

## **MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE**

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT**

#### Objectives

1. Provide support for masters, doctoral, post-doctoral candidates, and new investigators in a broad range of scholarly endeavors
2. Develop an online information system within the SVR website that would provide students with educational resources in the area of sexuality and gender studies, and research more broadly
3. To promote mentoring relationships between junior and senior scholars

To achieve these objectives, the mentorship committee is creating a pan-Canadian clearing house for SVR mentorship information. The mentorship categories include: funding opportunities; dissemination; publication/call opportunities; employment opportunities; resources on persons/scholars working in gender and sexuality; and related academic programmes.

### **COMPOSITION OF THE PROJECT TEAM**

#### 1. Chair

- Blye Frank, Ph.D., Full professor, Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia)

#### 2. Collaborators

- Line Chamberland, Ph.D., professor, Collège de Maisonneuve and Institut de recherche et d'études féministes Université du Québec à Montréal (Québec)
- Janice Ristock, Ph.D., Full professor, Faculty of arts, University of Manitoba (Manitoba)
- Patrice Corriveau, Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology, University of Ottawa (Ontario)
- Martin Blais, Ph.D., Professor, Sexology department, Université du Québec à Montréal

Resignation: Effective January, 2010 Dr Joseph Levy will no longer be a member of the Mentorship Committee due to work linked to the axis 4 of SVR (Internet) and involvement in SVR management.

#### 3. Research assistants

- Ted Naylor, Ph.D. Student, Dalhousie University (Nova Scotia)

### **PROGRAM**

- Mentorship Activities and Website:
  - The SVR mentorship web database will be online in early 2009. Currently the

Chair is preparing a call that will solicit up to four graduate students from across Canada to participate as SVR web administrators, where they will be expected to assist the committee in updating the site regularly with new information. The goal is to build a robust, sustainable and searchable mentorship database. Students will be offered a small honorarium for their participation.

### **Update**

1. SVR Mentorship Committee Teleconference-January 12, 2010
  - a. Website
    - i. Requested suggestions for web administrators
    - ii. Revised procedure for providing web site material to web admin
    - iii. Website suggestions-link to CIHR application guidelines
  - b. Mentorship
    - i. Bursaries: Ongoing search for Summer Institutes
    - ii. Develop video series-to proceed with East Coast contacts
  
2. Recruited Web Administrators from University of Ottawa, McGill University, University of Lethbridge, Simon Fraser University and University of British Columbia
  
3. SVR Web Administrators Teleconference-February 22, 2010
  - a. Website upload tutorial via online web conferencing
  - b. Refined website search & upload protocol
  - c. Referred SVR members in each locality to their web administrator
  - d. Delegation of specific website content areas & localities
  
4. Initiated a video series related to mentorship areas of interest ( Grant Writing, Enhancing Your CV, Ethics Approval, Building Your Research Career )
  - a. Dr Blye Frank-SVR Mentorship website Introduction video
  - b. Dr Jill Hatchett- Grant writing video

### ▪ **The Researchers database**

Chair :

- Nick Mule

Collaborators :

- Martin Blais
- Gilbert Emond
- Art Zoccole

### **Update**

The Researchers Database has now gone live on both the SVR and CRHC websites. This has not been advertised to SVR members yet as the web developer

is requiring two more steps:

- 1) Further testing to ensure SVR members do not encounter problems in uploading their respective profiles
- 2) A plan needs to be worked out with Rainbow Health Ontario (RHO) on importing existing Ontario-based SVR members on its Researchers Database onto both SVR and CRHC's websites

Once these issues are addressed the call will go out to non-Ontario based SVR members to add their profiles.

## **PLANNED ACTIVITIES**

### **Update**

1. Continue to develop video series to post to SVR Mentorship website (Enhancing your CV, Ethics Approval, and Building Your Research Career)
2. Commence monthly check-in with web administrators
3. Improve website updates and removal of outdated information

## **COMMUNICATIONS RELATED TO THE PROJECT**

- On-going updates to the SVR mentorship site will be made on a bi-weekly basis, around which we hope to organically build a regular network and audience.