

Tuesday, November 25, 2008 (Evening)

- 6:00 pm Dinner/Keynote Speaker: David Calder, Silver Medalist, Beijing Olympics
- 7:00 pm AGM & Planning Session

Wednesday, November 26, 2008

- 8:00 to 8:30 am Breakfast
- 8:30 to 9:15 am Keynote Address: Dr. Bob Armstrong, Head, Department of Pediatrics, UBC; Chief, Pediatric Medicine, BC Children's Hospital
"Child and Youth Health Research: The BC Advantage"
- 9:15 to 9:35 am Questions/Discussion
- 9:35 to 10:05 am Symposium IV: Symposium Health Issues for Vulnerable Youth
Jennifer Reade – "Exploring Contraceptive Use Amongst Northern BC Youth"
Adam Clarkson - "The Impact of Foster Care on Current Young Aboriginal Drug Users in Vancouver and Prince George"
- 10:05 to 10:25 am Questions/Discussion
- 10:25 to 10:40 am BREAK**
- 10:40 to 12:20 pm Symposium V: Mental Health Issues: Children, Youth & Families
Grant Charles – "Improving Workforce Capacity to Respond to Children of Parents With a Mental Illness"
Doug Magnuson – "Delegated and Delicate: Child Protection Authority and the Practice of Public Health"
Mary Kay Nixon – "Understanding Self Injury in Youth: Research Goals of INSYNC (Interdisciplinary National Self Injury in Youth Network Canada)"
Paratibha Reebye – "Gender Differences in Self Regulation and Emerging Behavior Problems in Young Boys and Girls"
Marlene Moretti – "Connect: Supporting Caregivers of Aggressive and Antisocial Teens"
- 12:20 to 12:50 am Questions/Discussion
- 12:50 to 2:00 pm LUNCH and Poster Presentations**
- 2:00 to 3:00 pm Closing Speaker: Dr. John Challis, President & CEO, Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research
- 3:00 to 3:30 am Questions/Discussion
- 3:30 pm ADJOURN**



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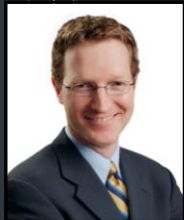


Bob Armstrong, BSc, MD, MSc, PhD, FRCPC

Associate Professor and Head,
Department of Pediatrics, UBC;
Chief, Pediatric Medicine, BC's
Children's Hospital and BC
Women's Hospital; CYHRNet
Oversight Committee Member

Dr. Bob Armstrong completed his undergraduate training at Simon Fraser University and his medical school and residency training at McMaster University and the University of British Columbia. He did graduate work (MSc, PhD) and fellowship training in Human Growth and Development and Developmental Pediatrics at McMaster University.

Dr. Armstrong joined the Division of Developmental Pediatrics at UBC in 1987. His clinical work is with children who have physical disabilities. His research interests lie in better understanding the factors that influence the development of children and the impact that disability has on development.



**Hon. Tom Christensen, LLB
MLA, Okanagan-Vernon, Minister
Children and Family Development**

Tom Christensen was appointed Minister of Children and Family Development in 2006 after having served as Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation and Minister of Education. He also serves on the Social Development and Economy, the New Relationship Coordination Cabinet Committee and the Environment Land Use Committee as well as the Cabinet Committee on Legislative Review.

Mr. Christensen graduated from the University of Victoria with a Law degree in 1994, and was called to the B.C. bar in May 1995. Prior to entering politics, he practiced law at Davidson & Company, and was a partner in the firm from 1999 to 2001.

He has been involved in a number of community organizations, having held such positions as president of the Downtown Vernon Association, director of the Vernon Jubilee Hospital Foundation.

Conference Agenda

Monday, November 24, 2008

7:00 to 9:00 pm Welcome Wine & Cheese

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

8:00 to 8:30 am Breakfast and Registratic

8:30 to 8:45 am Welcome Address

8:45 to 9:15 am Keynote Speaker

Honourable Tom Christensen, Minister of Children and Family Development

9:15 to 10:15 am Symposium I: Transitions
to Adulthood for Vulnerable Youth

Annie Smith – “Moving Upstream: Aboriginal
Marginalized and Street-Involved Youth in B.C.”

Natalie Clarke - “Centre for Community-Based Youth
Health Research: Intersections of Gender, Culture and
Space in Youth Transitions”

10:15 to 10:35 am Questions/Discussion

Bonnie Leadbeater - “It’s Not Too Late: Resilience and
Vulnerable Youth”

10:35 to 10:50 am BREAK

10:50 to 11:30 am Symposium II: Injury
Prevention Policy Indicators

Bonnie Sawatzky – “Family Impact of Assistive Devices
for children with Disabilities focusing on seating and
wheelchairs”

Ian Pike - “Developing Injury Indicators for Canadian
Children and Youth”

11:30 to 11:55 am Questions/Discussion

11:55 to 1:30 pm LUNCH and Poster
Presentations

Virginia Russell – “It’s OK to cry: The role of family
cohesion in reactivity, health vulnerability and health-care
utilization”

Cynthia Lee – “The health impacts of safety-planning
strategies on child and adult victims of battering”

1:30 to 3:10 pm Symposium III: Student
Internship Award Winners

Rachel Yeung – “Strengthening the Pediatric Intensive
Care Unit Experience: Identifying Effective Caregiving
Strategies that Support Parents”

Tingting Zhang – “Prescription Medication Utilization in
British Columbia’s Pediatric Population”

Mina Lee Thomas – “Toward Exercise Intervention for
Children with FASD: a Strength-Based Approach”

3:10 to 3:30 pm Questions/Discussion

3:30 pm

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John Challis DSc, FRCOG, FRSC, PhD



President & CEO, Michael Smith
Foundation for Health Research

A Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada,
Dr. Challis received his undergraduate
education at the University of Nottingham
and PhD from the University of
Cambridge. He conducted post-doctoral
work at the University of California, San
Diego and at Harvard Medical School.

He joined the University of Toronto as
Professor and Chair of the Department of
Physiology in 1995. In 2001, he was
appointed as the founding Scientific
Director of the Canadian Institutes of
Health Research, Institute of Human
Development, Child and Youth Health.

An internationally-recognized researcher
in the fields of physiology, obstetrics and
gynecology, Dr. Challis’ specific areas of
interest include hormone mechanisms
during pregnancy, fetal endocrinology and
the influence of intrauterine development
on disease after birth.

David Calder

Silver Medalist, Beijing Olympics

Dave Calder began his rowing career at
age 13. Three years later, he began
representing Canada in international
competition. Although he enjoyed success
at the World Championships, the Victoria
rower always dreamed of Olympic victory.

In 2004, his dream took a hit when he was
disqualified at the Athens Olympics.
Calder spent three years in retirement,
concentrating on his young family and his
career with the BC Ministry of Energy,
Mines and Petroleum Resources.

The Beijing Summer Games, however,
rekindled Calder’s dream. He returned to
Olympic competition with something to
prove, taking home Canada's first medal –
a silver in the men's rowing pair.

Calder, who received a BA from the
University of Washington, lives in Victoria
with his wife and daughter.

