

From the Director's Desk – EVERYONE MAKES A MARK!

Dear all: In the spirit of celebrating our collective success as members of the Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing, please join me in congratulating our colleagues on their contributions to knowledge building in nursing through various initiatives that have taken place in recent months, Below are JUST A FEW of the many developments that have happened since May 2013!

1. WORK STUDY RA PROGRAM AWARDS – Dr. Beth McCay, Oona St-Amant, and Dr. Margareth Zanchetta Santos.
2. OVPRI HEALTH RESEARCH GRANT COMPETITION AWARD – Dr. Nancy Walton; "The parent-as-therapist for children with autism spectrum disorder: A qualitative study".
3. ASSOCIATED MEDICAL SERVICES (AMS) PHOENIX PROJECT GRANT AWARD – Dr. Jennifer Lapum, Dr. Terence Yau, Dr. Kathryn Church, and Ms. Linda Liu, in collaboration with Dr. Cristina Catallo and Ms. Jennifer Menezes; "Arts-informed approaches to person-centred care: a creative education and knowledge translation initiative".
4. CIHR PARTNERSHIPS FOR HEALTH SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT (PHSI) AWARD (Institute of Health Services and Policy Research) – Dr. Beth McCay, Dr. Gretchen Leigh Conrad, with Dr. Heather Beanlands, Dr. Elaine Santa Mina, and Dr. Jasna Schwind (and others); "Sustaining recovery: Supporting the transition from specialized services to community-based primary care for at-risk youth who have experienced early psychosis".
5. CIHR MEETING AND PLANNING GRANT AWARD (Institute of Health Services and Policy Research) – Dr. Nancy Purdy and Dr. Patrick Newman, with Dr. Souraya Sidani (in collaboration with other researchers); "Developing a Canadian Model of Innovation in Nursing Systems: Better Work – Better Care".
6. MOVEMBER FOUNDATION AWARD – Dr. Sepali Guruge, Dr. Josephine Wong, and Dr. Souraya Sidani, with Kwame McKenzie, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health; Kenneth Fung, University Health Network; Marina Morrow, Simon Fraser University; and Daniel Lai and David Este, both from University of Calgary (among other researchers, collaborators, partners and supporters); "Reducing stigma of mental illness among boys and men in Asian communities in Canada: An innovative intervention study". This project will study the effectiveness of two pilot anti-stigma interventions with 2,160 men living in Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto. The approaches to be applied are Acceptance Commitment Training to reduce internalized stigma and Contact-based Empowerment Education to support knowledge and skills building. The project has drawn insights gained in HIV stigma reduction research by the [Committee for Accessible AIDS Treatment](#) in the CHAMP: Community Champions HIV Mobilization Project, funded by CIHR and led by Alan Li of [Regent Park Community Health Centre](#) as well as Wong and Fung.

Congratulations to all, and we want to hear from others! In fact, many of you will have presented at conferences, received notification of acceptance of manuscripts for publication, participated in the development of professional practice guidelines, and/or provided scholarly leadership within various professional organizations and teaching teams. Please submit your announcements to Krista Abramovic for upcoming "Everyone Makes a Mark" announcements to be circulated on a monthly basis so we can celebrate our collective successes on an ongoing basis.