Dr. Moses is on a well-deserved administrative leave this calendar year and I provide the following summary of department activities as Acting Head. In January we welcomed Shannon Turczak as the Executive Assistant to the Department Head. Shannon replaced Kathy Bell who retired in January 2018, and the transition has been smooth and positive. We offer our best wishes to Kathy in her retirement and to Shannon in her new role.

We welcomed Dr. Alyson Mahar as a full-time faculty member to the Department in January. Dr. Mahar is situated at the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy. Dr. Mahar’s research interests include the health of veterans and their families, as well as the health of marginalized and hard-to-reach populations.

The winter and summer terms were busy with undergraduate and graduate teaching. Thank you to hardworking staff, students and faculty for another productive academic year. At the June 2018 Convocation, 34 CHS undergraduate and 14 graduate students received their respective degrees. CHS undergraduate students celebrated their graduation with a dinner and social on May 5. The dinner was held in the newly renovated Marshall McLuhan Hall and attended by graduates, their families and friends, and CHS staff. It was a very special evening. Congratulations to you all!

Preparations for Undergraduate Medical Education Accreditation process are underway. A full accreditation site visit by an external team representing the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS) will occur April 2019. A preparatory site visit by external reviewers was held in April 2018. We received feedback on the Department’s Population Health course and the CHS Undergraduate Medical Education Committee is preparing a plan to address concerns raised by students and will submit a formal report to the Dean. The Department’s Population Health course continues to evolve with innovations in teaching formats and content. Community engagement, mandatory service learning and partnerships with community organizations in course content and delivery are particularly notable achievements. Our Residency Program in Public Health and Preventive Medicine remains strong and has seven full-time residents.

On March 19 we held a Department Faculty Retreat at the CanadInn Health Sciences Centre. The Retreat was held at the recommendation of External Reviewers of CHS graduate programs and the purpose was to inform the work of the Graduate Studies Committee in planning the future of the graduate programs, and to enhance the department's community identity. The day was a great success with 45 faculty, 5 graduate students and 4 administrative staff attending. The event was facilitated by Rosalyn Howard who was masterful in creating and maintaining high energy and meaningful participation. We addressed many issues at the retreat and Dr. Michelle Driedger is leading the development and implementation of the first action items to be undertaken, including the creation of sub-committees to make recommendations on the future of the MPH and Diploma programs. We look forward to strengthening the graduate program and thank those involved for their commitment to excellence and their hard work.

We have had great success in terms of research funding and dissemination activities. The details of the work and achievements of the Department are included in this edition of the Newsletter. I congratulate faculty, staff and students on another successful term.
Kathy Bell, Executive Assistant to the Department Head retired from CHS on January 31, 2018. Kathy’s 30+ years of service was recognized and celebrated at the CHS Holiday Potluck in December 2017.

Congratulations to Karen Cook, recipient of a 2018 University of Manitoba Leadership Award of Excellence. This Award celebrates the exceptional contributions that Karen has made as Project Manager in the Office of Community Engagement. Her contributions are best summarized by a representative from a community organization with whom Karen partners and collaborates regularly:

- Karen's leadership inspires and involves the community. She inspires possibility in every child and youth she comes into contact with in the community.
- Karen connects people in a very positive way.
- Karen is warm, welcoming and accessible to all.
- Karen demonstrates a high level of professionalism with a deep sense of empathy and compassion.

- Programs like the summer blacktop basketball league for youth as well as opportunities for young students from surrounding schools to visit a hands-on medical facility, are valuable ways to help children dream of possible futures that are not closed to them.
- Karen, in a short period of time, has increased the Community’s awareness and appreciation of the level of involvement of the College of Medicine at the Health Sciences Centre… It was remarkable to see the number of organizations receiving volunteer support from medical students as a mandatory part of their training.

Fourth year medical student Alain Beaudry won third prize for his poster presentation at the 17th International Congress on Circumpolar Health, Held in Copenhagen in August 2018. His research project was entitled “Cancer Screening In Northern Canada: An Analysis of Current Practices”, and was undertaken as part of his Circumpolar Health research elective with Dr. Pamela Orr. During the meeting Alain was elected as Member-at-Large to the council of the International Union for Circumpolar Health (IUCH), and appointed Secretary of the IUCH.

On March 9, 2018 Dr. Barry Lavallee was awarded an Indigenous Award of Excellence in the faculty category (Trailblazer). Linda Diffey was awarded in the support staff category (Community Builder).

Congratulations to the following CHS faculty members on their recent success in the CIHR Project Grants Competition. Out of a total of 12 project grants received by University of Manitoba faculty, CHS is represented by 5 full-time and 2 part-time members as Principal Applicants. We offer our sincere congratulations to the recipients, their partners and teams on this major accomplishment:

- Driedger, Michelle: Changing the patient-PCP dialogue: fostering trust through joint clinical decision making
- Hatala, Andrew: Pathways to Resilience and Health Equity: participatory action research with Indigenous youth in four urban Canadian contexts
- Lavoie, Josée: Improving responsiveness across the continuum of kidney health care in rural and remote Manitoba First Nation communities (I-KHealth)
- Riediger, Natalie: Sticky money: Exploring the acceptability of a sugar-sweetened beverage tax among Canadian Indigenous populations
- Azad, Meghan: The impact of soluble TLR2 and other immunomodulatory factors in breast milk on the development of allergic disease: translational research in pre-clinical models and the CHILD birth cohort
- Fowke, Keith: Reducing HIV target cells in the female genital tract: Determining the mechanism of inducing immune quiescence.
- Sibley, Kathryn: Advancing the Science of Integrated Knowledge Translation with Health Researchers and Knowledge Users: Understanding Current and Developing Recommendations for Integrated KT Practice
- Slater, Joyce: Building Evidence to Inform Policies and Programs for Food and Nutrition Security in Manitoba Youth

SUMMER INSTITUTE IN PROGRAM EVALUATION

From June 4 to June 8, 2018 we successfully held the seventh Summer Institute in Program Evaluation. The Institute was organized by faculty members from the Department of Community Health Sciences, by
CRITICAL SOCIAL SCIENCE READING GROUP
A new reading group has been formed called the Critical Social Science Reading Group. We meet monthly on alternate campuses with the purpose of reading and discussing critical social theory together. Meetings are hosted by rotating facilitators who designate the readings, date and room to the group as well as leading the discussion. New members can contact Kerstin Roger to be placed on the email list.

Karen Duncan was reappointed to a second term on the National Steering Committee’s Research Sub-Committee on Financial Literacy, Financial Consumer Agency of Canada.

Sandor Demeter received the Federal Commissioner appointment to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC). This is a five-year appointment as a permanent, part-time Commission member, commencing March 12, 2018.

**GRADUATE PROGRAM**

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<td>MSc in Family Social Sciences</td>
<td>“Insolvency and Martial Breakdown”</td>
<td>June 27, 2018</td>
<td>Dr. E. Forget, CHS, Dr. S. Shoooshtari, CHS, Dr. F. Baragar, Economics</td>
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<td>“AYO! Movement: An ethnographic exploration of agency-focused social determinants of health with/in/on an urban Indigenous youth movement”</td>
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<td>Saeed Al-Azazi</td>
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<td>Improving Accuracy of Disease Prevalence Estimates by Combining Information from Administrative Health Records and Electronic Medical Records</td>
<td>June 8, 2018</td>
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<td>Xuan Chen</td>
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<td>“Impact of Cluster Sampling on Scale Psychometrics: Simulation Study and Application to Mental Health Survey”</td>
<td>May 22, 2018</td>
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<td>Hui Pan</td>
<td>MPH</td>
<td>Assessment of the one-stop ACCESS model to meet multilevel needs of patients/clients from the River East area, Winnipeg: Canadian experiences for improving primary healthcare in China Access River East</td>
<td>May 10, 2018</td>
<td>Dr. R. Tate, Dr. L. Elliott, Dr. B. Roussin, Dr. Paul Sawchuk, Access River East (preceptor)</td>
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<td>Reid Whitlock</td>
<td>MSc</td>
<td>Comparative Effectiveness of Oral Antihyperglycemic Agents in Patients with Diabetes and Chronic Kidney Disease</td>
<td>April 16, 2018</td>
<td>Dr. N. Tangri</td>
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<td>Morgan Stirling</td>
<td>FSS MSc</td>
<td>Safe and Inclusive Housing for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Older Adults</td>
<td>March 22, 2018</td>
<td>Dr. K. Roger</td>
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<td>Deanna MacKay</td>
<td>MSc</td>
<td>Understanding the Meaning of the Head and Neck Cancer Patient and Partners’ Oral/Dental Lived Experiences</td>
<td>March 15, 2018</td>
<td>Dr. A. Katz, Community Health Sciences (co-advisor); Dr. C. West, Community Health Sciences (co-advisor)</td>
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<td>Daniel Saltel</td>
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<td>Examining the Effect of a Simple Memory Tool</td>
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<td>Parenting Styles and Practices of East African Newcomer Women in Winnipeg, Manitoba</td>
<td>February 26, 2018</td>
<td>Dr. J. Mignone</td>
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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**CANU AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM**
This 13-week program wrapped up on February 15th and a celebration was held on April 24th for families, youth and RFHS student volunteers. The Canu program at Bannatyne continues to be a very successful program for both participants – grade 7-9 youth from low socio-economic backgrounds – and Rady Faculty of Health Science student volunteers. The year finished with ~50 participants and ~75 RFHS students.

**SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE**
Dr. Brian Postl recently appointed Karen Cook and Dr. Ian Whetter to the RFHS Social Accountability Committee. The committee works to ensure the Faculty is widely inclusive of the population it serves. The Social Accountability Committee includes representatives from all RFHS colleges as well as members of the community. The committee will act as an advisory board to the new Office of Community Engagement.

**OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**
While Community Engagement activities have taken place across various RFHS colleges, the new Office of Community Engagement will advance and expand this work and work more closely with the new RFHS Social Accountability Committee. Activities will focus on the following:

1. **Coordination**: Streamline communication with community organizations - reduce redundancies, enhance synergistic programming among colleges, and better position RFHS to effectively respond to community feedback and needs. In addition, coordinate inventory and information gathering to inform the responsibilities of the RFHS Social Accountability Committee.

2. **Accountability**: Community consultations will ensure regular, ongoing, collaborative conversations with community partners to guide RFHS work and priorities. This is imperative for the RFHS to achieve social accountability and aligns with the work of the RFHS Social Accountability Committee.

3. **Reciprocity**: Coordination of faculty-level initiatives will ensure community partners are recognized for their important role.

These priority areas for the Office of Community Engagement will elevate expectations of respectful and mutually beneficial relationships between the RFHS and community partners, and in line with the University’s strategic plan.

**STAFF VS STUDENTS BASKETBALL FUNDRAISER**
This annual fundraising event was held on March 13 in the Joe Doupe gymnasium. Funds raised from this event support two very important inner city basketball initiatives – the Basketball for inner city Kids and Summer Weekend Inner City Supervised Hoops programs. Once again, the student team held onto their victorious streak for the third year in a row. Thank you to all players and supporters!

**Staff Team:**
- Dennis Bayomi, CHI/CHS
- Henry Huang, Children’s Health Research Institute of MB
- Justin Pablo, Brodie Gym/UM Active Living
- Dr. Katinka Stecina, Physiology
- Steven Dreger, CHI
- Dr. Duane Funk, Anesthesia
- Dr. Dylan Mackay, CHI & CHS
- Ken Rodie, Physical Plant
- Richard Chaput, Physical Plant
- Ethan Bohn, Anesthesia and Medicine
- Kim Li, Post-graduate Medicine Education

**Student Team:**
- Amir Ali, Medicine
- Jesse Garber, Medicine
- Josh Jones, Medicine
- Monty Singh, Medicine
- Ephraim Hui, Occupational Therapy
- Man Doan, Respiratory Therapy
- Matthew Levesque, Medicine
- Joseph Lo, Physiotherapy
- Nick Czehryn, Medicine

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<td>Use and Validation of Administrative Data for Suicide Research</td>
<td>February 13, 2018</td>
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<td>Jessica Sjoblom</td>
<td>MSc</td>
<td>Indigenous Ways of Living, Culture, Language, and Connection as a Source of Mental Wellness for Individuals, Families, and Community</td>
<td>January 12, 2018</td>
<td>Dr. B. Elias</td>
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<td>Lindsey Dahl</td>
<td>MSc</td>
<td>The effect of the Roots of Empathy program on the use of psychotropic medications among youth in Manitoba</td>
<td>December 11, 2017</td>
<td>Dr. R. Fransoo</td>
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<td>Iresha Ratnayake</td>
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<td>Characteristics that Determine Complete Physical Examination Rates in Manitobans with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability: A Retrospective Cohort Study</td>
<td>December 6, 2017</td>
<td>Dr. S. Shoooshtari</td>
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MARCH COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

The first Community Partner Recognition Breakfast was held on March 15th in the Joe Doupe Concourse. The purpose of bringing community partners and RFHS faculty, staff and students together is to convey gratitude to the community partners for providing valuable, community-based learning activities for RFHS students. UM Today published a story about the breakfast and link is attached below. [http://news.umanitoba.ca/community-partner-recognition-breakfast-bannatyne/](http://news.umanitoba.ca/community-partner-recognition-breakfast-bannatyne/)

WSD SCIENCE FAIR, APRIL 11, 2018

Bannatyne Campus was host to the 48th annual WSD Science Fair that included just over 300 exhibits from students in grades 4-12. The event drew 700+ participants including judges, participants, families, teachers and volunteers. Jacob Harvey from Grant Park received this year’s University of Manitoba Innovation award.

RECENTLY SPONSORED COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Rich Man Poor Man Dinner, February 21, 2018
- Nutrition Council, March 2018
- North End Community Helpers Network, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, March 2018

UM QUEER PRIDE WEEK ACTIVITIES

- Proudly Gender Inclusive Zumba, May 25, 2018 – 1:00-1:50, Joe Doupe Gymnasium
- Drag Show, Brodie Atrium: May 31, 2018 – 12:00 -1:00 p.m.
- UM Float in PRIDE Parade, Sunday, June 3, 2018, start time 11:00 a.m.

Karen Cook, Ian Whetter and Chelsea Jalloh attended the Canadian Conference on Medical Education in Halifax, April 27-May 1st.

Karen and Ian presented the poster entitled “Implementation of Service Learning Requirement for Undergraduate Medical Students” – authors K. Cook, I. Whetter, C. Jalloh, D. Lafleur, E. Ichihashi, J. Otsi-Didi

Karen and Ian were also part of the team that facilitated the workshop entitled “Asset-Based Community Service Learning in Undergraduate Medical Education” – authors S. Peddle, R. Carlin, R. Wright, J. Konkin, I. Whetter, S. O’Hearn, J. Allison, A. Andermann, C. Jalloh, T. Suart, K. Cook

Chelsea Jalloh and Ben Collins facilitated a session called “Reconciling Curriculum Objectives and Assessment: A Case Study from Population Health Courses at the University of Manitoba” – authors C. Jalloh, B. Collins, A. Morrow, J. Reimer

NEW RESEARCH GRANTS


Lix, LM. Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Methods for Electronic Health Data Quality. Canada Research Chairs Program. 04/2018-03/2025: $1,400,000.

Mahmud, S. Determinants of Adult Immunization. An operating grant awarded by Sanofi Pasteur Inc. (USA). 12/2017-12/2018: $45,965.


Reid, N, Lix, LM. Workshop on Statistical Inference, Learning and Models in Data Science. Fields Institute Research in Mathematical Sciences, 04/2018-01/2019: $30,000.


and developing recommendations for integrated KT practice. CIHR project scheme Fall 2017 competition: $443,000.

Slater J, Katz A. FANS: Building evidence to inform policies and programs for food and nutrition security in Manitoba youth. CIHR Project Grant. 2018-2021: $393,975.

Torabi M (PI), Dean C, Deerond R, Rosychuk RJ, Feng C, Rees E, Lele S, Pickles M. Spatial modeling of infectious diseases: environment and health, Canadian Statistical Sciences Institute, Collaborative Research Team (CANSII-CRT), 2018-2021: $180,000.

Torabi M (PI), Israels S, Singh H, Elias B. Risk Factors Associated with Childhood Leukaemia in Canada, Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba (CHRIM), 2018-2020: $40,000.

Urquia ML. Canada Research Chair in Public Health. 04/2017-03/2022: $500,000.

Urquia ML. Addressing gender-based health disparities among immigrants to Canada. Foundation Grant. 07/2017-06/2022: $1,086,322.00.


NEW PUBLICATIONS


Enns MW, Bernstein CN, Kroeker K, Graff L, Walker JR, Lix LM, Hitchon CA, El-Gabalawy R, Fisk JD, Marrie RA; CIHR Team in Defining the Burden and Managing the Effects of Psychiatric Comorbidity in Chronic


Randall JR, Sareen J, Chateau D, Bolton JM. Predicting future suicide: Clinician opinion versus a standardized assessment tool. Suicide Life Threat Behav 2018;Epub ahead of print.


Brownell M. Life after PATHS. Need to Know Team Annual Meeting, Winnipeg, MB: June 4, 2018.


Mar 2: Catherine Cook, CHS. Structures Last Longer Than Intentions: Creation Of The Indigenous Institute Of Health And Healing – Ongomizwin.


Mar 23: Joel Kettner, CHS. Seeking “Bold Ideas” To Strengthen Intercollege Collaboration In Primary Care And Public Health.