

Department Council Meeting

September 14, 2018



**UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY**

Department Head Report

Dr. Brenda Hemmelgarn

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a restful and fun summer!

Now, back to business!

Dr. Scott Patten

Professor
Epidemiology
&
New Deputy
Department Head
for Community
Health Sciences



Dr. Reed Beall

Assistant Professor
Healthcare Policy



Dr. Joon Lee

Associate Professor
Big Data Science



Paul Arnold, MD, PhD, FRCPC

Director, Mathison Centre for Mental Health
Research & Education

At Department Council, January 26...

...the Strategic Planning Implementation Committee was created. One of the goals of the Committee was to revitalize the Department's Brand

Committee members:

Elizabeth Oddone Paolucci, Deirdre McCaughey,
Hude Quan, Anne Hughson, Fiona Clement, Kirsten
Feist, Bria Mele, Sophie Hu, Mariko Roe, Brenda
Hemmelgarn

So, how did we get here?

- A sub-committee was formed to take this on
- Long meetings, drafting and re-drafting iterations and weeks later, a proposal was developed in the early summer months
- The Strategic Planning Implementation Committee critiqued the draft, and it was favourably received
- Which brings us to today, where members of the department will hear the proposal, now, and offer feedback

Revitalizing the CHS Brand

Mission: To enhance the well-being of individuals and communities through education, research and service.

Brand: Creating a healthier future.



**“If you can’t explain it simply,
you don’t understand it well enough”**

– Albert Einstein

New Department of CHS Divisions

Health METHODS

- Epidemiology
- Biostatistics & Health Data Science

Health SYSTEM

- Health Services Research
- Health Economics/Health Policy
- Medical Education

Health PROMOTION

- Population Public Health
- Community Rehabilitation and Disability Studies

Nomination and Appointment: New Division Leads

- Open call for nominations (ability to self-nominate) email notice scheduled for send out
- Election process among Division members and Student Stream Representatives via email
- Strategic Planning Implementation Committee reviews results of voting and provides recommendation to Department Head, for final approval and appointment
- **Timeline:**
 - Sept 14 – Oct 5: open call for nominations
 - Oct 8 – 19: email voting
 - Oct 22: SPI Committee reviews votes and makes recommendation to Department Head
 - Oct 26: Divisions Leads notified and announced at Department Retreat

Division Lead Terms of Reference

- To attract high quality students & scholarship applicants
- Education-focused; Facilitate and coordinate division's education activities
- Provide recommendation to GPD for allocation of graduate students (e.g., each division gets X number of positions)
- To participate as Department Council Representatives
- Responsible for leading the development of the vision and activities for the division
- Facilitate communication among specialization chairs
- Represent the division to Department Head of CHS
- Provide input to faculty recruitment
- Provide input in packaging and branding of website, advertising, and branding

Duration of Term: 3 years, renewable once

Managed Computers for Academic Staff

Based on the most recent TUCFA agreement, effective September 1, 2018 Continuing, Contingent Term, and Limited Term academic staff members will be provided computers on a “managed” basis. There will be two categories of requests: **New Faculty Member Request** and **Replacement Assessment Request**. These requests can be submitted to IT using the computer request form available on the IT webpage (www.ucalgary.ca/it).

Criteria for replacement of current work computer and assessment of computer needs:

- Computer is not currently under warranty
- Computer is beyond repair

Replacement options include:

- Dell laptop with 13” screen
- Dell desktop with two 24” monitors
- Apple 21” iMac
- Apple 13” MacBook Pro

By April 2019 we will be using a new UC reporting system, the “Faculty 180” system

Will not be using the ARO system going forward

Faculty 180 will be used for both UC merit cycle reporting and for AMHSP reporting, and will support the Promotion & Tenure processes

Training will be available (one-on-one; groups etc)

Update from the Engagement Committee

Jesse Hendrikse, Co-Chair

- Faculty Incentive Program

Update from Students

Sophie Hu, CHSSE Co-Chair

- CHSSE Update
- CASCH

Update from O'Brien Institute

Funding Opportunity	
CIHR – Project Scheme	~24 apps for Sept competition; register soon for IPR for Feb/March
CIHR – Foundation Scheme	3 submissions to Stage 1 (no longer for young investigators)
O'Brien Catalyst opportunity for Health of Vulnerable Populations	2 nd competition TBA soon
OHMES Research & Innovation Funding	LOI, Sept 28
Postdoctoral Fellowships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> O'Brien / Cumming School of Medicine PDS Program NOAHE 	October 31 deadline

Events

O'Brien / CHS seminar series back on!	Fridays, noon, G500
Gairdner Symposium: "Big Data for Health: Expectation. Opportunity. Impact" Alan Lopez (Global Burden of Disease), Gina Neff (sociology of health self-tracking), Eyal Oren (Google Brain)	November 29,30

■ Administration:

- Notify Karen Green ASAP of any changes to workstation occupation
- TRW 3rd floor space information; updated info always available at: <https://obrieniph.ucalgary.ca/about-institute/infrastructure>

Important 2018 Dates

September 14 & 15, 2018

The 6th Annual CASCH
Conference

November 16, 2018

Department Council

November 27, 2018

**CHS Department Retreat
Silver Springs Golf Course
3:00 – 8:00 pm (Tuesday)**

Fall 2018 enrollment

We are happy to welcome 10 new first year and 6 transfer HSOC students this Fall semester. Although a small cohort, they are bright and keen to be engaged. This brings our total of HSOC students to 62. We are looking forward to successful academic year. We are currently working closely with the UCalgary recruitment team for the Fall 2019 intake and are preparing for the University of Calgary Open House on Saturday, September 29, 2018. We are also exploring new ways of reaching out to Grade 11 and 12 students across Calgary high schools.

HSOC Student research

We are grateful to those in the Department who have welcomed HSOC students into their research groups this past summer, and for the HSOC 408 practicums and honours thesis projects this academic year. Look out for features of student research on the BHSc website.

Education

We are grateful to the faculty members who will continue their contributions to our the Health and Society program and welcome a number of others who will be contributing to the honours thesis course (MDSC 508) as small group preceptors this year, including Darren Brenner, Joanna Rankin and Pam Roach. Teaching contributions to the HSOC program from post-doctoral fellows are also welcome; Morgan Mouton will also join us a MDSC 508 preceptor. For post-doctoral fellows who are interested, engagement in the Health & Society program is a wonderful opportunity to get teaching experience while making an educational contribution to the Department. Involvement may include guest lectures or a more fulsome contribution to a course. Please contact Fabiola Aparicio-Ting if you are interested in further details.

Graduate Assistant – Teaching (GA-T)

GA-T positions for the Fall 2018 term were posted in July 2018. After much advertising, all Fall positions are now full. Thank you to the CHSSE executives for helping with the advertisements through their newsletter.

GA-T openings for Winter 2019 BHSc courses will be posted in late October on the BHSc website: <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/bhsc/GATS> . Information regarding eligibility and application process can also be found there.

Resident accomplishments

Dr. Grace Salvo successfully defended her master thesis and completed her MSc in Population and Public Health.

Alumni

Dr. Karla Gustafson is back from maternity leave and will resume supervising residents for the Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Rotation.

Accreditation

PGME has finalized the internal review schedule, with PHPM scheduled for February 2020. PHPM had a successful RCPSC on-site visit in 2014, with the next regular survey to be held in 2022.

Initiatives/events

The joint retreat with the UofA PHPM program is taking place in Kananaskis on September 14-15th.



Sept 13 – Last drop day without financial penalty

Sept 14 – Last day to add a course

Sept 15 – Fall Convocation Application deadline

Sept 21 – Fee payment deadline

Oct 8 – Thanksgiving (UC closed)

Oct/Nov –GSE Recruitment Night (details to come)

Announcements and Welcomes!

New MDCH Administrator (GPA)



We are pleased to announce and welcome our new **Graduate Program Administrator (GPA)** for MDCH, **Karen Rivest**. Karen started her new role with us on August 13th. As you know, her office is situated in the Graduate Science Education (GSE) space and her mandate is to work with our MDCH students and supervisors to ensure graduate milestones are met, as well as offer support in resolving any problems that may arise during degree completion.

Karen completed her combined Bachelor of Arts Psychology and Sociology degrees from the University of Calgary and has worked at the University of Calgary for 3 years, previously in the Research Services Office. She describes herself as a true cat lady who spends her evenings reading or watching movies with her cats and husband. As we begin this new academic term together, we look forward to Karen's contributions, expertise, and innovation as a central member of our MDCH graduate education team.

New Role: MDCH Student-Supervisor Advisor



We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Bonnie Lashewicz**, to the new role of **MDCH Student-Supervisor Advisor**. In this role, Bonnie will serve to support the Graduate Program Director in overseeing and managing issues related to graduate student and supervisor relations. Bonnie's expertise, innovative nature, and willingness to search for solutions will make her an excellent addition to the MDCH leadership team.

New and Returning MDCH Graduate Education Students!



On August 27th through 31st, we officially welcomed our 2018 cohort of incoming MDCH students. We are very grateful to all our staff and faculty who participated in our fall block week in various capacities: welcoming our students; delivering presentations on programs, resources, and supports; and networking through lunches and the BBQ social. A special thanks to our CHS Student Executive, and to Jason Cabaj, Lindsay McLaren, Jesse Hendrikse, and Fabiola Aparicio-Ting who partnered to teach the Determinants of Health components of the course. Please join us on main campus at the MacEwan Conference Centre on September 14 and 15 for the Campus Alberta Student Conference on Health (CASCH). Congratulations to the planning and organizing committees, as well as all speakers and presenters at CASCH 2018!

Scholarships, Awards & Funding Opportunities

In addition to our own program scholarship supports, the Graduate Science Education (GSE) office is offering support to students and faculty preparing **Tri-council** doctoral applications, starting with CIHR, including:

- *Creating a Strong Scholarship Application Workshop* (Sept 6 from 2-4pm in Theatre 3);
- *Writing Effective Letters of Reference Workshop* (Sept 20 from 2-4pm in G344 – GSE Boardroom);
- All students and supervisors listed on the NOI can access samples of successful applications on the *Cumming School of Medicine Doctoral Scholarship Information* D2L site;
- Internal peer review by CSM post-doctoral fellows, as well as peer mentoring groups for research proposal development (<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/gse/files/gse/gse-request-for-internal-peer-review-fillable.pdf>); and
- Resources for students writing their application, workshops, and scholarship cafes provided by FGS (<https://www.ucalgary.ca/mygradskills/>).

If you have specific questions about these resources please contact Assistant Dean, GSE – Rebekah DeVinney at rdevinne@ucalgary.ca or 403-220-4095.

REMINDER: All complete applications for the **CSM Graduate Student Scholarship** should be submitted to the GSE office by email to awardsgse@ucalgary.ca as a single PDF file, **by 4:30pm (MT) on Monday, October 1st**. For more information go to: <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/gse/home/2018CSMscholarship>.

Graduate Science Education (GSE) Recruitment Night – October/November

The GSE Recruitment Planning Committee is organizing their second annual Recruitment Night where University of Calgary undergraduates enrolled in programs related to CSM research areas will be invited to our campus for an evening event. Researchers interested in recruiting students to their graduate program are invited to register for the event and attend so they can discuss their research with prospective students. Last year about 250 undergraduate students were invited. We are grateful to our special donors, such as the O'Brien Institute for Public Health (OIPH), and others across campus, who provided funds to sponsor this event last year. Once a date has been set, more information will be disseminated.

BCR Admission Updates:

- *BCR enrollment - 118 new students begin Sept 2018, of which
 - 22 - 2 year post-diploma route
 - 96 - 4 year route (from high school, other U of C programs or first degree holders.)
- *CRDS staff and faculty hosted fall orientation for all new and current BCR students as well as an Orientation to Practicum for all students on Sept.5th. A most successful event - one to date with almost **100 students** attending. It was a great way to start off the year and for the students to meet the staff and each other.
- *CRDS will have a booth in the upcoming U of C Open House, September 29th to market our programs to prospective students for the following year.
- *CRDS Student Association will host a get together later in September for the new students
- *This Fall, CRDS Student Association members and Sarah Hawley (BCR student advisor) are developing a Career Night Event to be held in the winter term.
- Fall convocation - November 16th - potentially 15 BCR students will 'cross the stage'.

CRDS Graduate Program

- *MDCS: Kristin Jennings – Fall convocation
- *new MSc students begin Sept 2018

CRDS Program

- *CRDS Admin Assistant Patti Attwood resigned as of Aug. 24, 2018. We welcome our new Admin Assistant Abir Bachar as of Sept. 21. Please come by and say hello.
- *Katrina Milaney commenced (a much deserved) 6 month Study Leave July 1, 2018
- *Bonnie Lashewicz has returned from Study Leave as of Aug.1, 2018
- *All 16 CORE undergraduate and graduate courses are underway for Fall term
We continue our collaboration with Social Work, Education and Arts Faculties regarding
- * Digital Learning proposal to expand online undergraduate courses available at UofC.
A Request for Online Course Support Report was submitted to Leslie Reid (VP Teaching and Learning) July 31, 2018