

IHPME CONNECT 07.2015

UPWARD AND ONWARD

NEW MHI DIRECTOR

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Julia Zarb has joined IHPME on June 1, 2015 as a part-time Lecturer. She is also the new Administrative Director for the Master of Health Informatics (MHI) Program. Many of you will know Julia as she has been an Adjunct Lecturer for MHI at IHPME for three years and teaches a course on “Strategic Frameworks for Solution Architecture”.

Julia received a PhD in communications theory from the University of Toronto and has had roles in healthcare information technology strategy and leadership in USA and Canada since 1996. Julia was a founding leader of both National Health IT Week and the Electronic Health Record Vendor Association (EHRA) for HIMSS in the US. She has contributed to a variety of reports,



roadmaps, task forces, and workgroups, including the HIMSS HL7 & IHE Interoperability Collaborative and HIMSS Katrina Phoenix. Julia also developed the grant-sponsoring organization, Center for Community Health Leadership, for Misys Healthcare.

Julia led the strategy firm, Zarb Consulting, for six years with clients including Allscripts (National ePrescribing Patient Safety Initiative), Health Information Management Systems Society (HIMSS), Siemens Healthcare, McKesson, Partners' Healthcare (CITL/ Harvard), American College of Cardiology, and Allergan (Botox® Therapeutic). Recently, as Director of Strategy Happens, Julia has worked to re-launch the IHPME brand.

MHI REUNION

Following a successful Education Day, Master of Health Informatics (MHI) students held a special reunion event for MHI students, alumni and most importantly, Twylla Bird-Gayson. The reunion doubled as a surprise goodbye party for Twylla, where students gave thanks to the former MHI Program Director with celebration and a retirement gift.

Twylla will continue in a part time position with IHPME, with responsibilities for launching the executive MHI degree.



Melissa Gaskas, Twylla Bird-Gayson, and Sara Hennessy



EDUCATION DAY 2015

Friday, June 12 – On a cloudy afternoon, members of the IHPME community gathered at the TELUS Tower on York Street for a speaker session entitled Big Data Demystified: Solution Options & Opportunities for the Health System. The success of Education Day 2015 was evident in the bright mood of an engaged audience, comprised of IHPME students, award winners, faculty, alumni and partners.

Participants had the opportunity to listen to experts on big data and the health system, and ask questions. The theme of the day was brought to life by featured speakers Don Aldridge, Nick Cercone, Astrid Guttman, and Tom Vair. Bios available [here](#).

The event provided ample networking opportunities and a chance for participants to consider applications of big data for health systems and organizational transformation from a research, impact and local perspective.

IHPME Director Adalsteinn Brown provided opening remarks and former President of the Society of Graduates — Sue VanderBent (CEO, Home Care Ontario) — gave a warm welcome address. The session was moderated by Dave Thomas, IHPME alumnus and Vice President at TELUS Health Solutions (a generous sponsor of the event), who adeptly lead the discussion.

During the break, participants were able to visit the poster-



Education Day Planning Committee

boards of winners from IHPME'S Research Day 2015. The event also recognized the winner of this year's Harold Livergant award, Lina Neves, and the second recipient of the Louise Lemieux-Charles award, Emily Musing, an emerging health system leader.

Education Day continues to transform and grow. Each year brings new topics, speakers and an informative experience for IHPME, its Society of Graduates, and its many partners.

Click [here](#) to view Education Day 2015 event photos on our Flickr page.



Tina Smith and Lina Neves



Emily Musing and Louise Lemieux-Charles



QUALITY MATTERS:

REALIZING EXCELLENT CARE FOR ALL

Health Quality Ontario's System Quality Advisory Committee, including several IHPME, DLSPH and U of T Medicine experts, published a report on June 19, 2015 called: Quality Matters: Realizing Excellent Care For All. The Committee, chaired by Professor Adalsteinn Brown, is developing a vision, definition of quality, and set of principles that can align all professional and administrative groups and Ontarians at large around a common understanding of what health system quality looks like.

The purpose of this report is to move the health quality conversation forward with a structure and sense of urgency. Professors Brown and Joshua Tepper (HQO CEO and Associate Professor in IHPME and U of T's Department of Family and Community Medicine) are circulating this document to health care leaders and encouraging the IHPME and DLSPH communities to weigh in: Does Quality Matters hit the mark? Does it identify the right issues and key enablers to overcome the barriers to system-wide quality improvement? Will this proposed framework help health care organizations like yours turn their commitment to quality into reality?

AWARDS

Camille Orridge

We are thrilled to announce that IHPME Alumni, Ms. Camille Orridge, received a Lifetime Achievement Award for all of her contributions to the home and community care sector. It is the first award of its kind. The award was handed to Camille at the Annual Ontario Association of Community Care Access Centres Awards for Excellence banquet. Congratulations Camille!



Kelly O'Brien

IHPME's Dr. Kelly O'Brien receives the Elisse Zack Award of Excellence in HIV and Rehabilitation - a competitive, annual, national award. Congratulations Kelly! http://www.hivandrehab.ca/EN/about_us/2015Award.php

Shirlee Sharkey

IHPME adjunct professor and Saint Elizabeth CEO, Shirlee Sharkey, earns prestigious national award. Saint Elizabeth celebrates the human spirit: Innovative 'Hope and Happiness' movement. Read the full story [here](#). Congratulations Shirlee!

IHPME IN THE NEWS

IHPME's Dr. Ben Chan contributes to the debate on physician retirement, how old is too old to practice medicine? As well, he recommends tools to ensure aging physicians continue to provide comprehensive and quality care.

Listen to "The doctors are in: Debating mandatory retirement for physicians" www.cbc.ca/radio/popup/audio/player.html?autoplay=true&clipIds=2669543959

IHPME Professor Omid Shabestari discusses barriers to telemedicine in Healthy Debate: <http://healthydebate.ca/2015/06/topic/telemedicine-across-canada>

IHPME STUDENTS LAUNCH APP

IHPME students Zack Fisch, Victor Chen, Jerry Tang, Kaye Mao, and Haley Liu have launched their app [Outpatient for William Osler Health System](#).

"Outpatient is an app that will take your care from hospital to home all on your smartphone." Outpatient delivers hospital-specific discharge instructions to patients. The app's goal is to better engage patients, encouraging them to get involved and empowering them through education throughout the discharge process, thereby reducing the number of readmissions.

Learn more at www.engage.md.



FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Adjunct Faculty

Kathleen Ann McKibbin – Adjunct Professor

Reshma Prashad – Adjunct Lecturer

Assistant Professor (Status)

Rebecca Howard-Hancock

Michael Hillmer

Clare Atzema

Jeremy Petch

Beate Sander (renewed)

Assistant Professor (Non-Budgetary Cross)

Laura Rosella

Associate Professor (Status)

Eric Nauenberg

THESIS DEFENSES

PhD:

Joanne Soo-Min Kim (supervisor A.Laporte) – *“Does Predictive Genetic Information Change Individual Health Behaviours? An Evaluation of Personalized Medicine in Cancer Prevention”*

Maude Laberge (supervisor W. Wodchis) – *“How Does Ontario Primary Care Perform? Effectiveness, Costs and Efficiency”*

Mayvis Rebeira (supervisor P. Coyte) – *“Essays on the Economics of Longevity”*

MSc:

Kathleen Armstrong (supervisor P. Coyte) – *“Cost-effective Care Delivery Models in Ambulatory Surgery: Expedited Discharge and Virtual Care”*

Andrea Brovender (supervisor R. Baker) – *“Use and Effect of Quantitative Clinical Feedback for Learning and Quality Improvement in Anesthesiology”*

Peter Church (supervisor B. Feldman) – *“Magnetic Resonance Enterography for the Assessment of Pediatric Crohn’s Disease”*

Nazlin Hirji (supervisor R. Cockerill) – *“Identifying Effective Instructional Design Features of Simulation in Nursing Education: A Realist Review”*

EVENTS

The Moonshot Event

Save the Date - October 14 @ 5:00 pm

INSPIRE. LEAD. CHANGE. Join us as we celebrate the impact our students and alumni have on transforming health care, today and for the next generation, at a fun evening of food, cocktails, awards and appreciation.

Jointly hosted with Health Quality Ontario following “Health Quality Transformation 2015”

More details to follow. Please visit ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/moonshot-event-2015/

IHPME Health Leadership Series Continues this Fall!

Join IHPME and Dr. Niek Klazinga, Professor, Dept. of Social Medicine, Academic Medical Centre University of Amsterdam.

Further details will be made available soon.

IHPME on Flickr

IHPME is now on Flickr! You can view photos from our many meetings and events. You may also share your photos with the IHPME community.

Whether you’re a student, faculty or staff member or partner to the Institute, we would be delighted to see your story. Contact ihpme@utoronto.ca to make an upload.

