NEW FACULTY

Dr. Greg Marchildon will join IHPME in July as Full Professor with tenure and Ontario Research Chair in Health Policy and System Design and will bring a unique combination of both academic achievement and public affairs experience.

During his early career in academia, Greg obtained a PhD from the London School of Economics, and then was assistant professor at Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, DC. In 1994, he entered the halls of government in his native Saskatchewan, serving as the Deputy Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs in the provincial government. In 1996, he became the Deputy Minister to the Premier and Cabinet Secretary, the highest public service position.

In 2001, he left provincial government to serve as Executive Director for the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada (Romanow Commission). Returning to academia in 2003, Greg became the Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Public Policy and Economic History at Johnson-Shoyama School of Public Policy at the University of Regina. “IHPME’s contributions to health care thinking and innovation are valued and respected across the country. The challenges facing health care delivery in Canada are challenging but not insurmountable, and I’m pleased to have this opportunity to encourage and support future generations of health system leaders who will enhance care and ensure the system is both sustainable while protecting equity of access,” said Greg. Since returning to academia, he has received over $4 million from CIHR and matched funding as principal or co-principal investigator. He has authored seven books, including two editions of Health Systems in Transition: Canada and edited another 18, in addition to being first author on 48 peer-reviewed papers.

Dr. Emily Seto will be joining IHPME in July as an Assistant Professor, becoming the Academic Director of the Master of Health Informatics Program.

A professional engineer, Emily received her PhD from IHPME. She is currently a researcher and manager at the Centre for Global eHealth Innovation and affiliated faculty at the TECHNA Institute (Institute for the Advancement of Technology for Health) at the University Health Network. Emily has been a significant contributor to the health informatics programs and scholarship at IHPME. She has a total of 17 past and presently funded projects ($2.7 million funding as Principal Investigator (PI), Co-PI, or Co-Investigator) focused on developing, evaluating, and deploying information technology tools based on mobile innovations for patients and their care team.

“In my own career, I’ve benefited tremendously from the collaborative environment at IHPME. I’m very pleased to have this
Anthony Culyer and Alan Maynard


The Prize is awarded by The Baxter International Foundation and the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA), and will be presented on June 4, 2015, during the AUPHA Annual Meeting in Miami.

The Prize recognizes the contributions of health services researchers who have had a significant impact on the health of the public in one of three primary focus areas: health services management, health policy development, and healthcare delivery. The contributions of Professors Culyer and Maynard reflect all three of these attributes.

Taylor Martin

Congratulations to IHPME student Taylor Martin for receiving the Action Canada Fellowship!

Taylor, a graduating IHPME student (MHSc), is dedicated to creating equitable access to healthcare services. Taylor brings a rich background to Action Canada, having held roles in government, the hospital sector, and private industry. At Ontario’s Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care he led policy development and launched a program to orient foreign-trained nurses. Recently, Taylor has written and published on the link between health outcomes and clinical staff engagement, and the future of health system integration in Ontario.

IHPME Research Day Awards

Naazish Bashir ~ Robert Duff Barron Award
Julia Ho ~ Maureen Dixon Memorial Award
Teja Voruganti ~ Kevin J. Leonard Award
Sophia Ali ~ Health Equity and Social Justice Award in Honour of Diana Moeser
Avi Biswas ~ Ted Goldberg Scholarship Fund
Saswata Deb ~ Claire Bombardier Award Platinum
Elinor Simons ~ Claire Bombardier Award Gold
Natasha Saunders ~ Claire Bombardier Award

Natasha Saunders ~ Thomas & Edna Naylor Memorial Award
Dallas Seitz ~ Thomas & Edna Naylor Memorial Award
Madeline Lemke ~ GSU MSc HSR Poster Award
Alanna Weisman ~ GSU MSc CEHCR Poster Award
Sheena Melwani ~ G.B. Rosenfeld Annual Book Award
Omid Saadatfard ~ G.B. Rosenfeld Annual Book Award
Maude Laberge ~ Eugene Vayda Scholarship Award
Rohan D’Souza ~ Gillian Hawker PhD Award
David Rudoler ~ Best Oral Presentation - Health Policy
Rahul Chanchlani ~ Best Oral Presentation - Diabetes
Elaine Goh ~ Best Oral Presentation - Health Care Professionals
Patti Leake ~ Best Oral Presentation - Social Media and KT
Julia O’Mahony ~ Best Oral Presentation - Indicators of Illness and Disease
Diane Grondin ~ Best Oral Presentation - KT Theory and Practice
Carolina Barnett Tapia ~ Best Oral Presentation - Health Measurement and Reporting
Mark Tatangelo ~ Best Oral Presentation - Issues in Chronic Disease Management
Naaz Bashir ~ Best Oral Presentation - Resource Utilization and System Costs

Thesis Defenses

PhD:

Kadia Petrica (supervisor W. Berta) ~ “Introducing the ’Third Phase’ of Priority Setting: Advancing Methods for Priority Setting Practice through the Contribution of Systems Theory. Lessons from a Case Study of District Health Planning and Priority Setting in Ethiopia”

Laure Perrier (supervisor S. Straus) ~ “The Development and Pilot Test of a Shortened Systematic Review Format for Use by Physicians”

Frances Morton (supervisor P. Williams) ~ “Tipping Points for Institutional Care for Persons Living with Dementia: Analyzing the Policy Trajectory in Ontario”
Munaza Chaudhry (supervisor G. Anderson) – “Predicting Individual-Level Probabilities of Diabetes and Dementia Using Health Services Administrative Data”

MSc:

Jillian Watkins (supervisor P. Williams) – “Setting the Balance of Care for Sexually Diverse Seniors: The Social Exclusion of LGBT Seniors in Home and Community Care”

Jessica Bytautas (supervisor M. Dobrow) – “A Qualitative Study of Ontario Cancer System Leaders’ Views on the “Promises of Accountability””

Chethan Sathya (supervisor A. Nathens) – “Outcomes and Processes of Care Among Trauma Centres Caring for Injured Children”

Abhijit Duggal (supervisor R. Fowler) – “Heterogeneity in the Reporting of Mortality in Critically Ill Patients During the 2009 Influenza A Pandemic: A Systematic Review and Meta-Regression”

PUBLICATIONS

Jenna Evans, Agnes Grudniewicz, Walter Wodchis, Ross Baker

“Leading the Implementation of Health Links in Ontario”
HealthcarePapers 2015, 14(2)

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Status-Only Appointments: Associate Professor
Clare Pain

Status-Only Appointments: Assistant Professor
Andrew Costa
Conor Mc Donnell
Peter Rumney

Adjunct Faculty
Nancy Gray Cooper – Adjunct Professor (Renewal)

Marie Pinard – Adjunct Lecturer
Jasmin Kantarevic – Adjunct Lecturer

EVENTS

IHPME-SOG Education Day 2015

Big Data Demystified: Solution Options & Opportunities For The Health System

June 12, 2015
12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Expert Panel:

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

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

Astrid Guttmann, Chief Science Officer, Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES), Associate Professor, IHPME, University of Toronto

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

Winners will announced for the following two awards:
Emerging Health System Leaders Award in Honour of Louise Lemieux-Charles

The Harold L. Livergant Award

Register Today: ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/education-day-2015/

A Celebration of Dave Sackett’s Life

June 22, 2015
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Dr. David L. Sackett, the father of evidence-based medicine passed away May 13, 2015 at the age of 80.

An American-Canadian medical doctor and a pioneer in evidence-based medicine, Dr. Sackett founded the first department of clinical epidemiology in Canada at McMaster University, and the Oxford Centre for Evidence-Based Medicine. He is well known for his textbooks Clinical Epidemiology and Evidence-Based Medicine.

The Department of Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics at McMaster University is organizing an event to celebrate his life.

Location: The David Braley Health Sciences Centre, McMaster University, 100 Main Street West, Hamilton

Please RSVP at sackettrsvp@gmail.com
Realist Evaluation/Synthesis Free Workshop

June 24, 2015
10:00 am to noon

The Evaluation Centre at St. Michael’s Hospital is delighted to announce that Ray Pawson, the developer of realist evaluation and realist synthesis methodologies, will be presenting at the Centre on Wednesday, June 24th between 10am and noon. The workshop is titled “Accountability and Learning from a Realist Evaluation Perspective: A Dialogue with Ray Pawson.”

As seating is extremely limited, preference will be given to those working in the community and policy sector. If interested in participating in the workshop please email Emily Chen (chenxie@smh.ca) and include a brief one-sentence description of your interest in realist evaluation/synthesis.

Location: The Evaluation Centre at St. Michael’s Hospital

Please email Emily Chen at chenxie@smh.ca

IHPME Health Leadership Series

Fall 2015 edition with Visiting Professor Niek Klazinga!

Dr. Klazinga will lecture on policy lessons for Ontario. IHPME’s earmark Series intends to spark ideas and debate among health system leaders and policymakers from wide areas of expertise. Exciting new lecture events will be announced on a seasonal basis.

2015 CAHSPR Conference

The CIHR Institute of Health Services and Policy Research (IHSPR) would like to congratulate the 2014-15 Article of the Year and Rising Star award winners. We encourage you to meet and congratulate the winners at the conference!

CIHR-IHSPR Article of the Year

Urbach DR, Govindarajan A, Saskin R, Wilton AS, Baxter N.

Introduction of Surgical Safety Checklists in Ontario, Canada.

David Urbach (MD, MSc) is Professor of Surgery and Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at The University of Toronto (U of T), a Scientist at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES), and Head of the Research Division of Support, Systems and Outcomes at the Toronto General Hospital Research Institute.

Nancy Baxter (MD, PhD, FRCSC, FACS) is an Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery and Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the U of T and a Senior Scientist at ICES.

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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