

■ LESSONS LEARNED

“The course resources come from the course students.”

You could call it a “text-book case” of IHPME making a lasting impact beyond the walls of the Institute. Case Studies in Canadian Health Policy and Management is the product of a popular graduate seminar taught by Professor Raisa Deber. The 1st edition was published in 1992 by the Canadian Hospital Association Press. The 2nd edition, with all new cases, has just been published by University of Toronto Press.

The cases are based on real-world issues and situations in health and public policy. Students contribute to the generation and refinement of the cases, and are accordingly listed as co-authors when warranted. “The new edition, like the first, is very much a product of the people who have taken the course over the years,” says Raisa. “The seminar consistently attracts students with keen policy minds who already have impressive professional experience. Each case challenges readers to see themselves in a particular role, and ask: ‘What would I do?’”

The cases are tested and revised to ensure they can be easily applied in the classroom setting – and they tell some good stories. “One key challenge was in ensuring that the cases would work outside Ontario, and in settings where the class members are not yet experts in the topics being covered,” says Raisa.

In the 1st edition, contributors included a number of well-known managers and policy makers from health care and public health. Similarly, the 2nd edition has 130 former students who helped develop and refine the 22 included cases. Again, many names appear who occupy key positions, in Canada, and internationally. A key contributor was Dr. Catherine Mah, who assisted in editing the book.

“There is so much tacit knowledge in the class,” Raisa says. “The students work together to produce compelling stories, taken from practical experience, that make theory and abstract concepts more vivid and easier to teach.” Some of the specific topics include: screening for tuberculosis in immigrants and refugees, the Walkerton water crisis, SARS, blood safety, foreign-trained medical professionals, funding expensive cancer drugs, and direct-to-consumer advertising in prescription medicines. “Each case is designed to allow class participants to identify the problems that must be resolved, analyze them, and suggest solutions,” says Raisa. “There are often a variety of backgrounds in the class – such as nursing, engineering, public policy and medicine. It all makes for a unique learning experience where the course resources come from the course students.” The book also includes an introductory chapter that summarizes a variety of health policy and health system concepts that may be helpful for the would-be policy analyst.

Case Studies in Canadian Health Policy and Management 2nd Edition, is available from the University of Toronto Press. The accompanying teaching notes are available on-line only from the U of T Press web site.



Raisa Deber

■ IHPME IMPACT

Congratulations to Yvonne Bombard Inaugural Recipient of the Maurice McGregor Award

The Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH) has recognized IHPME Assistant Professor Yvonne Bombard’s research excellence in health technology assessment (HTA).

To mark their 25th anniversary, CADTH introduced two new awards. The Anniversary Medal honours those who helped establish and maintain HTA as a vital component of an effective health care system. The Maurice McGregor

Award, given to Yvonne, is awarded to people with the potential to be leaders in the field — from graduate students to those who have been working in HTA for a maximum of 10 years.

Yvonne – who is also a scientist in the Keenan Research Centre of the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael’s Hospital – specializes in the assessing and translating of genomic technologies in clinical care.

■ PUBLISHED WORKS

Scott D. Halpern and Allan S. Detsky published Graded Autonomy in Medical Education — Managing Things That Go Bump in the Night in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, March 20, 2014

IHPME PhD student **Carolina Cancelliere** is part of the group which has published Results of the International Collaboration on Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Prognosis, *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, Volume 95, Issue 3, March 2014

■ THESIS DEFENCES

Noah Ivers, MD, CCFP, PhD: Optimizing Audit and Feedback Interventions to Improve Quality in Primary Care

Sarah Bastedo, MSc: A population Based Assessment of Primary Care Physician Visit and Acute Care Utilization among Women Receiving Adjuvant Chemotherapy for Breast Cancer

Aziz S. Alali, MBBS, PhD: Process of Care and Outcome of Critically Ill Patients with Traumatic Brain Injury

Sarah Munce, PhD: Considerations for Targeted Self-Management Program for Individuals with Traumatic Spinal Cord Injury.

IHPME Connection: We'd like to hear from you

Our monthly newsletter profiles members of the IHPME community and lists upcoming events. We're pleased to receive submissions of 400 words or less for consideration in upcoming editions. If you'd like your event listed, please send full details.

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Health Equity and Social Justice Award in Honour of Diana Moeser

The annual award will recognize an outstanding graduate student (Masters or PhD) whose work is guided by the goal of health equity and social justice.

- Combined applications and nominations.
- Candidates will be self-identified and nominated by Faculty.
- Submit a statement of eligibility exploring health policy issues, specifically: social justice aspects found in the social determinants of health, and the role of social activism.
- Submissions reviewed by the IHPME Awards Committee

Submission date: **April 25, 2014.**

Send Electronic Submissions to:
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IHPME Events

■ LEAD IT7 Reception

Wednesday, April 9, 2014
7:00 - 8:30pm

LOCATION: Hart House, Music Room

■ MHI Meet & Greet and Wine & Cheese Reception

Thursday, April 10
5:00pm

LOCATION: HSB 610 Auditorium

■ IHPME Research Day May 7, 2014

Please submit an abstract through:
<http://www.ihpme.utoronto.ca/about/events/researchday/call.htm>

■ Theta Rounds

Supervised Injection Facilities in Toronto and Ottawa: Evidence, Models, and Policies

Friday, April 25, 2014

Dr. Ahmed Bayoumi, MD, MSc, FRCPC

Making Public Decisions about Health: Cost-Effectiveness and Cost-Benefit Analysis

Friday, May 9, 2014

Louise Russell, PhD

Time: 1:00 - 2:00pm

Venue: Leslie Dan Pharmacy Bld, 144 College St., Rm 850

■ Applied Cancer Research Conference (ARCC) 2014

Hosted by the Canadian Centre for Applied Research in Cancer Control
May 11-12, 2014

Cancer Health Economics and Health Technology Assessment workshop led by IHPME Faculty Member Dr. Jeffrey Hoch; and Speed Networking session where students can meet decision makers and researchers from across Canada. Student registration only \$50.

LOCATION: Hilton Toronto, 145 Richmond St W.

MORE INFORMATION: www.cc-arcc.ca

■ CAHSR (Canadian Association of Health Services and Policy Research)

10th Annual Conference 2014
May 12-15, 2014

MORE INFORMATION:
<http://www.cahspr.ca/en/conferences/current/2014>

■ SOG Education Day 2014

Cost, Quality and Equity: Is it a zero sum game in the new fiscal reality?
Thursday, May 22, 2014

■ For more events and details, visit IHPME's External Events website
<http://www.ihpme.utoronto.ca/about/events/exevents.htm>

8:30am - Full Breakfast and Networking

9am - 12:30pm - Keynote Address, Panel Discussion and Q&A

At this event, the winner of the Award for Emerging Health System Leaders, in honour of Louise Lemieux-Charles, will be announced.

LOCATION: Telus Tower, 25 York Street, 3rd floor, (south of Front Street), Toronto

REGISTRATION: <https://secureca.imodules.com/s/731/start.aspx?sid=731&gid=45&p-gid=6606&cid=12196>

General - \$95 (non-alumni are welcome)
Student - \$50

■ Kevin J. Leonard Award Launch

Tuesday, May 27, 2014,
3:00 - 5:00pm

LOCATION: Centre for Global eHealth Innovation, R. Fraser Elliott Building, 190 Elizabeth Street, 4th Floor, Toronto

REGISTRATION: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kevin-j-leonard-award-launch-tickets-10974933321>