Welcome back to the winter term, in what so far has been a mild winter, with the exception of a couple of weeks in January. Our large group of new graduate students has settled in and we are anticipating another large intake in the Fall of 2016.

On the undergraduate side, the working group led by Shahin Shooshtari has worked very diligently over the past few months to re-structure the Bachelor of Health Studies degree program, which along with the Bachelor of Health Sciences degree program, make up the Interdisciplinary Health Program. The Health Studies program is now proposed to consist of six areas of concentration, up from the previous four, and the current proposal has been approved by the Faculty of Health Sciences Council, and will soon be working its way through University Senate committees and the full senate. If all goes well, the program will be in place for the Fall 2016 term, and we are requesting a suspension thereafter of admissions to the Bachelor of Human Ecology degree program, with most new students expected to find a home in one of the concentration areas in the Health Studies program. Of course, existing Bachelors of Human Ecology students will have the option of continuing in that program to completion. Thanks to Caroline Piotrowski, Kerstin Roger, Alisa Claiman, Shelly Goodacre, Christine Ateah, and Emily Etcheverry for their important contributions to this process.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new faculty members who have joined CHS over the past few months: Nathan Nickel, in a tenure-track position with the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy; and Yvonne Boyer and Tara Stewart, who have new part-time appointments. Faculty recruitment processes are continuing for a contingent position at MFN CAHR, a Canada Research Chair Tier 2...
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at MCHP, and a Canada Research Chair Tier 2 with the Centre for Global Public Health. I hope to be able make some announcements about these positions in the next newsletter. We also must bid farewell to some faculty members: Dr. Rachel Eni, who left the University of Manitoba at the end of December to pursue opportunities on the West Coast; and Dr. Joe Kaufert, who retired at the end of December, after 39 years of service at the University. As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, there will be a retirement celebration on the 11th of March for Joe, as well as for Pat Kaufert who retired in 2011. I hope that you will be able to join us in celebrating their careers in Community Health Sciences.

Stephen Moses, MD, MPH
Head of Department

Announcements

The Department of Community Health Sciences invites you to a reception in honour of the retirements of Dr. Joseph Kaufert and Dr. Patricia Kaufert. Joe retired at the end of December after 39+ years with the University of Manitoba and Pat retired after 33 years with the University at the end of December 2011.

We hope that you are able to join us in celebrating Joe and Pat’s careers, and extending our best wishes for their retirement.

If you would like to contribute to a gift collection, please forward your contribution to Kathy Bell’s attention, P120 Pathology Building. Please also RSVP your attendance to Kathy Bell, at: Kathy.Bell@umanitoba.ca by 12 February 2016.

The Department welcomes new members:

- Dr. Nathan Nickel, Assistant Professor
- Amanda Rowan-Krivda, Research Support, CHS General Office
- Dr. Yvonne Boyer, Associate Professor (Part-Time nil-salaried)
- Dr. Tara Stewart, Assistant Professor (Part-Time nil-salaried)

Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics National Student Conference 2016

From the 8th through to the 10th of June 2016 the Department of Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba will be hosting the Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics (CSEB) National Student Conference at the Bannatyne campus.

We are pleased to announce that the call for abstracts is now open (Deadline: 15 February 2016). Abstracts are to be submitted through our website. (http://umanitoba.ca/outreach/conferences/cseb2016/index.html). Students have a choice between presenting their work as an oral presentation, a rapid fire poster presentation, or a regular poster presentation. Anyone interested in reviewing abstracts should contact Sasha Blant at csebwpg2016@gmail.com.

On the 9th of June 2016 we are partnering with the Canadian Student Health Research Forum (CSHRF) to offer a high quality symposium with talks on the conference theme, “Patterns of Health: A Population Perspective”. Confirmed speakers include Dr. Kue Young (University of Alberta), Dr. Sandro Galea (Boston University), Dr. Raymond Carroll (Texas A&M University), and Dr. Gary Kobinger (National Microbiology Laboratory).

Organisations interested in sponsoring any of the conference events or having a booth should contact Angela Krutish at csebwpg2016@gmail.com.
Awards

Dr. Kerstin Roger received the Excellence in Teaching Award for 2015 from the Manitoba Association of Home Economists (MAHE). This is recognition for excellence in undergraduate teaching in the Bachelor of Human Ecology program in Family Social Sciences.

Congratulations to Dr. Deborah McPhail, recipient of an Outreach Award for activities for 2014-2015 (increasing access to the existing programs of the University; extending the nature and range of the programs and services it offers; sharing more effectively with the community the resources of the University; and drawing on the talent, experience and resources within the community. The award was presented on 17 November 2015.

Congratulations to Dr. Pierre Plourde who was awarded two teaching awards, both from the Department of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases:

- Jim Parker Medical Microbiology & Infectious Diseases Educator of the Year Award for Undergraduate Medical Education (2015)
- Clinical Educator of the Year Award for Postgraduate Resident Education (2015)

Congratulations to this year’s recipients of the Dr. Christine Egan Scholarship: Mavis Ell, Melynda Minigak, and Mishael Gordon.

Congratulations to Dr. Maureen Heaman for receiving the 2015 CAPWHN (Canadian Association of Perinatal and Women’s Health Nurses) Excellence in Leadership Award at the annual CAPWHN conference held in Quebec City on the 4th through to the 6th November.
Awards, cont'd

On 16 November 2015 Dr. John (Jay) Doering, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, hosted a reception in University Centre “In honour and recognition of the recipients of major awards and fellowships in the Faculty of Graduate Studies”. This year, fifteen graduate students from Community Health Sciences were among those honoured. Front row: Amy Dytnerski (MPH), Lixia Zhang (PhD), Kristine Kroeker (MSc), Dhiwya Attawar (PhD)

The CAPWHN Excellence in Leadership Award was presented to Maureen I. Heaman, RN, PhD who, throughout her nursing career, has demonstrated excellence in leadership in the care of women, newborns and families. This leadership has influenced others towards the highest standards of care, be it through clinical practice, education, research, community service, and/or professional advocacy.

Reports, Chapters, Books


Community Engagement

http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/medicine/units/community_health_sciences/communityengagement/index.html

Two programs resumed in the fall and are keeping FHS students busy in the community. Thanks to all student volunteers who contribute to the success of these programs.

Global Health Concentrations Program (GHCP)

Now in its third year, the GHCP group has grown to 107 Med 1 & 2 students, up from approximately 70 students last year. The student-led initiative includes monthly presentations and discussions around various global health issues. The program also includes a minimum requirement of four hours of local engagement with a community based agency. The Alan Klass Memorial Program for Health Equity supports the group financially and administratively.

CanU Reach

The Canu Reach program ran its first Bannatyne health sciences program in 2014-15 and is now back for its second year. This after school program for grade 7 students from various community schools convene at Bannatyne once a week for a 13-week period. Once here, they are involved in various FHS student-led sessions which are interprofessional and include 50+ student volunteers. Students from all colleges are included in the program and develop and present informative and interactive sessions for the youth. Each evening ends with a dinner for all to discuss the evening’s activities. UM students receive co-curricular recognition for their participation in the program.

Community Events

In December, many community organisations celebrate the holiday season for their students, families, and neighbours. CHS supported the
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following events:

- The Rossbrook House annual Across Cultures evening, which brings the Indigenous and Newcomer communities together for celebration and a delicious feast
- Dufferin School’s annual turkey dinner for 400+ students on the 4th of December
- North End Community Helpers Network

Graduate Program

PhD GRADUATE

Monica Fricke. “Validation of the Modified Health Assessment Questionnaire in First Nations Persons with Rheumatoid Arthritis”. Committee: Dr. B. Elias, Community Health Sciences (advisor); Dr. J. Kaufert, Community Health Sciences; Dr. C. Peschken, Community Health Sciences; Dr. R. Woodgate, Nursing; External: Dr. E. Badley, Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto

MSc GRADUATE

C. Andrew Basham. “Tuberculosis Prevention, Diagnosis, and Care in Manitoba, 2008 – 2010: A Performance Analysis”. Committee: Dr. B. Elias, Community Health Sciences (advisor); Dr. P. Orr, Community Health Sciences; Dr. C. Cook, Community Health Sciences; Dr. A. Fanning, Division of Infectious Diseases, Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH GRADUATE

Wasan Sulaiman. “The Role of Knowledge Translation in Public Health Practice: Experience and Learning during an MPH Field Placement at the ICID and the UM’s NCCID”. Dr. J. Kettner(advisor) Community Health Sciences.

Manitoba Research Data Centre Graduate Fellowships 2016

The Manitoba Research Data Centre is offering up to 5 Graduate Fellowships valued at $5000 each for graduate students who want to conduct their graduate thesis research using Statistics Canada data at the Manitoba Research Data Centre. Applications can be up to 5 pages maximum, and should include the following:
- a brief background on the topic you will be examining
- what the objectives / hypotheses are
- what Statistics Canada survey (or surveys) you wish to have access to, and a list of the variables or content modules to be used
- your proposed methodology

Applications should also include a cover letter, and a copy of your current transcript (a web version is acceptable).
For information on what datasets are available, you can go to the following website:
http://www.statcan.gc.ca/eng/rdc/data

For more information on the application process, you can contact Ian Clara at the manitoba.rdc@umanitoba.ca.
Community Health Information and Research Partnerships

Community Health Information and Research Partnerships (CHIRP) is now in its second successful year of operation. CHIRP is a CHS student-driven, faculty-supported initiative that supports Winnipeg’s community-based organisations (CBO) with research and evaluation projects by connecting them to student volunteers, faculty, and other resources at the University of Manitoba. All projects are identified and defined by the CBO, and involve a small interdisciplinary team of up to five student volunteers working in partnership with a representative from the CBO. CHIRP is governed by an Executive Board comprised of CHS students and faculty. CHIRP’s structure and operations were informed by other university-community partnership models, as well as feedback from CBO representatives, university students, and faculty members.

There are more than 70 graduate and undergraduate student members of CHIRP, representing a variety of disciplines including CHS, Psychology, Social Work, Sociology, Economics, Peace and Conflict Studies, and Biosystems Engineering. There are eight projects underway with organisations such as New Directions, the Canadian Mental Health Association, and Spence Neighbourhood Association. Projects range from literature reviews to data analysis to evaluation plan development and implementation. Through CHIRP projects, students gain valuable practical skills and get to apply their academic knowledge in a meaningful way. CHIRP is a partner and will be supporting the 2016 Summer Institute in Program Evaluation (http://thesummerinstitute.ca).

Students, faculty, and CBOs interested in learning more about CHIRP should visit the CHIRP website (http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/health_sciences/medicine/units/community_health_sciences/communityengagement/9096.html). Faculty interested in supporting CHIRP should email: uchirp.mb@gmail.com. Faculty involvement can range from providing advice to students and CBOs on an ad-hoc basis regarding project-related issues and methodology to providing more involved and on-going project mentorship.

46th ANNUAL

Winnipeg School Division
SCIENCE FAIR
13 April 2016

Grade 4 to 12 students will display over 200 science exhibits in the Brodie and Buhler Atriums. Watch for this event and stop by to welcome the students to our campus.
Section of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Health
Centre for Aboriginal Health Education

Kimberly Hart, Senior Lead
Indigenous Health Student Affairs,
Section of First Nations, Metis,
and Inuit Health

Kimberly Hart works closely with the Centre for Aboriginal Health Education (CAHE) to ensure that First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students in the Faculty of Health Sciences have a positive and successful experience while in their respective programs. Kimberly invites all staff and faculty to discuss the many valuable ways in which CAHE can engage with and support Indigenous students within the Faculty of Health Sciences.

CAHE can be an instrumental component in the academic career of Indigenous students by providing culturally relevant programs, resources and supports. Its “mission is to support and enhance the potential for success of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit students” in the professional health programs at the University of Manitoba and its goal “is to increase the number of First Nations, Metis and Inuit health professionals in Manitoba”.

The Centre plays host to many events that promote student and faculty engagement, connection, and interaction with Indigenous perspectives, cultures, and knowledges. Located at A101 Chown Building, the Centre is a 24-hour physical space for Indigenous students to gather, connect, and study with access to computers, a printer, photocopier, and resource library.

Over the years the CAHE staff have created a learning environment for Indigenous students that is not only culturally relevant but culturally safe. Dr. Barry Lavallee, Director, and Linda Diffey, Associate Director, have developed and established an Indigenous Health Longitudinal course for the Undergraduate Medicine program that is the first of its kind in Canada. http://news.umanitoba.ca/new-undergraduate-medical-education-indigenous-health-curriculum/

Amanda Penzick, Acting Program Coordinator and Administrative Assistant to Dr. Lavallee and Elder Lavallee, actively connect with CAHE students by coordinating elective rotations and organising cultural activities with CAHE’s Elder-in-Residence. Margaret Lavallee, Elder-in-Residence and Aboriginal Cultural Specialist, carries a valuable and valued role in the Faculty of Health Sciences by providing cultural teachings and ceremonies throughout the year.

There are many opportunities through the Section of First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Health for students who are interested in learning more about Indigenous health, including electives, research opportunities, and other special programming. For more information, please contact Kimberly or browse the Centre’s website: http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/health_sciences/medicine/units/community_health_sciences/departmental_units/cahe/

Kimberly is also available to make presentations about CAHE and her role with Indigenous students in the Faculty.

Please feel free to contact Kimberly by email at Kimberly.Hart@umanitoba.ca or by phone at 204-272-3168 or Amanda Penzick at Amanda.Penzick@umanitoba.ca or by phone at 204-789-3511.
A lot of cake was eaten at goodbye "dos' last fall - but we were up to the challenge. Not up to the challenge was saying goodbye to four workmates in such a short period of time. All had career opportunities present themselves out of the blue and, as Robin Williams suggested in the movie "Dead Poet's Society", they seized the day. Sad for us but exciting for them. We wish them all the best in their new roles.

Sylvia Sunstrum

Our ever cheerful HR Coordinator returned to the College of Dentistry in late July. Sylvia started at the NMU in January of 2006 making her way over from Dentistry. The NMU has always been a place of camaraderie, respect, and teamwork but when Sylvia started in 2006 she moved it up another notch. When she left a little piece of the NMU seemed to leave with her.

Kathy Harlos

In October of 2015, 25 years after being at the U of M, Kathy left the NMU for a position outside the University. Previous to coming to work with the NMU (August 2009) Kathy was the Office Manager at the Department of Medical Education. And previous to that she worked with the Family Medicine Residency Program.

When she first started with us she filled recently retired Michelle Vandenbroeck's position as Hospital Based Physician Co-ordinator and Physician Recruiter. Over the years her role expanded greatly. So much so that in early 2013 we had to hire a separate Hospital Based Physician Co-ordinator. Her new title became: Recruitment Officer for Physicians & Allied Health Professionals.

At her going away "do" Kathy mentioned that she never thought she would leave the University or the NMU; but out of the blue an opportunity presented itself; so with heavy hearts and tears in our eyes we bade her and her fabulous dill dip and chips goodbye.

Gitane Ouellet

Gitane started with us in July of 2013 as one of our Retinal Screening Nurses. She fit in like peas and carrots with everyone and we were sad to see her leave in September 2015. While Gitane was with us she worked diligently and obtained her Canadian Diabetes Educator Certification in June 2014. We wish her success with the WRHA as a Chronic Disease Management Clinician & Service Co-ordinator. She'll be awesome.

Tannyce Cook

Tannyce started with us in March 2014 and was
J.A. Hildes Northern Medical Unit, cont'd

with us until early October 2015. We wish her all the best and congratulate her on her new position as a Diabetes Co-ordinator with Interlake Tribal Council, Diabetes Co-ordinator. You'll do great.

Old Staff, New Positions

Hai Nguyen

Congratulations to Hai on his new position with us as the Operations Manager. Originally coming to us from the Dean's office, Hai started with us at the beginning of 2014 as our Finance Officer. Great work Hai.

Melissa Balness

Melissa has also changed hats. In January 2013 when she started at the NMU after having worked eight years with Health Canada, her first hat was as our Hospital Based Physician Co-ordinator.

Later on in the fall 2013 she donned the hat of newly retired Jean Parry as the Executive Assistant to the Senior Director of the Section of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit Health, Melanie McKinnon and the Section Head, Dr. Marcia Anderson DeCoteau.

She is now wearing her HR hat as the Human Resources Co-ordinator. Congratulations Melissa on your new position and on completing the HR Certification Program.

Hellos

Jen Storm

Jen Storm is our new Recruitment Coordinator (Physicians and Allied Health). Before coming to the NMU she spent the past five years at Fort Garry Campus as an Indigenous Student Recruitment Officer. We are thrilled with her experience in community relations and recruitment; and are impressed with her enthusiasm. She, in turn, is excited to use her skills in her new position and to become part of the welcoming community here on Bannatyne campus. Welcome Jen.

Anastasia Chmielowicz

Anastasia Chmielewicz [if you can't pronounce her Polish last name– Anastasia says don't worry about it :-) ] is our new Diabetic Foot Care Nurse. Anastasia took Nursing at the University of Saint Boniface and completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing by distance with University of Ottawa, graduating in 2013. For over three years she worked on an in-patient Internal Medicine Unit at Saint Boniface Hospital. There she saw a lot of patients with diverse medical conditions, including many dialysis patients. She is looking forward to working with everyone at the NMU and we are happy she is on our team. Welcome Anastasia.

Sonya Sharpe

Sonya Sharpe has ten years of nursing experience including working in Home Care as a Diabetes Educator and in the Diabetic Retinal Screening Program in the Northern Health Region. In 2010 she was on the Planning Committee to bring together representatives from western and central Provinces to a Retinal Screening Workshop hosted by the the NMU at the U of M's Bannatyne
Campus. Sonya knows her ropes and hit the ground running. We are pleased to have her join us. Welcome Sonja.

**Chander Requin**  
Chander came from CancerCare Manitoba where she worked for five years as an administrative assistant to five full-time physicians in the Department of Medical Oncology and Hematology. Chander remarked that everyone here at the NMU has been so welcoming and she is looking forward to the new challenges that lie ahead of her. We are quite confident her knowledge, skills, and experience will be an asset to the Unit. Welcome Chander.

**Elder Mary Wilson**  
Known to many as Grandmother Of Four Directions and She Who Walks With Wolves. Renowned in Canada and many parts of the world as a spiritual teacher, Spirit Walker, and Healer, Mary’s gentle presence has touched many lives over the past forty years helping people heal, emotionally, physically, and spiritually.

Mary has worked as an Elder at the Circle Of Life Thunderbird House co-creating programs with Elder Mary Richard. And served as an Elder and Spiritual Care person at Neeginan Emergency Centre (First Nations Homeless Shelter). While she was there, Mary created addiction therapy groups, a literacy program, and a safe place for individuals to lay down their pain.

Recently she provided support as Elder for the movie *We were Children* ( Residential School survival) and also with the murdered and missing series *Taken*. She has been asked by the Province of Manitoba to support as Elder/Therapist for The 60’s Scoop (stolen Aboriginal children). Frequently involved as a psychotherapist and interventionist she provides support to many as well as providing individual life coaching and healing.

Over the years she has worked in conjunction with medical specialists (psychiatrists and psychologists), family physicians, as well as social workers, teachers, and lawyers including Manitoba Justice.

As well as providing Elder Services to the staff and students of the Section, Mary is available to all faculty, staff, and students of the Faculty of Health Sciences. She is available for blessings, ceremonies, teachings, individual counselling/healing, and more.

*More information is available by calling 480-1318 or dropping by the J.A. Hildes Northern Medical Unit at T162-770 Bannatyne Avenue.*

**Just Announced Positions Filled**

Wayne Chen  
Finance Officer  
Start date: 16 February 2016

Jaclynn Bryan  
Occupational Therapist Lead  
Start date: 29 February 2016

Tracey Dowson  
Health Innovation Lead  
Start date: 7 March 2016

David Shaffrey  
Physiotherapist  
Start date: 4 April 2016
New Research Grants

Brownridge DA, Afifi TO, Chan W. Child maltreatment and the risk of intimate partner violence among Aboriginal peoples of Canada. University of Manitoba Research Grants Program. 2015-2016. $6,991.


Larcombe L. Co-Applicants: Avery Kinew K, Fontaine W, McCallum MJ, Orr P. Northlands Denesuline First Nation Health Research Meetings” CIHR Grant, $12,000.00, awarded December 18, 2015.

Alex Leblanc (PI), Lisa Lix, David Campbell (Simon Fraser University), Saman Muthukumarana. Faculty of Science, University of Manitoba. New approaches to functional regression with applications in healthcare and business analytics. Amount: $10,000 Term: 12/2015 – 09/2016


Mucha J, Martin T, Shooshtari S, Temple B, Pinette G. (2015-2019). Redefining Community-Based Service for Manitobans with Neurodevelopment Disabilities. A Community Grant Application to The Winnipeg Foundation. $950,000.00 awarded; 250,000 for research component.


Ramesh BM, Blanchard JF, Moses S. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Program grant “Strengthen the supply chain processes in Uttar Pradesh and provide support in unlocking government expenditure”, 2015-2016, USD $690,000.

Roos NP, Macdonald S. Treat Poverty to Improve Health and Well-being. Winnipeg Foundation. 2015-2016: $190,000.


Alex Singer (PI), Lisa Lix, & Alan Katz Manitoba Medical Service Foundation The use of electronic medical records to change clinician behaviour and increase adherence to
Term: 04/2016 – 03/2017


Karen Duncan has been named to the Research Sub-Committee on Financial Literacy of the National Steering Committee on Financial Literacy, Financial Consumer Agency of Canada.

Dr. Pamela Orr was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease, in December 2015.

**Public Service**


Brownell M, das McMurty N. Qu’arrive-t-il aux enfants lorsque les pouvoirs publics décident qu’ils ne peuvent plus vivre en toute sécurité auprès de leurs parents out de leurs gardiens? Options Politiques, November 19, 2015.


Brownell M, das McMurty N. Canada has too many kids in care – and the situation is not improving. The Vancouver Province, November 9, 2015.

Brownell M, das McMurty N. Canada has too many kids in care – and the situation is not improving. Ottawa Life Magazine, November 6, 2015.

Brownell M, das McMurty N. Marni Brownell & Neeta McMurty: We know that Canada has one of the highest rates of kids in care in the world. What we don’t know may be worse. National Post, November 2, 2015.

Brownell M, das McMurty N. Children under state care are falling far behind. The Daily Gleaner (Fredericton, NB), October 29, 2015.


Brownell M, das McMurty N. We need a radical new approach for kids in care. The Battleford News-Optimist, October 23, 2015

Brownell M, das McMurty N. We need a radical new approach for kids in care. Policy Options, October 15, 2015.


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New Publications


New Publications, cont'd

2015, 122:1748-1755.


Presentations, Invited Lectures, Consultations


Brownell M. Turning evidence into action: using Big-Data to drive improvements in child health and well-being. University of New South Wales, Faculty of Medicine Seminar, December 2, 2015, Sydney, NSW, Australia.


Brownell M, Chartier M. How are Manitoba’s Children Doing? Workshop presented at the Frontier School District August Gathering (approximately 100 administrators (Principals and Vice-Principals), Division Leadership Team members (Chief, Area and Assistant Superintendents), School Board Trustees, other division staff and new teacher hires). Winnipeg, MB: August 31, 2015.


Smith M, Tan A, Brownell M. So you want to do research? Information about the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy. Manitoba Adolescent Treatment Centre Lunch and Learn. Winnipeg: October 22, 2015.


