SPEAKERS

DR. KAREN FARRIS, B.SC. PHARM, PHD PHARM, MPA
Dr. Farris is Associate Professor of Pharmaceutical Socioeconomics at the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy. She serves as Vice-Chair of Post-Graduate Education in the Division of Clinical & Administrative Pharmacy and is Chair of the College’s Assessment Committee. She has been a teacher and researcher in pharmacy since 1993, and taught at the University of Alberta Faculty of Pharmacy in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada from 1993-2000 before returning to the United States to the University of Iowa. Her research uses social theories to examine the roles of community pharmacists, how pharmacists can influence medication use as well as how older adults manage their medications.

Dr. Farris has published over 70 peer-reviewed articles, professional articles, letters and book chapters and worked with 25 graduate students and ten student pharmacists completing research under her direction. Her teaching for professional students focuses on the social/behavioral context of the medication use process, with particular emphasis on patient and pharmacist influences. Her graduate teaching includes health behavior models and research methods. She is a member of Iowa Pharmacy Association, American Pharmacists Association and American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. Her professional memberships also include Rho Chi and Phi Lambda Sigma. She currently serves on the Iowa Pharmacy Association Board of Directors and is one of APhA’s representatives on the Pharmacy Quality Alliance. She received the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy Lyman Award for best published paper in American Journal of Pharmaceutical Education in 2005, was named Fellow of the American Pharmacists Association in 2006 and received the University of Iowa Graduate Student Mentor Award in Biological and Life Sciences in 2007.

GEOFF EATON
Geoff Eaton is a social entrepreneur, two-time cancer survivor and opportunity expert, who will push you to find the value in your challenge. He has shared his messages of challenge, change and choice with over 65,000 people from across Canada, including healthcare, student and business audiences. A passionate cancer advocate, Geoff also leads RealTime Cancer, which he founded in response to his experiences with cancer as a young adult. Hearing Geoff’s story will change the way you view your life and the challenges within it. You will not meet another person who embodies their motto as much as Geoff Eaton… always, live life, love life.

SUE JOHANSON – SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER
Throughout her career Sue Johanson has been a prominent activist in the quest for responsible and safer sex and has spent countless hours lecturing at colleges and universities across Canada, speaking to 30,000 students annually. “Her energy and determination to get her message out has made Sue a vital member of our nation’s conscience,” said W Network’s former Vice President of Programming, Susan Millican. “She has earned the respect and admiration of us all with her wisdom, kindness of heart and true pioneering spirit.”

A registered nurse, Sue’s taken on a unique crusade when it comes to sex education, which has earned her the Order of Canada. In 1970 Sue Johanson, a.k.a. the Sex Lady, opened the first birth control clinic in a North American high school. She’s been a Planned Parenthood counselor, an instructor on Human Sexuality at Humber College and hosts the “Sunday Night Sex Show,” aired on the W Network and on Oxygen Channel, USA.
A talented and entertaining speaker, Sue has presented at the Guelph University Sexuality Conference for almost 20 years, has won the COCA “Speaker of the Year” award eight times since 1994 with the Canadian Organization for Campus Activities, was inducted into the COCA Hall of Fame in 1998, and featured in the Unique Lives and Experiences speakers’ series for the past three years.

In addition to her work on the W and Oxygen Networks, and with the college-university tour, Sue has written columns for a variety of magazines and newspapers. She’s written a monthly column for Chatelaine Magazine, the Toronto Star and featured in “Dear Sue,” a weekly column in the Edmonton Sun. The national reach of her written publications is also coupled with broadcast appearances as a guest “sexpert” on many radio and TV stations across Canada.

Sue Johanson has been vital in reaching those Canadians who need to talk about subjects that are often uncomfortable to share. She offers helpful guidance on the complex topics of love, relationships and sex. Sue personifies the true definition of educator/counselor. Her gift is the ability to hear without judgment or motive, to simply listen.

Sue is the author of three books: Talk Sex (Penguin, 1988), Sex is Perfectly Natural, But Not Naturally Perfect (Penguin, 1993), and Sex, Sex and More Sex (Penguin 1995). She is also now the co-author of Nocturnal Admissions, the stories behind the Sunday Night Sex Show (2002). In 1990, she was honoured with the Excellence in Education award by Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and in 2001 honoured as a recipient of the Order of Canada.

Sue Johanson’s message is always important, always relevant and now more than ever, needed.

DR. GERRY BROSKY, MD
Dr. Gerry Brosky is a family physician in Halifax, Nova Scotia who has been involved in tobacco control advocacy both provincially and nationally. He has played a key role in the development and dissemination of smoking cessation counseling programs for health professionals, as well as education of the population in tobacco control and smoking cessation. Dr. Brosky is also involved in research in smoking and drug trials of medications for smoking cessation. He personally travels to various health-related events to lecture on medicinal innovations on smoking cessation, and to provide health-care professionals with expertise on counseling tips with which to help their patients quit smoking. Dr. Brosky also serves on the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Clinical Tobacco Intervention (CTI) Evaluation subcommittee.

DEBBIE KELLY, B.SC. PHARM, PHARM D
Dr. Debbie Kelly obtained her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Memorial University of Newfoundland in 1996, followed by a hospital pharmacy residency at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre in Halifax in 1997, and eventually went on to complete a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Toronto in 1999. Dr. Kelly is currently an Associate Professor and Acting Director of the School of Pharmacy at Memorial University of Newfoundland. She holds a cross-appointment to the Discipline of Medicine at Memorial, and is also a Clinical Pharmacotherapy Specialist with Eastern Health. Her clinical practice consists of providing pharmaceutical care to patients through the HIV clinic, where she spends considerable time managing cardiovascular risk factors in this high risk population. When she’s not working, she enjoys spending time with her husband, Kevin, and two beautiful children, Abby and Joshua.
ELIZABETH M. DAVIS, RSM

Elizabeth M. Davis is a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy of Newfoundland and Labrador. She is a doctoral student in Scripture at the Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto, and a part-time faculty member at St. Augustine’s Seminary (Toronto) where she teaches the Introduction to the Old Testament. She serves as the Chairperson of the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation, as Past President of the Medical Council of Canada, and as a member of the Board of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the Board of Regis College (Toronto School of Theology) and the Mercy International Research Commission sited in Dublin, Ireland. She has been named as a Trudeau Mentor for 2007-2008. She has been a member of the National Board of Medical Examiners of the United States, the Canadian Institute for Health Information and the Faculty for Dalhousie University’s Management Program for Clinical Leaders. She taught high school in Newfoundland (1969-1982), and served as Executive Director of St. Clare’s Mercy Hospital (1986-1994) and as the first President and Chief Executive Officer of the Health Care Corporation of St. John’s (1994-2000). She was one of three Commissioners on the Royal Commission on Renewing and Strengthening Newfoundland and Labrador’s Place in Canada (June 2002 – June 2003). Among her recent awards are an honorary Doctor of Laws from Memorial University of Newfoundland (May 2002), appointment as a Member of the Order of Canada (May 2004), the 2006 Leadership Achievement Award from the University of Toronto Society of Graduates in Health Policy, Management & Evaluation; and the Canadian Federation of Nurses’ Unions Bread and Roses Award (2007).

DWIGHT BALL, B.SC. PHARM

Dwight Ball is a community pharmacist from Deer Lake, Newfoundland and past MHA of the Humber Valley District in Newfoundland, having successfully been elected to the House of Assembly for the 2006-2007 term. He is heavily involved in regulatory bodies within the profession of pharmacy. Dwight was first elected to the Canadian Pharmacists’ Association in 2002 to represent Newfoundland on the National Board. In 2006, he was elected Vice President of CPhA. Dwight is also active in the Newfoundland Pharmaceutical Association, having served as Vice President, Chair of Finance and Chair of the Transition Committee to develop recommendations to implement the formation of the Pharmacists Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (PANL). He is also president of the Deer Lake Chamber of Commerce and among his voluntary activities, Dwight has worked with the Western Health Care Corporation and the Deer Lake Airport Authority. Dwight is an engaging and talented speaker with a passion for pharmacy and its applicability to ever-expanding career possibilities.

SANDRA CAREY, B.SC. PHARM

Sandra graduated with a B.Sc. Pharm from Memorial University of Newfoundland in 1991. She served on the Newfoundland and Labrador Pharmacy Board for 6 years, including terms as Executive Member, Vice-President, President and Past-President. While serving on the board as president she focused on substance abuse issues in the province of Newfoundland on several levels; Sandra was involved in implementing stricter codeine guidelines and developing structure to a provincial methadone program. She is now on the board of NAPRA (National Association of Pharmacy Regulatory Authorities) and has served terms as Executive Member, Vice-President and now as President. Sandra is an engaging speaker and encourages her audiences, including high school students, police and health officials, to think seriously about substance abuse.