

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION - NEWSBYTES -

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Office of the Chair

Year-End Celebration Reminder - December 7, 2000

Plan to join our colleagues and co-workers in a celebration of the year-end. The event will be held in the main dining room of the University's Faculty Club December 7, 2000 between 5:30 and 7:30 PM. The details follow:



**The Department of Health Administration
Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto**

YEAR-END CELEBRATION

Thursday, December 7, 2000 5:30-7:30 p.m.

**The Faculty Club, Main Dining Room
University of Toronto
41 Willcocks Street
(East of Spadina Av., 3 blocks North of College)**

Departmental Re-Naming -- Update

As you may know a Department Task Force was struck this summer to over see the process of selecting a new name for the Department of Health Administration. Members of the Task Force include: Tina Smith (Chair), Helena Axler, Ross Baker, Ruth Corbin, Brian Feldman and Sue Ross. The Task Force met in August to discuss the process and criteria for selecting a new name and it was agreed by all present that the new name must:

- be recognizable and relevant to alumni and key stakeholders
- encompass the increasing breadth of Departmental activities
- encompass the future focus of the Department, and
- reflect the Department's uniqueness

It was also agreed that the selection process should provide ample opportunity for all members to participate in the process and bring forward their ideas and suggestions for discussion. As such the Task Force will undertake to:

- review names of similar Departments at other Universities
- call for suggestions for names from Department members
- prepare a short list of names that meet the selection criteria
- consult with the Department and the community on the short list
- recommend 2 names

- conduct a referendum to make the final selection

The Task Force has currently conducted the review, sent out a call for suggestions for names and prepared a short list of names for consultation with the Department and the community. Suggested names have included:

- Department of Health Strategies
- Department of Health Management and Research
- Department of Health Care Management, Policy and Research
- Department of Health Care Evaluation, Management and Policy
- Department of Health Management, Policy and Evaluation

To date consultations have taken place at the Department faculty meeting and the Clinical Epidemiology program retreat. The task force has met to share the feedback and will be looking to prepare a list of names for further consultation and final selection. University feedback has indicated that the term research should not be included in a Department name as this function can be attributed to all academic units.

If you have any suggestions for names or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me by E-mail at tina.smith@utoronto.ca or via phone at 946-3023.

Research

Health Administration Faculty Provide Leadership for Hospital Report 2001

Under the leadership of Adalsteinn Brown, faculty from the Department of Health Administration are collaborating with lead investigators from Providence Centre, the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, CIHI, the Women's Health Directorate, the Faculty of Nursing, the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, ACREU and ICES to develop Hospital Report 2001. The Ontario Hospital Association and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care have jointly sponsored the report. Hospital Report 2001 will extend well beyond the acute care sector, providing insights into emergency care, complex continuing care, rehabilitation, mental health, and women's health in Ontario. The work will be completed in phases, with the first phase - acute care - planned for release in May/June 2001. Hospital Report 2001 will address the need for public accountability of our health care system, as well as providing a vehicle for quality improvement.

Dementia Care Service Delivery Networks in Ontario

This is a two-year multi-site research study examining four dementia care service delivery networks in Ontario: Hamilton, Niagara, Toronto and Ottawa. Approximately 16 agencies are involved in each network. It is collaboration between investigators at McMaster University and the University of Toronto and is funded through the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation and the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. Louise Lemieux-Charles and Larry Chambers are the co-principal investigators. The objective is to determine whether a network model of care, spanning the health and social support services for individuals with Dementia and their families can ensure continuity of care for consumers and accountability among providers.

Education

Research Day 2000/2001 - April 25, 2001

The Department's 2000/2001 Research Day will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 25, 2001. As at last year's event there will be student poster displays and a keynote presentation followed by a wine and cheese reception.

All students are strongly encouraged to submit posters. The posters will be judged and the top two posters for each of the Department's programs [MHSc, PhD/MSc and MSc (Clinical Epidemiology)] will be awarded cash prizes. Details on deadlines and submission requirements will be announced early in the New Year.

Appointments and Promotions

Professor Peggy Leatt named Liberty Health Chair

The Department is pleased to announce that Professor Peggy Leatt has accepted an appointment as the first holder of the Liberty Health Chair in Health Management Strategies. Professor Leatt is the former Chair of the Department of Health Administration and was the CEO of the Health Services Restructuring Commission.



Honours and Awards

Dean David Naylor Awarded CHSRF Health Research Advancement Award

On December 2 Dean David Naylor, Professor of Medicine and Health Administration, was awarded the first individual Canadian Health Services Research Foundation Research advancement Award. Dean Naylor was recognized for his work in building the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences, the development of policy relevant practice atlases, waiting list management systems and his contributions to bridging between health services research and the 'sometimes resistant world of clinical medicine'. The award consists of a plaque and \$10,000 prize.



Students

Patricia Baranek and Maureen Dobbins win Canadian Policy Research Awards

Congratulations to Pat Baranek and Maureen Dobbins on their each winning a Canadian Policy Research Award for their contributions to new thinking in public policy development. The federal government's Policy Research Secretariat gives this prestigious award annually, and we are very pleased that 2 of the 22 Canadian graduate students to be honored this year are Department of Health Administration colleagues.

Pat is now working as a consultant, and her thesis focused on "Long Term Care Reform in Ontario: The Influence of Ideas, Institutions, and Interests on Public/Private Mix." Maureen is currently on faculty in the Department of Nursing, McMaster University and her thesis work examined "Characteristics of the Innovation, Organization, Environment, and Individual that Facilitate the Utilization of Five Systematic Overviews among Public Health Decision Makers in Ontario."

Wendy Young elected to Board of Directors of the Canadian Evaluation Society

Congratulations also to Wendy Young for her election to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Evaluation Society. Wendy is a doctoral student in the Department's Outcomes and Evaluation stream.

Shabbir Alibhai shares Kaufman Prize

Shabbir Alibhai, MSc student in the Clinical Epidemiology stream of the Department of Health Administration, shared the Kaufman Prize at the Annual Scientific Meeting for the Canadian Geriatrics Society held in Edmonton, Alberta in October. The prize is awarded for the best research paper presented by a trainee in geriatrics. Shabbir is supervised by Professor Gary Naglie.

Alumni

Enrique Ruelas (class of 1984) Appointed Vice-Minister of Health in Mexico

Congratulations to Dr. Enrique Ruelas, class of 1984, who has just been named Vice Minister of Health in Mexico. Enrique will be returning to public service after 11 years in the private sector. Enrique stated that he is looking forward to the challenge, and noted that "It is at these moments when I recognize ... the huge impact on my life of my training at the University of Toronto."