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When Shianne Combden began a master's in public health (MPH) degree in the fall of 2019, she had no idea she would get a front-row seat to the professional and educational opportunity of a lifetime. [Read more](#)

Awards and Honours

Dr. Proton Rahman, [John Lewis Paton Distinguished University Professorship](#)

Dr. Guangju Zhai, [University Research Professor](#)

Ms. Amy Carroll, President's Awards for Exemplary Employees [Champion of Service](#)

Equity Diversity Inclusion Anti-Racism Speaker Series

The next Faculty of Medicine EDI speaker series is coming up!

Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, 1-2:30 p.m., Faculty of Medicine, Room 1M102 (Frank and Eileen Gronich Lecture Theatre).

Register at: <https://bit.ly/49wDxT3>.

Rising above perceptions in medicine and redefining inclusive culture with Dr. Jessica Dunkley, University of British Columbia. Dr. Dunkley is the first deaf Metis physician in Canada. She received the 2023 Canadian Medical Association Dr. Ashok Muzumdar Memorial Award for Physicians with Disabilities. Passionate about inclusion in medical education for learners and trainees with Disabilities, Dr. Dunkley will speak on the intersection of bias and inclusive design in medicine and how we can create a positive learning environment through innovation and compassion.

Accommodations Fair – In conjunction with the EDI-AR Speaker Series, the Faculty of Medicine will host an accommodations fair, where we will celebrate the importance of disability confidence in shaping a more inclusive medical community. Discover a wide range of resources, technologies and support systems to enhance understanding and contribute to a more inclusive medical community. Vendors will include Newfoundland Labrador Health Services, the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association, Vision Loss Rehabilitation, Autism Society, Blundon Centre, Learner Well-Being and Success, the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and Memorial University Human Resources/Dallas Mercer Consulting (an agent of Memorial University). **Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2023, 12-1 p.m.**, Faculty of Medicine Atrium.

Brief Network Service Interruption

Wednesday November 22nd, 2023

Time: 00:01 – 02:00 a.m.

ITS has scheduled firmware updates on some networking switches in three HSC data closets. **In your office/lab, if the wall plate for your Internet/VoIP devices in your room begins with HS11, HS12, and HS15 then you will be impacted with a 10-minute service interruption** as the upgrades take place.

This will impact all MUNet wired and VoIP devices, and wireless APs connected to the wall plate numbering as mentioned.

Season Maintenance of HVAC Equipment (Faculty of Medicine Building Only)

The Memorial mechanical shop is in the process of winterizing the chilled water systems across campus. This maintenance in the Faculty of Medicine building will begin at 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. starting Tuesday, Nov. 21 to Thursday, Nov. 23 between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and may continue on Friday, Nov 24 if necessary.

The work involves shutting down the air handler in the Faculty of Medicine building (not Health Sciences Centre) so facilities management staff can work safely inside the air handler.

Facilities Management mechanical shop will shut down the air handler for approximately 2 hours and then restart for about an hour to provide fresh air and cooling to the building. This will assist with overheating issues in particular rooms that have high heat output equipment. It is recommended that any rooms which hold high heat output equipment, such as the side rooms in the labs, keep their doors open to assist with any overheating concerns. This work will not affect the fume hood operations. During the shutdown of the unit there will be no air flow. You will notice that the air pressure in the building will change causing suite doors to 'slam' when closing. You may also notice a 'breeze' when walking between the Faculty of Medicine building and HSC hallways. If you have any issues or concerns, please feel free to contact Paulette Jones at pdjones@mun.ca.

Environmental Sustainability Initiative

Department of Facilities Management and Faculty of Medicine are initiating an environmental sustainability initiative to reduce the number of individual garbage bins in use and better divert waste through the introduction of a larger waste bin in common areas.

This is a collaborative effort led by Facilities Management, Sustainability and Climate Action Office and Faculty of Medicine. This initiative is part of an emerging strategy to reduce and divert waste at Memorial.

If you are interested in taking part in other waste diversion initiatives in your office or unit, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Sustainability and Climate Action Office (sustain@mun.ca). The new bins and collection of the individual bins will roll out in the coming weeks.

Diverting waste and streamlining collection processes has a number of positive benefits ranging from environmental to ergonomic and include:

- Creating a larger garbage bin in common areas which eliminates the need for individual bins in offices.
- Reducing individual bins reduces the number of garbage bags used and the amount of plastic entering the waste system.
- Reducing individual bins also reduces repetitive movement by our custodial staff, improves work ergonomics, and decreases injuries.
- Garbage bins in common areas increases movement for all employees.
- Improving the efficiency of collection process provides the opportunity to redirect time from emptying individual office bins to other important custodial tasks.
- Reducing individual bins also decreases the number of places that can attract pests.

Big or small, every effort adds up and with a team as big as the Memorial community those efforts make a significant difference. Please join us as we embrace this team approach to reduce waste, while benefiting our custodial colleagues and our own physical health.

Canadian Association for Medical Education Nominations

The Canadian Association for Medical Education (CAME) is calling for nominations for their upcoming awards including:

- Ian Hart Award for Distinguished Contributions to Medical Education (*senior faculty*)
- Meridith Marks Award (*early career faculty*)

The deadline for these submissions is Dec. 1. Visit their website for details <https://www.came-acem.ca/>.

Upcoming Events

Faculty of Medicine Brewing Research – Join Dr. Laurie Twells, assistant dean of clinical research, Research and Graduate Studies (RGS), along with clinical faculty and research support staff, to meet and brew up research ideas, build collaborations and discuss how RGS can support research efforts. All are welcome. **Wednesday, Nov. 22, 7-9**

p.m. Quidi Vidi Brewery. This is a Research Week 2023 event. **More Memorial Research Week events will be posted [here](#).**

On Being Human: Our Stories in Medicine – Hear from panelists who share their stories of well-being, challenges and struggles and how they overcame them. Featuring Dr. Dolores McKeen, Dr. TeriStuckless, Claire Neilson and Colin Duffett. Hosted by the Office of Learner Well-Being and Success.

Thursday, Nov. 23, 3-5:30 p.m. Room 1M102, Faculty of Medicine. RSVP by Nov. 20. <https://forms.gle/GRTCJpaZvHtM7C477>

Monte Carlo Charity Gala – The students of MUN Medicine & Bogarts invite you to the 47th Annual MUN Medicine Monte Carlo Charity Gala. This year's gala will take place **Saturday, Nov. 25, 2023**, in the Avalon Ballroom at the Delta Hotel, St. John's. The silent auction will take place in person and online. This year's theme is Old Hollywood, so take a trip back in time and enjoy an evening of elegance and glamour in support of four local charities: [Iris Kirby House](#); [Nevaeh's Angel Foundation](#); [Association for New Canadians](#) and [Choices for Youth](#). Tickets are \$100 and can be purchased through their [website](#), powered by Handbid. A limited number of 8- (\$1,000) or 10-person (\$1,250) tables will be available, please contact montecarlo@mun.ca for more information.

Destination Excellence Strategic Planning Event – Faculty, learners and staff are invited to attend a half day strategic planning event which will focus on strategic opportunities, challenges and priorities for the Faculty of Medicine in the coming years. **Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, 12:30-4:30 p.m. in 1M102.** Register at [ht https://bit.ly/49aD34S](https://bit.ly/49aD34S).

Brown Bag Luncheon with the President – Faculty, staff and students are invited to a brown bag luncheon with Dr. Neil Bose, president and vice-chancellor, *pro tempore*. Bring your own lunch and drop in anytime during the hour. **Tuesday, Dec. 12, 12-1 p.m., 1M102.**

Live CPD

Registration is now open for the [Family Medicine Lecture Series – November 2023](#). These live sessions are free and will be delivered virtually on Friday mornings from 8-9 a.m. The November 2023 schedule includes the following final session:

Date	Topic	Speaker
Nov 24, 2023	Concussion in the Setting of Workplace Injuries	Dr. Allison Furey

[REGISTER NOW](#)

*Note: All those who wish to attend the sessions are required to register for the 4-week block. If you have questions, or would like to present or facilitate a session, contact Karla Simmons at karla.simmons@med.mun.ca.

Seasonal Giving

Lights of Love Tree Campaign - The Ronald McDonald House Newfoundland and Labrador (RMHNL) MUN Medicine student group are hosting a Wish List campaign leading up to the holiday season. The RMHNL Wish List provides a summary of items which support families in the home. The MUN Medicine student group will focus on providing items to stock the 'Magic Room,' where children of families living in RMHNL can select a toy prior to their departure, following surgery, or if celebrating a special event. Christmas gifts are also provided. **A bin for donations will be placed outside of Learner Well-being and Success (LWS) from Nov. 20 to Dec. 15.** Please visit the [RMHNL website](#) for guidelines for acceptable items. Questions can be sent to [Charlotte Elliott](#) or [Maggie Deering](#).

Health Sciences Centre Library Warming Tree - The Health Sciences Centre Library is collecting newly purchased or handmade mittens, scarves, hats and socks to keep people of all ages warm this winter. Hang your donations on their tree or take one if you need one. They will donate the remaining items to local charities. Items may be donated or taken between Nov. 27 and Jan. 26.

Campus Food Bank Christmas Hampers - This year, the Campus Food Bank expects to distribute 300 Christmas hampers and is seeking assistance in filling them. Please note that due to space limitations, the food bank is not collecting food for the hampers but is looking for monetary donations only. They have asked departmental organizers, where available, to collect but there are also options for individual donations. The food bank is always happy to see new departmental organizers, if you don't have one and wish to volunteer. Details are on the [website](#). All donations are greatly appreciated, no amount is too small to give. If you, your family or department would like to donate to this drive, the food bank would be grateful for your support. If you are a departmental collector, please sign up by Nov. 30 with Pradeep Bobby (pbobby@mun.ca). Departmental hamper donations will be received on Wednesday, Dec. 6, and the food bank will contact registered donors by the end of November regarding collection details. Deadlines for individual donors and other details are on the [website](#).

Operation Toys for Kids - Campus Enforcement and Patrol is once again collecting new, unwrapped toys, gift cards and monetary donations for families in need this year. From Nov. 20- Dec. 20, drop boxes will be located at the CEP Office, Facilities Management, room 2037; in the Arts and Administration main lobby; CEP office, Faculty of Medicine, room 2816; and Signal Hill Campus main entrance. For more information or to arrange pick up, please contact lwells@mun.ca or call 709-687-4390.

From Newsline

Call for oceans and northern photos - Memorial's [Cold Oceans and Northern Initiative](#) is looking for photos of your work in ocean and northern environments for use in communications materials. They're interested in anything from landscape images to photos of you and your students or community partners in the field. Please reach out to [Mandy Rowsell](#) with any images or if you have any questions.

Funding available for publicly engaged events and conferences - Are you planning a large event or conference next year? The Catalyst Fund for Public Engagement offers up to \$5,000 to support Memorial events that provide meaningful opportunities for public participation. The fund is open for proposals until Jan. 20, 2024. For more information, see the [Catalyst webpage](#). You can also reach out to engagement@mun.ca with questions.

Please note that the Communications Office email is now medcomms@mun.ca.