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Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

On April 30th, the Faculty of Medicine celebrated its 10th Annual Education Achievement Celebration recognizing those faculty members and staff who have demonstrated excellence and innovation as teachers and mentors. **Professor Tom Chau** (Institute for Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering and VP Research, Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital) set the stage with a keynote address about the inspiration that students experience when their teachers positively affirm the learning partnership. He emphasized that the extraordinary human connection that forms between mentors and students resides right at the

heart of excellent teaching.

Professor Ivan Silver from the Department of Psychiatry, and Vice President Education at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, was congratulated for receiving the prestigious 2012 President's Teaching Award, the highest honour for teaching at U of T. Since joining our faculty in 1981, Dr. Silver has profoundly and positively impacted teaching and learning at the Faculty of Medicine. A past Vice-Dean of Continuing Education and Professional Development (2005–2011) and inaugural Director of the renowned Centre for Faculty Development (2002–2009), Dr. Silver is a recipient of a national 3M Teaching Fellowship. With this new award, he joins previous recipients from the Faculty of Medicine including Susan Lief, Michael Wiley, Martin Schreiber, Richard Reznick and Helen Batty.

A total of 34 faculty members across all of our Sectors including Clinical, Basic Science, Rehabilitation Sciences and Community Health received education recognition awards. **Merle Casci** from the Department of Medical Biophysics was this year's recipient of the David Keeling Award for her outstanding contributions to administration in our Faculty.

On behalf of the Faculty of Medicine, I offer my thanks to all of the awardees and their nominators. We are grateful to our Education Deans - **Jay Rosenfield** (Undergraduate Medical Education), **Avrum Gotlieb** (Graduate Affairs), **Sal Spadafora** (Postgraduate Medical Education) and **Dimitri Anastakis** (Continuing Education and Professional Development) - along with each of their teams for organizing a terrific celebration.

Finally, behind every award winner is a network of families, partners, colleagues and friends who help create the conditions for innovation and success. I am delighted to have the opportunity to salute their role as part of our community and appreciate their enduring encouragement and support.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients and thank you for your creativity and commitment to teaching,

mentoring and inspiring the next generation of health professionals, scientists and leaders.

Catharine Whiteside

Dean, Faculty of Medicine

Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions

IN THE NEWS:

Canadian Prof. Honored for Work on Tobacco Control

Fatal road crashes surge on tax deadline day

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1. In Memoriam

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Dimitrios Oreopoulos, Professor Emeritus, Department of Medicine, Division of Nephrology, University of Toronto

Professor Emeritus Dimitrios Oreopoulos MD, PhD, FRCP, FACP passed away on April 25, 2012 after a prolonged illness. Professor Oreopoulos was a valued colleague at the University of Toronto who devoted his career to the academic mission of improving the health of individuals with kidney failure. He is considered one of the giants of nephrology and internationally renowned, having received numerous honorary degrees and awards including the prestigious Belding Scribner Award (1998) and an award in Geriatric Nephrology (2012) from the American Society of Nephrology. His tireless academic clinical work was devoted to enhancing available treatments for individuals with kidney failure through advances in peritoneal dialysis, championing of rights of the elderly with kidney failure and preventing kidney disease and its complications.

Professor Oreopoulos was a true pioneer and founded the International Society of Geriatric Nephrology and Urology. He was Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Humane Healthcare International* and the Editor-in-Chief of *International Urology and*

Nephrology Journal (incorporating Geriatric Nephrology and Urology Journal). He is recognized as a leader in the Greek community of Ontario and contributed to many charitable and education organizations. Professor Oreopoulos mentored countless health professional trainees and faculty members, profoundly influencing their careers. He will be dearly missed, within the Department of Medicine and Division of Nephrology at the University of Toronto, as well as the nephrology community across the world, as an exemplary academic physician and friend.

2. Honours and Awards

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Reeve-Irvine Research Medal for Spinal Cord Injury Research

Dr. Charles Tator (Professor of Neurosurgery and University Health Network) and **Dr. Michael Fehlings** (Professor of Neurosurgery and University Health Network) have been awarded the Reeve-Irvine Research Medal for Spinal Cord Injury Research. The Medal recognizes an individual, or individuals, who have made highly meritorious scientific contributions in the area of spinal cord repair, and whose research has stood the test of time and scrutiny. Founded by Joan Irvine Smith in honour of Christopher Reeve, this is the first time the Medal has been presented to a University of Toronto team. The award will be presented at the University of California at Irvine in May.

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Award

Dr. David Goldbloom (Professor of Psychiatry and Centre for Addiction and Mental Health) was presented with Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee Medal by the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada. The new Diamond Jubilee commemorative medal was created to mark the 2012 celebrations of the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. The Medal is a tangible way for Canada to honour Her Majesty for her service to this country and also serves to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians. [Click here](#) for more coverage of Dr. Goldbloom's award.

CAPO Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Gary Rodin (Professor of Psychiatry and University Health Network) has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology (CAPO) for his exceptional and enduring career contributions to psychosocial oncology. Dr. Rodin's achievements include pioneering the world-renowned fully-integrated program of Psychosocial Oncology and Palliative Care (POPC). At Princess Margaret Hospital, Dr. Rodin leads a research team focused on the investigation and treatment of the psychological consequences of metastatic and advanced disease.

OMA Advocate for Students Award

Dr. Martin Schreiber (Dept. of Medicine and St. Michael's Hospital) has been chosen to receive the 2012 OMA Advocate for Students Award. This award is presented each year to the individual who has made outstanding contributions to Ontario's medical students based on district submissions to the OMA Board of Directors. Dr. Schreiber will receive this important award at a meeting of the OMA in May.

University of Toronto President's Teaching Award

Prof. Ivan Silver (Dept. of Psychiatry and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health) has been selected as a recipient of the President's Teaching Award, the highest honour for teaching at the University of Toronto. This award recognizes sustained excellence in teaching, research on teaching, and the integration of teaching and research, and recipients of this award are invited to join the U of T Teaching Academy, which is committed to advancing teaching at the University and reflecting the wide range of excellent teaching styles and approaches. For more about Dr. Silver and this award, [click here](#).

3. Academic Appointments

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Appointment of Dr. Stacey Bernstein - UME Program Clerkship Director

I am delighted to announce that **Dr. Stacey Bernstein** has been appointed as overall Clerkship Director for the Undergraduate Medical Education Program for a five year term commencing July 1, 2012.

Dr. Bernstein is an Associate Professor in the Department of Paediatrics. She has served as the Undergraduate Director for Pediatrics since 2006 and as Deputy Clerkship Director for the UME program since 2010. She was also the Interim Associate Academy Director for the Mississauga Academy of Medicine. An accomplished educator, Stacey has received many awards including the W.T. Aikins award for individual teaching excellence. Dr. Bernstein graduated in Medicine from the University of Toronto in 1992 and completed her residency in Toronto in 1996. She is a graduate of the Education Scholars Program in 2006 and has a strong interest in faculty development.

May I extend sincere thanks to **Anita Rachlis** for her outstanding leadership of the Clerkship for the past decade.

Please join me in warmly welcoming Stacey Bernstein to her new role in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto!

Jay Rosenfield, MD, MEd, FRCPC

Vice-Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education
Faculty of Medicine

Appointment of Dr. Luc de Nil – Vice-Dean, Students, School of Graduate Studies

The Academic Board has approved the appointment of **Dr. Luc De Nil** as Vice Dean, Students, in the School of Graduate Studies for a three year term commencing July 1, 2012. Dr. De Nil is a Professor in the Department of Speech-Language Pathology and an Affiliated Scientist at the Toronto Western Research Institute. He has been a passionate, committed, and student-focused leader who has led the Department of Speech-Language Pathology as Chair for the past 10 years. He was elected Fellow in the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in 2011 for his contributions to the field and is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Communication Disorders.

Luigi Girolametto

Professor and Chair

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Helping Medical Students Deal with Problematic Situations

From time to time, faculty members will be approached by medical students seeking guidance or an opportunity to discuss a problematic situation that has affected them. In these situations, faculty should be aware of how they are expected to respond. In our recent survey of faculty members (described in *MedEmail*, Vol. 20, No. 15), some faculty members reported being unsure of how to handle these situations.

Part of the challenge is that the nature of these events can vary widely. For example, if a student seeks advice about having been a victim of mistreatment, or having witnessed unprofessional conduct by a member of the faculty or other health professional, the UME program has a protocol in place to address the situation.

At other times, faculty members may be called upon to help a student who has been injured in the course of clinical work. In these cases, there are agreements with each affiliated hospital in place to provide direction on how to proceed. In the event that a student approaches a faculty member to assist with a physical or emotional problem, it is critical that the faculty member understand the appropriate course of action and the limitations of his or her involvement.

In order to determine how to proceed if faced with any of these situations, there are two resources that faculty members are encouraged to consult. The first is the **UME Teacher Handbook**, available on the Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) website at <http://www.md.utoronto.ca/handbook.htm>. Flip to the last page to find a section entitled "*If you encounter a problem,*" which provides suggested steps to take and individuals to contact. The Handbook also contains copies of relevant policies and protocols which provide more in-depth guidelines on how various problematic situations should be handled. In several cases, a straightforward flowchart is included. Among the most pertinent of these policies are:

- *the Protocol for UME students to report mistreatment and other kinds of unprofessional behavior;*
- *the Protocol for incidents of medical student workplace injury and exposure to infectious disease in clinical settings; and*
- *the Procedure for conflicts of clinical and educational roles.*

Second, the UME program has created an [online "Red Button"](#) feature on its website to provide students and faculty members with helpful information in the event of a crisis. The "Red Button" is accessible from several UME websites, and appears in the upper right corner of the [UME website](#):



By clicking on this button, students and faculty members can find links in response to several kinds of concerns that students might be voicing. These concerns include:

- *"I've experienced a workplace injury (e.g. needle-stick)."*
- *"I've experienced a non-workplace injury or illness."*
- *"I've missed an exam (or am about to miss an exam)."*
- *"I need to know about being absent from school."*
- *"I am worried about my performance on an exam or assessment."*
- *"I am experiencing a personal crisis."*
- *"I am worried about a friend in crisis."*
- *"I feel threatened."*
- *"I have experienced or witnessed student mistreatment."*
- *"I want to talk to someone about a breach of professionalism that I witnessed."*

Faculty members are invited to browse through both the UME Teacher Handbook and the "Red Button" to get a better idea of how they can assist students experiencing problematic situations.

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North York General Hospital Appointments

Donna McRitchie, Vice President, Medical and Academic Affairs for North York General Hospital announced two new members to the NYGH medical leadership team: **Dr. Dianne Delva** as Chief of Family and Community Medicine, and **Dr. Richard Bowry** as Chief of Anaesthesia.

Dr. Delva has extensive experience in medical education and interprofessional development and most recently served as Associate Dean of Undergraduate Medical Education at Dalhousie University. Dr. Bowry (Dept. of Anesthesia) is currently a staff anaesthesiologist at St. Michael's and an adjunct scientist in the hospital's Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute.

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Health Education Leadership Program (HELP) - September 17-21, 2012

Registration is open to participate in this intensive certificate program designed to provide the theoretical framework and hands-on practice to implement, evaluate and

lead clinical and education projects.

Participants are expected to come to the course with an idea for an educational or clinical project, which they will learn to refine and develop into a feasible project. Participants can choose any project or program to address a healthcare concern or health education concern.

For more information, please contact **Sandra Miller** at sandra.miller@sickkids.ca or [click here](#) to register.

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~ Our congratulations to all! ~

UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES

May

Rolf Luft Award in Endocrinology and Diabetes Research (May 12)
Bower Award

June

Killam Prize
Canadian Medical Hall of Fame
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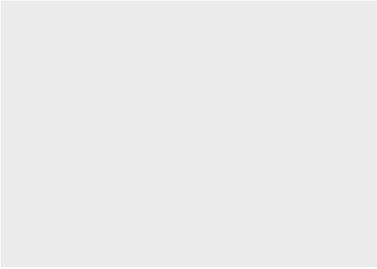
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