

# **Department Council Meeting**

## **March 23, 2018**



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# **Department Head Report**

**Dr. Brenda Hemmelgarn**

## Draft Funding Policy for Graduate Students

Dr. Tara Beattie

Associate Dean, Grad Studies

## Strategic Planning Committee Members:

- Brenda Hemmelgarn, Department Head (Chair)
- Hude Quan, Deputy Head
- Elizabeth Oddone-Paolucci, Graduate Program Director
- Anne Hughson, Program Director CRDS
- Fiona Clement, primary appointment CHS
- Kirsten Fiest, joint appointment CHS
- Deirdre McCaughey, primary appointment CHS
- Yangyang Fang, student representative
- Mariko Roe, Business Operations Specialist

- Committee met, March 12, 2018
- Updated the Terms of Reference
- Discussed strategic direction of graduate program and promotion of the Department
- Action Items: members volunteered to develop an “elevator speech” for the group at large to review; identified expertise/resources for consultation moving forward (i.e. Alumni Office, Branding, Intn’l Office, WCM, etc.)

## Department Members Receiving Promotion (Primary Appointment):

- Tolulope Sajobi – Associate Professor
- Stacey Page – Associate Professor
- Jennifer Hatfield – Professor





## Department Members Receiving Promotion (Joint Appointments):

- Jennifer deBruyn – Associate Professor
- Gerald Giesbrecht – Associate Professor
- Brent Hagel – Professor
- Jayna Holroyd-Leduc – Professor
- Cynthia Seow – Associate Professor
- Antonia Stang – Associate Professor
- Stephen Wood – Professor



Dawn is currently completing her PhD in Community Health Sciences at the University of Calgary with a focus in Population and Public Health. Her research focuses on the occupational health and safety issues experienced by peace officers in Alberta. Since 2006, Dawn has been a contract instructor at Mount Royal University in the Criminal Justice program.



Dawn Rault



Ashley Cornect-Benoit (First Nation, French and Irish -Qalipu Mi'kmaq First Nation, Port au Port Kitpu, Newfoundland) is a first year PhD student in the Community Health Sciences program specializing in Population and Public Health at the University of Calgary. Ashley achieved her bachelor of science in Biomedical Sciences and a master of science in Interdisciplinary Health while attending Laurentian University, which is located on the traditional territory of Atikameksheng Anishnawbek First Nation. Ashley's understanding of traditional medicine and biomedical health care has guided her research interests and has aided in the development of her current research project that aims to nurture intergenerational relationships to address the increased prevalence of brain aging and mental health concerns in Indigenous communities.



Ashley Cornect-Benoit





Pearl Yellow Old Woman is member of the Siksika Nation and is of both Blackfoot and Oji-Cree ancestry. She is a second year PhD student at the Cumming School of Medicine in the Community Health Sciences department at the University of Calgary. Her current research is community participatory informed health care for Indigenous children with disabilities. Pearl is the Graduate Representative for the Alberta Indigenous Mentorship in Health Innovation (AIM-HI) Network.



Pearl Yellow Old Woman



## Associate Professor

Dept CHS – Primary

Dept of Cardiac Sciences – Joint

## Search and Selection Committee

Brenda Hemmelgarn (Chair),  
Hude Quan, Ken Barker, William  
Ghali, Todd Anderson, Anne Gillis,  
Matt James, Kyle Kemp, Scott  
Patten, Tyler Williamson.



Dr. Joon Lee

Start date: September 1, 2018



**April 20, 2018  
Next Coffee Hour**

**Rebecca Haines-Saah  
*will be our next Coffee  
Hour faculty member***



- CHSSE
- CASCH



# Important 2018-2019 Dates

April 20, 2018

Coffee Hour

May 18, 2018

Department Council

May 25, 2018

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual CSM  
Symposium

May 30, 2018

Retirement Celebration

## *Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) program update*

### ***Welcome Tharwat Skeik,***

The BHSc program is very pleased to welcome Mr. Tharwat Skeik in the newly created position of Program Engagement Specialist. He will be joining the BHSc team beginning Wednesday, March 14. Tharwat has over 10 years of experience in the education sector in Canada and overseas, and is already familiar with the BHSc program through his previous positions with the Kuwait Cultural Office and Canadian Bureau for International Education in Ottawa. One of Tharwat's tasks is to assist with marketing and community engagement with all BHSc majors. His initial focus will be on the marketing of the Health & Society and Bioinformatics programs, along with building a sense of community among all of our students. We are looking forward to working together to enhance the BSHC student experience.

### ***Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc) program review update***

The BHSc program is in the midst of a curriculum and program review, as required by the Office of the Provost. The Health & Society curriculum and assessment practices have been mapped. This process has highlighted the commitment to the Health & Society program by numerous CHS faculty involved in delivering this curriculum, and the creativity and passion that is involved. We have an amazing Health & Society teaching team!

We are currently working to draft the final report, which will be submitted to the Provost's office in June 2018, for later public release.

## ***2018/2019 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](mailto: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](mailto:feaparic@ucalgary.ca)) for further details.

## ***Student summer research***

Many of our students will be undertaking summer research projects and we extend our gratitude to all CHS faculty who have opened up opportunities for HSOC students within their research teams. Many of our students were successful in securing funding for their summer research from a variety of sources, including PURE, Markin and O'Brien studentships. Thank you all for your continued support and research engagement with our students.

## Public Health and Preventive Medicine Residency Program – Update

### **Admissions**

PHPM is participating in the 2nd iteration of the CaRMS match. Fourteen candidates were interviewed on March 16 for two positions. Match day for CaRMS second round is April 11th.

### **Examinations**

Dr. Carol Fenton and Dr. Andy Delli Pizzi (PGY-5) are finishing residency this year and writing their written and oral Royal College exams in the Spring. The program wishes them well in the next phase of their careers.

### **Resident Accomplishments**

Dr. Francesco Rizzuti (PGY1) was voted PARA Vice-President Operations & Finance for next residency year (start July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018)

### **Curriculum**

A refreshed curriculum for PHPM Academic Half Day has been developed and is being implemented. Over a two year cycle it covers all core public health functions and topics, with mapping to relevant CanMeds roles and draft PHPM Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs).

### **Other**

Information about the monthly Public Health Journal Club, hosted by PHPM and PPH specialization, is now being included in the O'Brien Institute newsletter. Anyone interested in the topic of the month is welcome to attend.



## Important Dates to Remember

**March 30<sup>th</sup>** – Good Friday

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** – End of Winter Term Classes

**April 16<sup>th</sup> – April 26<sup>th</sup>** - Winter Term Exams

**May 7<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>** – Spring 2018 Term

## 2018 MDCH Admissions

A special thanks to our 18 Admissions Committee reviewers who evaluated a total of 85 applications this competition. Unofficial emails were just sent out last week to inform all applicants of our decisions, resulting in 14 offers for admission to PhD and 34 offers to MSc (total = 48). A breakdown by specialization will be shared with each specialization.

## Grad Impact Week (April 9-13)

A new annual joint initiative between the Universities of Calgary and Alberta. Graduate studies is poorly understood in the community, by governments, and sometimes even within the University. This week is an effort to tell the story of our students, and the ways in which they contribute to the local, provincial, national, and even global community through their research. It is also an effort to draw attention to the importance of graduate education to the transition to a knowledge-based and innovation-driven society and economy. Faculty of Graduate Studies will be showcasing 10 graduate students who are making an impact and in the CSM we will profile our Vanier and Killam winners. Students and faculty are encouraged to get involved by: (i) using social media (#GradImpact) to tell the stories of graduate research that is diversifying the Alberta economy, or reshaping our understanding of current events, or changing our communities in some way; and (ii) using social media (#GradImpact) to tell the stories of the advanced practitioners who are graduating from our professional Masters programs, who are reshaping their profession through their graduate education.

# Graduate Education Program

## Graduate Student Annual Progress Reports (APRs) – May 1<sup>st</sup>

Thesis-based graduate students registered during the winter term **MUST** complete an Annual Progress Report (APR). An email will be sent to students in May to prompt them to complete. This online report is an opportunity for students and supervisors to review and comment on the student's achievements during the past twelve months. Topics covered include: courses completed, grades received, scholarships, research progress, publications, conferences, and academic plans for the upcoming year. Detailed instructions in the form of a PDF document are available to help students complete the online form through the Student Centre. Supervisors and Graduate Program Directors will review and evaluate reports submitted by their students. All unsatisfactory evaluations will be reviewed by an Associate Dean in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and an action plan to best help the student will be agreed upon. The APR is NOT intended to replace regular meetings and feedback from your Supervisor and Committee, but rather to provide a structured opportunity for assessment of the student's academic progress together with planning for the next year. We would be grateful if all supervisors could prompt their students to complete their APR.

## PhD Guaranteed Funding Policy – UPDATE

The Faculty of Graduate Studies approved a funding 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. Our Associate Dean – GSE will present the proposed funding policy and respond to questions from CHS members today.

## Winter Term 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.

## 3MT (Three Minute Thesis)

**Three Minute Thesis (3MT™)** is an internationally recognized research communication competition. 3MT™ was developed by The University of Queensland in 2008 to challenge thesis-based graduate students to deliver a compelling presentation on their research and its significance in three minutes or less. Heats and Finals are open to the public for viewing. Please join in supporting our students at the 2018 UCalgary 3MT Heats:

Heat #1: March 27, 2018, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Gallery Hall

Heat #2: March 27, 2018, 3 pm to 5 pm, Theatre 4, HSC

Heat #3: March 28, 2018, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm, Theatre 4, HSC

Heat #4: March 28, 2018, 3 pm to 5 pm, Gallery Hall

Heat #5: March 29, 2018, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Gallery Hall

2018 UCalgary 3MT Finals: **April 10** from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Hunter Hub for Entrepreneurial Thinking.

## Fall 2018 Term

The Fall 2018 term begins on August 27<sup>th</sup> this year, with Block Week running from August 27<sup>th</sup> through to August 31<sup>st</sup>. The earlier start reflects the addition of a week-long break from November 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the Academic Schedule for all important dates.

## BCR Enrollment Updates:

Applications: 444 (1st or 2nd Choice) for Fall 2018  
160 applicants offered in either 4th year or 2nd year programs; 48 new admits confirmed to date. Admission wraps up July/August or until reach BCR target of 80 admissions.

## CRDS Graduate Program

Fall 2018 CRDS graduate admissions: 2 MSc  
Upcoming Candidacy Examinations: Teresa Morishita (March 29, 2018)  
CRDS conducting focus groups (March) consulting with community partners – seeking input in preparing a revitalized proposal development for reinstatement of non-thesis MDCS degree.

## CRDS Program:

New Baby Feena Elizabeth Gondo arrived safely on Feb 18, 2018. Meaghan and Muney are the deliriously happy parents!

New CRDS Website launched on January 2018

( Website

URL: <http://cumming.ucalgary.ca/bcr>

- Undergraduate program collaborating with Social work, Education and Arts Faculties to prepare a Digital Learning proposal for Leslie Reid (Vice -Provost Teaching and Learning) regarding expansion of online course options available at UofC.
- Developed first draft of timetabling and teaching assignments for BCR offerings for Fall 2018/Winter 2019. Fall 2018/Winter 2019.