

If you are having trouble viewing this email, please select [here](#).



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF MEDICINE

MedEmail

May 31, 2012
Vol. 20, No. 19



Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

With convocation set to begin at U of T on June 5 with the graduation of our Class of 1T2 medical students, Medical Radiation Sciences students, and first-ever class of Physician Assistant students, this is always a special time of year for our community of students, alumni, family, friends and guests.

Convocation marks the beginning of an exciting new phase of professional development and practice - the culmination of years of study and hard work. As our graduates journey on this new path alongside of their classmates and colleagues, we look forward to the contributions they will make to

communities far and wide, shaping the future of our health system, and the biomedical research that will transform our lives.

With each graduating class I am reminded of the incredible contribution of our students to U of T Medicine. Our students are the heart of our school spirit and student life, invaluable to advancing health and biomedical research, and the source of boundless inquiry, which pushes all of us to be at the top of our game in each of our fields everyday.

This year, in particular, I am most grateful for the collective gift given by our Medical School graduating class to the Access to Excellence fund-raising campaign in support of new bursaries for their peers. This donation of \$275,000 from the proceeds of their popular *Toronto Notes*, brings the total medical student contribution to this \$15-million campaign to more than \$2-million. This exemplary gift will support the next generation of medical students, ensuring a medical education is within their reach.

I am also thrilled to see the first-ever class of Physician Assistants at the University of Toronto receive their degrees, marking a historic Faculty of Medicine milestone and signalling a continued trend towards integrated health care delivery in Ontario. The inaugural class of 17 graduates - all currently working in clinics, hospitals and care sites across Ontario - began their journey two years ago when the Department of Family and Community Medicine introduced the Physician Assistant program in partnership with the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and The Michener Institute for Applied Health Sciences. They are breaking new ground for the many students who will follow in their footsteps in the years to come.

On behalf of all of us at U of T Medicine, I wish every one of this year's graduates a future of accomplishment and fulfillment. We are tremendously proud of your achievements and look forward to staying in touch with you throughout your careers as the newest members of our proud alumni family. Congratulations!

Catharine Whiteside
Dean, Faculty of Medicine

IN THE NEWS:

Dr. Samir Sinha to lead new long-term care seniors study

Double lung transplant recipient dances with her doctors

Student group's donation boosts campaign for access to undergraduate medical education

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 Jennifer Holland.

TABLE OF CONTENTS:

- [1. In Memoriam](#)
- [2. Academic Appointments](#)
- [3. Honours and Awards](#)
- [4. Faculty Council](#)
- [5. Call for Applications](#)
- [6. Around Campus](#)
- [7. Medicine Research Online](#)

EVENTS CALENDAR

MEDEMAIL ARCHIVE

1. In Memoriam

[Back to Top](#)

Dr. Thomas Patterson Morley (Neurosurgery) passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, April 29th, 2012 in his 93rd year. Dr. Morley graduated in medicine from the University of Oxford. He served in the Medical Branch of the Royal Air Force during WWII. After the war, he did his neurosurgical training in Manchester with Sir Geoffrey Jefferson. He then came to Toronto and was on staff at Sunnybrook Hospital. Dr. Morley succeeded Dr. Botterell as Head of the Division of Neurosurgery at the Toronto General Hospital in 1962, and in 1964 he was named Chairman of Neurosurgery at the University of Toronto. One of Dr. Morley's accomplishments as Chairman was expanding the training program to include more residents trained each year, and to develop neurosurgery at other major Toronto Hospitals such as the Sunnybrook Medical Centre and the Wellesley Hospital.

Following his retirement from active neurosurgical practice in 1986, the *Morley Neurosurgical Prize* was established for the best research paper given by a neurosurgical resident at the annual Keith Lectureship. Dr. Morley was very interested in and wrote about the history of Canadian Neurosurgery. Beginning in 1987, for 14 years, he was editor for the series *Canadian Medical Lives*, and in 2004, he published a biography of Dr. Kenneth G. McKenzie.

2. Academic Appointments

Appointment of Professor Dimitri Anastakis as Vice Dean, Continuing Education & Professional Development

The Academic Board has approved the appointment of **Professor Dimitri Anastakis** as Vice-Dean of Continuing Education and Professional Development for a five-year term commencing July 1, 2012.

Dr. Anastakis is a Professor in the Department of Surgery and holds a cross appointment in the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing. He has recently served as the Chair of the Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery (September 1, 2006 to July 1, 2011). Since May 2010 he has held the position of Executive Director of SIM-one, the interprofessional healthcare simulation network that links simulation facilities, resources and services across the Province of Ontario. Dr. Anastakis served as Acting (July 1 to August 31, 2011) and Interim (September 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012) Vice-Dean of Continuing Education and Professional Development.

Professor Anastakis has published widely including articles in peer reviewed journals, book chapters and abstracts. He has made numerous presentations at scientific meetings in Canada, the United States and Europe. Currently, his clinical research focuses on outcomes following reconstruction of the paralyzed upper extremity and cortical plasticity following upper extremity injury, repair and rehabilitation. He is also involved in medical education research, having studied technical skills teaching and assessment, visual spatial abilities in surgical skills acquisition, and cortical plasticity during motor skills acquisition. He has been the recipient of a number of grants to support this research, and is actively involved in the medical education community including the RCPSC, American College of Surgeons and the Association for Surgical Education. Professor Anastakis is an outstanding teacher and highly regarded mentor in undergraduate and graduate surgical education and has won numerous awards for teaching and research, including the Wightman-Berris Academy Award for Individual Teaching Excellence from the Department of Surgery.

Professor Anastakis graduated from medical school at the University of Toronto where he also completed his residency in Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery. He was an R. Samuel McLaughlin Fellow studying surgery of the brachial plexus and peripheral nerves at Universite de Longeraie, Lausanne, Switzerland. Following his fellowship, Dr. Anastakis joined the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine in the Department of Surgery. He also has graduate degrees in Health Professions Education, from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and in Healthcare Management from Harvard University.

Please join me in warmly welcoming Dimitri Anastakis to his new role in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto.

Catharine Whiteside, MD, PhD, FRCPC
Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions

Appointment of Professor Fei-Fei Liu as Chair, Department of Radiation Oncology

The Academic Board has approved the appointment of **Professor Fei-Fei Liu** as Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology for a five-year term commencing July 1, 2012.

Dr. Liu is a Professor in the Department of Radiation Oncology, with cross-appointments in the Departments of Medical Biophysics and Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery. She holds appointments at Princess Margaret Hospital and at the Ontario Cancer Institute, and is the Dr. Mariano Elia Chair in Head & Neck Oncology. Professor Liu is a member of the Advisory Committee on Research for the Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute and has co-led Workshops on Translational Cancer Research at the US National Cancer Institute.

A clinician scientist involved in high-impact translational research programs in head and neck, and breast cancers, Professor Liu has published in leading journals and has established an impressive research program focused on developing novel cancer therapeutics and cancer biomarkers which can guide clinical management. Her research has continuously received peer-reviewed research funding from CIHR, Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute, Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, and the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research.

Professor Liu is the recipient of several awards and honours including the Israel Cancer Research Fund *Women of Action 2012*. She will be the *Gordon Richards Lecturer* at the 2012 Canadian Association of Radiation Oncology Conference.

Fei-Fei Liu graduated from medical school at the University of Toronto, where she subsequently trained and obtained her Fellowships in both Internal Medicine, and Radiation Oncology. After a Fellowship at Stanford University Medical Center, Dr. Liu joined the Department of Radiation Oncology at the Princess Margaret Hospital, and University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine.

May I extend sincere thanks to **Mary Gospodarowicz** for her outstanding leadership of the Department of Radiation Oncology since 2001.

Please join me in warmly welcoming Fei-Fei Liu to her new role in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto.

Catharine Whiteside, MD, PhD, FRCPC
Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions

Appointment of Professor Adalsteinn Brown as Director, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation

The Academic Board has approved the appointment of **Professor Adalsteinn Brown** as Director of the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (IHPME) for a five-year term commencing July 1, 2012.

Adalsteinn Brown is a Professor in the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, and in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. He has held the inaugural Chair in Public Health Policy at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health and is appointed as Scientist in the Keenan Research Centre of the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute at St. Michael's. Professor Brown has served as Assistant Deputy Minister, in both the Health System Strategy Division in Ontario's Ministry of Health and Long-term Care and in the Science and Research Division in Ontario's Ministry of Research and Innovation. His work in government spanned quality improvement, cancer screening, the promotion of evidence-based policy in health, and renewing the government's innovation agenda.

Professor Brown was the principal investigator for the Hospital Report Research Collaborative, developing scorecards for acute care, emergency department care, chronic care, rehabilitation and mental health care in hospitals across Ontario as well as for Cancer Care Ontario. He has also served as an advisor to the World Health Organization, major hospital networks, HMOs, insurance companies, and investment banks in Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia.

Professor Brown graduated magna cum laude from Harvard and received his DPhil from the Department of Public Health and Primary Care at the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He has received awards for innovation, entrepreneurship, and leadership from public and private sector organizations. In 2003 he was named one of Canada's "Top 40 Under 40" in recognition for his work on performance measurement in health care. A dedicated teacher, Professor Brown is the recipient of the Eugenie Stuart Award for excellence in teaching in the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation.

May I extend sincere thanks to **Louise Lemieux-Charles** for her outstanding leadership of the Department, now Institute, of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation since 2002.

Please join me in warmly welcoming Adalsteinn Brown to his new role in the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto.

Catharine Whiteside, MD, PhD, FRCPC
Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions

3. Honours and Awards

[Back to Top](#)

American Thoracic Society Assembly on Critical Care Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Arthur Slutsky, Dept. of Medicine and Vice-President Research at St. Michael's Hospital, is the 2012 recipient of the American Thoracic Society Assembly on Critical Care Lifetime Achievement Award. This prestigious award is given annually to a leading international critical care academic clinician for contributions to research, patient care and the American Thoracic Society. Dr. Slutsky's major research interests relate to lung injury caused by mechanical ventilation, and his work has had a major impact across the field.

Italian Chamber of Commerce National Bank Award

Dr. Isabella Caniggia, Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and a Principal Investigator at the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute of Mount Sinai Hospital, has received a National Bank Business Excellence Award - presented on behalf of the Italian Chamber of Commerce - in recognition of her fundamental contributions to women's and infants' health research. A Lunenfeld scientist since 1994, Dr. Caniggia is a leading authority on placental development and pre-eclampsia. For more information about Dr. Caniggia and this award, click [here](#).

ORION Leadership Award

Dr. Shana Kelley, Dept. of Biochemistry, received a 2012 ORION Leadership Award, recognizing innovation leadership in Ontario's e-Infrastructure, Higher Education and the K-12 sectors. Awarded by the Ontario Research and Innovation Optical Network (ORION), Dr. Kelley is being recognized for her research group's development of new sensors and probes for the detection and diagnosis of disease and the study of biological function.

Department of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery Annual Academic Day

The Department of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery held its 21st Annual Percy Ireland Academic Day May 4, 2012. Visiting Professor **Dr. Carol R. Bradford** (Chair, Department of Otorhinolaryngology at the University of Michigan) delivered The Percy Ireland Oration titled "*Changing Paradigm for Treating Head and Neck Cancer: Lessons Learned from a Decade of Clinical Trials.*" 25 papers were presented and the winners of various departmental awards follow:

Best Paper in Each of Five Categories

Category 1 - work undertaken by PGY 2 residents during clinical rotation: **Jennifer Wang** (mentor - **Geoffrey Liu**) - for her project, "Genetic Polymorphisms in Head and Neck Cancer."

Category 2 - work undertaken by PGY 3 residents during clinical rotation: **Nikolaus Wolter** (mentors: **Danny Enepekides** and **Meredith Irwin**) - for his project, "Propranolol as a Novel Adjunctive Treatment for Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma."

Category 3 - work undertaken by PGY 4 residents during clinical rotation: **Bradley Hubbard** (mentor: **John Lee**) - for his project, "RhinoLog: An Objective Method of Monitoring Nasal Rinse Compliance."

Category 4 - work undertaken by post-residency clinical fellows: **Seng-Guan Khoo** (mentors: **David Pothier**, **Paul Ranalli**, **John Rutka**) - for his project, "High-Frequency Vestibular Loss: An Under-Recognized Clinical Entity."

Category 5 - work undertaken by post-residency research fellows/graduate degree program: **Sohit Paul Kanotra** (mentor: **Vito Forte**), for his project, "Aspiration Study in a Endotracheal Tube Cuff Pressure Modulating Ventilatory Circuit."

Best Overall Presented Paper: **Eric Monteiro** (PGY4) (mentor: **Vincent Lin**) for his project, "Cochlear Implantation: An Economic Perspective."

Chapnik, Freeman and Friedberg Clinician Scientist Program Award - awarded to a resident/fellow or junior faculty enrolled in a Master of Science or Master's in Education or PhD degree at U of T

- 2011–2013 **Antoine Eskander** (PGY2)
- 2012–2013 **Nikolaus Wolter** (PGY3)

Judy Chauvin Otolaryngology Resident Award - for demonstration of an enthusiastic interest in the initiation of a serious otolaryngology-related research project

- **Sarah Hugh** (PGY1)

Kris Conrad Merit Award in Facial Plastic Surgery - for demonstrating outstanding skills in facial plastic surgery

- **Nitin Chauhan** (Fellow in Facial Plastic Surgery)

Freda Noyek Otolaryngology Merit Award - *in recognition of special commitment to patient care and academic achievement*

- **Dustin Dalgorf** (PGY5)

The Shiley E.O. Pelausa Award - *for demonstration of excellent clinical work*

- **Eric Arruda** (PGY3)

The Wharton Head and Neck Research Award - *for best paper in head and neck clinical or basic research*

- **Nikolaus Wolter** (PGY3)

Merck PGY5 Award

- **Dustin Dalgorf, Artur Gevorgyan, Sharon Morong, Eithan Prisman, Adrienne Wong**

The Department of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery Excellence in Teaching Award

- **John Lee**

Resident Teacher Award - *awarded to a PGY5 resident who is judged to have been an outstanding teacher to other residents and medical students during their residency*

- **Adrienne Wong**

Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award - *awarded to a faculty member, resident or fellow for outstanding undergraduate teaching, based on his/her teaching evaluations scores*

- **Alma Smitheringale**

Distinguished Alumnus Award

- **Jonathan Irish**

Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation Annual Research Day Awards

On May 2nd, the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation held its annual Research Day where the following award winners were recognized:

- **Laura Watling** - *G.B. Rosenfeld - Best MHS/ MMI/ MHI Poster Award*
- **Matt Kenney** - *MHS/ MMI/ MHI 2nd Place Poster Award*
- **Jennifer Hensel** - *GSU Best MSc Poster Award Health Services Research*
- **Jason Buick** - *MSc 2nd Place Poster Award Health Services Research*
- **Gustavo Mery** - *Eugene Vayda Best PhD Poster Award Health Services Research*
- **Anna Durbin** - *GSU PhD 2nd Place Poster Award Health Services Research*
- **Melissa Tai** - *MSc Best Poster Award Clinical Epidemiology*
- **Furqan Shaikh** - *MSc 2nd Place Poster Award Clinical Epidemiology*
- **Glen Hazlewood** - *Gillian Hawker Best PhD Poster Award Clinical*

Epidemiology

- **Kenneth Tang** - *PhD 2nd Place Poster Award Clinical Epidemiology*
- **Beate Sander** - *Thomas & Edna Naylor Memorial Award*
- **Jennifer Hensel** - *Maureen Dixon Memorial Award - Best Community - Based Poster*
- **Melissa Tai** - *Robert Duff Barron Award Best Poster related to Health Policy or Public Health Policy*
- **Kadia Petricca** - *Ted Goldberg Most Promising PhD Candidate - Health Services Research*
- **Renata Axler** - *Ted Goldberg Most Promising PhD Candidate - Health Services Research*
- **Andrew Schroen** - *Best Oral Presentation Award Related to Health Informatics*
- **Nadia Luca** - *Oral Presentation Award: Group 1*
- **David Rudoler** - *Oral Presentation Award: Group 2*
- **David Margel** - *Oral Presentation Award: Group 3*
- **Michael Ordon** - *Oral Presentation Award: Group 4*
- **Elaine Goh** - *Oral Presentation Award: Group 5*
- **Teja Voruganti** - *Oral Presentation Award Group 6*
- **Teresa To** - *Eugenie Stuart Excellence in MSc/PhD Thesis Supervisor Award*
- **Tina Smith** - *Eugenie Stuart Excellence in Course Development*
- **Paul Williams** - *Eugenie Stuart Excellence in Course Development*
- **Fiona Miller** - *Eugenie Stuart Excellence in Course Development*
- **Susy Hota** - *Claire Bombardier Most Promising MSc Student Award - Clinical Epidemiology & Health Care Research*
- **Tony Antoniou** - *Claire Bombardier Most Promising PhD Student Award - Clinical Epidemiology & Health Care Research*

4. Faculty Council

[Back to Top](#)

Call for Nominations for Election to Faculty Council

The Faculty Council is currently seeking nominations for:

- a) Representatives of the Faculty at Large, Constituency #15

As of July 1, 2012 there will be 8 vacancies for Faculty At Large (Constituency #15) on Faculty Council. Nominations are being sought to fill these vacant positions. The term of office is three years.

Academic faculty eligible to nominate and be nominated for the Faculty At Large positions are those persons whose primary appointment is in the Faculty of Medicine and who hold the rank of Lecturer, Senior Lecturer, Tutor, Senior Tutor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Professor.

Please contact the Faculty Affairs Officer, [Todd Coomber](#) by June 8, 2012 for information on the nomination process.

Ken Pritzker
Speaker, Faculty Council

5. Call for Applications

[Back to Top](#)

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. Your 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.

For position (Faculty Job # 1200617) and application details, visit <http://www.hrandequity.utoronto.ca/careers>.

***PLEASE NOTE: The name of the centre was incorrectly publicized in the previous MedEmail announcement (Volume 20, Number 18) as Heart and Stroke / Richard Lewar Centre for Excellence in Cardiovascular Surgery.*

6. Around Campus

[Back to Top](#)

Diana Alli Retirement Celebration

Please join us for a retirement celebration in honour of Diana Alli. After her many years of incredible contributions to the Faculty of Medicine and the University of Toronto, Diana is embarking on a new adventure. Please come celebrate this milestone with us:

When: **Wednesday, June 27th, 2012**

Time: **1:00pm - 3:00pm** (Remarks at 1:15pm)

Where: Student Commons, Medical Sciences Building

Please RSVP by June 13th at www.surveymonkey.com/s/DianaA. Honour Diana by making a gift to the Diana Alli Medical Student Award by visiting www.donate.utoronto.ca/dianaalli.

See you on June 27th!

Spring 2012 issue of the Institute of Medical Science Magazine

The Institute of Medical Science has just released its latest issue of the IMS Magazine, [available online here](#). This special issue explores the incredible promise and growing use of stem cells in regenerative medicine. The magazine features a collection of articles from renowned IMS experts who describe their groundbreaking research in this field, which is revolutionizing treatment of a number of modern diseases.

Special highlights include: the "History of IMS" article, which looks at the evolution of the institute; our exclusive interview with the Director of the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health; and a thought-provoking article discussing whether clinician-scientists are spreading themselves too thin. To view the magazine online, visit: <http://issuu.com/imsmagazine/docs/imsspring2012>

7. Medicine Research Online

[Back to Top](#)

RESEARCH GRANTS

- [CIHR Operating Grants - Knowledge to Action](#)
- [CIHR - Partnerships for Health System Improvement](#)
- [Connaught New Researcher Awards - 2012](#)
- [Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada - Personnel Awards](#)
- [NSERC Discovery Grants & Equipment Grants](#)

~ Our congratulations to all! ~

UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES

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](#)

For any queries regarding awards, please contact:

Heather Drouillard

Email: Heather.Drouillard@utoronto.ca

Phone: 416 978-4660 or

MaryAnn DeFrancis

Email: maryann.defrancis@utoronto.ca
Phone: 416-978-8316

Janet Hyer
Email: Janet.Hyer@utoronto.ca
Phone: 416 978-7342

Resources:

[Henry Stewart Talks \(University of Toronto Libraries\)](#)
[Faculty of Medicine Equipment Repair Centre](#)
[UHN Shanghai Custom Chemical Synthesis](#)

Regular Departments:

[Updates from CIHR University Delegate](#)
[Funding News & Opportunities - local, national, international](#)
[Links to Departmental Research Seminars](#)

[Back to Top](#)