

Department Council Meeting

January 26, 2018



**UNIVERSITY OF
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Department Head Report

Dr. Brenda Hemmelgarn

WELCOME!

Newest member of CHS:

Mariko Roe
Business Operations
Specialist



Assistant Professor

Big Data (CSM Precision Medicine Strategy), third posting

Timelines

Sept-Oct	Advertisement
November	Shortlisting of candidates
December	Candidate visits

Search and Selection Committee members

Brenda Hemmelgarn (Chair), Hude Quan, William Ghali, Alex Bierman (external), Todd Anderson, Anne Gillis, Matt James, Kyle Kemp (student), Scott Patten, Tyler Williamson.

Update from the Health Sciences Library

Dr. Diane Lorenzetti

Director, Health Sciences Library

Update on JAMA Open Access Journal

Dr. Fiona Clement

Director, Health Technology Assessment Unit

Congratulations Dr. Tom Feasby



On December 30, 2017, Dr. Feasby, former dean of the medical school, was named a member to the **Order of Canada**. Dr. Feasby considers it a great honour and very humbling to have recently been named amongst so many dedicated and outstanding Canadians. *MedNews Digest*

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**February 2018
Next Coffee Hour**

**Date and Faculty
Member to
be Announced**



PROJECT GRANT INFO SESSIONS

- **Session #1**
January 31 | 2:00-3:30pm | G500
RSVP: https://pscheme_march2018.eventbrite.ca
- **Session #2**
February 9 | 10:00- 11:30am | G500
RSVP:
https://pscheme_march2018_s2.eventbrite.ca

Pre-announcement: Health System Impact Fellowship (for doctoral trainees and post-doctoral fellows)

Launched: early December 2017

Application deadline: April 5 2018

Anticipated NOD: July 2018

Anticipated start date: September 2018

The Health System Impact (HSI) Fellowship program provides highly-qualified doctoral trainees and post-doctoral fellows studying health services and policy research (HSPR), or related fields a unique opportunity to apply their research and analytic talents to critical challenges in health system and related organizations outside of the traditional scholarly setting and to develop professional experience, new skills, and networks.

This is the *second launch* of the HSI Fellowship program and it now contains a stream for doctoral trainees and a stream for post-doctoral fellows. Stay tuned for additional details including the official launch of the Health System Impact Fellowship funding opportunity and dates for information webinars.

Updates from Cumming School of Medicine:

1) Space

Consultant hired for needs assessment:
Innovative usage of existing space

2) Office of the Associate Dean of Research is moving from TRW 5 to HMRB Ground

3) HBI & ACHRI Institute Directors search complete - Directors to be named

4) CSM Strategic Plan: Key Performance Indicators:

- Revised document on CSM [intranet](https://ecs.ucalgary.ca/my.policy)
(<https://ecs.ucalgary.ca/my.policy>)
Sign in using UCalgary credentials (same as UCalgary email).
- If you require assistance with your credentials, contact IT at itsupport@ucalgary.ca or 403-220-5555.
- Questions or further feedback?
Please contact Angela Coverdale,
Director of Strategic Operations,
at angela.coverdale@ucalgary.ca.

- Summary to be redrafted highlighting pertinent points
- Next Steps: Form a Working Group to develop restructuring plan
- How can you help? Email Dr. Hemmelgarn to get involved with the Working Group

- CHSSE
- CASCH

The Office of Health and Medical Education Scholarship (OHMES)

Health and Medical Education Scholarship Symposium

February 20-21, 2018 Health Sciences Centre



Dr. Glenn Regehr
University of British Columbia



Dr. Cynthia Whitehead
University of Toronto



Dr. Marcia Anderson
University of Manitoba

Registration Deadline: February 7, 2018. More info at ohmes@ucalgary.ca

Important 2018-2019 Dates

Jan 31 & Feb 9, 2018	<i>CIHR Spring 2018 Info Sessions</i>
February 20-21, 2018	<i>OHMES Symposium</i>
March 23, 2018	Department Council
May 18, 2018	Department Council

Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) program review

The BHSc program is in the midst of a curriculum and program review, as required by the Office of the Provost. As part of this process, the Health & Society curriculum has been mapped - there have been many substantive changes since the last mapping exercise in 2012, thanks to the contributions of many CHS faculty. In addition, I will be also be mapping the various assessment strategies used in Health & Society courses. This process is an opportunity to reflect on the state of the program and to create a road map for the BHSc program to continue to be a flagship program for the University of Calgary.

Student summer research

Undergraduate summer research funding deadlines are upon us. Thank you to the many faculty that have agreed to supervise summer projects. Faculty who are still interested in supervising an undergraduate summer research project are encouraged to contact Fabiola Aparicio-Ting (feapaeric@ucalgary.ca). We are happy to circulate project descriptions among the BHSc/Health & Society students.

Funding for summer research is available through a number of avenues at the University of Calgary, including:

Program for Undergraduate Research Experience (PURE)

<http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/TLFC/awards/undergrad>

Deadline: **Thursday, February 8th, 2018**

Markin Undergraduate Summer Research Program (USRP)

<https://www.ucalgary.ca/usrp/about/when>

Deadline: **Thursday, February 8th, 2018**

O'Brien Centre Summer Studentships (OCSS)

<http://cumming.ucalgary.ca/bhsc/research/summer-studentships>

Deadline: Student portion due **Thursday, February 8th, 2018**. Supervisor portion due **Thursday, February 15th, 2018**

2017/2018 Honours thesis and practicum projects

Any CHS Faculty who have potential honours thesis projects are asked to please forward a brief description to Fabiola Aparicio-Ting (feaparic@ucalgary.ca) or contact her if you are interested in further details. Many of our students are already seeking our supervisors for the next academic year so this is a great time to connect with a bright and keen student.

Faculty who may have a third year practicum project and are willing to supervise an HSOC student in this capacity, please contact Fabiola Aparicio-Ting (feaparic@ucalgary.ca) for further details.

2017-2018 Academic year intake

We are in the midst of reviewing student admission applications for the Fall 2018 intake. The supplementary application was revised last summer by the BHSc Directors to refresh the intake process and to ensure that we are selecting students who fit the vision of the BHSc program. We are excited to see the results of this intake cycle using this updated application. Many thanks to the CHS faculty who participate in this process as application reviewers.

Public Health and Preventive Medicine Residency Program – Update

Admissions

A new file review process is being piloted this year, with positive early impressions from the admissions subcommittee. Nine candidates are being interviewed for PHPM's 2 positions on January 15th and January 29th. CaRMS Match day is March 1st, 2018.

Exams

Residents completed national coordinated oral and written examinations in December. Written exam scores were shared between PHPM programs for the first time this year with UofC results being similar to those of other programs.

Resident accomplishments

Dr. Grace Salvo successfully defended her thesis "A mixed methods approach to identifying barriers and supports to physical activity in adults following residential relocation" under the supervision of Dr. Gavin McCormack.

Curriculum

A strategic review meeting with PHPM core rotation preceptors is scheduled for February. The aims of the meeting are to review changes to field rotation curriculum currently being piloted, discuss processes for resident assessment, and share information/identify priorities for 'meantime activities' in advance of PHPM's transition to Competency by Design model of training in 2019-2021.

Important Dates to Remember

TODAY (January 26th)

- Tuition and Fee Payment Deadline
- Thesis-based degrees: Last day to submit required forms to FGS and thesis to The Vault to be eligible for Winter Conferral and cancel Winter 2018 Registration.

February 18 – 25th

- Midterm Break

Important Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada Employment Regulations Affecting International Students

International graduate students must be enrolled full-time and have a valid study permit in order to work legally in Canada. There are no legal restrictions on how many hours international students may work on-campus. There are strict regulations governing eligibility to work off-campus. For off-campus work, an international student must: (1) Be a full-time student enrolled in a UC graduate degree program (exchange and visiting students are not eligible for off-campus work); (2) Have a valid study permit; and (3) NOT work more than 20 hours a week, all year long. Please note that graduate programs (except some MBA programs) do not have scheduled breaks built into the program. International graduate students are therefore unable to work off campus more than 20 hours a week at any time because they are continuously enrolled full-time for the 12 month registration year, regardless of whether they take a course or not.

Thesis Submission

Approval of thesis submissions to the Vault may take 7-10 business days due to high volume of submissions. Please allow for additional processing time for graduate degree completion letters after the thesis submission is approved.

Student Funding

Students should be identifying and applying for all scholarship/awards/funding opportunities for which they are eligible, with the expressed support of their supervisory team. Failure to do so may affect student ability to receive program-recommended awards. It is the responsibility of the student and supervisor(s) to determine which awards and funding opportunities the student is eligible for.

PhD Guaranteed Funding Policy – UPDATE

Regular monthly discussions at the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Meetings have continued regarding the requirement that programs develop and implement a funding policy consistent with FGS Policy. Each program is being supported in developing a funding policy that is transparent so that students know where their funding is coming from. The CSM will implement a single funding policy for our graduate programs and MDCH will be given a transition period. It is expected that the new policy (likely effective September 2019), may include a minimum stipend amount for PhDs (e.g., \$23,000 per year), maximum stipend amount (e.g., \$30,000 per year), and criteria about GATs. No numbers have been finalized and further updates will be shared as they become available.

Online Cost Student Calculator

The Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Newcomers and International Students' Committee (NISC) developed an online cost-of-living calculator, intended to give graduate students a better idea of the fiscal realities of living in Calgary. <https://gsa.ucalgary.ca/costoflivingcalculator/>. For a more general resource, including an undergraduate cost calculator, refer to: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/iss/admissions/costs-and-awards>. Please note, these calculators should be used as estimation tools only.

COMMUNICATIONS through UCalgary Email Address

Please help us remind our students that program initiated correspondence will only be sent to ucalgary email addresses. Encourage students to check for communications regularly.

Potential Applicants to MDCH

We have received several emails of complaint from prospective applicants stating that they have not received responses from supervisors they have contacted. Please respond to all prospective inquiries, even if it is simply stating that you are uninterested or unable to take on the student at this time. Please also let us know about any concerns you have regarding potential applicants to our program, so we can alert other faculty, where appropriate.

MDCH Doctoral Candidacy Requirements – UPDATE

Thank you to those who supported and/or provided feedback regarding the candidacy document circulated in November 2017. Revisions are currently being incorporated, with the intent to present to the FGS Policy Committee, so as to receive the necessary final approvals over the next few months.

NEW!! MDCH Program-Specific Evaluations

Based on student and faculty feedback, we implemented program-specific course evaluations in December for our Fall 2017 offerings. This will continue for all courses in Winter and Spring 2018. In addition to regular University of Calgary Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRIs), students will complete a program-level evaluation form assessing course content and TA instruction. We hope that this data may be used to further inform our curricular review, as well as offer specific, concrete, and timely feedback for the professional development of our educator teams.

Upcoming MY GRADSKILLS Workshops

[Foundations of Project Management II](#)

January 18 and 19, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

[Essentials of Productive Teams](#)

February 6, 8:45 am – 5:00 pm

[Skills of Communication](#)

February 20, 8:45 am – 5:00 pm

[Resumes for Non-Academic Careers](#)

January 15, 4-6 pm

[Professional Networking Skills for Graduate Students](#)

January 23, 3:30-6 pm

[General Interview Strategies for Non-Academic Careers](#)

January 31, 4-6 pm

BCR Updates:

Applications: 304 (1st or 2nd Choice)

54 applicants offered space in either 4 year or 2 year programs to date

February Convocation: 16 BCR graduands (2 With distinction)

CRDS Graduate Program

Fall 2018 graduate applications: in process

Passed PhD Candidacy Examinations (Fall 2018): Teresa Moroshita

YangYang Fang

Faculty:

Approved Faculty Study Leave: Katrina Milaney (6 months July 2018)

New Baby due February 19 – don't forget to enter Meaghan Edwards baby pool!

Upcoming CRDS Event: February 5, 2018 12:00-2pm

Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies (CRDS), the Canadian Down Syndrome Society, and the Brenda Strafford Centre on Aging special presentation:

Rethinking the aging trajectories of older adults with intellectual disabilities: What can we learn from Compensation Age Theory (CAT)? A presentation by [Professor Hefziba Lifschitz](#) (Bar-Ilan University, Israel)