

McMaster School of Nursing Update

September 2020



Message from Dr. Sandra Carroll

As September draws to a close and we are well on our way to the start of this historical year of virtual teaching, learning, and work, let us proudly reflect on the many achievements we have accomplished in the School of Nursing. We have successfully managed the intake of new students and welcomed back upper year cohorts across our BScN undergraduate and graduate programs. Our faculty, staff and students have adapted to new learning platforms, teaching tools and communication methods. The challenges we have faced during the COVID-19 pandemic have not deterred our progress. We have developed and implemented new courses, continued to lead innovative research, and enjoyed the accolades of faculty, staff and students who have received awards. We have concluded an extensive strategic planning initiative which will launch in October and finally, we have recruited faculty and staff into new roles.

This coming year brings with it the 75th anniversary of our School of Nursing; a year to celebrate. We are looking forward to engaging in some exciting virtual events to commemorate this incredible milestone in our School's history.

As a School, we remain committed to our response to the Calls to Action for Schools of Nursing put forth in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and to addressing diversity, equity, and inclusion. Several initiatives are under way including a new undergraduate Indigenous Health course, recruitment of Indigenous faculty and allyship with the Indigenous Health Initiative led by Dr. Bernice Downey. An *Equity Community of Practice* (ECoP), open to faculty and staff, has been formed to create a safe space for dialogue and to address issues of equity. A School of Nursing book club, *Reading for ReaSON*, has come together to create awareness and understanding of anti-black racism and discrimination through books and discussion. Our faculty and staff are engaged in the leadership of and committee membership in the Faculty of Health Sciences' Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Advisory Committee (EDIAC). Finally, members of our faculty and staff are ensuring that equity is embedded in hiring and recruitment processes.

Across the BScN Consortium, our Conestoga College partners welcomed a new faculty member, Robyn Plunkett and said farewell to Liz Ledwell who has retired. Valerie Abbott is pursuing new endeavours in BC and Jen Mohaupt has joined us at McMaster. Our Mohawk College partners have seen the recent retirement of long-time colleagues Mary Allan, Lynn Miles, Anne Porteous and Rosemary Ackerman-Rainville. We extend a warm welcome to new members of Mohawk and send our best wishes to those who have retired or sought new opportunities. For a complete list of new hires, see the list at the end of this letter.

Thank you for your contributions to the many initiatives we are involved in. Your commitment and adaptability are encouraging to us all. I wish you all continued success as we strive forward this year.

Below you will find a list of key dates to remember and a highlight of some of the many noteworthy activities and honours our School of Nursing colleagues have achieved over the last several months.

Important Dates

- October 12-18 – Reading week
- November 19, 12:00pm – Virtual Convocation: <https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/grad/details/>
- March 2021 – CASN Accreditation Virtual site-visit
- Spring/Summer 2021 – IQAP Virtual site-visit

Sincerely,
Dr. Sandra Carroll

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RECENT NEWS

WELCOME TO MELISSA NORTHWOOD, NEW FACULTY MEMBER

MONDAY, SEP 28, 2020: On November 1, 2020, Dr. Northwood will begin her Assistant Professor appointment with the School of Nursing. [Read More](#)

Featuring: [Melissa Northwood](#)

[COURSE IN CONTINENCE CARE IS NOW AVAILABLE TO LARGER AUDIENCE](#)

MONDAY, SEP 21, 2020: Starting this fall, the School of Nursing and the Continuing Education department of McMaster are teaming up to offer a new online course, Nursing Concepts in Continence Care. [Read More](#)

Featuring: [Jennifer Skelly](#)

[HEATHER HUSSON WINS PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE PROGRAM AWARD](#)

TUESDAY, SEP 15, 2020: Husson has been the administrative director of NCCMT since March 2017. [Read More](#)

Featuring: [Maureen Dobbins](#)

[NURSING LEADERSHIP DURING THE PANDEMIC](#)

TUESDAY, SEP 08, 2020: Dr. Pamela Baxter is the recipient of two new grants to study nursing leadership during the pandemic. [Read More](#)

Featuring: [Pamela Baxter](#)

[NAOMI THULIEN RECEIVES AWARD FOR RESEARCH](#)

WEDNESDAY, SEP 02, 2020: Dr. Naomi Thulien has received the Lucy Boguski Career Award in Transitioning Youth Out of Homelessness. [Read More](#)

Featuring: [Naomi Thulien](#)

[SHARON KAASALAINEN IS THE INAUGURAL GLADYS SHARPE CHAIR IN NURSING](#)

TUESDAY, AUG 11, 2020: The chair is named in honour of the late Gladys Sharpe. [Read More](#)

Featuring: [Sharon Kaasalainen](#)

[THREE GRADUATE STUDENTS WIN MITACS FELLOWSHIPS](#)

THURSDAY, JUL 30, 2020: The students are: Carley Ouellette, Marissa Bird (declined in order to accept CIHR fellowship), and Kelsea Levesque. [Read More](#)

Featuring: [Michael McGillion](#)

[PHD STUDENT LIZ ORR RECEIVES GRANT FROM UNIVERSITAS 21](#)

THURSDAY, JUL 30, 2020: Orr is part of a research team that has just received a \$5,000 (US) one-year grant from the Universitas 21 (U21) Researcher Resilience Fund. [Read More](#)

Featuring: [Susan Jack](#)

[AN INTERVIEW WITH TRACEY JEWISS](#)

WEDNESDAY, JUL 29, 2020: Tracey Jewiss, an assistant professor in the School of Nursing, has been the level 1 lead for the BScN program for the past 10 years. [Read More](#)

Featuring: [Tracey Jewiss](#) and [Amy Palma](#)

[PRESIDENT'S AWARDS HONOURS TWO MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING](#)

WEDNESDAY, JUL 29, 2020: Alexis van Baalen and Elaine Shuhaibar were presented with awards at an online virtual celebration for President's Awards winners this month. [Read More](#)

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. JOANNA PIERAZZO

THURSDAY, JUL 23, 2020: Congratulations to Dr. Joanna Pierazzo on her promotion to associate professor on July 1, 2020. [Read More](#)

Featuring: [Joanna Pierazzo](#)

DIANA SHERIFALI WINS SUPERVISION AWARD

TUESDAY, JUL 21, 2020: Dr. Diana Sherifali has received the Faculty of Health Sciences post-doctoral fellowship supervision award. [Read More](#)

Featuring: [Diana Sherifali](#)

MULTI-SITE STUDY TESTS VIRTUAL CARE FOR POST-OP PATIENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUL 15, 2020: Dr. Michael McGillion, assistant dean, research, School of Nursing, McMaster University, is part of this project. [Read More](#)

Featuring: [Michael McGillion](#)

WELCOME TO JENNIFER MOHAUPT, NEW FACULTY MEMBER

WEDNESDAY, JUL 08, 2020: Dr. Mohaupt completed her BScN at McMaster, her M.Ed. at Queen's University and her PhD at Western University. [Read More](#)

Featuring: [Jennifer \(Jen\) Mohaupt](#)

CARLEY OUELLETTE, A PHD STUDENT IN THE MCMASTER SCHOOL OF NURSING, WAS FEATURED IN A STORY ON THE *HAMILTON HEALTH SCIENCES*

WEBSITE. <https://www.hamiltonhealthsciences.ca/share/introducingdigitalrn/>

NEW HIRES

Full time faculty:

Jennifer Mohaupt

Melissa Northwood (Nov 1)

Assistant Clinical Professors:

Nicola Acker

Melissa Bock

Stefania Conidi

Tracy Dowds

Catherine Duffin

Ashley Fry-O'Rourke

Donna Johnson

Lisa Webster

Julia Yole

Hassan Zahreddine

Lisa Webster

Part Time Instructors:

Jonathan Barrios
Teri Bennett
Danielle Bourque
Bo Fusek
Sheila Gallinger
Bishav Kaur Kainth
Almir Krsic
Ashleigh Levesque
Carly Whitmore

New staff:

Alexandra Amiri, Research Coordinator

Post Doctorate Fellows:

Megan Racey
Emily Belita