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CHEPA in the media
Michel Grignon was quoted in the Hamilton Spectator about the impact of additional provincial funding for long-term care beds.
Arthur Sweetman was quoted by the Globe and Mail in its coverage of 2016 Census data.

New Publications

Journal articles
Antonipillai V, Baumann A, Hunter A, Wahoush O, O’Shea T. Impacts
Disadvantaged Populations in the Co-production of Public Services: An International Symposium for Knowledge Mobilization. She received a $23,780 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) grant to organize and host the symposium.

Awards

CHEPA faculty member John Lavis, director of the McMaster Health Forum, received the President’s Award for Excellence in Graduate Supervision at McMaster’s annual graduate student recognition awards on Nov. 2. The annual awards recognize graduate student leadership, excellence in teaching service to community and communicating the broader impact of research.

Faculty member Meredith Vanstone was principal author of a paper titled Observers, Disturbers and Team Members: Medical student experiences of social power in the clinical learning environment, which received a research paper award from the Association of Medical Educators of Europe at its conference in Helsinki, Finland on Aug. 27.

Appointments

CHEPA faculty member Arthur Sweetman, the Ontario Research Chair in Health Human Resources, has been reappointed as a C.D. Howe Research Institute fellow. His research focuses on issues in health human resources in Ontario, including the shortage in doctors, health budgets, and the number of medical radiation technologists and pharmacists needed in the province.

Faculty presentations

Elizabeth Alvarez presented two posters at conferences this fall. Defining Public Health Systems: A critical interpretive synthesis of how public health systems are defined and classified was shown at the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) Fall Forum in Toronto on November 8, and Developing a healthy lifestyles program: Moving “patient-centered care” from rhetoric to practice was presented at the Family Medicine Forum in Montreal on November 9.

John Lavis, director of the McMaster Health Forum, travelled to Cape Town, South Africa to present Developing and testing a one-stop shop for policy-relevant systematic reviews about social policies and systems on September 14 at the Global Evidence Summit. He also presented Evidence-based (or informed) policymaking: Increasing the prospects on September 28 in Brussels, Belgium, at the European Implementation Collaborative. As well, he led a webinar on Oct. 31 about program reforms: A stakeholder analysis of barriers to health care access and provision for refugees. Canadian Journal of Public Health. 2017. 108(4) e435-e441.


Bator K, Philpott B, Costa A. This
Some experiences with rapid-evidence services targeting health-system policymakers and stakeholders for the Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative / Cochrane Learning Live.

**Meredith Vanstone** made a number of presentations this fall. She went to Dallas, Texas to speak about Ethical implications in the quickly expanding universe of prenatal testing: Non-invasive prenatal testing and beyond, on Dec. 1 at the Southwestern Gynecological Assembly. Previously, she travelled to Montreal, Que., to present The diffusion of non-invasive prenatal testing into primary care: Supporting family doctors in the provision of quickly-evolving, morally complex health technologies on Nov. 18, and How do medical students respond to difficult requests from preceptors? A simulation-supported qualitative observational study on Nov. 19, both at sessions held by the North American Primary Care Research Group.

Vanstone also presented Making us strange: Including non-MD members in a clinical competency committee on Oct. 16 in Quebec City at the International Conference on Residency Education, and spoke about Women and Clinician’s perspectives and preferences relevant to Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing: Protocol for a systematic review and qualitative meta-synthesis on Oct. 6 to the Ontario Genetic Advisory Committee of Health Quality Ontario in Toronto. She also presented Women’s preferences and experiences with HPV Screening for Cervical Cancer Prevention: A systematic review and qualitative meta-synthesis to the Health Technology Expert Review Panel of the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health in Ottawa on September 29.

As well, her poster, A typology of experienced physician descriptions of diagnostic intuition in generalist practice was presented at the Diagnostic Error in Medicine Conference in Boston, Mass. from Oct. 8-10.

**Post-doctoral fellowships**

**Sonja de Laat**, a former research assistant to CHEPA faculty member **Lisa Schwartz**, successfully defended her PhD thesis entitled Regarding Aid: The Photographic Situation of Humanitarianism in October at Western University. de Laat is now working as a post-doctoral fellow with McMaster's **Humanitarian Health Ethics research group**, which is co-led by Schwartz, on the research project Aid when there is “nothing left to offer”: A study of ethics & palliative care during international humanitarian action. de Laat is leading a case study involving Rwandan refugee camps to explore the ethical and practical experiences of palliative care in protracted conflict and refugee situations. The project is part of a larger R2HC-funded research study on Ethics and survey of Canadian medical student attitudes toward medical assistance in dying. BMC Medical Ethics. 2017;18:58.


Palliative Care during International Humanitarian Action.

Leslie Malloy-Weir, who graduated from the Health Policy PhD program in 2015, is returning to McMaster in January to do a post-doctoral fellowship with the School of Nursing. She spent the past two years at the University of Saskatchewan working on the development of a decision aid for the initiation of antipsychotic medications for residents with dementia in long-term care in Saskatchewan.

Health Policy PhD program

Fanor Balderrama led a Canadian College of Health Leaders webinar on Nov. 7 about the Design of effective interventions for smoking cessation through financial and non-financial incentives, which was based on a paper of the same name that he co-authored with his thesis supervisor, Christopher Longo.

Ahmad Firas Khalid was awarded the Mary Keyes Award for Outstanding Leadership and Service to McMaster on Nov. 2 at the university’s Graduate Student Recognition Awards.


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