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EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH AND LEADERSHIP

PROFESSOR ROSS BAKER RECEIVES PEGGY LEATT AWARD

IHPME is excited to announce that Ross Baker, IHPME Professor and Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Lead, will be honoured with this year's Peggy Leatt Knowledge and Impact Award.

This award – which is being presented for the first time, this year – recognizes a leading healthcare scholar with a strong track record in developing transformative evidence and initiatives that have significantly improved the healthcare system.

“Ross was a natural choice for this year’s award,” explains [Adalsteinn Brown](#), IHPME Director. “Ross’s work has consistently provided significant evidence and analysis that has advanced healthcare policy and practice.”

Baker is widely credited for bringing Canadian patient safety and accountability in health care into focus.

With Dr. Peter Norton, Baker co-led [the first set of studies to provide a national estimate of the incidence of adverse events across Canadian hospitals](#). This work brought to light the need for a critical strategy in identifying patient safety issues and engaging healthcare professionals in the improvement of care.

Additionally, Baker was the first [to suggest the introduction of a balanced scorecard approach to Canadian hospitals](#). Further, he went on to lead the Ontario Hospital Report – the first provincial multi-dimensional performance reporting system in Canada and one of the first balanced scorecard efforts in health care.



Baker’s work has also had substantial influence in shaping healthcare legislation. His book – [High Performing Healthcare Organizations: Delivering Quality by Design](#) – has been cited by leaders and researchers across the globe. This publication is noted as a key resource in the development of the *Ontario Excellent Care for All* legislation.

Appropriately, Baker’s academic work, and its subsequent impact, aligns directly with the central vision of former IHPME chair Peggy Leatt. Throughout her career, Leatt emphasized the importance of research and evidence in bringing meaningful change in health policy and care delivery.

“Receiving this award is a tremendous honour,” says Baker, who was mentored by Leatt. “Peggy’s innovative research, leadership and mentorship has been inspiring. She set high professional standards and recognized the need for expanded education for researchers and management professionals in health care.”

Baker continues to focus his efforts on quality improvement and patient safety in health care on an international, national and provincial settings.

Baker has been a member of the Health Foundation’s Improvement Science Development Group which has steered quality improvement research and education in the UK. He has served as a board member of the Health Quality Council of Saskatchewan since 2005 and serves as editor of *Healthcare Quarterly*. Also, Baker’s participation in the *Quality of Care Information Protection Act* Review Committee aims to improve the disclosure of information on critical incidents in Ontario hospitals to patients and families. He is a member of the Strategic Quality Advisory Group sponsored by Health Quality Ontario.

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Baker's [recent white paper on strategies](#) for high performing health care is an important input for the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) in developing a new strategic plan – and supporting healthcare leaders in analyzing emerging policy initiatives to assess impact.

Baker currently is the Program Lead at IHPME for the MSc in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety and serves as co-lead of [IDEAS \(Improving and Driving Excellence Across Sectors\)](#), a provincial initiative – funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health and delivered in collaboration with the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences and Health Quality Ontario – aimed at building leadership and quality improvement capacity across the health system.

Baker will be delivering a lecture on “The Paradoxes of Innovation and Improvement in Healthcare” at the upcoming Peggy Leatt award reception, next month. This lecture will be published in the upcoming issue of Healthcare Papers and will serve as lead commentary for additional essays on the topic.

To register for the event, see: <http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/ihpme-peggy-leatt-award-event/>

PUBLICATIONS

Judson TJ, Volpp KG, [Detsky AS](#)

JAMA

[Consequences of Influencing Physician Behavior–Reply.](#)

[Gagliardi AR, Dobrow MJ](#)

BMC Health Serv Res

[Identifying the conditions needed for integrated knowledge translation \(IKT\) in health care organizations: qualitative interviews with researchers and research users.](#)

Creatore MI, [Glazier RH](#), Moineddin R, Fazli GS, Johns A, Gozdyra P, Matheson FI, Kaufman-Shriqui V, [Rosella LC](#), Manuel DG, [Booth GL](#)

JAMA

[Association of Neighborhood Walkability With Change in Overweight, Obesity, and Diabetes.](#)

Gray SC, [Wodchis WP](#), [Upshur R](#), Cott C, McKinstry B, Mercer S, Palen TE, Ramsay T, Thavorn K; Project Collaborators And Technology Partner, QoC Health Inc.

JMIR Res Protoc

[Supporting Goal-Oriented Primary Health Care for Seniors with Complex Care Needs Using Mobile Technology: Evaluation and Implementation of the Health System Performance Research Network, Bridgepoint Electronic Patient Reported Outcome Tool.](#)

AWARDS & HONOURS

Congratulations to IHPME alumna [Jodeme Goldhar](#)! Goldhar has been selected to receive one of the University of Toronto's [Arbor Awards](#) this year, in honour of all the work that she has done with the IHPME Alumni Association (formerly called the Society of Graduates). Her contributions to the institute are greatly appreciated.

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

New Appointments

Zubin Austin - Professor (Cross-Appointment)

Janet Beed - Adjunct Lecturer

Bruce Boissonnault - Adjunct Lecturer

Joanna de Graaf-Dunlop - Adjunct Lecturer

Claire De Souza - Assistant Professor (Status)

Jenine Harris - Associate Professor (Status)

Liisa Jaakkimainen - Associate Professor (Status)

Peter Jüni – Professor (Status)

Plinio Morita - Assistant Professor (Status)

Petros Pechlivanoglou - Assistant Professor (Status)

Navindra Persaud - Assistant Professor (Status)

Jonathan Weisstub - Adjunct Lecturer

Hannah Wunsch - Associate Professor (Status)

Renewed Appointments

Gillian Booth - Associate Professor (Status)

Karen Burns - Associate Professor (Status)

Adrienne Chan - Assistant Professor (Status)

Beverley Craven - Associate Professor (Cross-Appointment)

Brenda Gamble - Associate Professor (Status)

Andrea Gershon - Associate Professor (Status)

Shanon Grauer - Adjunct Lecturer

Douglas Lee - Associate Professor (Status)

Elizabeth Lin - Associate Professor (Status)

Muhammad Mamdani - Professor (Status)

Connie Marras - Associate Professor (Status)

Avery Nathens - Professor (Status)

Kenneth Pace - Associate Professor (Status)

Christine Sham - Adjunct Lecturer

Sharon Straus - Professor (Status)



IHPME IN THE NEWS

IHPME Professor [Emily Seto](#) recently explained the benefits of health apps with CBC News. *Harnessing the potential of mobile health apps*. Watch [here](#).

IHPME alumni and adjunct professor [Shirlee Sharkey](#) outlined her thinking regarding new models of care and innovative approaches in a column just published in the *Ottawa Citizen*. *Sharkey: We must innovate to improve home care*. Read the piece [here](#).

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 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 **Ryan Lindsay, Senior Development Officer** at ryan.lindsay@utoronto.ca or visit [IHPME Donate](#) or [Support/Campaign](#). Thank you for your support!

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EVENTS

IHPME Peggy Leatt Award Reception

Sept 8, 2016 | 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Faculty Club

IHPME invites you to celebrate the inaugural Peggy Leatt Knowledge and Impact Award, named in honour of the former chair. This award, which was made possible through the support of several donors and Longwoods Publishing, will recognize one recipient annually for achievements in developing transformative evidence on ways and means to improve healthcare and health systems.

Registration required.

Details available:

<http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/ihpme-peggy-leatt-award-event/>

A Roundtable on the Canada Health Act: Version 2.0

Sept 14, 2016 | 8:30 am - 5:30 pm
Hart House

Details available:

<http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/a-roundtable-on-the-canada-health-act/>

Save the Date: IHPME Practicum Showcase

Sept 28, 2016 | 5:00 pm

Details to come!

Health Technology Assessment for Decision Making

Sept 28-30, 2016
Hart House

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

\$ | *Registration required.*

Details available:

<http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/hta-institute-2016/>

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EVENTS

Save the Date: IHPME Annual Moonshot Event

October 20, 2016 | 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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.

\$ | *Registration required.*

Details available:

<http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/ihpme-annual-moonshot-event/>

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