



Faculty of Medicine's Inaugural Symposium: Leading Innovation for a Healthier World

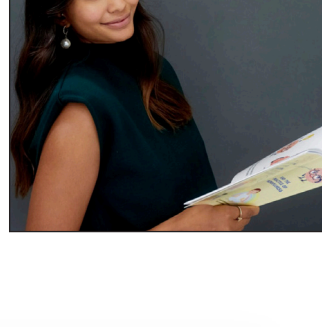
Thursday, April 7th 2022 | Online Event

Towards a Healthier and Greener World

Main Speakers

Shania Bhopa

Shania Bhopa is a health communicator, knowledge translator, and a self-starter at her core. She is a level one Doctoral Global Health Student and a recipient of the Canada Graduate Scholarship Masters Award from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Shania's research interests include, lifestyle medicine, patient-physician communication, child mental health, and global health. She is co-founder and Director of the charitable organization The Canadian Courage Project (CCP). In 2021 Shania was the recipient of the McMaster Alumni Community Impact Award, and Valedictorian of her graduate class for the Faculty of Health Sciences. Shania is a recently published author with her first children's book: Gurk & Bianca: The great adventure of the gut and the brain on a path to mindfulness.



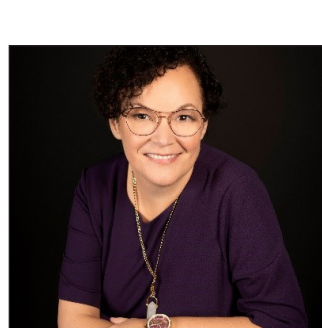
Diane Cyr

Ms. Cyr has over 25 years of work experience at the University of Ottawa, working progressively toward leadership roles. As Manager of the Postgraduate Medical Education Office of the Faculty of Medicine from 1993 to 2009, Ms. Cyr developed and implemented the Foreign Trainees Admissions Program, leading to increased enrollment of sponsored foreign medical graduates to residency programs, as well as a formalized certification program for specialized clinical fellowships. As Manager of the administration of all examinations of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada from 2009-2014, Ms. Cyr contributed to building a robust continuous quality assurance process for all examination results as well as a volunteer recognition program for volunteer examination board members. Ms. Cyr returned to the Faculty of Medicine in 2015 as the Project Manager leading the development and implementation of the Ottawa-Shanghai Joint School of Medicine. She then took on the role of Manager of the International and Global Health Office in 2018 and has since worked at recording and improving the international and global health activities of the Faculty of Medicine and its members.



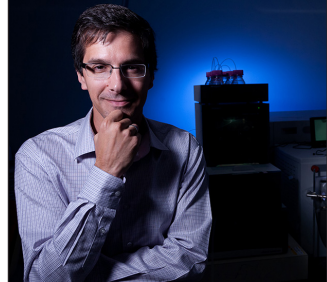
Dr. Manon Denis-LeBlanc

Dr. Manon Denis-LeBlanc graduated from the MD program at the University of Ottawa in 1997. She went on to pursue her studies at this same university with a family medicine residency at Montfort Hospital, which was completed in 1999. She practises in her home town of St. Isidore, a small rural community in Ontario. She has continued to provide care for some 1450 patients for 21 years, while maintaining a hospital practice at Montfort since the very beginning. Having always been interested in education, she soon became involved in creating a completely Francophone medical studies program at the University of Ottawa. First as a student and then as a doctor, she was part of the team that would become the Office of Francophone Affairs (OFA) in 1995. Bedside teaching remains her teaching activity of choice, having welcomed more than 150 learners to date. Then, in 2017, she became Vice-Dean of Francophone Affairs in the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Medicine. Passionate about Francophonie, she leads a team that is equally passionate about promoting its language and culture throughout the Faculty. In addition to overseeing the development of Francophones, Dr. Denis-LeBlanc strongly encourages Francophilia among her peers and aims for excellence in current programs at all levels. She also has the ambition to create a brand new training program for Francophone pharmacists, a first of its kind outside Quebec.



Dr. Daniel Figeys

Daniel obtained a B.Sc. and a M.Sc. from the Université de Montréal and a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Alberta. He did his postdoctoral studies at the University of Washington in Molecular Biotechnology. Prior to joining the University of Ottawa, he was Senior Vice-President at MDS-Proteomics. He was the founding director of the Ottawa Institute of Systems Biology from 2004-2014. He took on the role of director of the department of Biochemistry, Microbiology and Immunology from 2014-2019. He is now the director of the School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and a Distinguished Research Chair. He is the co-founding director of the Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica-University of Ottawa Joint Center in Systems and Personalized Pharmacology and also co-founded two start-up biotech. His more recent research focuses on microbiome-host and drug-microbiome interactions. His laboratory has published 215 peer reviewed articles and was cited more than 18,500 times. Daniel was awarded the 2021 Tony Pawson Award, Canadian National Proteomics Network and the 2021 Ricardo Aroca Award from the Chemical Institute of Canada.



Dr. Claire Kendall

Claire Kendall is the Associate Dean, Social Accountability with the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ottawa. She is an Associate Professor with the Department of Family Medicine, University of Ottawa; Clinician Investigator at the Bruyère Research Institute; and practicing family physician with the Bruyère Family Health Team. She holds a University of Ottawa, Faculty of Medicine Clinical Research Chair in Strengthening Primary Care for Integrated Health Equity with a program of research aimed at improving the delivery of primary health care for underserved populations. She is also Clinicienne Chercheure, Institut du Savoir Montfort, Senior Adjunct Scientist at ICES, Affiliate Investigator in the Clinical Epidemiology Program at The Ottawa Hospital Research Institute, and Affiliate Scientist at the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute at St. Michael's Hospital.



Gillian Lord

Gillian Lord was appointed Director of Strategic Planning and Implementation at the Faculty of Medicine in January 2020. Ms. Lord joins the Executive Leadership Team in this new role, which was created to achieve the ambitious goals in the Faculty's 2020-2025 strategic plan. Ms. Lord is responsible for promoting and coordinating the implementation of the strategic plan and related initiatives, as well as researching and monitoring emerging key issues and areas of priority for the Faculty of the University of Ottawa. Ms. Lord takes great pride in the Faculty's numerous accomplishments during her time in this position, and throughout her diverse career with the Faculty. Ms. Lord has over 24 years of management experience in a university and health-related environment. She began her career at the Faculty of Medicine as the Graduate Studies Academic Advisor in the Anatomy and Neurobiology Program in 1993. After three years, she stepped into the role of Manager of the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, and one year later she began twelve years of service as Operations Manager for the Department of Cellular and Molecular Medicine. In 2009, Ms. Lord became Manager of the Research Office, remaining at the post for eleven years until moving into her current role.



Dr. Manisha Kulkarni

Dr. Manisha Kulkarni is an Associate Professor in the School of Epidemiology and Public Health, University of Ottawa and Interim Director of the Faculty of Medicine's Global Health Program. She holds a PhD in Entomology from McGill University and has worked extensively on the epidemiology and control of malaria in sub-Saharan Africa, Zika virus and dengue in Latin America and tick-borne diseases in Canada. Dr. Kulkarni's research investigates socio-ecological determinants of infectious disease emergence and risk in global settings, with a focus on malaria and other vector-borne diseases. Her research combines methods from epidemiology, ecology and spatial informatics to examine spatiotemporal disease transmission dynamics and identify populations at risk to inform public health action. She works with closely international partners to evaluate and optimize disease vector control interventions and strengthen research capacity in resource poor settings, with current projects in Tanzania, Benin and Canada.



Dr. Ronald Labonté

Ronald Labonté is Distinguished Research Chair in Globalization and Health Equity and Professor in the School of Public Health and Epidemiology, University of Ottawa. He has enjoyed a 45-year career in public health spanning government positions, international consultancies, and universities. For the past 25 years his research has focused on the health equity impacts of diverse globalization processes, many of which form the content of his recent book, Health Equity in a Globalizing Era (Oxford University Press), awarded Medical Book of the Year by the British Medical Association in 2021. He is Editor-in-Chief of the BMC journal, Globalization and Health, active with the People's Health Movement, a frequent contributor to its flagship publication Global Health Watch, and a co-editor of its forthcoming 6th edition.



Dr. Husein Moloo

Dr. Husein Moloo completed General Surgery Residency at Western University followed by a fellowship in Minimally Invasive Surgery and a Masters in Epidemiology at the University of Ottawa. He then completed a fellowship in Colorectal Surgery at the University of Minnesota and recently graduated with a Masters in Public Health from Harvard. He has an interest in Quality Improvement, the organizational architecture to support it, and the various ways functioning infrastructure can be leveraged to improve not only issues such as SSI/readmission but also decreasing opioid use, and reducing our carbon footprint. The realization that Sustainable Healthcare should be a part of QI has led him to try and be more involved with thinking about Planetary Health in all aspects of the care we provide to people. Moving forward, he aspires to have Planetary Health be a major focus of his work and has been fortunate to become a member of the World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Knowledge Translation, Technology Assessment for Health Equity.



Dr. Saad B. Omer

Saad B. Omer is the Director of the Yale Institute for Global Health, and a Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at Yale University, Schools of Medicine and Public Health. He has conducted studies in the United States, Guatemala, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and South Africa. Dr Omer's research portfolio includes epidemiology of respiratory viruses such as influenza, RSV, and - more recently - SARS-Cov-2 (COVID-19); clinical trials to estimate efficacy of maternal and/or infant influenza, pertussis, polio, measles and pneumococcal vaccines; and trials to evaluate drug regimens to reduce mother-to-child transmission of HIV. He has published over 400 papers in peer reviewed journals and has mentored over 100 junior faculty, clinical, and research post-doctoral fellows and PhD and other graduate students.



Dr. Nicole Redvers

Dr. Nicole Redvers, ND, MPH, is a member of the Deninu K'ue First Nation in Denendeh (NWT). She is an assistant professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Department of Indigenous Health at the University of North Dakota where she helped developed and launch the first Indigenous health PhD program. Dr. Redvers is co-founder and current board chair of the Canadian charity the Arctic Indigenous Wellness Foundation based in Yellowknife, NWT, providing traditional Indigenous-rooted Land-based wellness supports for Northerners. She has been actively involved at regional, national, and international levels promoting the inclusion of Indigenous perspectives in both human and planetary health research and practice.



Dr. Mark Walker

Dr. Walker is a Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialist, Senior Scientist at the Ottawa Hospital Research Institute (OHRI) and Clinical Epidemiologist. He is internationally acclaimed healthcare thought leader and executive. His clinical training is in Maternal Fetal Medicine, and he has a special interest in medical disorders of pregnancy which forms most of his clinical practice. Dr. Walker is an internationally recognized scientist with over 360 peer reviewed publications, an h-index of 81 and has held \$19 million in grants as a principal investigator. He has published in Nature, Lancet, JAMA and the BMJ amongst other high impact journals. As a health care executive, Dr Walker holds a Master's in Health Care Management from Harvard University. He recently completed his tenure as the Chair and Chief of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Ottawa. He is currently the Vice Dean of Internationalization and Global Health for the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Ottawa. He is also Professor in both the Faculty of Medicine and School of Epidemiology and Public Health at the University of Ottawa. Dr. Walker's other leadership roles include chairing the National Society of Investigators for Obstetrics and Gynecology in Canada.



Additional guests and panelists

Husain Alkhaiyat
Dr. Nadya Ben Fadel
Dr. Bill Cameron
Dr. Marie-Hélène Chomienne
Duane Elverum
Dr. Sarah Funnell
Dr. Bernard Jasmin, Dean
Dr. Alison Krentel

Alix Linekar
Dr. David Ponka
Naazish Sharif
Dr. Eruwabena Simpson
Sarah Taylor
Christian Tremblay
Dr. Alice Zwerling