President’s Column

This year’s CAPE meeting in Toronto looks to be another great one, albeit with a touch of sadness that has been a bit too familiar at these meetings in the last few years. A key part of our day will be a tribute to Dr. Roger Bland, who amongst his many accomplishments was instrumental, along with Alec Leighton, in organizing CAPE from the beginning. Roger had an exceptional career, and was a friend and colleague to many CAPE members. Roger was brilliant, supportive of junior colleagues, and had an outstanding sense of humour. I’m one of the many lucky individuals who had the opportunity to work with Roger – he was a member of my advisory committee when I started my MSc in Epidemiology at the University of Alberta in 1998. Roger always dispensed advice with patience, wisdom, and a twinkle in his eye.

Long after those early mentoring years, I had the opportunity to frequently meet up with Roger, as we had similar preferences for conferences: CAPE, the International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiology conferences, and the European Psychiatry Association Epidemiology section meetings. I fondly remember dinners together in far-flung places like Vienna, Austria, or Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Roger always was the first to laugh, and in those moments you’d never imagine that this gentle man was a giant in his field. He’s left such an amazing legacy.

Paul Kurdyak and his colleagues have arranged an exciting program for us, including a Sinyor vs. Rudzicz debate on two approaches to suicide prevention, a truly stellar selection of presentations, and this year’s awards of excellence.

I look forward to celebrating Roger’s life, and seeing many of you, in Toronto on September 26.

Ian Colman, PhD
University of Ottawa

The Alex Leighton Joint CPA-CAPE Award in Psychiatric Epidemiology

This award was created in honour of Professor Alex Leighton, a pioneer and leader of Canadian psychiatric epidemiology. Its purpose is to recognize a person or group that has contributed significantly to the advancement of Canadian psychiatric epidemiology through innovative studies, methods development, teaching or knowledge transfer. It can relate to lifelong activities or to a recent significant achievement.
Featured Debate

Addressing Suicide: Existing Evidence & Methods vs. Artificial Intelligence

Evidence & Methods: Mark Sinyor
Dr. Sinyor is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto and a psychiatrist and founder of PROGRESS (the Program of Research and Education to Stop Suicide) at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. His clinical focus is on mood disorders, and he serves as an Associate Scientist at the Sunnybrook Research Institute.

Artificial Intelligence: Frank Rudzicz
Dr Rudzicz is a computer scientist with interests in speech, language, machine-learning, healthcare & entrepreneurship. He is an Associate Scientist at the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute of St. Michael's Hospital as well as an Associate Professor, and Director of the Signal Processing and Oral Communication Lab within Computer Science at the University of Toronto.

Conference Location
September 26, 2018
8:15AM,
The Faculty Club
41 Willcocks Street
Toronto, Ontario
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The Jane Murphy Award in Psychiatric Epidemiology
Awarded each year for excellence in a student poster presentation at the annual CAPE Conference.

The Roger Bland Award in Psychiatric Epidemiology
Awarded each year for excellence in an oral paper presentation by a student at the annual CAPE Conference.
Schedule CAPE 2018

8:15 - 8:45 Registration (breakfast and refreshments will be provided)
8:45 - 9:00 Welcoming statements
  • Paul Kurdyak, Convenor CAPE 2018
  • Ian Colman, CAPE President
9:00 - 10:00 Debate: Addressing suicide: can we use existing evidence and methods or will artificial intelligence help? Mark Sinyor MD (Existing evidence); Frank Rudzicz (AI)
10:00 - 11:15 Session 1 – Perinatal and Child/Youth Mental Health
  1. Isabelle Doré. Psychosocial mechanisms underpinning the association between number of years participating in sports during childhood and mental health in adolescence: A 5-year cohort study
  2. Mila Kingsbury. The protective effect of neighbourhood social cohesion on adolescent mental health following stressful life events: Evidence from a national longitudinal study
  3. James Bolton. Early Adult Suicidal Risk and Adverse Social Outcomes of Child and Adolescent Mental Disorders: A Population-Based Longitudinal Study
  4. Hilary Brown. Maternal intellectual and developmental disabilities and newborn discharge to child protective services: A population-based study
11:15 - 12:00 Poster session and networking
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
1:00 - 1:45 Alex Leighton Prize Awarded by CAPE president Ian Colman & winner's speech
1:45 - 2:45 Session 2: Medical/Psychiatric Comorbidity
  1. Nicole Hammond. The role of positive health behaviours in the relationship between early life stress and migraine
  2. Victoria Sparrow-Downes. Postpartum Mental Health Service Utilization in Women with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV): A Population-Based Study
  3. Caitlin Blainey. Examining the incidence and temporal trends of comorbid personality disorders in inflammatory bowel disease, multiple sclerosis, and rheumatoid arthritis: a longitudinal study conducted in Manitoba, Canada
  4. Tanya Hauck. Myocardial Infarction in Schizophrenia: Revascularization is Effective and Underutilized
2:45 - 3:15 A memorial tribute to Roger Bland: Gus Thompson
3:15 - 3:30 Poster session
3:30 - 4:45 Session 3: Population-based Mental Health
4:45 - 5:00 Jane Murphy poster award and Roger Bland oral presentation awards
5:00 - 5:45 CAPE annual meeting
7:00 PM Dinner: TBA
Roger Caudwell Bland
1937 - 2018

Roger Bland died peacefully at home on July 31, 2018 following a brief battle with esophageal cancer.

After obtaining a medical degree from the University of Liverpool and working for several years as a general practitioner in England, Roger immigrated to Canada in 1966. Shortly thereafter he entered the residency program in Psychiatry at the University of Alberta, obtaining his fellowship in 1971. Four years later, Roger was on academic staff in that same department, a position he proudly held throughout his career.

Roger led a professional life filled with laudable accomplishments - as a clinician, administrator, researcher, and advocate for the mentally ill. How he was able to do so much, so well, in so many areas was a never-ending mystery to me.

Roger held a range of positions with the Alberta government, the University of Alberta, and various professional and research organizations, including: Assistant Deputy Minister for Mental Health Services, Chair of the UofA Department of Psychiatry, President of the Alberta Psychiatric Association, Vice-President of the International Federation of Psychiatric Epidemiology, and Deputy Editor of the Canadian Journal of Psychiatry. He was a founding member of CAPE and, appropriately, the first recipient of the CAPE-CPA Alex Leighton Award.

Always a devoted clinician and passionate spokesman on behalf of the mentally ill, Roger was made an honorary lifetime member of the Schizophrenia Society of Alberta. One of his proudest achievements was receiving the Order of Canada in 2012 for community service.

Roger was a remarkable man. It was my pleasure (and honor) to work closely with him on numerous research projects for over two decades. His knowledge of psychiatric epidemiology was encyclopedic, his intellectual insights were probing and provocative, and his organizational skills were daunting. I could not have asked for a more devoted and generous colleague. Canadian psychiatry has lost one of its leading figures, and many of us have lost a dear friend.

Stephen C. Newman
University of Alberta
September, 2018
CAPE/ACÉP was organized in 1984 by a multi-disciplinary group to: (1) facilitate communication among those involved in psychiatric epidemiology in Canada, (2) provide information & advice to policy makers, clinicians & scientists in the mental health field, and (3) support quality improvement in psychiatric epidemiology training in Canadian centres.

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IFPE. Mental Health Equity Around the Globe: Contributions from a Psychiatric Epidemiology Perspective
Sao Paulo, Brazil, April 8-10, 2019

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