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MOONSHOT EVENT PROPELS IHPME COMMUNITY INTO SPOTLIGHT

More than 250 students, alumni, faculty, staff and partners gathered on November 20 at Steam Whistle Brewing for a memorable evening of networking, awards and recognition at the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation’s (IHPME) Moonshot event.

“Our shared vision is to build a community of thought leaders across the province. As a collective we are stronger than any individual parts of our system,” said Jodeme Goldhar, IHPME’s Society of Graduates President.

Health Quality Ontario (HQO) co-presented Moonshot alongside IHPME and IHPME Graduate Students’ Union as an opportunity for health system leaders to network, share ideas and learn.

“Evidence and quality are two key ingredients in health system transformation,” said HQO President and CEO Joshua Tepper, who hosted HQO’s Health Quality Transformation conference earlier that day, which was dominated by IHPME alumni.

“IHPME and quality are synonymous. Together, we have the critical mass and commitment to evidence, evaluation and partnership needed to transform Ontario’s health system,” Tepper continued.

Keynote speaker Stephen Shortell, a legendary health system scholar from the University of California’s Berkeley School of Public Health, was described as the Wayne Gretzky of health systems by event emcee Ross Baker because he focuses on where health care is going. Patient engagement was a key discussion point for Shortell who said:

“Health professionals shouldn’t be asking patients, ‘what’s the matter with you,’ rather, we should be asking, ‘what matters to you.’”

Before Deputy Minister of Health Bob Bell reacted to Shortell’s keynote, he mentioned how Ontario’s health care system is one of the biggest employers of IHPME graduates and complimented the Institute’s great talent pool. Minister Bell brought a local lens to Shortell’s talk, underlining that Ontario’s health care system supports 13.4 million people, “full stop.” He stressed the need for the system to be nimble and rapidly measure, evaluate and scale.

Four IHPME alumni were honoured with IHPME Society of Graduates’ Leadership, Innovation and Literary Awards. Congratulations to Madelyn Law for winning the Leadership Award, Sid Stacey for winning the Innovative Leadership Award, and Christopher Klinger and Moriah Ellen for each winning the Literary Award.

“This was a year of many firsts for the Institute, one of which is our transition into the Dalla Lana School of Public Health to achieve a shared vision of health, not just health care,” said Adalsteinn Brown, IHPME Director.

“We have a whole population. This is the ‘for all’ bid and I’m proud to lead and celebrate this collective community of leaders who are making incredible contributions to the system at a local, community, provincial and national level.”

Click here to view Moonshot event photos on the Dalla Lana School of Public Health Flickr page.

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MHSC PRECEPTORS:

In 2014, a total of 36 students graduated from the MHSc Health Administration Program. All of the students completed a practicum placement as part of the program and we would like to thank the very committed preceptors and their organizations for providing our students with outstanding placement experiences.

Organizations Providing Student Practicum Placements - Class of 2014

Alzheimer Society of Canada
Cambridge Memorial Hospital
Canada’s Research-Based Pharmaceutical Companies (Rx&D)
Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN
Markham Stouffville Hospital
Mississauga Halton CCAC & Toronto Central CCAC
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Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
Montreal University Health Centre
North Simcoe Muskoka LHIN
North York General Hospital
Ontario Hospital Association
Providence Healthcare
Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre, Ottawa
Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie
Sick Kids
S IMS/ University Health Network
St. Joseph’s Health Centre, Guelph & Hamilton
Sunnybrook Health Science Centre
Telus Health
The Ottawa Hospital
Toronto East General Hospital
University Health Network
Vancouver Coastal Health Authority
West Park Healthcare Centre

AWARDS

Congratulations Chamila Adhihetty, recipient of an educational grant from IAIABC.

Check out Dr. Catherine Zahn, President and CEO, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), in this Winter Issue of Women of Influence magazine: http://www.womenofinfluence.ca/product/magazine-winter-2014/


BONE AND MINERAL GROUP SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations Kristen Pitzul (IHPME, Health Services Research) for her research on: “Comparative effectiveness and direct costs to post-acute care pathways for hip fracture patients: Implications of trade-offs in resource allocation”. Ms. Pitzul has received a Bone and Mineral Group scholarship from U of T’s Toronto Musculoskeletal Centre for the academic year 2014-2015.
Vivek Goel
Healthcare Papers Vol 14 No. 1 2014 | Physician-Assisted Death. Notes from the Guest Editor. The authors in this issue make a compelling case for improving the experience of death in Canada. While there is intense debate on the topic, there is one thing that is clear, the status quo is not acceptable for patients facing death or their families.

Ross E.G. Upshur
Why Am I Here? Drawing on experiences as a practicing family physician, the author argues for greater efforts to explicitly and openly support frank discussions about death and dying. He endorses the recommendations of the Royal Society of Canada expert panel, and points out remaining challenges that must be met.

Tara Mullowney, David Manson, Raymond Kim, Derek Stephens, Vibhuti Shah, and Sharon Dell

G. Ross Baker
Governance, Policy and System Level Efforts to Support Safer Healthcare. Healthcare Quarterly (Toronto) 10/2014/17 (Special): 21-26 Read it here: http://www.longwoods.com/content/23955

Forthcoming publications with contribution from IHPME’s Peter C. Coyte and Beate Sander:


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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EVENTS

Annual IHPME Holiday Party 2014

December 4, 2014
5:30 pm

Celebrate the Holiday’s with Faculty, Staff & Students!

Location:
The Music Room at Hart House

Details found here: http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/ihpme-annual-holiday-party-2014/

Webinar for Prospective Master of Health Informatics (MHI) Applicants

December 11, 2014
4:00 pm

Register using the Register URL: http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/mhi-applicant-webinar/

Webinar II for Prospective Master of Health Administration (MHSc) Students

January 7, 2015
5:30 pm

Details found here: http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/mhsc-webinar-ii/

2015 IHPME Faculty Development Workshop

January 30, 2015
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

“Advanced statistical methods for handling event history data: Going beyond the Cox model” with Rinku Sutradhar, Ph.D.

Registration closed; however, we will be taking waitlist names: http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/faculty-development-workshop/

Dr. Sutradhar graduated from the University of Waterloo with a PhD in biostatistics and is currently a Senior Scientist at the Institute for Clinical and Evaluative in Toronto. Dr. Sutradhar is highly valued as a teacher/instructor of applied clinical research statistical methods by students in our Clinical Epidemiology and Health Care Research program. She has delivered a similar workshop to faculty in other university departments where it has been enthusiastically received.

The workshop will be particularly helpful to faculty who do applied research with large clinical, epidemiological and administrative cohort datasets, providing a broad understanding of approaches to data analysis and interpretation utilizing cutting edge methodology/statistical analysis techniques.

Health Services Research and Policy Case Competition

February 10, 2015

Cost: $20 registration per student. Registration opens December 8th to January 16th. Thousands of dollars in prizes!

Details found here: http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/health-services-and-policy-case-competition/

IHPME Annual Research Day 2015

It’s that time of year again, as the IHPME-GSU Planning Committee gears up for the IHPME student-led Research Day, hosted at HSB on May 6, 2015.

Check our website for continued updates: http://ihpme.utoronto.ca/events/ihpme-annual-research-day-2015/

An annual spring event showcasing IHPME student research, with the aim of recognizing excellence in teaching and learning; featuring lectures by internationally renowned thinkers and leaders.

Keynote Announced! We are pleased to announce Lisa Simpson, MB, BCh, MPH, FAAP, President & CEO of AcademyHealth, Washington, D.C. as Research Day 2015 Keynote Speaker!

The Health Studies Student Union Present: Health X Concepts in Context

featuring IHPME’s Dr. Raisa Deber. November’s conversation focused on Canadian health policy and financing schemes for primary care. Dr. Deber gave her talk on Nov. 28 at University College.