Faculty Development Program Report

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This year we celebrated the 10th anniversary of Donald Wasylenki Education Day (DWED). To commemorate this milestone, Dr. Don Wasylenki and Dr. Susan Lieff, original creator of DWED, gave remarks speaking to the history of the day and this year’s theme on Digital Education and Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. We had a record number of participants this year, with outstanding engagement and evaluation feedback. The Day also featured the highest number of poster presentations to date, showcasing the educational innovation and scholarship of our Department.

To increase promotion and accessibility of our offerings, a new faculty development logo was created and our committee was expanded to include learner and more community site representation. Further, for the first time ever, our DWED offerings were made available online. This year, an inaugural Faculty Development Program Award was developed to acknowledge excellence in faculty development. This year’s award recipients were Drs. Treena Wilkie and Anupam Thakur for their Leadership and Management for Physicians (LAMP) Program.

In partnership with the Centre for Faculty Development, the Department will be offering Stepping Stones workshops customized for Psychiatry. The goal is to support the career development of teachers and educators, both faculty and senior residents. Topics will include giving and receiving feedback, teaching in clinical settings, mentorship, faculty wellness, and responding to microaggressions and practicing critical allyship.