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Happy New Year! ~ January 16, 2023

THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHT



2022 Edition of the Leo and Rachel Hendlisz Awards

The Leo and Rachel Hendlisz Awards are given to the best research articles of the year published by students and postdoctoral fellows of the Douglas Research Centre. The 2022 awardees were announced at a special scientific event held on December 20, 2022.



New Resource for Sustainable Lab Practices

The McGill Office of Sustainability (MOOS) announced the launch of the updated [McGill Sustainable Labs Guide](#). This online guide provides action-oriented guidance and resources for operating sustainable labs at McGill and will hopefully be of use to your network of lab-based researchers across the

1st place: **Cherie Strikwerda-Brown** (team Sylvia Villeneuve)
2nd place: **Johnson Ying** (team Mark Brandon)
3rd place: **Vincent Paquin** (team Marie-Claude Geoffroy)

University. It was developed by the Sustainable Labs Working Group, under the purview of the University Laboratory Safety Committee. You can [access the online guide here](#).

Congratulations to the awardees!

LATEST NEWS

From the Residency Program Office: Weekly News Capsule

Did you know that the next Advanced Training Half-Day on *Working with transgender, non-binary, agender and gender creative people* will take place on Tuesday, February 28 from 9AM-12PM?

From the Graduate Student Association of Psychiatry: Save the date

GSAP is pleased to announce that the **6th Annual Integrative Psychiatry Conference** will be held on Friday, May 5, 2023 at the Thomson House Ballroom. More details will follow soon, and a call for abstracts will be circulated in the next few weeks. If you are interested in reviewing abstracts, please email [GSAP](#) with a brief description of yourself, including whether you are a master's student, doctoral student, postdoctoral fellow, or other; your year in the program; as well as your research focus and background. Symbolic appreciation gifts will be provided to reviewers.

Call for Applications for Assistant Professor (Clinical) (CAP)

The Department of Psychiatry and the Douglas Mental Health University Institute are currently inviting applications for a full-time position at the rank of **Assistant Professor (Clinical)**. Apply [here](#)

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Rahel Wolde-Giorghis, Assistant

Professor in 2006 and completed a second residency in Psychiatry in 2010 (McGill). Over the last 10 years, she has practiced at the CIUSSS NIM as a specialist in consultation-liaison and has developed an outpatient perinatal mental health clinic. She is a member of the Quebec Alliance Perinatal Mental Health (QAPMH) and is one of the contributors for the Quebec perinatal mental health database and participates in research projects.

Dr. Wolde-Giorghis is a certified supervisor and trainer in Interpersonal Psychotherapy by the ISIPT (International Society of Interpersonal psychotherapy). She is also

Professor

In this issue's Spotlight, we welcome **Dr. Rahel Wolde-Giorghis**, who joined the Department of Psychiatry in October 2022 as a full-time Assistant Professor (Clinical) at McGill University Health Centre (MUHC).

Dr. Rahel Wolde-Giorghis, MD., FRCSC, FRCP(C) is a psychiatrist and psychotherapist specialised in consultation-liaison and reproductive mental health.

After medical school at University of Montreal, she completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology in 1997 (McGill), practiced until

involved in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in working environments. She is a member of the Canadian Psychiatry Association Task Force on Racism and is currently working on a research project on microaggression in the working place.

The Spotlight is an on-going departmental news capsule that introduces new departmental members, provides updates on departures and retirements, and highlights a member's initiatives and accomplishments. Should you wish to nominate someone for the series, please email news.psychiatry@mcgill.ca

OUR EXPERTS IN THE MEDIA

Dr. Brett Thombs featured in The Lancet Rheumatology

Brett Thombs: an unconventional journey. [Read more](#)

Dr. Suzanne King, Ici Radio-Canada, La Presse, CBC News

Crise du verglas : les effets sur les femmes enceintes et leurs bébés. [Écoutez ici](#)

Les « bébés du verglas » à l'étude. [Lire ici](#)

'Born stressed': The 1998 ice storm and anxious babies. [Read more](#)

Dr. Robert Whitley, La Presse+

Parler du suicide au lieu de censurer. [Lire ici](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18 (11:00 - 12:00)

CIC Imaging Seminar

From Social Physiology to Social Neuro-AI: How Multi-Brain Neuroscience can inform Artificial Intelligence and Computational Psychiatry by Guillaume Dumas, Associate Professor, Computational Psychiatry, UdeM and Director of the Precision Psychiatry and Social Physiology laboratory, CHU Sainte-Justine Research Centre. [Read more](#)

February 2 (15:00 - 17:00)

Division of Social and Transcultural Psychiatry and the Global Mental Health Speaker Series

LGBTQIA+ rights movement in India: Examining the crisis of care, values and ethics in psy disciplines and state mental health systems by Sudarshan R Kottai, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian

January 20 (11:00 - 12:30) Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds

Controversies in Gender Care by McGill University Sexual Identity Centre (MUSIC): Dr Sarah Peters, Clinical Psychologist and Sabrina Stea, Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. This conference will be live and in-person in the South Seminar Room of the AMI and will be available by [Zoom](#)

January 20 (12:00 - 13:30) Job Talk: Dr. Delphine Raucher- Chené

Cognitive Health in Bipolar Disorders by Dr. Delphine Raucher-Chéné. This talk will be held in-person at the Douglas Hall Amphitheatre.

January 27 (13:00 - 14:00) Early Adversity, Neurodevelopment and Mental Health Special Seminar

Social Buffering of Stress During Development by Dr. Megan R. Gunnar, Regents Professor and a member of the University of Minnesota's Distinguished Academy of Teachers. [Read more](#)

Institute of Technology Palakkad, Kerala.

[Read more](#)

February 16 (15:00 - 17:00) Division of Social and Transcultural Psychiatry and the Culture, Mind & Brain Speaker Series

From rich(er) to lean(er) systems: Towards a formal theory of cultural-cognitive variation across history and geography by Ivan Kroupin, PhD, Post-doctoral scholar, Depts. Human Evolutionary Biology & Psychology, Harvard University. [Read more](#)

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