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## Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

Founded in 1843 as a school of medicine, our Faculty of Medicine has established a reputation for excellence and has continually attracted outstanding health science educators, researchers, staff and students. Over many generations our commitment to building a better environment for learners and improving health care through discovery and application of new knowledge has created a legacy of success second to none in Canada. It is important that we document our history to be inspired by the accomplishments of our predecessors and encouraged to boldly envision our future.

Fortunately, Professor Edward Shorter, Jason A. Hannah Professor in the History of Medicine, is a member of our Faculty. When I commissioned the project of writing the history of our Faculty of Medicine, Professor Shorter did not hesitate for a moment to undertake in this monumental task. Professor Shorter and his assistant Susan Belanger, engaged wholeheartedly to produce the first comprehensive documentation of our history entitled -- *Partnership for Excellence: Medicine at the University of Toronto and Academic Hospitals* (University of Toronto Press 2013). The official book launch will take place on November 4 in the Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research.

The background work on this book was extensive and included tracking down primary sources and conducting many personal interviews. Thanks to all who contributed their time and willingness to contribute first hand knowledge and experiences. This book focuses particularly on the leaders in medical education, academic practitioners who pioneered new methods for improving clinical care and health outcomes. We learn about the remarkable discoveries of our researchers that have transformed diagnosis and treatment or previously unknown and incurable illness. It is also about relationships, specifically those that enabled the remarkable simultaneous emergence of the University of Toronto and our affiliated hospitals now forming the Toronto Academic Health Science Network -- one of the most successful confederated models of an academic health science complex across the globe. The title of this book reflects this relationship.

Professor Shorter is not alone in his passion for medical history. Our medical students are increasingly engaged in this field of study through their Interest Group in History and Philosophy of Medicine. The Toronto History of Medicine Group, that includes

our faculty and alumni, meets regularly at Massey College with student guests. Following the success of the "Taking Toronto's Healthcare History" conference last year, our students and faculty are planning a history of public health conference in 2015.

Our history connects all of us -- students, faculty and alumni -- and weaves a compelling narrative that Professor Shorter has captured in his book that stands at the intersection of scholarship and passion. Partnership for Excellence builds on our institutional memory and will help to guide us into the future.

<http://www.utppublishing.com/Partnership-for-Excellence-Medicine-at-the-University-of-Toronto-and-Academic-Hospitals.html>

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

## IN THE NEWS:

Networking for the future of health care

Flu vaccine cuts risk of heart attack for some patients

Mindfulness therapy doesn't lower blood pressure: Canadian study

Hassan Rasouli case: top court upholds life-support right

If you would like to have a news item, research or education award announcement placed in MedEmail please forward it by e-mail to Jim Oldfield.

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### **1. Appointments**

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#### **President, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada**

Professor **Kevin Imrie** (Department of Medicine) is the President-Elect of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Professor Imrie is a clinical hematologist, and Physician-in-Chief at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. He is also the Vice-Chair, Education for the Faculty's Department of Medicine, overseeing the continuum of medical education. Professor Imrie has served in several leadership roles, including Vice-President of Education with the Royal College. He will assume the President-Elect position immediately. [Read more here.](#)

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#### **International Council of Ophthalmology: Board of Trustees Member and Advisory Committee Chair**

Professor **Neeru Gupta** (Departments of Ophthalmology & Vision Sciences, and Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology) has been elected to the International Council of Ophthalmology (ICO) Board of Trustees. She has also been appointed Chair of the ICO Advisory Committee. Professor Gupta is the Dorothy Pitts Chair, Ophthalmology & Vision Sciences at St. Michael's Hospital, and is a Scientist in the Keenan Research Centre of the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute. The ICO represents 120 ophthalmological societies and organizations across all continents, and covers all eye care subspecialties.

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### **2. Honours and Awards**

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## **The Hellenic Cardiological Society Lifetime of Service to the Science of Medicine Award & Hypertension Canada Distinguished Service Award**

Professor **John Floras** (Department of Medicine) was honoured with a Lifetime of Service to the Science of Medicine award by the Hellenic Cardiological Society at the 34th Annual Panhellenic Congress of Cardiology in Athens. And Hypertension Canada presented Professor Floras with its Distinguished Service Award at its annual meeting in Montreal. Hypertension Canada acknowledged Professor Floras for his long-standing service, which includes his role in the development of Canadian Hypertension Education Program recommendations, and his time as President of the Canadian Hypertension Society.

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

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#### **Chair, Department of Physical Therapy**

The Advisory Committee for the Appointment of Chair of the Dept. of Physical Therapy invites applications. For position and application details, please see <https://utoronto.taleo.net/careersection/10050/jobdetail.fl?lang=en&job=1301579>.

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#### **Chair, Department of Speech-Language Pathology**

The Advisory Committee for the Appointment of Chair of the Dept. of Speech-Language Pathology invites applications. For position and application details, please see <https://utoronto.taleo.net/careersection/10050/jobdetail.fl?lang=en&job=1301586>.

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

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#### **Call for Nominations**

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

Graduate and Life Sciences Education is seeking nominations for the Annual Graduate Faculty Teaching Awards. There are six awards that honour and celebrate outstanding contributions to graduate education by full-time faculty who teach in doctoral stream or professional graduate programs. Prizes include a framed certificate, a cash prize and formal recognition at the Faculty of Medicine Educational Achievement Event on May 13, 2014.

The nomination deadline is **December 6, 2013** (note: each Graduate Department will have an earlier internal deadline).

View more details [here](#). Contact [Debbie Chau](#) for further information.

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##### **2013 Alumni Awards of Excellence**

Nominations for the 2013 Alumni 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 our staff, students and faculty members to nominate colleagues for these awards.

The Faculty of Medicine will run an internal competition for four of these awards, which require Decanal support. These awards recognize faculty members who have achieved excellence in

Deborah support. These awards recognize faculty members who have achieved excellence in leadership or both teaching and research.

The awards are:

#### **Faculty Award**

A \$1,000 prize recognizing excellence in teaching, research, and professional endeavours.  
View the [Award Guidelines](#) and the [Faculty Award 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 [Tuohy Award 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 [Frye Award 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 [Goel Award nomination form](#).

Nominations for these awards are due by **Monday, November 11, 2013** 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, and all nominations must be accompanied by an up to date CV. For the Northrop Frye Departmental award, the nomination must also include supporting material. The Faculty will then assist in the coordination of the complete nomination package.

Nominations for the other three awards are strongly encouraged. Please see award 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 deadline TBA).

#### **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 significant contribution to improving the quality of academic or extra-curricular student life on campus.  
View the [Award Guidelines](#) and the [Foley Award nomination form](#). Nomination due December 6, 2013.

#### **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 deadline TBA).

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## **5. Around Campus**

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## **Book Launch for *Partnership for Excellence: Medicine at the University of Toronto and Academic Hospitals***

Professor **Edward Shorter** (Department of Psychiatry) will answer questions and sign copies of his new book on November 4. The book, *Partnership for Excellence: Medicine at the University of Toronto and Academic Hospitals*, details the history of U of T's Faculty of Medicine, from its start as a small school for training local doctors to an international force in health research and education.

**Date and Time:** November 4, 2013 from 5:30 p.m.

**Location:** Atrium, [Donnelly Centre for Cellular and Biomolecular Research](#)

This event is open to the public. Those planning to attend should R.S.V.P., and can submit questions in advance by tweeting them to [@UofTMedicine](#).

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## **EarthTones 2013**

Over a dozen multitalented acts will take the stage on in the 13th annual [EarthTones](#). The show is a benefit concert for children's charities, and features performances U of T students and faculty members. This year's event will include pop, rock, barbershop, guitar instrumental and classical, among others styles. The Faculty of Medicine and the U of T International Health Program will sponsor the show. Read about some of the performers, and charities they will support, [here](#).

**Date and Time :**November 9, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Isabel Bader Theatre

View more information [here](#).

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### **RESEARCH GRANTS**

- [CIHR/Canadian Gene Cure Foundation - Champions of Genetics](#)
- [CIHR Knowledge Synthesis Grants](#)
- [CIHR - Maud Menten New Principal Investigator Prizes](#)
- [Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario - 2013 Personnel Awards](#)
- [NSERC CREATE: NSERC/German Research Foundation](#)
- [Ontario Mental Health Foundation](#)
- [Physicians' Services Inc. Foundation - Research Grants](#)
- [Prostate Cancer Canada - Movember Discovery Grants](#)

~ *Our congratulations to all!* ~

### **UPCOMING AWARD DEADLINES**

#### **November**

[Canadian Cancer Society Awards for Excellence](#)

[Canadian College of Neuropsychopharmacology Awards](#)

[Canadian Society for Clinical Investigation Awards](#)

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Dan David Prize (Present: Combatting Memory Loss)  
Hamdan International Awards  
Ho-Am Prize  
Jonas Salk Award

Warren Alpert Foundation prize

**December**

Gruber Foundation  
Kavli Prize  
Manning Awards  
Royal Society of Canada Fellowship

For any queries regarding awards, please contact:

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**The submission deadline for the next issue of MedEmail (to be published on Wednesday, November 13, 2013) is Wednesday, November 6, 2013.**

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