Welcome back for the new academic year, although I must say that the beginning of the year now seems a distant memory. We have resumed a full slate of teaching activities at all levels, and have welcomed an exciting new group of PhD, MSc and MPH students. We have also begun to introduce the new undergraduate medical education curriculum for Med III and Med IV, and there are very exciting developments there. Work on developing the new UGME curriculum for Med I and Med II is well underway, both for the CHS longitudinal course and the Indigenous health longitudinal course.

Discussions have been proceeding around the academic structure initiative, and the University of Manitoba Senate has recently approved the formation of the new Faculty of Health Sciences. Please see the ASI website for details. Both the CHS Departmental Council and the Faculty of Medicine Council have approved in principle the merging of the Department of Family Social Sciences as an academic centre within Community Health Sciences. There will be a lot of work required in the coming months to sort out the details, including how undergraduate and graduate programs will be delivered in the new structure.

I would like to welcome all new faculty members in CHS and to congratulate the many CHS members who have received awards and distinctions over the past few months. I would also like to congratulate all of the CHS graduate students who have successfully completed their degrees.

Of special note is the retirement of Dr. Tom Hassard on the 22nd of November. Tom joined CHS in 1985 and has been a mainstay of

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the Department since. A retirement party in his honour will be held on the 27th of November. I hope that you will be able to join friends, family, and colleagues to celebrate Tom’s retirement.

Stephen Moses, MD, MPH
Head of Department

Dr. Thomas Hassard
by Dr. Robert Tate

Thomas Hassard’s formative years were spent in Northern Ireland. Following graduate studies in Computer Science, Biostatistics, and Forestry at The Queen’s University in Belfast, he assumed a position there in 1976 as a Lecturer in Medical Statistics. In 1981, together with his new bride Kay, they headed to the other side of the globe, to New Zealand. Although at a beautiful campus, city, and country, the Hassards were to learn that New Zealand is a long way from Ireland.

After five years, they thought there might just be another Commonwealth country closer to home.

It was a cold and windy winter day in early 1985 when Dr. Thomas H. Hassard arrived at the University of Manitoba Medical School for his interview visit and presentations. First impressions are lasting impressions, and undaunted with our Winnipeg weather, Dr. Hassard noted only, “It is a wee bit colder than I expected.” He had been recruited by Dr. David Fish to enhance our biostatistics teaching programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as head up a new Biostatistical Consulting Unit for the Bannatyne Campus. And well he did.

His contributions to the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine, and now the Department of Community Health Sciences, have been substantial. Thomas brought life to statistics and statistics to life on our Campus. He had a way at the front of the classroom of lulling his students into submission, with his lil’ and presentation style, then hitting them hard with a mid-term exam. Many accolades abound from former students and colleagues with the most common statement being “I never understood statistics until Professor Hassard’s class”. His textbook, “Understanding Biostatistics” was published by Mosby in 1991. It became the standard in our teaching program for 20 years and will be found on the book shelves of many graduates today. I feel especially privileged to have been hired by Mosby to proof-read the galleys for his text. So, I was the first, but certainly not the only, to read his book cover-to-cover.

On a personal note, I feel there are a few things that must be said about Tom. Shortly after his arrival, Dennis Bayomi and I taught him how to skate and how to hold a hockey stick. I’d suggest that Tom was a better teacher in the classroom than a student on the ice. A group of four fellows travelled together on a tour bus for a sports weekend in Minneapolis in the early 90’s, where we took in an NHL, NBA, and an NFL game in two days (Tom was the only one who broke his beer glass at Hooters).

Tom and I travelled to Havana together to put on an Advanced Biostatistics workshop to forty eager Cubans, many (probably all) of whom heard an Irish accent for the first time. All his adventures started and ended with a smile, often with a “bollocks” somewhere in between.

Tom, it is with true admiration and respect, that I wish you safe passage on your next journey. From your student, colleague, and friend, Bob.

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.
Awards and Appointments

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Jocelyn (“Joss”) Reimer has agreed to take up the position of Director, Curriculum Renewal for the Pre-clerkship period (Med I and Med II). She will coordinate the process of developing the CHS longitudinal course, which will be implemented from August 2014. Joss is a recent graduate of the CHS Public Health and Preventive Medicine residency program, and she will be involved in the curriculum renewal work for about 20% of her time. She spends most of the rest of her time working with Manitoba Health, the WRHA and community clinics. Joss has already started meeting with many of you, and I am sure that you will extend to her all of your support in this important undertaking.

We are delighted to welcome Nora Platte to the Department of Community Health Sciences. Nora is providing financial support for CHS working under the direction of Princess Fernandez. Nora brings a wealth of knowledge acquired during her position with MCHP as well as over nine years of experience working outside of the UofM. Nora is located in S113. Please join us in giving Nora a warm welcome and feel free to stop in and introduce yourself.

The Department of Community Health Sciences extends congratulations to Dr. Thomas Hassard, Professor who will be retiring from the University of Manitoba on November 22, 2013. Tom joined the department on June 1, 1985.

An invitation is extended to all staff, students, and colleagues to join us to honour Tom on 27 November 2013, 2:30-5:00 p.m., Buhler Atrium, 727 McDermot Avenue. Formal program commences at 3:00 p.m.

The Department of Community Health Sciences welcomes new part-time (nil) faculty members: Dr. Rashid Ahmed, Dr. Sandra Allison, and Dr. Nathan Nickel.

Nathan completed his PhD in Maternal and Child Health Policy from the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is currently a Research Associate in the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy and working with Drs. M. Brownell, M. Chartier, and P. Martens.

Dr. Rashid Ahmed is a new member of the Epidemiology Unit at CancerCare Manitoba. Rashid attained his PhD in Biostatistics at the University of Waterloo and has spent the last 5 years providing leadership and support for the statistical analysis of scientific data at Waterloo.

Dr. Sandra Allison is a Medical Officer of Health

United Way Campaign

The United Way Campaign is underway! This is one opportunity for you to support the neighbourhood around us. Every penny of your donation goes back into the community. We will have some fun activities coming up - a book sale and early bird draw for those donating by 18 October 2013. Volunteers in CHS are Kathy Bell, Angela Wall, Melissa Balness, Bob Tate, Dawn Stewart, and Shannon Turczak. Look for posters and we will answer your questions! Pledge forms are already in the mail to you. Please consider giving back. As one of the sponsored executives from United Way said, "Every penny counts. It made a real difference for our family!"

Bannatyne Chair, United Way 2013 Campaign, Sharon Macdonald.
Awards and Appointments, cont'd

for Prairie Mountain Health, Brandon, Manitoba. Sandy completed her residency training in Public Health and Preventive Medicine at the University of Manitoba.

Welcome!

Congratulations to:

- **Dr. Mariette Chartier**, presented with the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal for her extensive contributions to the academic and research communities.

- **Dr. Catherine Cook**, recipient of the 2013 Doctors Manitoba Health Administration Award, for contribution to policy and administration in health care.

- **Dr. Maureen Heaman**, recipient of a 2012 Merit Award in the Research, Scholarly Work and Creative Activities category, awarded by the Joint University of Manitoba/University of Manitoba Faculty Association Committees on Merit Awards: Life Sciences, Natural Sciences & Engineering ($3,000)

- **John Paul Kuwornu**, PhD student, Manitoba Health Research Council Studentship, $17,850 per year for two years. The award started September 1, 2013. Modelling health care costs and utilization patterns for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) episodes of care.

- **John Paul Kuwornu** received an award for best student presentation at the Canadian Association of Health Services and Policy Research in the Primary Health Care Theme; the meeting was held in May 2013. Kuwornu JP, Lix LM, Quail JM, Wang E, Osman M, Teare GF. Determinants of time to an episode of care for a recurrent chronic obstructive pulmonary disease exacerbation. 2013 Annual Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research, Vancouver, BC, May 26-30, 2013.

- **Dr. Patricia Martens**, recently elected to the Royal Society of Canada (RSC). Founded in 1882, the RTSC recognizes scholarship, research, and artistic excellence.

- **Dr. Patricia Martens**, inducted into the Order of Canada for her advancement of population health research and her contributions to health policy in Manitoba.

- **Dr. Patricia Martens**, presented with the Journal of Human Lactation, Patricia J. Martens Annual Award for Excellence in Breastfeeding Research, Inaugural award 2013 at the ILCA International Conference.

- **Dr. Patricia Martens**, presented with a lifetime achievement award by Health Minister Theresa Oswald for her continued dedication to the Baby Friendly Initiative and breastfeeding awareness.

- **Dr. Kue Young**, Recently appointed Dean of the School of Public Health, University of Alberta. Dr. Young spent the past 11 years as professor and TransCanada Chair in Aboriginal Health at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. Kue was also the founding director of the Northern Health Research Unit (renamed MFN CAHR) and department head, Community Health Sciences (1998-2001).
In August 2013, sixteen PhD students and postdoctoral fellows from Universities in Manitoba, Kenya, India, and Colombia converged at the Universidad de Antioquia in Medellín, Colombia as part of the International Infectious Disease and Global Health (IID&GH) training program. The IID & GH training program, led by Dr. Keith Fowke, is a collaborative initiative funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research which links trainees from four international research sites and multiple academic disciplines. The purpose of the program is to facilitate learning and foster the development of collaborations focused around innovative approaches to addressing local and global issues related to infectious disease. Over the course of two and a half weeks, trainees received intensive training in epidemiology, academic writing, and indigenous health research.

Beginning August 10, the trainees attended lectures and tutorials focusing on the fundamentals of epidemiology, data analysis, and manuscript writing. Following in-depth lectures covering basic epidemiological techniques, the trainees had the opportunity to apply this new knowledge by analysing data collected as part of a local tuberculosis study using STATA 11.0 software.

During the second week of the course (August 18-23), the trainees travelled to Riohacha, La Guajira, in the Northeastern part of Colombia. There the trainees attended a two day International Indigenous Health Care Symposium. Health Ministry representatives and experts in indigenous health from Colombia and Venezuela gave presentations about the opportunities and challenges of Indigenous health research.

The purpose of the symposium was to allow the trainees to have the opportunity to present their research and to learn about the research of their peers as well as the research of other PhD students affiliated with the Universidad de Antioquia.

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This course provided trainees with an experience that they will surely never forget. Dr. Javier Mignone gave a presentation about criteria and standards related to conducting appropriate research collaborations between indigenous organisations and universities. He also spoke of indigenous health in Canada on behalf of Dr. Marcia Anderson DeCoteau, a First Nations physician and assistant professor at University of Manitoba. Dr. Carlos Rojas presented details of his HIV research in indigenous communities in Colombia.

The final part of the course involved site visits to rural Indigenous communities of the Wayuu people of La Guajira in Northeastern Colombia. Groups of four to five trainees were warmly welcomed by these communities with traditional dance performances, food, conversations, and community tours. Trainees also observed the process of obtaining informed consent and the collection of data through interviews conducted as part of a maternal health survey. The data collected from these surveys were analysed by the trainees and contextualised by observations made during the site visit. The following day the trainees presented their findings to each other and agreed to contribute to the preparation of a report to be presented to the communities.

The training provided through this course was excellent. A PhD student from India, Satyanarayana Ramanaiik said “The course was wonderful because all the components were interconnected: the epidemiology training, academic writing workshop, and the visit to the indigenous communities.”

Throughout the visit, trainees expressed their appreciation for all of the time and thought that was required to plan such an excellent course. University of Manitoba Medical Microbiology PhD student Elnaz Shadabi said “Of course, the experience in Colombia cannot be divorced from the wonderful hospitality and the care that the trainees received from our Colombian colleagues and friends. Their generosity and kindness really enhanced the experience.”

All told, this course provided trainees with an experience that they will surely never forget.
Community Engagement

The start of fall marks the end of several successful community initiatives for our Bannatyne Campus.

Summer was a busy time at Bannatyne and a new academic year is already passing much too quickly! Here are some of the community engagement highlights from the past couple of months:

Summer Weekend Inner-City Supervised Hoops (SWISH)

The second year of SWISH wrapped up another successful summer of basketball fun for inner Winnipeg youth. SWISH ran every Saturday from June 29th to August 10th, 2013 in Parking Lot E, providing outdoor basketball activities for 174 youth residing in and around the Bannatyne campus. SWISH is a partnership between Faculties of Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry and Kinesiology & Recreation, as well as City of Winnipeg, Basketball Manitoba, Youth Agencies Alliance and several inner Winnipeg community organisations. Thank you to Kerri Chase and the rest of Bannatyne’s Sneaker Day Committee who raised $950.00 to support this program. Attendance at this year’s program doubled from last year – thank you to all contributors for promoting and supporting SWISH!

Mini-U Bannatyne

Bison Children’s Programs and CHS organised the second year of Mini-U camps for approximately 40 campers from the inner Winnipeg neighbourhood. The camps took place from July 29 – August 16 and included the walking school bus from participants’ regular schools, maintaining a familiar location for them throughout the program. Mini-U at Bannatyne is a great opportunity for youth to enjoy the camp experience right in their community. This year, Mr. Blair Robillard provided participants with specialised instruction in Indigenous Games. Both students and camp counselors enjoyed the energetic and fun addition to the camp curriculum.

Orientation Week Community Tours

This past August and September, 202 new Bannatyne students from Faculties of Medicine, Pharmacy and Dentistry, including School of Dental Hygiene, were part of several bus tours to the surrounding community as part of Orientation Week activities. The purpose of the activity was to introduce students to the diversity of the Bannatyne community and to become familiar with some of the cultural, social and community agencies, identifying how their learning could extend beyond the classroom environment. This learning could take place in the form of volunteering or service learning – both curricular and co-curricular opportunities exist. Feedback for the tours has been positive, with one student remarking at the unique and fun way of providing orientation to students.

The tours were supported by CHS, the Alan Klass Memorial Program for Health Equity, Undergraduate Medical Education Program, Student Life and Services for Students. Thank you to Bryan Payne (UGME) for assisting with logistics for the tours and Drs. Bruce Martin, Sharon Macdonald and Karen Cook for facilitating the tours.

An article appeared in August 15, 2013 edition of The Bulletin and can be found here:
Community Partners

Dufferin School is one of Bannatyne’s neighbourhood schools, located at the corner of Alexander Avenue and Salter Street. This K-6 school is unique in its approach to community with the Parent and Family Centre acting as the hub of activity for any resident of the area. One of the projects undertaken by this centre is the school’s community garden. UM was present for some of the harvesting this fall and saw firsthand how Dufferin is committed to sharing good nutrition knowledge for all community members.

The following report was prepared by the Community Education Development Agency’s (CEDA) Pathway Program – a stay-in-

Department Colloquia

**September 13:** Decline of the HIV epidemic in India: is it attributable to focused prevention efforts among vulnerable populations? Evaluating program impact in a real-life setting. Dr. Stephen Moses (CHS)

**September 20:** Dying from Improvement: Redemptive Gestures in an Inquiry into the Death of an Aboriginal Man in Police Custody. Dr. Sherene H. Razack (U of Toronto)

**September 24:** Addressing endemic rates of STI in remote Aboriginal communities in Australia using a program science approach. Mr. James Ward, Deputy Director of Baker IDI, Alice Springs, Australia.

**October 11:** People, Places and Public Health: New Paradigms or Back to the Basics? Dr. James Blanchard (CHS)

Reports Chapters Books

**Driedger SM.** (2013) Improving health policy decision making: A case study of PSA Testing Based on Conversations with Men. A 22 page summary of 5 focus groups with men in Winnipeg and Toronto regarding PSA testing and prostate cancer, plus a 4 page plain language response to the questions that men asked of us regarding PSA testing and prostate cancer.

**Driedger SM.** (2013) Improving Health Policy Decision-Making: A Case Study of Mammography Based on Conversations with Women. A 22 page summary of 5 focus groups with women in Winnipeg and Toronto regarding mammography screening, plus a 5 page plain language response to the questions that women asked of us regarding mammography screening and breast cancer risks.
school program for inner Winnipeg youth. This past July, CHS sponsored a portion of their summer programming which included an outing to the annual Folk Festival. Summer programming is important to the Pathways program as it provides youth with positive connections and continuity outside of the regular school year. CHS is happy to partner with Pathways staff and participants!

**JULY 13th, 2013**

Because of the generous donation by the University of Manitoba, six students and two staff members attended the 2013 Winnipeg Folk Festival. For all six of these students, this was their first time attending this festival (or anything like this).

Many of these students did not know one another before this trip but soon became friends while wandering around and discovering the stages, shops, and musical acts.

Students were given the freedom to explore the festival on their own to encourage independence.

For dinner, we met at the main stage to enjoy another picnic and the music of Patrick Watson.

Our final show of the evening was that of A Tribe Called Red at the Big Blue stage where we all danced to their “electric powwow” beats.

Some of the students we took to the 2013 Winnipeg Folk Festival were irregular attenders of Pathways to Education. Since our trip, we have seen each of the six students attend on a regular basis. It is through outings like this that we are able to build strong bonds with our students. These relationships allow us to make sure our students are on track to graduate and to be successful after high school.

“What if the world could be like this all the time?” - Lisa
Biomedical Youth Program

The Biomedical Youth Program (BYP) enjoyed an exciting, action-packed summer, filled with many science outreach activities for hundreds of youth!

The BYP’s annual summer camp ran from July 22-26, 2013 on the University of Manitoba Bannatyne Campus. Approximately 200 young scientists in Grades 4-12 from schools across Winnipeg enjoyed an exciting week of engaging talks and interactive hands-on activities from a variety of fields in the basic sciences and health professions. This vast array of activities included a taste of medical diagnostics; physical, occupational and respiratory therapy; pharmacy; biomedical engineering; epidemiology; cardiovascular science; forensics; and basic chemistry. This Camp was made possible with the help of more than 100 volunteers from the Universities of Winnipeg and Manitoba, as well as faculty members from various departments. For the first time, the BYP was also delighted to invite twenty-five Aboriginal students from Northern Manitoban communities to the BYP Camp. The Northern participants travelled to Winnipeg from the communities of Flin Flon, Cranberry Portage, Thompson, Cross Lake, Nelson House, and Norway House. The BYP thanks the Health Careers Access Program for their partnership, as well as the tireless efforts and support of Ms. Karen Cook in helping make this endeavour a success!

The BYP then moved into a second phase of summer programming – the inaugural Primer High School Biotech Institute. Seventeen students from various Winnipeg schools, including an Aboriginal scholarship student sponsored by the Department of Community Health Sciences, enjoyed learning upper-level research techniques in microbiology, biochemistry, and molecular biology in the BYP’s new laboratory and conference space, located on the 3rd floor of the School of Medical Rehabilitation Building. The youth also enjoyed listening to talks from principal investigators and many have expressed their excitement to continue with science and research in their post-secondary studies.

On 23 August 2013, the BYP hosted the dedication of its new board room to Dr. John "Jack" A. Hildes. The event was graced by the presence of some members of the Faculty of Medicine Class of 1961, who under the leadership of Drs. Allan Ronald and Richard Armstrong, were instrumental in donating funding for the new boardroom. Other dignitaries included Dean of Medicine - Dr. Brian Postl, Mrs. Marianne Hildes, Drs. Elske Hildes-Ripstein and Ira Ripstein, and Dr. Sharon Macdonald as Master of Ceremonies. The BYP is grateful for the generosity of its supporters in the development of this new meeting space, and looks forward to using it to provide further opportunities in science education and professional development for educators.
Graduate Program

MSc Graduates:

Jennifer McArthur. “Social Engagement as a Predictor of Health Services Use in Baby-Boomers and Older Adults”. Committee: Dr. V. Menec, Community Health Sciences and Centre on Aging (advisor); Dr. M. Doupe, Community Health Sciences, Manitoba Centre for Health Policy; Dr. D. Bailis, Psychology; Dr. S. Shooshtari, Community Health Sciences and Family Social Sciences (elected member)

Leigh McClarty. “Potential Barriers and facilitators to future HIV vaccine acceptability and uptake among marginalised communities in Karnataka, South India: Perspectives of Frontline Healthcare Workers”. Committee: Dr. M. Becker, Community Health Sciences (co-advisor); Dr. J. Wylie, Community Health Sciences (co-advisor); Dr. R. Lorway, Community Health Sciences; Dr. J. Mignone, Family Social Sciences; Dr. K. Kasper, Medical Microbiology; Dr. L. Elliott, Community Health Sciences (elected member)

Andrea Rush-Sirski. “Using Spatial Epidemiology as a Tool to Better Understand Influenza-like Illnesses”. Committee: Dr. S. Michelle Driedger, Community Health Sciences (advisor); Dr. C. Green, Community Health Sciences; Dr. A. Katz; Ms. C. Styles, Academic

MPH Graduates:

Oluwatomi Adelani. “Evaluating Project Choices – A Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Prevention Program in Manitoba”. Field Placement Supervisors: H. Gammon, Manager, FASD Programs, Healthy Child Manitoba; K. Andrew, FASD Evaluations Coordinator, Healthy Child Manitoba. Committee: Dr. J. Kettner, Community Health Sciences; Dr. L. Elliott, Community Health Sciences; Dr. B. Roussin, Community Health Sciences

Trina Arnold. “Utilizing the Nursing Role in an Ambulatory Prenatal Care Setting to Increase Capacity for Health Promotion Activities Among Pregnant Women”. Field Placement Supervisor: L. Merrill, RN, MN, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Women’s Health Program; Committee: Dr. J. Kettner, Community Health Sciences; Dr. L. Elliott, Community Health Sciences; Dr. B. Roussin, Community Health Sciences

Heejune Chang. “The One Health Monitoring and Surveillance System”. Field Placement Supervisor: Dr. C. Green, Epidemiologist, Animal Health & Welfare Section, CVO/Food Safety Knowledge Centre, Manitoba Agriculture, Food and Rural Initiatives; Dr. P. Caetano, Lead Epidemiologist and Director, Epidemiology and Surveillance, Public Health, Manitoba;
Committee: Dr. J. Kettner, Community Health Sciences; Dr. L. Elliott, Community Health Sciences; Dr. B. Roussin, Community Health Sciences

**Kellee Hodge.** “Evaluating the Role of Public Health Services in Winnipeg Correctional Centers”. Field Placement Supervisor: C. Ross, MA, Program Specialist, Healthy Sexuality and Harm Reduction, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority, Population and Public Health; Committee: Dr. J. Kettner, Community Health Sciences; Dr. L. Elliott, Community Health Sciences; Dr. B. Roussin, Community Health Sciences

**Jocelyn Reimer.** “Texting our Way to Better Health Care in Kenya? - Harnessing Mobile Phone Usage for HIV and Horizontal Health Systems Improvements”. Field Placement Supervisor: Dr. L. Avery; Centre for Global Public Health, University of Manitoba; Committee: Dr. J. Kettner, Community Health Sciences; Dr. L. Elliott, Community Health Sciences; Dr. B. Roussin, Community Health Sciences

**Diploma Program in Population Health Graduates:**

**Bolanle Dansu.** Supervisor: Dr. E. Forget, Community Health Sciences

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**CHS Graduate Student Council**

Students are involved and active! More than 20 students attended the first student council meeting on 6 September 2013. Student Council positions have been filled and many positions are shared between students.

The successful “buddy system” was once again implemented for Orientation. Incoming students were matched with returning students in an effort to facilitate the inclusion of incoming students, answer whatever questions they may have on their program, or refer them to the appropriate resources. Thank you to the returning students who volunteered their time to be a buddy! The student council especially thanks Theresa Kennedy for all her help with organising Orientation.

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**GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Co-Chairs:** Claudyne Chevrier, Janelle de Rocquigny (phasing out over the course of the academic year), Leigh McClarty

**Graduate Program Committee Reps:** Claudyne Chevrier (PhD), Janelle de Rocquigny (MSc)

**Department Council Reps:** Aynslie Hinds, Lorena Plastino, Shauna Zinnick (proxy)

**Treasurer:** Nicole Herpai

**HSGSA Rep:** Andrea Blanchard, Lorena Plastino (proxy)

**Communications:** Leah Crockett

**Community Development Reps:** Shivoan Balakumar, Sneha Abraham

**Educational Rep:** Aynslie Hinds, Taru Manyanga

**Social Activities Reps:** Sarah Turner, Erynne Sjoblom

**First-Year Reps:** Sheila Novek (PhD), Deanna Mackay (MSc), Sabyasachi Gupta (MPH)

**MPH Reps:** MPH Reps
Public Service

Dr. Mariette Chartier
• Ministerial Conference on Canadian Francophones, interviewed by CBC Radio-Canada, September 3rd, 2013.

Dr. Randy Fransoo
• In the shadow of the bulge, interview with Randy Turner, Winnipeg Free Press. Print edition, August 24, 2013.
• People waiting for nursing homes taking up many hospital beds: study, interview with Larry Kusch, Winnipeg Free Press. Online edition, September 27, 2013.
• Non-Acute Care Third Leading Cause for Hospital Bed Use, Occupying 264 Beds, interview with Richard Cloutier, CJOB, September 27, 2013.
• Nursing home wait ties up hospital beds: study, interview with CTV Morning Live, October 1, 2013.

Dr. Lisa Lix
• Co-Chair, Faculty Advisory Committee, 2013 Statistical Society of Canada Student Conference, May 2013
• Missing data: A brief introduction to the analysis of incomplete datasets. Workshop given at the Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics Student Conference, St. John's Newfoundland, June 2013.
• Latent variable models for patient-reported outcomes. Workshop given at the Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics Conference, St. John's Newfoundland, June 2013.

Dr. Patricia Martens
• Census Picture far from Perfect, interview with Mary Agnes Welch, Winnipeg Free Press, September 22, 2013.
• The Provincial Breastfeeding Strategy, interview with CTV Winnipeg (Alesia Fieldberg), September 30, 2013.
• Baby Friendly Hospitals and World Breastfeeding Week, CTV Morning Live (Eleanor Coopsammy), September 30, 2013.

Dr. John O’Neil
• Fellow, Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, 2013-
• Trustee, Board of Trustees, Providence Health Care Research Institute, Providence Health Authority, Vancouver, 2013-
• Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research, British Columbia, 2013-

Dr. Salah Mahmud

Dr. Nichole Riese
• 2012 - Manitoba representative on the board of Canadian Society of Addiction Medicine

Dr. Robert Santos

Mr. Mark Smith
• Manitoba Housing residents ill, injured much more often than other Manitobans: report, interview with Mary Agnes Welch, Winnipeg Free Press. Online edition, June 5, 2013.
• Public housing’s health alarm, interview with Mary Agnes Welch, Winnipeg Free Press. Print edition, June 6, 2013.
• Health issues in Manitoba housing, interview with CTV Morning Live, June 6, 2013.
• MCHP Deliverable: Social Housing in Manitoba, interview with Global Television, June 6, 2013.
• MCHP Deliverable: Social Housing in Manitoba, interview with Breakfast Television Winnipeg, June 6, 2013.
New Research Grants

**Afifi TO.** The epidemiology of resilience following child maltreatment: An examination of protective factors across the lifespan (New Investigator Award). Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). 2014-2019. $300,000.

Bolton JM (PI), Sareen J (Co-PI), Leslie WD, Martens PJ, Chateau D. Mental Disorders and Treatment Needs among Parents Bereaved by Offspring Sudden Death. CIHR MHRC Regional Partnership Program. 2013-2015: $134,525.


Landy CK (PI), Sword W (Co-PI), Angle P, Biringer A, Blake J, Boblin S, Cunningham C, Heaman M, MacDonald H, MacDonald S, Morris M, Shannon H. A trial of labour or a repeat cesarean section? A mixed methods study examining women’s preference and providers’ counsel. Canadian Institutes of Health Research operating grant, $380,324. 07/2013-06/2017


**Larcombe L** (PI) (Internal Medicine CHS), Avery Kinew K (Co-I)(AMC), Coar L (Co-I) (Architecture), Orr P (Co-I)(Internal Medicine, CHS), Saulnier B (Co-I)(AMC), Northlands Denesuline First Nation (Collaborator), Sayisi Dene First Nation (Collaborator). A new vision: Dene First Nations perspectives on healthy housing. Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) $195,910.00 2 years.


**Moses S, Forget E, Kettner J.** Dr. James Rossiter Master’s of Public Health Practicum Awards Program, Training Grant, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) 2013, $5,918.

New Research, cont’d


Schiff R, McPhail D. 2013 – 2014. Community Food Security and Health in NunatuKavut: Supporting community capacity for food security research and evidence-based intervention through community-led food assessments with Aboriginal communities. Medical Research Fund, Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University of Newfoundland. 20,000.


Taback S received a grant from the Canadian Diabetes Association $275,000 for a project entitled: Can Resveratrol Improve Insulin Sensitivity and Preserve Beta Cell Function Following Gestational Diabetes. Co-investigator is Depeng Jiang.


New Publications


Fransoo R, Martens P, The Need To Know Team, Burland E, Prior H, Katz A, Nickel N, Chateau D. The rising prevalence of asthma: true increase, diagnostic exchange, or diagnostic


**Lowe K.** PhD thesis (University of Cambridge, 1981) was deposited in the University of Manitoba Library electronic collection this past summer, with the help of the Community Health Sciences office (creating the electronic file from a paper original) and the Medical Library. It’s the first electronic publication for the thesis, which was subsequently deposited in the electronic collection of the University of Cambridge Library.

The U of M Library reference link is: [http://mspace.lib.umanitoba.ca/handle/1993/21934](http://mspace.lib.umanitoba.ca/handle/1993/21934)
The electronic reference for the thesis at the University of Cambridge Library is: [http://www.dspace.cam.ac.uk/handle/1810/244729](http://www.dspace.cam.ac.uk/handle/1810/244729)
Title: *The State and Medical Care in Britain: Political Processes and the Structuring of the National Health Service*, University of
Cambridge, 1981


**Novek S**. (2013). Filipino health care aides and the nursing home labour market in Winnipeg. *Canadian Journal on Aging*. Published online, [http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S071498081300038X](http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S071498081300038X).


**Palitsky D**, Mota N, **Afifi TO**, Downs AC, **Sareen J**. (2013). The association between adult attachment style, mental disorders, and suicidality: Findings from a population-based
New Publications, cont'd


Slater J, Larcombe L, Green C, Slivinski C, Singer M, Denechkeze L, Whaley C, Nickerson P, Orr P. Vitamin D dietary intake in a northern Canadian Dene First Nation community. *International Journal of Circumpolar Health* 2013,72:20723. [http://dx.doi.org/10.3402/ijch.v72i0.20723](http://dx.doi.org/10.3402/ijch.v72i0.20723)

Trevisan A, Schlecht NF, Ramanakumar AV, Villa LL, Franco EL, the Ludwig-McGill Study Group (includes Mahmud SM). Human papillomavirus type 16 viral load measurement

Presentations, Invited Lectures, Consultations


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