

# Henry and Sylvia WONG FORUM IN MEDICINE

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1st Annual DAY in FACULTY DEVELOPMENT 2008

## FACULTY MEMBERS: Teachers in a New Time, Teachers for a New Time

### Wednesday, April 30, 2008

4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. *(please be on time)*

**HSC - 1A1** *(McMaster University, Faculty of Health Sciences, 1st floor)*

#### **Reception to follow – All Welcome**

*(in the C. Barber Mueller History of Health and Medicine Room,  
lower level Health Sciences Library)*

#### **Abstract**

In this twenty-first century in Canada, we live in a time of intense social, demographic and generational changes crying out for new awareness and new responses. Four adult generations formed with different values, increasing urbanization, increasing power of computerization, increasing gaps between the poor and the rich, significant changes in how we understand professionalism and increasing expectations for health services are among these changes creating a mosaic of new realities. Teachers in faculties of health sciences find themselves in a new place faced with a new role in the midst of these social changes. In this session, we will reflect on the role faculty members play and the leadership they give in ensuring that Canadians receive the health services they need in the ways that are most appropriate in this mosaic of our realities. We will explore the implications with respect to the cultures of health professions, the emphasis on collaboration, the power of socialization during initial formation and, indeed, the very meaning of education in a post-modern world. Whether you want it or not, you are teachers in this new time. The real challenge and the real joy lies in being teachers **for** this new time.

#### **Objectives**

1. That participants will understand the broader social changes within which the health and education systems exist and the implications for these systems within that changing reality.
2. That participants will understand the role of faculty members within faculties of health sciences as teachers, mentors and role models during the initial formation of health professionals who will work within these changing social realities.
3. That participants will renew their commitment as faculty members to influence the shape of the health system in responding to the needs of Canadians in the twenty-first century.
4. That participants will find ways, as individuals and as a faculty, to ready themselves for the changes needed in their approach, their preparation, and their work so that they will be effective teachers not only in this new time but for this new time.



#### **Guest Speaker**

##### **Elizabeth M. Davis, RSM**

Elizabeth M. Davis is a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy of Newfoundland and Labrador. She is a doctoral student in Scripture at the Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto, and a part-time faculty member at St. Augustine's Seminary (Toronto) where she teaches the Introduction to the Old Testament. She serves as the Chairperson of the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation, as Past President of the Medical Council of Canada, and as a member of the Board of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the Board of Regis College (Toronto School of Theology) and the Mercy International Research Commission sited in Dublin, Ireland. She has been named as a Trudeau Mentor for 2007-2008. She has been a member of the National Board of Medical Examiners of the United States, the Canadian Institute for Health Information and the Faculty for Dalhousie University's Management Program for Clinical Leaders.

Among her recent awards are an honorary Doctor of Laws from Memorial University of Newfoundland (May 2002), appointment as a Member of the Order of Canada (May 2004), the 2006 Leadership Achievement Award from the University of Toronto Society of Graduates in Health Policy, Management & Evaluation; and the Canadian Federation of Nurses' Unions Bread and Roses Award (2007).



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