The first six months of 2016 have been a relatively quiet time for the FHS community. Although we have had several arrivals and departures, and our faculty and students continue to excel with awards, the general "frantic" pace of development that has characterized our growth over the past decade seems to be slowing. This is a good thing. We now have more time for reflection and contemplation of the things we are doing well and the things we need to change. Our various committees are working hard to make the changes that will improve both student and faculty satisfaction with the curriculum. We launched our first global health field course in South Africa and by all accounts it was a huge success. Our staff is focused on implementing and refining our information systems to improve planning and management.

Nonetheless, our faculty continue to excel with grants and publications. In particular, Susan Erikson was successful with a large SSHRC Insight grant, the first of its scale for FHS; our HIV/AIDS group continues to attract important funding from CIHR and elsewhere; and Charlotte Waddell and her team have received significant funding from the provincial government to continue their work on connecting vulnerable families to the services they need for at-risk children. And as usual, our faculty continue to publish the results of their work in very prestigious journals at a very high rate.

In June, we graduated the largest cohort of undergraduate and graduate students to date, and we set a new record for faculty in attendance.

As this newsletter goes to press, it is the beginning of summer and many in our community will be getting a much needed rest and some important time with their families. I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable summer.

- John O’Neil
FHS welcomes the following:

- **Dr. Ruth Lavergne** – Dr. Lavergne has been appointed Assistant Professor, Health Care Systems. She will begin her appointment on July 1, 2016.

The Children’s Health Policy Centre welcomes:

- **Emily Lao** as Research Administrative Assistant for the BC Healthy Connections Project.

The SFU Health Sciences Co-op Program welcomes:

- **Cheri Fiedler** and **Jeanne Chen** as the Co-op Program Assistant, a shared role. Cheri Fiedler will also be spending 50% of her time as the Co-op Student Career Advisor, providing resume, cover letter and interview coaching to co-op students.

Au Revoir:

- **Linda Hegland**, Coordinator of Recruitment, Retention and Engagement retired from the Faculty of Health Sciences on March 18, 2016. Linda held several positions within the Faculty since 2005. Linda’s dedication to this Faculty will be fondly remembered and we wish her all the best!

Kudos (Awards & Recognition)

- **Dr. Mark Brockman** has renewed his Tier II Canada Research Chair in Viral Pathogenesis through to April 2021.
- **Dr. Malcolm King** was elected as a Fellow to the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.
- **Dr. Meghan Winters** has been awarded a Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Scholar Award for her research program “Transforming Urban Form for Mobility: Interventions to Improve Population Health” and a Confederation of University Faculty Associations of BC (CUFA BC) Distinguished Academic - Early in Career Award.

Postdoc & Student Awards

- **MSc student Crista Bartolomeu** supervised by Ryan Allen received the Mowafaghian Child Health Research and Practice Award.
- **MSc graduate (2015) and current research staff Jordan Brubacher** won the Best Poster Award at the Annual Symposium on Environmental, Occupational and Population Health, Semiahmoo, WA for his poster entitled, “Climate change, asthma and allergy risk in Toronto”.
- **MSc student Natalie Kinloch** supervised by Zabrina Brumme received a CIHR Frederick Banting and Charles Best MSc Award (1 year, $17,500) to support her research project on the effects of viral genetic context on HIV-1 immune escape.
- **BSc student Gabriella Luongo** received the SFU Health Sciences Award for Extraordinary Achievement.
- **BA student Christopher Macklin** received the Dean’s Undergraduate Convocation Medal.
- **Dr. Ryan McNeil, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow** with the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, has been awarded a Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Scholar Award and will be leaving SFU Health Sciences in July 2016 to commence an appointment with the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS and Department of Medicine at the University of British Columbia.
- **BSc student Shantelle Medel** received the SFU Health Sciences Award for Outstanding Community Service.
Postdoc & Student Awards cont’d

- **BA student Nicole Molinari** received the SFU Health Sciences Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement/Highest CGPA (BA).
- **BA student Nicole Molinari** and **BSc student Asa Rahimi** received the SFU Health Sciences Award for Citizenship and Exemplary Academic Performance.
- **MSc student Lief Pagalan** supervised by Bruce Lanphear received a CIHR Frederick Banting and Charles Best MSc Award (1 year, $17,500) to support his research project on air pollution and autism spectrum disorder.
- **BSc student Jennifer Payandeh** received the Patrick D. Morawski Award for Ethical Engagement.
- **PhD student Milad Parpouchi** supervised by Julian Somers received a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships Doctoral Award (3 years, $105,000) to support his research on “Housing First and Treatment Engagement and Continuity: A Randomized Controlled Trial.”
- **BSc student Asa Rahimi** received the SFU Health Sciences Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement/Highest CGPA (BSc).
- **PhD student Angela Russolillo** supervised by Julian Somers was awarded a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships Doctoral Award (3 years, $105,000) to support her research on “Service Provision: Impacts on Health, Social, and Public Safety Outcomes in a Canadian Offender Population.”
- **BA student Marco Zenone** was awarded the Vicky Bach Memorial Book Prize.
- **BSc student Macy Zou** received the SFU Health Sciences Award for Outstanding Service to the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Teaching & Programs Update

**New Course: HSCI 495-4 Applied Health Science Project**
This course offers students an opportunity to partner with courses and students from across SFU to apply practical skills to health challenges. For Fall 2016, HSCI 495 will be partnered with BUS 453 for the Health Change Lab to be offered at the Surrey Campus.

**New Course: HSCI 891/HSCI 488: Experiential Global Health Learning**
In collaboration with the Sub-Saharan African Network for TB/HIV research Excellence (SANTHE) partner institution, **Dr. Angela Kaida** offered an experiential global health intensive learning course in Durban, South Africa in May 2016. Course trainees included 20 graduate and senior undergraduate students from FHS, the University of Northern British Columbia, and partner institutions in Kenya, Botswana, and South Africa. The course theme was “Global Health, HIV, and Youth” framed within an interdisciplinary “cell to society” approach and was designed to provide Canadian and African students with experiential training, learning, and mentorship in health sciences research and practice in a global context.

**SFU Health Research Day 2016: Networking for Innovation**
The SFU Health Research Day 2016 took place on May 4th, 2016 at the SFU Surrey campus. 188 participants registered for the event and 13 dialogue groups were formed to address current health issues. Dr. Alan Bernstein, President & CEO, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR) delivered the keynote presentation.

**SFU Health Sciences Co-op Education Program**
The SFU Health Sciences co-op program placed 46 students during the Spring 2016 semester and 55 students in the Summer 2016 semester.

**2016 Public Health Association of BC (PHABC) Summer School**
Dr. Tim Takaro is co-chairing the two-day 2016 PHABC Summer School - Promoting Health and Sustainability: The case of climate change and energy use in July 2016.