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Faculty Message

As the world indeed becomes flatter, the demand for greater engagement within and outside our complex network of diverse communities grows. Achieving the Faculty's vision of "International leadership in improving health through innovation in research and education", and its mission of "We fulfill our social responsibility through developing leaders, contributing to our communities, and improving health of individuals and populations through the discovery, application and communication of knowledge", requires a

broader, interdisciplinary and multilateral world view. A commitment to global health is central to the Faculty's priority strategic direction for Social Responsibility. Two ways in which we are addressing the emerging needs of a global society are through our new *Medicine at U of T Roadmap for Global Health* and the Faculty's *Statement on Diversity*. Both items were approved by Faculty Council on September 26, 2011.

The Global Health Strategy Working Group co-chaired by Dr. Sarita Verma and Dr. Katherine Rouleau agreed on the following definition of global health to guide the Faculty. Global health is "an area for study, research and practice that places a priority on improving health and achieving equity in health for all people worldwide. Global health emphasizes transnational health issues, determinants, and solutions; involves many disciplines within and beyond the health sciences and promotes interdisciplinary collaboration; and is a synthesis of population-based prevention with individual-level clinical care." (Koplan JP, Bond TC, Merson MH, Reddy KS, Rodriguez MH, Sewankambo NK, et al. Towards a common definition of global health. *Lancet* 2009; 373:1993-5).

The Roadmap for Global Health identifies five key goals to achieve our global health vision and mission. These are to:

- Engage and gain the endorsement of faculty and staff in the global health vision and mission.
- Establish the structures and processes that optimize ongoing collaboration and exchange in global health.
- Advance research, innovation and scholarship in global health.
- Develop and provide diverse, learner focused educational offerings in global health and
- Engage in and nurture effective, sustainable partnerships.

The Vision for Global Health for Medicine at U of T is to positively impact global health and well being through scholarship, shared learning and sustainable partnerships.

The Faculty of Medicine's Statement on Diversity arose from the deliberations of a working group led by David McKnight, Associate Dean Equity and Professionalism. The Statement highlights our values of:

- Promotion of social justice, equity, diversity, and professionalism
- Effective partnership with all our stakeholders
- Supportive and respectful relationships
- Accountability and transparency
- Responsiveness to local, national, and international health care needs

Medicine at U of T is committed to the principles of equity and diversity in all we do and our new Statement on Diversity re-emphasizes our commitment to recruit and retain students, faculty, and staff that reflect the diversity of Canadian society as well to maintain an environment of fairness and respect where all can work and learn free of discrimination. Medicine at U of T will assure that our programs and curricula prepare our graduates to meet the needs of the diverse communities they will serve in their careers in Canada and around the world.

The Faculty is grateful to all the students, staff and faculty who continue to contribute to our collective work towards attaining equity and diversity and achieving global health.

Sarita Verma, Acting Dean, Faculty of Medicine
Acting Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions

IN THE NEWS:

Combination Therapy Rids
Common Infection from
Implanted Medical Devices

Researchers Discover a Switch
that Controls Stem Cell
Pluripotency

Study Shows Prevention of
Bedsores in Long-Term Care
Homes Cost-Effective

The Toronto-Born Crusade to
Cure the World's Sick

How Real is "Contagion"?

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1. In Memoriam

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Dr. Robert Buckman

It is with profound sadness that the Faculty learned of the passing of Dr. Robert Buckman this weekend. Dr Buckman was a beloved medical oncologist at the Princess Margaret Hospital, and Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto. He qualified as a physician from Cambridge University in 1972, and completed his training in medical oncology at The Royal Marsden Hospital in London including laboratory research leading to a Ph.D. and emigrated to Toronto in 1985,

joining our Faculty in the same year. In 1994 he was made Canadian Humanist of the year, and in 2003 received the Fleming Medal of the Royal Canadian Institute for the Advancement of Science. He had written many articles on various aspects of medicine and oncology, concentrating in the last fifteen years on doctor-patient communication and breaking bad news. He designed and taught an undergraduate course in breaking bad news which was given the University of Toronto Aikins Teaching Award in 1989. Across our campus, the grief is immeasurable. Dr Buckman touched so many lives and had a significant impact on his patients, colleagues and especially on our students. He will be deeply missed. We extend our sincere sympathies to his wife and family. Condolences and memories may be forwarded through www.humphreymiles.com.

Dr. Robin Badgley

The Faculty sadly learned of Dr. Robin Badgley's passing on October 5, 2011 at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. In a career spanning close to five decades, Dr. Robin Badgley focused his teaching and research in the areas of the social sciences and medical education, equity and health, the structure and dynamics of the Canadian health system, and issues relating to gender, health and violence. In these areas, he frequently served as a consultant for the World Health Organization, Pan American Health Organization, the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Milbank Memorial Fund. On issues relating to gender, health and violence, he chaired two national fact-finding inquiries for the Government of Canada, on the Operation of the Abortion Law (1975-77) and Sexual Offences Against Children (1980-1984). He received an Order of Ontario acknowledging these achievements.

It was an honour to have Dr. Badgley as a Professor Emeritus at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health and his legacy will be remembered by continuing the Robin Badgley Awards for Teaching Excellence. A Celebration of Life will be held for family, friends and colleagues in the Spring of 2012. Remembrances may be made to the Salvation Army.

2. Honours and Awards

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Department of Family and Community Medicine

Community Service Award from the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry

Dr. Jane Philpott was awarded the Community Service Award from the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Western Ontario. The award recognizes the tremendous accomplishments of the school's graduates in service.

Ontario College of Family Physicians Reg. L. Perkin Family Physician of the Year

Professor Emeritus **Dr. Philip Hébert** was awarded the Reg L. Perkin Family Physician of the Year Award from the Ontario College of Family Physicians. The award recognizes an outstanding College of Family

Physicians of Canada member who exemplifies the best of what being a family doctor is all about, including exceptional care of patients combined with a significant contribution to the health and well-being of communities and/or society in general.

College of Family Physicians of Canada: AMS - The Mimi Divinsky Award for History and Narrative in Family Medicine

Dr. Charlie Guiang was awarded the College of Family Physicians of Canada: AMS - The Mimi Divinsky Award for History and Narrative in Family Medicine. The award is intended to recognize the best narrative accounts of experiences in family medicine as submitted to the Stories in Family Medicine database each year.

College of Family Physicians of Canada: 2011 Award of Excellence

Dr. Gary Bloch and **Dr. Sandy Buchman** were each awarded a CFPC/OCFP 2011 Award of Excellence from the College of Family Physicians of Canada. The award recognizes CFPC members who in the past twelve to twenty-four months have made an outstanding contribution in a specific area pertaining to one or more of the following areas: patient care; community service; hospital or health care institutions; College activities (National or Chapter); teaching, research or other elements of the academic discipline of family medicine.

University Excellence Through Innovation Award

Staff members **Elicia Ayoub**, **Margaret Bucknam**, **Natalie Gomes**, **Lela Sarjoo** and **Margaret Tang** were awarded a University Excellence through Innovation Award for the Candidate Review Application System. **Margaret Bucknam**, **Lela Sarjoo** and **Margaret Tang** were awarded a University Excellence through Innovation Award for Leadership in Quality Improvement in Family Medicine. The Excellence Through Innovation awards recognize innovation and significant contributions towards one or more of the following strategic objectives: Enrich the Student Experience, Support Outstanding Scholarship, Achieve Equity and Diversity in All of Our Activities, Improve the Employee Experience by Becoming an Employer of Choice, Create a World-Class Infrastructure Through Administrative Innovation.

3. Call for Applications

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Chair, Department of Immunology

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Chair, Department of Immunology. For position (Faculty Job # 1100971) and contact details, visit www.jobs.utoronto.ca/faculty.

Chair, Department of Medical Imaging

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Chair, Department of Medical Imaging. For position (Clinical Faculty Job # 1100996) and contact details, visit www.jobs.utoronto.ca/faculty.

4. Call for Nominations

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Faculty of Medicine Continuing Education Awards 2010-2011

This is a reminder that nominations are now being requested for the Faculty's Continuing Education Awards for 2010-2011. These six awards provide an opportunity for the University of Toronto's Faculty of Medicine faculty to be recognized for their outstanding achievement in program development, research, on-line education, teaching excellence, and long-term contributions to continuing education. The awards are named for exceptional University Toronto Faculty recognized internationally for their scholarly contributions to the field of continuing education and professional development.

The six named awards are:

- The Colin Woolf Award for Excellence in Teaching
- The Colin Woolf Award for Excellence in Course Coordination
- The Colin Woolf Award for Long-Term Contributions to Continuing Education
- The Fred Fallis Award for Excellence in Online Education
- The David Fear Fellowship
- The Dave Davis Award for Excellence in Research

These awards are presented to worthy faculty following a rigorous peer review process.

Please submit, **by Monday, November 14, 2011**, the names of faculty in your Department and the Continuing Education programs they have developed which you feel are worthy of a CEPD award. In addition, we have extended the deadline for receipt of materials supporting nomination(s) to **Wednesday, November 30, 2011** (was formerly October 31).

We are also providing a link to the U of T CEPD Website that provides criteria for each award and the nomination submission process:

http://www.cepd.utoronto.ca/?page_id=222

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Charles H. Best Lectureship and Award

Dr. Leonard Guarente, Director of the Paul F. Glenn Laboratory, MIT will deliver the Department of Physiology's 2011 Charles H. Best Lectureship and Award entitled "**SIRTUINS, AGING AND DISEASE**" on **Tuesday November 22nd at 4:00 pm in the Medical Sciences Building Room 2172**. The Charles H. Best Lectureship and Award is held every two years through an endowment established by Dr. John K. and Mary E. Davidson. We are indebted to the Davidson Family for their extraordinary generosity and support of the Department of Physiology. Previous recipients of this Lectureship are Drs. Donald F. Steiner, Martin

Rodbell, Ronald Kahn, Barbara Ellen Corkey, Luciano Rossetti, Barbara Kahn, Andre Marette and Daniel Drucker.

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~ Our congratulations to all! ~

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November

[Canada's Top 40 Under 40](#)

[Harvey Prize](#)

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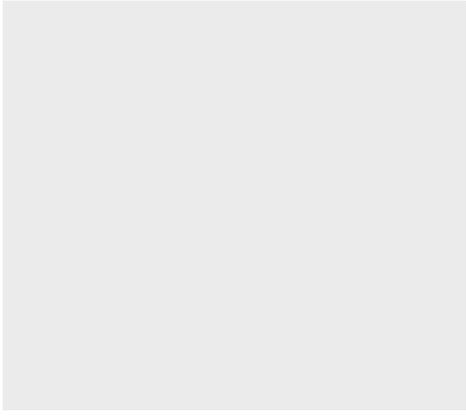
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