

**Ontario Association on
Developmental Disabilities**



**SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS
PRESENTATION
2017**

Hilton Niagara Falls
Niagara Falls, Ontario

Thursday April 20th, 2017

12:00 p.m.

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WELCOME

HULL-ROEHER AWARD OF MERIT

Dr. Robert Hickey

OADD AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Dr. Kerry Boyd

Dr. Xudong Liu

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KAY SANSOM SCHOLARSHIPS

Sarah —Graduate Scholarship

OADD-NADD ONTARIO SCHOLARSHIPS

Beatrice Kaiser—Student Research Scholarship

Kelly Coons—Participation Scholarship

Kelly will be using the scholarship to complete her PhD. and continue to present her research. Kelly is passionate about the prevention of FASD. Her presentation integrates scenario-based vignettes as part of the programs' curricula and Kelly believes this will have significant implications for FASD prevention and educational policy through meaningful changes.

For the 2017 year there were no successful applications for the Continuing Education OADD-NADD Ontario scholarship

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For more information on OADD Awards & Scholarships visit the OADD Web site at www.oadd.org, or contact the OADD Office at 2 Surrey Place, Toronto, ON., M5S 2C2.
Phone (416) 429-3720

OADD-NADD ONTARIO SCHOLARSHIPS:

STUDENT RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

\$1000 to support College or University students in completing a research study or writing a thesis that is focused on intellectual and developmental disabilities co-occurring with mental health needs.

Beatrice Kaiser

Beatrice will be using the scholarship for her 4th year BSc thesis project. The project will be focusing on examining the genetics of large families with multiple children with a neuro-developmental disability from different relationships. She will be examining mental health issues as part of the family's health history and looking into their association with the presence of neurodevelopmental disabilities. Research that provides further knowledge on the association between mental health and neurodevelopmental disabilities may provide future benefits to individual treatment and diagnoses

PARTICIPATION SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000 intended to support individuals with developmental disabilities, their family members and/or informal supports, to participate in the development and delivery of training and educational materials. Trainings and material to be consistent with NADD Certification and Accreditation program

Kelly Coons

Kelly's doctoral research surrounds the prevention of FASD, an umbrella term that is used to describe a continuum of effects associated with prenatal exposure to alcohol. This research will be a next-step for her previous work with families raising children with FASD which revealed that parents often do not feel supported by those from whom they expect help, particularly physicians, nurses, and midwives.

HULL ROEHER AWARD OF MERIT

Presented in honour of John Hull and G. Alan Roeher to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution, or special achievement in the area(s) of education, humanitarianism, research or service for those with developmental disabilities.

Dr. Robert Hickey

Dr. Robert Hickey is an outstanding professional who has contributed tremendously to the field of developmental disabilities over a number of years. Dr. Hickey lives in Kingston, Ontario with his wife, Erin Sheldon, and their two daughters, Maggie (13) and Ella (10).

Dr. Hickey is the volunteer President of Community Living Kingston and District and has been in this position since 2012. He further led a comprehensive strategic planning process for this organization in 2014—a process which has resulted in much change and many positive directions for this already progressive organization.

Dr. Robert Hickey has had significant involvement with the field of developmental disabilities through the DSHR Strategy since it began in 2008. Through his work at Queen's University, as Professor in the Masters of Industrial Relations program in the School of Policy Studies, Dr. Hickey has linked into and led significant research in labour relations and HR practices in developmental services.

Over the past nine years Dr. Hickey.

- Critical role in development of formal partnership with Queen's University and the Provincial Network/MCSS/HR Strategy – 2008
- Model of Evaluation for the HR Strategy Committees – 2009
- Core Competencies Pilot Evaluation – 2011

- MAPS – Benchmark Survey of HR Capacity and Practices – 2011
- Forum presentation – “MAPS – Supporting Evidence-Based HR Practices in DS” – 2013
- Forum presentation – presenter for Core Competencies Survey Results – 2013
- Forum presentation – co-presenter for The Shared Interest Conversation – 2013
- Logic Model for Succession Planning and Talent Mgmt – 2013
- Forum presentation – co-presenter for HR Metrics and HR Checklists – 2014
- Forum presentation – co-presenter for Talent Management and Succession Planning – 2014
- Forum presentation - Co-presenter for Intro to HR Metrics Tracking Tool – 2015
- Forum presentations in 2016 and 2017
- Led development of project outcomes for an HR Metrics Project 2017

Membership and advisory role on all Strategy committees and many sub-committees.

Underlying all of Dr. Hickey’s work is his lived experience as the father of a child with special needs and the manner in which he shares all that he has learned along the way at conferences and events to help support improvements and to advocate for needed change in Ontario.

Dr. Robert Hickey’s work has made a profound difference to those who work in Ontario Developmental Services and is even more importantly impacting the quality of services received by people who are living with a developmental disability.

KAY SANSOM SCHOLARSHIPS:

\$1,000 is awarded to a College, Undergraduate, and Graduate student, at each level pursuing a full time education in a program, or in a professional discipline, related to developmental disabilities.

Sarah Davis—Graduate Level Scholarship

Is a highly motivated Graduate Student pursuing an Honours Bachelor of Arts with Specialization in Psychology and a Minor in Criminology, followed by an Advanced Diploma in Behaviour Science Technology.

Sarah is currently building on her knowledge within the Master of Arts in Applied Disability Studies with specialization in Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) at Brock University.

In June 2013, she founded a business, Successful Development Therapeutic Behavioural Services, on the premise of providing a wide range of outstanding ABA-based service to those in need.

Sarah’s dedication to the field is shown through her work and interests. Sarah plans to use the Kay Sansom scholarship, to assist with future research endeavors to directly benefit individuals with developmental disabilities by investigating the necessary and sufficient components of BST (i.e., instructions, modeling, rehearsal, and feedback) to teach motor skills to individuals with developmental disabilities.

For the 2017 year there were no successful applications for the Undergraduate or College Level Kay Sansom Scholarships

OADD AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

To be presented to an individual who has contributed significantly to better understanding of, or enhanced the quality of life for, those with developmental disabilities.

Dr. Kerry Boyd

Kerry Boyd, MD, FRCPC, Psychiatrist
Kerry Boyd is a psychiatrist with over 20 years of experience working with teams that serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across the lifespan. She currently works at McMaster Children's Hospital and Bethesda Services. She has served as Bethesda's Chief Clinical Officer for the past decade. She is committed to improving the care of persons living with developmental disabilities through education. She is an Associate Clinical Professor for the Department of Psychiatry & Behavioural Neurosciences at McMaster University. As a 2013-2015 AMS Phoenix Project Fellow, Dr Boyd lead the development of the Curriculum of Caring for People with Developmental Disabilities with web-based resources found at CommunicateCARE.machealth.ca.

Dr. Xudong Liu

OADD is pleased to present Dr. Xudong Liu with the **Award of Excellence** for his leadership in research on Neuro-developmental Disabilities that is contributing to a better understanding of people with developmental disabilities with particular focus on autism and associated Neuro-developmental conditions such as ID, ADHD, OCD, etc. His research work has yielded over 40 peer-reviewed journal articles, multiple book chapters, and numerous conference abstracts, posters, and presentations.

Dr. Liu's research is focusing on four important components:

- a better understanding of the underlying biological and etiological mechanisms,
- identifying genetic and environmental risk factors contributing to predisposition to these neurodevelopmental disability conditions,
- developing an early screening and identification tool that will support early diagnosis and early treatment and Intervention; and
- developing biomarkers to support more tailored treatment/ intervention for individuals.

With undergraduate study in Biology, Dr. Liu received his Master's degree in Community Health and Epidemiology and PhD in Genetics. He is currently a faculty member of the Center for Neurosciences and the Department of Psychiatry at Queen's University.

Since March 2012, Dr. Liu has also served as co-Director for the Autism Spectrum Disorders-Canadian American Research Consortium (ASD-CARC), continuing to lead the collaborative effort on autism research by an interdisciplinary research team across multiple research institutions in Canada and the US. In 2014, he led the establishment of a new interdisciplinary team, Queen's Partnership on Neurodevelopment (Q-POND), and became one of five centers of POND (Province of Ontario Neurodevelopmental Disorders) Network. Currently Dr. Liu is working closely with Wade Durling, the CEO of Ongwanada and Dr. Muhammad Ayub, the Chair of Developmental Disability Division at Queen's University, in establishing an accredited clinical trial center for neurodevelopmental disabilities, which will be an essential centre for POND Clinical Trial Network.

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