

Awards and Accolades – 2016

Congratulations to members of our medical school community who have received significant appointments, awards and acknowledgments over the past few months.

Professional & Service Awards

Pathology Informatics Group 2016 was awarded the Cerner ACE (Advancing Clinical Excellence) award in the Excellence and Innovation Interdepartmental Experience category for novel red cell inventory ordering algorithm.

Mr. Doug Ferkol, Centre for Collaborative Clinical Learning & Research, was awarded the Honorary Member of the Class of 2016 for his outstanding support of the Medical School and its activities.

Dr. Mahesh Raju, Department of Medicine, has received the 2016 Humanitarian Award for New Brunswick. Raju devoted much of his career to practicing intensive care and internal medicine, taught medical students at Memorial University of Newfoundland and Dalhousie University in Halifax, and helped establish Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick at the UNB Saint John campus with additional teaching sites at hospitals in Fredericton, Miramichi, Moncton and Waterville. He volunteers for Fresh Start, a charity that supports single mothers and the homeless in Saint John, serves on the board of United Way Saint John and is a generous donor to the Saint John Regional Hospital Foundation including funds to help low-income patients with prescription expenses. Raju has volunteered abroad to treat HIV patients in Uganda and Tanzania, help establish a clinic to treat reversible blindness in southern India, provide medical care to underserved areas of rural Ecuador, and to provide acute trauma medicine in Trinidad and Tobago. He also led a fundraising effort in 2001 for Red Cross relief work following a devastating earthquake in India.

Dr. Ian Roy Morris, Department of Anesthesia, has received the 2016 Regional Prix d'excellence-Specialist of the Year. The Regional Prix d'excellence-Specialist of the Year is awarded to individuals that are role models for excellence in patient care and have shown outstanding service and impact to their communities.

Dr. André Bernard, Department of Anesthesia, has received the CAS - CMA Award for Young Leaders.

Dr. John Clark, Department of Anesthesia, has received the CPS - Distinguished Career Award.

Dr. Gail Thomblin Murphy, Department of Community Health & Epidemiology, has received the Dr. John Savage Award in Global Health.

Dr. Patrick McGrath, Vice-President of Research, Innovation & Knowledge Translation (NSHA & IWK), has received the first-ever national Legacy of Leadership Award. This award recognizes "exceptional individuals who have made long-lasting and outstanding contributions to advancing Canada's health system."

Dr. David Pilon, Department of Psychiatry, has received the Northwood Foundation Live More Distinction Award for Innovation.

Dr. Alexa Bagnell, Department of Psychiatry, has received the Doctors Nova Scotia Dr. William Grigor Award.

Dr. Herb Orlik, Department of Psychiatry, has received the Doctors Nova Scotia 2016 Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. John Fraser, Department of Psychiatry, has received the Dr. Allan Cohen Memorial Award for Community Service from the Faculty of Medicine.

Dr. Emmanuel Aquino, Department of Psychiatry, has received the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia's Outstanding Healthcare Provider award.

Dr. Keri-Leigh Cassidy, Department of Psychiatry, has received the CAGP Award for Outstanding Contributions in Geriatric Psychiatry.

Dr. Normand Carrey, Department of Psychiatry, has received the Canadian Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Naomi Rae Grant Award.

Dr. Alf Bent, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, is the 2016 recipient of the Jack Robertson Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Urogynaecologic Society (AUGS) Board of Directors.

Dr. Gillian Graves, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, has received the 2016 Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada (SOGC) Regional Achievement Award for the Atlantic region.

Mary McNally, Department of Bioethics, has been selected as the 2016 recipient of the Enid A. Neidle Scholar-in-Residence Program awarded by the American Dental Education Association (ADEA). She is undertaking her residency at the ADEA offices in Washington, DC during the fall of 2016.

Dr. John Finley, Department of Pediatrics, won the Alain Cloutier Award from the Canadian Pediatric Cardiology Association for his lifetime contributions to Pediatric Cardiology in Canada.

Dr. Amy Ornstein and START (Suspected Trauma & Abuse Response Team), Department of Pediatrics, received the 2016 IWK Board Award of Leadership for the SeaStar Child and Youth Advocacy Centre program.

Dr. Tara Chobotuk, Department of Pediatrics, received the IWK Health Centre 2015 Steady Sail Award for Outstanding Pediatrician in the Community (chosen by the Dalhousie University Pediatric Residents).

Dr. Arati Mokashi, Department of Pediatrics, received the Pediatric Grand Rounds Award 2016.

Dr. Beth Cummings, Department of Pediatrics, received the Diabetes Care Program of Nova Scotia Lifetime Achievement award 2016.

Dr. Amy Ornstein and START (Suspected Trauma & Abuse Response Team), Department of Pediatrics, received the SeaStar CYAC awarded the Irving and Ruth Pink Award for Youth Development and Social Justice from Dalhousie Legal Aid.

Dr. David Martell, Department of Family Medicine, has been awarded the Reg L. Perkin Award for Family Physicians of the Year from the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).

Dr. Sean Wilson received the Medical Student Leadership Award from the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).

Dr. Kristian Lobban received the Family Medicine Resident Leadership Award from the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).

Dr. James Robar, Department of Radiation Oncology, is the winner of this year's Professional of Distinction Award awarded at the 14th Annual Discovery Awards.

Dr. Margaret Casey (MD'68) has received the Honorary President's Award, which was presented at the DMAA Gala on October 22, 2016. One of the DMAA's most prestigious awards is the Honorary President's Award, bestowed to a senior local alumni, or past or present members of the Faculty of Medicine, who are highly respected and whose careers and services in the practice of medicine have been outstanding.

Dr. Carlyle Chow (MD'68) has received the Family Physician of the Year, which was presented at the DMAA Gala on October 22, 2016. The Dalhousie Medical Alumni Association's is proud to recognize Dr. Chow with the 2016 Family Physician of the Year Award for his innovation, passion for the profession and years of service to the families of Victoria County, Nova Scotia.

Dr. Raghu Venugopal (MD'01) has received the Young Alumnus of the Year, which was presented at the DMAA Gala on October 22, 2016. The recipient of the Young Alumnus Award must have made a significant contribution to the Dalhousie Medical School, other medical school and their community. Remarkably, Dr. Venugopal continues to make outstanding contributions in all of the above areas and continues to improve the quality of healthcare for those in Canada and around the world.

Dr. David Kirkpatrick (MD'79), Department of Surgery, has received the Alumnus of the Year, which was presented at the DMAA Gala on October 22, 2016. The DMAA is proud to recognize the outstanding medical contributions of Dr. David Kirkpatrick as the 2016 Alumnus of the Year Award.

Research Awards

Dr. Thomas Pulinilkunnil, Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, received the first Canadian Diabetes Association grant ever in New Brunswick, supporting his work on obesity-related diabetic heart complications.

Dr. Jocelyn Downie, Faculty of Medicine, received the CIHR Barer-Flood Prize in Health Services and Policy Research. The Barer-Flood Prize is named in honour of the leadership, vision and innovative contributions of the first two Scientific Directors of CIHR-IHSPR, Morris Barer and Colleen Flood. The Prize recognizes a senior researcher in the field of health services and policy research who has had a significant impact on policy research, policy and/or care delivery in Canada.

Dr. Rick Hall, Department of Anesthesia, has received the CAS - Research Recognition.

Dr. John Gencarelli, Department of Surgery, has received the Resident Research Award, which was presented at the DMAA Gala on October 22, 2016

Dr. Martin Aida, Department of Psychiatry, has received the Mogens Schou Award for research.

Drs. Ketan Kulkarni (PI), Tamara MacDonald, Morgan Langille, Joseph Bielawski, Johan VanLimbergen, Conrad Fernandez have been awarded a \$149,833 grant from the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation.

Drs. Christopher McMaster (PI), Jason Berman, Johane Robitaille, Eric Hoffman have received a \$4.5 million grant from the Atlantic Innovation Fund.

Drs. Jason Berman (PI) and Kimberly Stegmaier received a \$100,000 grant from Ewing Cancer Foundation of Canada/C17 Canadian Childhood Cancer Network.

Dr. Jason Berman, Department of Psychiatry, has been awarded a Leukemia Lymphoma Society of Canada Operating Grant for \$160,000.

Drs. Jason Berman (PI), Johann Hitzler and Graham Dellaire have received a \$200,000 Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute (CCSRI) Innovation Grant.

Mr. Matthew To has received the Medical Student Scholarship from the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC).

Research Chairs

Dr. Roy Duncan, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, received an Izaak Walton Killam Memorial Chair. The Killam Chairs are awarded to academics of the highest distinction at Dalhousie, with appointments of up to five years.

Teaching Awards

Dr. Christine Chambers, Department of Neuroscience, has received the Dalhousie Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching Supervision.

Dr. Gordon Whatley, Department of Anesthesia, has received the CAS - Clinical Teacher Award.

Dr. Wade Watson, Department of Pediatrics, has received the John Toogood Award for Teaching. The John Toogood Award for Teaching is presented to a CSACI member in recognition of his/her exemplary teaching and mentoring in the field of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology. He is the first recipient of this prestigious award.

Dr. Scott MacDonald, Department of Emergency Medicine, was awarded the Silver Shovel Award. This award is presented during the Faculty of Medicine Convocation Gala to recognize demonstrated excellence in teaching.

Dr. Nicholas Sowers, Department of Emergency Medicine, was awarded the Resident Teaching Award by the Graduating Class of 2016 for his exceptional teaching and dedication to students.

Dr. Cheryl Murphy, Department of Psychiatry, has received the 2016 Early Career Faculty Award of Excellence in Teaching from Dalhousie University.

Dr. David Whitehorn, Department of Psychiatry, has received the Faculty of Medicine Wayne Putnam Award.

Dr. Suma Satya, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, was the recipient this year of the Russell Webster Teaching Award, which is awarded to a Saint John faculty who provides an exceptional educational experience for residents.

Dr. Sarah Al-Youha, Department of Surgery, received the 2016 Dr. Winston Parkhill award for excellence in teaching by a plastic surgery resident.

Dr. Tara Chobotuk, received the Dalhousie University and IWK Health Centre Department of Pediatrics Undergraduate Medical Education Teacher of the Year 2015.

Dr. Janice Chisholm, Department of Anesthesia, has received the Program Director of the Year Award (Dalhousie).

Appointments

Dr. Craig McCormick has been appointed to full professor in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology.

Dr. Brent Johnston has been appointed to full professor in the Department of Microbiology & Immunology.

Dr. Jillian Coolen, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, has been promoted to Associate Professor.

Dr. Jason Berman has been appointed as Full Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Pathology and Microbiology & Immunology, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University with success in four large grants.

Dr. Andrew Lynk, Department of Pediatrics, has been appointed as head of the Department of Pediatrics.

Special Recognition

Dr. Godfrey Heathcote, Department of Pharmacology, was elected President of British Association for Ophthalmic Pathology (2016-2019) at recent Annual Meeting in Oxford, UK.

Dr. Francoise Baylis, Department of Bioethics, has been appointed to the Order of Canada.

Dr. John Archibald, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, has been selected as a member of the 2016 cohort of the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists of the Royal Society of Canada. The induction ceremony for the inaugural cohort of The College occurred in Kingston on November 18 in the context of the Annual Meeting of the RSC.

Dr. Ian Morris, Department of Anesthesia, has received the Doctors of Nova Scotia - Senior Membership.

Dr. Gordon Launcelott, Department of Anesthesia, has received the Doctors of Nova Scotia - Senior Membership.

Usman Khan, Marissa Ley and Tiffany Richards have been awarded Funding Entrance Scholarships, which were presented at the DMAA Gala on October 22, 2016.

Benjamin Capps, Department of Bioethics, has been appointed Vice-Chair (January 2016) of the Human Genome Organisation (HUGO) Committee on Ethics, Law and Society (CELS).

Dr. Christy Simpson, Department of Bioethics, has been appointed President of the Canadian Bioethics Society (September 2016).

Sharon Batt, Department of Bioethics, has been selected as a Visiting Professor by The Lillian Robinson Scholars Program, Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Concordia University.

Dr. Meredith Chiasson, Department of Medicine, will be one of the new Unit Heads for Skilled Clinician I and II for the current academic year 2016-2017. She will be overseeing the longitudinal curriculum for Skilled Clinician for Med 1 students.

Dr. Lori Connors, Department of Medicine, will be one of the new Unit Heads for Skilled Clinician I and II for the current academic year 2016-2017. After 3 years leading the Skilled Clinician in Med 1 as the Unit Head, she will be taking on the new challenge of Unit Head for Skilled Clinician II.

Alexandra Hudson (supervisor Dr. K. Blake) won Best Oral Research Presentation by a Medical Student for her Quality of life in adolescents and adults with CHARGE syndrome presentation. This was presented at the IWK Pediatric Research Day, 2016.

Dr. Rachel Barrett, Department of Pediatrics, won First Place Oral Poster Presentation (Supervisor Dr. Amy Ornstein), April 2016, "Awareness of Sentinel Injuries Amongst Canadian pediatricians: A CPSP One time Survey".

Dr. Erin MacDonald, Department of Pediatrics, was a "top 3 clinical poster" at the Canadian Pediatric Society Meeting in Charlottetown, PEI, June 2016 (Supervisor: Dr R McLaughlin).

Dr. Vicky Price, Department of Pediatrics, initiated and developed a thalassemia clinic for the recent influx of Syrian refugees suffering with this disorder.

Dr. Donna McCulloch, Department of Psychiatry, will be the new Director PEM Off Service Postgraduate.

Dr. Heather Rose, Department of Psychiatry, will be the new Clinical Director, Pediatric Emergency Medicine/Community Transitions.

Dr. Donna McCulloch, Department of Psychiatry, has been selected to join the Royal College Canada PEM Examination Committee.

Dr. Conrad Fernandez, Department of Pediatrics, has been appointed as Chair of the renal tumors committee for the international clinical trials group (Children's Oncology Group). Ethics node leader for the Terry Fox Cancer Institute funded project: PROFYLE (sequencing high risk and relapsed pediatric and young adult cancers).

Dr. Patrick McGrath, Department of Psychiatry, has been appointed as one of the inaugural Chairs of CIHR's College of Reviewers (College). The Chairs will play a vital role in helping to build a College that is recognized as a valued resource throughout Canada and around the world.