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Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

On November 23 and 24, the University of Toronto hosted an unprecedented conference: [Taking Toronto's Healthcare History](#). Medical students Jonathan Fuller and Margaret Olszewski conceptualized the event, which was co-sponsored by Associated Medical Services and the U of T Medical Alumni Association, in partnership with the Faculty of Medicine and the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science and Technology.

The event was an extraordinary success, bringing together the Faculties of Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work and Medicine to explore the city's health care history through lively discussions, lectures and medical artifact exhibitions. It drew in our hospital partners and health care facilities, and engaged the resources of Royal Ontario Museum (ROM). The product of two years of meetings and planning, the conference was a celebration of our shared past -- and an acknowledgement that knowing our history helps us build a stronger health care system for the future. The spectacular opening addresses by President David Naylor, Professor Emeritus Michael Bliss and Janet Carding, Director of the ROM, set the stage for a full day of plenary sessions, displays and debate. Special thanks to Professor Pier Bryden and Professor Emeritus Judy Friedland for their mentorship of our students in organizing this wonderful conference.

This conference is just one example of an overarching Faculty commitment to preserving and learning from the past. We recently coordinated the arrival in Toronto of two exhibits marking the 90th anniversary of the discovery of insulin at U of T, for example. From now through the end of December, the lobby of the Gerstein Science Information Centre will hold a display generously sponsored by the Endocrine Society in the U.S., featuring a timeline and portraits of Frederick Banting, Charles Best, J.J.R. Macleod and Bertram Collip. And since last year, the MaRS Centre has been home to a permanent exhibit, *Insulin: Toronto's Gift to the World*, an artful display featuring multimedia, Dr. Banting's desk and a diverse collection of insulin vials, curated by the Faculty.

The J.C.B. Grant Anatomy Museum in the Medical Sciences Building continues to be an unparalleled resource for students. The museum holds more than 100 anatomical specimens, and is a key part of the curriculum for U of T medical, dental, health professions and biomedical communications students. That Grant's Atlas of Anatomy, first published in 1943 and based on the museum's many models, is still one of the most widely used texts in the world for teaching anatomy, is a further testament to the value of this unique resource.

We also recently commissioned Professor Edward Shorter to write a comprehensive history of the Faculty of Medicine. Prof. Shorter is the Hannah Professor of the History of Medicine at U of T, and I am pleased to report

that U of T Press will publish *Partnership for Excellence: Medicine at the University of Toronto and Academic Hospitals*, next spring. The book details the Faculty's history from its beginning as a small provincial school to its current stature as one of the world's largest and most research-intensive faculties of medicine.

By recognizing our remarkable scholars and preserving our historical collections, we can encourage even more collaboration and discovery across the university, our affiliated hospitals and beyond. As we celebrate our shared past, and reflect on our achievements over the last year, I want to thank you all for your hard work and dedication - through which we are realizing our vision of international leadership in improving health through innovation in research and education. It's an honour to build on the Faculty's rich legacy with you, as we address today's challenges and look to the New Year.

Catharine Whiteside

Dean, Faculty of Medicine

Vice-Provost, Relations with Health Care Institutions

IN THE NEWS:

New cystic fibrosis drug approved by Health Canada

5 Ingredients Essential to Good Mentoring Relationship

NHL should eliminate bodychecking: concussion expert

Researchers identify proteins that indicate which kidney tumours are most likely to spread

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1. In Memoriam

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Prof. Jae Yang

Prof. Jae Yang passed away on November 28, 2012. A graduate of the Faculty of Medicine, he was named Director of the tuberculosis program at St. Michael's Hospital in 1999 and became program director of the Division of Respiriology (Department of Medicine) in 2008.

A compassionate and caring physician, Prof. Yang advocated for his patients, particularly the disadvantaged and isolated. He was a much-loved teacher and adviser, receiving countless awards for his teaching.

Donations may be made to the Dr. Jae Yang Fund, supporting the St. Michael's Tuberculosis Research Fund and the Dr. Gary May Gastroenterology Research Fund (contact St. Michael's Hospital). Online condolences may be made at www.turnerporter.ca.

Prof. Duncan A. Gordon

After a year-long battle with acute myelogenous leukemia, **Prof. Duncan A. Gordon** passed away on December 2, 2012. He was 83 years old.

Regarded as a key figure in the evolution of rheumatology in Canada, Prof. Gordon was a Professor of Medicine and Director of the Division of Rheumatology at Toronto Western Hospital from 1976 to 1991. He remained on staff as a Senior Rheumatologist and Professor Emeritus until his retirement earlier this year.

Prof. Gordon will be fondly remembered by many young clinicians, his colleagues at the Journal of Rheumatology, RDU staff, students, interns, residents, fellows and colleagues.

2. Honours and Awards

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Ontario Rhodes Scholar

Ayodele Odutayo, a fourth-year medical student at the Faculty of Medicine, has been named a 2013 Ontario Rhodes Scholar. The prestigious and highly competitive scholarship, awarded to 11 Canadians a year, is one of the world's most celebrated academic honours. It comes with a stipend and tuition expenses to pursue a degree at the University of Oxford.

Having spent the first 12 years of his life between Nigeria and the British Virgin Islands, Odutayo developed a keen interest in improving health care internationally. As a nephrology research trainee at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and former intern with the World Health Organization, his goals include improving management of kidney diseases beyond Canada's borders.

The committed volunteer and student leader previously served as co-director of U of T's International Health Program and currently represents Canadian medical students on the Canadian Medical Association Committee on Healthcare and Promotion.

Read the full story [here](#).

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal

Prof. Graham Trope (Dept. of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences) is the recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal from The Governor General of Canada. Nominated by the Canadian Ophthalmological Society, Prof. Trope is being honoured for his contributions to ophthalmology in Canada.

Student Engagement in the Arts Award

Jesse Kancir, a fourth-year clerk, has been awarded a 2012 Student Engagement in the Arts Award from the University of Toronto. Jesse was a driving force behind the Faculty's Undergraduate Medical Education Humanities Companion Curriculum, and medical schools from across Canada are interested in incorporating similar content in their own curricula. Jesse is also a founder of the Medical Students' Humanities Interest Group. He was instrumental in helping the Faculty conceptualize the Health, Arts, and Humanities Film Program, which brings together medical and film studies students while reaching a diverse audience from across the University, hospitals and health care faculties.

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute Educational and Research Faculty Mobility Grant

Prof. Donna Stewart (Dept. of Psychiatry) has been awarded an educational and research faculty mobility grant from the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, to teach at the Indian National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) from January 8 to 31, 2013. The goal of this grant is to enhance capacity of NIMHANS faculty, mental health professionals, and trainees, especially in the area of women's mental health. Prof. Stewart was also recently elected the Canadian Psychiatric Association representative to the World Psychiatric Association board, enabling her to further contribute to international capacity-building in mental health.

American Medical Writers Association Medical Book Award

Prof. Bart Harvey's *The Research Guide: A Primer for Residents, Other Health Care Trainees, and Practitioners*, received a 2012 Special Recognition Award from the American Medical Writers Association. Prof. Harvey -- an Associate Professor and Undergraduate Education Coordinator at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health -- co-authored the book with Dr. Eddy Lang (University of Calgary), and Dr. Jason Frank (University of Ottawa).

3. Announcements

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Dean Catharine Whiteside Named One of Canada's Most Powerful Women in 2012

The Women's Executive Network has named **Dean Catharine Whiteside** one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women for 2012.

Dean Whiteside is the first female Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. She joins women from the public, private and not-for-profit sectors on the prestigious Top 100 list, which recognizes the professional achievements of women across the country.

"It's a huge honour to be recognized alongside women who have had such an extraordinary impact in their fields," said Prof. Whiteside. "I hope this recognition will inspire other women to seek challenging professional roles in which they can reach their potential and make a difference in the world."

The network's Top 100 award recipients are chosen for their strategic vision and leadership, their organization's financial performance, and their commitment to their communities.

"On behalf of the WXN community of 18,000 women, we congratulate each of this year's winners who we honour as part of the 10th year of the Top 100 Awards," said Pamela Jeffery, Founder, Women's Executive Network. "This is an extraordinary group of female leaders who join our community, and they truly embody the qualities WXN strives to recognize; they are dynamic, inspiring and engaging leaders blazing new trails for the next generation."

For more information, please click [here](#).

Memorandum: Ethical Conduct of Research

**From Prof. Paul Young, Vice-President, Research and Innovation,
and
Cheryl Misak, Vice-President & Provost**

The University of Toronto has recently signed the agreement with the Tri-Agency (Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada and Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada) which allows us to continue administering Tri-Agency funds. All eligible Canadian institutions wanting to administer Tri-Agency funds will be signing this agreement. In essence, the agreement codifies, clarifies and harmonizes the roles and responsibilities of the Tri-Agency and of institutions in the management of federal grants and awards.

At this time, we want to remind our research community of the following:

- [The Tri-Agency Framework: Responsible Conduct of Research](#). This articulates the Tri-Agency research integrity policy, agency policies, and processes and procedures for dealing with allegations of policy breaches (including research misconduct). All those applying for, and receiving, tri-agency funds should be familiar with this Framework.
- [The Tri-Council Statement Policy Statement on Ethical Conduct for](#)

Research Involving Humans

- The guidelines of the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC)
- The University's [Policy on Ethical Conduct in Research](#) that sets "the highest standards of ethical conduct in every aspect of research including applications, proposals, the research itself, reports and publications" as an expectation of all members of the University
- The University's [Framework to Address Allegations of Research Misconduct](#) that ensures University policies and procedures remain consistent with best practices and the expectations of the Tri-Agency. The University's Framework defines research misconduct as "any research practice that deviates seriously from the commonly accepted ethics/integrity standards or practices of the relevant research community and includes, but is not limited to, intentional fabrication, falsification, and plagiarism as defined by the University's [Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters](#). However, in the latter respect, due latitude is given for honest errors, honest differences in methodology, interpretation or judgment, or divergent paradigms in science. What is at issue are genuine breaches of the integrity of the research process.

We expect our academic community to be knowledgeable about these relevant policies/documents concerning academic/scientific integrity. Therefore, we ask the following of you:

1. Bring the above policies/documents to the attention of your divisions at the Council level and also to the attention of Departments with the request that they circulate this information to all their faculty;
2. Initiate and promote discipline-specific discussion about standards and expectations, including but not limited to misleading publications including self-plagiarism;
3. Encourage all faculty to bring research integrity and ethics issues to the attention of their research students.

The Provost and the Vice-President, Research and Innovation will be tabling this at upcoming P&D and PDAD&C meetings.

4. Call for Applications

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Preclerkship Director, Faculty of Medicine

Applications are invited for the position of Preclerkship Director in the Faculty of Medicine.

Reporting to the Vice Dean, Undergraduate Medical Education (UME) and Director of Curriculum, and in keeping with existing UME overall

curriculum goals and objectives, the Preclerkship Director has overall responsibility for the design, development, implementation, and evaluation of the Preclerkship (years 1 and 2 of the undergraduate medical program).

Appointment of the Preclerkship Director will normally be for a five-year renewable term.

To view a detailed position description, click [here](#).

Education Development Fund (EDF)

The Education Vice-Deans are pleased to announce that the application site for the Education Development Fund (EDF) is now live [here](#).

Applications for the 2013 EDF competition are due **Monday, January 21st, 2013 at 12:00 noon**. No late applications will be accepted. More information about the competition and application process can be found online [here](#).

5. Call for Nominations

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Aikins Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching

The W. T. Aikins Awards are the Faculty's most prestigious awards for commitment to and excellence in undergraduate teaching. All Faculty who teach in the undergraduate medical (MD degree) program are eligible for the awards. Faculty who teach in the undergraduate Arts and Science Program are also eligible for an Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in Life Sciences Award.

Recipients are selected from nominees in a Faculty-wide process that includes faculty and students. This teaching award is given serious consideration in the academic promotions process.

The award categories are:

- Individual teaching performance (large group: seminars, lectures)
- Individual teaching performance (small group: PBL tutoring, ward-based group teaching)
- Development and use of innovative instructional methods
- Course/program development and coordination

Specific details about the nomination process, eligibility requirements and deadline information can be found [here](#).

For further information please contact Effie Slapnicar at 416-978-8544 or effie.slapnicar@utoronto.ca.

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Cancer Research Society Announces 2012 Grants

On Wednesday December 5, the Cancer Research Society (CRS) announced its 2012 grants during a ceremony held at the University of Toronto. Seven researchers from U of T received grants totalling \$829,070. University of Toronto researchers have obtained more than 41 per cent of the provincial grants the CRS has allocated since 2008, which represents over \$3.2 million in funding for 27 research projects in Ontario.

The recipients from U of T were:

- Professor Fei-Fei Liu (Department of Radiation Oncology)
- Professor Mitsuhiko Ikura (Department of Medical Biophysics)
- Professor Anand Ghanekar (Department of Surgery)
- Professor Razqallah Hakem (Department of Medical Biophysics)
- Professor Helen McNeill (Department of Medical Genetics and Microbiology, Faculty of Arts & Science)
- Professor Gilbert Privé (Department of Medical Biophysics)
- Professor Theodorus van der Kwast (Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology)

Medical Council of Canada's Centennial Year Celebrated at U of T

On December 5, 2012, the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine hosted a faculty development workshop and a reception marking 100 years of excellence in evaluation of physicians.

The workshop and reception were sponsored by the Medical Council of Canada (MCC), now in its centennial year, which assesses medical students and graduates through a series of exams. It grants the Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada to physicians who have met its requirements and passed its exams. The MCC is sponsoring workshops in physician assessment and celebratory receptions at each of the faculties of medicine in Canada throughout 2012 and early 2013.

Prof. Jocelyn Lockyer led the professional development workshop, which focused on "multisource feedback" (MSF) in physician assessment. Prof. Lockyer is the Senior Associate Dean of Education at the University of Calgary, and an expert in policy development, curriculum design, program evaluation and assessment. Prof. Lockyer's presentation aimed to help participants to understand MSF and its history, and to outline its role in undergraduate, resident and practising-physician assessment in Canada and internationally.

Following the session, participants attended a reception in the student lounge of the Faculty's Medical Sciences Building, hosted by Dr. Ian Bowmer, Executive Director of the MCC. Dr. Bowmer thanked the Faculty and introduced a [video](#) highlighting the history and role of the Council in Canada. Professor Jay Rosenfield, Vice-Dean of Undergraduate Medical Education at U of T and the Faculty's MCC

representative, and Professor Sarita Verma, the Faculty's Deputy Dean, also gave addresses.

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RESEARCH GRANTS

- CIHR China-Canada Joint Health Research Initiative
- CIHR Planning Grants and Dissemination Events
- CIHR Team Grant: China-Canada: Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders
- CIHR Team Grant -- Joint call for Res Appl (JCRA) Ageing Res-ERA-AGE2
- Ontario Mental Health Foundation
- Prostate Cancer Research Foundation of Canada

~ Our congratulations to all! ~

UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES

January

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

February

Membership in the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies

March

Balzan Prize
Order of Ontario
SSHRC Gold Medal for Achievement in Research

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