

PhysioLINK

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CHAIR'S HOLIDAY MESSAGE

As we approach the end of 2021, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone in the Department for all of their important contributions to the Department. With dedication and hard work, we were able to maintain our research and teaching programs despite the many challenges of the ongoing pandemic. In solidarity with our front-line healthcare providers and hospital-based colleagues, I encourage everyone to celebrate the holiday season in a manner that limits further spread of the Omicron variant, and ensures we enjoy a safe and healthy holiday season and happy new year. [Please continue to visit the central COVID-19 hub for the U of T community](#) for the latest COVID-19 updates.

Wishing you all a safe and Happy Holiday Season, and a brighter 2022!

Scott P. Heximer, PhD

Ernest B. and Leonard B. Smith Chair,
Department of Physiology

HOLIDAY RAFFLE 2021

A tremendous **THANK YOU** to all of the people who participated in this year's CP24/CHUM Christmas Wish Holiday Raffle - a virtual extravaganza yet again. A huge appreciation note to GASP/UPSA/PSL who advertised the tickets, all of the people who provided the 36 (!) prize contributions, and especially those who bought tickets online! This was a unique challenge, but we tried to make it fun, even if it was all virtual from the PSL seminar room. **We managed to raise \$2580 for the charity and this demonstrates the outstanding generosity of our faculty, students and staff. This is another new record donation for Physiology - and especially important in this remarkably difficult year.**



See list of all the lucky winners attached.

Happy (socially-distanced, face-masked) Holidays to All!

Denise Belsham

PHYSIOLOGY'S CHARLES H. BEST LECTURE

Endowed by Dr. John K. & Mrs. Mary E. Davidson

~ Eligible for PSL1000H/PSL2000H/PSL4000Y Course Seminar Attendance ~

Ele Ferrannini, M.D.



Emeritus Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Pisa; Senior Research Associate of the CNR (National Research Council) Institute of Clinical Physiology, Pisa; Adjunct Clinical Professor of Medicine, Diabetes Division, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Texas

Thursday January 20, 2022
12:00pm - 1:00pm EST

"Diabetes as a systems collapse"

Webinar Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87036536624>

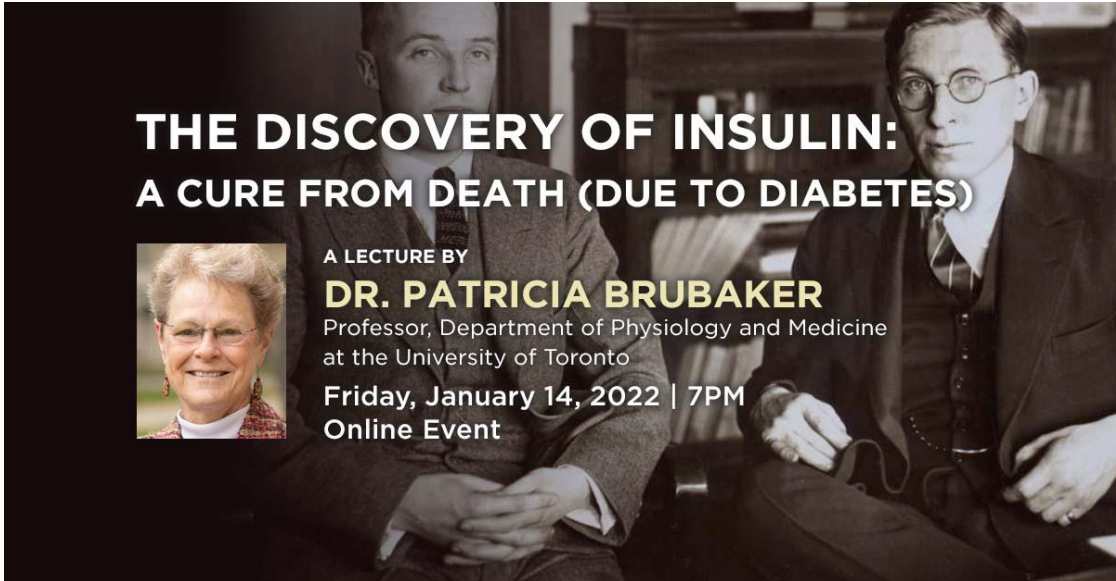
Hosted by the Endocrine and Diabetes Platform

HONORS & AWARDS

Congratulations to **Dr. Stephen Matthews** and colleagues on receipt of funding for a new Covid-related project based on the Ontario Birth Study. Project Title: "A window on changes in early childhood development with COVID-19 pandemic exposure before and after birth: the Ontario Birth Study".

Congratulations to **Dr. Barry Sessle** who was inducted as a Life Member of The Royal Society of Canada. Barry is the first dentist or dental academic to receive Life Membership of the Royal Society of Canada since its founding in 1882.

DISCOVERY OF INSULIN – Yorkminster Park Lecture Series



**THE DISCOVERY OF INSULIN:
A CURE FROM DEATH (DUE TO DIABETES)**

A LECTURE BY
DR. PATRICIA BRUBAKER
Professor, Department of Physiology and Medicine
at the University of Toronto

Friday, January 14, 2022 | 7PM
Online Event

Dr. Patricia Brubaker. Friday, January 14th 2022 | 7:00pm

One hundred years ago, Frederick Banting, MD had an idea in the middle of the night that culminated in the discovery of insulin, a 'cure' for certain death in patients with Type 1 diabetes.

<https://www.yorkminsterpark.com/speakers-series/44/the-discovery-of-insulin-a-cure-from-death-due-to-diabetes/>

LECTURE IS FREE - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

KRAICER AWARD 2021

Recognizes excellence in scholarship during doctoral studies in the Department of Physiology

Each year there is one (1) award recipient who is awarded \$1,000 and an inscribed trophy. In addition, the award recipient's name is added to the Kraicer Award Wall Plaque located in the corridor near the Chair's Office.

Congratulations to Dr. Frank (Shin-Haw) Lee who is this year's winner!



"I want to thank all the faculty and staff in the department of physiology, for all your guidance and support throughout my time at UofT. I would not be where I am today if it weren't for all of you! Specifically - Rosalie, thank you for the countless email reminders, I definitely would not have met all the requirements for graduation without them; for that alone, every student in the department owes you a big thank you! Tony, thank you for taking me in as a member of your research group, I deeply appreciate the opportunity to learn and grow as an independent scientist in your lab. You have been a great supervisor, teacher, and mentor for me and thank you for guiding me both professionally and personally. I know this is just the beginning of a life-long relationship and mentorship and I look forward to sharing many more great memories with you in the coming years. To past and present members of the Gramolini Lab, thank you for being an inspiration to me and thank you for your unconditional support and encouragement throughout the past

few years. I am truly lucky to have met all of you and I look forward to staying in touch with you in the future. Thanks, Frank"

DEPARTMENTAL TEACHING AWARDS (2020-21)

Congratulations to all of the faculty members below on receipt of a Teaching Award at the Virtual Holiday Party.... outstanding! Your continuing dedication to the education mission of our department is enormously appreciated.

Undergraduate Teaching Awards:

- **Ankur Bodalia** – Robert Goode Early Career Teaching Award
- **Douglas Tweed** – Undergraduate Large Class Teaching Award
- **Michelle French** – Undergraduate Small Class Teaching Award
- **Bill Hutchison** – Excellence in Sustained Commitment to Teaching
- **Cristina Nostro** – Outstanding Guest Lecturer in Undergraduate Physiology

Graduate Teaching Awards:

- **Steve Prescott** – Excellence in Graduate Teaching
- **Vijay Chauhan** – Excellence Joint Graduate and Undergraduate Teaching

Longstanding Service Award – Graduate Admissions Committee

- **Hong-Shuo Sun**
- **Shuzo Sugita**
- **Evelyn Lambe**
- **Zhengping Jia**
- **Brian Cox**



Happy Holidays Everyone!

Stay Safe & See you in the

New Year!