

## **Dr. Shane Pawluck Awarded QNRF JSREP Grant**



Dr. Shane Pawluck, Clinical Assistant Professor, at the College of Pharmacy has been awarded a QNRF JSREP grant for the following project, "Practitioner Perceptions of Interprofessional Collaboration and Shared Decision-Making in Mental Healthcare in Qatar" in collaboration with Palli Valapila Abdulrouf and Ameena Salem Alyazeedi.

In the field of mental health, shared decision-making has received increasing attention and interest with favorable results demonstrated through interprofessional collaboration. The goal of this project is to describe the perspectives of healthcare professionals on the notion of shared decision-making and interprofessional collaboration as part of a patient-centered practice in mental health in Qatar. Specific objectives include characterizing perceptions of shared-decision making on patient outcomes, describing barriers and facilitators to interprofessional collaboration in mental health, and summarizing the opinions of public education on mental health illness. Semi-structured interviews will be conducted with a variety of healthcare professionals, including physicians, pharmacists, and nurses, working in mental health. Emerging themes from the data will be refined, tested, and grouped into categories and subcategories using a constant comparison approach. The anticipated results from this study will highlight the broader context of shared decision-making in mental health and will describe the involvement of different health professionals in supporting patients' treatment decisions.

Congratulations Dr. Shane!