ANNUAL REPORT, 2011-2012

CENTRE FOR THE CROSS-CULTURAL STUDY OF HEALTH AND HEALING
DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MEDICINE

This report covers the year from July 2011 to June 2012. The following report is a quick summary of our activities this year; it constitutes another banner year for the Centre for the Cross-Cultural Study of Health and Healing.

There is much to specifically celebrate, but before we do so, we want to pause and remember Dr. Joel Wilbush. Joel provided the funds that allowed us to collect books on Traditional Chinese Medicine that ultimately, when combined with our Centre’s collection, became the backbone of the special reading room in the Scott library: The Traditional and Indigenous Medical Collection. He enjoyed board meetings and looked forward to hearing how well we were doing. Joel passed on during this Annual report cycle, but he will always be remembered for his enthusiasm for TCM and his support of our activities!

It is well to step back and note the larger public awareness the Centre now enjoys, reflected not only in the projects and collaborations undertaken, but in a number of other small ways. A case in point: the Poison Mushroom Poster. While funding-wise it was small (circa $3000.00), we were astonished how far-reaching were the results. Forwarded to every Emergency Room and Public Health Clinic across Alberta, we soon were hearing from Saskatchewan, BC and the Northwest Territories. Veterinarians across the province heard about it, and now we have sent out over 30 posters to vets. It has gone to children’s organizations (Boy Scouts, Girl Guides) as well as provincial parks and reserves. The response has been universally positive and appreciative. It has created much good will for the University. We like to think that is an important function of the Centre, and these kinds of activities increase public awareness of the ordinary things the University can do for them.

Summary (See Appendices for details)

Once again our staff and colleagues have made this a banner year…staff continue to publish significant works, fully equal to last year’s totals. We have brought to completion the Young Carers’ study, three new films for the Manual, and important new Aboriginal works. Probably the activity most likely to leave a lasting impression is our work with Dr. Roger Parent; following very positive feedback from Drs. Tracy Hillier and Sheny Khera, we are now launching a cultural competency component into undergraduate medical education. This, along with our studies on the self-assessment for cultural awareness is drawing assistance from McGill and UCalgary as we move toward adapting this to increase skills in the profession. WE hope to collaborate with Dr. Parent to move the Manual on the web, and develop a French version.

The book Indigenous Health and Healing in South and Central Siberia, a joint partnership with CCI and the University of Tromso in Norway is now out and is selling well. This is our flagship production. It is the anchor of the Northern Peoples Series, a collection of five books that address traditional healing methods and continuing influences of the so-called folk medical
traditions. Dr. Earle Waugh from CCSHH is the general editor. Our next project, *Sami People’s Sami People’s Traditional Medicine* features the papers given at a conference we collaborated with the University in Tromso, Norway. That volume is now in final collections phase, with a publishing date in the fall of 2013. The next project will likely be a book on Central Asian traditions, followed by one on Western and Northern Canadian and American Peoples, and then finally one on Eastern Northern Canada.

The Youth Carers Project has now been completed and we are gathering the academics to work with us to publish at least two papers from the initiative. Originally funded by the Calgary-based Child, Youth and Family Foundation, our findings were featured at a conference on Young Carers at UBC in May.

A wonderful honor was bestowed on Dr. Waugh this year; not only did he receive a very strong name (*Piwapiskamostos…Iron Bull*) conferred in a sweat ceremony, but following that was the presentation of a specially made headdress comprised of eagle feathers contributed by over a dozen bands. The presentation was made at the University Powow this spring. This was in recognition of his long-standing work on the Cree Dictionary, and his leadership in last year’s Gathering Conference as well as his support for Indigenous activities throughout his career.

**Ongoing Departmental Publishing Projects:**

Dr. Andrew Cave, *On Breaking Bad News.*
Monograph study, projected for the fall of 2011, is now delayed for a year.

Dr. Shirley Shipper, et.al. (eds) *On Education: Curriculum Reform in Medicine*
Monograph study, projected for spring 2013.


**Appendices**

**PUBLICATIONS**

**2012 Publications: ARTICLES**


2011 Publications: BOOKS

Anderson D, editor. Patterns of Northern Traditional Healing: The Healing Landscapes of Central and Southeastern Siberia. Edmonton: CCI Press (in cooperation with the Centre for the Cross-Cultural Study of Health and Healing); 2011. (Senior Series Editor)


2011 Reports:

Waugh, EH. Razavy, M, Embracing 2030: A Report for the Muslim Community: On demographic and other critical trends in the Edmonton Area; Research project funded by AQL Management and MITACS $15,000.00.

2012 Cultural Competence Initiatives:

10 minute Films:
Mexican Depression Case: filming complete, editing stage
Cambodian PTSD Case: filming Complete, editing stage
Sikh Breast Cancer Case: script complete, film projected complete by October
Dept. of Family Medicine, Scott MacLeod Fund, $25,000.00

Research project: Testing Cultural Competence Effectiveness. Centre $500.00. First and second year dental and medical Students

Self-Assessment Tool for Cultural Competence: Collaboration with McGill University Medical School on Effectiveness of Self-Assessment Tool.

Student Researcher for Summer: IMG and Cultural Competence Projects: Dept. of Family Medicine. $5,000.00.

Collaboration with team of psychologists in Edmonton area to develop a Manual in Cultural Competence for Counsellors and Psychologists. Potential to develop as a certificate program for the Alberta College of Psychologists. Outcome in 2013.
PRESENTATIONS

2012 Presentations


2011 Presentations


WAUGH E, SZAFRAN O, TRISCOTT J (for the Centre for the Cross Cultural Study of Health and Healing). Through Another Lens: Applying Cultural Caring in Mental Health and Addictions –


PROJECTS

2012
Shankar J, Warren S, Nicholas D, Badry D, Mrazik M, Waugh E. Transition from Pediatric to Adult Services: The Experiences of Family Caregivers of Young Adult Survivors of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Funded @ $38,605 by the Alberta Centre for Child Family and Community Research Centre (ACCFCRC) - one-year project grant held at the UofC (2012).

Young D, The Preservation of Traditional Medical Knowledge and Endangered Medicinal Plants. (A project collaboration of the Canadian Circumpolar Institute (CCI) and the Centre for the Cross-Cultural Student of Health and Healing (CCS HH). Manuscript stage, forwarded to CCI Press Board; projected joint publication 2013. Circa $12,000.00


2011
Triscott J, Waugh E, Szafran O, Ross S. International Medical Graduates Becoming Culturally Competent Family Physicians with the Canadian Medical Cultural Context. Funded by the College of Family Physicians of Canada (Janus Research Grant) @ $9,502.90 (Dec 2011 – Dec 2013).

Parke B, Hunter K, Marck P, Strain L, Waugh E, McClelland A, Manraj C. Understanding Emergency Department Care Transitions for Older Adults with Dementia. Alzheimer Society of Canada Grant, $49,500.00 (ongoing).


Projects In various funding phases:


Sadowski C, Gukert M, Waugh E, Breault R. New Focus for Pharmacy: Development of a Cultural Competency Module for Students and Pharmacists. Applied to the University of Alberta Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund - $140,000.00 not approved (2011) Currently re-defining project.


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