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Awards and Honours

Dr. Alison Haynes, 2024 CAME Certificate of Merit, which promotes, recognizes and rewards faculty committed to medical education in Canadian Medical Schools. She will be recognized at an upcoming virtual award event on Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024. All CAME members are invited to attend.

Dr. Erika Fowler, Carl Nimrod Award, Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada. The award recognizes outstanding achievement within the field of education in obstetrics and gynaecology

Division of Population Health and Applied Health Sciences

The Division of Community Health and Humanities has been renamed the Division of Population Health and Applied Health Sciences effective Jan. 1, 2024.

Nominations for President's Awards

Nominations are being accepted for awards that recognize Memorial's top researchers. The [President's Award for Outstanding Research](#) (PAOR) and [University Research](#)

Professor (URP) have been presented since 1984. Nominations are due Jan. 31. Full details here: <https://gazette.mun.ca/research/applauding-achievements/>

Soapbox Science

Are you a woman or gender diverse human working in STEMM or the social sciences that is passionate about your research? Soapbox Science is looking for researchers from PhD students to professors, and from entry-level researchers to entrepreneurs, to take part in their grassroots science outreach project happening Sept. 7th at the St. John's Farmers Market. To apply, visit soapboxscience.org and submit an application **before Feb. 29th**. If you have any questions, contact Yellow at yellow.martin@mi.mun.ca.

*Master's students with a strong research background will be considered.

Call for Interprofessional Education (IPE) Facilitators, Winter 2024

The Centre for Collaborative Health Professional Education (CCHPE) organizes small-group Interprofessional Education (IPE) activities for learners from all Memorial University health/social care programs. Learner groups are joined by volunteer facilitators who lead discussions about collaborative, team-based health/social care. IPE will be delivered both remotely and in person in winter 2024. Facilitating is an opportunity to develop facilitating skills, both in-person and online teaching skills, in a supportive learning environment.

CCHPE is calling any interested health/social care faculty members, residents, or clinicians to join the team; they currently need five more facilitators for their various activities. To learn more about facilitating, contact adam.reid@med.mun.ca or fill out this short survey to get involved. Survey link:

https://mun.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0x3vWs47SeY4mcS

Public Engagement Support Funds – Deadline extension

In response to the cyber security incident at Grenfell Campus, the Office of Public Engagement (OPE) is extending the deadlines of three public engagement support funds for all Memorial applicants.

The Public Engagement Accelerator Fund will remain open until Jan. 31st, The Catalyst Conference Fund will now remain open until Feb. 29th, and the Quick Start Fund for Public Engagement will open on Jan. 16th, as planned, but will stay open until Feb. 29th. These funds support collaborations between Memorial and the public. For more information about the funds, please visit the [OPE website](#).

Did You Meet at Memorial?

Memorial's office of Marketing and Communications is undertaking a social media campaign featuring stories or relationships that were born at Memorial. These could be romantic partnerships, longstanding friendships or collaborative partnerships. If you met at Memorial and are interested in being featured in a social media post, please email medcomms@mun.ca by Jan. 31.

Upcoming Events

Resident Research Symposium – Feb. 5, 2024, from 12-5:30 p.m., Gronich Theatre,

Room 1M102, Faculty of Medicine. **Please RSVP by email to rgsclinresearch@mun.ca by Monday, Jan. 22.**

IP Strategy for Life Science Start-ups Workshop with Dr. Chris Barden –

Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, 9-11 a.m. (AT) - Virtual. Hosted by Springboard Atlantic IP Advantage. Dr. Barden is the CEO of [Treventis](#) and a registered U.S. Patent agent. He will share his personal experience building Treventis and discuss regulatory approvals in the U.S. and the EU. He will also cover patents, trade secrets and IP strategies for life sciences companies.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/775627230927?aff=oddtcreator>

Vaccine Access, Equity and the Importance of Communication – The Centre for Vaccine Preventable Diseases is hosting an online fireside chat with Dr. Upton Allen, head of Infectious Diseases at the Hospital for Sick Children; Sabina Vohra-Miller, co-founder of the South Asian Health Network; and Joe Cressy, former chair of the Toronto Board of Health. Panelists will share their experience working to improve vaccine equity and access and discuss the importance of communication in public health. Register at: https://phesc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vKM9RQB1QDa5BPQBt80kvQ#/registration

Diving into the Blue Mind – A Health Explored webinar with Dr. Mike Wahl.

Can water heal? Why are we drawn to water? Is it simply a view of a beach, or does it go further than that? We ask the question - does being close to or in water actually improve our health?

Join this first webinar in *Health Explored*, a new series presented by the Faculty of Medicine's Dr. Mike Wahl. Learn about a therapy program from New Zealand that incorporates surfing, nature and good conversation; discover why water is sacred in Maori culture; and explore the insights on the healing power of water in the work of NY Times best-selling author Dr. Wallace J. Nichols! Each episode in this series will feature a 20-minute presentation by Dr. Wahl, followed by a 20-minute Q&A session. Jan. 23, 2024, 1-2 p.m. [Register](#). Future webinars in this series include Journey to Mindfulness, Feb. 20; Finding Happiness, March 12 and Lost in Nature, April 30. Registration opens two weeks before the webinar date.

A Data Story – A discussion with Statistics Canada

The Harris Centre is hosting two presentations on Jan. 24, 2024, followed by panel discussions with the chief statistician of Canada, Anil Arora. Immigration, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Explore the regional differences of NL's immigration landscape with Statistics Canada: the aging labour force, non-permanent residents, diversity and more. Climate Change, 1-3 p.m. Learn how Statistics Canada's data can help emergency managers and communities to prepare, respond and recover from extreme weather events. Join online or in-person, Emera Innovation Exchange (Signal Hill Campus).

Registration links:

English: <https://www.statcan.gc.ca/en/events/data-story/stjohns2024>

French: <https://www.statcan.gc.ca/fr/evenements/donnees-histoire/stjohns2024>

Medical Student Research Forum – Save the date!

Showcasing student medical research, Thursday, Feb. 20, 2024, 1 p.m. in the atrium and 1M101. Questions? Contact: medresearchsymposium2024@gmail.com.

Live CPD

Registration is now open for the Family Medicine Lecture Series – January 2024!

The live sessions are free and will be delivered virtually on Friday mornings from 8-9 a.m. (island time).

- Jan. 26 **Mild Cognitive Impairment vs. Major Neurocognitive Disorder** – Dr. Kathleen O'Donnell. Click here to [REGISTER!](#)

If you have any questions, or would like to present or facilitate a session, please contact Anuj Charan at anuj.charan@med.mun.ca.

MDcme (Online Virtual CPD)

Earn Mainpro+ Self-Learning and Maintenance of Certification (Section 3 – Self Assessment) credits.

- [Recognizing and Preventing Child Abuse for Health Professionals](#) – The purpose of this online course is to train health-care professionals to recognize, assess and document the signs and symptoms of suspected child abuse.
- [After Cancer Care](#) – Advances in the detection and treatment of cancer have resulted in more cancer patients surviving and thriving. This module examines some of the considerations for managing cancer survivors in your primary care practice.
- [Physician Training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry \(PTCAP\) Series](#) – The PTCAP program aims to improve the health outcomes of children and adolescents with mental health problems in Canada by improving primary care practitioners' (PCPs) knowledge, recognition, assessment and management of child and youth mental health problems.
- [The Blood Transfusion Series](#) – A series of online educational programs to provide up-to-date professional education for transfusion prescribers, transfusionists, nurses and medical laboratory technologists in NL.
- [Professionalism in Practice](#) – The purpose of this online course is to explore the concept of professionalism, how professionalism impacts both medical education and the modern practice of medicine in Newfoundland and Labrador, what behaviours are typically considered professional and which are perceived as unprofessional, and outline the regulatory and policy framework governing medicine and medical education.

From Newsline

Public Interest Group on Cancer Research – In its third year, the Public Interest Group on Cancer Research has continued to accomplish its goals. This highly motivated team of 11 public members and three scientists from Newfoundland and Labrador has released its [annual report](#) to the community. It summarizes their work for 2023, which focuses on research, public outreach and engagement and advocacy on cancer. If you would like to join this group or its activities, please contact Dr. Sevtap Savas at savas@mun.ca or 709 864 6507. The group gratefully acknowledges ongoing

funding by the Office of Public Engagement – MUN and support by NLSUPPORT - MUN.

Applications are being accepted for two separate funding opportunities open to the university community. Proposals for the Cross-campus Initiatives Fund and Conference Fund are due by Thursday, Feb. 29. Full details are available [here](#).

External Remote Desktop Protocol (RDP)

RDP access has been disabled on all campuses of Memorial University in order to implement changes to further strengthen security measures. Employees will not be able to remotely connect to their desktop computers on campus, effective immediately. Employees who used RDP and still require a remote connection are asked to contact their IT Services department for assistance.

Centre for Newfoundland Studies Published Authors Event

If you are a Memorial faculty member, staff, retiree or student and you have published or edited a book between January and December 2023, the Centre for Newfoundland Studies (CNS) wants to know about it. This winter, the CNS is planning an event that recognizes recent book publications or other creative works (not including journal articles) by the Memorial community. Contact CNS head [Colleen Field](#) by Jan 31st, 2024, if you are eligible and interested in participating. Note: The submission of journal articles and other materials can be made to the [Research Repository](#). The CNS has a mandate to collect and provide access to material relating to Newfoundland and Labrador. From books to musical recordings and everything in-between, the CNS celebrates and preserves contributions to Newfoundland and Labrador scholarship for future generations. It also collects books authored or edited by Memorial University faculty and staff that may have nothing to do with our province.

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