Another busy academic year is coming to an end, and summer seems to be arriving at last. We had a large intake of 29 graduate students in the 2018/19 academic year, including 22 master’s and seven PhD students, and we are expecting a similar intake in 2019-20. Remarkably, 36 of our graduate students received student awards in 2018/19, with 14 holding more than one award. We now have over 100 graduate students in the department, and 24 students graduated in the past year. With respect to undergraduate teaching, the Bachelor of Health Sciences and Bachelor of Health Studies programs continue to grow. Community Health Sciences is largely responsible for the Family Health concentration in the BHSt program, and new enrolments in that program increased from seven in 2018 to at least 18 in 2019, and we expect enrollment to continue to increase as it takes over from the Family Social Sciences program. The department’s Population Health course in the undergraduate medical education is thriving and has successfully navigated the recent college accreditation process.

Our five-year residency program in Public Health and Preventive Medicine now has eight residents, and they will contribute to public health practice in Manitoba and elsewhere for years to come. Dr. Brent Roussin will be stepping down as of July 1, 2019, as director of the program, in order to take up the position of chief medical officer of health for the Province of Manitoba. I would like to convey my sincere thanks to Brent for the work that he has done over the past seven years in developing and expanding the program and guiding it through the many changes that it has undergone. There will be more changes to come in the near future, as residency programs move to a Competence by Design (CBD) framework, as mandated by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. At the same time, I am very pleased to announce that Dr. Davinder Singh will be taking over as director of the program from July 1. Davinder is a recent graduate of the program. During his residency, he completed his MSc in Epidemiology in CHS, studying the control of influenza outbreaks in long-term care facilities. Davinder is also currently midway through a law degree at the University of Manitoba. Please join me in welcoming Davinder as program director of the PHPM Residency Program.

Recruitment is well along for the four new Tier II Canada Research Chairs (CRCs) that have been allocated to the department that was described in the last newsletter. If recruitment goes as planned, there will soon be close to 50 full-time faculty members in the department (along with over 130 part-time members), including 4 Tier 1 CRCs and 8 Tier II CRCs. In addition, two faculty members hold new investigator awards, five hold CIHR Foundation grants and two hold CFI grants. Overall, faculty members in Community Health Sciences held over 160 research grants and contracts in 2018-19 (including 70 tri-council grants), with a total annual budget of over $25 million. This is a remarkable achievement and reflects the ability, hard work, commitment and effort of our faculty members, students and support staff. I hope that we all have an opportunity for some rest and relaxation over the next month or two, before embarking on another busy academic year.
Dr. Ryan Zarychanski, promoted to associate professor
Dr. Robert Schroth, promoted to professor
Dr. Yoav Keynan, promoted to associate professor

Part-time Faculty Members:
• Dr. Marcelo Urquia, promoted to associate professor and granted
• Dr. Kathryn Sibley, promoted to associate professor and granted
• Dr. Shahin Shooshtari, promoted to professor
• Dr. Salah Mahmud, promoted to professor
• Dr. Brenda Elias, promoted to professor
• Dr. Tracie Afifi, promoted to professor

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• Dr. Robert Schroth, promoted to professor
• Dr. Annette Schultz, promoted to professor
• Dr. Ryan Zarychanski, promoted to associate professor

Dr. Nathan Nickel was inducted into the National Honor Society for Public Health in the US - Delta Omega, on March 29, 2019. Each year, schools of public health are allowed to induct up to 10 alumni into Delta Omega. This year, the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has elected to nominate Nathan as one of its 10 alumni inductees (as a point of reference, UNC SPH has over 300 graduates each year). UNC selects its alumni inductees based on demonstrated leadership to the field of public health.

Dr. Ian Whetter received a University of Manitoba Community Engagement Award on February 11, 2019. This award recognized Ian's significant contributions to community engagement and social accountability through his leadership and advocacy as co-lead of the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences' Office of Community Engagement, co-chair of the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences’ Social Accountability Committee, and Undergraduate Medical Education Theme Lead for Social Accountability in the Max Rady College of Medicine.

Barrett Monchka, an MSc student, was awarded a CIHR Canada Graduate Scholarship

CHS Promotion and Tenure 2018
Thanks to Noralou Roos for doing another stellar job in leading the CHS Promotion and Tenure Mentoring Committee, and thanks to the committee members Jamie Blanchard, Bob Tate, Lisa Lix and Keith Fowke, for their excellent work. Thanks also to the alternate committee members, Michelle Driedger and Murray Enns. This was Noralou's last year chairing the committee, after many years of service, and we are particularly grateful to Noralou for her leadership throughout this process, and for her excellent narratives. Many thanks as well to Sharon Bruce, who as Acting Department Head in 2018 led the promotion and tenure process. Please join us in congratulating the following full-time and part-time faculty members.

Full-time Faculty Members:
• Dr. Tracie Afifi, promoted to professor
• Dr. Brenda Elias, promoted to professor
• Dr. Salah Mahmud, promoted to professor
• Dr. Shahin Shooshtari, promoted to professor
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
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GRADUATE PROGRAM

ANNOUNCEMENTS/AWARDS

FAMILY SOCIAL SCIENCES UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM
COURSE DELIVERY
From January 1, 2019, to March 31, 2019, the Family Social Sciences Program delivered 16 FMLY courses to a total of 1,273 undergraduate students. While using the best of online learning technologies available, and providing students with flexible learning opportunities, I.C. University of Manitoba Strategic Plan (2015-2020), six of these courses were delivered online, reaching 620 of the students.

FIELD PLACEMENT
Family Social Sciences Field Placement (FMLY 4300) is a six credit hour course with students participating in 120 hours of supervised work in an assigned setting along with weekly seminars. This course provides an opportunity for students to apply knowledge in a professional setting and obtain training and experience through interaction with qualified professionals. Students are placed in a wide range of sites, including frontline activities, research activities, program delivery, and program development and evaluation. This year, 19 sites (community organizations) provided placements for 23 students (18 Family Social Sciences and five Interdisciplinary Health Sciences).

GRADUATES
There were eight Family Social Sciences students who graduated in February 2019.

CURRICULUM
A Curriculum Planning Day on the Family Social Sciences Undergraduate Program and Family Health concentration (Interdisciplinary Health Program) will be held on May 30.

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CANU APPRECIATION EVENT

The Canu Bannatyne program wrapped up at the end of February for approximately 70 Grade 7-9 youth who attended the 11-week after-school program. Canu staff hosted an Appreciation Evening on March 28th for Rady Faculty student volunteers and program participants and their families. The event included speeches from participants, Rady Faculty student volunteers and Canu staff, finishing with a wonderful dinner for all. Thank you to all Rady Faculty student volunteers for making this program a huge success!

RADY FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES – SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

The committee has been operating for just over a year and consists of Rady Faculty college reps as well as community members, appointed by Dean, Dr. Brian Postl. One of the first tasks of this committee was to undertake a scan of the various colleges to see where and how social accountability is incorporated. Meaningful work is already taking place between Rady Faculty colleges/programs and community partners. The overarching goal of the scan is to gather information about existing social accountability initiatives within Rady Faculty education experiences and to share this information within Rady Faculty, with community partners and the Rady Faculty Social Accountability Committee.

A final document is forthcoming in the next month! Thank you to Chelsea Jallol, UGME population health coordinator, Jennifer Otisidihi, community engagement assistant, and Karen Cook, co-lead, Office of Community Engagement for their work on this important document.

ACCREDITATION

With the approaching accreditation review of April 2019, Office of Community Engagement (OCE) staff, along with the UGME Population Health coordinator, have been working on reviewing mock accreditation results and developing mitigation plans to address areas in service learning, pipeline programs and social accountability. Co-leads of the OCE presented their analyses at two Rady Faculty Boot Camps in preparation for the April review and highlighted some of the work being done in these areas. A new Office of Community Engagement website is being developed to highlight OCE initiatives, including the service learning component and the newly established Social Accountability Committee.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Office of Community Engagement supported the following events since the last reporting:

- Rainbow Resource Centre Spring Gala
- Nutrition Council School Breakfast Programs
- North End Community Helpers Network – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- Dufferin School – Family Centre programming
- Sunshine House – Science and Supper program

NEW PUBLICATIONS


Bernstein CN, Burchill C, Targownik LE, Singh H, Roos LL. Events within the first year of life, but not the neonatal period, affect risk for later development of inflammatory bowel diseases. Gastroenterology 2019;Epub ahead of print.


NEW RESEARCH GRANTS


Once again, the Bold Ideas Colloquium Fall and Winter Series was a tremendous success, with talks from faculty, students and invited/visiting speakers. Our CHS support staff did a tremendous job promoting the event, room bookings and pulling together the 2018-19 colloquium proceedings. We have circulated an email promotion to all faculty and students requesting talks for our upcoming 2019-2020 fall and winter series. Our faculty and students are coming forward with bold ideas. So please be bold and give a talk. For this upcoming season, we will host Bold Idea talks at various Bannatyne Campus theatre and meeting venues.

The 3rd annual Bold Idea Student Poster Competition will be held during the Manitoba-Canada Student Research Poster Competition which is scheduled from June 10-14th, 2019, at the Bannatyne Campus. With advanced advertising, Community Health Science students have once again risen to the occasion and submitted abstracts to this Manitoba-Canada premier event. In following years, our students went for gold and won several awards at the college/faculty, provincial and national level. This year we look forward to their continuing success at being bold. To continue our support, we will circulate an email to all CHS faculty seeking poster judges for the Bold Idea component of this event. Please set time aside and join us at the CHS Bold Idea Student Poster Competition at the Manitoba-Canada competition.

Your support is a testimony of excellence in advancing the boldness of Community Health Sciences in Manitoba, Canada.

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CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS


PUBLIC SERVICE


Smith M. Evaluating Canada's national housing strategy and an update on the national data platform: a new $404m investment in Canada's research infrastructure. Oral presentation at Liverpool University, Liverpool, UK, February 19, 2019.

Plourde P. Syphilis: Then, Now and Into the Future! JCWilt Infectious Diseases Centre Seminar, Winnipeg, Manitoba, January, 2019.


