Hamilton for the last five years.

Karen Saperson on being appointed a *Distinguished Fellow* of the Canadian Psychiatric Association. She will be honored at the CPA's General Meeting in September.

Ellen Lipman who has been reappointed as *Director of the Offord Centre for Child Studies* for a further two-year term, effective July 1st.

And to all the recent award winners who were acknowledged at this year's Department Dinner held on June 12th. The full list of winners can be found [here](#).

Farewell to:

The following faculty members who have relinquished their part time appointments with our department for various reasons, effective July 1st, 2019. I would like to thank all of them for their many contributions to our department and wish them all the best in their future endeavours. They are: **Anthony Nazarov, Abdl Farooqi, Ann Jones, Sacha Agrawal, Andrew Hackett, Paul Mulzer, Martha Savage, Peter Evans, Marilyn Hunt, Jane Storie, Joe Trovato,**



Terry Mitchell, John Sullivan, Ashley Di Battista, Neil Tarswell, Marylou Doxtator, Sarah Watkins, Yousef Papadopoulos, Stephanie Bissell, and Daina Debly.

PES (Psychiatry Emergency Service) Update

It is now five weeks since our residents returned to PES and overall while there have been many improvements and work is progressing on the new space for PES and next month's external review, other issues continue to arise. To address these as quickly as possible we have established both a high level Department / St. Joe's oversight committee that meets weekly, and a dedicated email address for residents and faculty to bring any problems they encounter to the attention of the oversight committee, who will review the issues and respond immediately.

I would like to thank **Sheila Harms, JoAnn Corey, Karen Saperson**, PEC (Postgrad Education Committee), the resident leadership and PES leadership for all their work on PES, and our faculty who continue to make the PES model work. I would also like to thank **Maxine Lewis, Peter Bieling**, Holly Raymond, David Russell, and Greg Rutledge (Chief of Emergency Medicine) for all their support and efforts.

And I particularly want to thank **Janet Patterson**, who has just announced that she will be stepping down as Medical Lead for PES, for all her efforts, not just recently but over the last 10 years, during which time her energy, commitment, good humour, support for residents and faculty, and vision of a high quality clinical and teaching service have been invaluable and much appreciated.

Media News

National Post interviewed **Andrea Gonzalez** about a study done by Richard Tremblay that linked ADHD to income. [Full article](#).

[UNESCO.org](#) published a blogpost by **Magdalena Janus** about the use of assessment data to help strengthen lifelong learning in early childhood education.

Chris Conley who was interviewed on News talk 610AM about community based research on CBT implementation in West Niagara. He was also a PI (**Krista Boylan** was consultant) on a study on CBT implementation with youth which was featured in two articles - [Niagara This Week](#) and [News Now](#).

Stelios Georgiades who provided an opinion piece to the Globe and Mail on how the government is wrong in offloading autism services onto families. [Full article](#).

Sheryl Green who was interviewed by Dana Najjar from Scientific American on perinatal anxiety. [Full article](#).

Jean Clinton spoke to CBC radio about the benefits of eliminating award ceremonies in schools and focusing instead on an educational system that promotes deep learning.

Research News

Natalie Raso (PGY3), who will present her research paper (Michael Mazurek is supervisor) on sport-related concussions at the Society for Neuroscience Conference in Chicago in October. The conference is one of the largest neuroscience conferences in the world.

Jillian Halladay (PhD student in HEI and nurse on 3G), is the recipient of an HHS New Investigator Fund for her research project, *"The CAMP Study: Exploring Cannabis and Alcohol Use Among an Acute Clinical Sample of Youth"*. James MacKillop, Catharine Munn, Michael Amlung, and Kathy Georgiades (Jillian's mentor), are also part of the project.



32nd Annual Psychiatry Research Day

Wednesday, May 6th, 2020

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Department Calendar