This has been a spectacular year for SFU Health Sciences. As SFU celebrated its 50th anniversary, we joined in to celebrate our 10th Anniversary. Thanks to the hard work and commitment of a core group of faculty, staff and students, our celebration culminated in a widely attended “party” that featured a musical performance from several of our faculty and students joined by friends from UBC and UVic. The final dance number was a sight to behold!

It is truly remarkable to see what our faculty, staff and students have achieved over a very short period from our inception. From a “blank slate” beginning through a period of “building the airplane while we were flying it”, we have established attractive and credible undergraduate and graduate programs, we have attracted an outstanding group of approximately 50 faculty, and our research productivity is among the best at SFU and equal to our peers across the country.

The year ended on another high with a very successful retreat to examine our graduate program with the view to make it even better. This is the note I want to start the new 2016 year on. We have much to be proud of but we equally have much untapped potential. Our Faculty is designed to foster collaboration across disciplines and to encourage us to work together to respond to the health challenges of populations across the globe, and to take advantage of the new opportunities for students in our local and wider environments. I look forward to an exciting year ahead.

- John O’Neil
Au Revoir:

Dr. Cindy Barha, CIHR post-doctoral fellow supervised by Dr. Pablo Nepomnaschy, has left SFU Health Sciences to take up a Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research and Pacific Alzheimer Research Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship in the Department of Physical Therapy at the University of British Columbia. She will continue to collaborate on the SFU CTEF-funded Consequences for Peri-Conceptual Events (COPE) study with Dr. Nepomnaschy and his team.

Dr. Kitty Corbett, a founding member of SFU Health Sciences, retired on August 31, 2015. She joined the Faculty in August 2005 and held a few administrative positions including Director, Undergraduate Programs, from December 2006 to August 2011. Dr. Corbett’s dedication to this Faculty will be fondly remembered and we wish her all the best!

Dr. Jappe Eckhardt, post-doctoral fellow supervised by Dr. Kelley Lee, has left SFU Health Sciences to take up the position of Lecturer in the Department of Politics at the University of York, UK. He will continue to collaborate on the NIH-funded global tobacco control project with Dr. Lee and her team.

Dr. Charlie Goldsmith completed a five-year term as the Maureen and Milan Ilich/Merck Chair in Statistics for Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Diseases at SFU Health Sciences and Arthritis Research Canada as of August 31, 2015. He is a private consultant at GoldStats Consulting with an office at the Mary Pack Arthritis Centre in Vancouver. For the next five years, he will be working with SFU Health Sciences and the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy in the Faculty of Medicine at the University of British Columbia as an Adjunct Professor.

Dr. Craig Janes, a founding member of SFU Health Sciences, retired on August 31, 2015. He joined the Faculty in September 2005 and was appointed Associate Dean, Education in August 2006. He held the position until August 2011 and was re-appointed from September 2012 to June 2014. His contributions to this Faculty are invaluable and we wish him all the best!

Dr. Margo Moore completed her term as Associate Dean, Education in August, 2015. Prior to this appointment, she was Associate Dean, Education from September 2011 to August 2012 and served as special advisor to the Dean. Dr. Moore’s expertise played an important role in this Faculty, and she will be sorely missed!

Dr. Andrea Nicki completed a 4-year limited term as a lecturer in August 2015.

The Children’s Health Policy Centre welcomes:

- Jennifer Lam as Data Research Assistant for BC Healthy Connections Project.

CAREX (CARcinogen EXposure) Canada welcomes:

- Dr. Paleah Black Moher as Environmental Exposures Lead.
Kudos (Awards & Recognition)

- **Paola Ardiles** was elected President for the Public Health Association of BC, a provincial non-profit organization advancing healthy public policy, public engagement and capacity building to promote public health in BC.

- **Dr. Susan Erikson** was awarded a Mercator Fellowship in Spring 2016 at the Universities of Halle and Leipzig, Germany, as part of a German government-funded project “Adaptation and Creativity in Africa: Technologies and Significations in the Production of Order and Disorder.”

- **Dr. Shira Goldenberg** received a five-year CIHR New Investigator Award.

- **Dr. Robert Hogg** received a CIHR Foundation Award.

- **Dr. Angela Kaida** received the 2015 SFU Health Sciences Junior Faculty Award for Excellence in Research and Service.

- **Dr. Malcolm King** became a member of the Ontario SPOR Support Unit (OSSU) International Scientific Advisory Committee in October 2015, and the International Diabetes Federation Congress Programme Committee – Stream Lead Diabetes in Indigenous Peoples for the World Diabetes Congress held in Vancouver in Dec 2015. He has also been re-appointed as an Adjunct Professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Alberta from July 2015 to June 2018, and as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Centre for Child, Family and Community Research from December 2014 to December 2016.

- **Dr. Malcolm King** received the 2015 Award of Recognition for Social, Political & Community Action from the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network. He was also appointed as Honorary Professor in the Queensland Children’s Medical Research Institute at the University of Queensland from July 2014 to June 2017.

- **Rod Knight**, an MSFRH post-doctoral fellow supervised by Dr. Will Small has been awarded a Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research Post-Doctoral Fellowship. He also received a Skills Update Award ($5,000) from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Institute of Population and Public Health, Institute Community Support Program. The award supports a training opportunity to conduct an epidemiological analysis of addictive behaviour pre- and post- HCV clearance among HIV-positive patients enrolled in the French ANRS HEPAVIH Cohort under the supervision of Dr. Patrizia Carriari at the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research (INSERM).

- **Dr. Kelley Lee** has been appointed as a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Global Health.

- **SFU Health Sciences staff and faculty** earned the Silver Leaf level of the Green Office - a great community effort!

- **Dr. Kate Tairyan** has been appointed to the continuing position of Senior Lecturer.

- **Dr. Nienke Van Houten** has been appointed to the continuing position of Lecturer.

- **Dr. David Whitehurst** has been appointed as Assistant Professor on tenure track.

Student Awards

**PhD student Allison Carter**, supervised by Dr. Angela Kaida received a Doctoral Research Scholarship from the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) and the Canadian Association for HIV/AIDS Research (CAHR).

**MPH student Hayley Mundeva** supervised by Dr. Angela Kaida has received the Judy Graves Graduate Award, the Djavad Mawafaghian Child Health Research and Practice Award, and a CIHR James Rossiter Award to support her practicum and graduate studies.

**PhD student Jill Murphy**, supervised by Drs. Elliot Golder and Kitty Corbett, received the Roger Bland Award for Best Presentation by a Trainee for her oral presentation, “Conceptualizing mental health in Vietnam: primary care providers’ explanatory models of depression” [co-authors: Linh, D.T., Goldner, E., Corbett, K., Morrow, M.] at the Canadian Academy of Psychiatric Epidemiology in September 2015.
**Teaching and Education Programs Update**

**CEPH Accreditation Renewal**

In 2015, SFU Health Sciences embarked on the process of renewing accreditation of the Undergraduate and Master of Public Health programs with the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH). This included the preparation of a self-study, a comprehensive examination of our program’s processes and outcomes in relation to the Council’s accreditation criteria over the past five years, followed by a two-day site visit by three members of the Council in May 2015. The report of the findings by the site visit team were submitted to the Council in October for review and a decision regarding our accreditation status was provided in November. We received notice that we were accredited for a seven-year team extending to December 21, 2022. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our success in this process, including students, alumni, external partners, faculty and staff.

**Teaching Complex Interdisciplinary Topics**

A group of SFU Health Sciences faculty including Michel Joffres, Mark Lechner, Malcolm Steinberg, Kate Tairyan and Nienke van Houten, with support from Barb Berry, co-planned and co-facilitated a discussion based classroom activity for teaching complex interdisciplinary topics. The module on the topic of Sugar was demonstrated at the SFU Health Sciences 10th anniversary celebration. The group plans to offer training on this approach as a workshop for SFU Health Sciences faculty and at the SFU Teaching and Learning symposium in Spring 2016.

**SFU Health Sciences Co-operative Education Program**

The SFU Health Sciences co-op program placed 48 students during the Summer 2015 semester and 38 students during the Fall 2015 semester.

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**Graduate Programs**

SFU Health Sciences faculty, staff and graduate students participated in a curriculum retreat in December 2015 to discuss graduate curriculum reform. The retreat was focused on strengthening the Faculty’s vision and strategic plans for the MPH and MSc/PhD programs, providing strategic direction to the MPH/MPC committees for their work, building community and cohesion, and establishing processes for ongoing curriculum renewal.

**Undergraduate Programs**

A new course, **HSCI 416: Health Services Research** is now being offered. The course is an introduction to the fundamental concepts of health services research. Students will learn to examine how people access health care, how much care costs, and what happens to patients as a result of this care. They will also learn the most effective ways to organize, manage, finance, and deliver high quality care. Prerequisite: HSCI majors with 90 units, including HSCI 330 and STAT 302.