



Dr. Sheila
HarmsMc

Biography

McMaster University

Dr. Sheila Harms is an Associate Professor and Associate Chair in Education in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences, Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University. Dr. Harms practices as a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist at McMaster Children's Hospital with a focus on general outpatient care.

She is actively involved in supervising undergraduate and postgraduate learners as well as teaching within the Faculty of Health Sciences. Dr. Harms has acted in numerous educational leadership roles within the department including the program director for Postgraduate Psychiatry Training and has held the role of the inaugural program director for subspecialty training in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.

She is also an active member on the Psychiatry Exam Board for the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Dr. Harms directs the global mental health initiative in the department which includes leading a long-standing collaboration and novel educational initiative at Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST) in Western Uganda, where she also serves on faculty.

Currently, she is focusing on enhancing educational scholarship activities across the department.

She is pursuing a PhD in education at York University under the supervision of Distinguished Research Professor, Dr. Deborah Britzman. Her PhD focuses on critical histories in Psychiatry and how they have influenced her pedagogical experience as a Psychiatry educator. Dr. Harms is particularly interested in thinking about medical education using psychodynamic concepts as they are applied to learning, in an attempt to understand educational phenomenology that are both relevant and pressing in contemporary medical education.