Special Events

The Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA) and Dr. Sepali Guruge (in her capacity as Research Chair in Urban Health) organized this year’s 6th Health Equity Summit, which was held on Sep. 27, at the Sears Atrium at Ryerson University.

The event was attended by more than 75 academics, community agency representatives, and community members. Among the presenters were Drs. Usha George, Mandana Vahabi, and Purnima George from Ryerson University. The focus of the summit was ‘Health and Wellbeing of South Asian Immigrants.’ Taking a lifespan approach, the presenters addressed topics such as mental health, sexual and reproductive health, violence against women, and elder abuse. The summit strengthened community collaborations and created a valuable opportunity to build new networks with organizations across the province that work with various South Asian communities in Ontario.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

Excellent nursing scholarship was evident at The CNSA Ontario-Quebec 2016 Regional conference at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, September 30 to October 2, 2016! It was a huge success and the conference hosts and organizers were our own DCSN students!

The theme: Building the Future: Inspiring the Next Generation of Nurses, drew presentations and posters that directed student focus to create brighter, healthier world. Our nursing students are demonstrating that everyone makes a difference. Congratulations to the students!

Congratulations to all members of the Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing!

Elaine Santa Mina
Interim Director

Youth Dementia Awareness Networking Event & Symposium

and

Mindfest

For photos and comprehensive stories about these events, please flip to the end of the newsletter.
Research Funding

External

Sepali Guruge received funding for 4 projects:

1) A Women’s Xchange grant ($75,000.00) from the Women’s College Hospital for developing ‘Online informational and social supports for promoting health of Syrian refugee women in Ontario.’ The team includes Souraya Sidani (Co-PI), Suzanne Fredericks, and Fathima Saleem from Ryerson University.

2) A SSHRC Insight Grant ($233,053.00) for the project ‘Developing a comprehensive understanding of elder abuse prevention in immigrant communities.’ The team includes Souraya Sidani, and Usha George from Ryerson University.

3) A SSHRC Partnership Development Grant ($200,000.00) for the project ‘Aging well: Partnering to optimize social network and support for older immigrants in Ontario.’ The team includes Souraya Sidani, Usha George, and Lu Wang from Ryerson University.

4) A SSHRC Connections Grant ($50,000.00) for the project ‘Emerging Voices: How Syrian Newcomers and Other Key Stakeholders Perceive Canada’s Three Sponsorship Programs for Refugee (Re)settlement.’

Janet Yamada:


Internal

Lori Schindel Martin, Margareth Zanchetta, and Sherry Espin secured Research Assistant support through the 2016-2017 Fall/Winter Work Study Research Assistant Program.
Invited Presentations

On September 27 Charlotte Lee presented on Interprofessional Education at UHN’s OpenLab “Open Rounds.”


Souraya Sidani led a webinar on Successful Grant Writing across Research Careers last March for the NRIG.

Awards and Prizes

Sepali Guruge was awarded the Lisbeth Hockey Prize for best ViPER poster at the International Collaboration in Community Health Nursing Research (ICCHNR) Symposium at University of Kent, UK, September 15-16 2016 for the presentation: ‘Designing community based strategies to address elder abuse in post-migration contexts: Lessons learnt.’

http://www.icchnr.org/announcement-from-icchnr-2016-symposium/

Dr. Lori Schindel Martin presented as part of a panel of nursing researchers speaking about Research in Seniors Care at the Nursing Research Interest Group (NRIG) Annual General Meeting and Dinner, The Old Mill, Toronto, September 29th. At this event Kristine Newman received formal acknowledgement of her $2000 NRIG New Investigator Award.

Pictured Left to Right: Maureen Markle-Reid, Veronique Boscart, Lori Schindel Martin

Markle-Reid is Canada Research Chair, Aging, School of Nursing and Scientific Director, Aging, Community and Health Research Unit, McMaster University;

Boscart is CIHR/Schlegel Industrial Research Chair for Colleges in Seniors Care, Conestoga College
Conference Presentations

Oral Presentations

Boldt, I., McCay, E., Rose, D., & Schwind, J. K. (June 20-24, 2016) Describing the recovery experiences of not criminally responsible clients living in the community. (Oral Presentation) Keeping abreast of changing times: Education, training, & practice to enhance forensic mental health. 16th Annual International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services (IAFMHS) conference. New York, USA.


Separali Guruge presented the following abstracts at Scholarship Development Day on May. 25, 2016. Challenging to Dare. Moving knowledge forward through exploration radical questions in the Peter Bronfman Learning Centre, Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing, Faculty of Community Services, Ryerson University, Toronto, ON.

2. Guruge, S., Jayasuriya-Illesinghe, V., Sivakumaran, A. Intimate partner violence in a post-war setting and its relevance to the Canadian context.

Our Time to Lead

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Poster Presentations


Journal Publications


Student News

Nicole Bennewies successfully defended her thesis, Identifying factors that influence nurse practitioner patient panel size on July 20, 2016. Committee members included: Faith Donald (supervisor), Heather Beanlands, and Souraya Sidani. Luisa Barton served as the external examiner.
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Schwind, J. K., McCay, E., Metesky, K., & Martin, J. (2016). Development and implementation of an advanced therapeutic communication course: An inter-professional collaboration. *Journal of Nursing Education, 55*(x), doi. 10.3928/01484834-2016xxxx-xx

Service

Faith Donald is the Co-Chair and an Ontario representative on the CASN Accreditation Nurse Practitioner Advisory Committee, Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing.


Nancy Purdy, Member, ACEN Editorial Advisory Committee (Canadian Journal of Nursing Leadership)

Nancy Purdy, Visiting Professor, University of Prince Edward Island, School of Nursing, August 24-26, 2016

Jasna Schwind was granted "Adjunct Professor" status at UOIT as of July 2016 in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Knowledge Translation

Josephine Wong has worked with a community advisory committee made up of people living with HIV (PLHIV) and service providers to develop a peer empowerment initiative based on the results and insights gained from CHAMP: Community Champions HIV/AIDS Advocates Mobilization Project that was completed in 2015. The new initiative, Acceptance and Commitment to Empowerment (ACE), is a strength-based PLHIV-centred program that goes beyond reducing HIV stigma to address stigma and shame related to mental health and addiction challenges among PLHIV. Josephine has published the ACE Workbook and ACE has been successfully piloted in real life context between November 2015 and April 2016. Josephine is currently training and mentoring ACE Cohort 1 graduates to co-facilitate ACE Cohort 2 that will start in late October 2016. ACE has been adopted and integrated into programming within the Legacy (Structured Mentorship) Project of the Committee For Accessible AIDS Treatment, a coalition of over 35 community organizations in Toronto.
Special Events

Youth Dementia Awareness Symposium and Networking Event

The Networking event and Youth Dementia Awareness Symposium occurred at Ryerson University between September 30th and October 2nd, 2016. This event was a collaborative effort between the Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing, Faculty of Community Services, Ryerson University, AGE-WELL, and Alzheimer’s Disease International, with Kristine Newman as Symposium Lead. The Networking event kicked off with two presentations regarding World Young Leaders of Dementia initiatives. In addition to key and endnote speakers, day 1 of the Symposium consisted of three panels: youth perceptions, efforts, and engagement; popular depictions and cultural representations of dementia; and how to effectively mobilize knowledge to a youth audience with a focus on arts-based approaches. On day 2, there was another keynote speaker followed by two interactive arts-based workshops.

Recorded live streamed events of Symposium speakers and panels can be found at: https://ryecast.ryerson.ca/19/Watch/10746.aspx and https://ryecast.ryerson.ca/19/Watch/10748.aspx or follow https://twitter.com/rye_dementia.

This unique event allowed participants to share their insights and experiences with attendees in-person and virtually. The event gave the opportunity to learn how to reach a youth audience, clarify where youth are learning about dementia, understand youths’ perceptions about dementia as told through the media and popular culture, and connect with researchers across disciplines. It is critical that expertise and resources are pooled across disciplines, sectors, and stakeholders to effectively reach a youth audience. The exchange of ideas between stakeholders and participants encouraged the development of opportunities to galvanize meaningful collaborative work.
The reality is that dementia is disproportionately underfunded and under-researched in terms of its economic, social, and health burden. A key problem is the shifting cultural framing of dementia in dominant discourse that continually fails to humanize individuals with dementia thus creating massive social distance, especially between teenagers and those living with dementia.
Ryerson Mindfest Finale 2016 -- A Big Success!

Close to 200 students and community members gathered on Gould Street to take part in the Ryerson Mindfest Finale on October 5, 2016.

Mindfest (www.mindfest.ca) is an all-day mental health and wellness fair that aims to promote awareness, dialogue and understanding of mental health and mental illness. Each year, Mindfest begins at Hart House with displays, workshops, panels and presentations, which are attended by high school and university students, educators, service providers and the public. These activities wrap up around 4:30 pm and a delegation of Mindfest participants and organizers took part in the Mindful Walk from Hart House to Ryerson for the Mindfest Finale Celebration.

This year, Josephine Wong worked closely with Maeve Freeman-McIntyre (DCSN Year 4 student), RSU, CESAR and Hong Fook Mental Health Association to make the Ryerson Mindfest Finale a big success. Displays and interactive activities began at 4 pm on Gould Street. Students and community members took part in quizzes about mental health and enjoyed healthy snacks such as apples, bananas, energy bars and popcorn. At 5:30 pm, Amy Desjarlais, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper, performed the Finale Open Ceremony. President Lachemi welcomed the Finale participants. Dr. Denise O’Neil Green, Assistant VP of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, remarked on social justice and determinants of mental health. Tamara Jones, RSU-VP of Equity, spoke about the importance of on-campus support and resources for students. Participants were inspired by the keynote address by Phyllis McKenna, CESAR-VP of Equity, who shared her lived experience as a First Nations Ojibwe/Celtic woman and her journey of healing related to the colonial legacy and multi-generational trauma.

Mindfest 2016 ended at the TIFF Bell Lightbox with the film screening of SWIFT CURRENT - a documentary about Sheldon Kennedy, a former NHL hockey player and survivor of sexual abuse, and his struggles during his journey of healing. The film screening closed with a discussion with Mikki Decker, who was also a sexual abuse survivor in the film and now an advocate speaking with young people in Ontario.