



Welcome to the Graduate Program in Psychiatry

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Who are we?

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Grad admissions, records & registration Service Point

3415 McTavish St, 398-7878 / www.mcgill.ca/students/servicepoint/

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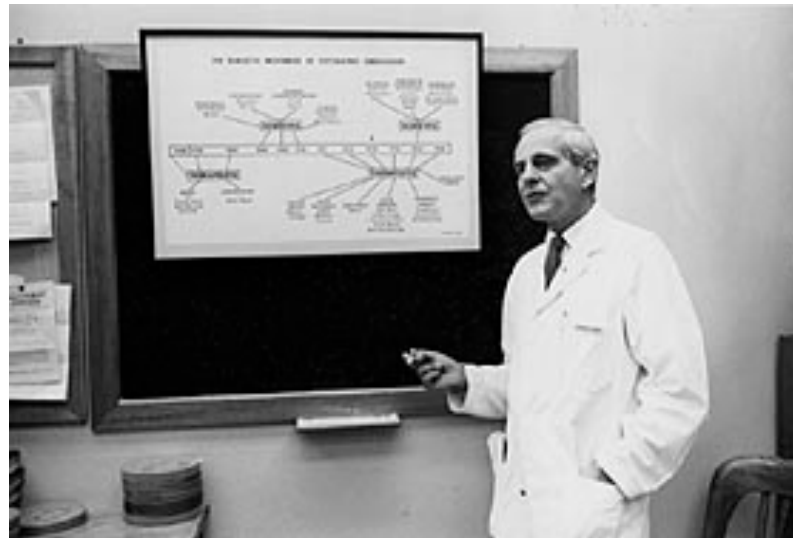
Dean of Graduate Studies – Josephine Nalbantoglu, PhD

Visit the websites www.mcgill.ca/psychiatry/education/graduate-program and www.mcgill.ca/gps for most of the information that you will need. If you can't find that information, the websites also indicate various people who can help you with special problems with admissions, registration, fellowships, theses, and graduation.



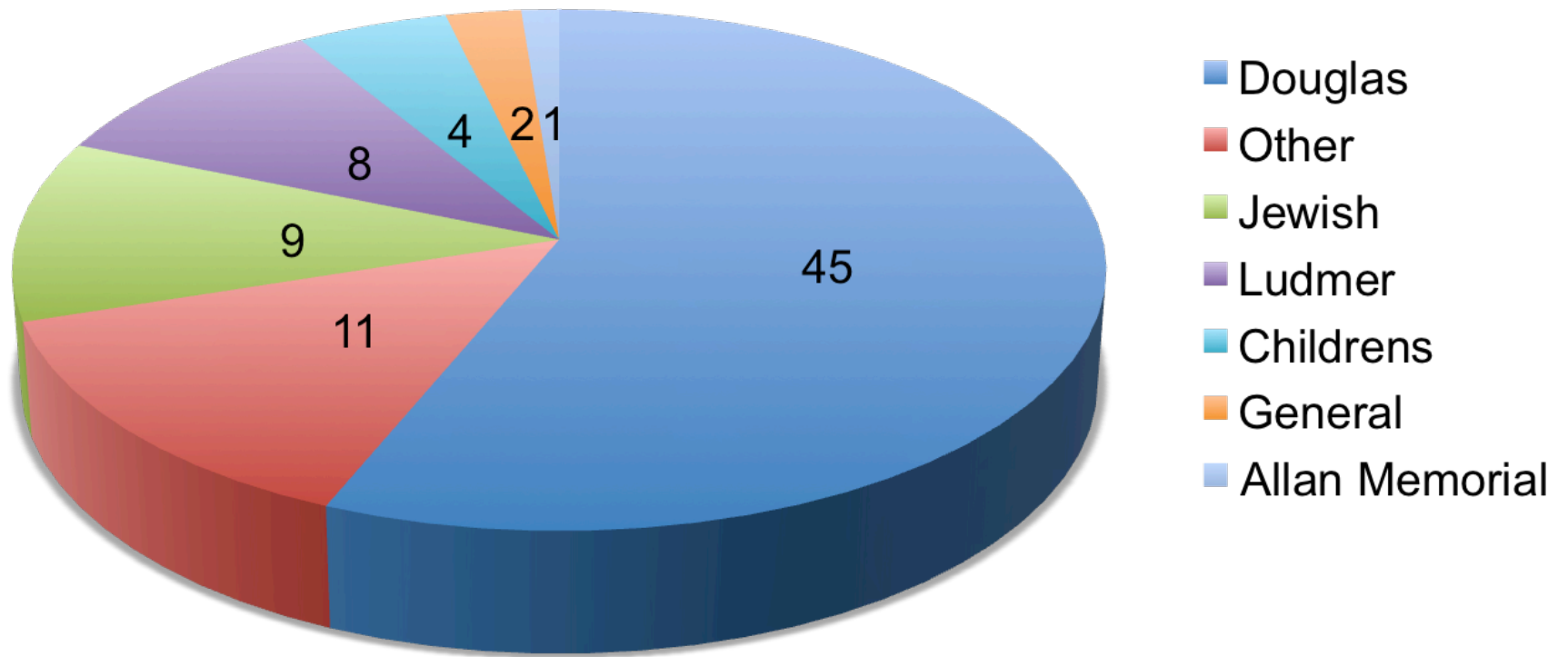
Some Dept. of Psychiatry Firsts

- North American clinical trials with antipsychotics
- L-DOPA treatment for Parkinson's disease
- Social & Transcultural Psychiatry
- Role of serotonin in low mood, antidepressants & treatment augmentation strategies
- Epigenetic factors in stress responsiveness, depression and suicide





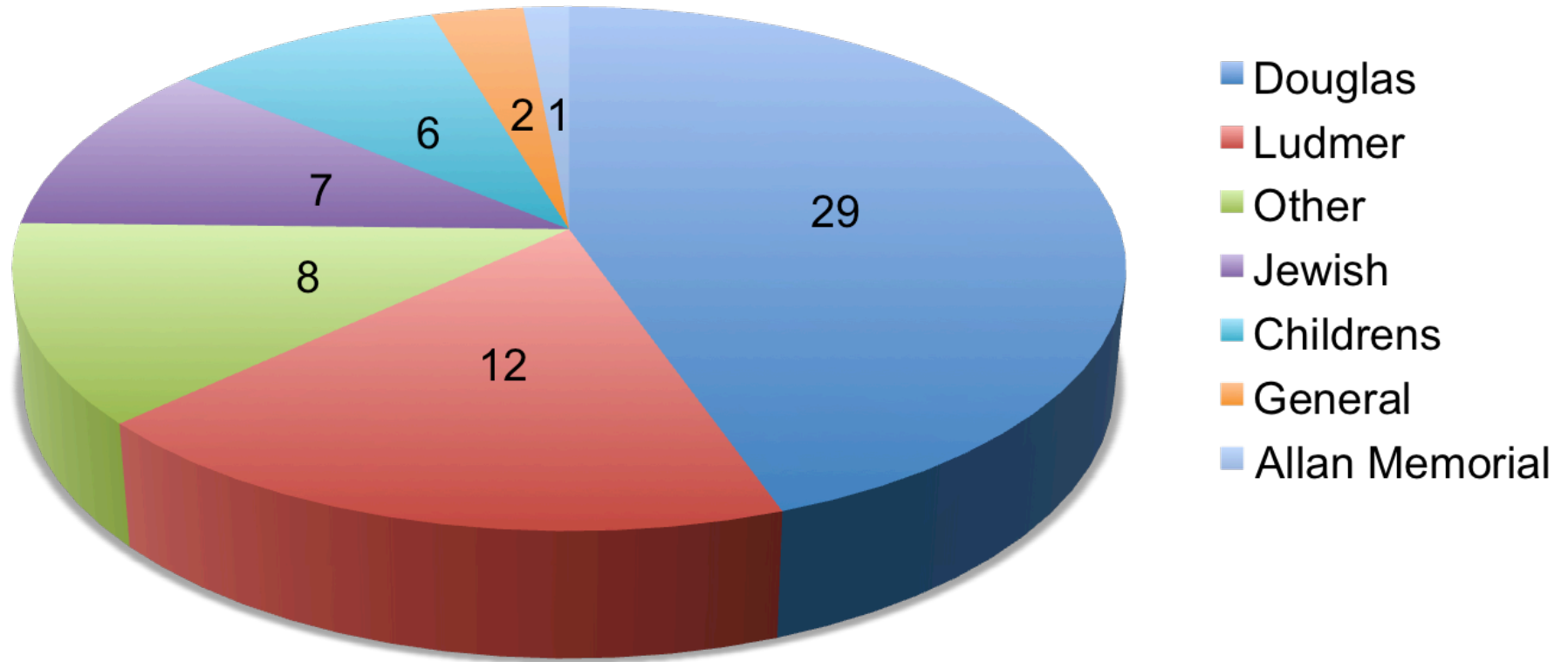
Supervisors* (n=80) – where are they?



*Current and potential



Current students (n=65) – where are they?



75% MSc, 25% *ad hoc* PhD

About 2/3 in Social and transcultural psychiatry



Salary and research support

Salary support (\$17,850/yr [M.Sc.]; \$20,000/yr [Ph.D.]

- i. This amount can be provided by supervisor funds and internal or external awards.
- ii. Students are expected to seek and apply for their own salary support, either from external granting agencies (and other sources www.mcgill.ca/gps/students/fellowships) or through internal McGill competitions.
- iii. *Maximum of 10 hours of non-thesis work per week permitted.*

Research support

- i. A supervisor is required to provide on a yearly basis an estimate of the cost of the student's research project, and evidence of where this support is coming from. Students are not to pay for research costs!



Scholarships

Workshops offered by GPS in September (please register)

Award	Citizenship Canadians & Permanent residents			Degree		Field(s) of research
	Quebec residents	International	Master's	Doctoral		
NSERC CGS		•		•	•	Natural Sciences & Engineering*
FQRNT	•			•	•	
(BMP-MO) - FQRNT		•	•	•	•	
SSHRC CGS		•		•	•	Social Sciences & Humanities*
FQRSC	•			•	•	
IIS (BMP) - FQRSC		•		•	•	
Trudeau Foundation Scholarships		•	•		•	
CIHR CGS		•		•	•	Health*
FRSQ	•			•	•	
Vanier CGS**		•	•		•	Research in any field is eligible
PBEE (Quebec Merit Scholarship)**			•		•	
Tomlinson Doctoral Fellowships		•	•		•	
Sumner		•			•	Varies. See award page on GPS website.
Tomlinson Master's Fellowships		•	•	•		
Mackenzie King Scholarships		•	•	•	•	

Students must have Canadian citizenship/permanent residency at time of application.

Applications for most programs must be ranked by the Department.

Deadlines will be announced soon (if applicable).

Faculty of Medicine Internal Studentship

- Value \$10,000 for MSc students, \$12,000 for PhD students for one year
- By application www.mcgill.ca/medresearch/graduate/funding/studentships/

GREAT travel awards: lottery system; twice/year



Graduate Excellence Fellowship in Mental Health Research

- **One-time award valued at \$10,000**
- **Covers part of stipend**
- **Not eligible if you hold external funding**
- **Details and application form on our website**



New!

A blue, multi-pointed starburst graphic with a white outline, containing the word 'New!' in white text.



Differential fee waivers

The Graduate Program now pays the differential between international and Quebec fees.



External DFWs

Bilateral between Québec and other governments. Differential fee waivers are also available from a number of external sources, including the Ministère de l'Éducation et de l'Enseignement Supérieur du Québec.



Limitations and obligations

Minimum and maximum periods of residency

- i. Min MSc/PhD residency (time registered in program) is 1/3 yrs
- ii. Usual residency is 2/4 years
- iii. Max is 3/6 years (as of August 2010, extensions are no longer granted)

Course work and other obligations

- a) M.Sc. “Course” load = 45 credits
 - i. 36 credits are for thesis work (*e.g.*, register for 12 credits the first 3 semesters, PSYT 691, 692, 693)
 - ii. 9 credits are for courses. Statistics: strongly recommended. For dept courses descriptions, see www.mcgill.ca/psychiatry/education/graduate-program
 - iii. Pass is B- (65%). Two failing grades - > Asked to withdraw
- b) PhD course load is individualized. Comprehensive exam mandatory: completed (Pass/Fail) by end of second year.



Expectations

First semester

Selection of the Advisory Committee

- i. Thesis supervisor and two other professors
- ii. Selected by supervisor and student
- iii. Members should have experience in the student's area of research
- iv. *Submit objectives report to GPC (GPD in cc)*

End of first and each subsequent year

- Meeting with the Advisory Committee
 - i. Review progress to date (*presentation*)
 - ii. *Submit year-end progress report to GPC (GPD in cc)*
 - iii. Student's responsibility to arrange meetings & paperwork



Code of conduct and responsibilities

- i. Students must familiarize themselves with the *McGill University Code of Research Ethics* (See: www.mcgill.ca/gps/policies), and conduct themselves accordingly (*e.g.*, know definition of plagiarism).**
- ii. Student responsibilities include knowing requirements (*e.g.*, use your McGill email) and deadlines. (*e.g.*, course withdrawal must be *before* a class exam. See: www.mcgill.ca/gps/policies).**
- iii. Supervisors (and advisory committees) also have responsibilities, including provision of research support, guidance, feedback, and to clarify expectations regarding collaborations, authorship, publications, conferences, etc.**
- iv. In the event of disputes, students and supervisors must submit their claims in writing to the Graduate Program Director. Every effort will be made to resolve disagreements at the departmental level. Should this fail, recourse to the university's appeal process can be made.**



Get involved!

Student Research Day (June)

Awards for best presentations

Join organizations in your discipline!

Questions?

Comments?

Suggestions?