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**Photo:** CHEPA member Feng Xie is shown giving the Plenary speech at the 18th Annual Meeting of the China Society of Clinical Epidemiology and Evidence-Based Medicine on August 24 in Dalian, China.

## E-News

CHEPA researchers have been helping to shape Canada's health system since 1988. Located at McMaster University, CHEPA ([chepa.org](http://chepa.org)) is a multidisciplinary centre providing timely and relevant evidence to inform policy-making at all levels of the health-care system.

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## Honours

**Elizabeth Alvarez** received the 2018-19 **HEI Teaching Excellence Award**, in the Full Time & Joint category, from the **Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence, & Impact** (HEI) on September 3.

Emeritus CHEPA Member **Steve Birch** was awarded the Distinguished Scientist Award from the **International Association for Dental Research** (IADR) for his lifetime contributions to behavioural, epidemiologic and health

## New Publications

### Journal Articles

Abelson J, Tripp L, Kandasamy S, Burrows K, PPEET Implementation Study Team. [Supporting the evaluation of public and patient engagement in health system organizations: Results from an implementation research study](#). *Health Expectations*. 2019. Aug 2. doi: 10.1111/hex.12949.

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services research in oral health.

[John Lavis](#), director of the [McMaster Health Forum](#), was elected Fellow of the [Canadian Academy of Health Sciences](#) (CAHS) on September 19.

## Grants

[Julia Abelson](#) and [Meredith Vanstone](#) are co-principal investigators on a three-year study entitled "[Examining patient partner and advisor roles in the Canadian health system: A mixed-methods policy analysis](#)", which received a \$330,000 Project Grant from the [Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#) (CIHR).

[Michel Grignon](#) is the Principal Investigator on a new research project funded by a one-year \$40,000 MIRA/Labarge Centre for Mobility in Aging (LCMA) [Catalyst Grant](#), that will [examine interventions to help municipal and provincial governments improve road safety for cyclists and pedestrians](#), particularly seniors. Other CHEPA members involved in the research as co-investigators are [Emmanuel Guindon](#) and [Jean-Éric Tarride](#).

A large, collaborative research initiative seeking to improve palliative care at home and in the community -- "[Building CAPACITI \(Community Access to Palliative Care via Interprofessional primary care Teams\)](#)", co-led by [Hsien Seow](#), who holds the [Canada Research Chair in Palliative Care and Health System Innovation](#), was awarded a CIHR Project Grant of \$1,216,350, over five years.

[Meredith Vanstone](#) and Health Policy PhD student Alice Cavanagh received a \$50,000 Research Trainee Fellowship from the physician-centred non-profit [PSI Foundation](#) to do a study entitled "[Improving physician preparation to respond to patients who have experienced sexual violence.](#)"

## Labelle Lecture

The 28th annual [Labelle Lecture](#) will be presented on Thursday, November 14, 2019 by [Jennifer Walker](#), associate professor, [School of Rural and Northern Health at Laurentian University](#). She also holds a Tier II Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Health and is the Indigenous Lead for the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences. The lecture will take place from 3 p.m. to 4:30 pm in HSC 1A4, followed by a reception in the Farncombe Atrium.

## Presentations

[Andrew Costa](#) gave an invited talk entitled "[Primary care](#)

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provider quality and its impact on patient outcomes in long-term care,” at the 5th Annual 'Advances in Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Conference' at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida on August 23.

**Lisa Schwartz** chaired a panel discussion entitled “Beyond IRB approval; Some key ethical issues related to humanitarian research” at **erlha**'s R2HC humanitarian research forum on September 11 at Royal Holloway in Surrey, England.

**Meredith Vanstone** presented “Fostering organizational compassion in the ICU through the Three Wishes Project” to the Association of Medical Educators of Europe in Vienna, Austria, in August.

**Feng Xie** gave the plenary speech, entitled “Patients: The centre of modern health care and research,” at the 18th Annual Meeting of the China Society of Clinical Epidemiology and Evidence-Based Medicine in Dalian, China on August 24. He also presented “Trial-based economic evaluation: When Edward meets Bella,” on August 26, at the Health Research Methods seminar held at Peking Union Medical College Hospital in Beijing, China.

## Media

**Laura Anderson** was interviewed by CTV news about about her research [linking pancreatic cancer and obesity in teens and early adulthood](#).

## Graduate students

**Health Policy PhD** student **Ahmednur Ali** received a Wilson Leadership Scholar Award -- [one of four people in the first graduate cohort to receive the award](#). His supervisor is **John Lavis**. Graduate Wilson Leaders receive \$12,500 in direct funding, and up to \$12,500 in experiential funding.

Four HP PhD students successfully defended their theses recently:

- **Donya Razavi** defended “Public and vulnerable populations’ participation in health-system priority setting” on August 19. Her supervisor was **Lydia Kapiriri**.
- **Heather Bullock** defended “How do systems achieve their goals? The role of implementation in mental health systems improvement” on August 22. Her supervisor was **John Lavis**. Heather is now the Lead at RISE, the Rapid Improvement Support and Exchange, which provides evidence-based support to the new

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Ontario Health Teams, using a rapid-learning and improvement lense.

- Ahmad Firas Khalid, supervised by [John Lavis](#), defended "Supporting the use of research evidence to inform decision-making in crisis zones" on September 18.
- Young Jung, supervised by [Christopher Longo](#), defended "The burden of cancer: Individual and societal outcomes" on September 20.

## New Frontiers in Health Policy conference

The annual graduate student conference, [New Frontiers in Health Policy](#), will be held on November 14, 2019, immediately preceding the [Labelle Lecture](#). The conference focuses on topics about the drivers for change in health care: from disruptive action that centres marginalized communities, to innovative thinking that transforms the trajectory of health systems and policies, to sustainable development leading to effective, lasting change.

Abstracts are due by October 10, 2019. Registration is free and closes on November 1, 2019. For more information, click [here](#).

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