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A'FPC Awards

2024 Award Winners

2024 Student Award Winners

AFPC / CCPE Graduate Student Research Award

Purpose: To recognize the best research paper written by a graduate student, and accepted for publication or published, during the calendar year preceding the AFPC annual meeting.

Valerie Facca, University of Toronto

AFPC / CFP Graduate Student Award for Pharmacy Practice Research

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Amy Soubolsky, University of Saskatchewan

AFPC / CCPE Student Research Poster Awards

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Élisabeth Leblanc, Université de Montréal

Jenna Estaban Villarba, University of Manitoba

Analisa Jia, University of British Columbia

AFPC / CCPE Whit Matthews Undergraduate Student Poster Award

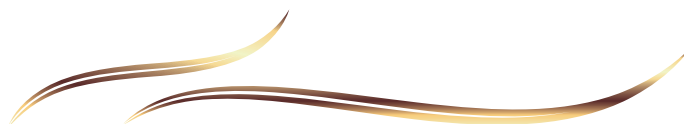
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Cynthia Richard, University of Waterloo

AFPC Honoured Life Membership

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Simon Albon, University of British Columbia

Susan Mansour, Dalhousie University

Yvonne Shevchuk, University of Saskatchewan

Student Awards

AFPC / Council for Continuing Pharmaceutical Education Graduate Student Research Award

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Valerie Facca

University of Toronto

Valerie Facca successfully defended a PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences at the Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto in February 2024. Valerie's primary area of interest involved the design and preclinical development of radiopharmaceuticals for breast cancer imaging and therapy and the use of multimodal imaging to evaluate complex preclinical cancer models. She completed a Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from the University of Toronto and was a trainee of the Strategic Training in Transdisciplinary Radiation Science for the 21st Century (STARS21), PRIME Next generation Precision Medicine, and NSERC CREATE polymer nanoparticles for drug delivery training programs.



Valerie has held internship positions in vaccine formulation and development at Sanofi Pasteur and in development of cell separation platforms at STEMCELL Technologies. Valerie currently holds the position of Sr. Research Scientist in preclinical development at Inversago Pharma which develops novel CB1R inverse agonists for treatment of metabolic diseases.



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AFPC / Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy Graduate Student Award for Pharmacy Practice Research

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Amy Soubolsky

University of Saskatchewan

Amy completed her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy at the University of Saskatchewan in 2015. She then practiced as a hospital pharmacist at Battlefords Union Hospital and Saskatchewan Hospital in North Battleford from 2015-2020 where she spent most of her time developing clinical services for mental health inpatients. To further strengthen her specialization in psychiatric pharmacy, she completed a Master of Science in Pharmacy in September 2022 supervised by Dr. Katelyn Halpape. Her thesis explored the current practices and attitudes of Saskatchewan pharmacists in providing care for patients with mental health conditions, with the vision of expanding clinical pharmacy practice in this area.



She now works for the Saskatchewan Health Authority in Saskatoon as a pharmacist clinical specialist on the Mental Health & Addictions Services Outpatient Team. She also holds a casual position as an information support pharmacist with RxFiles.



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Élisabeth Leblanc

Université de Montréal

Élisabeth Leblanc is a first-year Master's student in Pharmaceutical Science at the Université de Montréal. Over the past year, Élisabeth has had the opportunity to do two internships in Dr. Céline Fiset's lab as an undergraduate student in Biopharmaceutical Science, where she studied the mechanisms underlying pregnancy-induced atrial remodeling in a mouse model.

As a Master's student in Dr. Céline Fiset's laboratory, she looks forward to playing an active role in advancing knowledge of the role of pregnancy in supraventricular arrhythmias, while deepening her scientific knowledge in the field of cardiac electrophysiology.



Jenna Esteban Villarba

University of Manitoba

Jenna Villarba is a first-year master's student at the College of Pharmacy, University of Manitoba. She graduated with a B.Sc. Pharmacy in 2020, practicing in community and hospital settings before enthusiastically pursuing her graduate degree in 2023. Jenna currently works at SpiritRx where she provides distance care to rural and remote Indigenous communities across Manitoba, Ontario, and Nunavut. Jenna is concurrently completing her graduate degree under the guidance of Dr. Dana Turcotte, where her thesis project focuses on exploring patient experiences with opioid agonist therapy using a community-based participatory research approach. This project focuses on involving people with lived/living experience of opioid use as members of the research team. Her current research interests lie within the areas of patient engagement, mental health and addictions, and pharmacy practice and education.



Recognized with over 20 local and national awards for academic excellence, citizenship, and leadership, Jenna actively contributes to the community through research, education, and volunteering. Some of these activities include her role as a facilitator for the International Pharmacy Graduate Access Hub, where she curated over 450 preparatory exam questions for participants, as well as the Pharmacy Education Newsletter Editor for the International Pharmacy Students' Federation. Jenna continuously seeks to enhance her personal and professional development through research, practice, and education. In her spare time Jenna enjoys reading, chasing her toddler and singing karaoke with her family.

AFPC / Council for Continuing Pharmaceutical Education Student Research Poster Awards

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Analisa Jia

University of British Columbia

Analisa Jia is a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of British Columbia (UBC) under the supervision of Dr. Jacquelyn Cragg. She is also part of the Collaboration for Outcomes Research and Evaluation, and the International Collaboration on Repair Discoveries research teams at UBC. Analisa obtained a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry (with Co-op) with a minor in Commerce and a Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences at UBC. Her work focuses on leveraging clinical and population “big data” sources and advanced statistical algorithms to better understand neurological diseases including spinal cord injury (SCI) and multiple sclerosis (MS).



During her doctoral program, Analisa has received multiple funding awards including the Canadian Graduate Scholarship – Doctoral, the Four Year Doctoral Fellowship (UBC), the Ernest Bors Award for the best paper published by a young investigator in the Journal of Spinal Cord Medicine and the Syd Vernon Graduate Student Award which recognizes efforts dedicated to supporting work involving individuals with disabilities.

Faculty Awards

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Jacquelyn Cragg

University of British Columbia

Dr. Jacquelyn Cragg is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of British Columbia and Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Open Data Science. She is working with statistical algorithms to better understand neurological disease progression and drug safety, including spinal cord injury, Parkinson's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and multiple sclerosis.

As the sole North American recipient of L'Oréal-UNESCO for Women In Science International Rising Talent Prize for 2019, Dr. Cragg is a champion for encouraging women and girls to pursue careers in science.



Faculty Awards

AFPC / Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada Award for Research or Innovation in Assessment of Competence

Purpose: To forge external partnerships and give recognition of support for PEBC. To recognize outstanding work in the area of assessment of competence in the field of pharmacy.

Emily Black

Dalhousie University

Dr. Emily Black received her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Dalhousie University in 2007, an accredited Canadian Pharmacy Residency through Capital Health and Dalhousie University in 2008, and a post-graduate PharmD from the University of British Columbia in 2011. Emily has worked as a hospital pharmacist in surgery and infectious diseases. Emily is currently an Associate Professor with the College of Pharmacy at Dalhousie University where she teaches in the areas of infectious diseases, antimicrobial stewardship, and minor/common ailments.



Emily has an active program of research that focuses on infectious diseases and pharmacy practice (smarterresearch.ca). Emily also has a cross appointment with IWK Health where she provides clinical pharmacy services in the emergency department and works as a casual pharmacist at Nova Scotia Health with the Emerging & Re-emerging Infections Network.



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AFPC Award for Innovation in Education

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Jeff Nagge

University of Waterloo

Jeff Nagge holds both a Bachelor of Pharmacy and a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Toronto. He completed a pharmacy residency at the McMaster University Medical Centre and spent several years as a clinical practice leader at Toronto General Hospital.

Jeff currently holds a position as a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Waterloo's School of Pharmacy. In addition to his academic role, he is actively involved in clinical practice, leading a referral-based hypertension clinic at the Centre for Family Medicine Family Health Team in Kitchener, Ontario.



With a keen interest in cardiovascular therapeutics and anticoagulation, Jeff is also enthusiastic about incorporating technology into pharmacy education, recognizing its potential to enhance learning experiences. His efforts in using advanced technologies like generative AI to create realistic pharmacy simulations reflect his commitment to improving educational methods.



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AFPC / Pfizer Research Career Award

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Chantal Guillemette

Université Laval

Dr. Chantal Guillemette is a professor in the faculty of pharmacy at Université Laval and a senior scientist, director of the Pharmacogenomics group at the Centre Hospitalier Universitaire (CHU) de Québec - Université Laval. She has received her Ph.D. degree with Honors in Physiology and Endocrinology at Université Laval in 1996. In 1997, she completed a first post-doctoral fellow in Pharmacogenetics at Trondheim University in Norway. In 1998, she moved to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Boston to pursue a second post-doctoral fellow in Pharmacogenomics and Cancer. Since the very beginning of her independent career, she has received external competitive salary awards, including from Fonds de recherche du Québec - Santé (FRQS), Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) and CIHR - Rx&D. In 2020 she was elected Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences in recognition of her work as a leader in Canadian health sciences. Since 2021, she has served as the Cancer Research Center of Université Laval director overseeing more than 70 professors and their teams.



Dr. Chantal Guillemette has built a highly productive research program and established herself as an international authority at the forefront of research on steroid hormones and drug metabolism, and cancer pharmacogenomics with nearly 200 peer-reviewed scientific papers, 435 abstracts and 3 patents. She is a leader in the field of the pharmacogenomics of phase II enzymes with a focus on glucuronidation, from genomics, enzymology and protein structure/function to the implication and translation of these findings to clinical applications in drug therapy. Her discoveries have led to knowledge application strategies for the clinical use of genetic information to predict drug response. Her research also provides key insights into novel prognostic tools in high-incidence cancers and potential targets for drug development. She has maintained uninterrupted CIHR funding and other peer-reviewed funds totalizing \$38 million dollars. Eight of her graduate trainees are now independent investigators and professors in universities around the world and many others are medical doctors, pharmacists, teachers and research scientists.



Faculty Awards

AFPC National Award For Excellence In Education

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Cynthia Richard

University of Waterloo

Cynthia Richard is a Clinical Lecturer and Associate Director, Curriculum at the University of Waterloo School of Pharmacy and Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Policy of the Faculty of Science. She completed both her undergraduate degree in Pharmacy at and her PhD in Pharmacology at Dalhousie University as well as a post-doctoral research fellowship in nutrition at the University of Guelph.

As a Clinical Lecturer at the University of Waterloo, she teaches courses related to natural health products, nutrition, pharmacology, self-care, and point-of-care devices and also is responsible for the oversight of the Professional Practice series of courses and labs.



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AFPC Honoured Life Membership

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Simon Albon

University of British Columbia

Dr. Simon Albon is a Professor of Teaching Emeritus in the UBC, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences having retired recently after 37 years. His academic background includes degrees in chemistry and a PhD in curriculum studies. Throughout his career he taught medicinal chemistry in the Faculty's BSc(Pharm) and entry-to-practice PharmD programs with research interests focused on developing the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL) as a legitimate scholarly discipline in pharmaceutical sciences at UBC and beyond.

In addition, Dr. Albon held various administrative positions including Associate Director and Director of the Faculty's Office of Educational Support and Development (2013-2018) and most recently, Lead of the Faculty's Pharmacy Education Research and Leadership (PERL) research theme. In 2010, he received the Woods-Hughes Service Award for 10 years of distinguished service to AFPC and academic pharmacy in Canada, and most recently, helped spearhead the development of AFPC's first national award for pharmacy education scholarship (the Educational Scholarship Poster Award). Dr. Albon is an award-winning teacher and has published and presented his work extensively in local, national and international contexts.



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Susan Mansour

Dalhousie University

Susan Mansour has been serving as the Director of the Dalhousie University College of Pharmacy since 2014. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (1981) and a Masters in Business Administration (1990) and is a proud Dalhousie alumna.

Prior to joining the College of Pharmacy in 1992, she practiced as a community pharmacist, pharmacy manager, coordinator and consultant. In addition to her position at the College of Pharmacy, Susan practiced part-time in a community pharmacy until July 2014. At the College of Pharmacy, Susan previously taught pharmacotherapeutics and was the Associate Director of Undergraduate Education until she became Director in 2014. She has worked extensively in curriculum design, student affairs and interprofessional learning. She has been the recipient of several teaching excellence and curricular design awards at the College, Faculty, University and national level.

Her research work has been primarily in education. Susan has served as a Council member for the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick regulatory authorities, Council member and President of the Association of Faculties of Pharmacy of Canada (AFPC), Board member and President of the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs (representing AFPC), Board member of the Canadian Pharmacists Association (representing AFPC) and as a Dalhousie University Senator.



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Yvonne Shevchuk

University of Saskatchewan

Yvonne Shevchuk is Professor Emerita at the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition, University of Saskatchewan. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy at the University of Saskatchewan in 1980 and her PharmD from the University of Minnesota in 1983. She practised as a Clinical Pharmacy Coordinator at the Regina General Hospital before taking a faculty position at the University of Saskatchewan. She taught infectious disease therapeutics and drug literature evaluation, critical appraisal and evidence-based medicine. She established a practice as an infectious disease pharmacist with the ID team at Royal University Hospital and continued her practice for the majority of her career. This led to participation in many national committees related to antimicrobial stewardship such as the Antimicrobial Stewardship and Resistance Committee of the Medical Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease Canada and the National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases Antibiotic Awareness Week planning committee. Yvonne was invited to present to the Parliament's Standing Committee on Health on Antimicrobial Resistance in Canada.



A primary interest has been optimal drug therapy and prescribing and over the years she has been the Director of the medSask drug information service as well as the Director of the RxFiles Academic detailing program. Yvonne has been a longstanding member of the Drug Advisory Committee of Saskatchewan (DACS) and is currently the chair. From 2010-2022 Yvonne was the Associate Dean Academic and helped lead the college in the development of the PharmD program. During this time she developed specific interests in student evaluation and experiential learning.

Yvonne became active in AFPC in 1986 and recalls "it was the best way to meet dedicated teachers and researchers from across the country who all had a goal of training the best pharmacists they could. They were always exploring new ideas and talking about the evolving curriculum and changes in practice. The conferences were very educational and socially great." She was the University of Saskatchewan Councillor for AFPC from 1992-1997 and again from 2000 -2003; the AFPC Appointee to the CPhA Council of Delegates from 1993-1995; Chair of the AFPC Education Committee for 1996-1997; AFPC Representative to CCCEP 2005 for a number of years; and on the planning committee for the 62nd AFPC Conference in 2005. She has been a member of the Evaluation/Assessment SIG of AFPC as well as the Truth and Reconciliation SIG since their inception.

Yvonne is married with 4 grown children, two grandchildren and two cats. Since retiring in 2023 she has enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, gardening and lounging at the lake.

CPERC Poster Awards

AFPC / CCPE Whit Matthews Undergraduate Student Poster Award

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Élisabeth Leblanc

Université de Montréal

Poster: *Atrial remodeling in pregnant mice*

AFPC / CCPE Whit Matthews Graduate Student Poster Award

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Vincent Ouellette

Université Laval

Poster: *Pyridinyl 4-(2-oxoalkylimidazolidin-1-yl)benzenesulfonates and their hydrochloride salts as novel antimetotic prodrugs bioactivated by cytochrome p450 1A1 in breast cancer cells*

AFPC Educational Scholarship Poster Award

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Alex Tang

University of British Columbia

Poster: *Redesigning an Interprofessional Collaboration Practicum to Constructively Align with the Interprofessional Competency Framework*

Past President Awards

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Jane Alcorn

University of Saskatchewan



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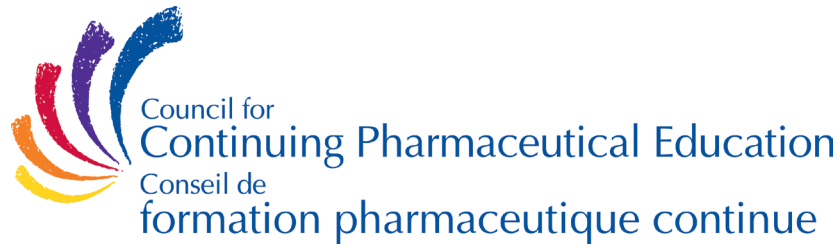
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