Department Head's Report

2015 - 2016 Academic Year

Congratulations to our students graduating at the May 2016 convocation: Stephanie Hughes, Felicia Ketcheson, Shilo McBurney, Rebecca McEwen, Roah Merdad, and Prinon Rahman.

We have had an eventful year welcoming new faculty and staff, and bidding a fond farewell to several others. Frank Atherton, an adjunct member of the Department, and the Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Health for Nova Scotia, has been appointed the Chief Medical Officer for Wales, and will be leaving next month. I wish him the best in his prestigious new endeavour.

As this academic year draws to a close, this will be the last newsletter. It will return in August 2016. Enjoy a healthy and happy summer. I expect next year to be even busier.

Education Updates

Congratulations to Marianne Parent on winning first place in the poster competition at the Graduate Student Research Day 2016.

Marianne is completing her first year in the MSc program under the supervision of Dr. Jong Sung Kim. The title of Marianne’s abstract is, Biomonitoring for assessing human exposure to volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in matched adults, children and companion animals. Evaluating VOCs biological markers in household pets.
MSc Thesis Defence by Maria Wilson

Atlantic Canadian high school students and alcohol-related harms: are there differences across sex, sexual orientation and psychosocial indicators?

3:00 p.m. Tuesday May 31, 2016
CH&E Classroom, 409

CAREERS WITH THE
GOVERNMENT OF CANADA
– AN INFORMATION SESSION

Join us to learn about the many career opportunities available to newly graduated students, with the Government of Canada.

May 25, 2016 – 9:00-10:30am
Room 150, Collaborative Health Education Building (CHEB)

The National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health (NCCEH), in partnership with the Environmental Health Foundation (EHFC), invites you to participate in the 2016 NCCEH Student Project Award. This opportunity is open to current students of environmental and public health programs, and is intended to promote critical analysis of environmental health issues.

- Submissions must be in the form of an evidence review that covers a topic pertaining to environmental health practice or policy in Canada and its implications for public health.
- Up to five (5) awards will be made available.
- Successful candidates will receive a cheque in the amount of $500 and a certificate, and have their submissions displayed on the NCCEH and EHFC websites.
The 2016 Submission Deadline is Friday May 27 at 3:00 p.m. (Pacific Time). For more details, visit: http://www.ncceh.ca/content/student-project-award

Research News

Bullying Prevention Programs

A Dalhousie research team has analyzed the effectiveness of bullying prevention programs with the aim of improving lives for Nova Scotia children and saving money for the province's school boards. Team members include Dr. John LeBlanc, Associate Professor of Pediatrics with a cross-appointment to CH&E and Ashley Chisholm, a master's candidate in the Department. Read the full story on their research here.

Blogs

Wilson Maria (27-Apr-2016)

Simms, Chris (29-Apr-16)
Deracination - Canada's aboriginal suicides. The BMJ Blogs

Knowledge Synthesis Grants

CIHR has launched a funding opportunity for knowledge synthesis grants. This is the first of several planned funding opportunities specifically for members of a primary and integrated health care innovations network. All BRIC NS members are eligible to apply for this opportunity.

Full details on ResearchNet: KnowledgeSynthesis Grant
Budget: $50,000 ($25,000 from CIHR, $25,000 non-federal matching funds)
Duration: 1 year
Application deadline: July 26, 2016
If you are interested in applying to this funding opportunity we encourage you to contact BRIC NS as soon as possible to discuss network support and requirements.

Awards

Congratulations

Dr. Gail Tomblin Murphy is winner of the Dr. John Savage Memorial Award for Faculty Leadership in Global Health. A Professor in the School of Nursing, Department of Community Health and Epidemiology, Director of WHO/PAHO Collaborating Centre on Health Workforce Planning and Research and Director of the School of Nursing’s Centre for Transformative Nursing and Health Research, her collaborative teams have worked to improve health systems in Canada and abroad.

Events

ADVANCING FOOD INSECURITY RESEARCH IN CANADA

CONFERENCE:
November 17-18, 2016
Hart House, University of Toronto

Call for abstracts open until July 15, 2016

Visit the conference website for full details

6th Global Forum on Health Promotion

6e Forum mondial sur la Promotion de la Santé

16 & 17 October 2016
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Visit the conference website for full details
Student Update:

No report had been received by press time. If you see any students at the beach, please let them know selfies are acceptable update material.

Something Missing?

Email newsletter updates anytime to:

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