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Among the numerous world-renowned scientists McGill's Dept. of Pediatrics has produced, perhaps the best known epidemiologist is Dr. Michael Kramer. Dr. Kramer was honoured earlier this month with the 2022 Prix du chercheur émérite from the Québec Réseau de recherche en santé des populations. This annual prize recognizes an exceptional career in research in public and population health by a Quebec investigator.

Many members of our department have been fortunate to benefit from the collaboration, wisdom, mentorship, and generosity of Dr. Kramer. He is internationally recognized for his work in perinatal epidemiology, particularly for groundbreaking trials elucidating the benefits of breastfeeding. His work on the optimal duration of exclusive breastfeeding led directly to new infant feeding recommendations by WHO and the World Health Assembly. In addition to his major contributions on the benefits of breastfeeding, he has also made important contributions on the effects of increasing induction and Cesarean delivery on birth weight, gestational age, and maternal, fetal, and infant morbidity and mortality, and on the impact of ethnic, socioeconomic, and migration-related disparities on adverse birth outcomes in Canada. Dr. Kramer is also a consummate methodologist, having contributed to the development of improved epidemiologic and biostatistical methods for analyzing childhood growth trajectories.

Dr. Kramer served as the Scientific Director for CIHR's Institute of Human Development and Child and Youth Health (IHDCYH) from 2003 to 2011. He was also the inaugural Director of the Centre for Outcomes Research and Evaluation (CORE) at the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre. In 2011, Dr. Kramer was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in the Life Sciences Division of the Academy of Science. Dr. Kramer has authored or co-authored 20 books and monographs, and has published over 400 original articles.

Having scientists of Dr. Kramer's calibre and stature among us elevates us all and inspires those following him. Please join me in congratulating Dr. Kramer on this important award.

As recipient of this award, Dr. Kramer will deliver a virtual lecture on April 7th 11:30- 13:00 that will be of interest to all: Santé des populations pour mères et enfants: La recherche peut-elle avoir un impact? Registration is free but required for this lecture. The link for registration is [here](#).

Have a great weekend.

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