



Psychiatry Weekly ~ February 5, 2024

THIS ISSUE'S HIGHLIGHT - LES ACTUALITÉS

A Major Donation from Bell Let's Talk



St. Mary's Hospital Center received a \$300,000 donation to expand mental health services from Bell Let's Talk on January 22. Lionel Carmant, Minister Responsible for Social Services, Curtis Millen, Chief Financial, Officer of BCE and Bell, and several members of the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation were in attendance. The funds will finance a new program which will provide group therapy sessions to reduce wait times, reduce social isolation, and improve patients' quality of life. [Read more](#)

LATEST NEWS - DERNIÈRES NOUVELLES

McMaster On-Line CBT Training Workshops

If you are interested in expanding your **CBT skills**, McMaster University's Department of Psychiatry offers a series of virtual, synchronous, and interactive workshops that will provide you with either basic foundational CBT skills (Fundamentals) or more advanced skills in a variety of different areas (Advanced). Each workshop will be led by faculty members with extensive clinical and teaching experience. Groups will be kept small, to encourage interactivity and you can register for as many as you wish. There are no pre-requisites. [More info](#)

Call for Applications for Assistant Professor (Clinical)

The Department of Psychiatry and the **McGill University Health Centre** are currently inviting applications for a full-time position at the rank of Assistant Professor (Clinical) in **General Psychiatry**, particularly in mood/anxiety and personality disorders. [Apply here](#)

In addition, the Department of Psychiatry and the **Douglas Mental Health University Institute** are currently inviting applications for full-time positions at the rank of Assistant Professor (Clinical) in the [Eating Disorders Program](#) and in the [Psychiatric Home Hospitalization Unit](#).

KUDOS - FÉLICITATIONS!

Congratulations to our latest CIHR grant recipients!

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research have released the results for the **Fall 2023** Project Grant Competition. Congratulations to our researchers for their successful applications:

Dr. Mallar Chakravarty: The impact of gestational cannabis exposure on brain and behavioural development: a study spanning fetal development to adulthood

Dr. Rachel Kronick: Safer Havens: Ethnographic action research to unpack social adversity and resilience in newly arrived temporarily housed asylum seeking children and families in Quebec and Ontario

Dr. Majid Mohajerani: Targeting KCC2 as a strategy for rescuing functional impairments associated with brain aging and Alzheimer's disease

Drs. Rachel Rabin, Pablo Rusjan : Investigating Endocannabinoid Activity in Brain in People with Tobacco Addiction

Dr. Sylvain Williams: Revealing the mechanisms underlying memory consolidation in REM sleep

Dr. Lena Palaniyappan: Predicting Psychotic Relapse using Speech-based Early-detection

UPCOMING EVENTS - ÉVÉNEMENTS À VENIR

February 5 (10:00 - 11:00) Special Neuroscience Seminar

Systems biology dissection of trauma-related disorders across brain regions, cell-types and blood by Nikolaos P. Daskalakis, PhD, Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School Director, Neurogenomics and Translational Bioinformatics Laboratory, McLean Hospital. This seminar will be held in person at the William E. Stavert Amphitheatre, Douglas Hall. [Read more](#)

February 7 (14:00- 15:00) CIC Imaging Series

February 12 (11:00- 12:00) Neuroscience Mental Health Seminar

Altered input/output properties of cortical pyramidal neurons in a mouse model of Fragile X syndrome by Roberto Araya, PhD, Associate Professor of Neuroscience at the University of Montreal and the CHU Saint-Justine Research Centre. In person event, in the Bowerman Room, Dobell Pavilion. [Read more](#)

February 13 (12:30- 14:00)

Primary progressive aphasia as a model to understand the neurobiology of language by Dr. Maxime Montembeault, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, McGill University Researcher, Douglas Research Centre. This seminar will be held in person, Bowerman Room, Douglas Institute. [Read more](#)

February 8 (13:30- 15:30) The Circles of Care Series

Circles of Care: A Cultural-Ecosocial Approach by Dr. Laurence J. Kirmayer, James McGill Professor & Director, Division of Social & Transcultural Psychiatry. In person event at the Institute of Community and Family Psychiatry Amphitheatre, JGH. [Read more](#)

February 9 (11:00- 12:30) Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds

Psychotherapy Relationships That Work: Evidence-Based Practices by Dr. John Norcross. This presentation will be held by [Zoom](#)

Child Psychiatry Research Seminar

Are psychostimulants affecting children's hippocampal development and function? by Dr. Sherif Karama. This seminar will be held by [Zoom](#). [Read more](#)

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

Psychedelic Therapy as Form of Life by Nicolas Langlitz, MD, PhD, Professor of Anthropology, The New School for Social Research. Hybrid event, in person in the Ludmer Building, room 138. Registration required for remote attendance. [Zoom registration](#). [Read more](#)