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## Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

Last week, I had the pleasure of leading a [Faculty of Medicine delegation to China](#). The purpose of this trip, our second there in 12 months, was to strengthen our academic partnerships and explore ways to [improve family medicine in China](#).

I am pleased to report this trip was highly constructive.

The Chinese Government began adopting family medicine as a discipline just two decades ago, and today only three per cent of the country's

physicians are family doctors. With growing longevity and an aging population, the country is in urgent need for more family physicians. China plans to train 100,000 family physicians by 2020 -- and it's here that Canada and our Faculty can help.

In Canada, more than half of all physicians help deliver primary care. The Faculty of Medicine has the largest family medicine training program in North America, and we train over one-third of all family physicians in Ontario. We are well-placed to help China improve primary care.

Our delegation, including Professor Lynn Wilson, Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine, met with members of China's Ministry of Health, Peking Union Medical College, Capital Medical University in Beijing, the Shanghai Municipal Health Authority, Fudan University and Jiao-Tong University. We shared our expertise and experience in training family physicians, and strategies to improve primary care such as family health teams.

At the same time, members of our delegation extended our existing academic relationships. Professors Alison Buchan, Vice-Dean of Research & International Relations, and Howard Hu, Director of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, held productive meetings with colleagues in Shanghai and Beijing on expansion of collaborative research opportunities for students and faculty.

Our delegation also hosted a reception for 45 U of T alumni and friends in Beijing. Close to 10,000 U of T alumni live in China. More than 3,700 of the University's undergraduate students and 400 graduate students originate from China including Hong Kong, now the leading destination for U of T student exchange opportunities. Connections between Toronto and China run deep, and it was a pleasure to celebrate those ties with our alumni and friends in Beijing.

In a time of complex global health challenges, and given the increasingly competitive international landscape for higher education, few relationships offer more opportunity than our Faculty's collaborations with top-ranked universities in China and Hong Kong. Positive contribution to the globalization of health and biomedical research reflects our Faculty's *vision* of international leadership in improving health and our mission of fulfilling our social responsibility.

### **Catharine Whiteside**

Dean, Faculty of Medicine

Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions

To see a video of Dean Whiteside in China, click [here](#).

To view a photo gallery of the Faculty of Medicine delegation in China, click [here](#).

## **IN THE NEWS:**

Antidepressants during pregnancy safe for young children, study finds

U of T is helping build family medicine in China

Faculty of Medicine embarks on academic mission to China

Study finds streetcar tracks blamed in one-third of Toronto bike accidents

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### **1. Announcements**

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#### **New Executive Director and CEO for College of Family Physicians of Canada**

**Professor Francine Lemire** (Department of Family and Community Medicine) will become the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) in January 2013. Prof. Lemire practised comprehensive family medicine for 23 years in Corner Brook, Newfoundland. Since joining CFPC as a staff member in 2003, she continues to practise part-time with the Toronto Western

Family Health Team.

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### **New President for Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario**

**Professor Val Rachlis** (Department of Family and Community Medicine) has been elected President of the Association of Family Health Teams of Ontario (AFHTO). Prof. Rachlis is a long-time member of AFHTO and former Chief of Family Medicine at North York General Hospital. For decades, he has been a tireless supporter of family health teams.

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### **New CEO for Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada**

In January 2013, **Professor Jennifer Blake** (Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology) will assume the role of CEO of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC), of which she has been a member since 1982. Prof. Blake not only has a wide-ranging research background and an active publication record, she is an experienced leader who has led major organizational change in the hospital and academic sectors. She brings a national perspective from her work with the SOGC, the Medical Council of Canada, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and the Association of Professors in Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Canada, among other organizations.

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### **Centre for Faculty Development Launches Online Learning Program**

The Centre for Faculty Development (CFD) has launched the **Accessible Resource for Teaching (ART)** -- an online learning tool that helps people participate in faculty development. The goal of ART is to bring faculty development to the teaching practice through short, focused modules. Each module centres on a topic that is applicable in the teaching context and practice, incorporates teaching videos, reflection questions and other resources, and can be completed within 15 minutes. Topics include:

- Providing effective feedback
- Small group facilitation
- Digital professionalism and privacy
- Effective role modeling

The centre is accepting registrations for this FREE program. Each participant will receive a username and password providing access to the site. Please note that it may take one week to receive login information.

Click [here](#) to register or view a sample video.

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## **2. Honours and Awards**

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### **2012 Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award**

The Association of American Medical Colleges has presented **Professor Brian Hodges** with the 2012 Omega Alpha Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award. Advancing the science of medical education is one of Prof. Hodges' passions. He has advocated for seminal change in medical education, including a balance between the traditional, four-year model and an outcomes-based approach focused on demonstrable clinical skills and learning objectives, making him a leader both at home and abroad.

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### **United Auto Workers Walter Reuther Social Justice Award**

For his commitment to social justice, human rights, and peace, United Auto Workers has awarded **Professor Izzeldin Abuelaish** with the Walter Reuther Social Justice Award, one of the organization's highest honours. In addition to this award, the UAW Keeping the Dream Alive Foundation will donate to Prof. Abuelaish's Daughters for Life Foundation, which expands opportunities for girls in the Middle East through access to higher education and by building their leadership potential.

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### **2012 Joseph Mikhael CAIR Award for Medical Education Dr. Charles Kassardjian**

The Canadian Association of Internes and Residents has presented **Dr. Charles Kassardjian** (Department of Medicine) with the 2012 Joseph Mikhael CAIR Award for Medical Education. Dr. Kassardjian established a hand-over session between the outgoing senior and incoming junior neurology residents, which has been highly rated by residents. He also solicited resident participation in the design of this program, and has improved several other resident resources and experiences. Dr. Kassardjian is a PGY4 neurology resident at U of T, and serves as the Chief Resident for adult neurology.

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### **2012 Dr. David Sackett Senior Investigator Award**

**Professor Angela Cheung** (Department of Medicine) is the recipient of the 2012 Dr. David Sackett Senior Investigator Award from the Canadian Society of Internal Medicine (CSIM). The award recognizes excellence in research by a senior Canadian general internist. Dr. Cheung gave her keynote address, The Art and Science of Clinical Research, at the recent CSIM annual meeting on October 19, in Quebec City.

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### **U2012 Rajyotsava Award in Science and Technology**

The Government of the State of Karnataka in India has presented **Dr. Sagar Dugani** (MD/PhD Program) with the Rajyotsava Award in the category of science and technology. The committee, headed by the Premier, recognized work Dr. Dugani has done in Canada and the honour it has brought to the people of Karnataka. Among other achievements, Dr. Dugani is the founder of IMAGINE, an interprofessional drop-in clinic run by U of T students that offers holistic care to underserved populations

in downtown Toronto.

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### **3. Call for Applications**

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#### **Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology**

Applications and nominations are invited for the position of Chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. For position and contact details, visit <http://www.jobs.utoronto.ca/faculty> (Requisition ID # 1201417 under Current Faculty Opportunities).

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

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#### **2013 University of Toronto Awards of Excellence**

The 2013 Awards of Excellence are now open to any member of the University of Toronto community. There are seven awards available and the Faculty strongly encourages staff, students and faculty to nominate colleagues.

The Faculty will run an internal competition for four of these awards that require Decanal support. The awards recognize faculty members who have achieved excellence in both teaching and research, or in leadership.

The awards are:

##### **Faculty Award**

A \$1,000 prize recognizing excellence in teaching, research, and professional endeavours. View the [award guidelines](#) and the [nomination form](#).

##### **Carolyn Tuohy Impact on Public Policy Award**

A \$1,500 prize recognizing excellence in teaching, research, and the impact of scholarship on public policy. View the [award guidelines](#) and the [nomination form](#).

##### **Northrop Frye Award (2)**

A \$2,000 award given to a faculty member and a \$6,000 award given to a department or division, recognizing distinguished achievements in linking teaching and research. View the [award guidelines](#) and the [nomination form](#).

##### **Vivek Goel Faculty Citizenship Award**

An award of up to \$2,500 given to a faculty member who has served the university with distinction in multiple leadership capacities, including committees, governance bodies and external organizations complementary to the university's academic mission. View the [award guidelines](#) and the [nomination form](#).

Nominations for these awards are due by **Monday, November 12, 2012**, via email to the Faculty Council c/o Todd Coomber ([todd.coomber@utoronto.ca](mailto:todd.coomber@utoronto.ca)). Nominations must include a description of why the nominee fits the selection criteria and, with the exception of the Northrop Frye Departmental award, all nominations must be accompanied by a current CV. For the Northrop Frye Departmental award, the nomination must also include supporting material. The Faculty will then help coordinate completion of the nomination package.

The Faculty also encourages applications for the three other U of T Awards of Excellence. The deadline for these awards is **December 7, 2012**. Please see the following guidelines for the nomination process:

#### **Chancellor's Award**

Two \$1,000 prizes for outstanding contributions by an administrative staff member. View the [award guidelines](#). Nomination due **January 11, 2013**.

#### **Joan E. Foley Quality of Student Experience Award**

A \$1,000 award given to a student, alumnus/a, administrative staff or faculty member who has made a significant contribution to improving the quality of academic or extra-curricular student life on campus. View the [award guidelines](#) and the [nomination form](#). Nomination due **December 7, 2012**.

#### **Ludwik and Estelle Jus Memorial Human Rights Prize**

A \$1,500 prize recognizing positive and lasting contributions to education and action in the fight against discrimination. Faculty, staff, and students are eligible for this award. View the [award guidelines](#). Nomination due **January 11, 2013**.

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### **2013 Cressy Student Leadership Awards**

Nominations for the 2013 Cressy Student Leadership Awards are now open.

The Cressy Student Leadership Awards recognize students who have made outstanding extra-curricular contributions to their college, faculty or school, or to the University as a whole. Students must be graduating in November 2012, March 2013 or June 2013 and have demonstrated leadership through their volunteer activities.

The awards aim to encourage and recognize participation in university affairs by alumni and students. The awards also provide an excellent opportunity for the Faculty of Medicine to have the outstanding contributions of our students acknowledged at the University level.

If you have any questions about the nomination process, or to receive a copy of the nomination form and nomination guidelines, please contact the Morgan Tilley, Alumni Relations Coordinator at [morgan.tilley@utoronto.ca](mailto:morgan.tilley@utoronto.ca).

Nominators are advised to submit their nominations or before 3:00 p.m. on **Friday December 14, 2012**. E-submissions are preferred.

For more information, visit <http://alumni.utoronto.ca/about/awards/cressy-awards/>.

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### **Annual Graduate Faculty Teaching Awards**

This year the Faculty of Medicine increased the number of awards to two per category and will award up to six graduate faculty teaching awards. This honours and celebrates outstanding contributions to graduate education by full time faculty in the Faculty of Medicine who teach in doctoral stream or professional graduate programs. The award will consist of a framed certificate, a cash prize and formal recognition at the Faculty of Medicine Educational Achievement Event on May 7, 2013.

Nomination Deadline: **December 7, 2012** (Note: Each Graduate Department will have an earlier internal deadline.)

#### **Further Information:**

<http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca/programs/graduate/award.htm>

**Contact:** [debbie.chau@utoronto.ca](mailto:debbie.chau@utoronto.ca)

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## **5. Around Campus**

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### **Taking Toronto's Healthcare History, November 23-24, 2012**

You are invited to *Taking Toronto's Healthcare History*, an interdisciplinary conference about Toronto's healthcare communities and their history.

#### Opening Reception:

Friday, November 23, 2012, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Great Hall at Hart House (7 Hart House Circle).

#### Speakers:

University of Toronto President David Naylor, ROM Director and CEO Janet Carding, and University Professor Emeritus Michael Bliss. There will be light refreshments and a cash bar.

#### Main Conference:

Saturday, November 24, 2012, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the MacLeod Auditorium of the Medical Sciences Building (1 King's College Circle, Room 2158). The conference is accredited for CME and IPE (red).

#### Cost:

Students: Free, but must still register.

University of Toronto Alumni: Reception \$10, Conference \$40, Full Weekend \$45. General: Reception \$20, Conference \$50, Full Weekend \$60.

RSVP: [Register Online](#) | [Contact torontohealthcarehistory@gmail.com](mailto:torontohealthcarehistory@gmail.com)

Funding for this event has been generously provided by the University of Toronto Medical Alumni Association and by Associated Medical Services.

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### **Physician Assistant Professional Degree Program Information Session**

Date:

Thursday, November 22, 2012  
7:00 -- 9:00 p.m.

Location:

University of Toronto  
Medical Sciences Building, Room 3154  
1 King's College Circle

Physician Assistants (PAs) work as physician extenders in a variety of health care settings, providing patient/client care under supervision of a licensed physician. The specific scope of practice of the PA is directly related to the scope of practice of the supervising physician and the individual competencies of the PA. Examples include:

- Conduct patient interviews and take medical histories
- Perform physical examinations
- Perform procedures delegated to them by a physician
- Provide counselling on preventive health care

Please visit [www.PAconsortium.ca](http://www.PAconsortium.ca) for more information.

### **Apply by February 1, 2013 for January 2014 program**

Other locations for the information session include:

Northern Ontario School of Medicine  
West Campus, Lakehead University  
955 Oliver Road  
Advanced Technology & Academic Centre  
6th Floor, Room 6022  
Thunder Bay, Ontario

Northern Ontario School of Medicine  
East Campus, Laurentian University  
935 Ramsey Lake Road  
Medical School Building, Room 107  
Sudbury, Ontario

To participate on-line, LIVE, join an interactive webcast at:  
[www.nosm.ca/about\\_us/webcasts](http://www.nosm.ca/about_us/webcasts)

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## **RESEARCH GRANTS**

- Canadian Cancer Society - 2012 Multisector Team Grants in Prevention Research
- CIHR – CIHR Team Grant-Joint call for Res Appl (JCRA) Ageing Res-ERA-AGE2
- NSERC/CIHR - Collaborative Health Research Program (CHRP)

*~ Our congratulations to all! ~*

## **UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES**

### **November**

Albert Einstein World Award of Science  
Canadian Science and Engineering Hall of Fame  
Ho-Am Prize

### **December**

Manning Innovation Awards  
Royal Society of Canada

### **January**

Henry G Friesen International Prize in Health Research  
Rolf Luft Award in Endocrinology and Diabetes Research

### **January**

Membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies

For any queries regarding awards, please contact:

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### **Resources:**

Henry Stewart Talks (University of Toronto Libraries)  
Faculty of Medicine Equipment Repair Centre  
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