

# McMaster School of Nursing Update

## June 2018



### Message from the Interim Associate Dean

Our School of Nursing has enjoyed a full and productive academic year and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all of our faculty and staff who contributed to our collective success.

Thinking back to July 2017, when I began the role of Interim Associate Dean, Health Sciences & Director, of the School, I am reminded of why I accepted the position to serve the school. I accepted because I believe in our School of Nursing, our faculty, and our students. Our national and international ranking amongst nursing schools is outstanding, and is something that we should all be proud of. Every single person in the School of Nursing plays an important role in our continued accomplishments and reputation.

I would also like to acknowledge the incredible effort, collaboration, and innovation our faculty and staff demonstrated this fall during the labour disruption. It truly is our people that make the School of Nursing such a wonderful place.

This update offers some of the highlights of our faculty and staff this year as we worked to achieve our goals, I hope you enjoy it. Without a doubt, we are advancing health and well-being through excellence in Nursing. You will see across these pages that we have much to celebrate.

As this academic year comes to a close, I want to say that it has been an honour to serve the School this year. I truly can say that I would not have been able to do it without all of you and your support. I am grateful, thank you.

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Best regards,

*Sandra Carroll*

Dr. Sandra L. Carroll, RN PhD  
Interim Associate Dean, Health Sciences  
and Director, School of Nursing

## ACHIEVEMENTS

### ***Promotions & Permanence:***

I am thrilled to congratulate our faculty on their promotions and permanence, which come into effect July 1. Well done!



*Above: M. Markle-Reid, R. Valaitis, S. Kaasalainen, T. McCurdy, P. Helli, T. Jewiss, A. Palma*

**Maureen Markle-Reid**, Full Professor (promotion)

**Ruta Valaitis**, Full Professor (promotion)

**Sharon Kaasalainen**, Full Professor (promotion)

**Terry McCurdy**, Teaching Professor (permanence)

**Peter Helli**, Teaching Professor (permanence)

**Tracey Jewiss**, Teaching Professor (permanence)

**Amy Palma**, Teaching Professor (permanence)

Since July 2017, we have also welcomed several new clinical faculty members:

**Patricia Corbett**

**Erin Doherty**

**Susan French**

**Giovanna Graci**

**Kathleen Trihey**

**Cindy Kington**

**Claire Latto-Hall**

**Kristine Leach**

**Nick Millar**

**Ann Mohide**

**Nancy Nesathurai**

**Cheryl Page**

**Sandra Paleczny**

**Janette Panhuis**

**Sarah Pirani**

**Terry (Teresa) Shields**

**Jennifer Yost**

**Melissa Pacquin**

**Elizabeth O'Sullivan**

### ***Awards:***

Congratulations to our award-winning faculty members:

- **Bernice Downey** won an Award for Strategic Contribution to Nursing Education from COUPN in April. [Read more...](#)
- **Lynda Bentley Poole** won the MSU award for teaching. Other nominees included **Nancy Sinclair**, **Jessica Roloson** and **Tracey Jewiss**. [Read more...](#)
- **Jan Landeen** was named an Inaugural Fellow of the Canadian Nurse Educators Institute at the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) general meeting in Ottawa in November. [Read more...](#)
- **Chris Probst** and **Jennifer Callen**, two clinical faculty members, received HHSC Nursing Excellence awards. [Read more...](#)

- **Patricia (Pat) Ford**, an assistant clinical professor of McMaster University's School of Nursing, is the 2018 recipient of the John C. Sibley Award for excellence in education. [Read more...](#)
- **Ruth Lee**, an associate clinical professor, was honoured with an RNAO Lifetime Achievement Award in April. [Read more...](#)
- **Pat Strachan** – HSGSF Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award
- **Sharon Kaasalainen** – HSGSF Excellence in Graduate Student Supervisory Award

### ***Research and Scholarship:***

Congratulations to our faculty members who were successful in winning new grants this year.

- **Andrea Baumann** received a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration for her project, The Hurdle of Employment: Integrating Internationally Education Nurses into Ontario's Workforce
- **Andrea Baumann** received a grant from Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for her project, Internationally Educated Nurses in Ontario: Barriers and Strategies to Support Timely Registration with the College of Nurses
- **Maureen Dobbins** received a \$100,000 grant from the Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute: Knowledge to Action competition. The project is: "Evaluating the impact of breast and prostate cancer screening decision aids accessed through the McMaster Optimal Aging Portal."
- **Bernice Downey** is the PI and **Patricia Strachan** is a co-investigator on a \$111,000 Catalyst grant for the project, Indigenous Approaches to Wellness Research - Understanding Indigenous perception of heart health.
- **Bernice Downey** and her team received a \$126,600 grant from CIHR for the project, Juddah's Place – An Indigenous Evaluation Project.
- **Maureen Markle-Reid** was awarded a renewal of her Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Aging, Chronic Disease and Health Promotion Interventions for another 5-year term.
- **Michael McGillion** and his team won a \$2,687,146 grant from OCE and industry for further work on SMARTVIEW.
- **Michael McGillion** and his team also received \$785,101 from FedDev Ontario for a project entitled VERDICT: Verification of the Could DX Vitaliti continuous vital signs monitor and VISION 2 Pilot.
- **Jenny Ploeg (PI), Maureen Markle-Reid, Ruta Valaitis, Kathryn Fisher, Rebecca Ganann, and Diana Sherifali** received a \$1.8 million CIHR grant, in partnership with Diabetes Action Canada and the McMaster Institute for Research on Aging. The project is "The ACHRU Community Partnership Program for Diabetes Self-Management for Older Adults – Canada".



*Maureen Markle-Reid*

- **Ruth Chen** and her team won a McPherson Institute Leadership in Teaching & Learning Fellowship. Team members include **Lynn Martin, Amy Palma, Maria Pratt, John Pilla, and Adrienne Seabrooke**. Topic is: Program for Excellence in Clinical Instruction.

### ***Faculty at the table:***

Our faculty members sit on the boards of important organizations and play key roles in influencing health policy. This list is far from exhaustive, but I would like to congratulate some of the faculty who took on new roles this year:

- **Michael McGillion** was appointed by The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada to a two-year term as co-lead of the foundation's prestigious group of advisors, called CoPASS. He is the first nurse to co-chair CoPASS. [Read more...](#)
- **Ruta Valaitis** was named the Phase 1 Academic co-lead on a study that will have an impact on how health services are delivered in Ontario. The study is called 'Public Health Units and LHINs working together for population health'. [Read more...](#)
- **Olive Wahoush** was appointed the Co-Chair for the Research Evaluation group of The Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council for two years starting in July 2018, and became a consultant/advisor to the Hamilton – Niagara Regional Autism Program Redevelopment Project (McMaster Children's Hospital), Program Evaluation Working Group in October 2017.

### ***Students:***

- Our Graduate Program students won more than \$600,000 in scholarships and awards since July 2017. This speaks to the quality of our supervisors and leadership. For stories about awards, please visit the [Graduate News section](#).
- Our Undergraduate Program students were honoured in March 2018 at the BScN Student Awards Ceremony. This year, 102 students received more than 40 awards. For pictures and videos, see: [2018 BScN Awards Ceremony](#)

## **DEPARTMENT NEWS**

### ***Leadership Changes:***



*Pam Baxter*

Dr. Joanna Pierazzo will be taking on the role of interim Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Nursing Programs for one year, starting July 1.

Dr. Pam Baxter is ending a three year term as Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Nursing Programs.



*Joanna Pierazzo*

Thank you for your hard work, Pam, and congratulations, Joanna!

Over the past year, we have welcomed some new colleagues and said goodbye to others.

**New faculty:** Dr. Maria Pratt, Dr. Rebecca Ganann

**New employees:**

Abir Abdulla, Administrative Assistant (II)  
Christine Gibson, Program Manager (BScN)  
Daniel Krawchuk, Administrative Assistant (I)  
Kalpana Nair, Research Associate (I)  
Nina Hindrichs, Administrative Assistant (II)  
Sara Ford, Placement Coordinator  
Scott Stewart, Manager, Finance  
Gyeho Thomas, Administrative Assistant (Indigenous Health)

**Returning employees:** Caitlin Schmid, HR Coordinator, returned from parental leave.

**Retirements:**

*Faculty Members:* Ann Mohide, Carolyn Byrne, Ola Lunyk-Child, Colleen McKey  
*Staff:* Betty McCarthy

## IN MEMORIAM

This was a difficult year for the School, with the passing of two retired faculty members, **Heather Arthur** and **Margaret Black**, and two retired employees, **Frances Beattie** and **Ida Kopak**. We mourn their loss and cherish their memories.

## VISITORS & EVENTS

**Visitors:**

- **Dr. Frances Wong** visited us from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and presented the Hooker Lecture in April. Thank you to **Denise Bryant-Lukosius** for hosting Professor Wong. [Read more...](#)
- **Manuela Eicher**, Associate Professor at the *Institut universitaire de formation et de recherche en soins* in Lausanne, Switzerland, presented at Research Rounds on March 5. Thank you to **Denise Bryant-Lukosius** for hosting Professor Eicher.
- **Dr. Lisabeth Fagerstrom**, Senior lecturer at Åland University of Applied Sciences Finland and **Dr. Erika Boman**, Associate Professor at Åbo Akademi University, Vaasa, Finland visited us in November. Thank you to **Denise Bryant-Lukosius** for hosting them.



*Above: Frances Wong*

- **Drexel University students and faculty** visited us from April 30 - May 3, hosted by the Graduate Nursing Program. Fifteen students, two faculty members and one administrator from their Nursing Doctorate program visited the McMaster campus and the St Josephs Hospital West 5th site. Thank you to **Nancy Carter** for hosting Drexel.

### **Events:**

- **Jennifer Skelly** hosted the **Canadian National Conference on Incontinence** on April 30th & May 1st, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Fallsview in Niagara Falls, Ontario. [Read more...](#)
- **Bernice Downey** presented the **Bernice King Lectureship** in Nursing Education and Social Reform on April 24, 2018. Her topic was: “Fostering Indigenous Health Leadership. Towards the achievement of IND-equity.” [Read more...](#)
- **Pat Strachan** hosted an event, “Increasing Nursing Capacity for a Palliative Approach to Heart Failure: A Consensus and Priority Setting Meeting” on November 9 at MIP.
- The School of Nursing held an **Appreciation Tea for Part Time and Clinical Faculty** on May 1, hosted by **Ruth Chen**. [Read more...](#)

## **IN THE NEWS**

- The Brighter World campaign at McMaster featured two of our faculty this year: an article about [Maureen Markle-Reid](#) and a [banner](#) featuring **Michael McGillion**. The campaign seeks to highlight “truly innovative research taking place here at McMaster, the dedicated people behind it, and the ways in which these discoveries are helping to create a brighter world.”
- **BScN students & 541 Cafe** (a clinical partner) appeared on the front page of the Hamilton Spectator on March 1. [Read more...](#)

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