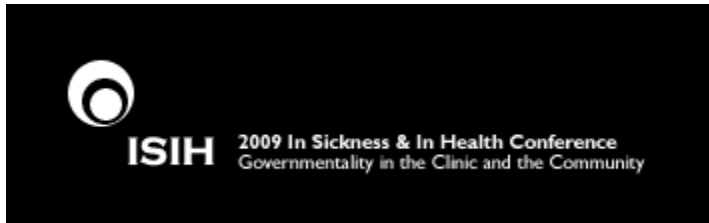


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## 1. 2009 In Sickness & In Health Conference (Call for Abstracts)



Join us for the 3rd international [In Sickness & In Health Conference](#)!

If you are a scholar in the fields of health, health services, nursing, medicine, allied health professions, social science, history, philosophy, or geography, with an interest in the scholarly pursuit of power, practice and ethics in health care, we invite you to join our community, attend our next conference and become engaged in the study of Sickness and Health in the 21st Century.

**REGISTER NOW**

Don't miss your opportunity to share your research - submit your abstract today! The abstract submission deadline is **Friday, October 31, 2008**.

At our 3rd international conference, we are excited to be offering select translated presentations delivered in both French and Spanish.

**Submit an Abstract**

You will also have the opportunity to connect with experts from around the world such as Dr. Sioban Nelson!



**Dr. Sioban Nelson**

*Professor & Dean, Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing,  
University of Toronto, ON, Canada*

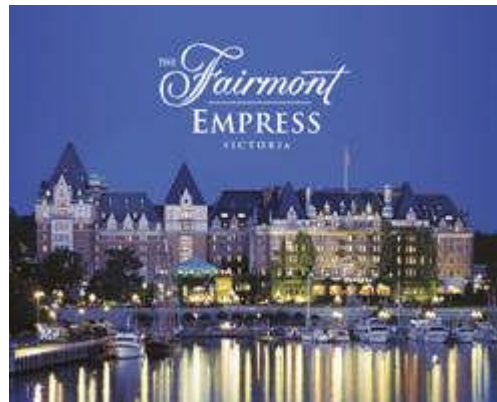
Sioban Nelson is an internationally known researcher whose scholarship spans history, ethics and policy research. As dean of the Faculty of Nursing at the University of Toronto, Dr. Nelson brings together her wide experience in policy development and professional leadership with her commitment to excellence in nursing practice and education.

Her current areas of research include: the history of the Rockefeller Foundation; the study of team communication in a simulated environment; violence in the clinical context; competency assessment and regulation.

To view the preliminary program, [click here](#)

The 2009 In Sickness & In Health Conference will take place at the beautiful Fairmont Empress Hotel in downtown Victoria, BC, Canada.

Overlooking Victoria's spectacular Inner Harbour, The Fairmont Empress captures the spirit and energy of Vancouver Island in grand style. This landmark chateau-style resort features 477 luxuriously appointed guest rooms, two award-winning restaurants, a signature lounge and the magnificent 8,000 square-foot Willow Stream spa. Whether you're seeking a relaxing weekend getaway or an exhilarating outdoor adventure, The Fairmont Empress offers an oasis for the senses.



Help us spread the word - please forward this information to your colleagues.

See you in April,

Dr. Mary Ellen Purkis  
Chair, 2009 In Sickness & In Health Conference

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## 2. CME Course - Therapeutic Potential of Stem Cells

## **Therapeutic Potential of Stem Cells**

Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Center  
November 5th, 2008

This event is an accredited group learning activity under (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. **This program has been reviewed and approved for seven category 1 credits.**

Target Audience: Specialists Physician and their trainees in a broad number of medical and surgical specialties that will feel the impact of new applications and discoveries in stem cells and regenerative medicine, such as hematology, oncology, cardiology, endocrinology, and neurology

Conference Learning Objectives:

- Identify the latest advances and the ethical issues in stem cell research
- Identify the therapeutic potentials of stem cells
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**\*\*\*For conference details and to register, please contact Sophie Chargé at [scharge@stemcellnetwork.ca](mailto:scharge@stemcellnetwork.ca) or at 613-739-6672. \*\*\***

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### **3. 3M National Teaching Fellowships**

The following website link contains instructions on the 2009 3M National Teaching Fellowships.

<http://www.mcmaster.ca/3Mteachingfellowships/2009%20Call%20Final.pdf>

Deadline for submission: **Friday, November 14.**

**Internal deadline** (for this office to receive the applications): **Friday, November 3.**

Our office will then prepare the Letter of Support to accompany the application.

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#### 4. CFRI Lecture with Dr. Patricia Hunt

On October 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be a lecture event with Dr. Patricia Hunt who is studying the effects of environmental factors (such as plastic bottles) on reproduction.

WHEN: **Tuesday, Oct 21st**, 2008 at 10-11am

WHERE: Chan Centre for Family Health Education  
950 W 28th Avenue

\*Reception to follow the seminar

\*\* Please see the attachment for more details.

Patricia A. Hunt, PhD

School of Molecular Biosciences and Center for Reproductive Biology, Washington State University

"Understanding windows of vulnerability during oocyte development"

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#### 5. 'Frames of Mind' Monthly Film Series "Hold Me Tight, Let Me Go"

## FRAMES *of* MIND

The Institute of Mental Health, UBC Department of Psychiatry and Pacific Cinémathèque  
present

**Vancouver Premiere!**

**Hold Me Tight, Let Me Go**

Great Britain 2007. Director: Kim Longinotto



**Wednesday, October 15 - 7:30pm**  
at Pacific Cinémathèque 1131 Howe Street, Downtown Vancouver

For the forty children who call it home, the Mulberry Bush School is their last chance. Excluded from school for extreme behaviour, and often having suffered severe emotional trauma, they are given three years at the Oxford boarding school to try to turn their lives around. Acclaimed documentary maker Kim Longinotto (*Sisters in Law, Divorce Iranian Style, The Day I Will Never Forget*) has once again turned her compassionate lens onto people living in extraordinary circumstances. The fragile young boys at the heart of her film lash out in shockingly extreme ways – hitting, swearing and spitting their way through the misery of their blighted childhoods. Endlessly patient and determined staff members verbally reason with the boys, while often having to restrain them physically. *Hold Me Tight, Let Me Go* is ultimately a heartbreaking, engrossing study of what happens when families break down. It also pays witness to the tremendous influence that adults hold – for bad and for good – upon growing children.” (Carol Nahra, *Sheffield Film Festival*). Winner of the Special Jury Prize at the International Documentary Festival Amsterdam (IDFA) and the BritDoc Best British Feature Documentary Award. *Colour, Beta SP video. 100 mins.*

Post-screening discussion with **Dr. Derryck Smith**. Dr. Smith was Head of Child Psychiatry at Children’s Hospital in Vancouver for 20 years. He is now in private practice, treating patients of all ages with brain injuries or attention deficit disorders, frequently in a medical/legal context. He has been active in medical politics and is a past president of the British Columbia Medical Association.

Co-sponsored by **Kelty Resource Centre; BC Mental Health and Addiction Services**

Moderated by **Dr. Harry Karlinsky**, Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of British Columbia.

*Frames of Mind* is a monthly film event utilizing film and video to promote professional and community education on issues pertaining to mental health and illness.

For more information, see  
[http://www.cinematheque.bc.ca/sept\\_oct\\_08/frames\\_of\\_mind.htm](http://www.cinematheque.bc.ca/sept_oct_08/frames_of_mind.htm)

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**\$9.50 Adult Single Bill / \$8.00 Senior/Student Single Bill / \$11.50 Adult Double Bill / \$10.00 Senior/Student Double Bill**

**Advance tickets available at [www.cinematheque.bc.ca](http://www.cinematheque.bc.ca)  
24hr Film Infoline: 604 688 FILM**

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You are subscribed to the 'Frames of Mind' mailing list. To unsubscribe, use the  
unsubscribe form at

<http://www.psychiatry.ubc.ca/teaching/CME/film/list.htm>

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## **6. 5th Annual MUS Research Forum – Thursday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>**

The UBC Medical Undergraduate Student Society and Faculty of Medicine present the **5th Annual Medical Undergraduate Society Research Forum**, a celebration of UBC undergraduate medical research.

This year, 80-90 are expected to be in attendance including Dr. Gavin Stuart, Dean of the UBC Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Angela Towle, Dr. Sharon Salloum, and Dr. Lynn Raymond.

For more info, email, Rupinder Sohal, MUS VP Academic ([rupinder@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:rupinder@interchange.ubc.ca)) or go to the UBC Faculty of Medicine site: [www.med.ubc.ca/education/md\\_ugrad/mdphd/researchforum.htm](http://www.med.ubc.ca/education/md_ugrad/mdphd/researchforum.htm).

Join us **November 6<sup>th</sup>**, 2008 6.30 to 9.30 pm @ the MSAC!

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# Therapeutic Potential of Stem Cells

Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Center  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## A one day CME accredited event to

**Learn** about the latest advances and ethical issues in stem cell research and their clinical potential

**Discuss** ongoing stem cell clinical trials and potential clinical applications with experts

**Network** with the Canadian stem cell clinician and research community

## Speakers include:

Dr Peter Dirks, Hospital for Sick children – Brain tumour and cancer stem cell expert

Dr Clay Smith, BC Cancer Agency – Blood cancer and blood-forming stem cell expert

Dr Tim Kieffer, University of British Columbia – Diabetes and stem cell expert

Prof Tim Caulfield, University of Alberta – Ethical and legal stem cell issues expert

Dr Michael Schneider, Imperial College London, UK – Cardiac regeneration expert

Dr Keith Humphries, BC Cancer Agency - Blood cancer and blood-forming stem cell expert

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The Stem Cell Network is a non-profit corporation, established in 2001, that brings together more than 80 leading scientists, clinicians, engineers, and ethicists from universities and hospitals across Canada. It is part of the federal government's flagship science and technology initiative, called the Network Centres of Excellence, or NCE program. The Networks of Centres of Excellence of Canada are unique partnerships among universities, industry, government and non-government organizations aimed at turning Canadian research and entrepreneurial talent into economic and social benefits for all Canadians.



REPRODUCTION AND  
HEALTHY PREGNANCY  
PROGRAM, CFRI

Presents

**Patricia A. Hunt, PhD**

School of Molecular Biosciences and Center for  
Reproductive Biology,  
Washington State University

## **Understanding windows of vulnerability during oocyte development**

Making an egg is a protracted process in mammals; it is initiated during fetal development and completed in the adult ovary. The process can be divided into three discrete phases that represent the major events of oogenesis. The first is the initiation of meiosis during fetal development, progression through the early stages of prophase, and arrest of the oocyte at diplotene. The second is the formation of follicles, which occurs during the second trimester in the human and in the perinatal period in the mouse. The third is growth and maturation of the oocyte, which occurs in the ovary of the sexually mature female. Evidence from studies in humans and mice suggests that the genetic quality of the egg may be influenced by events occurring at each of these stages. Recent experimental studies add complexity, suggesting that environmental influences like endocrine disrupting chemicals or dietary estrogens might adversely affect all three stages. Current studies in our laboratory are focused on understanding the molecular control of early oogenesis and assessing the impact on reproductive potential and reproductive longevity of disturbances induced by endocrine disrupting chemicals. We will review the evidence that manmade chemicals and naturally occurring estrogenic substances can cause disturbances during each of these critical windows of oocyte development and outline important directions for future research.

**Tuesday, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 at 10-11am**  
**Chan Centre for Family Health Education**  
**950 W 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Reception to follow the seminar**

The Judith Hall Trainee's Choice Distinguished Lectures in Medicine is a trainee organized lecture series presenting renowned scientists of general interest to the UBC community.  
Supported by the Child and Family Research Institute.

For more information contact [trainee-choice@cfri.ca](mailto:trainee-choice@cfri.ca)