

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY's Communications Bulletin – April 3, 2009

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1. TRI-UNIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM

May 13, 2009

UBC Department of Psychiatry will host a one day symposium at UBC to SHOWCASE research being done in the department and the international collaborate sites such as *Seoul National University* in Korea, the *Institute of Psychiatry* in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and at the *University of Porto Alegre* in Brazil.

The exact location and program details will be available in the near future.

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2. DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY 24th ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY

~~June 11, 2009~~ → **June 04, 2009**

***** Please note that the date has been changed from June 11th to June 4th.**

Join your colleagues and trainees to hear about latest research being conducted at UBC.

There will be opportunities for oral and poster presentations. Present your best research work and get the award (A total of four Awards for best poster and best oral presentations will be available).

Abstract submission deadline for trainees is **April 24, 2009.**

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3. 'FRAMES OF MIND' APRIL 15, 2009 SCREENING – OVER MY DAD'S BODY

April 15, 2009



[Check out our recently updated Facebook page and group!](#)

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

Over My Dad's Body

Wednesday, April 15, 2009- 7:30 PM

Israel 2007. Director: Taliya Finkel

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When filmmaker Taliya Finkel was young, she never knew for sure whether her Uncle Sterik was an impostor or a true member of the family. Her father claimed his real brother had been murdered in a Ukrainian prison — and that the KGB had stolen his identity and sent a substitute to Israel. Taliya's father suffered from schizophrenia, but he presented his unlikely claims in such a way that his daughter believed they might have validity. As her father often said, "Even if I am schizophrenic, it doesn't mean that what I'm saying isn't true." Taliya grew up ashamed of her father's strange behaviour, and wanted more than anything for him to be "normal." Five years after her father's tragic death, 29-year-old Taliya sets out attempt to resolve the mystery around his claims. Guided by a private investigator, she travels from Israel to the Ukraine in search of proof that might corroborate the strange tale. Her journey ultimately becomes one of acceptance, as she struggles to confront the difficult memories, shame, guilt and, ultimately, love that are all hopelessly entangled in her feelings for her father. *Colour, Beta SP video, in Hebrew, Russian and Ukrainian with English subtitles. 70 mins.*

Post-screening discussion with **Dr. Todd Woodward**, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of British Columbia, and Research Scientist, BC Mental Health & Addictions Research Institute. The objective of Dr. Woodward's research program is to gain a functional and anatomical understanding of the brain systems that underlie the primary symptoms of psychosis and schizophrenia.

Cosponsored by the [Vancouver Jewish Film Festival Society](#).

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, reviews, trailers and ticketing information, visit our website or facebook page

www.framesofmind.ca | [Facebook](#)

\$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

24hr Film Infoline: 604 688 FILM

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4. UBC IMH LECTURE BY DR. BORIS BIRMAHER (see attachment)

April 8, 2009

UBC Institute of Mental Health

presents

Dr. Boris Birmaher

Director, Child & Adolescent Mood/Anxiety Program, and Co-Director, Child & Adolescent Bipolar Disorders Services

Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic, Pittsburgh, PA

Pediatric Bipolar Disorder - Does it exist?

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Time: Noon – 1:00pm

Location: Room 2NAB, Detwiller Pavilion, 2255 Wesbrook Mall, UBC

Light Lunch Provided

For more information or if you would like to meet with Dr. Birmaher, contact Diane Parsons, ph 604 822 0379
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5. CORE PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS RESEARCH INITIATIVE (CPHFRI) – RESEARCH METHODS SYMPOSIUM

May 4-7, 2009

Research Methods Symposium (attached)

Developing Methods for Studying Complex Public Health Services and Population Health Interventions

Date: **May 4 – 7, 2009**

Location: Harbour Towers Hotel, Victoria, BC

CPHFRI's first Research Methods Symposium will focus on developing new and innovative methods for studying complex public health systems and population health interventions. The Research Methods Symposium will provide networking opportunities for researchers, policy makers and practitioners and training opportunities for students in public health, while advancing research methodologies relevant to policy and practice.

To learn more about the objectives for the Research Methods Symposium, see registration details and find useful links, click [here](#).

To register for the symposium, click [here](#).

For further information please see attached flyer and / or visit their website:

<http://web.uvic.ca/~cphfri/about/index.htm>

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6. CIHR & TERRY FOX FOUNDATION

Terry Fox New Frontiers Program Project Grants Competition

LOI Deadline: May 15, 2009

Application deadline: December 1, 2009

CIHR and the Terry Fox Foundation have just announced a new Team Grant competition that will surely be of interest to all those interested in exploratory cancer research (“breakthrough and transformative biomedical, clinical, and translational research

providing information which may form the basis for innovative cancer prevention, diagnosis and/or treatment).

For more information, see CIHR announcement (March 10, 2009) and associated links: <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/38851.html>

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7. BCFRST FOUNDATION & THE BC INNOVATION COUNCIL (BCIC)

The Natural Resources and Applied Sciences (NRAS) Endowment

Deadline (extended): May 22, 2009

The Natural Resources and Applied Sciences (NRAS) Endowment has been established by the Province of British Columbia to enhance the economy and quality of life for British Columbians by building a strong research and development, advanced training, technology transfer and commercialization environment. This will be achieved through targeted investments in activities relating to natural resources, the applied sciences and engineering.

The first two NRAS programs support British Columbia's most accomplished and promising researchers working on projects that hold potential for significant social, environmental and economic benefit to the province in the near- and long-term future. The programs specifically focus on innovative solutions to problems while anticipating possibilities for significant leverage from national and international funding sources.

NRAS Research Team Program

For teams of British Columbia's most accomplished university and institute researchers working on projects with the potential for significant benefit to the province. [Read more](#)

NRAS Private Sector Collaborative Program

For researchers in British Columbia regional and special purpose universities, institutes and colleges working on projects with private sector collaborators. [Read more](#)

For further details please visit their website: <http://www.bcic.ca/research-institutions/funding-opportunities/nras/56-funding-opportunities/454-nras>

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8. BURROUGHS WELLCOME FUND (see attachment)

Preterm Birth Initiative – Planning Grant (attached)

LOI Deadline: June 1, 2009

Application Deadline: December 1, 2010

The initiative is designed to bring together a diverse interdisciplinary group with expertise in genetics/genomics, immunology, microbiology and proteomics along with the more traditional areas of parturition research such as maternal fetal medicine, obstetrics, and pediatrics to address scientific issues related to preterm birth.

BWF has committed \$3.5 million for grants for the Preterm Birth Initiative. Awards will be made in a two-step process. Applicants for a planning grant must first submit a Letter of Intent by June 1, 2009. Only approved LOIs will be invited to apply to the full research grant.

The Planning Grant may be used for, but not limited to: travel for meetings between members of research groups, sample acquisition for later proposed studies, collection of pilot data, resources to support protocol generation, etc. Also, personnel costs, analysis costs, consumable supplies, animal studies, or human subject recruitment can be supported by the planning grant. BWF does not support indirect costs.

BWF anticipates making an initial 10 planning grants of which five full research grants will be awarded. Full research grants will provide up to \$600,000 over a four year period (\$150,000 per year) and are expected to begin in 2011.

For further information please see attached flyer and / or visit their website at:
<http://www.bwfund.org/pages/363/Preterm-Birth-Initiative/>

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9. POSITION OPPORTUNITIES IN FACULTY OF MEDICINE

Closing date: April 30, 2009

Please note the following position opportunities within the Faculty of Medicine. We would be grateful if you would bring these positions to the attention of your departments, areas and contact lists.

[Associate Dean, Admissions](#) (closing date April 30, 2009; see posting for details)

[Associate Dean, Equity & Professionalism](#) (closing date April 30, 2009; see posting for details)

These postings can be found on the Faculty of Medicine website under Career Opportunities.

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10. FOM WORKSHOP/ WEBCAST: TEACHING DOSSIER PREPARATION (see attachment)

April 21, 2009

Dear faculty member:

We are continuing our approach to the important task of acquainting members with people, programs, and opportunities that make the Faculty of Medicine such a successful, dynamic, and at times, complex work environment. We would like to invite you to join us for an exciting professional development opportunity on **Making Your Teaching Dossier Work for You**. This will be an interactive and webcast workshop.

The workshop features guest speakers Gary Poole, Associate Professor and Director, [UBC Centre for Teaching and Academic Growth](#), who will present on the topic of **Building an Effective Teaching Dossier** and Jan Friedman, Chair SAC, past department head and Professor of Medical Genetics, who will discuss, **What Your Department Head and SAC Need to See**. Dr. Dorothy Shaw is our workshop facilitator.

Please see the attached workshop flyer for more information and registration details.

RSVP is required by April 9, 2009. Contact Andrea Moerman at amoerman@medd.med.ubc.ca. We hope to hear from you.

Kind regards,

Andrea Moerman

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11. Communicating Rounds on International Surgery -Action please (see attachment)

April 22, 2009

**Global Health:
Improving Surgical Care in Uganda—what is standing in the way?**

Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2009
Time: 5:30-7:30 pm
Venue: CESEI Lecture Hall

UBC surgeons and other health professionals have been actively involved in Uganda providing medical services and building surgical capacity at Makerere University. Initiatives include the Sustainable Clubfoot project; the Trauma Orthopaedics program; several pediatric surgical initiatives; medical accreditation as well as ear surgery.

A recurring theme for those returning from missions is to better understand the barriers to improving surgical care.

What are the barriers? What are the possible responses that might be developed? Moving forward--is there room to improve UBC's surgical endeavours in Uganda?

This **Round on International Surgery** is different—it is an **informal forum** to discuss these challenges.

Dr. Brian Westerberg, MD Otolaryngology and Neurotology, St. Paul's Hospital, and Arthur Kwizera, a UBC Resident amongst other will provide introductory perspectives.

Who should attend: Former and current surgeons and health professionals engaged in delivering surgical expertise in Uganda; anyone interested in surgical care delivery in low resource regions.

We want as many health professionals that have worked or are working in Uganda or sub-saharan Africa or are Ugandans to attend--paramedics, nurses, surgeons and others, so do please forward this email!

A background briefing note on Uganda is attached.

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12. APRIL 2009 WORKSHOPS FOR UBC FACULTY AND STAFF

MOST presents the following workshops for April 2009 ...

Also, please see the attached documents for a complete calender of MOST workshops.

For a list of FREE workhops and semninars by the Department of Health, Safety and the Environment please check out

<http://www.hse.ubc.ca/healthpromotion.html>

Selection Interviewing

April 24, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm,

Location: Vancouver Point Grey Site

cost: \$100

The interview is a vital step in the hiring process, so you want it to be as effective as possible. This workshop will focus on the essential skills of behavioural interviewing, so that you can more effectively get to know your candidate, and find the best fit for your team. You will also review current Human Rights and Employment Equity legislation, and discuss the objectives of UBC's policy on employment equity.

Cross Cultral Communication and Conflict Resolution,

April 27, 2009

9am - 4 pm,

Location: Vancouver Point Grey Site

cost: \$130

While conflict and communication are universal, how we deal with them isn't. This workshop takes a holistic view of culture (including ethnicity, socio-economic status, sexuality, ability, gender and more), to provide participants with a framework for how to build a culturally sensitive, collaborative communication and conflict resolution process that can then be tailored to fit their individual communities and cultures.

Resolving Conflict in the Workplace

April 30, 2009, 9am - 4:00 pm,

Location: Vancouver Point Grey Site

cost: \$160

This one-day workshop will assist you to shift from confrontation to collaborative problem-solving. You will also discover your own tendencies in conflict and explore alternate approaches. The workshop will be extremely interactive and employ group discussion, demonstrations, small group work and practice opportunities.

To register **online** follow the links from : <http://www.hr.ubc.ca/od/>
(please note you will need your campus wide login to access this system)

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PRETERM BIRTH INITIATIVE

INCREASING THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE BIOLOGICAL MECHANISMS OF PARTURITION AND SPONTANEOUS PRETERM BIRTH USING MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES

LETTER OF INTENT DEADLINE FOR \$50,000 PLANNING GRANT: **JUNE 1, 2009**

Those receiving a planning grant are eligible to apply for a \$600,000 full research grant.

GUIDELINES

- Proposals must be submitted from degree granting institutions in the United States or Canada. The principal investigator must have a faculty appointment at a degree-granting institution in the U.S. or Canada.
- Researchers working at research institutes, national laboratories, within the federal government, or outside of North America may be partners but all funding must be channeled through a U.S. or Canadian degree granting institution.
- Proposals should address the biomedical causes and mechanisms underlying (preterm) parturition including but not limited to peri-implantational events, placenta, fetal determinants, fetal-maternal immune responses, biological basis for racial-ethnic disparities, mechanisms relating preterm birth to other adverse pregnancy outcomes, biology of normal labor, etc. Proposals seeking to identify biomarkers predicting preterm birth are welcome.
- Proposals must have an interdisciplinary approach.
- One member of the team must have training and expertise outside the traditional areas of reproductive science.
- Proposals that cross institutional boundaries (partnerships between multiple universities or collaborations within larger universities) are encouraged.

Please visit bwfund.org for complete guidelines.



Making Your Teaching Dossier Work for You

an interactive
videoconferenced workshop

FACILITATOR:

Dr. Dorothy Shaw, Senior Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs

SPEAKERS:

Building an Effective Teaching Dossier
Gary Poole, Director, Centre for Teaching and
Academic Growth, Associate Professor, SPPH

What Your Department Head & SAC Need to See
Jan Friedman, Chair SAC, past dept head,
Professor, Medical Genetics

April 21, 2009

7:30am—9:00am

Vancouver General Hospital, 950 West 10th Avenue.

Join us in JPPN 3414. Videoconferencing to UNBC in Prince
George, and UVIC and RJH in Victoria.

RSVP c/o Andrea Moerman at amoerman@medd.med.ubc.ca |
604.822.0741 by April 9th, 2009.



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Rounds on International
Surgery –
An Informal Discussion Forum

Improving Surgical Care in UGANDA—What is Standing in the Way?



Opening the Discussion—Providing Perspectives:

Dr. B. Westerberg, MD Otology & Neurotology, St. Paul's

Dr. A. Kwizera, UBC Resident from Uganda

Dr. S. Pirani, Paediatric Orthopaedics & Principle Organizer
The Sustainable Clubfoot Project

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- **What are the barriers?**
- **What are the possible responses?**

This is an INFORMAL FORUM to discuss these challenges.

Light refreshments will be served.

Who Should Attend: All health professionals interested and/or engaged in delivering health initiatives in Uganda. Those interested in improving surgical care in low resource regions.

Wednesday APRIL 22
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

CESEI Lecture Hall
3rd Floor Jim Pattison
Pavilion North, Room 3600
Vancouver Hospital

www.internationalsurgery@ubc.ca

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