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## ALUMNI NEWS

### EMERGING LEADER IN HEALTH INFORMATICS AWARD



Sherman Quan and Rhonda Chou

Sherman Quan, ('03) Health Informatician, Department of Medicine, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre was the 2006 winner of the COACH Emerging Leader in Health Informatics Award. Rhonda Chou, Principal of the Courtyard Group, presented him with the award at the recent awards banquet.

This award recognizes individuals who are in the first five years of their career, who have clearly demonstrated leadership and achieved early success in the field.

Among numerous other achievements, Mr. Quan's leadership in forming a partnership with the Corporate Information Services group was a key turning point for moving the hospital's e-Health agenda forward, creating a culture where physicians and other multidisciplinary staff are embracing technology as an approach for improving patient care. He is actively involved in research projects that involve multiple organizations, the benefits of which include the improved utilization of existing resources, increased ability to encourage investments from granting agencies and industry, and better common user interfaces for shared faculty and trainees.

Sherman Quan graduated from Health Information Science at UVic in 2003. Since then, in his role at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, he has continued to support the School by hiring and supervising co-op students.

### Where are they now....

Carole Chow ('03) is continuing to work for Courtyard Group but has now moved to their new Vancouver office.

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Andy French ('00) recently finished the MBA program at the Ivey School of Business, and has accepted a senior consulting position with Deloitte & Touche in their Health Strategy & Operations Group, Vancouver office.

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Kate Lawrence ('03) is working at the Courtyard Group in England.

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Krista Louie ('01) has moved to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario.

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Rosanne Schiell (Lewis '06) is working for the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority as a Business Analyst on the RAI/MDS Residential Care Project.

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Laura Sauve ('96) is working for Baylor in Burkina Faso, West Africa on a pediatric HIV treatment project. Along with 3 colleagues, she is starting a new HIV treatment program. Her blog is http://burkina-adventures.blogspot.com/

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Lyn Sibley ('96) finished her PhD at Johns Hopkins University and has recently started a postdoc fellowship in Toronto.

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Owen Dasheill Benoit

Brent Benoit ('93) and Avril Frame are thrilled to announce the birth of their son Owen Dashiell Benoit on August 10th. He is a happy little guy and is growing quickly.

I am still with McKesson Medical Imaging (formerly ALI) in Vancouver and I am managing the project management group that deals with our larger corporate accounts. It has been a very interesting company to be a part of as we successfully become a market leader and continue to rapidly grow along with the imaging market.

Brent Benoit

## *Off to Africa.......*

Nicole Grimm (MSc '05) is a student in the Department of Medicine at the University of Alberta (Dr. Nicola Shaw, Supervisor). Nicole will be moving to a rural Tanzanian hospital with her husband and daughter in March 2007 in order to conduct her doctoral research. They will stay for a minimum of one year. Nicole's research evaluates the pilot implementation of an Electronic Health Record using Participatory Action Research. Research collaborators are the Universities of Alberta, Calgary, Central Lancashire (UK), and Bergen (Norway), and in Tanzania: Haydom Lutheran Hospital, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania (ELCT) Health, the Africa Regional Youth Initiative, and the Ifakara Health Research and Development Centre.

Nicole presented her research at the American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) conference doctoral consortium in Washington, DC in November 2006. She recently

received a Doctoral Studentship through the Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research (AHFMR) and field research funds through the University of Alberta's Funds for Support of International Development Activities. Nicole gratefully acknowledges partial funding support for the AMIA conference through the University of Alberta's Faculty of Graduate Studies and a partial travel grant for the initial site visit to Tanzania in January 2006 through the CIHR Health Informatics PhD/ Postdoc Strategic Training Program (CHPSTP).

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Katherine Briar Bell

Heidi (Andrieshyn '01)and Alan Bell are proud new parents of Katherine Briar Bell, born November 1, 2006. Big sister Elizabeth is becoming quite the "helper".

# GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

## *First Graduate from HINF Distributed Master Degree Program in Health Informatics*

I am pleased to announce that Jeff Barnett has just successfully passed his oral exam today and is now the very first graduate from our distributed master degree program in health informatics. Jeff's HINF598 project was entitled "The Impact of Provincial Privacy Legislation on the Provider Project at the BC Cancer Agency" with Dr. Howard Pai from BC Cancer Agency, Dr. Nicola Shaw from

University of Alberta and Dr. Francis Lau from UVic as his supervisory committee members. Please join me in congratulating him on this major accomplishment!

Francis Lau

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Francis Lau, Craig Kuziemsky, Stefan Pantazi and Jochen Moehr

Congratulations to Craig Kuziemsky and Stefan Pantazi who received their PhD's at the November 2006 convocation. They are shown above with their proud supervisors, Francis Lau and Jochen Moehr.

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Post doc fellow Craig Kuziemsky has accepted a position as an assistant professor in the School of Management at the University of Ottawa starting July 2007. Craig invites people looking for an eastern research health informatics research partner to get in touch with him.

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Stefan and Felicia Pantazi are shown above with their newborn baby, Erica Beatrice. She was born on November 4th at 1:50 am. She weighed 3392 grams (7 lbs 8 oz) and she was 51 cm (20 in) long.

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# STUDENT NEWS

## *Student Awards*

Once again our students have been the recipients of numerous awards and scholarships.  Congratulations to:

Ekua Affum  - Grade 11 Scholarship; Tyrone Austen – ICBC Scholarship in Health Information Science; Janine Greenwell – University of Victoria Excellence Scholarships Renewal; Mike Han - University of Victoria Entrance Scholarship; Xueying Liu - University of Victoria International Awards and the  Mrs. Annie Greshiw Scholarship in Health Information Science; Byung Park – Mrs. Annie Greskiw Scholarship in Health Information Science; Kathy Yang – President's Scholarship for Part-Time Undergraduate Students' and, Yinxin Zhu – President's Scholarship for Part-Time Undergraduate Students.

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It is with a mixture of pride, happiness and sorrow that we say goodbye to the November 2006 graduating students:

Gregory Botten, Monroop Chahal, Prakorn Chayanuwat, Gavin D'Mello, Tielo Hrasky, Mike Kozakowski, Annie Lam, Rosanne Lewis, Kenneth McKnight, Hai Nguyen, Catherine Pagett, Stephanie Potvin, Wei-Cheng Wang, and Ju Yang.  We wish you well in your chosen career.

# FACULTY & STAFF NEWS



While in England for the fall term, Denis and Pat Protti caught up with former HINFers in London.   Shown in the photo above (from left to right) are:  Conan Fong (Courtyard Group), Denis Protti, Brian Farwell, Denis Protti, Wendy Farwell ('95, now with Fujitsu), Pat Protti, Katie Mackle ('05), Shannon Malovec ('04), and Kate Lawrence ('03).  Katie, Shannon and Kate all work for Courtyard Group.

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It is my pleasure to announce, effective December 1, 2006, the re-establishment of Juzwishin Consulting Inc.

I have left IHE and can now be reached at the coordinates identified in the signature block below.

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Don Juzwishin is an adjunct associate professor at the School of Health Information Science and will be presenting a research seminar "Theorizing a paradigm shift in health care policy making:  Implications and opportunities for health information science" on February 9th.

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# MISCELLANEOUS

**Stan Dubas,** former BC Deputy Minister of Health and a close friend of the School passed away in December at the age of 70.  Mr. Dubas was one of the School's dedicated sessional lecturers in its early days.  From 1983-85, though he was busy being the province's Deputy Minister of Health, he took on the responsibility for a full course -- the old version of the current HINF 140.  He held his classes in his offices  at 1515 Blanshard and senior Ministry of Health staff would jokingly complain that they were envious - our students spent more time with the Deputy than they did.

Mr. Dubas's contribution to the School was however more significant during the period that the School was on the verge of being cancelled due to the severe economic down turn that BC experienced in the 80's -- only a few years after the School had gotten started.  On his own and without prompting, Mr. Dubas was instrumental in influencing the UVic Board of Directors that our program should be maintained at all costs - not withstanding the University's need to make financial cuts.  As a result of his intervention, we managed to survive those difficult years.  We would not have close to 600 graduates scattered around the world today if he had not done what he did.

Denis J. Protti

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If you haven't already registered for **Information Technology and Communications in Health (ITCH 2007),** time is running out.  The conference is already over 90% booked.

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# TODAY'S INFORMATION for TOMORROW'S IMPROVEMENTS

February 15 – 18, 2007   Laurel Point Inn, Victoria, BC, Canada

An international conference addressing
Information Technology and Communications in Health (ITCH)

Be sure to check out the full ITCH 2007 conference schedule.  Start the conference out right by registering for the excellent pre-conference workshops.

**PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS FEBRUARY 15TH**

Morning
- How to Successfully Implement an EMR in Small Clinics using Best Practices from a Systematic Review
- Total Quality Improvement: Using Health Information Systems for Incremental to Radical Gains in Quality
- Soft Systems Methodology Theory and Practice

Afternoon
- EMR Toolkit: Tools for implementing electronic medical records in multi-disciplinary primary health care settings
- IT to Support Quality Improvement and Patient Safety: A Practical Approach to Systematic Reviews
- Rapid Usability Engineering: Designing and Customizing Usable Healthcare Information Systems
- SnomedCT: Opportunities and Challenges

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

*Edward Shortliffe*, Columbia University

*Richard Alvarez*, Canada Health Infoway

*Steven Huesing,* International Medical Informatics Association

**PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

Over 90 papers presented in 4 tracks over 3 days

**CONCURRENT PANELS FEBRUARY 18TH**

Morning
- Ensuring the Safety of Healthcare Information Systems
- Health Informatics Education: How Will We Ever Educate the Needed Workforce?

Afternoon
- Advances in Telehealth: Perspectives from the Frontiers
- Implementation of Electronic Health Records: Issues and Challenges

**REGISTRATION & INFORMATION**

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