

TELEMACHUS SCHOLARS PROGRAM COMMITTEE



Anne McKinney (Chair), Professor, Pharmacology & Therapeutics

I am a Professor in the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics at McGill University. I have held various leadership positions in the Faculty and the University, including my term as Associate Dean of Academic Affairs until June 2022. My research focuses on the development and maintenance of the neuronal circuit in CNS. In particular I am interested in elucidating mechanisms regulating learning and finding novel targets for drug therapies for epilepsy and neurodevelopmental disorders.



Nicolas Cermakian (Vice-Chair), Professor, Psychiatry

I am a Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Associate Director for Academic Affairs at the Douglas Research Centre. The research in my laboratory aims at understanding how circadian rhythms regulate various aspects of physiology. In addition to looking for new circadian clock molecular components, we are interested in how these clocks make our immune system more or less responsive (e.g. to infections or to vaccination) according to the time of day, and we also address the interaction between circadian rhythms and psychiatric disorders. Being a great fan of mentoring at all levels, I was a participant of the first Telemachus cohort, then member of the committee since 2020, and Vice-Chair since 2023.



Adrian Dancea, Associate Professor, Pediatrics, Cardiology

After completing my training in pediatric cardiology with specialization in percutaneous (catherization procedures), I joined the division of cardiology at the Montreal Children's Hospital in 1999, assuming the leadership of the heart catherization laboratory and, as of 2009, acting as division head as well. My clinical research interests pertain to various areas of pediatric cardiology, in particular subjects relating to hemodynamics. In 2007, I completed an executive MBA and since 2017 I have dedicated most of my academic efforts into creating the McGill Certificate in Healthcare Management, a joint effort between the Faculties of Management and Medicine of which I am the Co-Director.



Michelle Elizov, Associate Professor, Medicine

I am the Associate Dean for Faculty Development, a General Internist, an Associate Professor of Medicine, and an Associate Member of the Institute of Health Sciences Education. I obtained my Master's degree in Health Professions Education and have been active in teaching at all levels. My previous leadership positions include: Assistant Dean of Faculty Development; Site Director for the Internal Medicine Residency Training Program at the Jewish General Hospital site; Director of University and Medical Education, CIUSSS Centre Ouest; Director of the Medical and Health Sciences Education Electives Program through the Institute of Health Sciences Education; and Vice-Chair of the Royal College GIM Specialty Committee. In 2011, I was named to the Faculty of Medicine's Honour List for Educational Excellence.



John Kildea, Associate Professor, Oncology

I am an Associate Professor in the Medical Physics Unit in the Gerald Bronfman Department of Oncology. My research lab is located at the RI-MUHC where I am appointed as Scientist and where I hold an FRQS dual chair in AI and digital health. My research focuses on building software for patient-centered health informatics and experimental methods to examine the biophysics underlying radiation-induced carcinogenesis. At the RI-MUHC, I direct the research, development, and technology innovation activities for the Opal Health Informatics Group and I lead a public-private research consortium known as the Quebec SmartCare Consortium. I was a participant in the first Telemachus cohort in 2017.



Marion Koch, Assistant Professor, Psychiatry

I have a clinical practice at the CISSSO and am the program director for UGME at the Campus Outaouais. I completed my psychiatry residency at McGill University and my undergraduate medical studies at McMaster university. I have practiced general adult psychiatry including ECT, consultation liaison, inpatient, and outpatient services with a specialization in Dialectical Behavioural Therapy and Borderline Personality Disorder. I hope with time to improve my leadership skills and become a mentor for our local burgeoning faculty.



Rachel Rabin, Assistant Professor, Psychiatry

I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry where my research program focuses on developing a better understanding of the clinical, cognitive, and underlying neurobiological mechanisms associated with substance use disorders (e.g., cannabis and tobacco). Our lab administers comprehensive clinical and cognitive assessments, employs multimodal neuroimaging techniques, such as MRI and PET, and quantifies various biological substrates. Using controlled abstinence paradigms, we also aim to model the longitudinal trajectory of abstinence to identify predictors of relapse as well as the time-course of clinical, cognitive, and neural recovery. Our hope is that this research will help identify novel therapeutic targets as well as pinpoint optimal windows for intervention to improve the long-term prognosis of individuals suffering from substance use disorders.



Lia Sanzone, Associate Professor, Nursing

I completed my undergraduate and graduate studies in Nursing at McGill and obtained a graduate certificate in health care management from Université Laval. After becoming Director of the B.Sc. (N.) Program, I was involved in the development and integration of the Inquiry Based Learning in the undergraduate revised curriculums, launched in the fall of 2017, and I continue to hold several leadership roles in multiple committees at different organizational levels. Since becoming the Director of the Nursing Peer Mentorship Program for students in 2015, I have acted as a consultant for other national and international nursing schools in helping them develop their mentorship programs for nursing and non-nursing students. I have been an active member of the Telemachus Scholars Program since the beginning as a participant in 2 cohorts and a member of the committee.