

Clinical Assistant Professor Nominees (in alphabetical order)

Dr. Leona Adams, BSc, MD, FRCPC

Since completing her residency at Dalhousie in 2007, Dr. Leona Adams has worked in both inpatient and outpatient settings, and is currently based on the assessment units at St. Paul's and VGH. She joined the Department's clinical faculty in 2009, and was promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor in 2016. Leona is in her 7th year as Site Director for Postgraduate Education at St. Paul's, a role in which she is responsible for ensuring a safe educational experience for the residents. She has been recognized with the UBC Psychiatry Residents Association Award for Teaching Excellence at St. Paul's Hospital, an honour she has received this year for the 3rd time since 2015. Given the opportunity to serve on the Clinical Faculty Appointment and Promotion Committee, she hopes to explore ways to encourage already busy psychiatrists to pursue clinical faculty appointments or take on the steps to promotion. She also hopes to represent the interests of her fellow Clinical Assistant Professors by joining the Committee.

Dr. Joanna Cheek, BHKin, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Joanna Cheek is a Clinical Assistant Professor and psychiatrist practicing in Victoria, BC. She is actively involved in teaching medical students and residents, as a supervisor and advisor for FLEX with the Island Medical Program, supervisor for group and individual psychotherapy with the residents (including psychodynamic, interpersonal therapy, CBT, DBT, and mindfulness), lecturer for group therapy modalities, and course director for the group therapy block for the past 7 years. In 2019, she received the UBC Psychiatry Teaching Award for Victoria. Joanna has recently been selected as a Peer Practice Assessor with the Physician Practice Enhancement Program of the BC College of Physicians and Surgeons. She is involved in quality improvement projects, including the CBT Skills Group pilot in primary care featured in this October's BCMJ, and is part of the Physician Quality Improvement program. Her research interests include personality disorders, psychosocial treatments, and knowledge translation. She is a board member of the Canadian Group Psychotherapy Association and Program Committee Chair for their annual conference.

Dr. Balaraju (Raj) Katta, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Raj Katta is currently a psychiatrist at Richmond Hospital, and previous to this, he was situated at the New Westminster Mental Health Centre and Royal Columbian Hospital, where he was involved in running inpatient and outpatient psychiatric services. He has also served as Outpatient Director, involved in developing outpatient psychiatric services for Fraser North, and has also served as Acting Head of Psychiatry at Royal Columbian. Raj has been a clinical faculty member in the UBC Department of Psychiatry since 2004, and was promoted to the rank of Clinical Assistant Professor in 2006. He continues to actively teach medical students and residents in the UBC Medical Education Program. Prior to this, he held a faculty appointment at the University of Western Ontario from 1994 to 2001, and also served as the Department Chief for Network North, Sudbury, from 2000 to 2001.

Dr. Sheila Patton, MD, FRCPC

Dr. Sheila Patton completed her postgraduate training in psychiatry in 2001 and worked as a general psychiatrist, with a special focus on Reproductive Psychiatry, until completing her subspecialty training in Forensic Psychiatry in 2012. She has since split her time between General and Forensic Psychiatry, and over the years has worked in various inpatient psychiatry settings, including at St. Paul's Hospital, UBC's Mood Disorders Unit, and Youth Forensic Psychiatric Services, as well as in reproductive, general, and forensic outpatient psychiatry at various sites. As well, she continues to provide opinions to the Courts in her private practice. A clinical faculty member since 2002, Sheila has taught UBC medical students, residents, and forensic fellows in the above-mentioned settings, and is also currently an OSCE examiner. Sheila served on the Clinical Faculty Appointment and Promotion Committee as a Clinical Instructor in 2010, a term which ended with her promotion to Clinical Assistant Professor in 2011. She is interested in returning to serve on the Committee as, having worked in a variety of settings and having returned to complete a fellowship mid-career, she holds a strong appreciation of the breadth and depth of the varied contributions of clinical faculty members to academic teaching and the promotion of excellence in the Department.