

## Office of the Chair

### First Endowed Chair to Examine Health Management Strategies

On April 17th, 2001 Deans Naylor and Daniels of the Faculties of Medicine and Law were joined by representatives of Liberty Health, friends and colleagues at a reception to celebrate the naming of Dr. Peggy Leatt, Professor, Department of Health Administration as the inaugural holder of Canada's first endowed chair in health management strategies.

The Liberty Health Chair in Health Management Strategies will study alternative approaches to managing Canada's health care system. The goal is to determine how to meet the ever-growing public demand for health care and health promotion services in a financially sustainable, clinically effective manner. It will examine the potential trade-offs offered by a variety of possible healthcare system changes, such as better integration of health care delivery, patient conditions for accessing specific medical services, and alternative sources of funding. It is hoped that this body of work will be used to help determine the future of health care policy in Canada.

"I am thrilled that the work produced by this chair will influence how we determine what needs to be done to improve our healthcare system in Canada," says Leatt. "As the baby boom generation moves into old age, and the echo generation makes it impact, we will be forced to reckon with new challenges, both from a delivery and finance point of view. We need to ensure that the Canadian health care system is in a position to deliver the best possible care to all of its users, especially focusing on aspects of disease prevention."

The full text of Professor Leatt's comments can be found [here](#).

The chair is located in both the faculties of medicine and law and will be based in the Department of Health Administration in the first instance.

"Professor Leatt is a marvelous choice as the inaugural holder of the chair," says Gery Barry, President and CEO of Liberty Health. "Her expertise and reputation in the field of healthcare administration gives her a very unique qualification. There is potential for long-term impact on the study of how health care is delivered in this country."

Peggy was Chair of the Department of Health Administration and the principal investigator for the Hospital Management Research Unit from 1987 to 1998. In 1997, she was awarded the Gary Filerman Prize by the Association of University Programs in Health Administration, for outstanding leadership in health services administration. From 1998 to 2000 she was chief Executive Officer of the Health Services Restructuring Commission, and is the founding editor of two leading academic health journals - Hospital Quarterly and Healthcare Papers.





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## New Business Manager Appointed

Please welcome our new business manager, Robin Hurst. Robin joins us from the Faculty of Music where she was Assistant Dean, Administration. She has extensive experience in the University, having worked in Internal Audit and the Department of Nutritional Services.

She can be reached via e-mail: [robin.hurst@utoronto.ca](mailto:robin.hurst@utoronto.ca), and telephone: (416) 978-8374.



## Research

### Making Research Relevant: Building Capacity in Ontario

The Department of Health Administration, University of Toronto, the Central East Health Information Partnership, the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences and the Health Evidence and Application Network (HEALNet), have received funding for one year from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for the development, implementation and evaluation of curriculum models that will help build the health sector's capacity for knowledge transfer and uptake. Tina Smith is the Principal Investigator, and Vivek Goel, Louise Lemieux-Charles, Sten Ardal and Sue Bondy are Co-Investigators.

## Education

### Non-Experimental Design for the Health Researcher: A New Course Offering

A new course in non-experimental design for the health researcher was offered by Gillian Hawker this winter 2001 for students in the Clinical Epidemiology and Health Care Research Program. The course is designed to instruct healthcare providers who already have some background in general epidemiological principles and methods in the design, conduct and analysis of cross-sectional, cohort and case-control studies. Students undertaking the course are required to formulate and address a research question using one of the above study designs through the development of a formal research proposal that would pass peer-review. The course involves both lecture and active group-based learning, and was very well received by participating students.

## Honours and Awards

### Research Day Award Winners

The Department of Health Administration held its Annual Student Research Day on April 25, 2001. The winners of awards were:

#### Thomas & Edna Naylor Award

##### Best MSc/PhD Thesis

Shabbir Alibhai

Title: Do age and comorbidity influence the treatment of localized prostate cancer?  
Supervisor: Gary Naglie

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#### Eugenie Stuart Award

##### Best Instructor

George Pink, Associate Professor, Department of Health Administration

Decided on the basis of student evaluations and contribution to the Department's teaching programs, as assessed by the Department's Curriculum Committee

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#### Ted Goldberg Award

##### Most Promising PhD Student

Patty Lindsay

Supervisor: Geoff Anderson

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**Claire Bombardier Award**

**Most Promising MSc (Clinical Epidemiology) Student**

Unni Narayanan

Supervisor: Jim Wright

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**Harold Livergant Award**

**Outstanding MHSc Student in the Field of Complex Continuing Care**

Kaiyan Fu

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**Maureen Dixon Award**

**Outstanding Student Contribution to the Field of Community Care**

Wendy Young

Supervisor: Peter Coyte

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**MSc/PhD Poster Awards**

**Gene Vayda Award**

**First Place**

Lane Ilersich

Title: Distilling the Root Causes of Rising Canadian Expenditures for Drugs

Supervisor: Raisa Deber

**Second Place**

Mark Dobrow

Title: Impact of Decision Making Context on the Interpretation of Evidence

Supervisor: Vivek Goel

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## MSc Clinical Epidemiology Poster Awards

### First Place

Leah Steele

Title: SES Barriers to Ambulatory Mental Health Services Despite Universal Health Care in a Canadian Inner City Setting  
Supervisor: Rick Glazier

### Second Place

Ed Chow

Title: A Predictive Model for Survival in Metastatic Cancer Patients attending an Outpatient Palliative Radiology Clinic  
Supervisor: Ian Tannock

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## MHSc Poster Awards

### Rosenfeld Award

### First Place

Jennifer Rodgers

Title: A RCT of Assertive Community Treatment in a Canadian Inner City Setting

### Second Place

Kaiyan Fu

Title: Serving Scarborough's Frail Non-receptive Older Adults

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Click [here](#) to view a PowerPoint slide show of Research Day.

## Appointments

### Department of Health Administration Promotions as of July 2001

#### Faculty Awarded Promotions

Congratulations to Drs. Rhonda Cockerill and Vivek Goel of the Department of Health Administration on their promotion to Full Professor as of July 2001.

#### Cross-Appointment Promotions

To Full Professor as of July 1, 2001:

- Dr. Shelley Bull, Department of Public Health Sciences
- Dr. Nancy Krieger, Department of Public Health Sciences
- Dr. Steven Shumak, Department of Medicine
- Dr. Yves Roland Talbot, Department of Family and Community Medicine

To Associate Professor as of July 1,2001:

- Dr. Sandra Donnelly, Department of Medicine
- Dr. Brian Feldman, Department of Paediatrics
- Dr. Murray Krahn, Department of Medicine
- Dr. Hans Kreder, Department of Surgery
- Dr. Laurie Morrison, Department of Medicine
- Dr. Paula Rochon, Department of Medicine
- Dr. Hillary Steinhart, Department of Medicine

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### New Appointment

New Cross Appointment to the Department of Health Administration during the month of April

- Dr. Andrew Howard, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery

## Students

### **Nick Braithwaite Wins the 2001 Robert Wood Johnson Award**

Congratulations to Nick Braithwaite, the 2001 winner of the Robert Wood Johnson award.

The Robert Wood Johnson award was established in 1956 by Johnson & Johnson Medical Products Inc., as an award program exclusively for students in the five health administration programs across Canada. The award consists of \$1500, A Certificate of Merit, and travel and accommodation expenses to attend the awards ceremony at the annual National Healthcare Leadership Conference, to be held this year in Winnipeg. The University of Toronto award winner is selected by the faculty of the Department of Health Administration, and is given to a graduating student deemed most likely to contribute valuable service to the field of health services management.

### **Shalimar Santos-Comia (MHSc Year 2) Wins the Peter Ellis Award**

Congratulations to Shalimar on being the 2001 recipient of the SWCHSC Peter Ellis Award. The award is given out annually to an employee, who is enrolled in a health administration program at the University of Toronto, and who has, or shows potential, in contributing to excellence in health administration at the Sunnybrook and Women's College Health Science Centre.

Shalimar currently holds the position of Co-ordinator, Nursing Education & Community Partnerships at SWCHSC. The position includes a portfolio related to nursing human resources, nursing informatics, nursing administration projects (ministry of health, federal ministry, nursing executive associations, universities), nursing research and policy and nursing strategic planning.



## Alumni

### **Alumni Society Sponsors Pre-Convocation Brunch**

The Society of Graduates in Health Administration has generously agreed to sponsor the Graduate Department of Health Administration's Pre-Convocation Brunch in honour of the Class of 2001. All graduates and their families, faculty, and members of the Alumni Executive are invited to the brunch, which will be held on Monday June 11 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the University College Union, 79 St. George Street, Toronto. The convocation ceremony will follow in the afternoon.

## Other Notables

### **Peter Coyte is Featured in Major Media**

Peter Coyte's recent outcomes study on ear tube surgery for children with recurrent ear infections was featured in both the Globe and Mail and The National Post, and extensively in the media last month. The research, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, studied more than 37,000 Ontario children who had tube surgery. The study suggested that removing a child's adenoids at the same time that the tube is inserted could cut the need for future additional surgery by half.