

JUNE 2023

FOCUS ON GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE

EXCELLENCE IN THE DIVISION

Congratulations to the following faculty:

David Dawson who was selected as a laureate of the inaugural Academy of Exemplary Physicians. This is a newly established award that recognizes and celebrates doctors within the Faculty's School of Medicine and the McGill academic health network who are role models for their peers and trainees.

Jennifer Wright who was selected to be the 2023 recipient of the Jonathan Campbell Meakins and Family Memorial Fellowship. The Fellowship rewards excellence in medical education by either an advanced postgraduate trainee or a faculty member in the Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences at McGill University.

Ernesto Schiffrin who was ranked the 34th top researcher in Canada by [Research.com](https://www.research.com) and was recognized with the Medicine Leader Award for 2023.

Stella Daskalopoulou who was promoted to Full Professor with tenure. Her stellar contributions in research, teaching and clinical innovation in the field of vascular medicine locally and on the international stage were highlighted by the promotion committee. To learn more about the promotion please refer to the *Welcome and Onboarding document* available on our website or email Michelle Elizov for a copy.



Sanabelle Zaabat who was awarded the inaugural GIM Teacher of the Year Award, as nominated by the GIM residents! The award recognizes a faculty member who uses innovative clinical teaching approaches, engages learners, stimulates interest, demonstrates enthusiasm, and provides meaningful feedback and being an outstanding role model and coach.

Isabelle Malhamé who was the 2023 recipient of the McGill JD Boudreau Physicianship Award. The award recognizes a current or recent Osler Fellow who consistently demonstrates excellent mentoring qualities and the attributes promoted by the Physician Apprenticeship Program.

Vicky Tagalakis who was awarded the 2023 Teacher of the Year Award by the JGH Core IM resident body.

Samuel Mamane who was appointed JGH Site Director of the McGill Core Internal Medicine Residency Training Program. We are confident that Sam will excel in this role and contribute significantly to the growth and success of the program and its trainees.

RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENTS

Suzanne Morin and her co-PIs Steven Boyd (U Calgary) and Angela Cheung (U Toronto) were \$1.2 million over 3 years) for a Canadian Bone Health Network (OsNET).

Romina Pace was awarded a CIHR peer-peer support program grant in EI for youth and young adults.

RESIDENCY PROGRAM NEWS



To all the 2023 graduating R5s, congratulations on reaching this significant achievement! Your commitment and perseverance have paid off, and you should be proud of your accomplishments. Moving on to the next stage of your careers, whether it's pursuing fellowship training or starting a new job, is an exciting step forward. We will miss you!

A BIG welcome to our 12 incoming R4s!

Levon Boodaghians (core IM McGill), Laurence Bourque (core IM UdeM), Andrew Bui (core IM UdeM), Liang Chen (core IM McGill), Michael Hnaris (core IM McGill), Youssef (Joseph) Hsheimi (core IM McGill), Gisèle Jolicœur (core IM UdeM), Syrine Kamoun (core IM McGill - will start in P6), Ke Xuan Li (core IM McGill), Antoine Ricard-Lacombe (core IM Sherbrooke - will in P2), James Mattina (core IM McGill), Jonathan Shaul (core IM Sherbrooke)

What is new with the GIM residency program committee (RPC)?

- Hôpital Notre-Dame, Verdun, and CH Suroît (Valleyfield) are now represented on the RPC
- RPC portfolio leads for Wellness, GIM OSCE, and Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility

Dr. Willemot reminds us to aim for 1 EPA per day during periods 1-5 of Transition to Discipline FRIDAY of every week is an opportunity to complete several specific EPAs.

- GIM EPA 3.12b: GIM inpatient team (i.e. CTU) leadership and time management
- GIM EPA 3.13: GIMCS service management
- GIM 3.15b: direct observation of the GIM resident giving formal formative/summative feedback to junior trainees (one EPA 3.15b per feedback to each individual trainee)
- GIM Narrative EPA: the "field notes" in GIM for the preceding week – special attention to Professional, Communicator and Collaborator roles, as well as to Leader in terms of resource stewardship

Camille Simard will be joining **Isabelle Malhamé** as the CSP co-Directors. Please peruse the 2023 CSP Abstract Proceedings featuring the impressive scholarly works completed by this year's R5s. Congratulations to all residents and supervisors!

FROM THE DESK OF PATRICK WILLEMOT, VP OF ASMIQ



Please fill out your FMSQ VRA (valeur relative de l'acte) questionnaire, if not already done! These were emailed to you last week. This is important as the work (and payment for work) of different specialist groups is being compared.



You can always email Patrick with any issues you want to bring up to the ASMIQ.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

We wish **Isabelle Malhamé** and Adrien Bosc all the best following their wedding on June 17th 2023 en Provence!



Congratulations to **Romina Pace** and her husband on their baby girl Charlotte Romilda Kalis who was born on March 27th, 2023.

NEW FACULTY IN THE DIVISION

A warm welcome to **Patrick Iannottone**, **Sarah Ousalem** and **Camille Pelletier-Vernoy** who joined (or will soon to be joining) St Mary's. Your arrival brings fresh expertise, and we look forward to officially introducing you to the Division. In addition, **Saman Ahmad** will be starting in the late Fall at the MUHC. We await her arrival and anticipate the valuable contributions she will make to our Division in the area of Quality Improvement. In July 2024, **Lindsey Gerstein** and **Mathew Ades** will be joining the JGH. Their expertise in medical education and respective advanced training in perioperative medicine and vascular medicine will undoubtedly enrich our collective expertise and contribute to the continued success of our Division.

THANK YOU!



A special thank you to **Vicky Tagalakis** who was recognized at this year's Annual End of the Year Division party on June 15th with a plaque for her "outstanding contribution, leadership and mentorship as Director of the McGill General Internal Medicine Division from 2016 to 2023". As Vicky embarks on her new role as Physician-in-Chief of the JGH and Associate Chair of Medicine at McGill University, we want to express our heartfelt best wishes and look forward to witnessing her continued success.