



Department of Psychiatry Newsletter



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Update from Department Head **Dr. Trevor Young**

I am very pleased to announce that the Department Executive and Advisory Committee have approved the Department's updated Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan for 2008 – 2013. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their thoughtful input into the development of these documents that will serve as our guide as we work towards making a significant difference in patient care, research and teaching. In addition to these documents being included in this issue of the Newsletter, (page 2), they can also be found on the department website at http://www.psychiatry.ubc.ca/about/Vision_Mission_and_Strategic_Plan.htm

I look forward to working with all of you in achieving these ambitious goals over the coming years and I welcome your input, ideas and enthusiasm as we move forward.

I would like to welcome the following new members to the Department:

Clinical Instructors

Mohamed Abdel-Fattah	Sandi Culo
Rebecca Dempster	Allan Frankland
Allan Furlong	Paul Janke
Teresa Naseba Marsh	Steve Mathias
Christopher Murray	Tonia Nicholls
Malfada Musacchio	David Rabin
Melisa Robichaud	Robert Tarzwell
Fia Voutsilakos	Randall White

Clinical Assistant Professors

David Brown	Lorne Korman
Rael Lange	Chris Schenk
Carolyn Steinberg	Eugene Wang
Carol Ward	

Clinical Associate Professors

Lawrence Hoeschen	Mark Lau
Ric Procyshyn	Barry Segal

Clinical Professors

Stephen Kline Paul Steinberg

Assistant Professors (pending UBC final approval)

Jehannine Austin	Rael Lange
Tonia Nicholls	

Associate Professor (pending UBC final approval)

Mark Lau

Staff Appointments since Sept.1.2007

Blake Allan	Ashley George
Alison Holley	Stephanie Hughes
Erik Jaeger	Sarah Marek
Jill Mittelholtz	Anne Romanow
Krista Schultz	Kitt Turney
Claudia Vexelman	

Congratulations to the following faculty on their promotion:

GFT Promotions – July 1, 2007

Dr. John Ogrodniczuk promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure

Clinical Faculty Promotions approved effective July 1, 2007

Promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor

David Bond	Abi Dahi
Mellisa Fahy	Emily Piper
Judith Setton-Markus	Megan Sherwood
Carlos Tesler-Mabe	Joseph Tham
Angela Wong	

Promoted to Clinical Associate Professors

Elisabeth Drance	
Suja Srikameswaran	Elisabeth Zoffmann

Promoted to Clinical Professor

Margaret Weiss

Dr. Jana Davidson was appointed in September as the interim Medical Director, Mental Health Program, Child & Youth Mental Health and Addictions and Head, Division of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry, UBC.

Dr. Jake Locke was appointed in September as the interim Head, Department of Psychiatry, BC Children's Hospital and Psychiatrist-in-Chief, BC Children's Hospital.

Dr. Caroline Gosselin has been appointed to the role CME/CPD Director effective February 1, 2008.

Dr. Michael Krausz is UBC's new Providence Health Care B.C. Leadership Chair in Addiction Research.

The official government announcement of Dr. Michael Krausz's appointment as the LEEF Chair in Addictions Research was made on December 13, 1007.



Beside Dr. Krausz, Lorne Mayencourt, MLA Vancouver Burrard (Left) and Dianne Doyle, President and CEO of Providence Health Care (Right). Photo credit: Greg Morton

A copy of the Government News Release can be found at http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2005-2009/2007AE0082-001607.htm



Event Calendar

'Frames of Mind'

A Department of Psychiatry sponsored Mental Health film series held at the *Pacific Cinémathèque*
1131 Howe Street, Vancouver
Tickets : \$9.50 (8.00 students) at the door or on-line at www.cinémathèque.bc.ca

Wed. Feb. 20, 2008 7:30 p.m.
'Thin'

Director: Dr. Laura Greenfield
Discussant: Samantha Kelleher
Education Co-Sponsor: Specialized Eating Disorders Services, Providence Health Care - St. Paul 's Hospital and Medical Students for Mental Health Awareness

May 8—11, 2008

5th Annual Frames of Mind Mental Health Film Festival

Teaching Hospital/Division/Program Education Rounds

Information/details available at:
www.psychiatry.ubc.ca/CME/rounds/

Other Events

Interdisciplinary Colloquium Series 2007 - 2008

Sponsored by the UBC INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH

March 13, 2008

Remembering, The Default Mode & Alzheimer's Disease
Randy Buckner, PhD.

See back page for all the details!

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This newsletter is published as a vehicle to promote communication within the UBC Dept. of Psychiatry as well as with its wider community. Feedback and suggestions for invited submissions can be forwarded to the Editor at ctinline@interchange.ubc.ca

Department Notes

Clinical Faculty Development Workshop & Dinner -September 6, 2007

On September 6, 2007 the Department held a Clinical Faculty Development Workshop and Dinner at the University Golf Club. Topics covered include how to get promoted, clinical faculty annual reports, how to track teaching service and teaching dossiers.

The learning objectives were to better appreciate the various procedural steps involved in the reappointment and promotion process and to learn how to create a teaching dossier.

With over 50 participants the event was a success and received excellent feedback! If you are interested in receiving a copy of the presentation slides please contact Mark Friesen at mark.friesen@ubc.ca or 604-822-7315.

Department Vision, Mission and Strategic Plan

Vision

To be the leading academic Department of Psychiatry in Canada which is internationally recognized in Psychiatry, Addictions and Neuroscience

Mission

- ♦ Provide academic leadership and train outstanding clinicians, teachers and clinician scientists
- ♦ Develop an environment which encourages world class basic and clinical research
- ♦ Promote and support partnerships to improve teaching, research opportunities and clinical care
- ♦ Create an environment that respects, values and recognizes faculty, staff and students
- ♦ Be a leader in the understanding and treatment of mental illness and addictions

Strategic Plan 2008-2013

Strategic Priorities

1. Increase our commitment to clinical and basic research
2. Enhance clinical care through translation of science into practice
3. Enhance our educational programs and build capacity to develop exceptional teachers
4. Build and grow our commitment to our community and our partners

1. Increase our commitment to clinical research

- Establish a resident research stream and a clinician scientist training program
- Give priority to recruitment of clinician scientists for vacant chair, faculty and leadership positions
- Mentor and develop clinical researchers among our junior faculty
- Develop a research investigator stream for clinical faculty

2. Enhance clinical care through translation of science into practice

- Build our outstanding Division of Basic Neuroscience with recruitment, retention, resources and space allocation
- Enrich undergraduate and postgraduate curricula with new knowledge in neuron science
- Work to establish the Centre for Brain Health on the UBC campus
- Promote evidence based practice in all areas of patient care including addictions and special populations like children and the elderly

3. Enhance our educational programs and build capacity to develop exceptional teachers

- Increase the number of top ranked applicants to our residency and fellowship programs
- Ensure the quality of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching in distributed sites
- Focus on faculty development in the areas of teaching skills and educational scholarship
- Develop opportunities for graduate training of clinical researchers

4. Build and grow our commitment to our community and partners

- Continue to work with BCMHAS and regional health authorities on joint academic and clinical appointments and leadership roles
- Become a leader in addictions and current disorders
- Focus our international collaborations with partners integral to our community, i.e. China and India
- Deliver training programs in community and cross-cultural settings
- Address the health of the urban poor with mental illness and addictions

Memorial

The Department of Psychiatry was sad to learn of the tragic death of a beloved friend and colleague, Professor Alaa El-Husseini, who drowned on vacation in Cuba, December 23, 2007.



Dr. El-Husseini was born in Gaza, in 1962, and moved with his family to Cairo when he was 13. He obtained his BSc in Biochemistry in 1984 from the Ain Shams University Cairo, Egypt. In 1993 he received his MSc in Physiology from the University of Manitoba, working with Prof. Robert Shiu. He obtained a PhD in the Graduate Program in Neuroscience at UBC in 1997 with Prof. Steven Vincent. He then undertook post-doctoral training as a CIHR Fellow at the University of California at San Francisco with Dr. David Bredt.

Dr. El-Husseini returned to UBC in 2001, and was appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2006. Dr. El-Husseini was an outstanding scholar and mentor. He held Scholar Awards from the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research, the EJLB Foundation, the Canadian Institute for Health Research, and The National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression and was appointed a Distinguished University Scholar. Dr. El-Husseini was recognized around the world for his research on synapse development in the brain. In addition, his work on protein palmitoylation opened a new field in posttranslational regulation of neuronal function. His work has had important implications for understanding human disorders including Huntington's disease and autism. Dr. El-Husseini was an active teacher in the Undergraduate Medical Program and the Graduate Program in Neuroscience where he mentored many outstanding students. He was recently working with the Qatar Foundation to enhance research and establish a knowledge-based and sustainable economy in Qatar. Alaa will be greatly missed by his friends and colleagues around the world.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday February 27, 2008 at 4:00p.m. in the lecture theatre of the Detwiller Pavilion, 2255 Westbrook Mall, UBC Hospital Site, Vancouver. All are welcome.

Interdisciplinary Colloquium Series 2007 - 2008
Sponsored by the UBC INSTITUTE OF MENTAL HEALTH

- Sept. 27** **Alvaro Pascual-Leone, MD, PhD:** **The Plastic Human Brain: Implications for Translational Neuroscience and Education**
 Professor of Neurology, **Harvard Medical School**; **Director, Berenson-Allen Center for Non-Invasive Brain Stimulation** and Associate Director, Harvard-General Clinical Research Center, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Co-sponsored by the Brain Research Centre. 2nd talk on Fri., Sept. 28, 11 am, BRC
- Oct. 11** **Beverly Spring, MD:** **Osler's Legacy: Reclaiming the Heart and Soul of Medicine - Lessons from Palliative Care**
Medical Leader, Vancouver Home Hospice Palliative Care Service; Physician, Vancouver General Hospital Palliative Care Program; and Clinical Assistant Professor, Division of Palliative Care, Department of Family Practice, **University of British Columbia (UBC)**
- Dec. 6** **Edith Chen, PhD:** **Socioeconomic Status and Health in Children: Psychobiological Pathways**
Canada Research Chair in Health & Society and Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, **University of British Columbia (UBC)**
- Jan. 24** **Tomáš Paus, MD, PhD:** **Mapping Brain Maturation and Cognitive Development During Adolescence**
Professor and Chair of Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience, Brain & Body Centre, University of Nottingham; and Editor of the journal, *NeuroImage*
Co-sponsored by the MRI Center. 2nd talk on Fri., Jan. 25, 11 am, Brain Research Center
- Jan. 31** **Sterling Clarren, MD:** **The Problems of Diagnosing Atypical Brain Development in Alcohol Teratogenesis: New Research Confirming the Value of the 4-Digit Diagnostic Code Approach**
CEO & Scientific Director, Canada Northwest Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Research Network; and Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, Centre for Community Child Health, **UBC**
- Feb. 28** **Dan McAdams, PhD:** **The Redemptive Self: The Therapeutic Value of Telling your Story**
 Professor of Psychology, Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, & **Professor of Human Development and Social Policy, Northwestern University**
Co-sponsored by the Dept. of Psychology. 2nd talk on Fri., Feb. 29, in Kenny Bldg.
- Mar. 6** **Hilary Blumberg, MD:** **A Neurodevelopmental Perspective on Bipolar Disorder: A View from Neuroimaging**
 Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Diagnostic Radiology; and **Director, Mood Disorders Research Program, Yale University School of Medicine**
Co-sponsored by Children & Adolescent Psychiatry. 2nd talk on Fri., 12 noon, BC Children's.
- Mar. 13** **Randy Buckner, PhD:** **Remembering, The Default Mode, & Alzheimer's Disease**
 Professor in Psychology, Center for Brain Science, & Martinos Centre for Biomedical Imaging, **Harvard University**; and **Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator**
Co-sponsored by the Brain Research Center. 2nd talk on Fri., Mar. 14, 11 am, BRC
- May 1** **John Joseph Peregoy, PhD:** **Issues in Native Mental Health & Research Challenges**
President, Society of Indian Psychologists; President/CEO, Consulting, Diversity and Educational Services; & Senior Researcher, Endvision: Research and Evaluation
will probably be co-sponsored by First Nations programs at UVictoria & UBC. 2nd talk on Fri.



All IMH talks are on Thursdays at 12:00 noon in Rm. 2NA/B in Detwiller at UBC (2255 Wesbrook Mall). A light lunch is provided.

