



CHAIR'S CORNER



A word from the MIMM Chair

Dear MIMMers,

Every year, the first couple of days of May coincide with the supplemental and deferred exam period and with the end of the Winter term. Now that we turn the page on the 2016-2017 academic year, I would like to warmly congratulate our students and thank all the members of the MIMM Community for your invaluable contribution to another successful academic year. I really enjoy working with all of you and I am looking forward to next

ACHIEVEMENTS

McGill24- Congrats MISA!

On March 15th, the MIMM department participated in McGill24, a campaign initiated to raise funds to directly support our Department. Donations were collected from alumni, staff and faculty members while students were encouraged to complete challenges on social media to raise points.

We would like to congratulate all the participants for their enthusiasm and energy for their participation in the McGill24 initiative and for which MISA was awarded 200 points and a **\$500 prize!**

Pictures of the social medial challenges below.

year.

During the month of April, the MIMM Community was devastated by the loss of two of our Faculty members. The passing of both Dr. Mark Wainberg and Dr. Zafer Ali-Khan (Emeritus Professor) was a shock to us all. Mark was a worldwide recognized giant in the HIV field but also a real Scholar and a gentlemen appreciated by everybody that had the privilege to know him. It was a true honor to have him as a member of the MIMM Family. Before he retired in 2011, Zafer served the MIMM Department and McGill for 41 years. He was an esteemed and immensely valued member of our Community and he will be remembered for his great commitment and devotion to our Department. The whole MIMM Community is sending its deepest condolences to both the Wainberg and Ali-Khan Families and to all of Mark's and Zafer's colleagues and friends.

On May 2nd, we welcome back Monica Toribio to our Department in the position of Student Affairs Coordinator that was held by Bobbie Carin during Monica's leave. Monica, we are all very happy that you decided to return to our Department. Welcome back! Importantly, on behalf of all MIMMers, I would like to thank Bobbie Carin who brilliantly replaced Monica during her leave from MIMM. Bobbie, it was a pleasure working with you and we wish you great success in your new permanent position.

All the best,

Ben

STUDENT ASSOCIATION **UPDATES**



Joy Tseng with Clare Fogarty and 32 others.
11 mins · 🌐
MIMM Teddy Bear supports MIMM!
#McGillProud #McGill24 McGill Faculty of Medicine McGill Department of Microbiology and Immunology #MIMMtalents #MIMMpride
To donate: <http://bit.ly/2neKPTs>





MISA's Corner

Hello everyone!

Hope all of your exams went well! First off, let's all give a round of applause for our graduating class, they will be truly missed. We would also extend our warm appreciation to the amazing contribution of the executives of MISA Council 2016-17. It was an amazing year of activities orchestrated by them that brought the entire department and alumni together for some enjoyable events. We will ensure that we keep the graph of the MISA achievements scaling up the coming year. We have planned many events for the academic year. But, before that, come know us better!!

The new members of the executive team:


Harry Kim - President
Shannon Hewgill - VP Finance
Jorge Luis Flores Anato - VP Academic
Jackson Burke - VP
Internal/Communications
Caroline Chu - VP External
Nevena Veljanovic - VP Social

Stay tuned for more!

Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!

-MISA Council 2017-18

WINTER'S FAREWELL STORM

 **Caroline Chu** 😊 feeling proud with Clare Fogarty and 15 others. 1 min · 🌐

Look at this beautiful bunch of humans!! Today is McGill24! Please consider supporting @McGillGHP! #McGill24 #McGillProud #MIMM #MISA (Give: <http://bit.ly/2mfvbux>)



👍 Like 💬 Comment ➦ Share

👍 You, Mario Corrado and Morgan Gold

Vanier Scholarship

The Department of Microbiology and Immunology is pleased to announce the successful recipient of the prestigious Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, **Jamillah Abusarah** who has been granted \$150,000 for a period of 3 years.

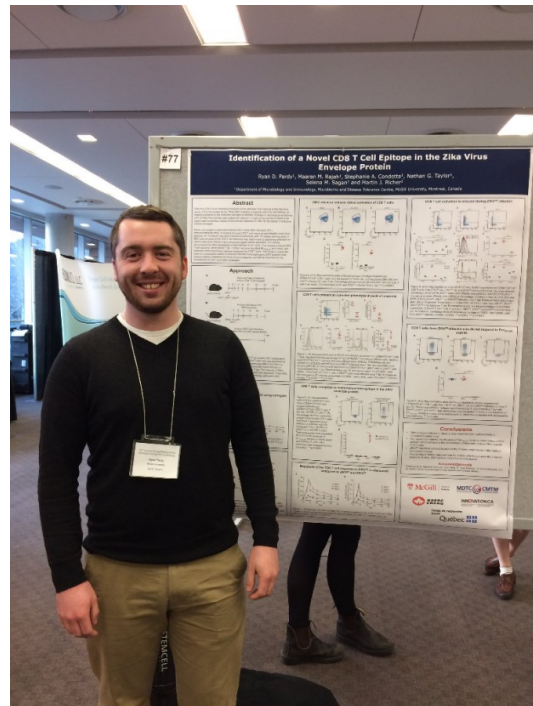
Winners of CGSM Fellowship

The Department of Microbiology and Immunology is pleased to announce the winners of the **2017-2018 Harmonized Tri-Council CGSM Fellowship**:

Trisha Rita Barnard
Tyler Clarence Cannon
Tho-Alfakar Al-Aubodah



The winter bid adieu with a record breaking blizzard. Our city was dumped with 40cm+ snow over the 14th, 15th and 16th of March. It also gave us a day off on March 15th, as McGill University announced that classes would be



Winners of the Canadian Society for Immunology Meeting

The Department of Microbiology and Immunology is pleased to announce the winners of the Meeting from Dr. Martin Richer's lab

- **Logan Smith : 1st place for Poster Presentation & Travel Award to attend the 30th Annual**

cancelled.

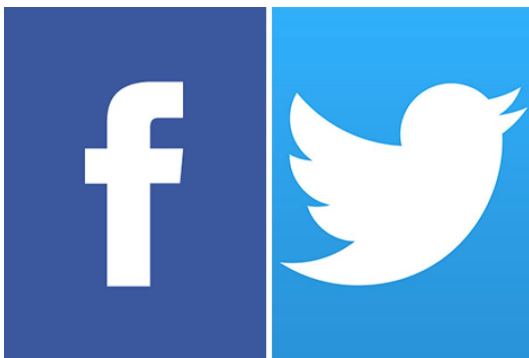
Inspite of the hardships, the students supporting [McGill's 5 Days for the Homeless](#) (5D4H) braved the treacherous climate to sleep in the open all through the blizzard. Fortunately, they took shelter under the walkway near Redpath Library to avoid being buried by the incessant snowfall. They raised \$12,000 for the most vulnerable people in the city. Congratulations!

The snowstorm also provided a reason to organize a snowball fight between McGill and Concordia at Jeanne Mance park, considered a "neutral ground."



[Jobs Available!](#)

Still looking for a job? Visit the postings available [online](#) or have a look at the job binder located in Room 511 of the [Duff Medical Building](#).



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Spring Meeting of the Canadian Society for Immunology.

- **Ryan Pardy: Travel Award to attend the 30th Annual Spring Meeting of the Canadian Society for Immunology.**

Congratulations Dr. Martin Richer and his students Logan & Ryan.

Pictures above.

[STUDENT'S CORNER](#)



[MIMM at U21 Undergraduate Research Conference, Edinburgh](#)

Our hearty congratulations to Ms. **Emma Hignett**, who will be representing McGill and MIMM at the U21 Undergraduate Research Conference. She had been working last summer on the characterizing and analysis of antibiotic-producing isolates. Her research is a part of the Small World Initiative.



Duff Biobar Updates

The Biobar stocks useful lab supplies including Kleenex, bleach, gloves, and paper towels at competitive prices. BioBar operating hours are from Monday to Friday: 8:00 -12:00 & 1:00 -3:30.

[More information.](#)

We wish her the best for the presentation and a safe journey.

FACE OF THE MONTH



Face of the Month: Dr. Corinne Maurice

You are.... I am an Assistant Professor in the MIMM Department, a Canada Research Chair in gut microbial physiology and a CIFAR Azrieli Global Scholar in the Humans & Microbiome Program.

What do you like about the department?

The people: students and colleagues. They are the ones making and shaping the Department. I like the diversity of people I meet and interact with.

How are you involved in the department?

I'm involved at several levels. First, in terms of research. My lab currently has 9 people in it, thanks to the interest and involvement of

undergraduate students (we'll go back to 4 people after this semester). We work to characterize the active bacterial cells found in the human gut and how bacterial viruses (phages) regulate these active cells. It's a very active field of study with tremendous research possibilities. Then, academically, I am involved in teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels in the Department. Once again, I mostly focus on the microorganisms found on and within the human body. Then, I serve on various committees both at the Departmental and University levels, contributing to the scientific community at large.

What is your passion?

Bacterial and viral interactions...! It might sound cheesy, but after more than 10 years of training and working in that field, it's something that still fascinates me and that I can talk about for hours.



Want to contribute an item to the MIMM Bites? Here's where to send it: office.microimm@mcgill.ca
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