

IHPME CONNECT 09.2015

ANNOUNCING:

NEW LOUNGE TO MAKE ALL FACULTY FEEL AT HOME

The Institute will feel a little more like home — for status, adjunct and core faculty — with a new faculty lounge now open. Located on the fourth floor, just outside “Steini’s Office”, it’s a space for faculty to catch their breath between classes, or catch up with colleagues over lunch.

“It’s a way of encouraging faculty to come down and spend time at the Institute in an informal atmosphere where they can network with peers. It’s a small step in helping to build on IHPME’s sense of community and to make the Institute a more welcoming home, particularly for those faculty who are not here full time,” says IHPME Associate Director, Rhonda Cockerill.

A GRAD EXPERIENCE

Kadia Petricca, 2015 IHPME graduate from the HSR PhD program, tells us about her experience at IHPME and a bit about her current work in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

I entered the Health Services Research PhD program with a keen interest in understanding how health policies are set and implemented within a complex system of interacting variables. In particular, I was interested to investigate how such policy processes unfold within low-income contexts confronted with complex health system challenges. Post the completion of



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Kadia Petricca

my Masters of Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, I was determined to pursue these interests at IHPME given the variety of courses offered and the expertise of its faculty.



In addition to IHPME's rich academic environment, the collegiality I experienced among fellow students and faculty members further inspired me to engage in a variety of extracurricular activities focused on student governance and curriculum development. Such enriching collaborative experiences, along with the completion of rigorous course work, and the production of my dissertation were foundational to my growth as a global health researcher.

IHPME ALUMNI DECORATED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR- GENERAL

On the 26th of June, 2015 during a ceremony filled with pomp and pageantry at Rideau Hall in Ottawa, Stephan (Steve) Plourde (MHS 2004) received the Meritorious Service Medal for his efforts and success during his 2013 deployment to Kabul, Afghanistan as part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's Training Mission.

The Meritorious Service Decorations were created by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to recognize an individual for a remarkable achievement accomplished over a limited period of time. The Meritorious Service Medal recognizes a military deed or activity performed in a highly professional manner, according to a very high standard that brings benefit or honour to the Canadian Forces.

Working with the Afghan Armed Forces Academy of Medical Science (AFAMS), Steve was the Command Health Advisor and Mentorship team Leader charged with helping the organization build capacity in Medical education, training and research. Heading an international team composed of Canadian, American and Albanian multi-disciplinary health professionals, Steve earned this recognition by making tangible and enduring

Since early 2014, I have been working as a Research Associate for Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, I have been working with a team of researchers to assist the Tanzanian Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in the implementation of a nationally integrated Community Health Worker cadre—an experience I have been professionally prepared to undertake based upon the rigour of my academic training at IHPME.



Sgt. Ronald Duchesne, Rideau Hall, Stephan Plourde (left), Gov. Gen. David Johnston (right)
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improvements to AFAMS ability to deliver quality programs of instruction that will benefit Afghan Security Forces well into the future.

The accompanying award citation reads *“Lieutenant-Colonel Plourde was deployed to Kabul, Afghanistan, as the leader of the Armed Forces Academy of Medical Sciences Advisory Team from July to December 2013. He developed and implemented a comprehensive health services plan for the Afghan National Security Forces by assessing how best to provide care with limited medical resources and time. His knowledge and leadership established a sustainable and relevant plan that was sensitive to the Afghans’ needs. Lieutenant-Colonel Plourde’s indispensable work brought honour to the Canadian Armed Forces and to Canada.”*

It is also noteworthy that Steve was the 2004 University of Toronto Recipient of the CCHL Robert Wood Johnson Award, nominated by faculty *“to the student most likely to make a noteworthy contribution in the field of health services administration.”*

All of us at IHPME congratulate Steve on a job well done and wish him continued success in future endeavours!



IHPME IN THE NEWS

One of IHPME's newest faculty members, [Jeremy Petch](#), was featured in the Toronto Star for his work with Faces of Health Care, a project launched by [Andreas Laupacis](#), executive director of the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital ([read the full article](#)). Faces of Health Care is modelled after the wildly popular blog, Humans of New York, by photographer Brandon Stanton. Similarly, Laupacis' and Petch's project features portraits and short narratives, collected from a variety of perspectives. Get to know the faces at facesofhealthcare.ca.

[Ahmed Bayoumi](#) has been named the next Fondation Baxter & Alma Ricard Chair in Inner City Health. The chair is a joint partnership between St. Michael's and the University of Toronto, where Dr. Bayoumi is a full professor with IHPME and the Department of Medicine. [See the full story](#) on the St. Michael's Hospital website.

PUBLICATIONS

[Skeldon SC](#), [Detsky AS](#), [Goldenberg SL](#), [Law MR](#)

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AWARDS

[Michelle Pannor Silver](#)

IHPME faculty member [Michelle Pannor Silver](#) received a 2015 Connaught New Researcher Award and a Mitacs Accelerate Cluster. Congratulations Michelle!

[Yvonne Bombard](#)

IHPME faculty member Yvonne Bombard has received the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Foundation Grant. Congratulations Yvonne! Read more on Dr. Bombard's research and support in advancing genomic medicine on the IHPME News page: ihpme.utoronto.ca/2015/08/yvonne-bombard-cihr-foundation-grant/

[Rick Glazier](#)

IHPME Professor [Rick Glazier](#) was honoured as one of the Top 20 Pioneers of Family Medicine Research in Canada. He was recognized for his work using health administrative data at the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Studies (ICES). Congratulations Rick! See the CFPC official news release, here: cfpc.ca/ProjectAssets/Templates/NewsItem.aspx?id=8072

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Adjunct Lecturer

[Rosario G. Cartagena](#)

[Andrea McInerney](#)

Adjunct Professor

[Lee Fairclough](#)

[Karim Keshavjee](#)

Assistant Professor (STA) - Renewals

[Alexander Kiss](#)

[Barbara Russell](#)



THESIS DEFENSES

PhD:

Amy Hsu (supervisor Audrey Laporte) – *“An Investigation of Approaches to Performance Measurement: Applications to Long-Term Care in Ontario”*

Agnieszka Grudniewicz (supervisor Sharon Straus) – *“Printed Educational Materials for Primary Care Physicians”*

MSc:

Kevin Schwartz (supervisor Thérèse Stukel) – *“Pertussis Vaccine Effectiveness and Waning Immunity”*

EVENTS

The Moonshot Event - Register Now!

October 14, 2015

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.

Jointly hosted with Health Quality Ontario following “Health Quality Transformation 2015”. Nominate a student for Society of Graduates’ 2015 Leadership, Innovation and Literary Awards. [How to apply](#). Deadline September 15.

Location: Steam Whistle Brewing, The Hall, 225 Bremner Blvd. (Roundhouse Park), Toronto

Registration is Open. Early-bird student rate available, while quantities last. Get your tickets fast for this exciting event!

Please visit ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/moonshot-event-2015/

IHPME Health Leadership Series Continues this Fall!

October 29, 2015

5:00 pm

Join IHPME Director Dr. Adalsteinn Brown and featured speaker [Dr. Niek Klazinga](#), Professor, Dept. of Social Medicine, Academic

Medical Centre University of Amsterdam at Hart House on Thursday, October 29 for IHPME’s third [Health Leadership Talk](#).

The lecture event starts 5:00pm and includes a Q&A period with Dr. Klazinga. Stay the evening for a networking reception, plentiful appetizers and a host bar.

Location: Hart House, Debates Room, 2nd Floor, 7 Hart House Circle, Toronto

Healthy Work Environments Institute: Creating Healthy Work Environments

September 21 - September 25, 2015

The Registered Nurses’ Association of Ontario (RNAO) is pleased to offer its semi-annual Institute. The Institute is a week-long course designed for all nursing staff, health-care leaders and human resource professionals, seeking to enhance their skills in leadership, collaborative practice, conflict management, self-care, and professional practice to create a healthier workplace.

Location: King City, Ontario

To learn more and register, please visit: rnao.ca/events/creating-healthy-work-environments-institute

HTA Institute 2015

September 28 - September 30, 2015

Health Technology Assessment for Decision Makers

The HTA Institute will bring together experts from a range of disciplines to provide attendees with pragmatic tools for HTA. This three-day intensive course will be useful to individuals who use HTA to make decisions relating to drugs, devices, and programs.

Registration Deadline: September 4, 2015.

Full course details: <http://theta.utoronto.ca/HTAI>

Grad Minds #NeurodiverseUT

Grad Minds introduces #NeurodiverseUT, a monthly twitter chat for neurodivergent students that started Friday, August 28th at 3:30pm and is an ongoing initiative via [Twitter](#).

As a new initiative on neurodiversity, Grad Minds intends to create a community and support network for any student who identifies as a neurodivergent. Neurodiversity is an umbrella term that encompasses all kinds of mental and learning disabilities such as (but not limited to) depression, anxiety, ADHD, dyslexia, autism, etc.



This initiative is open to everyone - graduate students, undergraduate students, staff, and faculty, so feel free to advertise it throughout your department/faculty.

For more information about #NeurodiverseUT, please access the [Google Doc here](#).

DLSPH Open House

October 17, 2015

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Hosted by the Graduate Department of Public Health Sciences and the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (IHPME).

FEATURED PROGRAMS:

Public Health Sciences:

Master of Public Health (MPH): Epidemiology, Nutrition and Dietetics, Social and Behavioural Health Sciences, Occupational and Environmental Health

Master of Science (MSc): Biostatistics

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD): Biostatistics, Epidemiology, Occupational and Environmental Health, Social and Behavioural Health Sciences

IHPME:

Masters of Health Informatics (MHI)

Masters of Health Administration (MHSc)

Masters of Science (MSc): Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, System Leadership and Innovation, Health Services Research, Clinical Epidemiology and Health Care Research

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD): Health Systems Research, Clinical Epidemiology and Health Care Research

Location: 155 College Street, 6th & 7th Floor, Health Sciences Building

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.

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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