

# IHPME CONNECT 05.2015

IHPME RESEARCH DAY

## CONNECTING FOR EQUALITY

At IHPME, it's not only sunshine and blossoming trees that signify the arrival of spring. The annual student-led Research Day is another springtime event, one that also brings with it renewal, growth and a sense of optimism.

The renewal of relationships is one reason students, faculty and alumni turn out in strong numbers for the event. As many as 250 people are expected to attend – researchers, health care leaders, policy makers, clinicians from a diverse range of professions. For the first time, the Ontario Telemedicine Network has a booth to raise awareness of their growing impact on health care.

Growth and development of ideas is another feature of Research Day, and the 2015 installment touches on a broad theme. “The organizing committee chose health equity as our theme, which means taking a broader view of the factors that impact access to care and diverse populations,” says Natalie Warick, Research Day Co-Chair, and an IHPME PhD student, who, in 2014, received the Michael Decter Scholarship for Health Leadership and Policy Studies. “Even though we have universal care in Canada, health care is still not equitable, and it is a theme that touches every academic stream at IHPME. For example, my own research focuses on economic supports for caregivers.”

In keeping with the theme of equity, the committee strove to develop a panel discussion that brings together diverse research and policy perspectives on equity in health care. Camille Orridge, Chief Executive Officer of the Toronto Central LHIN, is moderating a panel discussion that includes:

- Arlene Bierman, whose research focuses on improving access,

quality, and outcomes of care for older adults with chronic illness.

- Rick Glazier, whose research interests include equity in health-care delivery for disadvantaged urban populations; and the application of geographic methods in health research.
- Richard Cookson, who is developing methods for incorporating health equity into mainstream health care performance measurement and economic evaluation.
- Angela Robertson, Director of Equity and Community Engagement at Women's College Hospital, and past Executive Director at Sistering: A Woman's Place, a multi-service women's organization for marginalized, low-income and homeless women.
- Rebecca Hammond, who has provided care to diverse communities with a focus on queer and trans health care, spending the past year as an RN with the LGBT program at Sherbourne Health Centre in Toronto.

Keynote speaker Dr. Lisa Simpson, president and CEO of AcademyHealth, a leading organization serving the fields of health services and policy research will address: “Knowing is not enough: Re-inventing child health services research.”

“I am hoping that at the end of Research Day, the audience will be inspired to begin or add new equity perspectives to their work and research. To this end, our dedicated Research Day Committee has been working behind the scenes for months to create this opportunity for our peers and faculty,” said Patti Leake, Co-Chair, IHPME MSc student.

This year, Caitlin Crystoja has put together a selection of IHPME



merchandise. The IHPME Clothing Store is now open! Get your order today: <http://ihpme.tictail.com/>.

The goal of every Research Day is for participants to leave feeling engaged in the IHPME community and inspired to tackle new challenges. “We also invite the students who have just been accepted for the fall, and are excited for Research Day to be their first event on campus,” said Patti.

## PUBLICATIONS

Natalie Warrick, Michelle Silver, Alaina Cyr

“Student Expectations About Mental Health and Aging.”  
*Gerontology & Geriatrics Education*, 00:1-23, 2015

Mustafa Al-Durra, Joseph Cafazzo,  
Monika-Bianca Torio

“The Use of Behavior Change Theory in Internet-Based Asthma Self-Management Interventions: A Systematic Review”,  
*J Med Internet Res* 2015 (Apr 02); 17(4):e89

## AWARDS

Tony Culyer

Congratulations to IHPME's [Tony Culyer](#) for receiving the 2015 ISPOR Avedis Donabedian Outcomes Research Lifetime Achievement Award, as well as for being Hall Laureate and getting the Graham Prize!

Taylor Martin

Congratulations to IHPME student Taylor Martin for receiving the [Action Canada](#) Fellowship!

Jenna Evans

IHPME graduate, Dr. Jenna Evans, is the recipient of the Emerald/EFMD Outstanding Doctoral Research Award for her dissertation “[Health Systems Integration: Competing or Shared Mental Models?](#)” in the category of Healthcare Management. Congratulations Jenna!

“Current students can get feedback on their research from top scholars in a safe environment, and many graduates come back every year to maintain professional networks, build new alliances and build new partnerships, within IHPME and externally, to expand their research across streams,” said Natalie. “It’s all part of the vibrant exchange of ideas at IHPME.”

## IHPME IN THE NEWS

IHPME Professor & St. Michael's Hospital physician [Muhammad Mamdani](#) discusses the pros and cons of a national pharma care strategy on CBC Radio One. Listen to his interview here (starts at about 14:00): <http://www.cbc.ca/maritimenoon/2015/04/08/sexual-assault-on-a-plane-doctors-notes-pharmacare-your-thoughts-1/>

The National Post covered IHPME Professors [Walter Wodchis](#)' and [Susan Bronskill](#)'s study, The Health Care Cost of Dying: <http://news.nationalpost.com/news/canada/last-month-of-life-costs-health-care-system-14k-on-average-report>

## COUNCIL OF CANADIAN ACADEMIES

A report was released by the Council:

“[Accessing Health and Health-Related Data in Canada](#)”.

IHPME's Dr. David Henry, Senior Scientist and former CEO, Institute for Clinical Evaluation Sciences, was a member of the Council's Expert Panel who conducted the assessment.

This report, requested by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), represents the work of a 14-member expert panel, chaired by Andrew K. Bjerring, Former President and CEO of CANARIE Inc. In its report, the Panel assesses the current state of knowledge surrounding timely access to health and health-related data — key for both health research and health system innovation.



# FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

## Status-Only Appointments: Assistant Professor

Anne Stephenson

## Adjunct Professor

Theodore J. Witek, Jr.

## Senior Fellows

Kevin Levitt, Thomas MacMillan – Adjunct Lecturers  
and Isser Dubinsky – Adjunct Professor

# EVENTS

## Come out to the IHPME Annual Research Day on May 6th!

Student-led Research Day, hosted at HSB 6th and 7th floors is open to all.

Visit our website for updates and the full schedule:  
<http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/ihpme-annual-research-day-2015/>

## IHPME Seminar Series 2014-15 with Dr. Lisa Simpson

**May 6, 2015**

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

“Knowing is not enough: Re-inventing child health services research”, in conjunction with the IHPME Research Day. Dr. Simpson will provide keynote remarks.

**Location:** Health Sciences Building, Auditorium 610, 6th Floor, 155 College Street, Toronto.

## Canadian Centre for Health Economics CCHE Seminar Series with Dr. Richard Cookson, University of York (UK)

**May 8, 2015**

10:00 am

**Location:** HS618

## Education Day 2015

**May 14, 2015**

8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Register today! IHPME and its Alumni Society (SOG) invite you to join your friends and colleagues for a morning of challenging ideas and conversation at the exquisite TELUS Tower on York St. Full breakfast will be provided.

### Expert Panel Announced:

**Dr. Nick Cercone**, Principal Investigator, Centre for Information Visualization and Data Driven Design (CIVDDD)

**Don Aldridge**, Research Executive, Canadian Public Sector, IBM Canada Limited

**Michael Schull**, President & CEO, Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES), and Professor, IHPME and Dept. of Medicine, University of Toronto

**Tom Vair**, Executive Director, Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre

With remarks by Adalsteinn Brown, Director, IHPME

See for details and register today: <http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/education-day-2015/>

## 14th Annual Canadian Health Economist's Study Group Conference (CHESG) 2015

**May 27-28, 2015**

4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

An annual conference of economists with an interest in theoretical or empirical economic analysis of issues related to health or health care. The conference typically covers a day and a half.

You must register by May 12: <http://www.chesg-geces.ca/>

**Location:** The Faculty Club, UofT

