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## Welcome Message from Division Director

As we start our new academic year, we have an opportunity to reflect on the tremendous achievements of our Division members over the past year.

We have an amazing Division and members have achieved excellence and been awarded for their efforts in education (e.g. Camilla Wong), patient care (e.g. Marisa Zorzitto) and research (e.g. Barbara Liu). Colleagues have been involved with implementing new services at their hospitals (e.g. Samir Sinha and Heather Gilley) and developing new educational opportunities for trainees (e.g. Mireille Norris and Thiru Yogaparan).

As a Division, we have published more than 100 peer reviewed articles over the past year. Moreover, Division members have developed collaborative scholarly projects across multiple hospitals including the STACER project led by Camilla Wong and the MOVE IT project led by Barbara Liu.

In addition, two of our fantastic trainees (Dov Gandell and Joanne Ho) were recognized nationally at the CGS for their outstanding achievements in geriatric medicine and two medical students (Andalib Haque, Daniel Soong) supervised by Camilla Wong received the Tri University Research Award. This year, we welcome 11 subspecialty trainees - a tribute to the efforts of all of you and especially to our program director, Barb. Thank you for your dedication and commitment; you are wonderful colleagues and your contributions to the clinical, education and research missions of our hospitals and University are amazing!

It has been a privilege to celebrate the accomplishments of our faculty and residents with you over the last year and I look forward to many more celebrations over the next year.

Sharon

# Roll out the Red Carpet! 2010/2011 Awards & Distinctions

We put out a call to all sites to share news of faculty and students that received recognition for their hard work and dedication to excellence during the <u>2010/11</u> academic year. Please join in celebrating the following accomplishments:

## FACULTY

#### Arlene Bierman

• Invited visiting professor - Centre for Gender Medicine, Karolinska Institute (Sweden)

### Barry Goldlist

 Ronald Cape Distinguished Service Award - Canadian Geriatrics Society

#### Barbara Liu

• Excellent Teacher (distinction) -Core Medicine onsite view

#### Gary Naglie

 Best International Poster - American Geriatrics Society Annual Scientific Meeting

#### Sharon Straus

- Robert Hyland Award for Mentorship - University of Toronto, Dept. of Medicine
- Complete Physician Award St. Michael's

### Camilla Wong

- Postgraduate Outstanding Teacher Award - University of Toronto Fitzgerald Academy, Dept. of Medicine
- Teacher of the Year Award University of Toronto, Division of Geriatric Medicine

### Marisa Zorzitto

 Commitment and Dedication to the Care of Older People Award – University of Toronto, Division of Geriatric Medicine (inaugural)





## GRADUATE STUDENTS & TRAINEES:

Joanne Crawford (Arlene Bierman, Supervisor)

- Ontario Training Centre Program in Health Services and Policy Research Collaborative Program (2009-2011)
- de Souza Fellowship de Souza Institute (2009-present)

#### Karen D'Silva

 Successfully passed RCPSC Internal Medicine exams

Katie Dainty (Sharon Straus, Supervisor)

• Jump Start Resuscitation Fellowship - Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada

### Dov Gandell

- Co-Chief Resident
- CGS-Pfizer Resident Award for Excellence

Agnes Grudniewicz (Sharon Straus, Supervisor)

- Graduate Student Fellowship
- Ontario Training Centre Program in Health Services and Policy Research Collaborative Program

#### Andalib Haque & Daniel Soong (Camilla Wong, Supervisor)

Best Undergraduate Research
 Presentation - Combined University Research Day in Geriatrics

#### Joanne Ho

 CGS-Pfizer Resident Award for Excellence

Gladys Honein (Arlene Bierman, Supervisor)

 Best Policy Poster - University of Toronto, HPME Research Day

- Doctoral Award CIHR, Institute for Gender and Health (2008-2011)
- Primary Health Care System Fellow - MOHLTC (2009-2011)

## Monika Kastner

- Rising Star Award CIHR
- Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship
   – CIHR

Magda Lenartowicz (Camilla Wong, Supervisor)

 Keenan Research Centre Summer Student Scholarship

Tabitha Lulham (Camilla Wong, Supervisor)

 DOM-BMC Educational Information Technology Summer Student Program Award

#### Kartika Malik

 Successfully passed RCPSC Internal Medicine exams

Elizabeth Mui (Camilla Wong, Supervisor)

CREMS Summer Student Program

#### Karen Ng

Co-Chief Resident

#### Vincent Tsui

Co-Chief Resident

#### Nishi Varshney

- Successfully passed RCPSC Internal Medicine exams
- Co-Chief Resident (2011/12)

### Kevin Young

- Successfully passed RCPSC Internal Medicine exams
- Co-Chief Resident (2011/12)

#### *UofT Reigns at Combined University Research Day in Hamilton!*

Competing against teams from McMaster, UWO and Waterloo our faculty and trainees demonstrated their collective knowledge by winning the 2011 "Geriatric Jeopardy" Trophy awarded by McMaster (host) in June.

## GeriMed Boot Camp: "Aging's Not For Sissies"

The inaugural "Aging's Not For Sissies" Geriatric Medicine Boot Camp for the Geriatric Medicine trainees, hosted July 7-8, a fabulous success!

Spearheaded by PGY5s Dov Gandell, Karen Ng and Nishi Varshney, this multisite initiative was organized to provide exposure to the expertise of faculty at each of the various affiliate sites (Baycrest, St. Michael's, Sunnybrook and UHN/Mount Sinai) and showcase unique aspects of the respective facilities.

Both new and returning trainees gathered and learned from one another over the two-day event. Break time between educational sessions provided great opportunity to mingle over many food events (sushi, BBQ, falafel, and milkshakes).

#### Welcome BBQ

The family-friendly BBQ was certainly a highlight on a beautiful warm, summer evening on the patio of the Blythwood room at Sunnybrook. In rec-

ognition for contributions towards resident education, 2010/10 Chiefs Dov and Karen presented two awards to faculty members, as voted by the trainee group.

For her ongoing dedication to enrich residents' learning experience, Camilla Wong received the "Teacher of the Year" award (see insert). Marisa Zorzitto inspired an entirely new category and received the first ever



Marisa Zorzitto (centre) with Dov Gandell (L) and Karen Ng (R)

The trainees are grateful for the gracious hosting of all four sites and for enthusiastic staff participation across the board. A Boot Camp should not be so much fun.

#### Boot Camp by Numbers:

585 - number of minutes of educational seminar

139 - number of edamame beans consumed at the Sinai sushi lunch

13 - number participating staff

10 - number of trainees

6 - number people under three feet tall attending the Division BBQ on Thursday Night

5/5 - the score we gave to Baycrest's rugelach

3:00 - time for Milkshakes with Marisa

thusiastic staff participation ac board. A Boot Camp should no much fun. Special thanks to the behind-thescenes administrators (Liis-Ann, Laurie, Bessy, Sue and Marla) and to the Division for supporting our venture.

We all look forward to next year's event!



GeriMed Trainees (L-R): — Joanne Ho Karen Ng, Kevin Young, Vicky Chau, Dov Gandell, Karen D'Silva, Kartika Malik, Dan Liberman, Nishi Varshney, Krupa Mali Dighe, Emily Kwan

#### Emily Kwan

- Completed IM residency training at University of Saskatchewan
- Currently rotating at SMH

#### <u>Krupa Mali-Dighe</u>

- PGY5 transfer from UWO
- Currently rotating at SHSC

#### <u>Dan Liberman</u>

- Completed IM residency training at McGill University
- Currently rotating at Baycrest

## Meet the NEW 2011/12 Trainees!

Camilla Wong (centre) with Dov Gandell (L) and Karen Ng (R)

Many of the faculty have met our new trainees at the July Boot Camp and Welcome BBQ, through placements, Journal Club or the seminar series. If you haven't yet had the pleasure of meeting this fine crew, keep an eye out and be sure to say hello!

### Vicky Chau

- Completed IM residency training at University of British
   Columbia
- Currently rotating at UHN/MSH

### <u>Diyana Docheva</u>

- Completed IM residency training at University of Ottawa
- Joining program as of Oct. 31, 2011 (UHN/MSH)

## Announcements

#### Important: Changes to Faculty Job Descriptions & Teacher Evaluation Guided by the Department's 2010-2015 strategic plan, the following outlines two important changes in the education domain that affects all faculty as of July 1, 2011. 1) NEW TEACHER EVALUATION FORM The new Resident Assessment of Teacher Effectiveness (RATE) form was developed to streamline evaluation of teachers and incorporate key elements identified in the FOM Best Practices in Teacher Assessment report. This high-level, comprehensive form will be used in all settings and across all programs. This form is accessible from the DOM website http://www.deptmedicine.utoronto.ca deadline 2) TEACHING EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL JOB DESCRIPTIONS CLARIFIED Following extensive consultation and alignment with practice plans, materials have been revised to reflect explicit expectations for teaching as well as identifying benchmarks for meritorious activity within DOM. • To view revised job descriptions, explore the "Faculty" menu on the DOM website http://www.deptmedicine.utoronto.ca/Faculty/appointments.htm page 4 Questions or concerns should be directed to Kevin Imrie (kevin.imrie@utoronto.ca) or Shiphra Ginsburg (shiphra.ginsburg@utoronto.ca). Fall Conferences register Int'l Conference on Residency Education 6th Canadian Conference on Dementia (CCD) -Montreal, Oct. 27-29 (ICRE) - Quebec City • Prg. Administrators Track: Sept 21-22 Submitted abstracts (Sept 16 deadline) will be considered for both oral and poster presenta-Pre-Conference Events: Sept 22 • tions and are eligible for \$500 "Best Abstract" ICRE: Sept 22-24 prize. on page 4 • To review abstract criteria +/or submit Int'l Resident Leadership Summit: Sept 24-25 ٠ online, or to register, please visit www.canadianconferenceondementia.com Visit RCPSC website for further details DEADLINES: RCPSC Awards and Grants Teasdale-Corti Humanitarian Award to recognize selfless and courageous efforts in alleviate human suffering through the provision of high-quality health care or emergency medical services deadline for nominations: September 1, 2011 (5pm, EST)

Medal Awards in medicine and surgery to recognize original work in clinical investigation and basic science (valued at \$5k)

deadline for receipt of proposals: September 1, 2011 (5pm, EST)

Detweiler Travelling Fellowship to acquire new knowledge or to pursue research at different medical centres Canada or abroad - valued at \$1,750/month for 3-12 months

deadline for receipt of proposals: September 15, 2011 (5pm, EST)

International Travelling Fellowship to acquire new skills or experience at a Canadian medical centre (Fellows residing outside of Canada) or to practive and teach in a less developed country (Fellows residing within Canada) - valued at \$1,750/month for 6-12 months

• deadline for receipt of proposals: September 15, 2011 (5pm, EST)

Medical Education Travelling Fellowship to acquire new knowledge and expertise in the field of medical education by visiting an education centre of excellence - valued at \$2,500/month to a max. of \$21,000 (2 month min.)

• deadline for receipt of proposals: September 15, 2011 (5pm, EST)

- Walter C. MacKenzie Fellowship in Surgery to acquire surgical research or clinical surgical expertise to be applied to the recipient's opwn clinical surgical practice - valued at up to \$5k/month to a max. of \$15k (prorated)
  - deadline for receipt of proposals: September 15, 2011 (5pm, EST)

Royal College Fellowship for Studies in Medical Education to further develop as a medical educator in Canada through tyraining in the science of medical education - valued at \$45k over a 12month funding period

• deadline for receipt of proposals: September 15, 2011 (5pm, EST)

For further information, including eligibility criteria, please visit RCPSC awards homepage or contact awards@royalcollege.ca.

## **Upcoming Events**

Executive Committee Meeting (Aug *31, 2011–5:30pm via teleconference)* 

International Conference on Residency Education (CCD) - Montreal

- Wednesday, Aug 31: early bird
- Friday, Sept 16: abstract deadline
- Conference proceedings Oct 27-29

**RCPSC Award/Grant Deadline** 

(Friday, Sept 1, 2011) - see insert on

International Conference on Residency Education (ICRE) - Quebec City

- Tuesday, Sept 6: last day to pre-
- •Conference proceedings Sept 21-15

**RCPSC Award/Grant Deadline** (Thursday, Sept 15, 2011) - see insert

Dr. Steve Counsell, Visiting Professor/AHD\* (Thurs, Sept 22-Time/ location TBD) Baycrest

Journal Club (Friday, Sept 23-8:00am-9:00am) St. Michael's, rm. 211-Li Ka Shing (videoconferencing available at Baycrest, Mount Sinia, Sunnybrook)

Program Committee Meeting (Sept 28, 2011–5:30pm via teleconference)

Dr. Rosanne Leipzig, Visiting Professor/AHD\* (Thurs, Nov 3-Time/ location TBD) St. Michael's

\*Trainee attendance is mandatory at all AHD events

Have an upcoming event or announcement that you would like to share with the division in an upcoming issue?

> Send pertinent details to: liis-ann.klein@sunnybrook.ca



## **Recent Faculty Publications**

<u>Sensitivity of revised diagnostic criteria for the behavioural variant of frontotemporal dementia.</u>
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<ul> <li>A Toronto Star carrierI was even "Star Carrier of the Week" so I knew I was going to do great things in my life!!</li> </ul>	• Amer <i>The on</i>

Why I chose Geriatric Medicine as a subspecialty:

• I was working as a PGY3 in 1996 reviewing a consult with Dr. Goldlist and I couldn't remember the age of my patient. Barry said, "it sound like you need to see a memory specialist" and so I applied to Geriatric Medicine

Where I completed my training:

University of Toronto

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If I could have any career outside of Geriatric Medicine it would be:

American Idol judge or reality TV star

The one gadget or piece of gear that I could not do without is:

• Hard top convertible

My tip for relaxing after a stressful day/week/month:

- A glass of white wine, preferably a Rieslings or a Gewürztraminer The words I live by are:
- Before entering into any new long-term relationships, seek the opinion of Drs. Naglie and Gordon first