New Residency Program Director

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Sarah Noble** was named the new Program Director for the Psychiatry Residency Program effective March 1, 2013. Dr. Noble is a graduate of Queen’s University School of Medicine and she completed her psychiatry residency at the Universities of Ottawa and Toronto. Following Fellowships in Community Mental Health and Emergency Psychiatry, she joined the faculty at Memorial University in April 2009 as an Assistant Professor in the Discipline of Psychiatry. She is the Division Head of Urgent Care and Emergency Psychiatry at Eastern Health and has been actively involved in our residency program since her arrival. We would like you to join us in welcoming Dr. Noble to her new position and trust that you will offer her your support. We extend our thanks to Dr. Craig for his many years of diligent leadership as our outgoing Program Director.

Welcome to our Incoming Residents

We offer our congratulations to the following candidates who successfully matched to the program in the 2013 CaRMS Match: Ariella Abramovitch, Kathleen Callanan, Herjot Sidhu, Matthew Tobin, Paul Wawin, Delara Zamani-Farahani. We wish you a great first year and we look forward to working with you.

Congratulations to our Finishing Residents

Best wishes to the following residents who are completing the program and congratulations upon the successful completion of the Royal College exams: Sinthu Suntharalingam, Alayna Jaques, Tara Snelgrove.
Faculty Promotions and Appointments

DR. CATHERINE HICKEY became a full time member of the faculty of the Discipline of Psychiatry as an Assistant Professor in October 2012. Dr. Hickey is a Fellow of the Royal College and a Diplomat of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. She has also completed a Fellowship in Consult Liaison Psychiatry with a special interest in care of the elderly in affiliated hospitals of Harvard Medical School. She has worked clinically and has been active in our teaching program in Psychogeriatrics since her initial appointment with Eastern Health in 2009. Currently Dr. Hickey is enrolled in the Master of Education Program with the University of Dundee and she will be assuming the position of Coordinator of the Curriculum Committee effective July 1, 2013.

DR. JASBIR GILL was appointed as a full time faculty member as an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, December 1, 2012. Dr. Gill was previously a Clinical Assistant Professor since March 2010. She completed her Psychiatry Residency at the University of Toronto where she also completed training as a Clinical Fellow in Forensic Psychiatry. She also holds a Master’s of Science in Occupation Health from McGill University. Dr. Gill has worked in Eastern Health’s Division of Forensic Psychiatry since 2010 where she is now Divisional Head. She has taken on the lead role for Forensic Psychiatry teaching in the residency program.

DR. ANDREW LATUS was appointed as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, December 1, 2012. Dr. Latus holds a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Toronto and completed postdoctoral studies in Medical Ethics at Memorial University. He then attended medical school and completed residency training in Psychiatry completing the Child and Adolescent Track in the Discipline of Psychiatry Residency Program. Currently he divides his time between Child and Adolescent services and Adult services.

DR. ANNA HOFNER was appointed as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, January 1, 2013. Upon completion of her residency in Psychiatry at Memorial University she was appointed as an active member of the staff of Eastern Health on the admission unit of the General Hospital, Health Sciences Center, which is our primary Clinical Teaching Unit for in-patient training in psychiatry where she supervises and teaches in the residency program. Dr. Hofner is currently on maternity leave and we offer her and the family our congratulations on the birth of their daughter on Valentine’s Day this past February.
DR. SUSAN DALTON was appointed as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, February 1, 2013. Dr. Dalton completed Psychiatry Residency within our Discipline of Psychiatry and subsequently completed Fellowships in Geriatric Psychiatry and Psychosomatic Medicine at the University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine. She works in Eastern Health’s Division of Geriatric Psychiatry at the L.A. Miller Center and supervises and teaches in our Geriatric Psychiatry teaching program.

DR. BARBARA THOMAS was appointed as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, March 1, 2013. Dr. Thomas holds a Doctorate of Pharmacy from the University of Colorado and is a Clinical Pharmacist with the Mental Health Addictions Program of Eastern Health and she is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the School of Pharmacy. She has been reviewing and delivering our new curriculum in Psychopharmacology for the Residency Training Program with Dr. Leslie Phillips.

Dr. Ted Callanan completes second term

After 13 years Dr. Ted Callanan completes his second term as Chair of the Discipline of Psychiatry this spring. Dr. Callanan says that he has found this to be a rewarding and enriching experience and offers his thanks to all faculty, residents, students and staff for their support during his tenure as Chair. Dr. Callanan will continue as a faculty member and have more time for teaching and his academic interests in rural mental health services and the impact of the physical environment on mental health. He will continue at the START Clinic and to be involved with Telepsychiatry activities. Also, he has recently been appointed by the Minister of Health and Community Services to the Provincial Mental Health and Addictions Advisory Council.
Psychotherapy News

Our psychotherapy program is pleased to announce that all of our psychiatry residents and faculty will soon be offered online access to a web based psychotherapy training program developed at McMaster University.

Access to the Psychotherapy Training e-Resources (PTeR) program is designed to supplement our existing training in psychotherapies. PTeR contains resources in eleven organized psychotherapy e-modules, houses over seventy video clips demonstrating at least twelve different types of psychotherapy, has over fifty ‘virtual therapists’ scenarios to assess virtual clinical skills and also contains multiple choice questions and other resources for use in reviewing concepts and the literature.

PTeR is a comprehensive, evidence based, competency focused web based psychotherapy program with resources in: introduction to psychotherapy, emotion focused therapy, cognitive behavior therapy for anxiety, depression and psychotic disorders, interpersonal therapy, psychodynamic therapy, family therapy, group therapy, motivational interviewing, mindfulness, therapeutic alliance and psychotherapy research.

Access to this educational program, which is currently used in several psychiatry residency training programs across the country, is made available to you by our faculty and a grant from the Gill-Ratcliffe Foundation.

Special thanks go to Elinor Gill Ratcliffe C.M.,O.N.L., LLD (hc).

For further information on PTeR, please contact me at gmradu@mun.ca.

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Publications


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Presentations


CONNOR, J.T.H., ‘John Clinch (1748/9-1819) of Trinity: Medical Man, Missionary, Magistrate, and Much More,’ Annual Gilbert Higgins Lecture, Newfoundland Historical Society, St John’s, October 2012

CONNOR, J.T.H., ‘The Unprincipled Student as Good Doctor: The Medical Education Scholarship of Professionalism,’ Medical Education and Scholarship Forum, Memorial University, St John’s, November, 2012


Academic Activities and Awards

Congratulations to DR. WELDON BONNELL upon the successful completion of his MSc. in Clinical Epidemiology. Title of Master’s Thesis: Omega-3 Fatty Acid Supplementation in the Treatment of Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder: A Pilot Study. Dr. Gerry Mugford (supervisor); Dr. Ted Callanan and Dr. David Craig (committee members).

Dr. Bonnell would like to extend a special thanks to his masters committee, the psychiatrists, allied health professionals and administrative staff of Janeway Psychiatry, as well as grants from The Janeway Research Foundation and The Wallace Ingram Award for making this research possible.

We also would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Bonnell for his many years as Coordinator of the Curriculum Committee for the Discipline of Psychiatry and to congratulate him on his appointment as the Discipline’s Director of Research, a position he has held for a number of years in an acting capacity, effective July 1, 2013.

J.T.H CONNOR received the President’ s Award for Outstanding Teaching (2012), MUN and was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society (London, UK).

J.T.H. CONNOR was Symposium Planner/Chair: ‘Professionalism in Medicine,’ MUN, October 2012.

DR. KIMBERLY ST. JOHN has been officially recognized by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada for her invaluable role on it’s Specialty Standards Review Committee which is responsible for a rigorous peer review of all specialties.
DR. JENNIFER CONNOR was Master of Ceremonies this past year at Memorial University's December 6 Vigil, 2012. December 6 is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Established in 1991 by the Parliament of Canada, this day commemorates the anniversary of the 1989 Montreal Massacre when fourteen young women were tragically killed at Ecole Polytechnique because of their gender. (Please see full story at www.mun.ca/sexualharassment/Dec_6_Vigil.php)

Dr. Howard Strong Memorial Postgraduate Geriatric Psychiatry Scholarship

The Dr. Howard Strong Scholarship has been established through generous gifts from colleagues, classmates, friends and family of Dr. Howard Strong, a well-known geriatric psychiatrist and member of the first medical graduating class at Memorial University and he was the first Memorial graduate to receive specialist recognition from the Royal College. He served as Chair of the Discipline of Psychiatry from 1994 to 2000. The scholarship will be awarded annually to the resident who is rated by the faculty as having the best performance in the Geriatric Psychiatry rotation during the psychiatry residency training program in the Faculty of Medicine at Memorial University. This permanent scholarship will be administered by the office of Postgraduate Medical Education beginning in 2013-14 academic year.

Critical Appraisal Sessions

The critical appraisal sessions are going well and everyone is learning a lot. Please extend an invitation to any clinical clerks, nurses, allied health professionals that may wish to attend.

**TIME:** Bi-Weekly, Fridays, Alternating Schedule with Grand Rounds, Noon - 1 PM

**PLACE:** Janeway Psychiatry Conference Room

**FORMAT:** These sessions are intended to be interactive, rather than didactic. The paper to be critically appraised should be circulated by email early in the week. The presenter chooses the article.

**RESIDENTS:** Remember, attendance is mandatory.

**FACULTY AND STAFF:** These sessions have been registered with the Royal College via the Self-Approval process and are eligible for Category 1 MOCOMP Credits.