Dear colleagues, staff, students and residents,

It is with immense gratitude and pride that I reflect upon 2022 and the many notable achievements we have realized over the past year. Though COVID-19 remains a fact of life for the foreseeable future, we have resumed our work with renewed energy and momentum, undertaking and seeing to completion many of the goals we established in 2021 with the release of the Department’s Strategic Plan. Despite the restrictions that remained in place through early 2022, impacting travel and in-person activities, we nevertheless succeeded in fulfilling a number of crucial objectives with regard to our education programs, research activities, and other areas of strategic priority, and our accomplishments are in no small measure due to your hard work and dedication.

A particular highlight of 2022 has been the remarkable outcome of the numerous discussions and productive negotiations we have steered with and alongside our strategic partners, including the Faculty of Medicine, the Health Authorities, the Ministries of Health and Mental Health & Addictions, and various foundations and donors. As a result of our determined efforts to engage our partners and advocate for increased support to enhance our psychiatry training and research capacity, our Department has attained a number of important milestones this year, including the expansion of our residency program, securing funding to recruit for several new academic faculty positions, and a number of other developments which I am proud to celebrate and share with you in this year-end newsletter.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your countless contributions and hard work, not only over these last twelve months but over the last four years since I stepped into my role as Head. I remain indebted to all of our outstanding Department members, including our four Associate Heads and the Members of the Department Executive, without whom our achievements thus far would not have been possible. As we enter the New Year with a fresh set of goals for the Department, I look forward to working together to achieve our shared vision for the Department and will be calling upon each of you for your ongoing engagement and steadfast support.

I wish everyone a safe, healthy, and happy holiday season!

Sincerely,

Dr. Lakshmi N. Yatham
Professor and Head, UBC Department of Psychiatry
Director, Institute of Mental Health, UBC
Regional Head and Program Medical Director, VCH/PHC
A Sincere Thanks to Our Associate Heads, Executive Committee, and Educational Leadership

UBC Psychiatry would like to recognize our four Associate Heads, Dr. Jordan Cohen, Dr. Sophia Frangou, Dr. Anson Koo, and Dr. Raymond Lam, all of whom have provided exceptional leadership and strategic oversight to their respective portfolios in 2022. Last spring, as we welcomed Dr. Cohen to the Department leadership team as the new Associate Head, PGE & CPE, we also wished Dr. Paul Dagg all the best in retirement as he stepped down from this role in June. In the following pages, as we share this year’s many accomplishments within the context of the Strategic Plan, we would like to acknowledge and thank our Associate Heads for their important contributions, and for their ongoing commitment to supporting the overall mission and mandate of the Department.

Annual Operating Budget: $9.6 million
Research Funding FY 22/23: $11 million to date (Dec 2022)
Clinical Faculty: 733 Members
Academic Faculty: 39 Members
Research Associates, Postdoctoral Fellows, and Clinical Fellows: 40 Members
Student, Administrative, and Research Staff: 221 Members
Residents in General Psychiatry Specialty: 122 Residents
Residents in Psychiatry Subspecialty: 24 Residents

We also wish to thank each of the members of our Executive Committee, which includes our four Associate Heads, Health Authority leadership Dr. Vijay Seethapathy (BCMHSUS), Dr. Wei-Yi Song (VIHA), Dr. Barbara Kane (NHA), Dr. Paul Carey (IHA), and Dr. Nel Wieman (FNHA), PGE Program Director Dr. Irfan Khanbhali, Department Clinical Affairs Representative Dr. Joseph Tham, DMCEB Director Dr. Lynn Raymond, and Director of Administration, Ms. Vicky Yau. Our Executive Committee has been instrumental in providing guidance to the Department Head in regards to important academic and business matters, and has been essential in informing strategic planning and decision making processes that shape the direction of teaching, research and other key areas in the Department.

Finally, we wish to take this opportunity to also thank Dr. Kathryn Fung, Dr. Jennifer Russel, Dr. Ashok Krishnamoorthy, Dr. Kulwant Riar, Dr. Barinder Singh, Dr. Kenneth Heng, Dr. Faiza Hameer, Dr. Alison Gregson, Dr. Dmitri Zanozin, Dr. Joseph Tham, Dr. Erin Michalak, Dr. Clare Beasley, and all of our outstanding Site Leaders, Oversight Directors, DSSLs and other educational leadership for their support and dedication to our medical students and residents, and for ensuring the excellence and ongoing success of our Psychiatry Undergraduate and Postgraduate Medical Education Programs.
**RESEARCH Pillar**

**Accomplished in 2022**

Stimulus Grant Initiative: In Summer 2022, the Department, in partnership with the UBC IMH and BC Children’s Hospital, launched three streams of funding to foster research led by clinicians and junior academics who wish to undertake small, self-contained or pilot studies in mental health. Application adjudication is currently in progress.

New Academic Faculty Position in Northern Medical Program: The position has been offered to a candidate and the negotiations are underway.

New CRC Tier 2 Academic Faculty Position in Early Intervention: Candidate selection has been finalized and recruitment is now pending CRC approvals.

New Academic Faculty Position in Neuropsychiatry: Departmental review of the candidate has been completed and FARPT Committee review is pending.

New Academic Faculty Position in Translational Psychiatry: In November 2022, our proposal in translational psychiatry was selected through the FoM Academic Renewal Program. As such, in partnership with DMCBH and BCCHRI, we will commence recruitment for a new academic faculty position in early 2023.

New Academic Faculty Position in Fraser Health: Following successful negotiations with Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation and Fraser Health, in October 2022 the Department secured $3 million with a match from the President's Academic Excellence Initiative to support a new academic position in Fraser, with recruitment to commence in early 2023.

Expanding Research Capacity: Six new fellows are supported by the 2022/23 IMH Marshall Fellows Program to advance the training of emerging scholars and expand research capacity.

**Current Focus**

New Academic Faculty Position in Data Science: The Department, in partnership with DMCBH, is exploring the recruitment of a new academic faculty position in Data Science.

New Academic Position/Chair in Concurrent Disorders with Focus on Youth & Early Intervention: The FoM Dean’s approval is forthcoming and we anticipate moving forward with recruitment in early 2023.

Redesign of Annual Research Day: Based on feedback, the 2023 Program will shift greater focus onto clinically relevant research.

Psychedelic Research Studies: The Department is currently developing infrastructure to support studies involving novel compounds, including psychedelic substances.

**EDUCATION Pillar**

**Accomplished in 2022**

New CaRMS Residency Track in Interior Health: The Department, in partnership with the Interior Health and the PGME at UBC, has secured funding to establish a new residency track in the Interior Health region, which will be included in the upcoming CaRMS match process, with two new residency positions commencing in the Interior Health region in July 2023.

Re-Entry Residency Positions: Funding has been obtained for two re-entry residency positions for 2023, each with a Return of Service (ROS) contract with the Ministry of Health. One ROS will be completed in Northern Health and the other will be completed in Fraser Health.

Master’s Program in Translational Psychiatry: Finalization is underway for a new Psychiatry stream within the SPPH MHSc program. Recruitment for a new joint Fellowship Director/MHSc Coordinator is also in progress.

**Current Focus**

2023 Royal College Accreditation Review of Forensic Subspecialty Program: In preparation for the Royal College external review of our Forensic Subspecialty Program in 2023, the Department completed an internal review in Spring 2022, as well as a follow up review in Fall 2022.

New Residency Positions for UBC PGME: With the BC Government’s announcement in September 2022 to expand UBC PGME residency programs by up to 88 positions beginning in 2023, the Department will continue to engage with FoM & advocate on behalf of Psychiatry.

Recruitment of CPD Director: Following the retirement of Dr. Anthony Bailey, the Department is currently exploring the recruitment of a Director for Continuing Professional Development in 2023.
PEOPLE Pillar

Accomplished in 2022

Department Divisional/Program Restructure: A divisional/program restructure process within the Department was launched in Spring 2022 in order to improve efficiencies and establish clear accountabilities for each division and program. Following Department-wide consultation which has informed the development of a new set of criteria, organizational functions, and reporting structure, the restructured divisions are currently being implemented, with the recruitment of Division Heads now in progress.

Streamlined Clinical Faculty HR Processes: All clinical faculty appointment, reappointment and promotion processes have been simplified and will be launched in January 2023 to coincide with the Spring 2023 review cycle.

Refreshed Department Website: The new website is in its final stages of content development, and features a more modern look, streamlined site map, and improved navigation. The new site is anticipated to launch in January 2023.

AGM and Bi-annual Academic Faculty & Advisory Committee Meetings: In order to establish formal opportunities for discussion and feedback regarding the affairs of the Department, we will hold i) an Annual General Meeting for all Department members every Fall; ii) biannual Academic Faculty meetings in March and September; and iii) biannual Advisory Committee meetings in April and October.

Recognition of our Department Members: This year, we nominated several members of our Department for local, national and international awards, many of whom were successful (see the list further in the newsletter).

Department Social Media: Our followers on Twitter have increased to nearly 1,000 and we now use this tool as a primary channel to disseminate news and highlight Department members, their research and achievements, as well as UBC Psychiatry events.

Current Focus

Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI): In early 2022, Department members were invited to reflect upon EDI within UBC Psychiatry’s policies and practices and participate in the Inclusion Self-Assessment Tool (ISAT), intended to provide the Department with greater insight into areas of opportunity and improvement, and inform our future discussions, priority setting, and decision making processes to advance EDI across the Department. There were many diverse responses and detailed input obtained through the ISAT, revealing EDI to be a high priority issue for all members, and also bringing to light concerns regarding cultural sensitivity, sexism and gender disparity, inclusion and representation of marginalized groups, and troubling inequities faced by Indigenous peoples. An action plan will be developed in consultation with FoM and the Office of Respectful Environments, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, mapping out concrete steps to further explore and address these concerns.

PARTNERSHIPS Pillar

Accomplished in 2022

Leveraging Partnerships to Expand Research and Training Capacity: Throughout 2022, the Department has actively pursued opportunities to engage with Health Authorities, the Ministries, the BC and Royal Colleges, as well as philanthropic organizations in order to garner support and investment in initiatives to advance our common goals and to drive innovation and transform care in mental health. Many of the accomplishments achieved this year have been the result of these discussions and negotiations, and looking forward, we will continue to build cooperative and mutually beneficial relationships with all of our strategic partners.

Interdisciplinary Roundtable for Advancing Bipolar Research: In November 2022, the Department, in partnership with the Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain Health (DMCBH), hosted a half-day brainstorming session, providing a forum for researchers from diverse expertise and fields to discuss and identify research methods with the highest potential for transforming the diagnosis and treatment of bipolar disorder.

ADHD Clinic: In collaboration with our Health Authority and philanthropic partners, a commitment of $7.5M from a donor was obtained to establish and support a new ADHD Clinic within Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH).

Ketamine Infusion Pilot Clinics at VCH: Dr. Raymond Lam has worked with VCH leadership to support the development of a business case for pilot ketamine infusion clinics. The funding has been approved and these clinics will be launched early in 2023.

Current Focus

Health Authorities Physician Recruitment Models: The Department is participating in ongoing discussions with the Physician Compensation Teams of Health Authorities to explore models of funding to support recruitment of physicians.

BC College of Physicians & Surgeons: The Department is continuing a dialogue with the BC College in regards to physician licensing obstacles, quality assurance initiatives, and Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) as it relates to psychiatry, among other issues.

Canada-China Partnership for Joint International Grand Rounds Program: The Department is engaged with the Shanghai Mental Health Centre to develop a joint grand rounds program that will highlight clinical research and best practices between Canada and China.

Collaborations with UBC & Global Research Partners: The Department is continuing to seek out collaborative opportunities with the UBC Academy of Translational Medicine, DMCBH, universities in Asia Pacific and the UK, and other global research centres.
FACULTY Highlights

New Appointments

Dr. Kyooseob Ha, Professor (Partner)

Dr. Ha relocated to Vancouver and joined UBC Psychiatry in September, arriving from Seoul National University (SNU) College of Medicine in South Korea, where he held the rank of full Professor of Psychiatry. He is an internationally recognized clinician scientist whose research focuses on the early diagnosis of bipolar disorders and major depressive disorder. He is also among South Korea’s foremost experts on suicide, and notably, his contributions in this area have been instrumental in effecting policy changes and new legislation which have contributed to a meaningful reduction in the incidence of suicide at a national level.

Dr. Kyung Sue Hong, Professor (Partner)

Prior to joining our Department in September, Dr. Hong was a full Professor of Psychiatry at Sungkyunkwan University School of Medicine and Samsung Medical Center in South Korea, where she held the position of Department Chair of Psychiatry from 2014 to 2019. She is an internationally renowned clinician scientist whose areas of research focus include clinical studies for schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. She has made a number of important contributions to this field, including furthering the understanding of SGA-induced tardive dyskinesia/dystonia, and identifying clinical and genetic correlates of obsessive-compulsive symptoms in schizophrenia and bipolar disorders.

Dr. Nel Wieman, Adjunct Professor

Dr. Wieman serves as Deputy Chief Medical Officer within the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA), having also held other key positions, including as Senior Medical Officer for FHNA, President of the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada (IPAC), Special Consultant to the Chief Public Health Officer of the Public Health Agency of Canada, and as a consultant for the Department of Justice Canada, Health Canada, and other federal agencies. As Canada’s first female Indigenous psychiatrist, Dr. Wieman brings more than 20 years of research and clinical experience in the areas of Indigenous health and mental health issues. Indigenous women’s health, Indigenous health care policy and systems, and mental health service development and delivery to underserved areas and populations.

We currently have 700+ clinical faculty who are actively engaged in teaching, research and administrative leadership roles to support undergraduate and postgraduate Psychiatry education across the province.

Joining our Department this year are 31 new clinical faculty members. We welcome:

Dr. Pieter Aartsema
Dr. Marina Agafonov
Dr. Nick Ainsworth
Dr. Anastasia Bosc
Dr. Gabrielle Bosse Chartier
Dr. Marie Claire Bourque
Dr. Hannah Burton
Dr. Mehtaaq Chhabra
Dr. Brian Cho
Dr. Greg Cohen
Dr. Melissa Cunningham
Dr. Nam Doan
Dr. Allison Gamble
Dr. Natasha Gandham
Dr. Jitender Gill
Dr. Tatiana Gregoryanz
Dr. Sonja Greerwal
Dr. Iva Jokic
Dr. Ian King
Dr. Robyn Lalani
Dr. Julie Leising
Dr. Sean Li
Dr. Sarah Liu
Dr. Karen Loewen
Dr. Sacha Ludgate
Dr. Megan Matos

We send our warm congratulations and best wishes to the following faculty members who retired in 2022:

Dr. Kortney Witt
Dr. Daniel Lin
Dr. Shazad Khurram
Dr. Jennifer Wide
Dr. Jennifer Russell
Dr. Kenton Witt

Promotions

Dr. David Kealy

Promoted to Associate Professor (Tenure)

An academic faculty member since 2015 and an investigator in the UBC Psychotherapy Program, Dr. Kealy currently leads studies focusing on psychotherapy process/outcome, personality- and identity-related vulnerabilities that are often addressed in psychotherapy, and mental health issues among distinct populations such as young adults, men, and people who have experienced childhood trauma. In 2019, his significant contributions to psychotherapy were recognized by the Western Psychological Association, which awarded him with the Enrico E. Jones Award for his excellence in early career scholarship and research in clinical psychology with applications to psychotherapy. Dr. Kealy also received the 2019 Society for the Exploration of Psychotherapy Integration (SEPI) Marvin R. Goldfried New Researcher Award, which recognizes early career researchers whose body of work is considered outstanding with regard to quality, quantity, and connection to psychotherapy integration.

Retirements

We send our warm congratulations and best wishes to the following faculty members who retired in 2022:

Dr. Anthony Bailey

Dr. Bailey joined the Department in 2010 as a Professor and the IMH Chair in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. Prior to his UBC appointment, he was the Cheryl and Reece Scott Professor of Psychiatry at St. John’s College at the University of Oxford. Dr. Bailey is a psychiatrist and an internationally recognized expert in autism spectrum disorders (ASD), specifically the neurobiological basis of autistic disorders using genetic, neuropathological and neuroimaging approaches. Over the last 12 years at UBC, he was actively engaged in teaching, research, service development, and clinical work focused on autism spectrum disorders, leading the only specialist clinic in the province for the diagnosis of ASD in adults. In addition to his clinical work and scholarly activities, he also served as our Associate Director for the Residency Research Track, and more recently, as our Director of Continuing Professional Development. Dr. Bailey’s academic career has spanned nearly four decades, with many notable achievements which have transformed the field of ASD in BC, Canada and around the world. Upon retirement, Dr. Bailey has returned to UK to join his family and meet his first grandchild, who arrived in early June.

Dr. Paul Dagg

Prior to joining the Department as a Clinical Professor in 2005, Dr. Dagg was an academic faculty member at the University of Ottawa, where he served in a number of key leadership roles, including as PGE Director, Vice Chair and later Acting Chair of the Department of Psychiatry, and Assistant Dean of PGE. Since relocating to BC, Dr. Dagg has maintained a strong leadership presence in the Interior Health Authority. He helped to establish the Tertiary Mental Health Services, serving as Medical Director for over ten years before being appointed as Program Medical Director for the Mental Health and Substance Use Program. He was appointed as Executive Medical Director for BC Mental Health and Substance Use Services in 2019, and in this year was also appointed as Associate Head, PGE & CUP in UBC Psychiatry, a role in which he has led a number of initiatives in postgraduate psychiatry training and CPD. In recognition of Dr. Dagg’s 30-year career and exemplary record of educational innovation and leadership which has had a significant positive impact on psychiatric training here at UBC and all across Canada, he was recognized with the Paul Patterson Innovation in Education Leadership Award by the Canadian Psychiatric Association in 2021.

The following 12 clinical faculty members received promotions which came into effect on July 1, 2022:

Dr. Julius Elefanté, Promoted to Cl. Assistant Professor
Dr. Andrea Grabovac, Promoted to Cl. Professor
Dr. Alison Gregson, Promoted to Cl. Assistant Professor
Dr. Michael Shabbits, Promoted to Cl. Associate Professor
Dr. Michelle van den Engh, Promoted to Cl. Associate Professor
Dr. Jennifer Wide, Promoted to Cl. Assistant Professor
Dr. Susan Baer, Promoted to Cl. Associate Professor
Dr. Edwin Chete Promoted to Cl. Associate Professor
Dr. Shazad Khurram, Promoted to Cl. Assistant Professor
Dr. Daniel Lin, Promoted to Cl. Assistant Professor
Dr. Jennifer Russell, Promoted to Cl. Associate Professor
Dr. Kortney Witt, Promoted to Cl. Assistant Professor

Dr. David Kealy

Promoted to Associate Professor (Tenure)
We send our warm congratulations and best wishes to the following faculty members who retired in 2022:

### Honours & Recognition in 2022

Congratulations to all our Department members who were recognized this year for their notable achievements, including the people below, who were honoured by the Department, Faculty or University, or by provincial, national or international bodies for their significant contributions to teaching, research, clinical excellence and service. (*Research grants & project funding not included. Please accept our sincere apologies if we missed anyone).

#### UBC Department of Psychiatry Faculty & Resident Awardees

- **Honours & Recognition in 2022**

- **UBC Faculty of Medicine Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching**
  - Dr. Adele Diamond (FLUX SOCIETY HUTTENLOCHER AWARD)
  - Dr. Barbara Kane (DISTINGUISHED FELLOW OF THE AMERICAN PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION)
  - Dr. Arvind Kang (UBC FACULTY OF MEDICINE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL TEACHING)

- **UBC Psychiatry Undergraduate Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching**
  - Dr. Lindsay Bishop
  - Dr. Andrea Chapman
  - Dr. Julius Elefante
  - Dr. Faiza Jabbar
  - Dr. Lingsa Jia
  - Dr. Cameron Anderson
  - Dr. Lindsay Bishop
  - Dr. Andrea Chapman
  - Dr. Julius Elefante
  - Dr. Faiza Jabbar
  - Dr. Lingsa Jia
  - Dr. Cameron Anderson
  - Dr. Lindsay Bishop
  - Dr. Andrea Chapman
  - Dr. Julius Elefante
  - Dr. Faiza Jabbar
  - Dr. Lingsa Jia

- **UBC Psychiatry Residents Association Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching**
  - Dr. Shimi Kang
  - Dr. Marian Aman
  - Dr. Sarah Belanger
  - Dr. Stephen Bennett
  - Dr. Shiki Kang
  - Dr. Marian Aman
  - Dr. Sarah Belanger
  - Dr. Stephen Bennett

- **UBC Psychiatry Residents Association Award for Excellence in Postgraduate Subspecialty Education**
  - Dr. Zhan Kang
  - Dr. Wei-Yi Song
  - Dr. Shiki Kang
  - Dr. Marian Aman
  - Dr. Sarah Belanger
  - Dr. Stephen Bennett
  - Dr. Shiki Kang
  - Dr. Marian Aman
  - Dr. Sarah Belanger
  - Dr. Stephen Bennett

- **TRICEPS Award**
  - Dr. Marya Aman
  - Dr. Sarah Belanger
  - Dr. Stephen Bennett

- **New Administrative Leadership Roles**

  - Dr. Jessica Brown appointed as Oversight Director, Emergency Psychiatry
  - Dr. Jordan Cohen appointed as Associate Head, PGE & CPD
  - Dr. Kambar Keramatian appointed as PGE DSSL, Lion’s Gate Hospital
  - Dr. Bulpin Khosa appointed as PGE Site Director, Burnaby Hospital
  - Dr. Ryan Knebel elected into the role of PGE Site Director, Interior Health
  - Dr. Alexander Leung appointed as PGE DSSL, Surrey Memorial Hospital
  - Dr. Erin Michalak appointed as Associate Director, Research & Scholarly Activity
  - Dr. Emlene Murphy appointed as Division Head, Forensic Psychiatry
  - Dr. Michelle van den Engh Cook appointed as Co-Associate Director PSYT PGME Psychotherapy Program
  - Dr. Tyler Varnals appointed as UGE DSSL, Vancouver General Hospital
  - Dr. Ola Yashchuk appointed as UGE DSSL, Richmond Hospital
  - Dr. Jaeyun Yoo appointed as Co-Associate Director, PGME Psychotherapy Program

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* *Awarded posthumously*
**Department Year in Review**

**UBC Psychiatry 2022 RESEARCH DAY**

On June 9, 2022, our annual UBC Psychiatry Research Day resumed as an in-person event, and we were able to offer the virtual Zoom option as well for attendees joining in from all over the province and beyond.

Special thanks go to Dr. Sophia Frangou and the Research Day Co-Chairs Dr. Tim Murphy and Dr. Trisha Chakrabarty; our presenters Dr. Christian Schütz, Dr. Jessica Rosin, and Dr. Fidel Vila-Rodriguez; our Lightning Talk speakers Ms. Elizabeth Gregory, Dr. Ray Yang Ge, Ms. Ahmad Samara, Dr. John-Jose Nunez, Ms. Qing Zhang, Ms. Natasha Verzosa, Ms. Judy Cheng, Dr. Angela Russolillo, Ms. Priya Johal, Ms. Karling Luciani, Ms. Angel Wang, and Mr. David Kim; and our 43 Poster and ePoster presenters. Once again, our dedicated organizers, engaging speakers and many diverse participants ensured a very successful event!

We congratulate our People’s Choice Lightning Talk Award winners Dr. John-Jose Nunez and Ms. Judy Cheng, and our Poster winners Dr. Priscilla Paz, and Ms. Laura Jones.

We anticipate holding another hybrid Research Day in 2023, and based on feedback, the Program will be redesigned to increase focus on clinically relevant research. Abstract submissions for next year’s event will open on Feb 15 and close on April 15, so stay tuned for more details in the New Year!

**2022/2023 IMH Marshall Program**

With the review and selection process for the 2022/2023 IMH Marshall Fellows Program completed in July 2022, six highly innovative proposals were recommended for funding. As the Fellowship Program was originally developed to also support the training of clinician scientist psychiatrists, three of the six fellowships were awarded to MDs.

**Awardees**

- **Dr. Thomas Chao**
  Changes in Stress-related Biomarkers and Cognitive Functioning as Predictors of Outcome in Patients with Co-occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

- **Dr. Alok Kulkarni**
  Minocycline for preventing the onset of hypo / manic episodes in people at high-risk for Bipolar Disorder: A Proof-of-Concept Feasibility Trial

- **Dr. John-Jose Nunez**
  Combining Objective Behavioral Data Recorded by Smartphones with Clinical Data to Predict Recurrence in Major Depressive Disorder

- **Dr. Megan Rowland**
  Investigating the Role of Buf13h in Regulating Parvalbumin Neuronal Gene Expression and Autism Behaviours Across Development

- **Dr. Kirsten Marchand**
  Investigating what matters to youth: A mixed-methods study of youth-centred opioid treatments and their outcomes

- **Dr. Walter Sena**
  An IMH-based Neuropsychological Assessment Battery

**Administration Staffing Updates**

This year, our UBC Psychiatry Administration team saw a number of changes as we both welcomed several new staff members and said farewell to others moving on from their positions in the Department.

On the Human Resources side, Ms. Leah Ranada accepted a new role as HR Assistant, taking over HR Workday processes for the staff and student portfolio. Leah previously supported Dr. Anthony Bailey as his Assistant until his retirement, and of note, she recently published her first novel which has won an IPPY Gold Medal Award.

In May we welcomed Ms. Shaelynn Perreault as Executive Coordinator for the Department Head & IMH Director, and in this role she has also provided support to the UBC Mood Disorders Program. As well, Mr. Eric Toh joined the Faculty of Medicine and our team as a Financial Analyst overseeing financial processes for the Department.

Within our Education Office, Ms. Linda Chang was promoted to the role of PGE Program Manager, after having served as our PGE Education Coordinator since 2017. We also brought on board Ms. Nana Ng as our new Education Coordinator to support our three PGE Subspecialties, and Ms. Amy Jeffery who was offered a permanent role as Senior PGE Program Assistant for Fraser following her placement from Hiring Solutions in 2021.

In late November, we announced the departure of Mr. Fergus Killeen from his position has HR Assistant, as he set off on his travels through South America before returning to Ireland. Finally, we are bidding a fond farewell to Ms. Bree Wilson, who has accepted a new position as of January 2023 as a Graduate Awards Coordinator with UBC Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies.

The UBC Department of Psychiatry wishes to acknowledge and thank our hard-working Administration team for going above and beyond to support all our Department members here at UBC Vancouver Campus and across our distributed sites.

**IN MEMORIAM**

In fond remembrance of the cherished friends and colleagues we mourned in 2022
2022 Year End Festive Celebration
Photo Gallery
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View all the photos from the event in our album on the UBC Psychiatry Flickr page!