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In the Gazette

Medicine researchers Dr. **Guangju Zhai** and Dr. **Christie Costello** are included in the Arthritis Society of Canada's Top 10 list of research advancements for 2023. [Read more](#)

The Faculty of Medicine recognized International Development Week with a series of activities coordinated by our Global Health and Health Equity program. [Read more](#)

Dr. **Mike Wahl**, assistant professor, featured in The Rooms' Dialogue and Debate conversation. [Read more](#)

Medical student **Lauren Law** receives the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Award for Medical Students. [Read more](#)

Awards and Honours

Dr. **Vernon Curran** will receive the 2024 Canadian Association for Medical Education

(CAME) Ian Hart Award. The award is presented during the International Congress of Academic Medicine (ICAM) in April.

Dr. **Sevtap Savas** is one of this year's recipients of the Most Inspiring Immigrants in Atlantic Canada 2024 Award. The ceremony took place Feb. 2 at the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21 in Halifax.

Passings

Dr. Frank Duff, former associate clinical professor. [Read more](#)

Well-Being Survey 2024

The Well-Being Advisory Committee is inviting all faculty, staff and learners to participate in an anonymous online survey regarding well-being in the Faculty of Medicine. Participation is crucial to ensuring experiences and feedback inform initiatives to enhance our learning and work environment. The survey may take approximately 20 minutes. The deadline to complete is March 31, 2024. To participate:

https://mun.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_baei1xEeXli0B9A

Memorial University and the 2025 Canada Games

Mark your calendars! Memorial University is a proud partner of the Games. Nearly 5,000 athletes will be on the St. John's campus for competitions. Join us on March 13 from 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. at the Core Science Facility, room 1302, or virtually [here](#) to find out more about Memorial's partnership with the Canada Games and how you can be a part of something big!

New Civic Number, Faculty of Medicine/ARC Buildings

The Faculty of Medicine Building and Animal Resource Centre (ARC) have been assigned new civic numbers by the City of St. John's. The Faculty of Medicine building has been assigned 39 Clinch Crescent, while the ARC is at 21 Clinch Crescent. This will not impact mail deliveries which go through the HSC or Memorial University mail rooms, however it will be necessary for emergency (fire, police or ambulance) services or direct deliveries.

CMHF Discovery Day in Health Sciences

The annual Canadian Medical Hall of Fame [Discovery Day in Health Sciences](#) takes place Tuesday, April 23. Events include a Health Pros Tell All Career Panel Discussion from 2:45-3:30 p.m. and workshop presentations from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-2:30 p.m. More info, including the event agenda, sample workshop catalog and online submission form is at <https://cdnmedhall.ca/mun/presenters>. Deadline for submissions is Thursday, Feb. 29. Contact Janice at jmcnorgan@cdnmedhall.ca with questions.

Nominations Open for John Lewis Paton Distinguished University Professorship

Nominations are currently being accepted for Memorial's John Lewis Paton Distinguished University Professorship. The award is presented to a faculty member who embodies Memorial's mission by demonstrating exceptional teaching, undertaking

world-class research and sharing their knowledge and expertise nationally and internationally. Nomination packages are due by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 1. [Read more](#)

Nominations Open for the 2024 Alumni Tribute Awards

Memorial University's Alumni Tribute Awards are an opportunity to recognize the achievements of our alumni and shine a light on their commitment to improving our world.

Alumni can be nominated for awards in the following categories:

- **J.D. Eaton Award** for outstanding volunteer contributions to Memorial;
- **Horizon Award** for outstanding achievement among alumni 35-years-old or younger;
- **Outstanding Community Service Award** for outstanding volunteer contributions to the community at large;
- **Alumni of the Year Award**, the highest distinction bestowed on a Memorial graduate.

Learn more about the [award categories](#), review [nomination guidelines](#) and view a list of [past recipients](#). This year's award ceremony takes place Oct. 9, 2024. Nominations are open until March 15.

CIHR SPOR Consultation

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) has launched a consultation on its Strategy for Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR). SPOR aims to embed the perspectives of patients, caregivers and people with lived experience within every aspect of health research, so that health policies, practices and outcomes address their needs. More details about the consultation are available on their [website](#).

Explain it Like I'm 6: A Vaccine Education Contest

[The Centre for Vaccine Preventable Diseases \(CVPD\)](#) and [Emerging & Pandemic Infections Consortium \(EPIC\)](#) are inviting students at any Canadian university to submit a short essay, series of images, or short video explaining an aspect of vaccine science in a way that a 6-year-old would be able to understand. The deadline for submissions is March 1, at 6 p.m. ET. For full contest details, including prizes and submission form, see the contest website: <https://epic.utoronto.ca/opportunities/cvpd-epic-vaccine-contest/>

Health Professions Educational Scholarship Forum

The Health Professions Educational Scholarship Forum is a one-day event bringing together individuals who are engaged in educational scholarship, research and innovation in the disciplines of medicine, nursing, pharmacy, social work and other allied health professions. The forum will take place in the Health Sciences Centre on May 23, 2024, at 9 a.m., with an option to participate remotely. A program of oral and poster presentations delivered by those whose submitted abstracts are accepted for inclusion is under development. A plenary speaker will also be announced. Visit <https://www.med.mun.ca/oped/programs/4732> to register or submit an abstract. Registrants will receive updates as they become available.

Post-Doctoral Training Program in Clinical Biochemistry

The first and only program of its kind in Atlantic Canada, our new post-doctoral training

program in clinical biochemistry aims to educate, train, and prepare graduates for clinical biochemist roles. Clinical biochemistry is the laboratory medicine division that measures chemicals in blood, urine and other body fluids. These test results diagnose diseases, determine prognosis and guide a patient's therapy. This dynamic field involves collaboration with various healthcare professionals, operating at the nexus of medicine, biology and technology. Clinical biochemists are highly qualified professionals holding PhD or MD degrees who undergo specialized post-doctoral training in laboratory medicine. The program provides a well-balanced curriculum covering patient care, clinical service, management, research, education, and administration. The application deadline is March 15, 2024, with the program starting July 2. Program length is three years (full-time, salaried, contract.) More info at: <https://bit.ly/3uGfzp3>.

Upcoming Events

Free hearing screening – The Canadian Hard of Hearing Association is offering free hearing screenings to Memorial faculty, staff and learners for World Hearing Day - March 4, 2024. The screenings will take place in the University Centre, 6th floor from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Book yours at <https://bit.ly/3uERZJ9>. For more information, email programs@chha-nl.ca or call 709.753.3224.

Excerpts from 'Don't Give Up on Me, Dad' with Andy Jones – Wednesday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m., Faculty of Medicine Main Auditorium. Please join us for a live, one-man performance of excerpts from "Don't Give Up on Me, Dad," which is actor/writer Andy Jones's very personal story about the insight, courage and unique humour of his son Louis as he battled with the mental and emotional anguish that led to his suicide. Mary-Lynn Bernard, Andy's partner and Louis' mom, will be in attendance and, along with Andy, will be available for questions and answers after the performance. This show is a heartfelt and sometimes humorous analysis of Louis' long journey through the healthcare system. In this new work, Andy lends his voice to the rising cry for compassion, care and a quantum leap in funding for research into mental illness. This special performance is intended to highlight the importance of lived experience for health professional learners, staff and faculty at Memorial University, but the public is also welcome to attend. Free admission. Please arrive 15 minutes before showtime.

Brainwaves Conference 2024 – Join the Human Neuroscience Research Centre for their second annual Brainwaves Conference. This event will feature faculty and student speakers from multiple departments at Memorial involved in the Human Neuroscience Research Centre. Come learn about their exciting research programs in a fun and accessible format. March 21, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Main Auditorium, Health Sciences Centre. Registration is free and light refreshments will be provided. Lunch is not included. Register at: <https://www.med.mun.ca/oped/programs/4737>.

Cancer Lived Experiences as a Transgender Person – Save the Date for a screening of the documentary Trans Dudes with Lady Cancer, followed by a panel discussion by local health care providers, transgender individuals and advocates, May 16, 2024, 6:30-8:45 p.m. This is a free virtual event and registration details will be available soon. For more information, email Sevta Savas at savas@mun.ca or call 709.864.6057, or email Jocshan Loaiza at jmloizamoss@mun.ca.

From Newslines

New non-maintenance work request form – Facilities Management has introduced a new **Non-Maintenance Work Request Form**. This tool is designed to streamline the process to submit and track non-maintenance work requests. The form replaces the Service Materials/Authorization and the Project Request forms. Individuals should continue to contact **Work Control** or call 709-864-7600 for maintenance related requests, for example, if something is broken, leaking or not working properly or complete the **Stores Inventory Materials Form** for requesting materials from stores.

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