

COVER STORY

SN-the biggest winner in Faculty Awards

The School scoops **ALL** Faculty Awards in the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences (FHSS) Awards/Prizes for outstanding achievement 2019/20.


At the end of July, the FHSS announced the winners of the awards/prizes. The **Faculty Award in Teaching** goes to the School's Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) team. The team has developed three courses in edX: Human Anatomy; Frailty In Daily Living; and Shared Decision Making and Interprofessional Collaboration in Health Care. All courses recorded high enrollments with totally over 140,000 global learners. Our courses were recommended as a 'skill' course for career success and a 'must take' course [by edX], and one of the ten awesome science courses that is free to take online [by an American organisation].



The Faculty Award in Teaching is a recognition of the efforts paid by the MOOC team in using innovative strategies in promoting health care learning. This is also the second time **Dr John Yuen** is selected for receiving this team award.

A big applause to **Dr Lin Yang**, who is the first-ever SN staff member receiving the **Faculty Award in Research and Scholarly Activities**. Dr Yang has conducted a series of high-impact research studies on infectious disease epidemiology and infection control. To date, she has published 27 research articles on the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in international peer-reviewed journals.

Members of the Squina International Centre for Infection Control (CIC) capture the **Faculty Award in Services**. Team leader **Dr Lorna Suen** contributed the receiving of the award to their all-round responses to the COVID-19 outbreak. For example, the team has set up a video library of best practices in infection control, developed guidelines for health and safety, provided advice on best mask brands for sourcing and bulk purchase. Their expertise has reached the PolyU community, as well as local NGOs, the general public, and even to the healthcare workers in Mainland China (such as those in Wuhan and Sichuan). The PolyU-Henry G. Leong Mobile Integrative Health Centre, led by Dr Thomas Choi, received the same award five years ago.

Details of the Faculty Awards /Prizes for Outstanding Achievement 2019/20:

Award	Awardees	Award category
Faculty Award in Teaching	<p>SN's MOOC team:</p> <p>Dr John Yuen (Team Leader), Dr Kitty Chan, Dr Rick Kwan, and Dr Justina Liu</p>	<p>Team</p> 

<p>Faculty Award in Research and Scholarly Activities</p>	<p>Dr Lin Yang</p>	<p>Individual</p> 
<p>Faculty Award in Services</p>	<p>CIC Service team: Dr Lorna Suen (Team Leader), Dr Margaret O'Donoghue, Dr Simon Lam, Dr Lin Yang, Dr Kin Cheung, Ms Sukki Ho, Ms Jacqueline Ho, Mr Timothy Lai, and Dr Eva Ho</p>	<p>Team</p> 

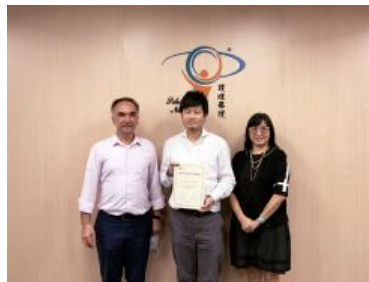
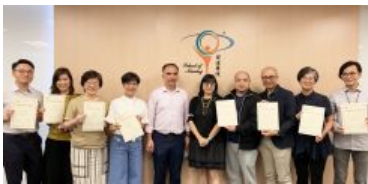
Winners of first-ever Teaching Awards announced

Earlier in June, the School Learning and Teaching Committee (SLTC) announced the results of the first-ever 'School Teaching Awards/Prizes' for excellence in teaching.

Initiated by **Prof. Alice Yuen Loke**, Chairperson of the SLTC, the awards and prizes were established in November last year to honour staff members with outstanding teaching and learning strategies and performances. An assessment panel chaired by Head of the School selected the following winners. The winners were given a cash prize and a certificate.

Our big congratulations to the awardees!

Award/Prize Name	Awardees (2019/20)
School of Nursing Teaching Award (Team)	Development team for the School's Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr John Yuen • Dr Kitty Chan • Dr Rick Kwan • Dr Justina Liu • Dr Angela Leung • Dr Daphne Cheung • Dr Patrick Kor • Mr Ego Ho
School of Nursing Teaching Prize (Individual)	Adoption of Learner-Centred Approaches, Ability to Engage/Inspire/Impact on Students and Demonstration of Superior Classroom Acumen Dr Arkers Wong



▲ Certificates were presented to the awardees on 22 June in recognition of their teaching efforts and achievements.

Interdisciplinary project to prevent and intervene elder abuse

Led by Dr Elsie Yan (Associate Head, Department of Applied Social Sciences) and **Prof. Frances Wong**, the Co-Principal Investigator, an interdisciplinary research team has been formed for conducting a study on collaborative efforts in detecting, preventing and intervening elder abuse cases in Hong Kong.

Spearheaded by the Faculty of Health and Social Sciences and supported by the Lee Hysan Foundation, this research study is going to be launched next year. The study aims to create the first evidence-based protocol for detecting, preventing and intervening in cases of elder abuse and develop a set of screening tools, a practice manual and training procedures for handling and managing of elder abuse cases.

Projects received funding support

Projects received external research grants			
Project Title	PI	Funding Scheme	Total Grant (HK\$)
Effects of a Structured, Family-Supported, and Patient-Centred Advance Care Planning on End-Of-Life Decision Making among Palliative Patients and Their Family Members: A Randomized Controlled Trial	Dr Doris YP Leung	General Research Fund, Research Grants Council	901,220
Exploring the Feasibility of Simulation-Based Education on Undergraduate Students' Palliative Care Communication: Innovating a Practice-Based Theory Approach	Dr E Angela Chan	General Research Fund, Research Grants Council	621,984
Reach Out the Drug Abusers- Establishing a Community-Based Network through Training Anti-Drug Ambassadors	Dr Eva Ho	Beat Drugs Fund	498,137
Disinfection and Reuse of Face Masks in Community Setting During COVID-19 Epidemic: An Experimental Study Design	Dr Simon Lam	Hip Seng Group of Companies	350,020
Investigation of Happiness Index and its Explanatory Model in Hong Kong: Repeated Cross-sectional Studies		Wofoo Foundation Ltd.	300,000
Projects received the Departmental General Research Fund (2019/20)			
Project Title	PI	Total Grant (HK\$)	
An Acceptance and Commitment Therapy – Caregiver Support Program (ACT-CSP) for Family Caregivers of Patients Receiving Palliative Care: A Feasibility Study	Dr YP Doris Leung	146,000	
A Health-Social Partnership Programme for Improving Health Self-Management of Community-Dwelling Older Adults: A Hybrid Effectiveness-Implementation Pilot Study	Prof. Frances Wong	146,000	
A Brief Hope Intervention to Increase Hope Level and Decrease Stress Level of Parents with Children with Medical Complexity in the Community? A Feasibility Study	Dr Winsome Lam	129,410	
Development and Validation of the Exercise Fit Test (EFT) for Adolescents with Cancer	Dr Katherine Lam	122,000	

Seminars on cultural awareness in research process

From 24 February to 20 April, members of the HK team of the Internationalization@Home project (I@H), including **Dr E Angela Chan, Dr Doris Leung, Ms Bessie Chan** and **Dr Betty Chung**, together with their international partners delivered a series of five webinars. One of which was titled 'Culture in the Research Process' held on 23 March.

Initiated by the School and the University of Malmo, Sweden, in 2014, I@H aims to connect international academics, researchers, and postgraduate students to develop inter-professional learning modules about cultural awareness in Social Science and Healthcare Education.

La Trobe University, Australia, has joined the project and the module has been introduced in their Health Sciences programme. The National University of Ireland, Galway, is planning to introduce the module in their health and social science disciplines of Medicine and Nursing next year.

Since its launch, the I@H has produced seven international-peer reviewed research publications and numerous abstracts, which were accepted for conference presentations and focused on topics about cultural competency in research and education.



Research Themes & Centres Update

Ageing and Health



Members supported Bangladesh in combating COVID-19

An online meeting was held on 7 May to discuss how to support Bangladesh in combating COVID-19. **Ms Phyllis Pang, Dr Patrick Kor** and **Mr Oscar Chung** shared the experience of Hong Kong in infection control, quarantine, and implementing preventive measures.

A network was established currently for knowledge and experience exchange among members for combating COVID-19. It consists of Dr Zarina Nahar Kabir (Associate Professor of Public Health, Division of Nursing, Department of Neurobiology, Care Sciences and Society, Karolinska Institute), Dr Uzzal Kumar Roy (General Manager, SAJIDA Foundation, Bangladesh), Dr Shangjucta Das Pooja (Senior Coordinator, Quality Control-Disaster Response Unit, SAJIDA Foundation, Bangladesh), and the representatives of the School.

Family and Community Health



Member serves as Project Reviewer of CDC's division

Dr Simon Lam has been invited by the Division of Field Studies and Engineering, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the United States, to serve as an external reviewer of a new research project titled 'PPE Availability and Mental Health Outcomes in a Healthcare Worker Cohort', which will address occupational safety and health issues related to COVID-19.

This invitation came after the results of Dr Lam's study on particle filtration efficiency (PFE) of face masks was published in the *American Journal of Infection Control* (Click [here](#) to read the full text). Commissioned as Lead Consultant by Fugro Technical Services Ltd*, Dr Lam has been estimating PFE of face masks, based on samples of 160 brands from different sources and countries. The test was conducted by using CIC's self-established system (including two optical aerosol spectrometers).

The result showed that about 43% of the tested face masks demonstrated insufficient filtration performance at 0.3 µm. The findings attracted extensive media attention locally. In April, Dr Lam was interviewed by News Magazine of TVB in which he talked about different types of personal protective equipment (PPE) and its donning and doffing. Another interview by Hong Kong Economic Times about the particle filtration efficiency and quality of adult and children masks attracted over 160K views (as on 5 June). Click [here](#) to see the interview.

Locally, in July, Dr Lam has also been appointed as Honorary Advisor to Haven of Hope Sister Annie Skau Holistic Care Centre for advising on matters relating to infection control and end-of-life care.

* Fugro Technical Services Ltd. provides specialist geotechnical services including geoconsulting, environmental, laboratory testing, site investigation and monitoring.



▲ Photo source: Hong Kong Economic Times

Another member of the Centre, **Dr Lin Yang** talked about how lower indoor humidity increased risk for acute respiratory illness in an interview in May, by Heallo.com, a specialty clinical information website, based in the United States. Click [here](#) to see the interview. She was interviewed by the Hong Kong Laureate Forum (香港桂冠論壇), whose members include the Shaw Prize Laureates and young scientists from around the world. Click [here](#) for the interview.



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New story book to help children cope with COVID-19

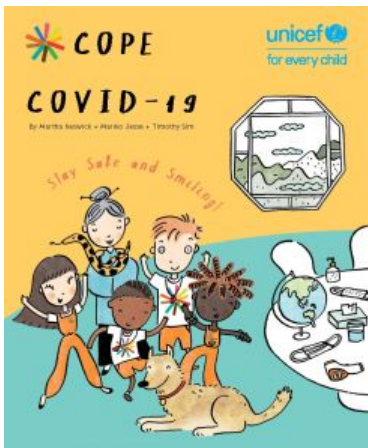
Together with an international team of experts, including two other WHO collaborating centres (James Cook University and University of Hyoko), the COPE Creative Team published a COVID-19 booklet for children aged 4 to 19 years old.

Thanks to the great effort of the team, this little booklet was created in about one month, giving a quick response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

This beautiful booklet focuses on physical and psychosocial messages for children and their parents, which aim to help them to adapt to the COVID-19 situation, lockdown, and beyond. Case studies from Australia, Japan, Pakistan, Singapore, and Scotland are included echoing the local experiences of readers.

The United Nation Children's Fund (UNICEF) provided input to the booklet and it was launched on 30 May in a webinar about community and family resilience during COVID-19 (click [here](#) for more information).

The booklet is now FREE for downloading. Please click [here](#) to download the booklet. Enjoy reading it, pass on the messages, and stay safe and smiling.



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Staff

- *Prof. Alice Yuen Loke* has been awarded the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame by Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing (Sigma) on 23 July in recognition of her contribution to nursing research and significant national and/or international achievements that have influenced the profession and the people she served.
- *Dr Rick Kwan* has been awarded the Emerging Nurse Researchers and Scholars Award by Sigma. The award recognises early career nurse researchers and scholars from each of the Sigma's seven global regions, whose research or scholarship has impacted the nursing profession.



- The School was re-elected the Secretariat of the Asia Pacific Emergency and Disaster Nursing Network for a term of three years from January 2020 to December 2022.
- *Dr Vico Chiang* was appointed Visiting Professor for the School of Nursing at the Fujian Medical University, Mainland China.
- *Prof. Alice Yuen Loke* was appointed Convenor, and *Dr Lorna Suen* and *Dr Arkers Wong* as members to the Panel for Education and Research in Nursing under the Voluntary Scheme on Advanced and Specialized Nursing Practice, the Nursing Council of Hong Kong on 12 May.
- *Dr Lorna Suen* was granted Fellow membership of the Hong Kong Academy of Nursing (Education and Research) in May.
- *Dr Doris YP Leung* was invited to be a consultant for the 'Jockey Club Early Intervention and Community Support Project for Parent'. This three-year project, launched by Christian Family Service Centre, aims to develop a viable and sustainable practice model to promote mental wellness of parents of their children in needs and prevent parents' mental health problems through community empowerment strategies. She is also the Lead Consultant for the 'Chinese Medicine Research Training II - Introduction to Biostatistics Training', which is organised by the Hong Kong Hospital Authority from April to August.
- *Dr Arkers Wong* has been invited as a member of the Research and Development Subcommittee of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Innovative Centre for Medicine, Academy of Medicine.
- *Dr Eva Ho* was appointed Secretary and *Dr Katherine Lam* as Treasurer for Hong Kong Society for Nursing Education in May.
- *Dr Simon Lam* and the team of the study entitled 'Quick Response Research to COVID-19 – from Cloth Mask to Other Person Protective Equipment' (team leader: Prof. Chi-wai Kan, Institute of Textiles and Clothing) were selected to receive the Faculty Award (team award 2019/20) from the Faculty of Applied Science and Textiles for their outstanding achievement in research and scholarly activities.
- *Ms Phyllis Pang* has been appointed as a member of the sub-committee on Leadership and Wellness Development of the PolyU Office of General University Requirements for a term of two years, commencing 1 July 2020.

- Staff members were invited to take up the roles of reviewers/editors for the following journals:

	Journal	Role
Dr Jerry Yeung	Trials	Associate Editor
	Global Journal of Complementary and Alternative Medicine	Editorial Board Member
Dr Doris YP Leung	PLoS ONE	Academic Editor
	Sage Open Medicine	Academic Editor
	Clinical Interventions in Aging	Editorial Board Member
	Geriatrics (Switzerland)	Editorial Board Member
Dr Lorna Suen	American Journal of Infection Control	Editorial Board Member
Dr Grace Xie	BioMed Research International	Guest Editor

Staff movement

- New staff representatives for the School Management Committee were elected. Our new representatives are:
Dr Lin Yang, the representative of academic staff
Mr Edmond Tong, the representative of academic staff (clinical)
Ms Barbara Lee, the representative of non-academic staff
- Congratulations to *Dr Eileen Cheng*, *Dr Arkers Wong* and *Dr Patrick Kor* on their promotion to Assistant Professors; *Dr Kitty Chan* to Senior Teaching Fellow, ; *Mr Kevin Leung* to Senior Clinical Associate; and *Ms Lily Ho* to Clinical Associate.
- Congratulations to *Mr Patrick Kor* (CS: Dr Justina LIU; Co-S: Prof. Wai-tong Chien [CUHK]), who completed his PhD in Nursing programme at PolyU in May.
- The title of *Dr Eliza Wong* has changed from Assistant Professor to Principal Research Fellow.
- Welcome to *Miss Isa Poon* who joined the School as Executive Assistant on 1 June.
- The School bid farewell to *Mr Stanley Ko*, Senior Clinical Associate and *Ms Kit-ying So*, Laboratory Manager, and *Ms Stella Yuen*, Executive Officer. We thank them for all the hard work they have put in over the years and wish them great happiness in retirement.
- Farewell to *Ms Agnas Lo*, Clinical Associate for her contribution during the time with us.

Students

- *Ms Ching-yee Lam*, our PhD student (CS: Dr Yim-wah Mak, Co-S: Dr Sau-fong Leung) was selected as an elected student representative of the Board of Directors of the Association for Contextual Behavioral Science (ACBS). Her PhD thesis is about acceptance and commitment therapy for promoting psychological wellbeing among new graduate nurses. The ACBS is a worldwide and well-known online learning and research community dedicated to the alleviation of human suffering and the advancement of human well-being through research and practice grounded in contextual behavioral science.
- Nursing students and staff members were on air on the RTHK Radio AM 621 'Health GPS' programme, every Friday 8:30pm to 9pm. This 13-episode programme was a community involvement broadcasting project aimed to enhance health literacy of the public. You can click [here](#) to listen to an episode of the programme.



- The School of Midwifery, Prince of Wales Hospital held an on-line activity to promulgate the midwifery programme on 18 June. Twenty SN students participated in the activity to learn more about midwifery training and career development. On 6 July, 35 undergraduate nursing students attended a Zoom talk on 'Healing Body and Mind through Movement', organised by the Caritas Jockey Club Heartspring Development Centre.

Current Issues



(23 May)

The Annual General Meeting of Pi Iota Chapter, Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing was held online. Dr Joyce Chung and Dr Xiao-rong Mao (PhD graduate) were inducted into Nurse Leaders and seven SN students into members. The induction ceremony is planned to be held in December.



(30 May)

The PolyU online JUPAS Consultation Day was held. Around 300 prospective students attended the information and consultation sessions to learn the strategies for programme selection and interview skills.