

UBC Physical Therapy NEWSLETTER

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March 23rd, 2009 marked the official opening of the newly renovated Friedman building.

L-R: Gavin Stuart, Dean Faculty of Medicine; Meghan Curle, President, Physical Therapy Student Society; Gordon Campbell, Premier of British Columbia; Dr. Sydney Friedman; Professor Stephen J. Toope, President and Vice Chancellor, UBC; Ms. Monique Charest, Ph.D. student, School of Audiology and Speech Sciences

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Historic Events

Recent events have been important in our shared history as the premier educational programs in the province in Rehabilitation Sciences, Occupational Therapy & Physiotherapy: The official opening of the renovated Friedman building occurred in March as well as Jocelyn Harris & Dana Anaby superbly defending the first PhD theses in the Rehabilitation Sciences Graduate Program.

Do you think Margaret Hood, Jane Hudson & Brock Fahrni envisioned this when they broke ground with the renovation of a World War II army hut to open the School of Rehabilitation Medicine in 1961?

We have shared 21 years of combined BSR graduates, 20 years of BSc(OT) and BSc(PT) graduates, 14 years of MSc graduates, (almost) 4 years of MOT and MPT graduates, 2 years of MRSc graduates, and will celebrate the first year of PhD graduates all before we hit 50! Not to mention the degree completion programs, certificates, continuing education, and many other educational initiatives.

Over the years, students, staff and faculty worked hard to achieve important milestones in rehabilitation education, research and practice. No matter how small, or large, your part in our history, we couldn't do it without the rehabilitation community across BC.

Welcome New Incoming Department Head



Dr. S. Jayne Garland will be joining the Department of Physical Therapy, as Head, on July 1, 2009. Dr. Garland comes to us with 20 years of experience at the University of Western Ontario, including 8 years as Director of the School of Physical Therapy. While at Western, Dr. Garland introduced the MPT program, a combined MPT/PhD program, and a MCISc program with areas of specialization in Manipulative Therapy and Wound Healing. In addition to her administrative duties at UBC, she will maintain a very active research program with two main foci: neural control of force production and movement, particularly under conditions of muscle fatigue; and recovery of motor control following stroke, with emphasis on postural control. She employs sophisticated motor unit analysis to investigate fundamental motor control principles, force platform technology to measure postural sway, and isokinetic equipment to measure force production. Dr. Garland hopes to maintain and build strong relationships with the Physical Therapy community for collaborations in research and UBC educational

programs, Dr. Garland's collaborations and partnerships are already well underway with established research relationships with Providence Health Care Holy Family Hospital and the Centre for Hip Health and Mobility situated on the Vancouver General Hospital campus. Internationally, she will be collaborating with the University of Queensland in Brisbane and the Prince of Wales Research Institute in Sydney, Australia to explore the motoneuronal adaptations with pain. Her collaboration with the Laboratory of Engineering of Neuromuscular System and Motor Rehabilitation in Torino, Italy, is carried out with other academic groups throughout the world.

Welcome New Physical Therapy Knowledge Broker



Alison Hoens has accepted the position of Knowledge Broker with the Department. This is a one year term, 0.4FTE position jointly funded by BCRSRnet, PABC and the Department of Physical Therapy. Alison will be responsible for seeking out, building and supporting linkage and exchange opportunities between physical therapy clinicians and researchers. This new position is exciting for all in the Physiotherapy community as it is designed to accelerate the benefits of rehabilitation research through the implementation and evaluation of a range of evidence-based knowledge translation activities. Alison is excellently suited for this role, she has a passion for and a history of seeking, developing and facilitating knowledge translation opportunities. Alison is a 1986 graduate of UBC PT, in 1991 she went on to receive a Masters in Health Science at Curtin University in Australia.

Presentations at the 2009 Annual General meeting



Susan Harris' contributions to *Physiotherapy Canada* was acknowledged at the Annual General Meeting. Susan was the scientific editor from 2003-2007 and then took over the role of Editor in Chief. She was presented with a certificate of recognition from Michael Brennan, CEO of the Canadian Physiotherapy Association.

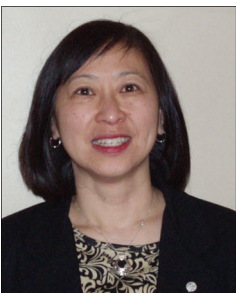


2009 Physiotherapy Association of British Columbia Awards of Excellence



Brenda Loveridge - Professional Contribution

Brenda, Interim Head of the Department of Physical Therapy, was acknowledged for her critical role in a number of initiatives which increased the infrastructure for physiotherapy in BC, including the development of the Department of Physical Therapy at UBC, the expanded number of seats in the MPT program, the creation of the "Internationally Educated Physiotherapists" program, the planning for and acquiring the newly renovated Friedman Building at UBC, exponentially increasing the research funding for physiotherapy, and the planning for the MPT program at UNBC.



Nancy Cho - Leadership Excellence

Nancy, Clinical Assistant Professor at UBC and instructor in the rehab assistant program at VCC. She is Advanced Community Physiotherapy Practice Leader for Vancouver Coastal Health who has developed guidelines for wound care, post-arthroplasty, pelvic floor management, care of elderly in residential facilities, and participated in PABC's student mentorship program. Nancy is a member of the provincial rehab advisory group. Additionally she has volunteered with CPTBC for 25 years in various leadership roles.



Sue Murphy - Education Excellence

Sue, Academic Coordinator for Clinical Education and Instructor is recognized as a leader in Physical Therapy education, both currently in the UBC MPT program and formerly as the Director of Clinical Education at Fraser Health Authority. Sue was instrumental in the development of the UBC MPT curriculum and for revitalizing the Clinical Education Program at UBC.



“THE Donna MacIntyre” Retires from UBC

by Susan Harris, Professor Emerita, Department of Physical Therapy



The most common refrain heard around the halls of the UBC Department of Physical Therapy these days is “*What are we going to do without Donna?*” Dr. Donna MacIntyre has been involved in PT education at UBC for almost 25 years. Although modest and unassuming, Donna has contributed so much to physical therapy education, rehabilitation research, and mentoring of graduate students and junior faculty over her long and distinguished career!

A graduate of the University of Alberta, Donna started at UBC as a part-time Instructor in 1985. She became Division Head of Physical Therapy in 1987 and continued in that role until 1991, when she returned to graduate school to commence a PhD. Happily for all of us, Donna returned to the PT faculty in 1995 after she finished her PhD, first as an Assistant Professor and, since 2001, as a tenured Associate Professor.

Donna has been the mainstay of our musculoskeletal curriculum, both at the entry-level and in her role in supervising research graduate students. While at UBC, she has taught the all-important orthopedic content to nearly 700 entry-level PT students, many of whom are now practicing physiotherapists within BC! In addition, she has supervised or served as a supervisory committee member for 26 master’s or PhD students, the majority of whom are PTs.

As if all this teaching and supervision was not enough, Donna has also been very active in our various professional organizations. From 1995-98, she chaired the Executive of CPA’s Research Division and, from 1980-81, she chaired the PABC Education Committee. In addition, Donna served on the Registration Committee of the College of PT (1996-2001).

Donna is a widely-recognized scholar, both within physical therapy and beyond, on delayed onset muscle soreness (DOMS). In 2001, I was invited to present some lectures at the University of Melbourne (Australia). While there, I met a new PhD named Trevor Allen who had trained as a muscle physiologist but was doing part-time teaching in the PT program. When he mentioned that he was interested in DOMS, I replied that one of my colleagues, Donna MacIntyre, also did research in that area. To which Dr. Allen immediately queried: “The Donna MacIntyre?” That serendipitous exchange resulted in Trevor contacting Donna and becoming her post-doctoral trainee from 2004-2005!

In 2007, at the CPA Congress held in conjunction with WCPT, Donna received an Honorary Membership, recognizing her outstanding service and significant contributions to the physical therapy profession and to CPA. “The Dr. Donna MacIntyre” will be missed by students and colleagues alike -- but we all wish her well as she moves into the “slow lane” of a well-earned retirement.

Alumni Profile

by Deb Treloar

Deb & Bill Treloar **Graduation Year: 1979**



Bill and I graduated from UBC with BSR degrees in 1979 and began what has been and continues to be an incredible journey. Physiotherapy has been an integral part of our lives. There has never been a clear delineation for either of us between our professional and our personal lives. They are intimately entwined.

The physiotherapy profession has allowed us to develop as individuals as well as a unit. Bill was able to follow his passion for rugby by volunteering as a team therapist; first at a club level with various Meraloma rugby teams, then with BC Rugby and finally at a Canadian level with many 15 and 7's teams. He was appointed Chief Therapist for Canada for the 1991 World Cup in England and France. Over the past 10 years he has traveled extensively with the Canadian 7's and has been the therapist for two 7's World Cups. At this point he has traveled to 16 different countries in both hemispheres. He has developed numerous friendships during his association with the teams, has met people from all over the world, and has been able to contribute in a meaningful way to a sport he loves. In 2010 he will be a therapist at the curling venue for the Winter Olympics.

The profession has offered me a chance to follow my passion for learning, teaching, creating and working with my hands. I have always loved working clinically and over the years my patients have taught me so much. I have been lucky to have worked with some incredible physiotherapists who gave up hours of their time to help me become a better physio as I went through the Orthopaedic Post Graduate courses. In 1982 I passed my Canadian Orthopaedic Manual Therapy and Manipulations exam. I began teaching within the level system and developed a foot and ankle course. Teaching gave me the opportunity to travel across Canada, meet physiotherapists from across the nation and it pushed me to question, to learn more and to try new things with my patients. Having a special interest in the foot and ankle opened the door for speaking at conferences, writing articles, and teaching at UBC, all of which added different experiences that were challenging in their own way. In the past two years this has again opened a new door for me as I entered into the neurological physiotherapists' world and again met incredible therapists who have pushed me to add to my knowledge base and to work within a different paradigm.

In 1982 Bill and I opened Treloar Physiotherapy Clinic. Both of us were challenged by working for other organizations so we decided to take the risk and see if we could make it on our own. In 1989 our very good friend, Carol Kennedy became our partner. Our partnership and its success is one of our proudest accomplishments and we continually give thanks for having Carol in our lives. Owning a clinic has been a very challenging and rewarding experience. We have learned innumerable skills, it has made us clearly define goals and it has given us the opportunity to build something following our own code of ethics. As the clinic grew over the years we strove to maintain a balance between running a business, meeting our clients' needs and supporting the physiotherapists in a way that allowed them to meet their professional goals.

Both Bill and I feel very lucky to have found a profession we love and is filled with some of the best people you could hope to meet. The physiotherapy profession is made up of caring, intelligent, responsible people who are motivated to help other people be all they can be, and it is great to be a part of that.

Section 2: People News

Staff Profile

Charles Heffernan, IEP Manager



Having recently moved to Vancouver from Calgary, Charles comes to us with great enthusiasm in his new role as IEP Manager. Prior to his recent recruitment from the International Education Department at Emily Carr University of Art and Design, Charles gained experience in student services at Mount Royal College. Specializing in programs for International and ESL students, he also has done a great deal of work in developing programs for students with disabilities, as well as working with the University of Calgary in training and testing medical students and internationally educated physicians. Charles is looking forward to moving onto campus soon with his wife, who will be attending her second year in the BFA acting program with UBC.

Annick Des Ormeaux, MPT Senior Program Assistant



Annick joined the Department of Physical Therapy in November 2008 to assist the MPT Program Coordinator and the Clinical Faculty Committee. She graduated from Concordia University with a BFA in Music and continued graduate studies in musicology at Université de Montréal and Université Laval. Prior to beginning her employment with UBC in 2005, Annick had many years of experience in Arts Administration and Coordination. Annick has been a Tour Manager in the music industry and theater. In her spare time, she enjoys the study of foreign languages, choral singing, watercolour painting, swimming and entertaining guests.

Faculty News

Janice Eng was the keynote speaker at the 5th Annual Northeastern Ontario Regional Stroke Conference in Sudbury, Ontario on September 26, 2008 (*'Community-based exercise applications: Stroke as a chronic disease model'*), Invited speaker for the Annual Meeting of the European Society for Movement Analysis, in Antalya, Turkey on September 12, 2008 (*'Gait assessment and training: stepping from mechanistic research to practice'*) and the Plenary speaker at the ICORD AGM in Vancouver, BC, on January 20, 2009 (*'Knowledge translation in SCI: From the literature to changing practice'*). She has also contributed to the development of the UBC 2020 Research Strategic Plan. Janice, along with her post-doctoral fellow **Debbie Rand**, was awarded a BC Medical Services Foundation Grant on physical activity and stroke. She was also PI on a Heart and Stroke grant for 3-year, multi-site trial, *'Effect of a lower extremity supplementary program.'* Janice along with **Lara Boyd**, Peter Reickman, and Coree Laule received a grant from the MS Society of Canada for *'Molecular and Functional Aspects of Recovery from Acute Relapses in Patients with Multiple Sclerosis.'* Janice is also co-applicant on many other successful grant applications submitted last fall.

In March **Lara Boyd** was invited as a visiting scientist to SFU and Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Clinic. **Elizabeth Dean** was an invited speaker at many national and international conferences, including Saskatchewan and Brazil. **Linda Li** was the invited speaker at the Canadian Rheumatology Association/Arthritis Health Professional Association Annual Scientific Meeting *'Evidence on the implementation of advanced practice roles in arthritis care'*. She also was invited to be a member of the International Scientific Advisory Committee of the 2010 Arthritis CARE Conference, in Nancy, France.

Faculty News (continued)

Linda is utilizing the latest technology to improve health care with two grants. She is co-principal investigator on a CIHR grant *'RheumTube: Disseminating standardized knee examinations via Internet'* and on another CIHR grant *'Improving healthcare consumer effectiveness: an Animated, Self-serve, Web-based Research (ANSWER) tool for people with early rheumatoid arthritis.'* She also is co-applicant on many other successful grant applications submitted last fall.



Kristin Campbell was invited to participate in the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation 2020 Prevention Working Group.

Darlene Reid was reappointed for a second term as Co-Chair of the Canadian Respiratory Conference to be held in April 2010. In March she was invited to a Round Table Conference on *"ICU-Acquired Weakness"* in Brussels where 25 international experts, consisting of intensivists, neurologists, muscle physiologists, and an ICU nurse presented informally and discussed evidence-based solutions directed towards minimizing the short- and long-term sequelae of ICU-acquired muscle weakness. The workshop preceded the International Society of Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine Congress where she presented two talks – *"Exertion-induced muscle injury"* and *"Muscle Deoxygenation during Exertion."* During her trip to Brussels, Darlene was also invited to present to clinicians and researchers at the pulmonary research centre at Leuven University. She has accepted the positions of Associate Editors for *Physiotherapy Canada* and for the *Cardiopulmonary Physical Therapy Journal*. Darlene's RAMP team was highlighted in the November 5th, 2008 issue of the *Sun*. She and her RAMP team have also hosted several visiting scientists.

In March **Donna MacIntyre** hosted Dr. Paul Lastayo, Associate Professor, University of Utah, Department of Physical Therapy. He gave two presentations to faculty, clinicians and graduate students. Dr. Michael Kjaer, Director of the Institute of Sports Medicine, Bispebjerg Hospital, University of Copenhagen, (Denmark) visited at the end of April to discuss muscle and tendon adaptation. In May Dr. Jeremy Simpson, Assistant Professor, University of Guelph discussed plasma markers of muscle injury in response to exercise and pathological loading.

Teresa Liu-Ambrose hosted a visiting scholar Dr. Art Kramer, Professor, University of Illinois Department of Psychology. She has been very successful with several recent grant applications. She along with researchers from other departments at UBC received a grant from CIHR for a study *"Identifying the Neurocognitive Impairments Associated with Recurrent Falling Among Community-Dwelling Seniors,"* also along with **Lara Boyd** and **Janice Eng** as well as other investigators from UBC, she obtained funding from the Canadian Stroke Network for her study *"Role of exercise on cognition and function in seniors with vascular cognitive impairment."* Teresa along with **Lara Boyd** was successful in gaining two seed grants from the BC Network on Aging Research to fund work by graduate students. Teresa also received funding from the Vancouver Foundation for a *"Follow-Up Study of Persisting Effect of Resistance Training on Cognition."*

Darlene Redenbach received the prestigious Killam teaching prize and will be honored at graduation ceremonies.

Student Update

Recent Graduates

Graduates in the MPT class of 2006- Deanna Bicego, Kathy Brown, Moraine Ruddick, Dara Storey, Corinne Wong published their results *"Effects of Exercise on Quality of Life in Women Living with Breast Cancer: A Systematic Review."* in The Breast Journal, Volume 15, Number 1/2009. This publication was picked up by Reuters news organization in an interview with their supervisor, Dr. Susan Harris, Professor Emeritus. Another group from the 2006 MPT class -Christopher Petrus, Sarah R. Adamson, Laurie Block, Sarah J. Einarson, Maryam Sharifnejad, also supervised by Susan Harris, won the 2008 Silver Quill award from the Canadian Physiotherapy Association for the most outstanding student research paper published in Physiotherapy Canada, Volume 60, Number 2 /2008 for their *article "Effects of Exercise Interventions on Stereotypic Behaviours in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder"*. The research project titled *"Physical Activity as an Adjunct Treatment for Schizophrenia and Associated Psychotic Disorders, in 2008"* submitted by 2008 graduates- Brad Holwachuk, Erin Hvidston, Andrea Mitchell, Rachel Richards and Melissa Richmond, supervised by Darlene Redenbach, was approved by Physiotherapy Foundation of Canada's (PFC) Board of Governors as one of the top three projects in the 2009 Ann Collins Whitmore Student Competition. One member, Rachel Richards, will be provided travel funds to attend Congress 2009 in Calgary to present their project. The winner of the competition will be announced by PFC at a ticketed award ceremony/luncheon held at Congress. The winner/s of the Ann Collins Whitmore Student Competition will receive \$1,000.

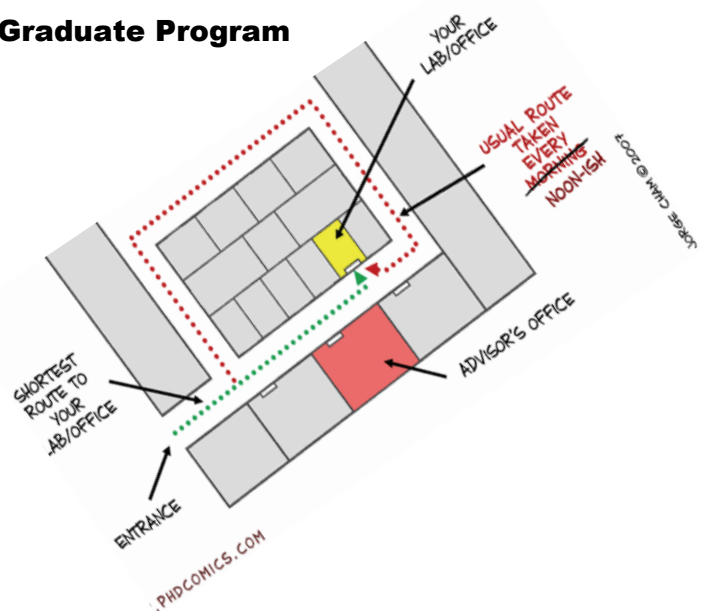
Current Students

The Physical Therapy Student Society was able to raise over \$1000.00 for BC Children's Hospital at their fall Bake Sale.

In February MPT 2 Academic Representatives, Marilyn Abel and Panta Zarrinkamar, participated in the Health Sciences Student Association conference. The conference was held to promote Inter-professional Education and build connections between students and faculties. They provided information and answered questions from undergraduate students about the MPT program.

Research Trainees in the Rehabilitation Science Graduate Program

Jocelyn Harris, PhD candidate successfully defended her thesis *'Studies of upper limb function in individuals with sub-acute stroke: A multisite single blind randomized controlled trial.'* on March 25, 2009 to become the first to graduate from the Rehab Sciences Research Grad Program. This study has been accepted for publication in the June issue of "Stroke." Jocelyn will be taking up a post-doctoral fellowship at the Toronto Rehab Institute June 1. She will be working with Dr. Angela Colantino of the Department of Occupational Science and Occupational Therapy at the University of Toronto in the area of traumatic brain injury.



Research Trainees in the Rehabilitation Science Graduate Program (continued)

Jocelyn will be involved in two projects: Investigating gender differences in TBI outcomes and, Investigating TBI due to violence in the prison system and how health care of the inmates is delivered post injury. **Dana Anaby, Ph.D. candidate** also successfully defended her thesis '*Well-being from Occupational Perspective: Testing a Conceptual Model*' on March 27, 2009 becoming the second Ph.D. graduate. Dana will pursue her post-doctoral fellowship exploring participation among children and youth with disabilities with Mary Law, McMaster University.

Amelia Payne and **Amira Tawashy** will be granted MSc degrees on May 20. Winding up his PhD work, **Ben Mortenson**, in the late stages of his PhD., has received a CIHR post-doctoral fellowship in mobility in aging as well as a post-doctoral award from the Fonds de la Recherche en Santé du Québec. **Mineko Wada** has successfully completed the PhD comprehensive examination and is in the process of developing her research proposal. **Alison McLean** and **Meghan Linsdell** have successfully defended their MSc Research proposals and are in the process of participant recruitment and starting their research studies.

Alison McLean will be presenting her research at the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists conference in Ottawa in June and **Jill Zwicker** is presenting her research "*Motor learning, neuroplasticity, and quality of life of children with developmental coordination disorder*" at four upcoming conferences in May and June: the Pediatric Quality of Life Conference in Niagara-on-the-Lake, the Canadian Neuroscience Meeting in Vancouver, the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapy in Ottawa, and the International DCD Conference-DCD VIII in Baltimore in June.

Babak Shadgan was recently named a VCHRI 2009 Rising Star Awardee, one of only three awardees. The award recognize trainees who are outstanding role models, who are successful in their own research and who substantially contribute to the scientific success of their peers through mentorship and collaborative activity. Babak was also a co-applicant along with his supervisor Darlene Reid on a Canadian Orthopedic Foundation grant '*Skeletal Muscle Deoxygenation and Degradation Induced by Tourniquet.*' **Marc Roig** was awarded the top clinical poster at the recent Lung Health Meeting in Vancouver on March 26 and 27. **Sean Meehan** was awarded a CIHR Post-doctoral fellowship and **Jodi Edwards** was awarded a CIHR Doctoral Research Award.

Cynthia McDonald and **Waleska Brum** joined the MSc program in January. Cynthia's supervisor is Linda Li and Waleska will be supervised by Elizabeth Dean. **Dominic Zbogor** will join Janice Eng's research team as a PhD Student in Rehab Sciences this term.

Undergraduate honours student, **Elizabeth Dao**, was awarded a summer studentship award from the Canadian Stroke Network and will be working the Brain Behavior Lab under the supervision of Lara Boyd.

Clinical education in the MPT Program – moving forward!

by Sue Murphy, Academic Coordinator for Clinical Education



With the increased enrollment of students in the MPT Program, the need for additional clinical placements in both public and private practice throughout the province has never been greater. In addition, the need for interprofessional placements where students from different health professions learn 'with from and about each other' is also great in order to promote collaborative patient care upon graduation. Two new projects beginning this year will help to address these learning needs. In June a 'student-led clinic', partly funded by a TLEF (Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund) grant from UBC will be piloted at Royal Columbian Hospital. This clinic will offer comprehensive physical therapy assessment and treatment to clients who would otherwise find it difficult to obtain physiotherapy service in the community, such as those with chronic or complex physical therapy needs. The clinic will offer learning experience for up to 6 physical therapy students at a time under the direction of the supervising physical therapist at the clinic. As well as

assessing and planning physical therapy treatments for clients, students will be responsible for the administrative aspects of the clinic and for developing ongoing programming for the clients. This 'all round' experience is the first of its kind in BC and will provide an important alternative to more traditional placements .

The second initiative involves a 5-week interprofessional placement in acute neurosciences, again at Royal Columbian Hospital. Funding from the Cedar Lodge Endowment Fund will allow the pilot of an interprofessional learning experience involving student participants from nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy and speech language. As well as fulfilling specific learning goals for their own professions, students will be exposed to interprofessional and collaborative learning opportunities under the direction of two 'interprofessional coaches' who will develop and direct the interprofessional part of the placement. It is hoped that the model developed for this placement will be transferrable to other populations and to other facilities and facilitate enhanced interprofessional learning.

If you have any questions regarding these projects or the MPT Clinical Education Program in general, or if you are considering hosting a PT student on placement, please contact the Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education (ACCE): sue.murphy@ubc.ca. We'd love to hear from you!

2009 Faculty of Medicine *Significant Impact in the Community Award*

Congratulations to Tina Moran, Clinical Instructor for being the recipient of the 2009 Faculty of Medicine *Significant Impact in the Community Award*. Tina has been with the Department since 2003. The purpose of the award is to recognize a Clinical Faculty member who has sustained educational impact in a local community and who demonstrates excellence in teaching, across the spectrum of education.

Thank you and good wishes Dr. Brenda Loveridge

by Lara Boyd, Assistant Professor



Dr. Brenda Loveridge joined the School of Rehabilitation Sciences in 2005 as Interim Head and will leave the role of Interim Head of the Department in June 2009. Prior to taking on this role she was the director of the School of Medical Rehabilitation at the University of Manitoba where she was well known for having co-developed the exercise guidelines for individuals with quadriplegia and paraplegia that are still in use today. Major expansion marked all levels of Dr Loveridge's tenure at UBC as she was instrumental in the establishment of an independent Department of Physical Therapy. As a part of this evolution Dr Loveridge oversaw the move of the department into a new, specially designed teaching space in the Friedman Building. Further during her tenure at UBC, she consistently recruited excellence, overseeing the growth of the faculty to nine tenure-track professors with another four being added within the next year. Critically, the faculty includes an endowed research chair in Arthritis and the department's first Canada Research Chair. Accompanying this growth has been an explosion in research funding: \$546,000 research dollars were held in 2005, the faculty now holds nearly 9 million dollars in extramural funding. The growth of the research faculty was paralleled by expansion of the clinical program from 40 students to 80 (in 2010).

In addition the groundwork is being laid for future expansion of physiotherapist training in British Columbia with Dr Loveridge playing a key role in initiation of an entry-level educational program at the University of Northern British Columbia.

Taken together, it is clear that Brenda Loveridge has been a tireless advocate for both the Department and for the Profession of Physical Therapy, pushing for increased enrolment and expansion of the program to the University of Northern British Columbia. She also continues to lobby on behalf of the physiotherapy community for the dissemination of information, equipping the new Friedman building with state of the art equipment and technology, and to increase the number of research and clinical faculty in the province who are associated with the Physical Therapy Department. Her many accomplishments have been acknowledged at multiple levels including the PABC's Leadership award. She is a consummate "promoter" of our profession – both within UBC as well as at the national level, the latter having been evidenced by her involvement in many important national professional committees. She is also a skilled administrator and a great friend to us all. We will miss her leadership very much and wish her all the best as she prepares for her next challenge.



Talk to us!

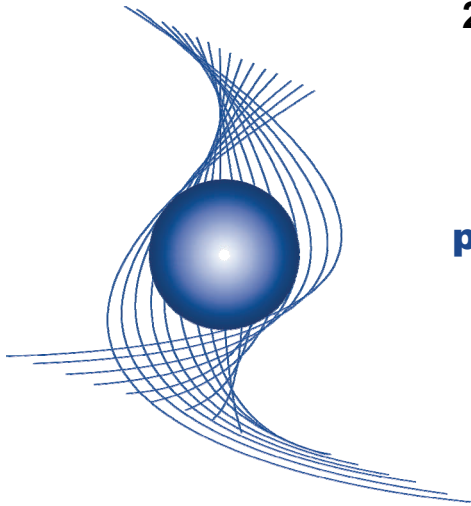
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