Dr. Joseph Martin  ANDREW F. HOLMES DEAN OF MEDICINE AND HEALTH SCIENCES DISTINCTION LECTURES

Dr. Joseph Martin
Edward R. and Anne G. Lefler Professor of Neurobiology, Emeritus,
Dean of Harvard Medical School from 1997-2007

Title

McGill and Harvard:
How the opening of two “public” hospitals became anchors for two great medical schools

A special Bicentennial Holmes Lecture hosted by Dr. David Eidelman, Vice-Principal (Health Affairs) and Dean of McGill University’s Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, Dr. Pierre Gfeller, President and Executive Director of the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC), and Jean-Guy Gourdeau, President & CEO of the Montreal General Hospital Foundation.

When

Wednesday, April 21, 2021
4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Where

Video
Joseph Martin, MD, PhD

Dr. Martin’s life journey has taken him from humble beginnings as a Mennonite farm boy to the highest levels of academic and medical leadership. He held positions of authority at McGill University, the Massachusetts General Hospital, the University of California, San Francisco, and Harvard University, where he established several research centres dedicated to the study of the brain, such as the Massachusetts Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center and the Harvard Center for Neurodegeneration and Repair. A member of multiple medical and scientific societies, including the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences, Dr. Martin is also the author or co-author of more than 300 scientific articles and reviews.

Dr. Martin has received numerous honorary degrees and awards, including the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Abraham Flexner Award, which he received in 1999. In 2019, Dr. Martin was inducted as an officer of the Order of Canada and in 2020 was nominated to the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame. He recently published his autobiography “Alfalfa to Ivy; Memoir of a Harvard Medical School Dean”, University of Alberta Press, 2011.

Throughout his brilliant career, Dr. Martin has led and witnessed many of the discoveries and events central to the turbulent transformation of medicine that began in the second half of the twentieth century.

Q&A with Dr. Martin: We spoke to Dr. Martin about the historic ties between Montreal and Boston, his Mennonite upbringing, his pioneering neurogenetics research and, of course, hockey. Read the Q&A here.

To read Dr. Martin's full manuscript, A Tale of Two Cities: Montreal and Boston - Emergence of the Public Hospital Systems and the Impact on Study of Diseases of the Nervous System, please click here (PDF).