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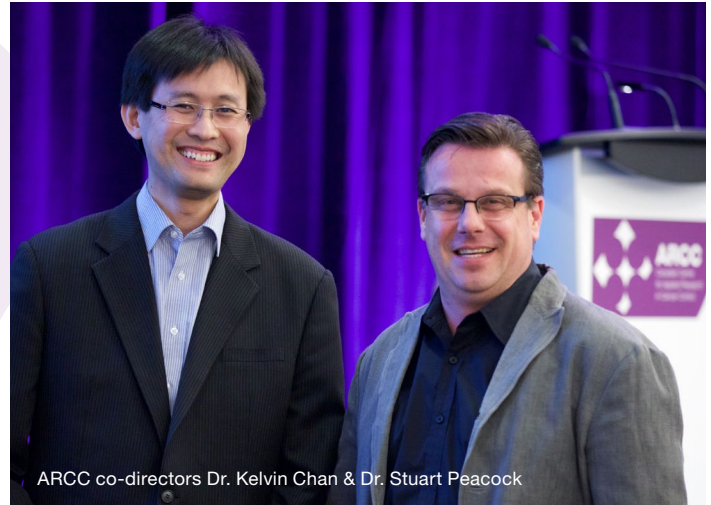
Marking a turning point...

## Directors' Message

Welcome to the Summer 2016 issue of landmARCC!

On May 8th and 9th 2016, we hosted the 5th Applied Research in Cancer Control Conference in Toronto, Ontario. It was another resounding success with 83 poster and oral presentations selected from submitted abstracts. This year we offered a "Fireside Chat" session on knowledge translation, hosted our 3rd Speed Networking event, and welcomed invited speakers who spoke about the importance of health human resources in developing a sustainable cancer system. We are deeply grateful to our co-chairs, Drs. Eva Grunfeld and Claire de Oliveira, for helping make our conference a success! More information about the 2016 ARCC Conference can be found in this issue, and many of the conference presentations are available to ARCC members on our website (if you need help logging in, please contact Rebecca Mercer at [ARCC@cancercare.on.ca](mailto:ARCC@cancercare.on.ca)) We look forward to next year's conference on May 25th and 26th in Toronto, Ontario, and hope you will join us there!

We want to take a moment to thank everyone who completed the 2016 ARCC Conference evaluation form and provided us with some excellent ideas for future conferences. If you were unable to attend this year's conference but still have some suggestions (e.g., featured topics, workshop possibilities), or if you would like to get involved in future



ARCC co-directors Dr. Kelvin Chan & Dr. Stuart Peacock

ARCC conferences, please reach out to us at the above email address. We would love to have your input.

Thank you for helping make ARCC the great network community it has become!

Sincerely, Stuart and Kelvin

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**SAVE THE DATE** **May 25-26, 2017**  
**ARCC Conference 2017** **Toronto, Ontario**

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## Highlights from the 5th Applied Research in Cancer Control Conference

- Over 165 registered participants representing nine provinces
- 34 speed networking participants
- Over 40 participants in our Fireside Chat “*Knowledge Translation – How to make sure your work informs Policy*” presented by Robin McLeod (VP Clinical Programs and Quality Initiatives, Cancer Care Ontario), Melissa Brouwers (Health Services Research Lead, McMaster University; ARCC Program Lead – Knowledge Translation) and Jon Kerner (Expert Lead – Knowledge Mobilization and Evaluation, Canadian Partnership Against Cancer)
- In-depth keynote presentation “*Building a sustainable cancer system in Ontario*” presented by Dr. Michael Sherar (President & CEO, Cancer Care Ontario)
- Panel Plenary “*A multidisciplinary approach to creating a sustainable cancer care system*” Dr. Eshwar Kumar (Co-CEO, New Brunswick Cancer Network), Dr. Doris Howell (Sr. Scientist, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre), and Dr. Jon Emery (Professor, University of Melbourne)
- 29 oral and 54 poster presentations from submitted abstracts
  - Keynote, oral, and poster presentations can be found on our website at <http://cc-arcc.ca/conference-presentations-2016/> \*

*\*You must be logged on to the ARCC website to access conference presentations. If you do not have and/or need assistance setting up a web login, please contact Rebecca Mercer at [ARCC@cancercare.on.ca](mailto:ARCC@cancercare.on.ca)*





### Congratulations to our Student Travel Award winners

- Kelly Brennan (Queen's University)
- Jason Hu (McGill University)
- Alyson Mahar (Queen's University)
- Syeda Kinza Rizvi (University of Calgary)
- Sophie Roher (University of Toronto)



### Congratulations to our Poster Award winners

Ronak Saluja  
(Student competition winner) –  
Poster title: *Estimating Hazard Ratios from Published Kaplan-Meier Survival Curves*

Anne Kearney  
(General competition winner) –  
Poster title: *Population-based mammography screening is not an effective breast cancer control strategy*



Our next conference will be held in Toronto, Ontario on Thursday May 25th and Friday May 26th, 2017. Stay tuned to the ARCC Website [www.cc-arcc.ca](http://www.cc-arcc.ca) for more details.

## Upcoming Events

### ARCC Webinars

We encourage you to participate in our webinars. This is an excellent opportunity to get involved, learn about current research projects and methods, connect with other researchers and discuss future research initiatives.



Calendar reminders will be emailed to the ARCC Network directly and can be found on our website at <http://cc-arcc.ca/webinars/>, along with additional details and information about previous webinars.

Interested in presenting an ARCC Webinar?  
Please contact us with your ideas today  
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### ARCC Program Webinar (SVPE)

Topic: Preferences/Patient Engagement. Title TBA.

Presenter: Dr. Dean Regier

Thursday August 25, 2016

1:00pm – 2:00pm (EST) 10:00am – 11:00pm (PST)  
2:00pm – 3:00pm (AST) 11:00am – 12:00pm (MST)

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### ARCC Program Webinar (HSSP)

Topic: Breast screening evidence — population-based mammography screening

Presenter: Dr. Anne Kearney

Friday September 23, 2016

1:00pm – 2:00pm (EST) 10:00am – 11:00pm (PST)  
2:00pm – 3:00pm (AST) 11:00am – 12:00pm (MST)

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### ARCC Program Webinar (HTA)

Topic: Cancer pharmacoeconomics

Presenter: Dr. Wanrudee Isaranuwachai

Friday October 28, 2016

1:00pm – 2:00pm (EST) 10:00am – 11:00pm (PST)  
2:00pm – 3:00pm (AST) 11:00am – 12:00pm (MST)

## ARCC Studentship Competition

### ARCC Studentships

ARCC is pleased to announce our 2017 Studentship competition. Several one-year studentships valued at \$25,000 (\$22,000 stipend plus \$3,000 research allowance) will be awarded. Applicants and their supervisors must both be members of ARCC, and the proposed research must fall within an ARCC program area. The term of these awards will be January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017.

### Competition Timeline

Open Competition: Monday July 18th, 2016  
Application Deadline: Friday September 30th, 2016  
Notifications: Early November, 2016  
Funding Start Date: January 1, 2017

To see full guidelines and download an application form, please visit the ARCC website at <http://www.cc-arcc.ca>

Questions? Please email [ARCC@cancercare.on.ca](mailto:ARCC@cancercare.on.ca)





## Member Spotlight



Dr. Anne Kearney is currently an Associate Professor within the Faculty of Medicine (Nursing) at Memorial University. She was awarded the ARCC Conference Poster Award at our recent conference for her poster titled *Population-based mammography screening is not an effective breast cancer control strategy*. She will be presenting a webinar on this topic to the ARCC network on Friday September 23. Be sure to join us there!

### Please provide some general information about yourself and your current position.

I have had a varied career as a Registered Nurse – I have worked in acute care neurosurgery/neurology and as a public health nurse in Toronto as well as in community-based HIV/AIDS work, addictions policy, organized breast screening, and as a post-secondary educator in Newfoundland and Labrador. I primarily teach community health nursing courses but have also taught health policy to Master of Public Health students in the Faculty of Medicine. I enjoy supervising graduate students.

### What is your training, and where did you receive it?

I received a Bachelor of Nursing and Doctor of Philosophy (Community Health, Medicine) from Memorial University and a Master of Health Science degree (Community Health, Medicine) from the University of Toronto. The master's program provided a critical lens to examine broad structural issues related to population health and health care delivery. My PhD dissertation examined factors influencing women's (non)practice of breast self examination including their perceptions about cancer, the health care system, and themselves as women.

### Tell us a bit about your current research projects and research interests.

I have two current unrelated programs of research. The primary one is related to breast screening evidence - population-based mammography screening particularly, but also clinical breast examination and breast self examination. I have just completed a number of conference presentations in which I advocated for the discontinuation of organized breast (mammography) screening because there is no evidence of benefit and good evidence of harm. I am also concerned that women are not being adequately informed, in plain language, about the harms of mammography screening. My second area of research is aimed at improving the work life of nurses. To this end, I have looked at job satisfaction, bullying, mentoring, and performance of non-nursing duties. I have previously done research in the area of interprofessional education and teamwork, among other areas.

### What is your favourite hobby?

This is an area of my life I have to work on! I love to read, travel, swim and hike and need to do more of all of them. I recently started knitting potcloths (I am not ambitious!).

## Congratulations

Do you know an ARCC Member who deserves to be acknowledged for a recent accomplishment?

Please send the details to [ARCC@cancercare.on.ca](mailto:ARCC@cancercare.on.ca)

- ARCC Investigator Dr. Murray Krahn and his research team, which includes ARCC Co-Director Dr. Stuart Peacock, ARCC Associate Dr. Alice Dragomir, ARCC Researcher Lisa Masucci and many other talented individuals, for being awarded a large grant from Prostate Cancer Canada to examine Non-Metastatic Castrate Resistant Prostate Cancer: Epidemiology, Clinical Pathways, and Health Care Costs.
- Dr. Dean Regier, ARCC Scientist, on the birth of his son Julian on May 22, 2016, weighing in at 7lbs 5oz. Welcome Julian!!
- Dr. Eva Grunfeld, ARCC Associate, on being named the inaugural Chair of the new Institute Advisory Board (IAB) on Chronic Conditions with the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR).

## Recent Publications

Do you have a recent publication you would like us to list here? Please send the details to [ARCC@cancercare.on.ca](mailto:ARCC@cancercare.on.ca)

*Authors names in bold indicate ARCC membership*

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## COMING SOON – ARCC Seed Grant Competition

Stay tuned – in the next couple of weeks ARCC will launch our 2017 Seed Grant Competition. The purpose of this funding competition is to provide initial ‘start-up’ funding for new or existing researchers to conduct research such as (for example) studies that collect pilot data, studies involving analysis of administrative data, and literature reviews. Upon completion of the Seed Grant project, the research team should be able to demonstrate support for a larger funding application to external granting agencies by, for example: providing preliminary data to justify the need for further research, showing a foundation on which a larger project can be built, and producing deliverables related to a project plan.

### Competition Timeline (Specific Dates TBD)

Open: late August 2016

Application Deadline: late October 2016

Notifications: late 2016

Funding start date: January 2017