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## Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

### 2012 UME Accreditation Completed

Dear Faculty of Medicine community,

The LCME-CACMS accreditation survey visit of the Undergraduate Medical Education program has just concluded. The visit was the culmination of eighteen months of intensive reflection and self-study by faculty, staff, and students regarding all aspects of the UME program.

This included a rigorous evaluation of the institutional environment, the

curriculum in the MD program, support for medical students, quality of faculty, and resources available for education.

The preliminary report received from the survey team was very positive, and highlighted the excellent preparation in which the medical school engaged. The determination of accreditation status is the responsibility of the LCME and CACMS, which will both be meeting in the fall to review the survey team's full report.

We sincerely thank the entire Faculty of Medicine community for its tremendous ongoing support of the MD program, and we especially wish to acknowledge the contributions of all those who participated directly in the accreditation process.

Martin Schreiber  
Senior Academic Coordinator, LCME-CACMS Accreditation

Jay Rosenfield  
Vice-Dean Undergraduate Medical Education

Catharine Whiteside

## **2012 Academic Promotions**

Each year, our faculty reach outstanding levels of scholarship in their pursuit of excellence in teaching and research. This scholarship creates tangible benefits for the health of Ontarians, Canadians and the global community. Recognizing this excellence and achievement, I am delighted to extend my congratulations to each of our faculty members who were promoted this year. On behalf of the Faculty of Medicine, I want to extend my best wishes to all for their continued success and leadership in providing the very best health education and research.

I would like to expressly thank **Avrum Gotlieb** as Chair of the Decanal Promotions Committee, and our Academic Human Resources Coordinator, **Libby Shirriff**, for their work in supporting the committee. I would also like to recognize the members of the Decanal Promotions Committee for their invaluable contributions to this process:

<b>Andrew Barker</b>	Anesthesia
<b>David Bazett-Jones</b>	Biochemistry
<b>Larry Librach</b>	Family and Community Medicine
<b>Ross Baker</b>	Health Policy, Management and Evaluation
<b>Juan Carlos Zuniga-Pflucker</b>	Immunology
<b>Ming Tsao</b>	Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology
<b>Walter Kucharczyk</b>	Medical Imaging
<b>Brian Wilson</b>	Medical Biophysics
<b>Ivy Fettes</b>	Medicine
<b>Pam Goodwin</b>	Medicine
<b>Jun Liu</b>	Molecular Genetics
<b>Derek van der Kooy</b>	Molecular Genetics
<b>Valerie Tarasuk</b>	Nutritional Science
<b>Jennifer Blake</b>	Obstetrics & Gynaecology
<b>Rand Simpson</b>	Ophthalmology
<b>Heather Carnahan</b>	Occupational Science & Occupational Therapy (Surgery)
<b>Debra Katzman</b>	Pediatrics
<b>Jane Mitchell</b>	Pharmacology
<b>Cheryl Cott</b>	Physical Therapy
<b>Michael Wheeler</b>	Physiology (Medicine)
<b>Daphne Goring</b>	<i>Provost's Assessor</i>
<b>Eugenia Kumacheva</b>	<i>Provost's Assessor</i>
<b>Rebecca Wong</b>	Radiation Oncology
<b>Neil Fleshner</b>	Surgery
<b>Terry Axelrod</b>	Surgery

The University has approved the following candidates for promotion to the rank of Professor effective July 1, 2011:

<b>Julia Knight</b>	Dalla Lana School of Public Health
<b>Michelle Cotterchio</b>	Dalla Lana School of Public Health

<b>Tom Chau</b>	Biomaterials & Biomedical Engineering
<b>Hong Chang</b>	Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology
<b>Michael Ohh</b>	Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology
<b>Patricia Shaw</b>	Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology
<b>Igor Jurisica</b>	Medical Biophysics
<b>Gang Zheng</b>	Medical Biophysics
<b>Manohar Shroff</b>	Medical Imaging
<b>Susan Blaser</b>	Medical Imaging
<b>Elizabeth Tullis</b>	Medicine
<b>Heather Ross</b>	Medicine
<b>Hillary Steinhart</b>	Medicine
<b>Jeff Zaltzman</b>	Medicine
<b>Maureen Shandling</b>	Medicine
<b>Michael Schull</b>	Medicine
<b>John Brumell</b>	Molecular Genetics
<b>Mei Zhen</b>	Molecular Genetics
<b>Peter Roy</b>	Molecular Genetics
<b>David Rootman</b>	Ophthalmology
<b>Moshe Eizenman</b>	Ophthalmology
<b>Joseph Chen</b>	Otolaryngology
<b>Brenda Banwell</b>	Paediatrics
<b>Irena Nulman</b>	Paediatrics
<b>Jeremy Friedman</b>	Paediatrics
<b>Rae Yeung</b>	Paediatrics
<b>Rayfel Schneider</b>	Paediatrics
<b>Roger McIntyre</b>	Psychiatry
<b>Cari Whyne</b>	Surgery
<b>Helen MacRae</b>	Surgery
<b>Sandro Rizoli</b>	Surgery

The University has approved the following candidates for promotion to the rank of Associate Professor effective July 1, 2011:

<b>Cengiz Karsli</b>	Anesthesia
<b>Ki Jinn Chin</b>	Anesthesia
<b>Marcin Wasowicz</b>	Anesthesia
<b>Massimiliano Meineri</b>	Anesthesia
<b>Richard Bowry</b>	Anesthesia
<b>Allen Volchuk</b>	Biochemistry
<b>John Rubinstein</b>	Biochemistry
<b>Simon Sharpe</b>	Biochemistry
<b>Ellen MacEachen</b>	Dalla Lana School of Public Health
<b>Ron House</b>	Dalla Lana School of Public Health
<b>Suzanne Jackson</b>	Dalla Lana School of Public Health
<b>Albert Kirshen</b>	Family & Community Medicine

<b>Katherine Rouleau</b>	Family & Community Medicine
<b>Philip Ellison</b>	Family & Community Medicine
<b>Sidney Feldman</b>	Family & Community Medicine
<b>Vincent Maida</b>	Family & Community Medicine
<b>Mark Dobrow</b>	Health Policy, Management & Evaluation
<b>Nades Palaniyar</b>	Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology
<b>Charles Cunningham</b>	Medical Biophysics
<b>Rajiv Chopra</b>	Medical Biophysics
<b>Thomas Kislinger</b>	Medical Biophysics
<b>Elysa Widjaja</b>	Medical Imaging
<b>Joao Amaral</b>	Medical Imaging
<b>Korosh Khalili</b>	Medical Imaging
<b>Annie Sawka</b>	Medicine
<b>Anurag Tandon</b>	Medicine
<b>Charles Lynde</b>	Medicine
<b>Christine Lay</b>	Medicine
<b>Dennis Ko</b>	Medicine
<b>Eric Horlick</b>	Medicine
<b>Geoffrey Nguyen</b>	Medicine
<b>Helen Mackay</b>	Medicine
<b>Lianne Singer</b>	Medicine
<b>Matthew Oliver</b>	Medicine
<b>Michael Gardam</b>	Medicine
<b>Ravi Retnakaran</b>	Medicine
<b>Sunil Verma</b>	Medicine
<b>Suzanne Trudel</b>	Medicine
<b>Tiffany Chow</b>	Medicine
<b>Brian Ciruna</b>	Molecular Genetics
<b>Laurence Pelletier</b>	Molecular Genetics
<b>Arthur Zaltz</b>	Obstetrics & Gynecology
<b>Adrian Brown</b>	Obstetrics & Gynecology
<b>Elaine Herer</b>	Obstetrics & Gynecology
<b>Michael Sved</b>	Obstetrics & Gynecology
<b>Sari Kives</b>	Obstetrics & Gynecology
<b>Eyal Cohen</b>	Paediatrics
<b>Jennifer Russell</b>	Paediatrics
<b>Kathy Boutis</b>	Paediatrics
<b>Roberto Mendoza-Londono</b>	Paediatrics
<b>Uri Tabori</b>	Paediatrics
<b>Philippe Monnier</b>	Physiology
<b>Kenneth Fung</b>	Psychiatry
<b>Ofer Agid</b>	Psychiatry
<b>Paul Arnold</b>	Psychiatry
<b>Romina Mizrahi</b>	Psychiatry

<b>Ronald Ruskin</b>	Psychiatry
<b>Sonu Gaiind</b>	Psychiatry
<b>Vicky Stergiopoulos</b>	Psychiatry
<b>Arjun Sahgal</b>	Radiation Oncology
<b>David Wiljer</b>	Radiation Oncology
<b>Jean-Pierre Bissonnette</b>	Radiation Oncology
<b>Carol-Anne Moulton</b>	Surgery
<b>Homer Tien</b>	Surgery
<b>Jack Barkin</b>	Surgery
<b>Jeff Fialkov</b>	Surgery
<b>Katalin Szaszi</b>	Surgery
<b>Natalie Coburn</b>	Surgery

**Catharine Whiteside**

Dean, Faculty of Medicine

Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions

**IN THE NEWS:**

Canadian discovers method to radically minimize scars

Type 2 diabetes treatment puts disease in remission

The Economist: Distorted sex ratios in Ontario

If you would like to have a news item or a research or education award announcement placed in MedEmail please forward it by e-mail to [Leslie.Church@utoronto.ca](mailto:Leslie.Church@utoronto.ca).

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**1. Honours and Awards**

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**Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology 29th Annual Research Day - Award Winners**

On Friday, May 4th, the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology held its 29th Annual Research Day featuring 14 oral and 62 poster presentations by trainees, covering both basic and clinical work.

The **2012 JW Knox Ritchie Research Awards** for best abstract/presentation by trainee category were awarded to the following recipients:

*Clinical Fellow:*

**Kimberley Garbedian** (Supervisor: Kimberley Liu) - *The Impact of Vitamin D Status on Implantation and Clinical Pregnancy Rates Following In Vitro Fertilization*, Kimberley Garbedian, Miranda Boggild, Joel Moody, Kimberley Liu.

*Post-Doctoral Fellow:*

**Sascha Drewlo** (Supervisor: John Kingdom) - *The PPAR- agonist Rosiglitazone Reverses sFLT1 Hyper-secretion from First Trimester Placental Villi in a GCM1-Dependent Manner*, Sascha Drewlo, Fergus McCarthy, Khrystyna Levytska, Louise Kenny, John Kingdom.

*Resident:*

**Stéphanie Backman** (Supervisor: Theodore J Brown) - *Interleukin-1 $\beta$  (IL-1 $\beta$ )-Stimulated Inflammatory Gene Expression in Fallopian Tube Epithelial Cells is reversed by Glucocorticoids*, Stéphanie Backman, Alexandra Kollara, Carl Virtanen, Theodore J Brown.

*Graduate Student:*

**Theresa Chow** (Supervisor: Ian Rogers) - *Improved Survival of Umbilical Cord Derived Donor Cells in Bone Marrow Transplantation due to Trophoblast Invasion*, Theresa Chow, Jennifer Whiteley, Ian Rogers.

*Student:*

**Sarah Cao** (Supervisor: Andrea Jurisicova) - *Role of Bim in Oocyte Survival*, Sarah Cao, Shakib Omari, Andrea Jurisicova.

The **Frederick R Papsin Award** for postgraduate resident in final year of training, based on teaching ability, mentorship activities and leadership, as chosen by peers, was awarded to **Karthika Devarajan**.

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## 2. Announcements

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### Access to Excellence Campaign Reaches its Goal with Students' Donation

A generous gift from U of T Medicine students has helped to close the Access to Excellence campaign, designed to support undergraduate medical students in their quest to become doctors.

The **\$275,000 gift was donated by graduating U of T medical students** who prepare *Toronto Notes*, a comprehensive study guide that helps students prepare for Canadian and American medical licensing exams. It was the most recent gift by the student group, whose cumulative donations to the Access to Excellence campaign **total more than \$2-million**.

Launched by the Faculty of Medicine in partnership with the Medical Alumni Association to ensure access to an undergraduate medical

education for qualified students, the \$15-million Access to Excellence campaign provides financial support to students through bursaries and awards. Each year, dozens of medical students receive assistance through funds raised by the campaign, which was supported by hundreds of philanthropic gifts.

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### **Director, Heart and Stroke / Richard Lewar Centre for Excellence in Cardiovascular Research**

**Dr. Mansoor Husain** is completing his term as Director of the Heart and Stroke / Richard Lewar Centre for Excellence in Cardiovascular Research. An advisory committee has been struck to guide the search for his successor. The composition of the committee is as follows:

**Alison Buchan (Chair)**, Vice-Dean, Research and International Relations, Faculty of Medicine  
**Ashish Deshwar**, Student, MD/PhD Program  
**Avrum Gotlieb**, Acting Vice-Dean, Graduate Affairs, Faculty of Medicine  
**Richard Hegele**, Chair, Dept. of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology  
**Wendy Levinson**, Chair, Dept. of Medicine  
**Gary Lewis**, Director, Banting and Best Diabetes Centre  
**Mary Clare Luca**, Student, MD Program  
**Stephen Matthews**, Chair, Dept. of Physiology  
**Janet Rossant**, Chief of Research, Research Institute, The Hospital for Sick Children

The committee welcomes input. Please send comments and nominations to Anastasia Meletopoulos, Academic Affairs Specialist, at [anastasia.meletopoulos@utoronto.ca](mailto:anastasia.meletopoulos@utoronto.ca). Opinions will be treated in strictest confidence and will be made known only to the Advisory Committee for the Appointment of Director, Heart and Stroke / Richard Lewar Centre for Excellence in Cardiovascular Research.

Position and applications details will be available in a later issue.

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## **3. Call for Applications**

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### **Director, University of Toronto Interdepartmental Division of Critical Care Medicine**

**Dr. Arthur Slutsky** is completing his term as Director of the Interdepartmental Division of Critical Care Medicine and an advisory committee has been struck to guide the search for his successor. The composition of the committee is as follows:

**Brian Kavanagh** (Committee Chair), Chair, Dept. of Anesthesia  
**Denis Daneman**, Chair, Dept. of Paediatrics  
**Robert Fowler**, Critical Care Medicine, Sunnybrook Research Institute  
**Shannon Goddard**, Critical Care Medicine, University of Toronto  
**Shaf Keshavjee**, Surgeon-in-Chief, University Health Network  
**John Laffey**, Anesthetist-in-Chief, St. Michael's Hospital

**Wendy Levinson**, Chair, Dept. of Medicine  
**Chris Parshuram**, Critical Care Program, The Hospital for Sick Children  
**Ori Rotstein**, Surgeon-in-Chief, St. Michael's Hospital  
**James Rutka**, Chair, Dept. of Surgery  
**Damon Scales**, Director, Critical Care (Adult) Residency Program,  
Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre  
**Tom Stewart**, Physician-in-Chief, Mount Sinai Hospital

The committee welcomes input and invites applications.

Please send comments and nominations to Anastasia Meletopoulos, Academic Affairs Specialist, at [anastasia.meletopoulos@utoronto.ca](mailto:anastasia.meletopoulos@utoronto.ca). Opinions will be treated in strictest confidence and will be made known only to the Advisory Committee for the Appointment of Director, Interdepartmental Division of Critical Care Medicine.

For position (Faculty Job # 1200425) and application details, visit <http://www.hrandequity.utoronto.ca/careers>.

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#### **4. Call for Nominations**

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#### **Reminder: 2012-13 External Education and Teaching Awards – Deadline May 31st, 2012**

The Education Vice-Deans have called for internal nominations for the following external awards with fall/winter deadlines:

*Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada (AFMC)*  
*Award for Outstanding Contribution to Faculty Development in Canada*  
*Young Educators Award*  
*John Ruedy Award for Innovation in Medical Education*  
*May Cohen Gender Equity Award*  
*President's Award*  
*E-Health Award*

*Canadian Association for Medical Education (CAME)*  
*New Educator's Award*  
*Ian Hart Award for Distinguished Contribution to Medical Education*

*Canadian Medical Association (CMA)*  
*May Cohen Award for Women Mentors*  
*Award for Young Leaders*

*Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC)*  
*The Duncan Graham Award*

*Society for Teaching & Learning in Higher Education (STLHE)*  
*Alan Blizzard Award*

*University of Toronto*  
*President's Teaching Award*

For additional information about eligibility criteria and internal



nomination procedures, visit:  
<http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca/staff/teach/external.htm>, or contact Jeananne Robertson.

For additional information about eligibility criteria and internal nomination procedures, visit:  
<http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca/staff/teach/external.htm>, or contact Jeananne Robertson. Nominations must include (see [nomination form](#)) a summary paragraph or statement explaining why the nominee is suitable for this award. A current CV for the nominee must follow, and a teaching dossier (if available). Please submit nominations electronically to Jeananne Robertson by end of day on **Thursday, May 31st, 2012**.

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### **RESEARCH GRANTS**

- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation - Grand Challenges Exploration
- Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada-Vertex Pharmaceuticals Sponsored Research Program
- Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation - Early Researcher Awards - Round 8

*~ Our congratulations to all! ~*

### **UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES**

#### **May**

Bower Award

#### **June**

Killam Prize

Canadian Medical Hall of Fame

Steacie Prize for Natural Sciences

BBVA Foundation - Frontiers of Knowledge Awards

#### **July**

Federation of Chinese Canadian Professionals (Ontario) - Education Foundation Award of Merit

Prix Galien Canada (Innovative Product)

Prix Galien Canada (Research)

Wiley Prize in Biomedical Sciences

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