Centre for Health and Culture 2010-11 Annual Report

(Executive Edition)

July 2010 to June 2011 has been extraordinarily successful for the Center for the Cross-Cultural Study of Health and Healing. Not only have we completed several key tasks, and brought several others to fruition, but the public and professional awareness of the Centre’s activities has increased exponentially. The Centre has also clarified a number of potential directions to move with its projects. Here are the details of our achievements and directions.

Summary

This has been a very productive year for Centre Staff and Colleagues. Details and publications can be found in the Appendices; in sum, staff has published far more this year than in any year in the past five. During the course of this year, over 30 presentations have been made in professional and other venues on The Manual and related topics. This is in addition to work in other areas not reported upon here. We have continued to develop a number of initiatives related to Aboriginal issues, including developing connection within the Faculty to extend TMC to Medical Trainees.

The Manual of Cultural Competence for Health Care Professionals

This report year, the Manual was completed and sent to all across Canada to all major medicals school. Over a dozen workshops have been held on the Manual in Alberta; it is now a regular feature in some medical meetings/classes at the University of Alberta: for example, it is part of Dentistry 547; Pharmacy 387; Psychiatric Summer program and Resident’s Training. Plans are underway to develop a separate Manual for Psychology and Nursing. About 26 copies have been sold, and a number given to interested professionals. There has been extensive interest beyond medicine in this project.

At the Interface of Culture and Medicine

This is the first book compiled in the Department of Family Medicine in living memory, and it occasioned a great celebration. Those who had ordered the Manual automatically received free copies. We collaborated with Rod Crutcher from Calgary, and the Dept of Family Medicine at UC has been very supportive. Both UA and UC had launch occasions that were well attended, and both Departments of Family Medicine at Calgary and at Alberta bought copies to send to all Clinics in their regions. MedPost has done an interview on the book, and colleagues across the country have noted its relevance.

The Gathering: National Conference of Traditional Aboriginal Healers

The University has taken a huge step in engagement with a part of Aboriginal culture that hitherto for has operated below the radar. This conference began with Aboriginal people doubting it would ever materialize, and ended with emails requesting invitations. The first since 1933, it was a significant success. A segment of the conference dealt with Teenage Pregnancy on Reserves, from which a report went to INAC for its policy wing. Largely supported by Provost Carl Amrhein, it was a joint project of Blue
Quills College and the Centre. Over 50 delegates heard a variety of elders and Aboriginal speakers from as far away as Texas and Montreal discuss Traditional Medical knowledge. Issues related to incorporating it into the University’s teaching in medicine was a highlight. A key element was the official opening of the Traditional Medical Library in the Scott Library (see Wilbush Collection below). Aboriginal healers are now advocating for a follow-up meeting, a measure of its popularity to say the least. (A full report on The Gathering is available from ewaugh@ualberta.ca).

The Poison Mushroom Poster Project
A joint partnership project with Alberta Mycological Society; this will provide information and antidotes for all potentially harmful mushrooms in Alberta on one poster. We will send this gratis to all hospitals and clinics in the province of Alberta.

The book Indigenous Health and Healing in South and Central Siberia
A joint partnership with CCI and the University of Tromso in Norway is in final edit. We expect it to be published before the end of the year. This is edited by Dr. David Anderson of the University of Tromso, with Dr. Earle Waugh from CHC acting as general editor. It is the first of five books to be published over the next ten years on Northern Peoples traditional medicines. Next will be the Sami People’s Traditional Medicines.

The Youth Caregivers Project has been funded for our preliminary study of youth in Edmonton by the Calgary-based Child, Youth and Family Foundation. This fall we will be surveying Edmontonians on the prevalence of this role among youth. The goal is a much more in depth study next year.

The Wilbush Collection
Books and materials in the Centre and funded by Dr. Joel Wilbush’s generous gifts to the Centre have now been transferred to the John W. Scott Library, where the University has founded a reading room for traditional material.

The Manual of Cultural Competence for Health Care Professionals has had three new films funded by the Department of Family Medicine. Shooting will begin this fall on South American Spanish, Punjabi-speaking Sikhs and An African group, perhaps Sudanese or Somali.

New Projects
In a partnership with CCI, we have funded Dr. David Young’s development of a pro-type study on the healing plants of a working traditional healer. He has travelled about with Russell Willier, healer in Northern Alberta as he has gathered plants, and reported on his usage of them for various ailments. He has photographed them in their natural surroundings and has gathered all relevant data. He is currently working on a template study that will be the model for us as we encourage other healers to summarize both the locations and the usage of healing plants across Canada. With CCI, we hope to publish these as they become available.
In a partnership with Hole’s Greenhouses, our chair Dr. Spooner is exploring the potential to publish several books on medicinal plants in various jurisdictions in Alberta. The Healing Plants of the Boreal Forest would take advantage of the special skills of Robert Rogers and Clifford Cardinal, and provide a handy reference book for explorers, naturalists and hikers to understand the flora they encounter.

**New Publishing Projects**

Dr. Andrew Cave, On Breaking Bad News.

Monograph study, projected for the fall of 2011.

Dr. Shirley Shipper, et.al. (eds) On Education: Curriculum Reform in Medicine. Monograph study, projected for fall of 2012.


Submitted on Behalf of the Board, Sept 12, 2011.

Earle Waugh and Jean Triscott
FUNDING & GRANTS

2010 Understanding Emergency Department Care Transitions for Older Adults with Dementia, P.I. Belinda Park, Nursing, UA Earle Waugh, Team Member, Family Medicine, et.al. (Alzheimer Society Care Practice Grant). $49,500

2008-2010 Ethnic and Religious Youth (SSHRC: P.I. Peter Beyer, Concordia; Earle Waugh, Team Member, et.al.) $149,000

2008-2010 Palliative Care and Religion (CIHR: P.I. Harold Coward, UVic, Earle Waugh, team member) $75,000

2010 Poison Mushroom Poster Project; jointly with Alberta Mycological Society (School of Public Health: P.I. Robert Rogers, AMC, Earle Waugh, team member). $2,500

2010-2011 Envision 2030: Muslim Community Research (MITACS: P.I. Earle Waugh, Maryam Razavy, Team member) $15,000

2010-2011 Aboriginal Teenaged Pregnancy Grant (Indian and Northern Affairs: P.I. Earle Waugh, Clifford Cardinal, et.al.) $5,000

2010 UVic Palliative Conference Travel Grant (CIHR: P.I. Harold Coward, Earle Waugh, team member) $1,100

2010 Gathering of Traditional Healers in Canada: (Conference Grant FMD, Dean Baker; Earle Waugh, et.al.) $8,450

2010 Gathering of Traditional Healers in Canada: (Conference Grant and Support, Provost and Vice-President Carl Amrheim; Earle Waugh, et.al.) $32,000

2011 Young Caregivers, (Child, Youth and Family Foundation: P.I. Earle Waugh $9,750

2011 Summer Studentship, Self-Assessment Questionnaire (Dept. of Family Medicine: Earle Waugh, Olga Szafran, Sara Hanafi $7,500

2011 Three New Films for Manual of Cultural Competence, (Dept. of Family Medicine, Scott McLeod Fund, P.I. Earle Waugh, et.al. $5,600

2011 Adaptation of Manual of Cultural Competence to iPOD and Blackberry, (Dept. of Family Medicine; P.I. Earle Waugh, et.al.) $10,000

Honors

2010 www.creedictionary.com; cited as a “Great Canadian App” for the iphone.

2011 Piwapiskomostos: Conferring of honorary name, Iron Bull, upon Dr. Earle Waugh, for service to the Aboriginal People. Conferred in ceremony performed by Chief Clifford Cardinal.
Appendix

Publications (Centre)


Publications (Other)


**Conference and Public Presentations**

**Medicine and Culture**

*Other names indicate co- or team presentation; Caps indicates principle presenter.*


Presentations: Culture, Islam, Aboriginal Studies


WAUGH, EH. Cultural and Medicine in Canada. Delta University, Egypt, March 10, 2011.


WAUGH, EH. Cultural Implications of Aging, Med545/Hyg345 Class: Dr. Wayne Raborn, Dentistry, Feb. 10. 8-9.
Appendix


WAUGH, EH; Triscott, J, Szafran, O. Cultural Competence in the Counselling Professions, Lendrum Mennonite Church, Â Wes Penner, Host; January 1, 2011.


WAUGH, EH Caregiving and Seniors. Athabasca Catholic Senior’s Association, Jun 9, 2010.

Other Projects Completed: General Editor

Special Issue: The Merging of Worlds: Studies in Modern Arabic - Western Literary Interaction; Edited by Milan Dimic (deceased) and Muhammad Deeb (deceased) Canadian Review of Comparative Literature, Vol. 37, #1-2, 2010.


Reports
