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Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

Convocation is a highlight of the academic year for many reasons. It's an opportunity for students to celebrate their achievements with family, friends and the University of Toronto community. It's an opportunity for faculty members to wish their students well on the next phase of their lifelong journey of learning. And, for all of us, it is an opportunity to look ahead and take pride in the impact our students are having on health care, and the lives of families.

This year, the Faculty celebrated convocation on June 4 and 5, and the ceremonies were a moving and fitting tribute to years of intensive study and successes to come.

Our new graduates are among the best in the world, skilled and ready to save lives and improve health for Canadians and people around the globe. And to continue growing as health leaders, our graduates need ongoing opportunities for personal and professional development. It is my sincere hope that each student who graduated over the last two days sees the Faculty as a lifelong home and resource for continuing education, peer networking and the generation of new ideas.

The office of Continuing Education and Professional Development continues to expand its training services, from experiential learning and live simulation to integrated re-training across the health professions. The Faculty held 23 alumni events over the last year, many of which offered professional development in addition to the chance to connect with colleagues. And several academic units now offer mentorship opportunities so that alumni can share their experiences and expertise with students.

Ultimately, convocation doesn't represent an ending so much as a beginning. The start of a new phase in the careers of our students, and the commissioning of new alumni as ambassadors for our faculty family.

I want to thank those who made this year's convocation ceremonies a success, and offer my heartfelt congratulations to all graduates. I wish you all the best as you work to improve the health and lives of people here in Canada and around the world.

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

IN THE NEWS:

Toronto hospital launching landmark study following pregnant women and their babies

Treating poverty works like medicine, doctors say

Breast cancer survivor becomes first patient to undergo surgery at new Women's College out-patient facility

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1. Academic Appointments

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Faculty Appointments: Undergraduate Medical Education

Professor **Pier Bryden** (Department of Psychiatry) has been appointed overall Pre-Clerkship Director, Undergraduate Medical Professions Education, and Professor **Marcus Law** (Department of Family and Community Medicine) has been appointed Deputy Pre-Clerkship Director and Director, UME Academic Innovation. Both appointments are effective September 1, 2013.

The collaborative partnership between Professors Bryden and Law will lead to the development and implementation of many new initiatives in the Pre-Clerkship curriculum, and support the individual and collective student experience.

Professor Bryden's responsibilities will include the design, development, implementation, and evaluation of the Pre-Clerkship curriculum (years 1 and 2 of the Undergraduate Medical Program) whereas Professor Law will be responsible for supporting all aspects of the Pre-Clerkship Director's role. As Director, UME Academic Innovation, Professor Law will develop broad strategic initiatives on issues related to curricular integration within the Pre-Clerkship and Clerkship curriculum, and the application of new technologies to enhance learning.

Professor **Martin Schreiber** (Department of Medicine) has made tremendous contributions over the past eight years in his role as Pre-Clerkship Director, both to ongoing curricular evolution and in support of students. Professor Schreiber has continued to lead as Pre-Clerkship Director since he was appointed as the Director of Curriculum, UME in August 2012.

Chair, Department of Speech-Language Pathology

Professor **Luigi Girolametto** is stepping down as Chair of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology effective July 1, 2013. Professor Girolametto is unable to complete his term as Chair due to personal reasons, but he will continue in his role as Professor in the Department. The Faculty is grateful to Professor Girolametto for his many contributions as Chair.

The Agenda Committee of Academic Board has approved the appointment of Professor **Elizabeth Rochon** as Interim Chair of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology, from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 or until a new Chair is appointed.

Professor Rochon received her MA and PhD in Speech-Language Pathology from McGill University. A full tenured Professor in the University of Toronto's Department of Speech-Language Pathology, Elizabeth Rochon has been a faculty member since 1995. She has also served as Associate Chair (2009-2011) and has been primary and co-supervisor on the committees of numerous graduate students.

In addition to her appointment in the Department of Speech-Language Pathology, Professor Rochon is a Senior Scientist at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, where she is co-team leader of the Communication Research Team. Her research investigates the underlying nature of language and communication problems in individuals with various neurological disorders. She is also studying the relationship between interventions for language and communication impairments and the neuroplastic capabilities of the human brain subsequent to brain damage.

Dr. Rochon is a founding member of the Ontario Aphasia Interest Group, has published and presented widely in her area of expertise, and holds several grants from federal and provincial funding agencies.

2. Honours and Awards

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Excellence in Interprofessional Education

Professor **Judith Hunter** (Department of Physical Therapy) has won the Canadian Pain Society's Excellence in Interprofessional Education Award. Professor Hunter is being recognized for her long interest in developing and evaluating the effectiveness of interprofessional pain education across the continuum of professional training.

Professor Hunter is the former chair of the Interfaculty Pain Curriculum, a role she held for seven years. She is currently the Curriculum Director of the University of Alberta's Certificate Programme in Pain Management, a graduate interprofessional programme in pain management for health care practitioners.

Eduardo Bruera Award in Palliative Medicine

Professor **Larry Librach** (Department of Family and Community Medicine) is being honoured by the Canadian Society of Palliative Care Physicians with the Eduardo Bruera Award in Palliative Medicine. The award recognizes a physician who has made contributions at a local or regional level, and has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in palliative medicine in any of the following areas: clinical palliative medicine, education, research, program administration or international involvement in palliative medicine.

Balfour Mount Champion Award

The Department of Family and Community Medicine's Professor **Larry Librach** has also won the Balfour Mount Champion Award. The award celebrates the national contributions of individuals and organizations devoted to hospice palliative care in Canada. Professor Librach is being honoured by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association for his work to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families who are dealing with life-threatening illnesses and bereavement.

2012 - 2013 Awards of Merit for Excellence in Interprofessional Education

Professor **Darlene Hubley** (Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy) is being honoured by the Centre for Interprofessional Education with the Award of Merit for Excellence in Interprofessional Education Teaching. The award recognizes an individual or team who demonstrates enthusiastic commitment to and knowledge of interprofessional education. Recipients are dedicated to mentorship and use innovative teaching methods to stimulate critical thinking.

University of Toronto's 2013 Inventors of the Year

The Department of Nutritional Sciences' Professor **Ahmed El-Soheemy** has been named one of U of T's Inventors of the Year. Professor El-Soheemy has invented a panel of seven genetic markers that can be used to determine a person's response to key components of diet: vitamin C, folate, whole grains, omega-3 fat, saturated fat, sodium and caffeine, leading to personalized DNA-based dietary recommendations.

Undergraduate Life Sciences Laboratory awards

These awards recognize undergraduate students enrolled in life science laboratory courses for their academic and laboratory excellence, and are given to top-ranked student. The Division of Teaching Laboratories, in partnership with the Basic Medical Science departments and corporate sponsors, established the awards in 2008. Each award is named after a faculty member who has significantly contributed to undergraduate

teaching. The 2012-12013 Student Achievement Award winners are:

- **Bingyu Hou:** Lois Dove Biochemistry Award (BCH370) -- Biochemistry Laboratory course
- **Galina Gheihman:** Ron Wilson Human Biology Award (HMB) -- Human Biology laboratory course
- **Matthew Simon Haaland:** John Hay Immunology Award (IMM435) -- Practical Immunology laboratory course
- **Carly Victoria Weiss:** Clarence Fuerst Molecular Genetics & Microbiology Award (MGY432) -- Molecular Genetics and Microbiology laboratory course
- **Yuxiao Sonny Chen:** Dezso Kadar Pharmacology Award (PCL471) -- Pharmacology Laboratory course
- **Kateri D'Silva:** Bernice Hines Physiology Award (PSL 374) -- Advanced Physiology Laboratory course

The Department of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery Annual Academic Day

The Department of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery held its 22nd Annual Percy Ireland Academic Day on May 10, 2013. Visiting Professor **Dr. Michael G. Stewart** (Chair, Department of Otolaryngology at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City) delivered The Percy Ireland Oration titled, "Outcomes Research and its Role in Otolaryngology-Head & Neck Surgery." As well, 24 great papers were presented by postgraduate/graduate trainees.

Departmental award winners were also honoured at the event. They were:

Best Paper in Each of Five Categories

Category 1 -- Work undertaken by PGY 2 Residents during clinical rotation: **Sarah Hugh** (mentors -- **Evan Propst, Blake Papsin, Sharon Cushing**) - for her project: "Sound Pressure Level Measurements on Infant Sleep Machines."

Category 2 -- Work undertaken by PGY 3 Residents during clinical rotation: **Antoine (Tony) Eskander** (mentors: **David Goldstein, David Urbach, Jonathan Irish, Jeremy Freeman, Steven Hall & Patti Groome**) -- for his project: "Head & Neck Cancer Epidemiology and Patterns/Variations in Surgical Care: The Province of Ontario."

Category 3 -- Work undertaken by PGY 4 Residents during clinical rotation: **Nikolaus Wolter** (mentors: **Karen Gordon, Blake Papsin & Sharon Cushing**) -- for his project: "Pediatric Vestibular and Balance Impairment: A Risk Factor of Cochlear Implant Failure."

Category 4 -- Work undertaken by Post-Residency Clinical Fellows: **David Pothier** (mentor: **John Rutka**) -- for his project: "Automated Computerized Dynamic Visual Acuity Testing: A Reliable and Useful Test of Vestibular Disorders."

Category 5 -- Work undertaken by Post-Residency Research Fellows/Graduate Degree Program:

Salima Jiwani (mentors: **Karen Gordon & Blake Papsin**), for her project: "Auditory Development after Cochlear Implantation in Children Who Use Sign Language as their Primary Mode of Communication."

Best Overall Presented Paper:

Xiao Zhao, PGY3 (mentor: **Michael G. Fehlings**) for his project: "Role of Neuroprecursor Cells and Self Assembling Scaffolds in Nerve Regeneration."

Chapnik, Freeman and Friedberg Clinician Scientist Program Award -- awarded to a resident/fellow or junior faculty in the Department of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery enrolled in a Master of Science or Master's in Education or PhD degree at the University of Toronto

- **Xiao Zhao (PGY3)**

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

- **Eric Monteiro (PGY5)**

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

- **James P. Bonaparte (Fellow in Facial Plastic Surgery)**

Resident Advocacy Award -- in recognition of dedication to improving the residency program through support and mentorship

- **Ian J. Witterick**

The Shiley E.O. Pelausa Award -- for demonstration of excellent clinical work by a PGY3.

- **Xiao Zhao**

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

- **Nikolaus Wolter (PGY4)**

Merck PGY5 Award -- consists of textbooks to graduating residents

- **Jennifer Guillemaud, Luke Harris, Bradley Hubbard, Thileeban Kandasamy, Eric Monteiro**

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

- **Adrian James**

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

- **Eric Monteiro**

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

- **Paolo Campisi**

Distinguished Alumnus Award -- awarded to an alumnus in recognition of having demonstrated an exceptional commitment and dedication to the practice and teaching of Otolaryngology - head and neck surgery and whose professional ethical standards have been of the highest order

- **Oakley Smith**
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IHMPE Award Winners

The following students won awards at the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation's Annual Research Day 2013:

G.B. Rosenfeld - Best MHSc/MMI/MHI Poster Award (**Tie**)
Healthy Choice Ambassadors: Public-Private Partnerships
Anne Motwani, N. Clavel, H. Dhalival, G. Kandasamy, D. Lising, R. MacAskill

Does Improving Nutritional Status Using a Screening Process in a Pre-Admission Unit Improve Post-Operative Outcomes for Gastrointestinal Patients?

Roula Tzianetas, A Verma

MHSc/MMI/MHI 2nd Place Poster Award
Using Ontario Telemedicine Network Technology (OTN) with Long-Term Ventilated Individuals

Laura Watling, R. Kohli

G.B. Rosenfeld - Harold Livergant Award - MHSc Outstanding Year 1 Student

Giuseppe Pedulla

GSU Best MSc Poster Award Health Services Research
Genetic Counsellors' Beliefs Regarding Public Payment for Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis: A Focus Group Study

Elaine Goh, W. Ungar, D. Marshall, F. Miller

MSc 2nd Place Poster Award Health Services Research
Post discharge phone calls to improve care transitions for patients returning home from hospital

Christine Soong

Eugene Vayda Best PhD Poster Award Health Services Research
Culture and Cognition in Health Systems Change

Jenna Evans

GSU PhD 2nd Place Poster Award Health Services Research
An Evaluation Framework for Complex Infection Control Interventions in Low-Resource Settings

Natasha Lane

MSc Best Poster Award- Clinical Epidemiology

Impact of Metabolic Syndrome on the Risk of Prostate Cancer Among Men Presenting For Prostate Biopsy

Bimal Bhindi, D. Margel, R Hamilton, G. Kulkarni, G. Al-Edwan, A. Toi, A. Finelli, J. Trachtenberg, A. Zlotta, K. Hersey, N. Fleshner

MSc 2nd Place Poster Award Clinical Epidemiology

Outcome of children treated for relapsed acute myeloid leukemia in Central America

Stacey Marjerrison, L. Sung, F. Antillion, L. Fu, R. Martinez, R. Vasquez, M. Bonilla, S. Howard, R. Ribeiro

Gillian Hawker Best PhD Poster Award Clinical Epidemiology

Performance of Individual Items of the Quantitative Myasthenia Gravis Score

Carolina Barnett Tapia, V. Bril, A. Davis

PhD 2nd Place Poster Award Clinical Epidemiology

A guide to overall instrument scoring in formative and reflective measurement models

Maria Avila, J. Stinson, A. Kiss, L. Brandao, E. Uleryk, B. Feldman

Thomas & Edna Naylor Memorial Award

Warfarin in Systemic Sclerosis-associated and Idiopathic Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension. A Bayesian Approach to Evaluating Treatment for Uncommon Disease

Sindhu Johnson, J.T. Granton, G.A. Tomlinson, A.H. Grosbein, T. Le, P. Lee, M.E, Seary, G.A. Hawker, B.M. Feldman

Ted Goldberg Most Promising PhD Candidate - Health Services Research

Jenna Evans

Oral Presentation Award: Advances in Pediatric Care

Is Neighbourhood Walkability Associated with Childhood Asthma?

Elinor Simons, S. Dell, R. Moineddin, T. To

Oral Presentation Award: Advancing Practice and Access to Care for Patients with Cardiovascular & Circulatory Systems Disease

Total joint arthroplasty appears cardioprotective in patients with moderate-severe osteoarthritis: a propensity-score matched landmark analysis

Ravi Bheeshma, R. Croxford, P.C. Austin, L. Lipscombe, A. Bierman, P. Harvey, G. Hawker

Oral Presentation Award: Advancing Understanding of Cancer Care & Delivery

Developing the Bladder Utility Symptom Scale (BUSS): A multiattribute health state classification system for bladder cancer

Nathan Perlis, G.Kulkarni, S. Alibhai, A. Finelli, M. Krahn

Maureen Dixon Memorial Oral Presentation Award: Community-based care, consumers & caregivers - Group 4 (Tie)

Accountability in the home and community care sector in Ontario

Carolyn Steele-Gray, R. Deber, W. Berta, J. Lum

Measuring the Impact of Home and Community Services: Reforming Seniors' Care in Ontario

Colleen Seereeram

Oral Presentation Award: Economic Evaluation & Decision Making
Older Living Donor Kidney Transplantation vs. Dialysis on the Waiting List & Standard Criteria Deceased Donor Kidney Transplantation: A Decision Analysis

Ruth Sapir-Pichhadze, F. Forrokhi, D. Naimark, R. Fowler, J. Kim

Oral Presentation Award: Public health policy or health policy
Behavioural Supports Ontario: Quality Improvement, Collaboration, Person-centered care

Delia Sinclair

Oral Presentation Award: Brain & Stroke
Prediction of Hematoma Expansion and Poor Clinical Outcome in Acute Intracerebral Hemorrhage: the PREDICT Hematoma Expansion Score

Thien Huynh, A.M. Demchuk, D. Dowlatshahi, D.J. Gladstone, A. Laupacis, A. Kiss, M.D. Hill, C.A. Molina, D. Rodriguez-Luna, R.I. Aviv

Oral Presentation Award: Knowledge Translation & Education
Development of a Shortened Systematic Review Format

Laure Perrier, M.R. Kealey, S.E. Straus

Oral Presentation Award: -Management of Acute & Chronic Diseases
(Tie)

Reducing the Impact of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Through An Acute Respiratory Assessment Program

Jason Huehn, A. Artenian, S. Athron, S. Booker, C. Clark, S. Rodriguez-Elizalde

Predictive Models for Risk of Developing Diabetes among Obstructive Sleep Apnea Patients

Tetyana Kendzerska, R. Leung, A. Gershon, G. Hawker, G. Tomlinson

Oral Presentation Award: Optimizing Primary Care

Improving primary care processes for clients living with COPD

Faten Hassaan

Oral Presentation Award: Studies of System Performance

Paying for primary care: A cross-sectional comparison of primary care patient cost distributions in Ontario, Canada

David Rudoler, R. Deber, A. Laporte, J. Barnsley, R. Glazier

Eugenie Stuart Excellence in MSc/PhD Thesis Supervisor Award

Dr. Sharon Dell

Eugenie Stuart Excellence in Teaching

Dr. Nancy Baxter

Claire Bombardier Most Promising MSc Student Award - Clinical Epidemiology & Health Care Research

Nadia Luca

Claire Bombardier Most Promising PhD Student Award - Clinical Epidemiology & Health Care Research

David Margel

Harry and Rose Perlstein MSc QIPS Award - Best Paper to support Quality and Safety in long-term or post-acute care hospitals

Jerome Leis

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Zebrafish for Personalized/Precision Medicine Conference

St. Michael's Hospital's Zebrafish Center for Advanced Drug Discovery is proud to present the **Zebrafish for Personalized/Precision Medicine Conference**. The conference brings together scientists specializing in biological and medical research to accelerate the translational process of zebrafish-based knowledge to clinical applications. The conference will look at generations of more predictive "humanizing" disease models, dissection of disease mechanisms and discovery of new disease treatment methods.

The conference will be held from October 16 to 18 at the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital.

More event and registration information can be found [here](#).

Disabled Globetrotting: Living With a Disability on Three Continents

Join disability activist Tim Rose as he explores differences and similarities in disability awareness and accessibility through his experiences growing up in England, Canada and the Middle East. This fun and informal presentation will explore the good, the bad and the ugly sides of life as a disabled globetrotter.

Event Details

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: 500 University Ave., room 140

RSVP: <http://www.physicaltherapy.utoronto.ca/globetrotting>

Best Practice in Education Rounds: The Education Scholars Program -- A Longitudinal Faculty Development Program

On Tuesday, June 18 there will be a Best Practice in Education Rounds

(BPER) session by Brenda Mori and Barbara-Ann Millar entitled *The Education Scholars Program - A Longitudinal Faculty Development Program*.

Session Description:

The Education Scholars Program (ESP) is a leadership development program designed to support and enable the success of health professional and health science faculty in their many roles as educators including their role as an education leader, scholar and teacher, as well as a faculty developer who supports their colleagues in their educational work.

Presenters

- Brenda Mori (Director, Education Scholars Program)
- Barbara-Ann Millar (Associate Director, Education Scholars Program)
- ESP Alumni:
 - Professor Lori Albert (Department of Medicine)
 - Professor Shelly Dev (Department of Medicine)
 - Professor Ken Locke (Department of Medicine)

Event Details

Date: June 18, 2013

Time: 12:00 -- 1:00 p.m.

Location: Li Ka Shing Building, 209 Victoria St.
2nd floor, Allan Waters Family Auditorium
(LKSKI Auditorium)

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RESEARCH GRANTS

- Connaught New Researcher Awards
- NSERC Discovery Grants

~ Our congratulations to all! ~

UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES

June

AAAS Newcomb Cleveland Prize
Eppendorf and *Science* Prize for Neurobiology
SfN/AstraZeneca
Stacie Prize for Natural Sciences (NRC)

July

American Society of Microbiology research awards (excluding the

Cubist-ICAAC Award and the ICAAC Young Investigator Awards)
Federation of Chinese Canadian Professionals (Ontario) - Education
Foundation Award of Merit
IUPAP Young Scientist Prize in Optics
Prix Galien
Wiley Prize in Biomedical Sciences

September

AAAS Award for Science Diplomacy
AAAS Philip Hauge Abelson Prize
American Society for Clinical Investigation membership
Guggenheim Fellowships

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