



McGill

Department of  
Psychiatry

**News from the Chair's office**  
**July 25, 2016**

Dear Colleagues,

The summer is already in full swing, so for those of you who are already back from your well-deserved vacations, I hope you are returning full of ideas and of energy in anticipation of the new academic year; for those who have not yet taken a break, I wish you a restful and invigorating holiday.

***Accomplishments***

I would like to take a moment to highlight the numerous accomplishments of our members in the past months. I am pleased to see that so many of you have obtained awards and grants, with 4 prizes, 7 salary awards and 25 grants, including Project, Foundation, Proof of Principle, Knowledge translation, and Team grants. The Child and Adolescent Psychiatry subspecialty program, led by Dr. Ruth Russell with important help from many members of the Child Division, recently underwent a mandated Royal College "Internal Review for Verification of a New Program". The McGill-based surveyor's initial feedback has been very positive, and the official decision on full accreditation is expected in October. Congratulations to all for these important achievements.

***New recruits***

It is my pleasure to introduce the newest members of the Department: Drs. Nisrine Masrouha and Kieran O'Donnell join us as Assistant Professors, Dr. Paolo Vitali joins us as an Adjunct Professor, Dr. Marianne Boisvert has begun as a Faculty Lecturer, Dr. Yannis Trakadis has been recruited as an Associate Member, and Dr. Gabriel Devenyi and Dr. Eric Lis are our newest Affiliate Members. Welcome!

***Launch of Psychiatry Weekly in April***

We hope you have been enjoying the Psychiatry Weekly, an initiative launched in April. Rather than sending multiple notifications throughout the week, events and news are compiled and emailed every Monday via the Psychiatry Weekly. We look forward to your continued contributions!

***Updates from the Department***

Changes to research funding policies and restructuring of health care services have created a difficult and changing environment. We are introducing a new model of governance to ensure an optimal representation of all of the Department of Psychiatry's interests and to better serve our faculty and students. The strategic decisions for the Department will be made by an overhauled Executive Committee, with three specialized subcommittees focused on Research, Clinical Services, and Education.

We have created three new positions to support our expanding residency program: Dr. Ruben Martin will take over the role of Fellowship and Mentorship Director; Dr. Robert Biskin will be the Associate Program Director, Residency; Dr. Nancy Low has been appointed Training Director for Senior Residents at MUHC. I would like to personally thank them for contributing their time and energy to the academic mission of our Department.

***Brain and Mind Institute***

We have also continued to make progress on this exciting and innovative project. A working committee was set up with representatives from the CIUSSS-ODIM, MUHC, MNI, and McGill. Roger Paquet, a

facilitator with extensive knowledge of the health system, was hired by the participating institutions to lead the committee. His initial mandate is to conduct a formal process of consultation with members of our Department and a number of other stakeholders. The goal is to conclude the consultations and have a report on this project to be presented to decision makers by the end of the summer.

### ***Departmental Day***

Please mark your calendars for the Departmental Day on December 2. Details will follow shortly.

I would like to thank each of you for representing the Department of Psychiatry so well, and wish you all an excellent end of the summer.

Sincerely,  
Gustavo Turecki

## ***Congratulations to the Department's many award winners!***

### **Canada Research Chair**

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| <b>M. Brandon</b>    | • CRC Tier 2 |
| <b>S. Villeneuve</b> | • CRC Tier 2 |

### **FRQS**

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| <b>M.-C. Geoffroy</b> | • <i>Chercheur boursier junior 1</i><br>• <i>Établissement de jeunes chercheurs cliniciens</i> |
| <b>S. Karama</b>      | • <i>Chercheur boursier junior 2</i>   |
| <b>M. M. Lepage</b>   | • <i>Chaire de recherche 2016</i>  |
| <b>R. Whitley</b>     | • <i>Chercheur boursier junior 2</i>   |

### **American Psychiatric Association**

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| <b>T. Said</b> | • Distinguished Member |
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### **Association of Faculties of Medicine of Canada**

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| <b>K. Igartua</b> | • May Cohen Equity, Diversity and Gender Award |
| <b>R. Montoro</b> |  |

### **McGill**

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| <b>N. Cermakian</b> | • Faculty Honour List for Education Excellence   |
| <b>R. Fraser</b>    | • McGill Undergraduate Psychiatry Teaching Award |

### **FRQSC**

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| <b>C. Rousseau</b> | • <i>Soutien aux équipes de recherche</i> |
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### **CIHR**

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| <b>M. Brandon</b>      | • Project Grant                              |
| <b>E. Chachamovich</b> | • Pathways Implementation Research Team      |
| <b>M. Elsabbagh</b>    | • Partnerships for Health System Improvement |
| <b>M.-J. Fleury</b>    | • Partnerships for Health System Improvement |
| <b>G. Gobbi</b>        | • Proof of Principle Phase I                 |
| <b>R. Gruber</b>       | • Knowledge Synthesis Grant                  |
| <b>R. Joober</b>       | • Project Grant (x2)                         |
| <b>S. King</b>         | • Project Grant                              |
| <b>L. J. Kirmayer</b>  | • Project Grant                              |
|                        | • Team Grant: Pathways Implementation        |
| <b>X. Meng</b>         | • Project Grant                              |
| <b>J. Near</b>         | • Project Grant                              |
| <b>M. Piat</b>         | • Partnerships for Health System Improvement |
|                        | • Knowledge Synthesis Grant                  |
| <b>J. Pruessner</b>    | • Project Grant                              |
| <b>K.-F. Storch</b>    | • Project Grant                              |
| <b>B. Thombs</b>       | • Project Grant                              |
|                        | • Knowledge Synthesis Grant                  |
| <b>G. Turecki</b>      | • Foundation Grant                           |
| <b>S. Villeneuve</b>   | • Project Grant                              |
| <b>A. Wazana</b>       | • Team Grant                                 |
|                        | • Project Grant                              |
| <b>S. Williams</b>     | • Foundation Grant                           |