The winter term is now nearing completion, but winter shows no sign of ending. I hope that by the time you read this there will at least be some reason for believing in spring.

On April 17, as indicated in the Upcoming Events, there will be a dinner celebration in honour of Pat Martens, who is stepping down after ten wonderful years as Director of the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy. Proceeds from the dinner will go to a new endowment fund in Pat’s honour, and I hope to see many of you there. I would like to congratulate Les Roos, who co-founded the Centre with Noralou Roos, on receiving the 2014 MacNaught-Taillon Leadership Award in Health Policy, Health Information and Health Services Research from the Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research. This is well deserved. I would also like to congratulate the three medical students, identified on the next page, who were judged to have written the most outstanding papers in Community Health Sciences, from their assignments in the Multiple Specialty Rotation of the medical school clerkship over the past year. This was the final year for this particular assignment as the new clerkship curriculum has taken a different direction in the Scholarship in Medicine field. There were 21 excellent papers submitted for the year’s best paper competition, and the choice of three winners was extremely difficult, but I’m sure that all who attended the...
From the Department Head, cont'd

students’ presentations at the CHS colloquium on March 14th would agree that they were particularly worthy. The presentations were first-class, and as polished as presentations in many international conferences that I have attended. I would like to particularly thank Sharon Bruce for leading the MSR program, as well as Gladys Stewart for her tireless support, and the dozens of faculty members who have served as student supervisors and mentors.

Finally, a reminder that the Biomedical Youth Program will again be hosting the Winnipeg School Division Annual Science Fair, so the Bannatyne Campus will be energised by hundreds of young scientists on the 9th of April. Please try to find the time to take some of it in.

Awards & Appointments

Congratulations to Drs. Tracie Afifi, Salah Mahmud, and Mahmoud Torabi for their successful promotions to Associate Professor, effective 30 March 2014 and to Dr. Michelle Driedger for attaining tenure effective 1 July 2014 in addition to a promotion to Full Professor effective 30 March 2014. Well done!

Congratulations to Dr. L. Roos as the recipient of the 2014 MacNaught-Taillon Leadership Award in Health Policy, Health Information and Health Services Research. The Award will be presented in conjunction with the 2014 CAHSPR conference which is being held in Toronto, 13-15 May 2014.

Congratulations to Dr. Francis Amara who was inducted as a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy of the United Kingdom.

On the 14th of March 2014 we were pleased to have recipients of the 7th “Awards for Outstanding Papers in Community Health Science”.

Photo Courtesy of Iryna Tsybukh, CHS

Elizabeth Smith, Ethan Bohn, Stephen Moses (CHS Department Head), Sharon Bruce (Director, CHS MSR), Pol Darras
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Sciences” present their papers at the Community Health Sciences Colloquium series. As the new undergraduate medical curriculum began in 2014, these students represented the final class that completed the Multiple Specialty Rotation as part of the clerkship. Twenty-one Class of 2014 undergraduate medical students submitted their papers for consideration and all papers were of exceptional quality. The following three students were recognised for outstanding work. Congratulations to all.

“Awards for Outstanding Paper in Community Health Sciences”

1. Elizabeth Smith: “Risk Reduction Strategies for Manitoban Children Riding ATVs”
2. Pol Darras: “Increasing Use of CT Scans: Are We Exposing Patients to Unnecessary Risks?”

The Evelyn Shapiro Award for Health Services Research
2013/2014

Professor Evelyn Shapiro had a long and illustrious career in health services research, particularly in the realm of health policy as it relates to the care and provision of services for older adults. She developed Manitoba’s Home Care Program and worked nationally to implement similar programs across Canada.

She was a founding faculty member of the Department of Community Health Sciences and as a lead researcher with the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, she earned world-acclaim for her innovative and policy relevant research.

Her many accolades included the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, an Honorary Doctorate Degree from the University of Manitoba, and the Canadian Medical Association Medal of Honour (their highest award bestowed on a non-physician).

In 2007, Professor Shapiro was named a Member

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Leah Crockett
Long Term Follow-Up of Late Preterm and Early Term Births in Manitoba: What is the Association between Socioeconomic Status and Later Childhood Outcomes?

Congratulations to Janelle de Rocquigny as the recipient of the Mary Guilbault Métis Bursary awarded by the Louis Riel Institute, awarded to Métis students who excel in academics and community.

Congratulations to Jessica Sjoblom, for acceptance to the 3rd Annual Summer School of Western University’s Indigenous Health and Well-Being Initiative (IHWI), to be held from 1 - 4 June 2014 in London, Ontario.

Dr. Patricia Martens is amongst three University of Manitoba faculty members who has been elevated to the status of Distinguished Professor, a prestigious title whose rules dictate that only a maximum of twenty academic staff members may hold it at any one time. It is the highest honour the University can bestow upon a professor.

The designation recognises extraordinary, internationally-recognised, scholarly or creative achievement, and an exemplary teaching record.

Congratulations Dr. Martens.

of the Order of Canada. She passed away in November of 2010; she was 84.

On the occasion of her retirement, the “Evelyn Shapiro Award for Health Services Research” was established to support the work of graduate students in an area of health services research. Specifically, the Award which is designated solely to help cover the cost of data access up to a maximum of $5,000 will be offered to a student or students who:

- are enrolled either full-time or part-time in the Faculty of Graduate Studies (Masters or PhD) at the University of Manitoba, preferably in the Faculty of Medicine;
- have achieved high academic standing on all courses completed to date, with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.75;
- are conducting research in the area of health services requiring expenditures associated with the use of the Population Health Research Data Repository housed at the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy; and
- are deemed by the selection committee to show great promise for research excellence and future contributions to the field of health services research.

Recipients this year are:

Elizabeth Wall-Wieler
Adolescent Health and Educational Achievement: A Life Course Exploration of Childhood Development

Heather Skelton
Fine Motor/Visual Motor Skills as a Component of School Readiness: What Can We Learn From the Early Development Instrument?

Taruwona Manyanga
Does the increase in MBI associated with initiation of insulin therapy among youth newly diagnosed with type 1 diabetes predict overweight or obesity at age 18?
Although the start of 2014 brought unusually cold temperatures, various community activities proceeded with great turnout and success!

I Love to Read

For the second year, the Faculty of Medicine celebrated “I Love to Read” month with Wellington School, a Nursery to Grade 6 school with a diverse population just two blocks south of our campus. “I Love to Read” events across the city celebrate and support children’s literacy through various activities that promote the love for reading. This year staff and students from the faculty were invited to read during the week of February 24 – 28th. Dr. Postl was one of our volunteers and read “The Day the Crayons Quit” by Drew Daywalt. The students enjoyed having guests to their schools and asked questions that had little to do with the books read and more about their Bannatyne neighbours! Thank you to the following readers who came out to read:

- Aynslie Hinds, graduate student – Community Health Sciences
- Janice Linton, Neil John Maclean Library
- Paulette Collins, Community Health Sciences
- Dr. Sharon Macdonald, Community Health Sciences
- Dr. Brian Postl, Faculty of Medicine
- Karen Cook, Community Health Sciences

Rich Man Poor Man Dinner

Community Health Sciences invited mentors and program coordinators from Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management’s Rec & Read Program to the Medical student fundraiser on the 6th of February. Rec & Read provides after-school literacy and recreation to inner Winnipeg youth during the school year. Invited guests were happy to hear the keynote speakers, network with other attendees, and visit our Bannatyne campus.
Mentorship Circle

What is a mentorship circle? The concept is borrowed from a speed dating or networking model where 4-5 participants spend short periods of time in a mentorship circle with 1-2 mentors before rotating to the next circle. The idea for this model evolved from a discussion several months ago between CHS and Pathways to Education, a stay-in-school program for high school students in inner Winnipeg. Pathways identified the need to bring Indigenous post-secondary role models and their high school participants together to discuss various journeys to university life, but that typical role model panel discussions and larger events would not engage their participants sufficiently as they thrived in smaller scale activities.

On the 10th of March, Pathways students participated in this inaugural mentorship circle where they were mentored by UM students from various faculties. At each circle, participants asked UM students about various aspects of post-secondary education, such as:

- Did you finish high school?
- What is the biggest myth about university?
- How old were you when you started university?

After rotating between five circles, participants, mentors and UM staff from Indigenous Achievement and CHS discussed the benefits of the model and spent time sharing feedback over a delicious meal of chili and bannock!

When asked about a significant impact of the evening, one participant noted:

“There is one thing that stuck into my mind and it will hopefully after I graduate from high school. It was said by Eddy (mentor). He said that "being stable" in your life is one thing you should strive for. I would like to thank him for that advice. Thank you.”

The feedback from participants will guide the planning of future mentorship circles planned for the community.
Food Security & Health Advocacy

For the past decade, Winnipeg Harvest has provided a Classroom for engaging first year medical students in a community session addressing issues of hunger and poverty.

Students have expressed high levels of approval with hands-on work and have benefited from the opportunity of engaging with volunteers and strong community advocates. Following the work experience, like bagging flour or sorting potatoes, students debrief and discuss the myths about hunger and why so many people are using food banks. Teaching doctors about food security, food banks, and their role in helping patients in need has been an important component of the wider curriculum focus on social accountability and professional advocacy for social justice and community development.

Students and faculty look forward to continuing to engage with Winnipeg Harvest and other community agencies in a new medical curriculum.

Joseph Kaufert and Gladys Stewart
Public Service

Brownell, Marni. Full Day Kindergarten, interviewed by Marcy Markusa; CBC Information Radio. Live interview October 8, 2013

Brownell, Marni. Study disputes benefits of all-day kindergarten, interviewed by Nick Martin; Winnipeg Free Press. Interview date 9 October 2013, Published 12 October 2013 in the Winnipeg Free Press, Brandon Sun


Brownell, Marni. Full Day Kindergarten, interviewed by Larry Fedoruk; Newstalk 610 CKTB Live interview 24 October 2013

Brownell, Marni. How a five-year-old taught her mom to read every night, interviewed by Caroline Alphonso; Globe & Mail. Published on 28 November 2013.


Dr. Joe Kaufert was appointed to a two year term (2014-2016) as a member of the Public Health Ethics Consultative Group, an advisory body for the Public Agency of Canada. The body provides ethical guidance and recommendations to the Agency encompassing ethical and policy issues in public health response and measures, surveillance and epidemiology, distribution of immunization resources and public health priorities. He previously served from 2010 to 2012 as a member of the Chief Public Health Office’s Ethics Advisory Committee that focused on theoretical and policy development focusing on priorities and risks of defining vulnerability in the context of public health emergencies and Pandemics, issues of equity in public health, ethics of prioritization and sequencing of vaccine distribution. His work in this committee focused on the public health ethical frameworks as they relate to
Indigenous communities and issue of research participation and ethical protection of diverse communities.

He is currently involved in final development of a Public Health Ethics Framework. This framework will provide a tool for decision-makers, public health practitioners to guide them through the analysis of the ethical implications of proposed policies, health programs and research interventions. The draft statement is not intended to provide an alternative code for public health practice, but to provide a tool for clarification of individual and community values and weight policy options.

Salah Mahmud has agreed to be a Co-Lead for the Provincial Collaborative Network a new network part of the CIRN (Canadian Immunization Research Network).


Martens P. The Provincial Breastfeeding Strategy. CTV Local Interview. 30 September 2013 afternoon interview with Alesia Fieldberg.

Martens P. Baby Friendly Hospitals and World Breastfeeding Week. CTV Local interview. 30 September 2013 morning interview with Eleanor Coopsammy.

Martens P. The National Household Survey and problems with income variables. Globe and Mail interview with Tavia Grant. 27 September 2013.

Martens P. Census picture far from perfect (quoted in the Free Press article by Mary Agnes Welch). Free Press interview: Mary Agnes Walsh on the National Household Survey. 22 September 2013.

O’Neil, John
- Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research, 2013-
- Elected Fellow, Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (FCAHS), 2013-
- Trustee, Board of Trustees, Providence Health Care Research Institute, Providence Health Authority, Vancouver, 2013-

Martens P. The Provincial Breastfeeding Strategy. CTV Local Interview. 30 September 2013 afternoon interview with Alesia Fieldberg.
BioMedical Youth Program

Over the past few months the Biomedical Youth Program has been busy recruiting volunteers to mentor students with their science fair projects, participating as judges and activity leaders for the Winnipeg School Division Science Fair 2014, and group or activity leaders for the BYP Summer Camp.

Mentors have been connected with mentees from various schools to provide assistance with their science projects. Congratulations to Ms. Jezza Amante, Grade 7 at Holy Ghost School, who won Gold or Second Place for her project entitled: Clean Hands. Dr. Amara mentored Jezza.

Once again, the Biomedical Youth Program will be hosting the 44th Winnipeg School Division Annual Science Fair at the Bannatyne Campus on Wednesday, the 9th of April 2014. The campus will be buzzing with budding scientists from grades 4 to 12, demonstrating their experiments and competing to hopefully go forward to the Canada Wide Science Fair. Mark the date and if you have a chance – please come & explore this event!

The Biomedical Youth Summer Camp will be held from the 21st to 25th of July 2014. Online registration will be available at the end of May on the BYP website.
Department Colloquia

Jan 22: Qaujigiartiit Health Research Centre – Advancing Collaborative Northern-LED Research for the Common Good of Nunavut. Gwen Healey, Executive and Scientific Director, The Qaujigiartiit Health Research Centre.

Jan 24: Making data count! The Story of cancer survival statistics and their application in the world of cancer control. Dr. Donna Turner, Epidemiologist/Provincial Director, Population Oncology, CancerCare Manitoba.


Feb 7: Public Health, Primary Care and pH1Ni – Experiences and Lessons Learned from a Comparative Analysis of 29 Public Health Units in Ontario. Dr. Paul Masotti, Research Associate, Manitoba FASD Centre.

Feb 14: Care-related Out-of-Pocket Expenses: Prevalence and Consequences. Drs. K. Duncan, S. Shooshtari and K. Roger, Department of Family Social Sciences, University of Manitoba and Dr. J. Fast, Department of Human Ecology, University of Alberta.

Feb 21: Reassembling Epidemiology: Sociality, Subjectivity and Citizenship. Drs. R. Lorway and S. Khan, CHS.

Feb 21: The Dr. Clare Brant Memorial Lecture in Indigenous Mental Health. Dr. J. Sareen, U of M and Mr. Gary Munro, Executive Director, Cree Nation Tribal Health Center, The Pas, MB.

Feb 28: Introducing the Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit at Manitoba Health. Dr. C. Ens, Acting Director, Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit.

Mar 14: Undergraduate presentations, Community Health Sciences, Multiple Specialty Rotation, Recipients of the 7th Annual “Award for Outstanding Paper in Community Health Sciences.”
  • Risk Reduction Strategies for Manitoba Children Riding ATVs. Elizabeth Smith.
  • Increasing Use of CT Scans: Are We Exposing Patients to Unnecessary Risks? Pol Darras
  • The Fluoridation of Drinking Water: A Community Health Controversy. Ethan Bohn

Mar 21: Indigenous Knowledge Work as a Tool for Community Driven Health Services Development. Dr. J. Smylie, University of Toronto and S. Wolfe, Toronto Birth Centre.

Mar 28: The Fate of the Radium Girls – A Historic Turning Point for both Radiation Health Sciences and Labour Rights. Dr. S. Demeter, CHS.
Welcome to Makena Jo-Anne, 2nd daughter for Dr. Marcia Anderson-Decoteau. Makena was born on the 4th of February 2014. Makena weighed in at 8lbs 9oz and was 21 inches long.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Mohamad Kadhim as our new Hospital Based Physician Coordinator. Fortunately for Mohamad, but unfortunately for us, he has since been accepted to a U.S. Medical School. Congratulations Mohamad.

We also welcomed Hai Nguyen as our new Finance Officer. Hai comes to us from the Dean’s office and we are thrilled to have him aboard.

Also welcome to our new Diabetic Foot Care Nurse, Tannayce Cook. Tannayce comes to us from AMC (Assembly Manitoba Chiefs) where she was working on a business case for diabetic foot care. She will be taking the wound care on-line course and under the tutelage of our current foot care nurse, Avy Halpin.

FEATURE PROGRAM

Native Studies Field School: Grassy Narrows

May 12 – 26, 2014

NATV 2000 T60 - Grassy Nares Environment and Cultural Politics 1 (3 credit hours), and
NATV 2000 T61 - Anishinaabe Traditional Environment Knowledge in Grassy Nares (3 credit hours)

(Students are required to register for NATV 2000 T60 and NAV 2000 T61 for a total of 6 credit hours)

This two-week program situates students in an Anishinaabe context where they will develop an understanding of their place as Treaty people by engaging the environmental and cultural politics of the Anishinaabe community of Grassy Nares First Nation. It is an intensive and rigorous program of study that brings together discussion of key contemporary scholarly and historical texts in conjunction with a challenging experiential learning component. The first 4 days are at the University of Manitoba; followed by 10 days at Grassy Nares (includes travel days).

In the field component, students examine grassroots strategies to safeguard traditions and home territories such as the logging blockade at Slant Lake, and contribute to the development of a community-led eco-tourism and education site across Indian Lake. They will help build trapping cabins and prepare the site generally. In the process, students will learn to set fish nets, smoke fish, cook over fire for shore lunches, and fashion traditional technologies such as wooden paddles with locally sourced materials.

Travel Fee is $275.00 CAD (subject to change), includes local travel by boat, traditional ceremonies, community consultations, and camping fees. Students are responsible for arranging their own travel to and from Grassy Nares, Ontario in accordance with the published course dates. Car pool arrangements are encouraged.

The Travel Fee ($275.00) is payable on or before April 11 by cheque (payable to The University of Manitoba), VISA, MasterCard, or in cash. Fifty dollars ($50) is non-refundable, unless the course is cancelled. An additional fee (TBA) to cover food for shared meals is payable to Ryan Duplassie. All students must have approval of the instructor. Students must register in 6 credit hours (written consent of department head may be required). Students are encouraged to register early.

In order to participate in a travel/study course, all students must sign an Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Liability Waiver that outlines risk and shared responsibility associated with travel/study.

For more information about the course contact:
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Summer Session Class Schedule: umanitoba.ca/summer → Class Schedule
Summer Session registration begins March 17, 2014
Ten years ago this June, then U of M President, Emoke Szathmary was amongst the guests participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Island Lake Regional Renal Health Unit; the first non-hospital based Dialysis Unit in Canada.

It wasn’t until the following January (2005) five patients were repatriated from Winnipeg to their home communities to begin treatment. Others would follow, some having been repatriated, and later on, some never having known what it was like to be away from home for years.

Many of the Program's dialysis patients spent nearly a decade away from home and family and were not responding well to treatment while away from their home communities. With the presence of a local dialysis unit in the Island Lake area in 2005 patients repatriated home began to thrive.

On average the Unit serves 18 people per annual from the four communities of Island Lake and supports a few on home haemodialysis.
New Research Grants


Sanguins J, Driedger SM. (Co-Principal Investigators), Co-Investigator: Menec V, Community Collaborators: Sheila R. Carter (Director, Health & Wellness Department, Manitoba Métis Federation), Barry Mathers (Executive Director Aboriginal and Northern Health University of Manitoba), Georgina Liberty (Director, Tri-Partite Self Negotiation Manitoba Métis Federation), and Frances Chartrand (Director, Métis Community Liaison Department, MMF). Leaving It All Up to Us! – Experiences of Informal Métis Caregivers. Funded from 04/2014 – 03/2016 for a total of $205,000.


Thompson G, Doupe M. Identifying Indicators of Dignity Care in Personal Care Homes (contract with Manitoba Health). $70,000, 2013-2014.

Reports

Chapters

Books


New Publications


Driedger SM, Cooper EJ, Moghadas S. Developing model-based public health policy through knowledge translation: the need for a ‘Communities of Practice’. *Public Health*. Advance on-line publication. DOI: 10.1016/j.puhe.2013.10.009


In CIHR’s *Aboriginal Health Research News* (Vol. 3 No. 2 Feb 2014), it was noted that Dr. Linda Larcombe’s (Internal Medicine, Community Health...
New Publications, cont'd

Sciences, Medical Microbiology) research project “A New Vision: Dene First Nations Perspectives on Healthy Housing” was highlighted at The Senate Standing Committee on Aboriginal Peoples in Ottawa on February 4, 2014. The project that is investigating how culturally appropriate housing could impact health was identified as a new approach to population health intervention. The project team includes investigators from the two Dene Communities’, the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (Dr. K. Avery-Kinew, Mr. B. Saulnier), Faculty of Medicine (Dr. P. Orr) and the Faculty of Architecture (Mr. L. Coar).


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**Presentations, Invited Lectures, Consultations**

**Epidemics 4 - Fourth International Conference on Infectious Disease Dynamics, Amsterdam, The Netherlands, November 19-23, 2013**


Fransoo R. Health and health equity in Prairie Mountain Health. Workshop with XX of PMH region; Brandon, MB, March 14, 2014.


Martens PJ. MCHP - who we are and what we do. CancerCare MB Board of Directors. Invited speaker. Winnipeg, MB. January 16, 2014.


