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Message from the Dean

Catharine Whiteside

Last Thursday, the University of Toronto celebrated the installation of Professor Meric Gertler, our former Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Science, as our 16th President. It was a proud day for him and a great day for our University. It's not surprising that President Gertler, who is a renowned urban geographer, focused on advancing the integration of U of T with our surrounding communities as well as strengthening our international partnerships. The Faculty of Medicine has been very active on both fronts, and we must continue to play that

important role in the future.

Our local engagement takes many forms. Through our academic partnership with area hospitals -- which includes our nine fully affiliated Toronto Academic Health Science Network partners as well as our 18 community affiliated hospitals -- our health professional faculty members are deeply engaged in advancing health care transformation in communities across the Greater Toronto Area. President Gertler acknowledged this in his speech, when he noted U of T has been "fortunate to enjoy the support of some very important partners: in particular, our remarkable network of affiliated hospitals."

President Gertler also highlighted that community engagement provides our students with rich experiential learning opportunities and our faculty members with living laboratories and places to put theory and discovery into action. A good example is the Interprofessional Medical and Allied Groups for Improving Neighbourhood Environments (IMAGINE) clinic -- conceived of, and operated by our health professional students, which President Gertler noted in his remarks. IMAGINE gives our students the opportunity to "learn by doing" while promoting health among marginalized groups and the most vulnerable in our inner city.

Internationally, our Faculty has been building collaborative academic partnerships that enable us to share our expertise while benefitting from some of the world's best minds. This past week we celebrated the tenth anniversary of the Toronto Addis Ababa Psychiatry Project (TAAPP). In keeping with our Department of Psychiatry's strategic plan, ten years ago Professor Clare Pain established this program with two Ethiopian psychiatry professors, Dr. Atalay Alem and Dr. Mesfin Araya -- both of whom now hold U of T appointments. Together with many Psychiatry faculty members and postgraduate residents in psychiatry who volunteered three months a year to travel to Ethiopia to teach (and learn), they built and sustained Ethiopia's first residency program in psychiatry.

TAAPP's success led to the Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration, which broadened U of T's collaboration with Addis Ababa University to include many specialties in medicine, pharmacy, rehabilitation sciences and nursing, as well as non-health related programs including library science and engineering. This is a unique program worldwide, which keeps MD graduates in a developing country leading rapid and successful transformation of health care for their society.

As President Gertler's speech reminds us, complacency is not an option for us. We can -- and will -- continue to deepen our successful partnerships locally and internationally. It is our social responsibility to play a leadership role and to mentor our students and trainees who, as future health leaders, will continue to engage in and promote strategic collaboration focused on improving health where it is most needed.

The start of President Gertler's term also marks the return of former President David Naylor to our Faculty where he will pick up on his former incredible research career in health services and population health. Dr. Naylor is an outstanding scholar and we are very pleased to count him among us once again.

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

IN THE NEWS:

Old MRIs and other images a 'gold mine' for disease research, Toronto scientist says

Toronto hospital takes first major step in studying concussions in children ... and it's about time

TGH celebrates 30 years of lung-transplant success

Flu shot lessens chance of heart attack, stroke

Mount Sinai Hospital receives \$10-million

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1. Honours and Awards

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Honorary Professorship, First Affiliated Hospital of the Medical College at Xi'an Jiaotong University

The First Affiliated Hospital of the Medical College at Xi'an Jiaotong University awarded Professor **Armand Keating** (Department of Medicine, Institute Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering) an honorary professorship during a ceremony at the 2013 Xi'an International Summit Forum on Diagnosis and Treatment of Hematological Malignancies in Xi'an, China.

Professor Keating is director of the Cell Therapy Program and the Orsino Cell Therapy

donation

Toronto hospital building a revolutionary 'poop bank' as antidote against *C. difficile*

'Gameboy back' more common in kids slouching over gadgets

Researchers find link between pregnant mother's health and baby's brain development

You can't treat addiction with willpower and denial

GTA hospitals lack diversity at the top

Don't get sick in July

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.

Translational Research Laboratory at Princess Margaret Hospital, and a Senior Scientist in Experimental Therapeutics at the Toronto General Research Institute.

Osteoporosis Canada's Lindy Fraser Memorial Award

The Department of Surgery's Professor **Earl Bogoch** won Osteoporosis Canada's Lindy Fraser Memorial Award. The accolade recognizes individuals who have conducted exemplary research in osteoporosis, and have helped increase awareness and knowledge of the condition.

Professor Bogoch is an expert in the surgical management of inflammatory arthritis, and hip and knee reconstructions. He is an orthopedic surgeon at St. Michael's Hospital.

Society for Medical Decision Making's 2013 Short Course Award

The Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation's Professor **Jeffrey Hoch** has won the Society for Medical Decision Making's 2013 Short Course Awards. SMDM Annual Meeting attendees evaluate the short courses, and award winners are picked based on the results.

Professor Hoch is director of St. Michael's Hospital's Centre for Excellence in Economic Analysis Research.

Electrical Safety Authority's Chief Public Safety Officer Special Recognition Award

Professor **Manuel Gomez** (Department of Surgery) received the Chief Public Safety Officer Special Recognition Award from the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) in September. The award recognizes Professor Gomez' work with Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre's Electrical Injury Program.

2013 Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Fund Award

Professor **Michael Cusimano** (Department of Surgery) received the 2013 Dr. Tom Pashby Sports Safety Fund Award. The award recognizes efforts to prevent major sports and recreation-related injuries.

Professor Cusimano is the founder and director of the Injury Prevention Research Office at St. Michael's Hospital.

2013 Marcom Awards

The Office of Strategy, Communications and External Relations has won several 2013 Marcom Awards.

The Marcom Awards are a yearly international competition for marketing professionals. Entries come from corporate marketing and communication departments, advertising agencies, PR firms, design shops, production companies and freelancers.

The Marcom competition is one of the largest of its kind in the world with about 6,000

entries per year.

The awards include:

External Newsletter/Educational Institution: [2013 Spring Medicine Magazine](#) (Platinum Award)

Annual Report/Educational Institution: [2012-13 Dean's Report](#) (Gold Award)

Video/Film/Educational Institution: [Boundless Impact](#) (Gold Award)

Inaugural Dean's Alumni Awards

The achievements of three alumni from the Faculty of Medicine have been celebrated with the inaugural Dean's Alumni Awards. Nearly 50 alumni were nominated for consideration.

The inaugural winners are:

Rising Star Award: Professor **Samir Sinha** (Department of Medicine)

The Rising Star Award recognizes an alumnus/a who has graduated within the past 15 years and has made great contributions to the Faculty, their local healthcare community or academic achievement.

Professor Sinha is director of Geriatrics at Mount Sinai Hospital. Professor Sinha has advised health authorities in Canada, Britain, the United States and China on innovative models of geriatric care. He is also the Expert Lead for Ontario's Seniors Strategy.

[Watch our video interview with Professor Sinha.](#)

Alumni Volunteer: Retired Professor Emeritus **Don Cowan** (Department of Medicine)

The Alumni Volunteer award recognizes an individual whose volunteerism has enhanced the Faculty of Medicine experience for students, staff, and fellow alumni.

Professor Cowan received his M.D. from the Faculty of Medicine in 1956. Throughout his career as a hematologist-oncologist, he has served on more than 60 committees at the Faculty and its affiliated hospitals. Cowan has also participated in a variety of committees with nearly 20 provincial, national and international organizations, and remains active within the U of T Medical Alumni Association.

[Watch our video interview with Professor Cowan.](#)

Lifetime Achievement Award: **Dr. Henry Barnett**

The Lifetime Achievement recognizes a graduate whose outstanding work has earned them national or international prominence.

Dr. Henry Barnett's stroke research has included international clinical trials, which established the value of Aspirin in stroke prevention, and investigations that led to the denial of indications for carotid artery bypass surgery. He has also been a recipient of the prestigious Karolinska Stroke Award for Excellence in Stroke Research, as well as five Honourary Doctorates from Universities in North America and Europe.

[Watch our video interview with Dr. Henry Barnett.](#)

The awards were presented at the Dean's Honour Roll Luncheon on November 7th.

2. Announcements

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Out Now: Fall Edition of U of T Medicine Magazine

Is Toronto prepared for an infectious disease outbreak of SARS proportions? How is the Faculty of Medicine addressing the gap between medical professionals and their Aboriginal patients? Which U of T alum served four decades in the Canadian Forces?

Read the new issue of the award-winning U of T Medicine magazine: uoft.me/medmag.

This issue features a bold new look with more news and great stories about how U of T faculty, students and alumni are redefining health in the 21st century.

Chair, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology

Professor Rick Hegele will be completing his first term as Chair of the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology on December 31, 2013 and is eligible for reappointment. In accordance with the University's "Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators," a committee has been struck to advise on the appointment of the Chair, considering whether to recommend the reappointment of Professor Hegele for a second 5-year term or to proceed with a search.

The composition of the committee, which has been approved by the Vice-President and Provost, is as follows:

Catharine Whiteside (Chair) -- Dean

Ghassan Allo -- Chief Resident, Anatomical Pathology Postgraduate Program, Dept. of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology

Michelle Bendeck -- Professor, Dept. of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology

Brian Corman -- Dean, School of Graduate Studies

Meghan Feeney -- President, Confederation of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology Students

Avrum Gotlieb -- Interim Vice-Dean, Graduate and Life Sciences Education

William Halliday -- Professor, Dept. of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology (The Hospital for Sick Children)

Rita Kandel -- Chief, Mount Sinai Hospital

Mahmoud Khalifa -- Professor, Dept. of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology (Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and University Health Network)

John Kingdom -- Chair, Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Christine Kreutzer -- Administrative Manager, Dept. of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology

George Yousef -- Associate Professor, Dept. of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology (St. Michael's Hospital)

Li Zhang -- Professor, Dept. of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology (University Health Network)

The committee welcomes input. Please send comments to Dean Catharine Whiteside, c/o Anastasia Meletopoulos, Academic Affairs Specialist, at

anastasia.meletopoulos@utoronto.ca. Your opinions will be treated in strictest confidence and will be made known only to the Advisory Committee for the Appointment of Chair, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology.

Chair, Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

Professor Susan Rappolt will be completing her first term as Chair of the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy on December 31, 2013 and is eligible for reappointment. In accordance with the University's "Policy on Appointment of Academic Administrators," a committee has been struck to advise on the appointment of the Chair, considering whether to recommend the reappointment of Professor Rappolt for a second 5-year term or to proceed with a search.

The composition of the committee, which has been approved by the Vice-President and Provost, is as follows:

Catharine Whiteside (Chair) -- Dean

Angela Colantonio -- Professor, Dept. of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

Geoffrey Fernie -- Institute Director, Research, Toronto Rehabilitation Institute

Avrum Gotlieb -- Interim Vice-Dean, Graduate and Life Sciences Education

Anne Hunt -- PhD Candidate, Graduate Department of Rehabilitation Science

Kovida Lam -- 2nd-Year MScOT, Dept. of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

Sylvia Langlois -- Assistant Professor, Dept. of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

Pat McKee -- Associate Professor, Dept. of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

Molly Schlosser -- Business Manager, Dept. of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

Elizabeth Smyth -- Vice-Dean, Programs, School of Graduate Studies

Jill Stier -- Assistant Professor and Graduate Coordinator, Dept. of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy

Elizabeth Rochon -- Interim Chair, Dept. of Speech-Language Pathology

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3. Call for Nominations

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University of Toronto's 2014 Chancellor's Award

[Nomination forms are now available](#) for the 2014 Chancellor's Award.

The Chancellor's Award recognizes administrative staff members for exceptional leadership in advancing the University's mission.

The specific award categories are:

The Emerging Leader

This award will recognize a staff member who demonstrates significant potential to assume more senior leadership in the organization.

The Influential Leader

This award will recognize a staff member who has continually demonstrated innovative leadership to achieve outstanding contributions to the University by motivating and empowering others.

[Additional information is available here.](#)

Submissions forms are due by 4 p.m. on January 24, 2014.

Reminder: 2012-2013 Continuing Education and Professional Development CE Awards

Continuing Education and Professional Development invites you to nominate members of your Department for consideration of an award for excellence in Continuing Education and Professional Development.

The eight awards below 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, interprofessional healthcare, innovation, and long-term contributions to continuing education.

The eight named awards are as follows:

1. Colin Woolf Award for Excellence in Teaching
2. Colin Woolf Award for Excellence in Course Coordination
3. Colin Woolf Award for Long-Term Contributions to Continuing Education
4. Fred Fallis Award for Excellence in Online Education
5. David Fear Fellowship
6. Dave Davis Award for Excellence in Research
7. Ivan Silver Award for Innovation in CEPD
8. Interprofessional Healthcare Team Continuing Education Award

The deadline for all materials supporting nomination(s) is **Monday, December 2, 2013 at 5:00pm.**

For more information on award criteria and nomination submission process, please visit: <http://www.cepd.utoronto.ca/awards-fellowships-in-continuing-education/>

Questions can be directed to vashty.hawkins@utoronto.ca

Faculty of Medicine's W.T. Aikins Awards

The W.T. Aikins Awards are the Faculty's most prestigious awards for commitment to and excellence in undergraduate teaching. All faculty members are eligible for nomination for their teaching performance in the undergraduate medical (MD) program.

Please note that teaching performance in other programs, for example Arts and Science, will not be considered for the Aikins award, but may be considered for the Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching in Life Sciences Award.

Recipients are selected from nominees in 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

The deadline to complete the on-line nomination form and submit accompanying nominations letters is January 18, 2014.

Specific details about the nomination process, eligibility requirements and deadline information can be found here:

<http://www.facmed.utoronto.ca/staff/teach/internal/aikins.htm>

For further information, please contact Effie Slapnicar at 416.978.8544 or effie.slapnicar@utoronto.ca.

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Joint University of Toronto-Universidade de São Paulo Oncology Conference

The 2013 Joint University of Toronto- Universidade de São Paulo Oncology Conference is being held November 15th, 2013.

Building on the success of the UofT-USP Neuroscience Conference held in December 2012 in São Paulo, this conference is being organized to promote and facilitate collaborative research in oncology. The outcome of this conference will be inter-institutional support for joint research projects in the areas of immunology and immunotherapy, biomarkers and bioinformatics, imaging and clinical oncology.

Professor **Steven Narod** (Department of Medicine), a world-leader in breast and ovarian cancer genetics, will present a public lecture on personalized medicine in cancer prevention.

A panel discussion with participation from the attendees will follow the public lecture.

Date and Time: November 15, 2013

Location: MaRS Auditorium, 101 College Street

Time: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m

Cost: free

For further program and registration information, please visit:

<http://www.research.utoronto.ca/events/event/uoft-usp-oncology-conference-15-november-2013/>.

Interested parties can RSVP for Professor Narod's public lecture here:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/event/9047640737>

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RESEARCH GRANTS

- CIHR/Canadian Gene Cure Foundation -- Champions of Genetics
- CIHR/Kidney Foundation of Canada: Catalyst Grant
- CIHR Knowledge Synthesis Grants
- CIHR -- Maud Menten New Principal Investigator Prizes
- CIHR -- Planning Grants & Dissemination Events
- 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
Dan David Prize (Present: Combatting Memory Loss)
Hamdan International Awards
Ho-Am Prize
Jonas Salk Award

December

Gruber Foundation
Kavli Prize
Manning Awards
Royal Society of Canada Fellowship

December

Biochemical Society Awards
Vanderbilt Prize in Biomedical Science

For any queries regarding awards, please contact:

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