

RESEARCH & ACADEMICS NEWS

QUARTERLY DIVISIONAL UPDATE ~ SPRING 2017

See What's New in Research & Academics at Waypoint



Dr. Howard Barbaree
VP Research & Academics

After six years leading the Research & Academics Division Dr. Howard Barbaree announced his retirement as Vice President.

Howard was instrumental in the creation of the Waypoint Research Institute, the development and implementation of our Strategic Plan, and increasing our academic

affiliations, including Waypoint's connections with the University of Toronto.

Howard led numerous projects designed to improve patient outcomes, promoted the integration of research and clinical practice at all levels, and continuously promoted the strategic directions of the Research & Academics Division.

He was, and will always continue to be, a strong advocate for the utilization of data to inform clinical practice, implementation of evidence-based practice, and the critically

important role of clinician scientists at Waypoint.

While his retirement as Vice President represents a loss to the Division, we are fortunate in that he will continue to provide his skills and expertise and support research at Waypoint by leading key strategic research projects.

Thank you Howard for your contributions to the Division, the hospital, and to the mental health system – you have created a rich and deep legacy which will continue to grow and evolve!

Spotlight on Student Internships

David Hurst is a third year Clinical Psychology student attending the University of Toronto, who has joined Waypoint to complete the practicum placement component for his PhD.

During his academic career, David completed a Masters placement in corrections based in Toronto working with supervised parolees in the Federal system. With a keen interest in forensics and looking to gain more experience in assessments, David felt that applying for a practicum with Waypoint would be a great fit. He has found this placement to be an excellent relationship building experience. Working closely with Dr. Michelle Green in our Forensic Assessment Program, David has gained an immense amount of knowledge and experience with our patient population. He values the support offered by Dr. Green, as many peer colleagues have not had the same opportunity to work directly with their supervisors.

David is on site 3-4 days a week to complete between 800-900 hours toward this placement. His current research interests include a focus on psychopathy and addictions. He is currently working to determine a topic in the forensic field for his thesis. David's placement wraps up at the end of the summer, so be sure to catch him before he's gone!



Let's Celebrate!

We are so excited to share with you some of the recent achievements of our Researchers.

✧ Research Assistant Jonathan Bridekirk, has received his acceptance to the Social and Personality Psychology PhD Program at York University. He will begin classes starting in the fall.

✧ We would like to highlight Dr. Zoe Hilton and her recent appointment as Adjunct Scientist with The Royal's Institute of Mental Health Research (IMHR), for a three year term.

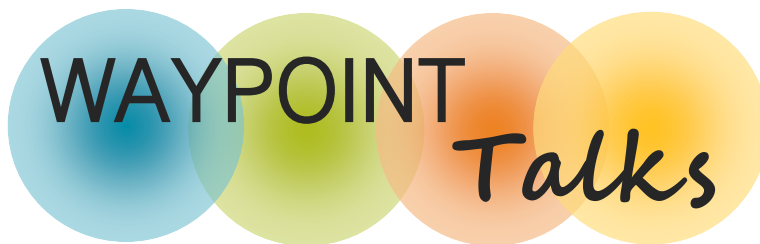
✧ Dr. Barna Konkoly-Thege and Dr. Shari McKee have received Academic Appointments to Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto.

✧ Our Research & Academics team have been very busy during this past quarter, as we have received four grants (2 SSHRC and 2 CIHR) to support our current work. A huge thanks goes out to all contributors to the proposals, with special thanks to our Scientific Writer Della Saunders and KTI Coordinator Laura Ball.

✧ We would also like to announce and celebrate some of the recent changes within our Division. We are fortunate to have Gary Bold and Rachael Gerow joining the team for the next few months. They will be supporting our SSHRC funded projects, and we look forward to learning as much from them as they will be learning here!



Please join us in congratulating these staff for their success, accomplishments and future adventures.



*Free Seminars in
Mental Health*

Waypoint Talks is a monthly colloquium series aimed at promoting knowledge of evidence-based practices in mental health and addictions. The series focuses on promoting topics that are relevant to the strategic directions of the hospital including:

Recovery philosophy

Cultural safety / humility

Trauma informed care

Restraint & seclusion minimization

Psychological health & safety

We are currently planning for our 2017-2018 series. If you are interested in being added to our contact list for upcoming events or are interested in presenting in the series, please contact researchevents@waypointcentre.ca.

For more information on events sponsored by the Research and Academics Division or to register please visit the [Research Eventbrite](#) site, contact Jessica Caston at jcaston@waypointcentre.ca or call ext. 2142.