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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR - MESSAGE DU DIRECTEUR

Dear Colleagues,

Time really does go by quickly, and here we are at the end of another term – and another year!

It was great to see so many of you at the **Departmental Day** in mid-November, on the clinical potential and mechanisms of psychedelics. The event proved very popular and quickly reached capacity, making it one of the most successful yet! Many thanks go to scientific committee members Drs. Marco Leyton, Daniel Zigman, and Nicola Casacalenda, and our administrative team Martine Simoneau, Marianna Abied, and Kazue Narita for all the work behind the scenes.

Our **Departmental Distinguished Grand Rounds** continue to be a success, addressing important topics pertinent to psychiatry. The most recent virtual talk by Dr. K. Sonu Gaiid “Nothing, Nowhere, All At Once: Canada’s Growing Courtship with Assisted Death” on the timely topic of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) for Patients with Mental Disorders as Sole Underlying Medical Condition generated important and thoughtful discussion. I am looking forward to hearing different perspectives on this topic as part of future talks on this series.

Many of you have expressed concerns about the proposed **tuition increases** that would affect Canadian students from outside Quebec and international students. Our Department, much like many others at McGill, is enriched by working alongside people from other provinces and other countries, and we do not want that to change. As many of you know, McGill has been working closely with Concordia and Bishop's in discussion with the government to come to an agreement that would not impact our capacity to attract students from outside Quebec and compromise McGill's finances. As a result, the University has imposed a hiring freeze, which hampers our capacity to develop our academic mission. By the time this letter went to press, the government seemed open to some accommodations in their plan. We hope the government will accept the proposal made by McGill.

Good news can sometimes be overshadowed, but we can be happy knowing that we had a year of growth with many new clinical and research faculty across our different hospitals and Institutes, and we excelled in our academic, clinical and research mandates. Thank you for your commitment, hard work, and determination to continue our important mission.

The University will be closed from Monday, December 25 to Tuesday, January 2 inclusive. Many of our academics as well as administrators are taking additional time off so please anticipate some delays when contacting my office.

After a very busy fall term, I hope you all enjoy some well-deserved time off and a peaceful holiday season with family and loved ones.

Sincerely,

Gustavo Turecki, MD, PhD, FRSC
Chair, Department of Psychiatry

THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHT - LES ACTUALITÉS



Virtual Departmental Distinguished Grand Rounds MAiD for Patients with Mental Disorders as Sole



Graduate Excellence Fellowships in Mental Health Research Awards

Underlying Medical Condition Series

You are invited to attend a virtual presentation by **Dr. Lilian Thorpe**, Professor, Department of Community Health and Epidemiology and Psychiatry, Saskatoon City Hospital. The title of her talk is *MAID for sole mental disorders: Clinical, ethical and practical challenges*. Click [here](#) to register.

Congratulations to all the students who received a Graduate Excellence Fellowship in Mental Health Research Award for 2023-2024!

Sara Gloeckler (Supervisor Dr. Greenway)

Youma Konaté (Supervisor Dr. Nadeau)

Katherine Lynch (Supervisor Dr. Jarvis)

Ranjani DO Nadarajan (Supervisor Dr. Meaney)

Sajedeh Nejatian (Supervisor Dr. Meng)

Rebecca Salpeter (Supervisor Dr. Ducharme)

Iva Stoyanova (Supervisor Dr. Dunkley)

LATEST NEWS - DERNIÈRES NOUVELLES



Holiday Closures

Please note that the Department's administrative offices will be closed between **December 25 to January 2**. Administration will be back on Wednesday, January 3.

After this issue, Psychiatry Weekly will be on holiday hiatus from December 18 to January 14. Happy Holidays!



Call for Applications for Director, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (CAP)

The Department is welcoming applications for the position of **Director, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (CAP)**. This is a vital position which is responsible for the overall conduct and organization of the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (CAP) Division of our Department. [Details here](#)



Call for Applications for Assistant Professor in gerontopsychiatry CRIUGM and UdeM

The Research Centre of the Geriatric University Institute of Montreal (CRIUGM), in partnership with the Department of Psychiatry and Addictology of the University of Montreal (UdeM; Montreal, Quebec, Canada), is looking for candidates to fill a position of a **research professor at the rank of assistant professor** in geriatric psychiatry and/or geriatric psychology.

[Details here](#)

KUDOS - FÉLICITATIONS!



Drs. Cecilia Flores and Gabriella Gobbi named as Fellows of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology

Dr. Cecilia Flores and **Dr. Gabriella Gobbi** were promoted to Fellow of the [American College of Neuropsychopharmacology](#) (ACNP). Promotion of ACNP members to fellow status is based on both their scientific reputation and their contributions to the College through committee work and involvement in the Annual Meeting program. This advanced status also provides Drs. Flores and Gobbi with new opportunities to contribute to the College and share her expertise with the ACNP. Congratulations to both!

UPCOMING EVENTS - ÉVÉNEMENTS À VENIR

December 11 (9:30 - 11:30) Celebrating 15 Years of the Silveira Lab

15th Anniversary Inspirations, trajectories and perspectives: Since 2008 a career development symposium. We are pleased to share that the Silveira Lab will be celebrating its 15-year anniversary with a Symposium at the Douglas Hall. [Read more](#)

December 12 (12:00 - 13:00) Psychosocial Research Rounds

In process: a process-based antiracism curriculum for psychiatry residents, a qualitative study by Martin (Xin Qiang) Yang, MD, MSc and Laurence Ducharme, MD. This is an hybrid event. [Read more](#)

December 14 (11:00 - 12:00) Youth Mental Health Speaker Series

December 14 (15:00 - 17:00) Division of Social & Transcultural Psychiatry - Global Mental Health Speaker Series and Culture & Community Mental Health Speaker Series

The Social Roots of High School Suicide Clusters by Seth Abrutyn, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of British Columbia. This is an hybrid event. [Read more](#)

December 15 (12:00 - 13:00) McGill Genetics Education Lecture

Clinical Genetics for the Non-Geneticist. This virtual lecture is hosted by the McGill Genetics Education. Medical professionals at any stage of their medical training or career may attend. [Registration](#)

December 15 (15:30 - 17:30)

The lifespan of bipolar disorder: From treatment naive to treatment resistant by Dr. Manpreet K. Singh, MD, MS, Associate Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioural Sciences, Stanford University. [Read more](#)

December 14 (12:00 - 13:30) Departmental Distinguished Grand Rounds - MAiD for Patients with Mental Disorders as Sole Underlying Medical Condition Series

MAiD for sole mental disorders: Clinical, ethical and practical challenges by Dr. Lilian Thorpe, BSc (U of R), MSc and MD (U of Toronto), PhD (U of S), FRCP (Psychiatry) Professor, Department of Community Health and Epidemiology and Psychiatry, Saskatoon City Hospital. This seminar will be held via [Zoom](#)

Leo & Rachel Hendlisz Scientific Event

The Hendlisz Awards acknowledges the best articles from trainees. Join us for exciting research presentations from the 6 top applicants! These presentations will be followed by the announcement of this year's 3 award winners and a cocktail. [Read more](#)

December 19 (12:00 - 13:00) Psychosocial Research Rounds

First deployment of AI-driven recommendations in Orthopedic Surgery by Dr. Pascal Fallavolitta. This is a virtual event. [Read more](#)