



May 28, 2018

I hope you are able to attend our **Annual Department Dinner** which is taking place on **June 5th**. Please RSVP to **Joanne Milne** if you haven't already done so.

I would also like to draw your attention to an excellent **presentation** by Sonia Anand from the Department of Medicine on Gender Equity in Medicine. It is a slideshow presentation but well worth taking the time to watch. Sonia's presentation begins at the 3.00 mark.

*Nick Kates*

## Important Dates:

May 30th, 2018  
**Department Meeting**  
9:00-10:00am  
Lower Auditorium  
St. Joes - West 5th Campus

June 5th, 2018  
**Annual Department Dinner**  
Hamilton Golf & Country Club  
**RSVP**

[View the Department Calendar](#)

## Department News

### *Welcome to:*

**Kelly Goodale**, CPA, CGA who joined the department on May 22nd as our Budget and Financial Analyst. Kelly has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from McMaster and experience in financial analysis, decision support, and financial reporting. Kelly will be supporting our operating plan, clinical practice plan, and program accounts and will report to Alicia Di Iulio.

The following part time assistant clinical professors (adjunct) who joined us May 1st:

**Stephanie Dennis**, social worker with the General Internal Medicine department based at St. Joseph's Hospital; **Cassie Fischer**, psychotherapist in private practice in Hamilton; **Kenneth Handelman**, child and adolescent psychiatrist based at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital; **Jennifer Summers**, psychologist with the Pediatric Eating Disorders Program at McMaster Children's Hospital; and **Sabrina Kaur Syan**, clinical psychology graduate student in the Mood Disorders Program at St. Joseph's Hospital.

### *Congratulations to:*



**Bernice Downey** who is this year's recipient of the Award for Strategic Contribution to Nursing Education from the Council of Ontario University Programs in Nursing (COUPN). Amongst other things, Bernice helped lead COUPN's response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. [More.](#)

**Ben McCutchen** (PGY5) and **Tea Rosic** (PGY2) who have each just been awarded 2017-18 Postgraduate Medical Education Awards - Ben as a resident-leader and Tea as a resident-

mentor.

**Menika McKeegan** who won the inaugural PGME Program Administrator Award, which is richly deserved recognition for the terrific job she does with the Psychiatry Residency Program.

**Ana Hategan** and **Tracy Cheng** for creating the very first national practice examination for geriatric psychiatry PGY6 residents submitted through Geri-COPE, to be written on May 17th.

Irene Vitoroulis, a post-doctoral fellow working with **Kathy Georgiades**, was recently awarded a 2018-2019 Ontario Women's Health Scholars Postdoctoral Renewal Award.



The 2018 International Society for Autism Research (INSAR) Annual Meeting was recently held in the Netherlands and members of **MacART** were involved with 19 oral, poster, and panel sessions - the full list can be found [here](#). MacART received a lot of international attention.



**Cheyenne Reid**, from our admin offices, received 2nd place in this year's Joint Health and Safety Committee poster competition held during NAOSH Week (North American Occupational Safety & Health).

## In the Media



**Michael Van Ameringen** was interviewed by **MD Magazine** about a study on the use of the smartphone app Pokémon GO - and similar games - which could have potential therapeutic benefits for those with mental illness.



**Jean Clinton** was a guest speaker at a recent workshop hosted by the Parent Involvement Committee of the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board. Her presentation focused on the emotional development of children. [Read more](#).

**Jean** was also interviewed by **News Talk Radio** about her recent co-authored report on recommending the phasing out of some EQAO standardized tests.

**The Hamilton Spectator** ran an opinion piece by **Bernice Downey** and Mark Walton about the Faculty of Health Sciences commitment to better integrate Indigenous knowledge and teachings into our educational and research programs to develop the next generation of health care professionals who will provide culturally safe environments of respect and understanding of Indigenous peoples.

**Jon Davine** was recently on a radio talk show hosted by CMHL radio on the topic of PTSD.

## McMaster Muskoka Seminars

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](#).