FHS Bulletin

Dean’s Corner

This has been a challenging year for FHS, with transitions in staff and faculty leadership as well as an effort to implement the recommendations of the external review. We have made some significant progress with a recently ratified new Constitution that addresses governance changes designed to increase staff and student participation in governance. We are fully engaged in working with staff to strengthen career development and communication processes, and we hope to have a re-newed organizational structure in place soon.

We are losing two of the people who have committed enormous time and energy to "building the plane while we were flying" - Craig Janes and Kitty Corbett - to new challenges at the University of Waterloo. But several of our colleagues have stepped up to carry on this work and we look forward to working with a new leadership group in FHS.

We are pleased to welcome several new faculty and staff to our community and we celebrate the success of our students who continue to win a disproportionate share of local and national awards. Of particular note this year has been the introduction of the Pecha Kucha events for faculty and staff to become better acquainted with the biographies and passions of their colleagues. Led by Laurie Goldsmith and Scott Venners, these events provide fascinating and heartfelt opportunities to come together and celebrate each other in our work and personal lives. We all look forward to more of these events.

- John O’Neil

People News

FHS welcome the following:

- Bobbi Ann Nieuweboer – Budget Clerk (April 22, 2014).
- Sandy Loi, Communications Assistant (Feb 2014 – Aug 2014)

The following new staff members of the Children’s Health Policy Centre’s BC Healthy Connections Project:
- Ms. Galya Chatterton, Human Resources Recruiter and Trainer,
- Ms. Judith Eigenbrod, Senior Research Assistant,
- Ms. Caitlin Riebe, Scientific Field Interviewer, and
- Ms. Samantha Mills, Student Research Assistant.

- Dr. Ian Tietjen, Staff Scientist with the Brockman and Brumme Labs. Dr. Tietjen completed PhD and post-doctoral training in Biochemistry at Harvard University, and is now jointly appointed at UBC and SFU with ties to local Biotech industry. His research focuses on the characterization of novel small molecules with antiviral activity.
- Maya Gislason, assistant professor (September 1, 2014)
Au revoir:

- Annie Ding has concluded her contract appointment as budget clerk.
- After 7 years at FHS, Craig Janes and Kitty Corbett have accepted new faculty appointments at the University of Waterloo’s School of Public Health and Health Systems (beginning July and September 2014 respectively). Craig will be the Director of the School.

Changes:

- Margo Moore will serve in the Associate Dean Education role for one year from September 1, 2014 – August 31, 2015, at which time she has a study leave scheduled.
- Mark Lechner will serve a second term as Director, Undergraduate Programs for a three year term. Mark has also agreed to serve as Acting Associate Dean, Education for the July 1, 2014 – August 31, 2014 period.
- Marina Morrow will serve as Director, Graduate Programs for a three year term commencing July 1, 2014.
- Michel Joffres will serve as Chair of the Tenure and Promotions Committee (?)
- FHS Faculty promoted to Associate Professor with tenure: Frank Lee, Lawrence McCandless, Cari Miller, Ralph Pantophlet, Gratien Prefontaine and Denise Zabkiewicz
- FHS Faculty promoted to Full Professor: Charlotte Waddell
- Meghan Winters’ tenure-track appointment has been renewed at the two year mark.

Kudos (Awards & Recognition)

- Dr. Nicole Catherine has been appointed as a Mowafaghian University Research Associate with SFU’s Children’s Health Policy Centre. She is also Scientific Director for the BC Healthy Connections Project and Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at SFU. Dr. Catherine completed her BSc in pharmacology at Dundee University, Scotland, followed by an MSc in nutritional sciences at the University of Toronto. She received her PhD in educational psychology at UBC, studying the neurobiology of social support and child behavior. Before joining the Children’s Health Policy Centre, she was a post-doctoral fellow in psychology at SFU, studying the neurobiology of adolescent development. Funding for this University Research Associate position is made possible by the generous support of the Mowafaghian Foundation, which aims to better the lives of children through health and education.

- Bohdan Nosyk was named as the first St. Paul’s Hospital CANFAR Chair in HIV/AIDS Research on February 27th, 2014. In his new role, Nosyk will lead a research program focussed on conducting novel health economic analyses to find ways for HIV/AIDS programs to provide treatment to patients in a more cost-effective and efficient manner.

- Julian Somers and the Somers Research Group have been recognized for the following:
  
  - Findings from the Vancouver At Home study (Lead Investigator Julian Somers) were cited by the Federal Government as a catalyst for directing 600 million dollars to implement Housing First across Canada. The funding is part of Canada’s Economic Action Plan, and underscores the importance of investment in housing as a social determinant of health.
  
  - Stefanie Rezansoff, Julian Somers, Akm Moniruzzaman and Carmen Gress were winners of the 2014 Significant Contribution Award of the Criminal Justice Psychology section of the Canadian Psychological Association for their paper Psychiatric Diagnoses and Multiyear Criminal Recidivism in a Canadian Provincial Offender Population. Psychology, Public Policy and Law. 19(4), 443-543. The CPA Significant Contribution Award recognizes a specific work that has been recently completed (within the last year or two) that makes a significant contribution to the application of psychology to criminal behaviour, criminal justice, and/or law: http://www.cpa.ca/aboutcpa/cpasections/criminaljusticepsychology/criminaljusticeawards/)
Fellowships:

**Rodney Knight** (Supervisor: Will Small) was awarded a CIHR Postdoctoral Fellowship Award ($90K for 2yrs) and a Knowledge to Action KT Fellowship Supplement for research travel ($8000) for "Implementation and ethical dimensions of scaling up HIV Treatment as Prevention: Examining the experience of vulnerable populations."

**Philip MWIMANZI** (Supervisors: M. Brockman and Z. Brumme) was awarded his second postdoctoral fellowship, CIHR Fellowship - PA: Biomedical / Clinical HIV/AIDS Research for “The role of HIV Nef in the establishment and maintenance of HIV latency” ($90K for 2 yrs).

**Allison Carter** (FHS Alum and CHIWOS BC Study Coordinator) received the New Investigator Award - Social Sciences at the 2014 Canadian Association for HIV Research (CAHR) conference.

Student Awards:

1. **Prabjit Barn** (Supervisor: R. Allen) received a CIHR Doctoral Award - Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships 2013  
   Title: A randomized air filter intervention study of air pollution and fetal growth in a highly polluted community - $105,000

2. **Iva Cheung** (Supervisor: E. Goldner) received a CIHR Doctoral Award - Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarships 2013  
   Title: Knowledge Translation Theory and Practice in Addressing Protective Factors to Prevent Suicide among Males in Post-Secondary Education Settings - $105,000

3. **Chelsea Hitchen** received the Dr. Nancy Hall Graduate Award in Public Health

4. **Quang Anh Le** (supervisor: Z. Brumme) received a CIHR Travel Award - Institute Community Support

5. **Alysha McFadden** (supervisor: S. Erikson) received a SSHRC Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship ($17,500)

6. **Surita Parashar** received the 2014 FHS Dean's Convocation Medal in Health Sciences

7. **Sophie Patterson** (Supervisors: A. Kaida, R. Hogg, G. Ogilvie - BCCDC) was recently awarded a prestigious Leverhulme Study Abroad Scholarship (£17,000/yr), awarded to UK citizens engaged in advanced scholarship abroad for her research into the impact of criminalization of HIV non disclosure on sexual and reproductive health and rights of women living with HIV in Canada.

8. **Tiffany Reeve** (supervisor: C. Waddell) was awarded a Fredrick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship – Masters (CIHR) of $17,500.

9. **Angela Russolillo** (Somers Research Group) was accepted into the FHS PhD program and awarded a PhD entrance scholarship.

10. **Kate Salters** (Supervisor: A. Kaida, R. Hogg) received a CIHR Doctoral Research Award - PA: HIV/AIDS - Epidemiology/Public Health 2013  
    Title: Socio-spatial predictors of sexual health service utilization among women living with HIV

11. **Karen Schellenberg** (Supervisor: Meghan Winters) was awarded a VPR Undergraduate Student Research Award Social Sciences & Humanities

12. **Ann Wang** (Supervisor: Meghan Winters) was awarded a VPR Undergraduate Student Research Award for the Social Sciences & Humanities

13. **Nico Miraftab**: FHS Award for Highest Academic Achievement in BA program

14. **Grace MacEwan**: FHS Award for Highest Academic Achievement in BSc program

15. **Melanie Ewan**: FHS Award for Citizenship and Exemplary Academic Performance

16. **Christine Lukac**: FHS Award for Outstanding Service to the Faculty of Health Sciences

17. **Micaela Pereira-Bajard**: FHS Award for Outstanding Community Service

18. **Malinda Pathcharage** and **Ryan Uy**: FHS Award for Extraordinary Achievement
Teaching and Education Programs Update

1) FHS faculty participated in the 2014 Symposium on Teaching & Learning: Provocative Pedagogy. Mark Lechner presented a poster and spoke in a plenary session on his research project "Applying and Understanding the Scientific Method with iClicker Surveys in "Human Biology". Kate Tairyan and Nienke van Houten facilitated discussion tables during a World Cafe on Student Wellness. Nienke van Houten was also a member of the symposium organizing committee.

2) Plagiarism was a hot topic this term in FHS this past Spring. Faculty Teaching Fellows, Nienke van Houten and Rochelle Tucker worked with Educational Consultant, Barb Berry to illuminate the complexities and find solutions for this problem. In February, a discussion aimed at identifying needs of FHS faculty was held in Faculty Council. Faculty expressed interest in workshops that taught use of plagiarism detection tools such as Turnitin. A workshop on the use of Turnitin was offered in early April.

Summary of plagiarism discussion in Faculty Council: [http://blogs.sfu.ca/departments/fhs-teaching/?p=630](http://blogs.sfu.ca/departments/fhs-teaching/?p=630)

3) On May 22nd, FHS hosted its 2nd annual Teaching and Learning Celebration. The theme was Putting Learning into the Hands of Our Students: Experiments in Teaching and Learning in FHS. It started with a Show and Tell Gallery in which FHS instructors demonstrated assignment designs and samples of student work. FHS instructors who showed their work at the celebration included: Malcolm Steinberg, Jeremy Snyder, Charles Goldsmith, Andrea Nicki, Kate Tairyan, Mark Lechner, Nienke van Houten, Claire O’Gorman, Alisa Stanton, and Jenny Scott. It was followed by a discussion with graphic facilitation and a closing social at Club Ilia. People who played a part in planning the celebration included: Barb Berry, Rochelle Tucker, Mark Lechner, Scott Venners and Nienke van Houten.

4) Nienke van Houten completed a 40-hour Facilitator Development Workshop in May. She is now certified to facilitate the Instructional Skills Workshop that is offered at SFU and other locations.
For more information: [http://iswnetwork.ca/](http://iswnetwork.ca/)

Co-Op:

FHS has once again reached 50 placements for the summer term and the employer who has consistently hired the most students every term has been Fraser Health Authorities with 10-15 students working for them each term in multiple units and programs. Students have been placed for 2 semesters in a row with the Vancouver Island Health Authorities which is a first for SFU Co-op in general.

Co-Op employers currently include: Fraser Health Authority, Provincial Health Services Authority, Maxxam, Genome, Centre for Disease Control, RepiCel Life Sciences, UBC Centre for Heart and Lung Innovations (previously iCapture), Applied Biological Materials, WorkSafe BC, Bamfield Community School Association, Dillon Consulting Limited, Downtown Business Improvement, and Family Support Institute.

Research Update


3. Eng JJ, Barr S, Benavente O, Goldsmith CH, Lear S, Sakakibara B, Silverberg N, Yao J. A telehealth intervention to promote healthy lifestyles after stroke: A pilot randomized trial. Heart and Stroke Foundation Canadian Partnership for Stroke Re-


8. Ryan McNeil (Supervisor: W. Small) with Stajduhar K (PI - UVIC) and 8 other co-investigators were awarded an operating grant, “Access to End of Life Care for Vulnerable and Marginalized Populations.” CIHR, $119,464 per year (2014-2017).


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49. Somers JM, Moniruzzaman A, Rezansoff SN, Patterson ML. Examining the Impact of Case Management in Vancouver’s Downtown Community Court: A Quasi-Experimental Design. PLOS ONE manuscript PONE-D-13-41525 publication date of March 5th, 2014.


resource use measurement. Health Economics 20 January 2014 [Epub ahead of print]

56. Engel L, Bryan S, Evers SMAA, Dirksen CD, Noonan VK, Whitehurst DGT. Exploring the psychometric properties of the SF-6D, a preference-based health-related quality of life measure, in the context of spinal cord injury. Quality of Life Research 2014; 12: 50


Student and Trainee publications:


1. **Brumme Z.** Biology Guest Speaker, annual SFU Department of Mathematics Saturday Symposia Series for High School students, “Pathogen genetic diversity: challenges and opportunities”, March 8 2014. [http://www.sfu.ca/math/students_teacher/taste-of-pi/past-sessions.html](http://www.sfu.ca/math/students_teacher/taste-of-pi/past-sessions.html)

2. **Children's Health Policy Centre.** (Organizer and Host.) Mowafaghian Child Health Policy Visiting Speaker Series. Fourth Annual Symposium, May 2014. Dr. Debra Pepler: *Can we prevent bullying? Teaching adults to teach kids.* (Will be posted online at childhealthpolicy.ca)


4. **Erikson S.** "Following the Money: Global Health Futures, Foundations, and Funds." University of California-San Francisco School of Medicine, April 18, 2014.


7. **Goldsmith CH.** Learning versus Grades in a Biostatistics Course. Teaching and Learning Celebration, Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University, 2014-05-22.


18. Patterson S, Samji H, Chan K, Jose S, Shurgold S, Montaner JSG, Sabin C, **Hogg RS; CANOC UK CHIC Collaboration.** Mortality among Antiretroviral Therapy recipients: a comparison between patients in the United Kingdom and Canada. Poster presentation at the 18th Inter-


33. McKerracher LJ, Collard M, Nepomnaschy P. Inter-individual variation in access to allocare helps to facilitate relatively early weaning in a population of Mayan women [Oral presentation]. Annual meeting of the Human Biology Association, Calgary, AB, Canada, April 2014.


36. Nicki A was a contributor to the panel discussion on disability and poetry with leading American disability poets/scholars Jim Ferris, John Lee Clark, Jennifer Bartlett, and Jillian Weise for the 27th Annual Meeting of the Society for Disability Studies, June 11-14, 2014 Minneapolis, MN.

37. Nicol AM was a speaker at the Canadian Radiation Protection Association annual conference, Managing the Risk: Perceptions and Realities, Sheraton Wall Centre in Vancouver (May 26-29)


50. Nijdam-Jones A, Nicholls T L, Crocker AG, Roy L, Frankish J, Krausz M & Somers J. Lifetime forensic psychiatric service contact among homeless adults living with mental illness [Oral presentation] in T. Nicholls (Chair), Homelessness, Victimization, and Violence: Results of the At Home/ Chez Soi Study Symposium, 14th Annual Conference of the International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services, June 19-22, 2014 Toronto, Ontario


52. Somers, J. Health and Housing: Through the Lens of Administrative Data. Invited talk to the International Health Data Linkage Conference, Vancouver, Canada. April 28-30.


58. Somers J & Rezansoff SN. Mental Disorders Among British Columbia’s Offenders: Results from Experiments, Naturalistic Observations
58. **Whitehurst, D.** (Co-organizer) Vancouver Health Economics Methodology (Van-HEM) Annual Meeting, along with Dr. Nick Bansback (UBC), June 27th 2014.


**Trainees:**


2. **McNeil, R.** “Hospitals as a ‘risk environment’” presented at:

3. Ethics for Lunch Speaker Series, St. Paul’s Hospital, Vancouver, BC, June 2014,


FHS in the News

Mark Brockman’s Lab and his mentorship of 15 yr old Nicole Ticea for her project to develop an early stage HIV test for the Sanofi BioGENEus Challenge Canada received broad media coverage in the following:

- Breakfast Television Vancouver on CityTV. May 29, 2014.

Zabrina Brumme’s work was covered in the following:

- “Researchers trace HIV adaptation to its human host” http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2014/04/140424190510.htm

Angela Kaida’s research with the CHIWOS Study was covered as follows:


Scott Lear was interviewed and cited in “Electronics, cars linked to obesity and diabetes in low-income countries, finds SFU study,” The Province, Feb. 11, 2014

R. McNeil’s and Will Small’s work on the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users ‘unsanctioned' peer-run supervised injection room were cited in:

- June 3, Vancouver Sun, ”Many addicts still shooting up in alleys” : http://www.vancouversun.com/health/Part+Many+addicts+still+shooting+Vancouver+alleys+with+video/9901387/story.html


- May 30 interview with Sher-E-Punjab AM 1550 (Metro Vancouver); June 1 interview on the Jill Bennett News Show on CKNW AM 980 (Vancouver); June 2 interview on On-Air with Pamela McCall on CFAX 1070 AM (Victoria)

Ann Marie Nicol was interviewed by CBC National for the story, Manitoba a hotspot for radon levels among Canadian homes (June 3, 2014).

Karen Palmer (FHS adjunct) was cited in the Financial Post, ‘Looking abroad to cure Canada’s healthcare ailments’ (R. Walberg, June 2, 2014). [http://business.financialpost.com/2014/06/02/can-the-answer-to-managing-canadas-health-care-be-found-abroad/?__lsa=3c30-e866](http://business.financialpost.com/2014/06/02/can-the-answer-to-managing-canadas-health-care-be-found-abroad/?__lsa=3c30-e866)


Jeremy Snyder was interviewed for the following:


Meghan Winters was interviewed for her work on public bike share in the Pacific Northwest and city cycling:

- CNN: [http://at.sfu.ca/WZhjMf](http://at.sfu.ca/WZhjMf), March 4, 2014,