



Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation

Groupe de travail canadien sur le VIH et la réinsertion sociale

Past Award Recipients

2008

Dr. Greg Robinson

2009

Dr. Stephanie Nixon

2010

Dr. Francisco Ibáñez-Carrasco

2011

Dr. Mary Petty

2012

Toronto People With AIDS Foundation (PWA)

2013

Dr. Patty Solomon

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Coalition des organismes communautaires québécois de lutte contre le sida
(COCQ-SIDA)

About Us

The Canadian Working Group on HIV and Rehabilitation (CWGHR) is a national, charitable organization that responds to the rehabilitation needs of people living with HIV. We bridge the traditionally separate worlds of HIV, disability and rehabilitation. Through rehabilitation research, education and cross-sector partnerships, we are working to improve the lives of people with HIV.

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2015

Elisse Zack Award
for Excellence in
HIV and Rehabilitation

A Celebration Of the Dedication
and Ongoing Commitment of

Dr. Kelly O'Brien

The embodiment of all the qualities of
the Elisse Zack Award for Excellence
in HIV and Rehabilitation:

- Dedication and commitment to enhancing the lives of people living with HIV
- Achievements in education, practice and research that support the field of HIV and rehabilitation
- Innovation in the field of HIV and Rehabilitation and a demonstrated willingness to push boundaries in the field

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The Program

5:00 p.m. Drinks & Hors d'oeuvres

5:30 p.m. Welcome and opening remarks
CWGHR Co-Chairs

Award ceremony and celebration
with MC Stephen Tattle

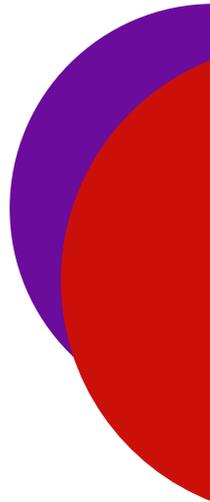
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Presentation by 2013 recipient
Dr. Patty Solomon
to
Dr. Kelly O'Brien

Acceptance of Award

Tributes from colleagues and well-wishers
(Open mic)

Thank you and closing remarks
Tammy Yates



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Dr. Kelly O'Brien

Dr. Kelly O'Brien has been a clinician, researcher and advocate focusing on rehabilitation in the context of HIV since 1998 when she was one of the first physiotherapists in Canada developing and delivering rehabilitation services for people living with HIV. Through her brilliant doctoral research,



Kelly developed the Episodic Disability Framework to guide practice, research and advocacy for and with people living with HIV. Kelly is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto (U of T) in the Department of Physical Therapy and she has taught extensively at both U of T and McMaster and thus countless future health care professionals have been influenced and have chosen to specialize in the fields of HIV and episodic disabilities. In addition, since 2009 Kelly has contributed extensively to the Universities Without Walls a national, interdisciplinary learning network connecting academics, community members, and policy makers. Her most recent collaboration in eLearning with The Learning Place for HIV/AIDS Community Based Research puts her at the forefront of virtual teaching. Her contributions with CWGHR began in 1999 as a member of the Grant Review Committee and she continued on CWGHR's Communication Advisory Committee, National Pilot Site Steering Committee for the Episodic Disability Project, Advisory Committee for Interprofessional Learning in Rehabilitation, Scoping Review Identifying Research Priorities, Labour Force Participation Project, Strategic Planning and Evaluation Committee and she served as a member of the Board of Directors from 2009-2014. Kelly also spearheaded the Canada-UK HIV and Rehabilitation Research Collaborative, whose ongoing work unites people living with HIV, clinicians and researchers from both countries to build bridges among research, policy and practice.

"Kelly's achievements, passion and excellence in HIV and rehabilitation have truly advanced the field over a sustained period of years. She is a treasure to our community and we can think of no one more deserving of The Elisse Zack Award for Excellence in HIV and Rehabilitation!"