Welcome back to the new academic year. Our large group of new graduate students is settling in, and the new UGME curriculum in second year is underway, so that we are now implementing the full UGME curriculum for the first time. We also have our first group of undergraduate students (as opposed to undergraduate medical students), those enrolled in the BSc in Human Ecology degree program; there is a total of about 200 students across all four years. In addition, a working group has started to meet to plan for an expansion and reconfiguration of the Bachelor of Health Studies degree program, which along with the Bachelor of Health Sciences degree program, makes up the Interdisciplinary Health Program.

I am pleased to announce that the search for the two new tenure-track positions is complete. The two successful candidates are Dr. Christine Kelly, currently a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Ottawa, and Dr. Andrew Hatala, currently a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Saskatchewan. The anticipated start date for each of them is 1 January 2016. I am appending short bios for each of them below, and we look forward to welcoming them into the CHS team. Faculty recruitment processes are continuing for a tenure-track position at MCHP, a contingent position at MFN CAHR, a Canada Research Chair Tier 2 at MCHP, and a Canada Research Chair Tier 2 with the Centre for Global Public Health.

Christine Kelly, PhD, is presently a Banting Postdoctoral Fellow in the Institute of Feminist and Gender Studies at the University of Ottawa. Informed by feminist disability scholarship and using qualitative methods, her research considers the politics of care.
Department Head, cont'd

and the changing face of Canadian disability movements. She is the author of the book *Disability Politics and Care: The Challenge of Direct Funding* (UBC Press). Dr. Kelly has published widely, has graduate and undergraduate teaching experience, and is one of three finalists for the prestigious Talent Award that will be adjudicated by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada this Fall.

Andrew R. Hatala, PhD, is a cultural psychologist, community-health researcher, and medical anthropologist with community-based research experience in the urban contexts of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and rural communities in southern Belize. He recently completed a CIHR post-doctorate fellowship in the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology at the University of Saskatchewan investigating strategies of resilience and mental health among First Nations and Metis youth. His PhD dissertation research involved a comparative analysis of the relationship between Q’eqchi’ Maya traditional healer conceptions of mental illness and Western conceptions outlined in the DSM-5, including how this relationship or lack thereof impacts health policy and practice in Belize. He also has graduate and undergraduate teaching experience, and his published works and research focus on Indigenous healing and epistemology, Indigenous nosology of mental illness and disorder, culture and spirituality, and resilience and well-being among Aboriginal youth populations.

Stephen Moses, MD, MPH
Head of Department

The Department of Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba is hosting the Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics (CSEB) National Student Conference to be held from the 8th to 10th of June 2016 at the Bannatyne campus. The conference theme is “Patterns of Health: A Population Perspective” and is being organised by a planning committee comprised of students from a variety of health programs. The planning committee is under the guidance of faculty supervisors, Drs. Lisa Lix and Nathan Nickel. We are partnering with the Canadian Student Health Research Forum (CSHRF) to offer a high quality symposium of local, national, and international speakers on the 9th of June. Additionally, workshops will be offered by SAS and University of Manitoba faculty members. We are expecting 200 students from across Canada to present their research.

If you are interested in sponsoring any of the events within the program, please contact Angela Krutish at csebwpg2016@gmail.com.

We will soon be sending out a call for judges to review abstracts in March. In early 2016 we will also be sending out a call for judges to evaluate posters and oral presentations on the 10th of June. If you are interested in either of these judging opportunities, please contact Sasha Blant at csebwpg2016@gmail.com.
Announcements and Awards

The Department is pleased to welcome new members:

- Dr. Melinda Fowler, Full-Time (GFT), Assistant Professor
- Dr. John Kim, Assistant Professor (Part-Time nil-salaried)
- Dr. Robert Schroth, Associate Professor (Part-Time, nil-salaried)

On 9 September 2015, Dr. Allan Ronald was presented with the Citizens Hall of Fame bronze medallion at an induction ceremony and reception held in his honour. The Hall of Fame was initiated in 1986 by the Winnipeg Real Estate Board, honouring outstanding citizens who brought recognition to the city of Winnipeg or who have made outstanding contributions to Winnipeg’s quality of life. Busts of the inductees are displayed in the city’s Assiniboine Park. Dr. Ronald’s bronze portraiture created by local sculptor Madeleine Vrignon was installed at the Citizens Hall of Fame site on the 10th of September. Dr. Ronald was honoured in the Community Service category – for voluntary activities and dedication that benefit the immediate and global community.

Dr. Evelyn Forget has recently been selected to be the first recipient of the prestigious Kierans-Janigan Visiting Scholar award, from Massey College at the University of Toronto. This award recognises Evelyn’s career achievements in health economics, and in particular, her leadership of the MINCOME guaranteed annual income experiment that was undertaken in Dauphin in the 1970s, and from which important findings continue to emerge. As a Visiting Scholar, Evelyn will be able to interact with colleagues in the Massey College, University of Toronto and wider Ontario communities. As Mr Hugh Segal, Master of Massey College has stated, “Dr. Forget, as a leading, courageous and entrepreneurial scholar, is a unique and compelling individual with whom to inaugurate this outstanding commitment...”. Evelyn will be based at Massey College for much of the coming academic year, but will continue to supervise her graduate students at the University of Manitoba. This opportunity will be of great benefit to CHS and the University of Manitoba as well.

University of Manitoba Graduate Students’ Association Awards

Congratulations to Ms. Sarah Turner, Aimee Boycott and Chelsea Jalloh, who were presented with awards on August 25, 2015. Each year the Graduate Students’ Association confers peer-to-peer recognition of fellow graduate students who are currently not recognized by the University of Manitoba Graduate Fellowship, or other national awards. The awards are designed to recognize the important contributions graduate students make to society through scholarship and community involvement.

Congratulations to Ms. Linda Diffey who was awarded the CIHR-IAPH Scientific Director’s award in the PhD student category for her abstract submission “Teaching Indigenous health using anti-racist pedagogy: Exploring...”.

Dr. Allan Ronald, recognised with a bust at the Citizens Hall of Fame site in Assiniboine Park.
Announcements and Awards, cont'd

the experiences of medical school instructors with the two-eyed seeing framework.” The presentation was made at the Institute for Aboriginal Peoples’ Health (IAPH) National Gathering of Graduate Students on July 13, 2015 in Vancouver. Ms. Diffey was also awarded a CIHR Travel Award to attend the conference.

Ms. Sheila Novek and Ms. Leigh McClarty were awarded the Gordon Wu Scholarship for their outstanding achievement. The Scholarship is awarded on the basis of high academic ranking and is a supplement to the CIHR-CGSD Award.

In September 2015, Hatice Guler-Berk, MSc student in Community Health Sciences, received the Foundation for Registered Nurses of Manitoba (FRNM) Inc. Graduate Award for 2015-2016.

On 6 August 2015, Karla Willows, CHS Masters student (supervised by Dr. Salah Mahmud) and Obstetrics and Gynecology Resident, received a Canadian Immunization Research Network (CIRN) Trainee Stipend Award for the term 1 September 2015 to 31 August 2016.

The Journal of Health Organization and Management named Dr. Sara Kreindler’s paper (“The Rules of Engagement: Physician Engagement Strategies in Intergroup Contexts”) as one of its Highly Commended Papers in 2015. This designation is given to three runners-up to their annual Outstanding Paper award.


Wong ST, Katz A, Peterson S, Taylor C.

Continuity of Care: Does Having the Same Primary Care Provider Over Time Matter?
Community Engagement

A another busy summer drew hundreds of youth to participate in various camps and basketball programs. Thank you to all volunteers and community partners for their valuable contributions!

SUMMER WEEKEND INNER-CITY SUPERVISED HOOPS (SWISH)

200+ youth enjoyed Parking Lot E’s converted basketball court on Saturdays from the 4th of July through to the 15th of August 15. In addition to 3-on-3 games, skill development, and opportunity to participate in physical activity, this year included a SWISH tournament held on the last day. The tournament hosted 45 youth who were divided into two divisions. Parents, volunteers, and players had a fabulous day and enjoyed the prizes and camaraderie! Thank you to Xavier Smith, SWISH Coordinator and all partners who make this summer program so successful: City of Winnipeg, Basketball Manitoba, Faculty of Health Sciences, including Physical Plant, Parking Services, and College of Dentistry (garage and storage facility).

MINI-UNIVERSITY

Mini-U was held in the Joe Doupe gymnasium from July 27-31 for students from Pinkham and Wellington Schools. CHS staff worked with Bison Children’s Programs to provide the walking school bus for participants to facilitate the drop-off and pick-up for families. Thanks to Wendy French from the WRHA IMPACT, Injury Prevention office and Sports Medicine and Science Council for coming out to provide bicycle safety information and custom fit helmets to the students!

ORIENTATION WEEK COMMUNITY VISITS

Close to 350 new Faculty of Health Science students from Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, cont'd next page
Community Engagement, cont'd

Pharmacy and School of Med Rehab participated in the community visits as part of their orientation to the faculty and community. The visits provide students with an introduction to the diverse inner Winnipeg neighbourhood and opportunities to participate in volunteer and service learning activities. A posting is available on the FHS Facebook page at: http://news.umanitoba.ca/buses-and-bingo/?utm_source=umtoday&utm_medium=email

UPCOMING

The CANU REACH after-school program is about to get underway for its second year. This year close to 70 grade seven students will attend the 13-week program. Stay tuned for more news!

Department Colloquia

**Bold Ideas** 2015-2016 moves beyond just a story or list of facts – it showcases ideas that take certain evidence and draws a larger conclusion for the benefit of family, community, population and public health.

**Bold Ideas** provides diversity in topics and speakers and helps us to:

- Contribute to new or extend existing faculty and student scholarly thinking and networks,
- Ask new questions,
- Think local when a particular topic cannot be addressed globally,
- Think global where we reflect outward so that other communities can learn from our community,
- Reflect inward when we learn or adapt from the world not known or familiar to us (glocally).

We invite speakers from our faculty, medical residents, research fellows, research associates, students, visiting scholars, and our colleagues in the federal, provincial, regional, and community health/social systems, to showcase a **Bold Idea**. To learn how you can become a speaker or to access the **Bold Ideas** schedule, visit the CHS website: http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/health_sciences/medicine/units/community_health_sciences/departmental_units/9763.html

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18 Sept: Tracie Afifi, Associate Professor, CHS. Preventing Child Maltreatment will Change a Child's Trajectory.

25 Sept: Alan Katz, Professor, CHS. Responding to the International Refugee Crisis: Is There a Community Health Sciences Response?
Biomedical Youth Program

BYP SUMMER CAMPS

For the second consecutive year, BYP camps were held in northern communities as well as the Bannatyne campus in July.

Opaskwayak (OCN) and Mosakahiken Cree Nations
Six volunteers from College of Medicine, School of Med Rehab and Faculty of Science travelled up north to facilitate hands-on science and cultural activities for youth from Opaskwayak and Mosakahiken Cree Nations in early July. Thirty youth (gr. 6-9) from OCN attended a two-day camp at the Oscar Lathlin Collegiate on the 6th and 7th of July. Some of the activities included Diabetes, Medical Simulation and Physical Therapy sessions. The camp participants and families expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to participate in the camp and thanked UM staff/volunteers for visiting their community. Thank you to Oscar Lathlin Collegiate for providing the space and to Jeremy Sinclair, community leader, in assisting CHS staff with registration of participants.

From 8 to 10 Jul, the camp was held at Mosakahiken Cree Nation for the second year and was very successful with 30 students also registered. CHS staff and BYP volunteers worked with the local school and community members to assist with accommodations, registration and logistical support for the activities. Feedback from community and participants was positive. Two camp participants with an interest in FHS programs visited the Bannatyne campus in August for a tour and discussion of available programs and supports for Indigenous students. For both, it was a first-time experience visiting a post-secondary institution.

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Eighty students participated in this year’s BYP camp at Bannatyne, including 15 students from various northern communities. CHS worked with Office of Rural and Northern Health, Frontier School Division and UM ACCESS Program to coordinate and support the northern students’ participation in the camp. See what Jade from Chief Sam Cooke School in Split Lake, MB had to say about her experience:

https://www.facebook.com/umfhs/photos/a.155471577835987.30350.139137906136021/868572513192553/?type=1&fref=nf

Forty-five UM staff and student volunteers worked together to ensure the sessions were engaging and interactive. Thank you to Ben Salins, previous BYP volunteer and OT grad, who assisted Dr. James Gilchrist and Karen Cook with planning and logistics for the camp.

Graduate Program

PhD Program Graduate:

Shay-Lee Bolton. “Evaluation of a gatekeeper training program as suicide intervention training for medical students: A randomized controlled trial”. Committee: Dr. B. Elias, Community Health Sciences (advisor) Dr. J. Sareen, Community Health Sciences; Dr. M Enns, Psychology; Dr. W. Fleisher, Psychiatry, External member: Dr. A. Lesage, MD, Research Centre, Institut universitaire en santé mentale de Montréal

MSc Program Graduate:

Leah Crockett. “Examining early childhood health and educational outcomes of late preterm infants in Manitoba: A population based study”. Committee: Dr. M. Brownell, Community Health Sciences (advisor); Dr. M. Heaman, Community Health Sciences; Dr. C. Ruth, Pediatrics and Child Health

Graduate Student Council, 2015-16

Co-chairs and & Graduate Program Committee Reps: Leigh McClarty and Claudyne Chevrier (phasing out over the course of the academic year)

Treasurer: Nicole Herpai (until March 2016)

Department Council Reps: Kristine Kroeker and Sarah Turner

Community Development Rep: Hasantha Sinnock

First Year Reps: Daniel Saltel & Ekaterina Totina

Community Medicine Residency Rep: Davinder Singh

Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics Conference Reps – Aynsla Hinds and Kristine Kroeker

Masters of Public Health Rep: Amy Dytnerski

Educational Activities Rep: Sheila Novek

Social Activities Rep – Jamie Gillies-Podgorecki and Mohammad Nazmus Sakib

HSGSA Rep – Sarah Turner

Communications Rep: Lorena Vehling
Western Regional Training Centre

The Western Regional Training Centre is excited to begin another academic year, with a notable line-up of guest speakers for the seminar class, CHSC 7730. WRTC received 28 applications and 6 students started the program this fall, which provides a fellowship award of $17,850 for the year, funding to attend the CAHSPR conference, and paid placements for the summer. The successful WRTC students from Community Health Sciences for 2015-2016 are Janique Fortier, Jamie Gillies-Podgorecki, Elizabeth Sachs, Mohammad Nazmus Sakib, Elizabeth Wall-Wieler, and Lixia Zhang.

The summer placements for the 2014-2015 students are wrapping up at Healthy Child Manitoba and various branches of Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors. Students have been engaged in hands-on health services research, such as analyzing reports and making recommendations to senior analysts, performing literature reviews and environmental scans, facilitating community-oriented and knowledge translation workshops, and meeting with key decision makers, including Deputy Ministers and Directors.

The deadline for applications to the WRTC Fellowship program for the 2016-2017 year will be 1 February 2016.
3rd Annual
Indigenous Health Research Symposium: Mapping the Way Forward
NOVEMBER 24 - 26, 2015
University of Manitoba
Bannatyne Campus

ENGAGING WITH FIRST NATIONS, METIS & INUIT POPULATIONS IN HEALTH RESEARCH: CELEBRATING HOW WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

Mapping the Way Forward brings together community and academic researchers, students, youth, Elders, health leaders, and policy makers in the Manitoba region who share the common goal of improving the health of Indigenous communities.

Abstracts for presentations are welcomed from university and community-based researchers, students and others who are engaged in research or knowledge translation projects relevant to the health of Manitoba's Indigenous communities.

Abstracts for presentations will be accepted until October 15, 2015. For submission guidelines, please visit our website.

Registration for this event is free and open to all.

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For more information about registration and abstract submission please visit our website:
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New Research Grants


Brownell M (PI), Singal D, Chateau D, Katz L, Ruth C. Investigating the association between antidepressant use during pregnancy and neonatal and long term childhood neurodevelopment, health, and educational outcomes using the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy’s Data Repository. CIHR Open Operating Grant, 2015-2017: $116,250.


Katz A (PI), Buchel T, Thompson M. Manitoba SPOR Network in Primary and Integrated Health Care Innovations. 2015-2020. CIHR $500,000; MHRC $500,000

Kreindler SA, Joy J, Colbourne A, Tustonic V, Bergal T, Basran J, Suter E, Hastings S, Grafstein E, Rowe B, Metge CJ, Doupe M, Marchildon G, Schull M, et al. (June 2015 – May 2018). Getting to the Source of Regional Variation in Patient Flow Performance: A Complex Systems Perspective. CIHR Partnerships for Health Systems Improvement Grant - $400,000 plus $100,000 in partnership funding from Research Manitoba (held at UM) and $240,000 in partnership funding from granting agencies in other provinces (held outside UM).

Lix L. Defence Research Development Canada, Centre for Security Science. Vulnerability and resiliency for PTSD in the RCMP: A prospective investigation. Role: Co-applicant. Principal Applicant: Nicholas Carleton, University of Regina Amount: $645,000 Term: 09/01/2015-08/01/2020


Lix L. Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Advancing the science of data quality for electronic health databases: Applications to chronic disease research and surveillance. Role: Principal Applicant. Amount: $962,920 Term: 10/01/2015 – 09/01/2022
Pinto AD, Katz A (Co-Principal Investigator), Anderson K, Adam Fair A, McDermott K, Bloch G, Goel R, Halas G, Ihnat J, Raza D, Singer A, Upshur R. Evaluating the implementation and impact of an online tool used within primary care to improve the income security of patients with complex health and social needs in Ontario and Manitoba. CIHR, 2015-2016: 95,000.


New Publications


Leslie WD, Lix LM, Morin SN, Johansson H,


the predictors of HIV prevalence among pregnant women enrolled in annual HIV sentinel surveillance in four states in southern India. *PLoS One* 2015; 10(7):e0131629.


### Presentations, Invited Lectures, Consultations


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.


Katz A. Innovation in Community-Based Primary Healthcare Supporting Transformation (iPHIT) in First Nation and Rural/remote Communities in Manitoba. Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research (CAHSPR) Conference; Montreal, Quebec: May 26, 2015.

Katz A, Clair M, Pedersen KM. Health System Improvement in Australia: Knowledge Organizations as Enablers. 2015 Canadian Association for Health Services and Policy Research Conference; Montreal, Quebec: May 26, 2015.


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