

CAMH NEWS

Sent on behalf of Dr. Stergiopoulos & Dr. Daskalakis

Dear all,

We are delighted to announce that Dr. Allison Crawford has accepted the position Associate Chief, Outreach and Telemental Health in the General Adult Psychiatry & Health Systems Division at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health for a 3-year term.

Effective March 1, she has also accepted the role of Medical Director of the Ontario Psychiatric Outreach Program (OPOP). Formed in 1999, OPOP is a network of Ontario health sciences centres that collaborate with local stakeholders to deliver clinical services and education to rural, remote and under-serviced areas in Ontario.

In this newly developed role of Associate Chief, Allison will help shape the strategic direction of outreach and telehealth at CAMH, working closely with local and regional partners, stakeholders and communities to increase access to quality mental healthcare, while contributing to health systems development. Within CAMH, this will also ensure alignment and growth of clinical, educational and research activities in these priority areas.

Allison Crawford is a psychiatrist at the Center for Addiction and Mental Health, where she is Director of the Northern Psychiatric Outreach Program and Telepsychiatry and co-Chair of ECHO Ontario Mental Health. She is also co-Lead of the ECHO Ontario Superhub.

Through these roles Allison advances health systems and the integration of technology into the provision of remote healthcare. Allison has also worked as a psychiatrist in Nunavut for over 10 years, and coordinates psychiatric services for the Government of Nunavut.

As a Clinician Scientist at CAMH, and Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry, University of Toronto, Allison's research and education scholarship centers around outreach psychiatry, health systems, and the delivery of mental healthcare through ehealth and virtual models of care. She is the recipient of grants as a PI from CIHR and GACD, and as a co-Investigator on a SSHRC partnership grant.

Community-based suicide prevention is a related area of focus, particularly in Inuit and circumpolar communities. She has an adjunct appointment in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health. She is a Scientific Advisor to the Sustainable Development Working Group of the Arctic Council, and is Principal Investigator on a project that engages circumpolar youth in suicide prevention.

Allison also has an interest in the medical humanities, and has a PhD in English

literature. She has an adjunct appointment in the Department of English at the University of Toronto. She is Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Ars Medica: A Journal of Medicine, the Arts and Humanities* (www.ars-medica.ca), and co-curator of *The Body Electric* (<https://thebodyelectric-lecorpselectrique.ca>), an international digital arts show sponsored by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Please join us in congratulating Allison and wishing her success in her new role.

Vicky and Jeff