Dr. Philip Katz Memorial Visiting Professorship

The Dr. Philip Katz Memorial Visiting Professorship will honour the extraordinary career and contributions of Dr. Katz during his 54 years of service to the University of Manitoba in the Department of Psychiatry. As an academic, clinician, teacher and mentor, his influence extended well beyond the University and Department, throughout the field of child and adolescent psychiatry, nationally and internationally.

The Visiting Professorship will enrich academic life at the University of Manitoba by supporting visits by scholars who have made outstanding contributions that relate to Dr. Katz’s areas of interest. These topics include adolescent psychiatry; Indigenous mental health, especially of youth; and the central role of psychotherapy in the practice of psychiatry.

Dr. Philip Katz

Dr. Katz graduated from the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Medicine in 1955. After a year’s internship in paediatrics at Winnipeg’s Children’s Hospital, he trained in general psychiatry in New York and London, then spent two years in child and adolescent training at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York. He joined the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Manitoba, until his retirement in 2016. In 1984, he was promoted to Full Professor on the strength of his contributions to the department.

Two central professional interests informed Dr. Katz’s professional life. The first was his commitment to psychotherapy. He saw psychodynamic understanding and treatment as the heart of psychiatric practice. He taught and demonstrated that the change and growth facilitated by psychotherapy remains the most profound contribution of the mental health professional. The second major component of his legacy was his work with Indigenous youth, as a psychotherapist, consultant and academic. Dr. Katz believed that the therapist’s task was to understand the patient and adapt treatment to the experiences, beliefs and values of the patient, rather than try to force the patient to fit into a model of treatment that was foreign to the patient’s worldview.

Dr. Katz was especially dedicated to the American Society for Adolescent Psychiatry, which he joined in 1967 and served in many roles, rising to the presidency in 1989 and being honoured as a Life Fellow in 1990. He was the first and, to date, the only Canadian to hold the role of President.

Giving Opportunities

We are establishing this Visiting Professorship in Dr. Katz’s honour, to maintain and extend his legacy into the future. Your investment will help us attract talented scholars to promote health care excellence and encourage the next generation of academics, clinicians, and teachers.

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