FHS Bulletin

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Dean’s Corner

FHS experienced some significant administrative transitions over the past few months which will be evident in the news items below. It is during these periods of transition that the enormous contributions of staff to the overall well-being of the Faculty become very apparent. To paraphrase an old Joni Mitchell song, we don’t realize how much we rely on our staff to ensure the Faculty functions smoothly until we have to replace someone who has been part of the fabric of the Faculty from the beginning. Irene Rodway is such a person and although we will miss her dearly we are also grateful to Donalda Meyers for supporting us through the transition and we welcome Gloria Ingram to her important new role in the Faculty. Thanks as well to all our staff who really pulled together to support the Faculty through the transition. We are also excited to welcome other new faculty and staff who will help us continue to strengthen our programs and reputation in the increasingly competitive global health science community.

As the pages that follow once again attest, our faculty and students continue to bring widespread recognition to our collective efforts through their success on local, national and global fronts. Perhaps worthy of note since it speaks to the nascent collective history of our Faculty, Susan Erikson receiving the Virchow Prize for the best paper in critical medical anthropology by the Society for Medical Anthropology was evocative for me because I was awarded the same prize in 1990 for a paper in the same journal – Medical Anthropology. As a still young Faculty with a community of relative newcomers, we need to identify and celebrate these threads that will ultimately bind us together.

In this spirit we are beginning preparations for our 10th Anniversary in 2015 – linked to SFU’s 50th - and a big focus over the next year will be to strengthen ties with our alumni, both undergraduate and graduate. We want our alumni to look to us as a community that can support them as they advance through their lives and careers, and as a place to which they can return when they seek new ideas and energy for the community health challenges we are all working to resolve. Check out our website regularly for updates on 10th Anniversary planning, and visit http://www.sfu.ca/appreciation/ for a celebration of SFU and FHS alumni over the years.

Wishing everyone the very best for 2014.

- John O’Neil
People News

FHS welcomed/s the following:

- **Anne Marie Nicol** joined FHS as an Assistant Professor in June 2013. She brings the CAREX (CARcinogen EXposure) program to SFU. CAREX is a multi-institution research project that combines academic expertise and government resources to generate an evidence-based carcinogen surveillance program for Canada.

- **Gloria Ingram** joined FHS as the Director of Administration on Dec 16, 2013.

- **Kate Carty** joined FHS as the Coordinator of the Public Health Program on Oct 8, 2013.

- **Pamela Parkinson** joined FHS as a part-time Research Administrative Assistant on Dec 5, 2013 for a one-year appointment. As of Jan 6, 2014 she will be working Mondays and Thursdays.

- **Sonia Sangha** joined FHS as a temporary assistant in early December and will continue into January 2014.

- **CHPC New Staff:** Mr. Danny Sung, Research Assistant, Ms. Sarah Thompson, Research Administrative Assistant, Ms. Kar-men McDivitt, Scientific Field Interviewer, and Ms. Tara McMillan, Scientific Field Interviewer, joined the Children’s Health Policy Centre (CHPC) BC Healthy Connections Project.

Updates and Changes: [Changes in appointments]

FHS committees elected their chairs for the 2013/14 year: **Malcolm Steinberg** (MPH Committee), Jamie Scott (MSc/PhD – MPC Committee). They have been appointed as directors of these programs for the 13/14 academic year. **Ralph Pantophlet** took on Acting Director responsibilities for the Fall 2013 semester while Jamie was on study leave, with support from Jamie and the other committee members.

Au revoir:

- After 11 yrs of service, **Irene Rodway**, FHS’ inaugural Director of Administration retired from SFU and accepted a new position at BCIT’s Faculty of Health Sciences as of November 1, 2013.

- **Donelda Meyers**, interim FHS Director of Administration from November to December 2013 has completed her contract with FHS but will be mentoring the new Director of Administration into January 2014.

Kudos (Awards & Recognition)

- **Dr. Susan Baxter** (Sessional Instructor) was appointed 2014 Scholar-in-Residence by the Canadian Association of Independent Scholars and SFU. Dr. Baxter will use the grant and office space to begin writing her next book tentatively titled Health Myths and Misconceptions. Her previous book was The Estrogen Errors: Why Progesterone is Better for Women’s Health and was published in 2009 (Praeger).

- **Dr. Zabrina Brumme** was awarded a Graduate Teaching and Mentorship Excellence Award.

- **Dr. Susan Erikson** was awarded the Society for Medical Anthropology Virchow Prize for her article "Global Health Business: The Production and Performativity of Statistics in Sierra Leone and Germany." *Medical Anthropology*, Special Issue: Enumeration, Identity, and Health, 2012 32(4):367-384.

- **Dr. Susan Erikson** has been invited to accept a six month position as a Senior Fellow at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg Centre for Global Cooperation Research at the University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany. She will be a member of the research unit "Global Governance Revisited."

- **Dr. Lawrence McCandless** was awarded an Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Award.
• Dr. John O’Neil was elected as a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences in September 2013. The CAHS Fellowship is considered “one of Canada’s highest honours for individuals in the academic health sciences community, and represents peer recognition of outstanding leadership in the field.”

• Dr. John O’Neil has also been confirmed as a Trustee on the Board of Trustees for the Providence Health Care Research Institute at St. Paul’s Hospital and Vice-Chair, Board of Directors, Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research.

• Dr. Jamie Scott celebrated 20 years of service to SFU.

• Mr. Ted Seto was awarded a Staff Award for Outstanding Service Award.

Trainee and Student Awards:

• Cindy Holmes (supervisor: M. Morrow), a Michael Smith Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellow and IMPART scholar, joins Centre for the Study of Gender Social Inequities in Mental Health.

• Ryan McNeil (supervisor: W. Small) has been awarded a Postdoctoral Fellowship from the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research.

• Phillip Mwizmanzi (supervisors: Z. Brumme and M. Brockman) was awarded a MSFHR postdoc fellowship.

• Tsogtbaatar Byambaa (supervisor: C. Janes) has been awarded the President’s PhD Scholarship by the Dean of Graduate Studies, tenable in 2013-2014.

• Emma Dunkley (MPH) received a major SFU Entrance Scholarship of $15,000 for each of two years (fall 2013/fall 2014).

• Mark LaBrecque (supervisor: T. Beischlag) received a $40,000 Prostate Cancer Canada Studentship for 2014.

• Sarah Macdonald (supervisor: P. Nepomnaschy) received a CIHR Master’s Award: Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships, “Maternal Environment at Conception: Early Gestational Stress, Postnatal Epigenetic Profiles and Child Development” $17,500.

Teaching and Education Program News

Curriculum Update:

UGSC has been working on mapping our curricula in an effort to examine and develop program goals or outcomes for our undergraduates. Part of the start of this process has been to review syllabi and collect additional course materials from some of you to identify assessments, learning objectives, and specific skills coming out of these courses.

Co-Op Program Update:

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The program is consistent and growing. A major development in 2013 is the expansion and development of co-op jobs within the corporate office of Fraser Health. We are now placing approximately 7-10 students with them each term, with more Executive Directors coming on board as co-op employers every semester. We have also placed co-op students with Vancouver Island Health Authority this semester; FHS had its first job posting with them for 5 different positions.

Update on Student Resources and Facilities:

The Blusson Hall 9920 computing lab was decommissioned during the Fall 2013 Semester. BLU 9920 will be converted into much needed teaching space; available for use in the Spring 2014 semester. This room is already outfitted with overhead audio visual facilities.
Graduate students will continue to have 24/7 access to the BLU 11660 computing lab. This lab will be outfitted with 6 additional workstations (currently there are 30 workstations in the room). This room is also outfitted with overhead audio visual, and a black/white printer.

New Student Funding Awards:

The Judy Graves Graduate Award

SFU is pleased to announce the Judy Graves Graduate Award, supported by an endowed fund to the value of $50,300 by donors from the Vancouver area. Currently the Award value will be $1,800 annually for one student. Application details will be available on the FHS website in 2014 (http://www.sfu.ca/fhs/future-students/graduate/funding.html). The Award was established to celebrate the work of Judy Graves, City of Vancouver, Homelessness Advocate to celebrate her upon her retirement on May 29, 2013. The award is intended to recognize and fund graduate students at SFU who, like Judy, have demonstrated a passion for fighting for social justice and advocating for those living on the margins of society. Preference will be given to students in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Judy Graves was an advocate for the homeless for over 20 years. She worked with Vancouver’s street population since 1974, and in the Downtown Eastside since 1979. She coordinated the Tenant Assistance Program at City Hall, serving low-income tenants and the literally homeless. The program has focused on homelessness since 1995, when declining vacancy rates, increasing land values, service cutbacks, and inadequate welfare support combined to make homelessness very visible in the streets of Vancouver. In 2005, she designed the Homeless Outreach Project, now used across BC and Alberta, making it possible for a person who is sleeping outside at 6:00 am to have a permanent room of their own by 4:00 pm the same day. Judy Graves has trained volunteers for the City of Vancouver’s annual Homeless Count, established in 2010. Conducted over a period of 24 hours, the project uses a detailed survey to identify how many people sleep on the streets or in shelters, and under what conditions they live.

Dr. Jack Uppal Community Service Award

Canadian business leader Jagat Singh (Jack) Uppal has given a gift of $100,000 to establish an endowment fund supporting the Dr. Jack Uppal Community Service Award. This award is open to all undergraduate students at SFU, with preference being given to students in the Faculty of Health Sciences. In recognition of this gift, SFU will name the space located in Blusson Hall Room 9401, located at the Burnaby Campus, the Dr. Jack Uppal Undergraduate Student Commons. At a 4% endowment spending rate the fund will generate approximately $4,000 in income each year, which will go directly to the students. $4,000 could be awarded to one student or shared between five students at $800 each. Application details will be available on the FHS website in 2014 (http://www.sfu.ca/fhs/future-students/graduate/funding.html).

Uppal came to Canada from India as a baby, after his father immigrated in 1906. At age 13, his father died in an accident, and he was forced to drop out of school to support his family. He found work in a sawmill, which started his lifelong career in the forest industry.

Within the lumber industry, Jack Uppal moved into management and eventually became a company owner himself, actively hiring new immigrants and sponsoring others. He’s been described as a “one-man social worker before there were social workers.” Over the years, Uppal has helped thousands of new immigrants. Uppal was awarded the B.C. Community Achievement in 2010 in recognition of his many contributions to the province. In 2012, he received an honorary doctor of laws degree from SFU.

Research Update


8. Lear S. SPOR EOI competition. Scott will join Singh S (Fraser Health), Bryon S (C2E2/Vancouver Coastal) and Harris H (BCCRN) as members of the writing team led by MSFHR Consultant Lewis S (SFU/FHS Adjunct Professor). Whitehurst D is also a member of several winning teams. http://www.msfhr.org/news/msfhr-news/team-selected-write-spor-business-plan


16. Waddell C. BC Healthy Connections Project (BCHCP) officially launched Phase II of its scientific evaluation of the Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP), developed by Dr. David Olds over 30 years ago. BCHCP involves a randomized controlled trial with nurses visiting over 1,000 low-income, first time mothers and their children in their homes, roughly twice a month. Goals are to improve child health and development, while also helping mothers to become economically self-sufficient.
New FHS Publications

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47. Somers JM, Rezansoff S, Moniruzzaman A, Palepu A, Patterson M *(FHS adjunct)*. (2013). Housing First Reduces Reoffending among Formerly Homeless Adults with Mental Disorders: Results of a Randomized Controlled Trial. Published 04 Sep 2013 | PLOS ONE, 8(9), 1-8.


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64. Teschke K, Harris MA, Winters M. Designing cities for cycling: Route designs to motivate cycling and reduce injuries. Curb Magazine (City-Region Studies Centre) July 2013.

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**FHS in the Community**

1. Bajwa M, Gong L, Majkowski P, Mildenberger C, Olibris B, Rzepa C, and Teraverst R (Fall 2013 graduate student cohort HSCI 829 Health Policy-making in Global Context, instructor Erikson SL) presented a "Toilets For All" policy referendum at the New Democrat Party bi-annual provincial convention Nov 14-16 2013 at the Convention Centre in downtown Vancouver, BC.


12. Goldsmith CH. We Need to Teach our Health Sciences Students How to Handle Missing Data. (Oral Presentation) Amer Statist Assn Meeting. Montreal PQ, 2013-08-06.


19. Mosavi-Jarrahi A. (FHS adjunct) invited to be the lead guest editor for a special issue of BioMed Research International. The topic of special issue is “Breast Cancer in Young Women: epidemiology, determinants, and prevention”.


21. Palmer K. (FHS adjunct) “When the Shift Hits the Fan: Profit-driven solutions in an era of federal disengagement in the politics of Medicare reform” has been chosen for a World Café session at the upcoming 2013 PHABC Conference “Health in All Policies: Taking Intersectoral Action for Equitable & Sustainable Health”, Nov 4-5 2013 in conjunction with a half day session in partnership with the Ministry of Health on November 6, at the Hilton Metrotown (Burnaby, BC).


25. Rezansoff S (FHS student), Moniruzzaman A, Somers J. Housing First Reduces Re-offending among Formerly Homeless Adults with Mental Disorders: Results of a Randomized Controlled Trial. Dynamiques urbaines & enjeux sanitaires colloque international, Paris, France. September 11-13, 2013.


31. “Rambunctious” Rochelle Tucker was one of 12 SFU faculty who participated in the United Way Fundraiser, “Smackdown Faculty Debate” whereby Faculty nominated by students debate topics of a nonsensical nature. November 7 2013, SFU Theatre, Burnaby campus.


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**FHS in the News**

Ryan Allen’s work in Mongolia was featured in the Guardian. [http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/oct/20/ulans-bator-killer-winter-stoves](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/oct/20/ulans-bator-killer-winter-stoves)

Zabrina Brumme’s lab was highlighted in the CIHR Annual Report: [http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/47647.html](http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/47647.html)


Susan Erikson gave an interview for German radio (Rundfunk Berlin-Brandenburg/Radio Bremen) with Dr. Eva Schindele on prenatal diagnostic technology use in Germany, October 12, 2013.

Benedikt Fischer was featured in an article on the CIHR website article in July 2013. [http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/47146.html](http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/47146.html)

Michel Joffres gave an interview about hypertension management which was published in an article on the SFU News Online website September 6, 2013. [http://www.sfu.ca/sfunews/stories/2013/huge-gaps-in-hypertension-management.html](http://www.sfu.ca/sfunews/stories/2013/huge-gaps-in-hypertension-management.html)

Angela Kaida was quoted in a Georgia Straight article on November 27 2013, “Aboriginal AIDS Awareness Week shines a light on HIV rates among indigenous people” by Yolande Cole and interviewed on ‘HIV Research and Forensic Nursing’ Program, by Simon Fraser University’s CJF radio (90.1 FM). Broadcasted Wednesday November 27 2013 4:00-4:30pm. Link: [http://www.cjsf.ca/pguide/grid/description.php?ID=111](http://www.cjsf.ca/pguide/grid/description.php?ID=111)

Additionally, her new study was covered by:


- Research roundup: A spotlight on groundbreaking research from university. The Peak Student Newspaper of Simon Fraser University. Published Tuesday October 15, 2013. Link: [http://www.the-peak.ca/2013/10/research-roundup-6/](http://www.the-peak.ca/2013/10/research-roundup-6/)
National women’s HIV study launched this week. PositiveLite.com. Published Friday October 4, 2013. Link: http://www.positivelite.com/component/zoo/item/national-women-s-hiv-study-launched-this-week

Scott Lear’s work was featured in a Vancouver Sun article on September 18 2013. http://www.vancouversun.com/health/Phone+program+gives+family+doctors+fast+access+specialists/8924791/story.html

Kelley Lee was featured in:

- an article by the Crawford School of Public Policy, Australian National University, Oct. 24, 2013: https://crawford.anu.edu.au/news/2912/health-policy-failing-asia

Marina Morrow was interviewed by:

- CBC Radio One September 17th, News 1130 and CTV Morning News regarding the suggestion that came out of the Municipalities convention to re-open Riverview Hospital.
- Hatfield J. & Morrow M. November 2013 interview on CHUO 89.1FM in Ottawa regarding the documentary film that tells the early history of the Mental Patients Association in Vancouver which Dr. Morrow was an assistant producer. https://soundcloud.com/equitableeducation-ca/inmates-asylum-clickhere.
- Gutray B. and Morrow M. Op Ed in Vancouver Sun Reopening of Riverview Hospital not the answer, September 26th, 2013

John O’Neil was featured on The World Today (CKNW) with Jon McComb on October 2, 2013 regarding B.C. First Nations taking over their own health care services (http://at.sfu.ca/mSBXLn). He was also quoted on this issue in the Vancouver Sun (http://at.sfu.ca/RqCfEx), Postmedia News (http://at.sfu.ca/SCCPvL) and First Perspective (http://at.sfu.ca/UdOmcI).

Ralph Pantophlet’s lab was highlighted in the CIHR Annual Report: http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/47320.html

Julian Somers’ work on housing and resources for the homeless received extensive media coverage in various news sources.

- Article in The Globe and Mail, October 28 2013
- Interviews for the Vancouver Sun, October 24 and October 28 2013.
- Letter to the Editor: Vancouver Sun October 26, 2013.
Kate Tairyan and her health promotion students organized the “What the Butt?! Campaign” to raise awareness about the toxicity of cigarette butts dropped on the ground and promote a smoke-free campus. The initiative was featured in Burnaby Now on November 21, 2013. [http://www.burnabynow.com/community/class-act-students-petitioning-sfu-to-make-burnaby-campus-smoke-free-1.705453](http://www.burnabynow.com/community/class-act-students-petitioning-sfu-to-make-burnaby-campus-smoke-free-1.705453)

Dr. Tim Takaro:

- Provided comment about a live webinar discussing the expansion of American thermal coal exports through Metro Vancouver. Full Podcast (Dec 5 2013, 6 a.m., ~49:45): [http://at.sfu.ca/qzRgeo](http://at.sfu.ca/qzRgeo)
- Quoted in an article concerning Port Metro Vancouver defending its findings on coal assessment. 24 Hours Vancouver: [http://at.sfu.ca/KIkEiR](http://at.sfu.ca/KIkEiR)
- Takaro and SFU sustainable energy professor Mark Jaccard were also mentioned in an article regarding coal critics urging the province to block a new terminal at Fraser Surrey Docks. Surrey Leader: [http://at.sfu.ca/bYKzgT](http://at.sfu.ca/bYKzgT)

He was also a contributor to a paper on mortality in Iraq which received international media attention from October 15-18 2013. The work was covered by:

- Joe Brownstein, Al Jazeera
- Dan Vergano, National Geographic
- Monte Morin, LA Times
- Tom Paulson, Humanosphere blog
- Bill Briggs, NBCUniversal
- Gabe Spitzer, KPLU (NPR affiliate in Tacoma)
- Carrie Sheridan, Agence France Presse

Dr. Charlotte Waddell’s BC Healthy Connections project launch was featured in news.

- Vancouver Sun (Vancouver) and Times Colonist (Victoria), October 15 2013
- CBC Radio “On the Coast,” Vancouver BC, October 15 2013 (radio interview)

Dr. Megan Winters was featured in the following: