



# Department Of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Summer 2025 Newsletter

## INTRO

This newsletter will cover the highlights in the following areas:

- Events
- New Recruits
- Departures
- Faculty Promotions
- Leadership Appointments
- Trainee News
- Events
- Other News



## ➤ BANFF PATHOLOGY COURSE

The 2025 Banff Pathology Course will take place from September 25-27, 2025 at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. Visit [banffpathologycourse.com](https://banffpathologycourse.com) for program information and registration.

## ➤ HPV SCREENING AWARENESS WORKSHOP

The HPV Screening Awareness Workshop will take place on September 4, 2025 at the Arthur Child Comprehensive Cancer Centre. This full day workshop includes lunch and will focus on information sharing and collaboration with a few members of the pathology, screening and oncology community around implementation and evaluation of HPV testing.

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## ➤ NEW RECRUITS

Welcome to the newest members of our department!

Dr. Lynn Cornell - Professor, Renal Pathology

Dr. Chen Gao - Clinical Assistant Professor, Anatomical Pathology

Dr. Pavandeep Gill - Clinical Associate Professor, Anatomical Pathology

Fareen Jadavji Jessa - Program Events Coordinator

Dr. Etienne Mahe - Associate Professor, Hematopathology and Director CTRC, ACCCC

Amanda Sellar-Bouchard - Senior Executive Assistant

## ➤ DEPARTURES

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine extends our heartfelt gratitude and best wishes to our esteemed colleagues who are retiring or moving on to new opportunities this year. We thank you for your years of dedicated service, invaluable contributions, and lasting impact on our department.

Katrina Mohr - Resigned April 2025

## ➤ FACULTY PROMOTIONS

Please join us in congratulating the following faculty on this well-deserved achievement and wishing them continued success in their new role.

Dr. Byron Berenger has been promoted to Clinical Associate Professor.

Dr. Heather Paul has been promoted to Clinical Associate Professor

Dr. Ramin Zargham has been promoted to Clinical Associate Professor

This well-deserved achievement reflects their outstanding contributions to clinical care, teaching, and academic leadership. We are proud to celebrate this important milestone in their careers.

## ➤ LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

**Medical Microbiology Residency Program Director**

Dr. Luiz Lisboa has taken on the position of Medical Microbiology Residency Program Director.



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## ➤ RESEARCH DAY

Thank you to everyone for their participation in the 2025 DPLM Research Day which was held on June 11, 2025.

We are proud of all presenters for their research activities and fantastic presentations. Congratulations to the recipients of the following awards:

### **1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Graduate Student and Post-Doctorate Platform - Nabil Royez**

For the presentation "Disco-Lamp: A Novel Multiplexed Diagnostic Platform For Infectious Diseases"

### **1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Post Graduate Platform - Sisu Han**

For the presentation "Evaluating the Clinical Utility of Urine Human Chorionic Gonadotropin Testing in Community Laboratory Service"

### **Best Poster - Tian (Sunny) Lu**

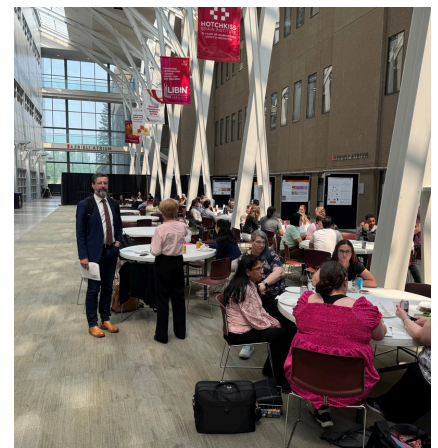
For the poster "Fine-Tuning Yolo for Histopathology: Feasibility of automated eosinophil Quantification in Eosinophilic Esophagitis with Limited Resources"

### **Honourable Mention Poster - Archie Shchemialiou**

For the poster "Dipquick: Rapid and Affordable Near-Patient Malaria Detection Leveraging Lyophilized Loop-Mediated Isothermal Amplification"



Nabil Royez receiving award from Dr. Robin Patel, Mayo Clinic



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## Microbiologist Faculty Preceptor of the Year

Dr. Julie Carson

## Outstanding Achievement in Teaching by a Technologist

Kylie Whyte MLT2 (DSC) & Fanny Lau MLT1 (DSC)

## The Sandra Skrober Collegiality Award

Loranne Royall and Anna Robertson

## Faculty Teacher of the Year

Dr. Ema Todorovic

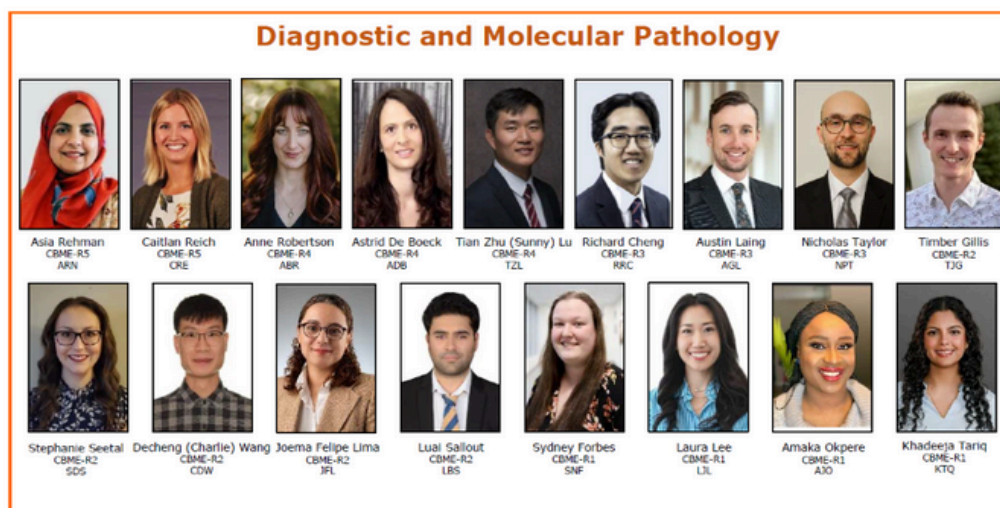
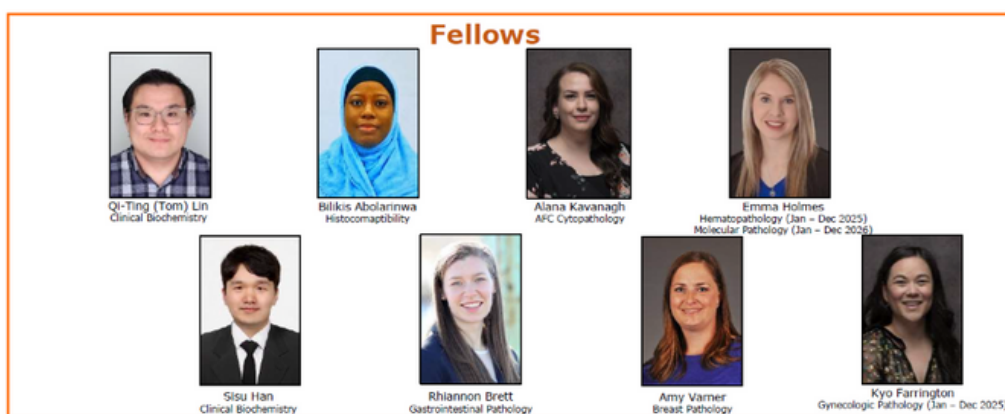
## Resident Teacher of the Year

Dr. Rhiannon Brett



## ➤ 2025/2026 TRAINEES

Meet the new UofC DPLM trainees (residents and fellows).



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## Diagnostic and Clinical Pathology



Elaine Poon  
CBME-R5  
EP



Joshua Samsoondar  
CBME-R4  
JPS



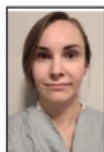
Kyla Taylor  
CBME-R3  
KCT



Zachary Dwyer  
CBME-R3  
ZKD



Jenny (Shuarjin) Wang  
CBME-R3  
SJW



Jessalyn Weir  
CBME-R2  
JWW



Biobelemye (Bio) Irabor  
CBME-R2  
BEI



Jade Pyo  
CBME-R1  
JGP



Kendra Scarrott  
CBME-R1  
KLS

## Medical Microbiology



Yara Falatah  
PGY6



Charlotte Rosen  
PGY-6



Alexander Kipp  
PGY5



Kaitlin Wasnik  
PGY-2/3



William Booth  
CBME-R1

## Neuropathology



Erin Stephenson  
PGY4  
ELS

## DEPARTMENT ACCOLADES

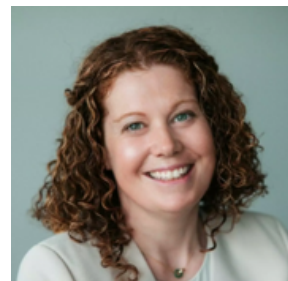
### Congratulations Dr. de Koning!

Congratulations Dr. de Koning on being honored with the CSCC National Research Award, in recognition of outstanding achievement in research within the field of clinical chemistry. The CSCC award is given to an individual or group, as a mark of recognition of their contribution to research directly or indirectly related to clinical chemistry in Canada.



### Congratulations to Dr. Bromley!

Congratulations to Dr. Bromley, who has been awarded the 2024 Glenda MacQueen Emerging Leader Award in the Cumming School of Medicine. The recipient will be a faculty member of the Cumming School of Medicine who demonstrates leadership within the CSM academic community. Dr. Bromley also received the 2025 Leadership in Education Award from the Canadian Association of Pathologists – Association canadienne des pathologistes (CAP-ACP) to recognize a member of the CAP-ACP who has shown leadership in education in the CAP-ACP. These prestigious recognitions are a testament to Dr. Bromley's exceptional leadership and contributions to medical education.



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## **Congratulations to Dr. Nikolic!**

Congratulations to Dr. Ana Nikolic, who has been awarded a 2025 Elevation Grant from the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada and funded by DUNN with Cancer, for her project, Charting the landscape of cellular quiescence in adult IDH-wildtype GBM.



## ➤ **TRAINEE NEWS**

Dr. Elaine Poon will be starting a Molecular Pathology Fellowship at Stanford next year.

Dr. Nathan McCartney has joined the Medical Microbiology group at the DSC on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

## ➤ **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

We hope everyone is having a great summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall



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