Individuals suffering intolerably from a medical condition are legally able to request medical assistance in dying (MAiD) under certain circumstances. MAiD can either entail a physician or nurse practitioner prescribing fatal drugs for the patient to self-administer (physician-assisted suicide) or a physician directly administering lethal drugs (euthanasia). Whereas laws regulating MAiD have been in effect in different areas of the world since 1942, Canada only recently decriminalized MAiD in 2016. Individuals under the age of 18 years are not permitted to receive MAiD in Canada. Because legislation exists in other countries that permit MAiD, the current review aims to (a) review legislation and data pertaining to MAiD in Canada and other countries with particular attention on legislation for minors; (b) address important ethical considerations for extending MAiD services to minors in Canada; and (c) provide recommendations for amendments to current MAiD legislation in Canada based on the findings. Combining data from other countries with ethical implications for offering all options to relieve suffering, it is recommended that Canada extend MAiD legislation to mature minors with the inclusion of psychologists in the assessment of decision-making capacity and informed consent.
RESEARCH NOTES AND ACTIVITIES


EVENTS

Mindfulness as a Coping Strategy in Times of Crisis
Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 / Time: 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. / Location: Online via Zoom

In this webinar, Dr. Linda Carlson (professor in the Faculty of Medicine and co-author of The Art and Science of Mindfulness) will discuss the ways in which mindfulness can be used as a coping strategy to help reduce stress as we work through the COVID-19 pandemic. She will define mindfulness, give research-based examples of how it can reduce stress and change your brain, and guide you through several mindfulness practices that can be beneficial in your everyday professional and personal lives, and especially during times of crisis.

Register HERE: https://conted.ucalgary.ca/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=55506307&expandSectionId=55506307&parentSite=TI

PSYCHOLOGY IN THE NEWS

Dr. Giuseppe Iaria in Nobody Listens to Paula Poundstone’s Podcast “Ep 107: Where in the World is Paula Poundstone?”

VOLUNTEER AND JOB POSTINGS

Masters in Experimental Psychology with Specialization in Wearable Technology

The Healthy Families Lab at the University of Calgary is advertising for a MSc or PhD student in an experimental psychology with an interest in exercise and sleep during the transition to parenthood. The student would become part of an innovative line of research investigating interventions to improve and preserve health behaviours (e.g., sleep and exercise) during the transition to parenthood and the role of digital and wearable technology in both assessment and health promotion. Primarily supervised at the University of Calgary, the student would have the opportunity to be a part of the wearable technology program and to collaborate with the Behavioural Medicine Lab at the University of Victoria.

Interested students are encouraged to reach out to Dr. Tomfohr-Madsen for more details. https://www.healthyfamilieslab.com/
Tenure-track position in Clinical Child Neuropsychology at SFU

The Department of Psychology in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at Simon Fraser University (SFU) invites applications for one tenure-track faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor in Clinical Child Neuropsychology to begin as early as January 1, 2021. Applicants must have completed a Ph.D. with a focus on clinical child neuropsychology from a CPA- or APA-accredited institution by the time of appointment or shortly thereafter. Successful candidates must be eligible for registration with the College of Psychologists of British Columbia, must initiate the registration process within the first 12 months of hire and subsequently maintain registration throughout their employment.

The successful candidate will be expected to participate in graduate training and departmental activities and service, and to fill undergraduate teaching needs in developmental psychopathology and other areas related to clinical child neuropsychology as well as graduate teaching in child neuropsychology and neuropsychological assessment, biological bases of behaviour, and child assessment and treatment more broadly. Interest in and ability to provide clinical supervision is desirable. The candidate will be a member of the clinical psychology faculty within the Department of Psychology.

Application materials should be submitted electronically, via email to psychclin@sfu.ca. Please provide a cover letter, curriculum vitae, research and teaching statements, copies of representative publications, and arrange for three referees to submit letters of reference. Applications will be reviewed as they are received until the position is filled, with priority given to completed applications received prior to October 1, 2020. Inquiries should be directed to: Dr. Deb Connolly (debc@sfu.ca).

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at McLean Hospital/Harvard Medical School (Posting 3128539)

McLean Hospital is a comprehensive psychiatric hospital committed to providing easy access to superior quality, cost effective mental health services in the Boston area, Massachusetts and beyond. Since 1811, McLean Hospital has been a world leader in the treatment of mental illness and chemical dependency, research into the cause of mental illness and the training of generations of mental health care providers. McLean’s multidisciplinary programs treat a broad range of psychiatric illnesses across the full continuum of care.

PRINCIPAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
• Generate scientific abstracts and manuscripts for submission and publication in conjunction with principal investigators
• Develop and test hypotheses with existing datasets/studies, based on an understanding of the relevant scientific literature
• Conduct and oversee data analytics
• Oversee clinical research assistants in developing figures, tables, reference sections, etc, for poster presentations and manuscripts
• Other duties as assigned

McLean team members are expected to consistently demonstrate our values of integrity, compassion, respect, diversity, teamwork, excellence and innovation in their work activities and interactions.

FOR MORE INFO & TO APPLY:
Please visit www.mcleanhospital.org/careers and search posting number 3128356 to apply for this position.

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Multiple Sclerosis Rehabilitation Research at John Hopkins University

The Division of Rehabilitation Psychology and Neuropsychology is recruiting for our Mentor-Based Postdoctoral Fellowship in MS Rehabilitation Research, funded through the National MS Society. The position is for one or two years. The fellowship aims to prepare trainees for clinical research careers in MS rehabilitation, with a focus on understanding and promoting psychosocial wellness in MS. The majority of the fellows’ time will be spent in clinically relevant research activities (80%), with the remaining time spent delivering clinical services to patients in the Johns Hopkins MS Rehabilitation Program. Additional activities will include weekly didactics and monthly seminars within the Division of Rehabilitation Psychology and Neuropsychology, and grand rounds within the Departments of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation and Neurology. Fellows who complete the program and attend relevant didactics and other training experiences will be eligible for board certification in Rehabilitation Psychology from ABPP.

Required Qualifications
• Doctoral degree in clinical or counseling psychology (Ph.D. or Psy.D.) from APA-accredited doctoral and internship programs
  o Doctoral degrees from other rehabilitation fields will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
• Scholarly activity in MS or other rehabilitation, health, or disability populations

Application and Interview Process
Please submit the following materials to abbeyhughes@jhmi.edu:
• A letter of interest (≤ 2 pages) that describes: (1) relevant training and education; (2) interest in MS rehabilitation research; and (3) how this fellowship will advance your career goals
• CV
• Contact information for two professional references
Happy Monday!

Congratulations to everyone included in the Monday Memo! The department recognizes your hard work and dedication. Keep it up!

Do you have something you would like to include in the Monday Memo newsletter? Please send it to pnguy@ucalgary.ca before Thursday at noon.

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