

## **Appointment of Three Inaugural Chairs at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health**

We are delighted to announce the following three appointments at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health:

**Professor Adalsteinn Brown** as the inaugural Chair in Public Health Policy;

**Professor Prabhat Jha** as the inaugural Chair in Disease Control;

**Professor James Orbinski** as the inaugural Chair in Global Health.

**Adalsteinn Brown** comes to the Dalla Lana School from his positions as Assistant Deputy Minister, in the Health System Strategy Division in Ontario's Ministry of Health and Long-term Care and in the Science and Research Division in Ontario's Ministry of Research and Innovation. Prior to this, he was in tenure stream in our Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation where he has sustained teaching that is most highly ranked by graduate students. Coinciding with this appointment, Professor Brown will be joining St. Michael's as a scientist in the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute.

While at the University, Professor Brown was also the principal investigator for the Hospital Report Research Collaborative, developing scorecards for acute care, emergency department care, chronic care, rehabilitation and mental health care in hospitals across Ontario. He has also served as an advisor to the World Health Organization, major hospital networks, HMOs, insurance companies and investment banks in Canada, the United States, Europe and Asia. Professor Brown graduated magna cum laude from Harvard in 1993 and received his DPhil from the University of Oxford in 2002. At Harvard he was a National Scholar and at Oxford a Rhodes Scholar. In recognition of his work on performance measurement, he was named one of Canada's "Top 40 Under 40" in 2002.

**Prabhat Jha** is a Full Professor in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health Divisions of Global Health and Epidemiology. He is the founding director of the Centre for Global Health Research and is a scientist in the Li Ka Shing Knowledge Institute at St. Michael's.

Professor Jha holds an MD degree from the University of Manitoba and a DPhil in epidemiology and public health from the University of Oxford, where he was Rhodes Scholar. He is the principal investigator of the Million Death Study in India, which is a prospective study of one million deaths in India. This vast epidemiological project has already had a significant impact on global public health practice. Just this year, Professor Jha has had four papers in the *Lancet* on the key results from the MDS, including on malaria deaths and child mortality.

Professor Jha is also the lead author of *Curbing the Epidemic: Governments and the Economics of Tobacco Control* and co-editor of *Tobacco Control in Developing Countries*. These two influential books were central to the first ever global treaty on tobacco control, now signed by over 150 countries. His work also led to Bill Gates and Michael Bloomberg investing several hundred million dollars in global tobacco control. Professor Jha also served on US President Obama's panel on global health for the Institute of Medicine and he also advises the South African Government on introducing a national health insurance plan.

**James Orbinski** has a long association with the University of Toronto where he is a Full Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine and the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, with cross appointments in the Department of Political Science and the Munk Centre for International Studies. Dr. Orbinski practices clinical medicine at St. Michael's Hospital and is part of a team of scholars that has launched a multidisciplinary PhD training program in Global Health. He served as the international president of Médecins sans Frontières (MSF)—Doctors without Borders from 1998 to 2001 and launched its global Access to Essential Medicines Campaign in 1999, the year he accepted the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to MSF for its pioneering approach to medical humanitarianism.

Professor Orbinski received his MD degree from McMaster University and an MA in international relations from the University of Toronto. He held a Medical Research Council of Canada fellowship to study pediatric HIV in sub-Saharan Africa and has worked as an international health consultant for the Canadian Public Health Association in Zambia and for Street Kids International in Brazil. Professor Orbinski is a founder of Dignitas International, an organization focused on community-based care, prevention and treatment for people living with HIV in the developing world. He was a founding board member of the Global Alliance for Tuberculosis Drug Development, an advisory board member of Engineers Without Borders, a founding board member of the Steven Lewis Foundation, chair of the board of War Child Canada and a board member of Canadian Doctors for Medicare. He is an Officer of the Order of Canada and has been awarded numerous honorary degrees. In 2008, he received the Amnesty International Gold Medal award.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Professors Brown, Jha and Orbinski to their new roles in the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto.