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## SCHOOL OF NURSING

From the Director's Desk – EVERYONE MAKES A MARK!  
Fall 2014

Dear all: Contributions to knowledge building and professional development from our School of Nursing are growing exponentially! Please join me in congratulating our colleagues on the various initiatives that have taken place in recent months. Below are **JUST A FEW** of the many developments that have happened since the beginning of the fall 2014 term!

### The Life of Our School

**2014 Awards Ceremony:** On Monday, October 20th we invited students, faculty, staff, and donors to our 2014 Awards Ceremony at the Mattamy Athletic Centre. The awards committee did a great job in planning and executing our celebration. Congratulations! This year we began the awards ceremony by bestowing an "Honorary Nurse Award" to Ryerson's outgoing President, Sheldon Levy. In his remarks, Sheldon stated that the recognition of an Honorary Nurse meant a lot to him and he was very touched. He wanted everyone to know how much he appreciated the recognition. Nursing is very special to Sheldon and to be considered by the DCSN to earn the honorary title is very special.

**50th Anniversary:** During the Alumni Weekend, the School of Nursing hosted an afternoon reception to celebrate 50 years of nursing education at Ryerson. The celebration offered faculty, faculty emeritus, staff, students, and alumni an opportunity to reconnect and reminisce. On behalf of the 50th Anniversary Committee I would like to thank you for attending the event and I would also like to thank the 50th Anniversary Committee for all they have done over this past year to help celebrate this wonderful milestone. I believe one of the most significant accomplishments of the committee is the fact that we have raised approximately \$106,000.00 for student awards. The award funding is desperately needed and I am grateful to all of those who gave funding to the school.



For those not able to attend, here is a picture of the cake. Enjoy!

### DCSN co-hosted the 2014 Enhancing Practice Conference

The DCSN was a proud co-host of the 2014 Enhancing Practice Conference, September 24 – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014, held at the 89 Chestnut Conference Centre, Toronto. The DCSN was well represented with several of our faculty and students presenting papers, workshops or show & tell sessions. We are especially proud of our Master's students, Karen Campbell and Celina Carter who not only presented their scholarly work, but also provided volunteer assistance at the conference registration desk. The presentations from our school are as follows:

- ✚ Campbell, K. Using multimedia to enhance reflective practice in undergraduate nursing students. Show & Tell.

- ✚ Carter, C. Dancing reflexivity: An exploration of role transitions. Show & Tell.
- ✚ Schindel Martin, L., Bliss, M., & Tsokas, M. Learning activities to promote person-centred approaches in dementia. Show & Tell.
- ✚ Paton, S. The student-preceptor relationship: Changing expectations. Show & Tell.
- ✚ LeGrow, K. Person-centredness in graduate nursing education: Practice development in action. Paper.
- ✚ Schwind, J., & Lindsay, G. Enhancing care delivery: Arts-informed narrative inquiry as a practice development methodology in mental health. Paper.
- ✚ Schindel Martin, L., Bliss, M., & Cowie, B. Enhancing person-centred sexual health assessment of older people: Use of actor simulation. Workshop.
- ✚ The morning keynote speaker on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, Tom McCann was particularly interesting. You can access the full text of his keynote talk, titled ***The he(art) of care: Changing the cultural climate equation***, and hear an audio presentation through the following web link:  
<http://anthonymccann.wordpress.com/2014/09/27/the-heart-of-care-changing-the-cultural-climate-equation/>

## Presentations

Several faculty and graduate students presented papers and posters at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Scientific and Educational Meeting of the Canadian Association on Gerontology. Niagara Falls, Ontario, October 17-18. These include:

- ✚ Souto, R., **Guruge, S.**, Merigui, M., & Jesus, M.C. Older Portuguese speaking immigrant women's experience of domestic violence in the Canadian context. (Poster). October 18, 2014.
- ✚ **Schindel Martin, L., Romaniuk, D., Purdy, N., Cooper, L., Kinmer, A., Weisenthal, S., Cherney, S., Marasco, G., Newman, K.,** McCoy, B., Bliss, M. Preparing Nursing Students to Care for People with Dementia: Phase 2 Study. (Oral). October 17, 2014.
- ✚ **Schindel Martin, L.**, Bliss, M. Transforming the learning experiences of dementia for professional care givers. (Oral). October 17, 2014.
- ✚ Souto, R., Merighi, M., **Guruge, S.**, Jesus, M. Psychological Domestic Violence among Older Brazilian Women. (Oral). October 18, 2014.
- ✚ **Guruge S.**, Thomson, M. Older immigrants and mental health: Findings from a recent scoping review. (Oral). October 18, 2014.
- ✚ **Hepburn, S.**, Matsuoka, A., **Guruge, S.**, Manuel, L. What types of intervention strategies address abuse of ethnocultural minority older adults (EMOA) as it is defined and experienced in different communities (especially those coming from war-torn countries)? (Oral in Symposium titled: Interrogating Access: Promoting Health Care Equity for Ethnocultural Minority Older Adults). October 18, 2014.

Three of our graduate students presented posters at CAG related either to their thesis work, or graduate course work. They are:

- ✚ Nafsin Nizum, MN thesis student. Exploring resilience in south Asian older adults with mild dementia: A literature review. October 18, 2014.
- ✚ Erinne Stevens, Combined MN-NP program graduate; MN8904/05 Practicum course work. Home is where the heart is: An exploration of home-based primary care through art. October 17, 2014.
- ✚ Maryana Zaplatsinska, MN thesis student. Cultural competence of frontline health care providers caring for ethnically diverse older adults: A review and analysis of the literature. October 17, 2014.

## Appointments

### ✚ **Kristine Newman**

Nominated to attend the "Canadian Young Leaders Discussion Series for Innovative Ideas to Address Dementia" on 10 September 2014 at the British High Commission in Ottawa, Canada to develop innovative ideas to support the ongoing work of the World Dementia Council, and to help create a sustainable global network which will continue to address the challenges presented by dementia.

Kristine also attended Young Leaders event funded by the UK Science and Innovation Network in Canada.

Received Senior Trainees and New Investigators Funding support of the CIHR Institute of Aging, to attend the Global Dementia Legacy Event, entitled Harnessing the Power of Discoveries: Maximizing Academia-Industry Synergies, cohosted by France and Canada in Ottawa, Canada on September 11-12, 2014.

### ✚ **Karen LeGrow**

Has been voted into the position: Chair of Nominating Committee, International Family Nursing Association.

### ✚ **Faith Donald**

Has been appointed by the College of Nurses of Ontario to serve on the Canadian Council of Registered Nurse Regulators' Research Advisory Committee: Practice Analysis of Entry-level Nurse Practitioners in Three Streams of Practice.

### ✚ **Sepali Guruge**

Congratulations to Dr. Sepali Guruge for her tremendous accomplishment of being one of three Ryerson University professors in the first contingent appointed to the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists. Sepali, this is a remarkable achievement, and we are all proud of your contributions to nursing knowledge development. For faculty wishing to read more about this prestigious award follow the link: [http://www.ryerson.ca/news/news/General\\_Public/20140917-royal-society-honours-emerging-leaders/](http://www.ryerson.ca/news/news/General_Public/20140917-royal-society-honours-emerging-leaders/)

## Publications

- ✚ **LeGrow, K.,** Hodnett, E., Stremmer, R., Cohen, E., & Victor, C. J. (2014). Psychometric testing of the Family Satisfaction with Decision Making subscale (FS-ICU/DM) in an acute care pediatric hospital setting. *European Journal for Person Centered Healthcare*, 2(3), 383-392.
- ✚ **Madhavi, P.A.V., Guruge, S., Schwind, J., Schindel Martin, L.** Exploring the experience of loneliness among older Sinhalese immigrant women. *Perspectives*, 37(1), 6-14.

## Professional Development

- ✚ **Nancy Purdy** (Project Lead) and **Linda Lui** (MN Practicum Student) facilitated the first workshop to launch the collaborative program curriculum re-development project on October 22<sup>nd</sup> (to be repeated November 4<sup>th</sup>). Faculty and staff were provided an overview of the curriculum planning model and next steps. Participants had an opportunity to share their hopes and dreams for the new curriculum. These data will be used to inform further development strategies. The newly formed Curriculum Re-development Steering Committee will be meeting soon to plan next steps.
- ✚ **Oona St-Amant** presented a paper titled "Balancing Reproductive Power? The Case of NGOs in Tanzania" as part of the Ryerson Midwifer Education Program Speaker Series on Wednesday, October 22, 2014.
- ✚ **Elaine Santa Mina** presented 2 workshops titled "Suicide Awareness: What do we know? How do we help?" for the RNAO Halton Chapter event titled, "We all Matter: Let's Create a Healthy and Safe Community" on September 10, 2014 (Milton, ON) and for the Sarnia-Lambton RNSO Association & North Lambton CHC Community forum on Suicide Prevention on October 23, 2014 (Sarnia, ON).
- ✚ **Lori Schindel Martin** presented "Sexual expression and Physical Intimacy in the Dementia Context" at a Huron County Alzheimer Society and Behavioural Supports Ontario initiative on October 23, 2014 (Clinton, ON).
- ✚ **Faith Donald** represented Gerontological Nursing Association Ontario (GNAO) at RNAO's NP Knowledge Exchange Symposium, October 20, 2014. Dr. Donald participated in an initiative to review a NP toolkit. She presented greetings and read a statement on behalf of GNAO outlining the need for NPs in long term care.

- ✦ **Jacqui Schmid** successfully passed the CHSE Exam through the Society for Simulation in Healthcare and became the DSCN's first Certified Healthcare Simulation Educator.
- ✦ **Khelesh Persaud** successfully defended her PhD on September 22, 2014. Her dissertation topic was "Changing the Behavior of the Caribbean Immigrants in Toronto (Type 2 Diabetes) using a quantitative method for analysis". Dr. Persaud attended Walden University College of Health Sciences, and her review committee members were Dr. Chester Jones, Dr. Raymond Thron and Dr. Cynthia Tworek from the Public Health Faculty.
- ✦ **Cheryl Sweetnam** has defended her dissertation "Aberrant Behaviour: A Phenomenological Study on Incivility in Nursing Education" and obtained the degree: Doctor of Leadership in Education/Curriculum and Instruction on August 6, 2014 at University of Phoenix. Dr. Sweetnam's review committee members were Susan Orshan RN, PhD, Paula Young EdD and Michelle Witherspoon PhD.
- ✦ **Abigail Wickson-Griffiths** successfully defended her doctoral dissertation on Monday, September 15, 2014. The title of her dissertation was "The Palliative and Therapeutic Harmonization (PATH) Program in the Long Term Care Home Setting." Dr. Wickson-Griffiths is the first graduate of the DCSN's Master of Nursing program to complete doctoral studies. Dr. Wickson-Griffiths was enrolled at McMaster University, School of Nursing, Faculty of Health Sciences and supervised by Dr. Sharon Kaasalainen. Her committee members included Dr. Jenny Ploeg and Dr. Carrie McAiney. Abby's work has important implications for the field of palliative care as this was the first evaluation of the PATH program in long term care. Abby recently published two of her comprehensive papers and submitted one chapter from her thesis in peer-reviewed journals, with two others to be submitted shortly. Dr. Wickson-Griffiths is now moving into a postdoctoral position with the School of Nursing at McMaster and is teaching in Level 2 and 4 in their undergraduate program.

Congratulations to all, and we want to hear from others! In fact, many of you will have presented at conferences, published manuscripts, completed development of professional practice guidelines, and/or provided scholarly leadership within various professional organizations and teaching teams.

**Please submit your announcements to Alex Zheltov for the Winter 2015 edition of our "Everyone Makes a Mark" newsletter by January 12, 2015. It will be circulated in late January.**

Best regards,

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