

# IHPME CONNECT 04.2016

RESEARCH DAY 2016

## EXPLORING INNOVATION

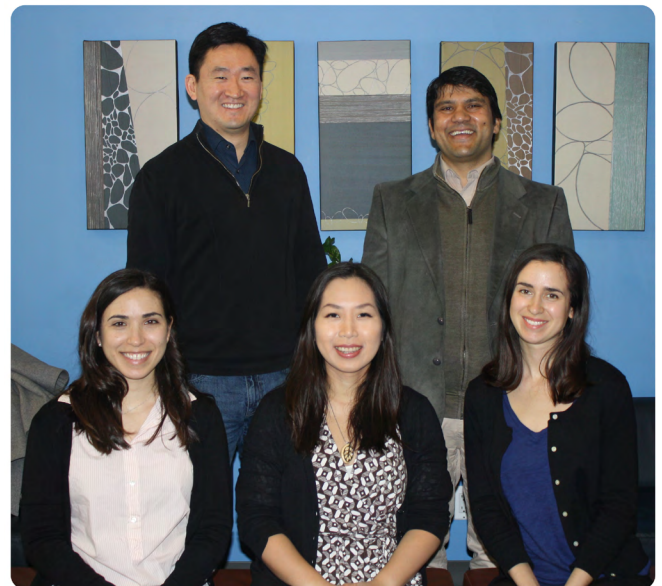
**It's not only the tulips that bloom every spring. In the Health Sciences Building, the annual student-led Research Day is a time when ideas flourish, as well.**

This year's organizing committee is led by Chair Austin Nam, a PhD student in Health Services Research. The committee has set an agenda that will focus on an essential question in health care delivery: *Why innovate? Why now?*

"Our healthcare system is struggling to meet the needs of Canadians and faces key sustainability issues. That's why the committee chose a theme of health innovation as it relates to health system improvement," says Austin. "We invited speakers and panelists who approach health innovation from different perspectives and experiences to facilitate a dynamic discussion around health innovation as an arm of health system improvement."

Panelists will include Dr. Howard Abrams, Director, OpenLab, Dr. Alex Jadad, Director, Institute for Global Health Equity & Innovation, Mr. Neil Seeman, Founder & CEO, RIWI Corporation, and Dr. Zayna Khayat, Senior Advisor, MaRS Health System Innovation.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Naomi Fulop, will discuss: "Doing health services and policy research that matters: examples, issues and challenges." Fulop is a professor of Health Care Organisation and Management in the Department of Applied Health Research, University College of London, United Kingdom. Her research interests are at the interface between health policy and service delivery, management and organization of health care, including a focus on relationships between and configurations of health care organizations. Fulop also has a keen interest in the relationship among research, policy and practice.



*Planning Committee Members: Austin Nam; Narhari Timilshina; Shawna Cronin; Theresa Lee; Zoe Downie-Ross*

*Additional committee members include David Bach; Ingrid Cheung; Rasha Kubba; Cindy Nhan; Mark Tatangelo; Jennifer Tin and faculty advisor Rhonda Cockerill*

Hosted at the Health Sciences Building on May 4, 2016, Research Day will, as always, showcase IHPME student work or research. "It's such a valuable opportunity to get insights on your own work in a collegial environment, and it's a chance to see what everyone else is working on," says Austin. "Graduate research can be isolating and Research Day is a great time to re-connect and make new connections," he says.

Austin served on last year's organizing committee, an experience that was valuable in his role as Chair. It's an experience he encourages others students to seek out. "Being part of the organizing committee is a chance to be around other students and to get to know people engaged in similar goals."

Research Day is, of course, an event that everyone at the Institute marks on their calendar. As Austin points out, it is when the people of IHPME "convene", students, alumna, faculty and health researchers around Toronto. "It's a melting pot of the aspiring and the established. We are all working towards a career in health care. Research Day helps students to share and develop innovative ideas with fellow students, faculty and alumni and have a better sense of how these ideas can be leveraged to improve healthcare."

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RESEARCH DAY 2016**

# IHPME RESEARCHER JOURNEYS TO JAPAN



**IHPME Professor [Kerry Kuluski](#) (pictured above, second from the right) recalls her recent experience with the Top Global University Project in Kyoto, Japan.**

Last December I was offered the opportunity of a lifetime; a trip to Kyoto Japan, compliments of Kyoto University, to present my research on Aging and Community Health at the 2015 Global Conference for Rising Public Health Researchers.

Kyoto University recently launched the “Top Global University Project” which entails a series of investments and initiatives to become among the top 10 universities in the world. Kyoto University invited 13 Public Health Schools from across the world to select one new/emerging researcher from their faculty to visit Kyoto, attend a two day conference and share their research. I am grateful to my mentors at IHPME and the Dalla Lana School of Public Health for their support and nomination.

Unlike typical conferences where you may stick with your own colleagues and get lost in the shuffle among crowded poster presentations and concurrent sessions, this was a smaller, strategic networking event which brought together individuals all at an early and formative stage in their career. Each attendee gave an oral presentation on a topic related to aging and community health followed by lots of opportunity for in-depth discussion and exchange of ideas. Topics ranged from community based medical care for elderly people in Bhutan to disease and mortality trends among the ageing population in Sweden. By the end of it all my head was spinning with great new ideas!

In between thought provoking presentations I – along with my new found friends who spanned several continents! – ventured off to take in the spectacular sites that Kyoto has to offer including Nijo Castle, Kinkaku-ji (Temple of the Golden Pavilion shown in the picture), Fushimi-Inari where we walked for hours up a beautiful mountain lined with orange gates and Shrines, and Nishiki Market (5 amazing blocks of unique shops and restaurants). My favourite day of sightseeing ended at a rotating sushi bar for dinner (thumbs up), a glass of Sake (thumbs down) topped with matcha ice-cream for dessert (thumbs back up again).

Being on your own in a foreign environment creates the impetus to actively reach out to others, develop new friendships and be open to new ideas and opportunities. This was Kyoto University’s goal which was wholeheartedly achieved. Meeting other researchers at a similar point in their career trajectory, learning about the methods and strategies that they are using to better understand and address a similar global health challenge—aging populations and community health- provided an appetite for continued global collaboration in this important area. Thank you to the staff, students and faculty at Kyoto University for making us feel so welcome. Most of all, thank you to the University for investing in new emerging researchers and creating this life changing opportunity.

## IHPME ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS



The 2015 edition of IHPME Annual Highlights has been released. This year’s report — entitled *A Year of Good Outcomes* — looks at the important impact our work has had on local, national and international health systems. Congratulations to all IHPME faculty, alumni and students.

The report is available online at <http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/impact/>. Printed versions can be picked up from the IHPME main office at 155 College St, room 425.

# LIFELINE SYRIA CHALLENGE

IHPME — along with others from across the Dalla Lana School of Public Health (DLSPH) — have formed a team and are taking steps to make a tremendous difference for one Syrian family.

As Syrian refugees come to Canada to build new lives, they need immediate, essential services and long-term support to ensure their successful settlement and integration into Canadian society. This is where the Dalla Lana community can help.

IHPME faculty, staff, students and alumni — along with others from DLSPH — have come together to form Team DLSPH. This team hopes to sponsor a Syrian refugee family through the University of Toronto's involvement, with other Toronto-based Universities, in the Ryerson University Lifeline Syria Challenge (RULSC).

Team DLSPH is looking for volunteers to contribute their time and for donations to meet their financial target of \$50,000 to support one family during their first year in Canada. You can learn more about Team DLSPH, volunteer your time or donate by going to their website [www.dlsphlifelinesyria.ca/](http://www.dlsphlifelinesyria.ca/)

A tax receipt will be provided by RULSC for all donations made through the website and all the funds will be spent supporting Syrian refugees.

## HOST AN MHI STUDENT

Help your organization and support health informatics' next leaders. Master of Health Informatics (MHI) students bring knowledge, skill and energy to your team. Contact us now to host a 16 week practicum placement starting in May.

For more information about the MHI practicum program email Twylla Bird-Gayson at [t.bird.gayson@utoronto.ca](mailto:t.bird.gayson@utoronto.ca)

Details available: <http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/academics/pp/mhi/practicum/>

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## SUPPORT IHPME

The Institute of Health Policy, Management & Evaluation, as part of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, is the first Canadian public health school to launch its own fundraising campaign. With the support of our generous donors, our Boundless Campaign will enable IHPME to continue shaping the training and research in health systems, management and policy.

For more information on how you can get involved, give annually, create a named fund, or consider the School in your estate planning, please contact **Beth McCarthy, Director of Advancement** at [beth.mccarthy@utoronto.ca](mailto:beth.mccarthy@utoronto.ca) or visit [IHPME Donate](#) or [Support/Campaign](#). Thank you for your support!

## IHPME IN THE NEWS

IHPME alumni and others coauthored an opinion piece on communication and healthcare for Healthy Debate. *Us and Them: Why patient-defined health teams don't communicate well*. Read the piece [here](#).

## THESIS DEFENSES

### MSc

Natasha Bollegala (supervisor: Geoffrey Nguyen)  
*The Impact of Adult Health Care Model on Emergent Health Resource Utilization in Patients with Pediatric Onset IBD*

Adam Rahman (supervisor: Geoffrey Nguyen)  
*Malnutrition Risk Assessment in Hospitalized Inpatients*

Ujash Sheth (supervisor: Susan Jaglal)  
*Practice Patterns in the Treatment of Acute Achilles Tendon Ruptures in Ontario, Canada*

Sunita Singh (supervisor: David Naimark)  
*Clinical Prediction Models of Patient and Graft Survival in Kidney Transplant Recipients*

# AWARDS

Congratulations to Alexandra Peckham, Melissa Gaskas and Sara Hennessy on being awarded the [2016 Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award](#).

# FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

## New Appointments

Karen Born - Assistant Professor (Status)  
Morgan Lim - Assistant Professor (Status)  
Hussain Mofakhar - Adjunct Lecturer  
Heather Shapiro - Associate Professor (Cross-Appointment)

## Renewed Appointments

Robert Fowler - Associate Professor (Status)  
Lianne Patricia Jeffs - Associate Professor (Status)  
Renee Lyons - Professor (Status)

## Graduate Faculty Memberships

Jenna Evans - Associate (Restricted)  
Jennifer Gibson - Full Membership  
Agnes Grudniewicz - Associate (Restricted)

# PUBLICATIONS

Guilcher S, [Bronskill S](#), Guan J, [Wodchis WP](#)  
*PLOS One*  
[Who Are the High-Cost Users? A Method for Person-Centred Attribution of Health Care Spending](#)

[Detsky AS](#), Garber AM.

*NEJM*

[Uber's Message for Health Care](#)

Simonik A, Vader K, Ellis D, Kesbian D, Leung P, Jachyra P, Chan Carusone S, [O'Brien KK](#)  
*BMJ Open*

[Are you ready? Exploring readiness to engage in exercise among people living with HIV and multimorbidity in Toronto, Canada: a qualitative study](#)

[Wodchis WP](#), Arthurs E, Khan AI, Gandhi S, MacKinnon M, Sussman J.

*Current Oncology*

[Cost trajectories for cancer patients](#)

# EVENTS

## Research Day 2016!

May 4, 2016

155 College Street, Health Sciences Building

Research Day is just around the corner! Come join us for an eventful day of networking and learning from your peers and industry leaders. This year's theme is innovation: *Why Innovate? Why Now?*

We're now calling for submissions and here's your chance to apply to present an oral presentation and/or poster about a project that you've worked on. Please apply by April 4th, 2016 at 5pm to <http://bit.ly/1RKFUNG>.

Be sure to check out [Poster Guidelines](#) and [Oral Presentation Guidelines](#). Simply submit a title and a 75 word abstract. All abstracts will be featured in the Research Day Program Booklet.

If you have any questions please contact Austin Nam, Chair, Research Day Planning Committee at [austin.nam@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:austin.nam@mail.utoronto.ca)

Details available: [ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/ihpme-researchday-2016/](http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/ihpme-researchday-2016/)

## CCHE Seminar Series

CCHE seminars are held every Friday, from 10 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please note the upcoming seminars.

[Rinku Sutradhar](#), April 8, 2016

Nicholas Mitsakakis, April 15, 2016

Details available:

<http://www.canadiancentreforhealthconomics.ca/learn/conferences-and-seminars/cche-seminar-series-15-16-2/>

## Health Policy Rounds

Please mark your calendars for our monthly rounds – the first Monday of every month – 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The next session will be held on May 2nd.

Read the  
DLSPH Bulletin





# EVENTS

## South Africa – Canada Health System Comparisons

April 4, 2016 | 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
April 5, 2016 | 11:30 am to 12:30 pm  
April 7, 2016 | 11:30 am to 12:30 pm

All sessions will be held in HS 208

This three-part seminar series will draw upon topics of equity and sustainability in the South African and Canadian health systems.

These one hour sessions are hosted by IHPME Director, Adalsteinn Brown, IHPME Senior Fellow Terrence Sullivan and Adjunct Professor, Joint Centre for Bioethics, Solomon Benatar.

Details available: <http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/south-africa-canada-health-system-comparisons/>

## Health System Design – Symposium

April 12, 2016  
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
HS 6th floor auditorium

Featuring: Dr. [Gregory Marchildon](#), Ontario Research Chair in Health Policy and System Design, IHPME

Delivering a two-page summary of proceedings as feedback to the Honourable Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Dr. Eric Hoskins, regarding the Discussion paper “Patients First: A Proposal to Strengthen Patient-Centred Health Care in Ontario”.

Details available: <http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/health-system-design-symposium-2/>

## CRNCC HSPRN and IHPME Joint Symposium – Caring for Caregivers

April 14, 2016  
8:30 am to 2:00 pm  
245 Church Street, Toronto

This symposium features leading academic and policy experts. It tackles key assumptions around caregiving including the assumption that caregivers are going to be willing and able to step up as more individuals require care and as more care shifts from hospital and institutional settings to home and community.

\$ | *Registration required.*

Details available: <http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/crncc-hsprn-and-ihpme-joint-symposium-caring-for-caregivers/>

## The 6th Annual QuIPS Conference

May 6-7, 2016  
Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute

The conference will take a closer look at the impact of technology on clinical care, health behaviours, and social determinants of health. This year's event features extensive networking opportunities with peers, collaborators, potential employers, and representatives from Health Quality Ontario, Ontario Telemedicine Network, Canada Health Infoway, Deloitte, and many more!

\$ | *Registration required.*

Details available: <http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/the-6th-annual-quips-conference/>

## 2016 National Forum on Simulation for Quality & Safety

May 30, 2016  
Sheraton Gateway Hotel, Toronto Pearson International Airport, Terminal 3

Attendees should expect a dynamic program that includes an inspiring and informative lineup of presenters from Canadian leaders in simulation in hospitals, and plenty of social and networking opportunities. For more information, please contact [education@SIM-one.ca](mailto:education@SIM-one.ca). This event will be co-chaired by IHPME Director [Adalsteinn Brown](#).

\$ | *Registration required.*

Details available: <http://www.sim-one.ca/simexpo/forum-2016>

# WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

Our monthly newsletter profiles members of the IHPME community and lists upcoming events.

We're pleased to receive submissions of 400 words or less for consideration in upcoming editions. If you'd like your event listed, please send full details.

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