

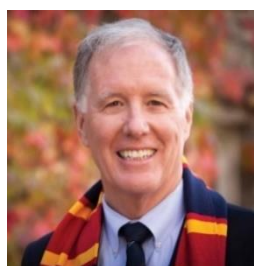
University Council Newsletter-April 2021

- [Update](#) your contact information (mail, email, phone) to stay informed about Queen's.
- Do you have news, events, or a success story to share? Send us an [email](#) anytime with the details so we can consider it for a future newsletter!

COUNCIL UPDATES:



April 18-24 - [National Volunteer Week](#) celebrates Canada's 12.7 million volunteers and the magic that happens when we work together toward a common purpose. Queen's University is fortunate to have **you** as dedicated Alumni serving on University Council. You have been instrumental to the mission of the University, as ambassadors and advisors! **Thank you!**



[Chancellor Search Advisory Committee Update:](#)

April 28 – Special meeting of the University Council to approve appointment of the 15th Chancellor of Queen's University, followed by public announcement of the successful candidate

July 1 - Chancellor begins term

More information can always be found on the Secretariat's [website](#).

[Celebrate Chancellor James Leech:](#) As the term of Queen's 14th Chancellor, James Leech, concludes on June 30, 2021, we wish to honour his extraordinary impact with a fundraising campaign to create a lasting legacy, the Jim Leech Ceilidh Centre.

A key part of the [John Deutsch University Centre Revitalization Project](#), the reimagined [Ceilidh](#) will be an important hub of student life at Queen's. Chancellor Leech's support for students is at the heart of his work with Queen's University; and the Ceilidh is the ideal space through which to acknowledge his service.

Make your gift to name the new Ceilidh in Jim's honour. Cha Gheill!

[Give Now](#)

[Executive Committee](#) Update -The Executive Committee approved the following motions by electronic vote:

1 - That the Executive Committee approve the following appointments to the [Program Committee](#), effective May 1, 2021:

- **John Armitage** and **Richard Baugh** as elected Councillors for a two-year term; and,
- **Alison Holt** as a Council Trustee for a one-year term.

2 - That the Executive Committee approve the following appointments to the [Nominating Committee](#), all effective March 1, 2021:

- **Elaine Wu** as elected Councillor for a one-year term;
- **Judith Brown** and **Samantha Cheung** as elected Councillors for a two-year term; and,
- **Heather Black** as an Executive Committee member for a two-year term.

Council Giving Update/Deadline: Councillors are expected to set an example for fellow alumni by making a [charitable contribution](#) to support Queen’s philanthropic priorities. Council aspires to a 100% participation rate of giving, at a level that is meaningful to each Councillor, on an annual basis. In the absence of any personal interest or commitment, Councillors are encouraged to direct their gifts to the [University Council Bursary](#), which assists students in financial need.

Council currently has a giving rate of 76% (of the 46 Councillors, 34 have donated, 1 donation was made on behalf of a Councillor, 11 have not donated). But we still have to the **end of April** to meet our goal of 100%. To arrange your gift (at any level), please [donate online](#), or contact emily.mackwood@queensu.ca **Let’s get to 100%!**

[Give Now](#)

[Council Trustees](#) Update: The next regular [Board of Trustees](#) meeting will be held on **May 7-8** via Zoom (meeting dates can be found on Board [website](#)). You can check out the Board agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend the Board’s Open Session on May 7, please submit your request in advance to trustees@queensu.ca.

[Nominating Committee](#) Update: Thank you to the outgoing committee members for your service (John Frezell, Tka Pinnock, Katrina Samson, and Kate Wilson), continuing committee member (Zehra Sheerazi), and congratulations to the incoming committee members (Heather Black, Judith Brown, Samantha Cheung, Elaine Wu). The new chair will be selected by the committee at their first meeting.



**QUEEN’S UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

[Queen’s University Alumni Association \(QUAA\)](#) Update: Since the start of 2021, the QUAA Board of Directors has been brainstorming and executing reimagined ways to keep alumni engaged. They recently launched the first edition of the Assembly Newsletter as

another channel to stay connected. Alumni Assembly participated in a virtual Roundtable on the topic of engagement in February, and as a launch to the reimagined Alumni Volunteer Series, the Board hosted Non-Traditional Queen’s Experiences: An Alumni Panel on March 6th. They look forward to the QUAA AGM taking place on **Saturday April 24th** (12-2 pm) and planning more EDII-focused AVS events for later this year.

Senate: Meeting dates can be found on the Senate [website](#). The next regular meeting will be held on April 13 via Zoom. You can check out the Senate agenda/minutes on the [Governance Portal](#). To attend any portion of the meeting, please submit your request in advance to senate@queensu.ca

COUNCILLORS MAKING A DIFFERENCE:

Learn more about how you can [support Queen's University](#). And Councillors, [please share](#) your participation with University activities to record the impact of Council.



[Three Minute Thesis Competition \(3MT\)](#) “One slide, no props, 3 minutes” 3MT® is a university wide competition for Masters (by thesis & research project) and doctoral students in which participants present their research and its wider impact in 3 minutes or less to a panel of non-specialist judges. The challenge is to present complex research material in an engaging, compelling way, using only one slide. This is a unique opportunity to communicate the innovative and significant research undertaken by our graduate students.

Thank you to **Councillor Kofi Adow**, who joined Sandra den Otter, Vice-Provost (International) and Mark Green, Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic) as a [Finals judge](#) at the competition. [View the presentation](#) to hear about some amazing research our graduate students are doing. Check out the [2021 results!](#)

Questions, or if you want to participate next year as a judge, please contact [Colette Steer](#), School of Graduate Studies.



Thank you to **Councillor John Armitage** who was an adjudicator at the 15th annual [Inquiry@Queen's](#) Undergraduate Research Conference. He judged the ‘Theatre of Care and the Natural World: Life on Land’ presentations. Details on page 16-19 of the [Conference program](#).

For additional questions, or to enquire about participating next year, please email iatq@queensu.ca.



As you may recall, in December 2020 Advancement sent each of the 7,300 members of the Class of 2020 a custom notebook to congratulate them on completing their time at Queen's and to mark the start of a new chapter. Many of you volunteered to sign bookmarks for insertion – [thank you](#). A small number of these notebooks also included a [special ticket for 2020 grads](#). With a **blue ticket**, they'll receive a complimentary Queen's diploma frame. A **red ticket** means they'll receive a custom career support package including one-on-one career counseling. For Smith grads, this means

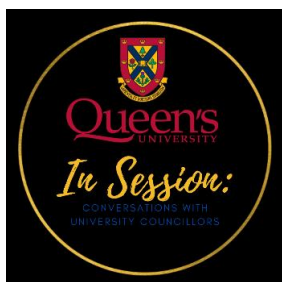
a Queen's Executive Education virtual course. And finally, a **gold ticket** presents a unique opportunity for these grads to meet with some of our most distinguished alumni. Thank you to **Councillor Daniel Tisch** who will connect with our graduates on May 19th, forging new connections between classes and generations, all united by the Queen's experience.



Councillor Kathleen Pritchard was featured as part of '[Celebrating Amazing Alumnae on International Women's Day](#)'.

Dr. Pritchard is a medical oncologist and researcher in Toronto whose clinical trials transformed breast cancer treatment approaches worldwide. She has completed many studies on women's health, breast cancer, and hormone replacement therapy.

Dr. Pritchard was one of the most cited researchers in the world in 2014 and 2015, according to Thomson Reuters. Her work has been published in some of the world's top medical journals including *The New England Journal of Medicine* and *The Lancet*.



[In Session: Conversations with University Councillors](#) on [CFRC 101.9 fm](#) with host Dinah Jansen features short conversations with members of University Council. From each of the Councillors, we learn much about their time at Queen's, their career pathways after convocation, and the many ways they give back to their alma mater including service on University Council. [Subscribe](#) and learn more! All conversations will be played on-air (schedule below) and available by [podcast](#) (link below). Thank you to Dinah Jansen for her hard work and dedication in pulling together the project to feature Councillors and the nomination process.

The following is the schedule and interview links with University Councillors:

- 17-Feb - [Chancellor Jim Leech and Judith Brown](#)
- 24-Feb - [Anjali Helferty and Daniel Tisch](#)
- 03-Mar - [Opiyo Oloya and Mary Wilson Trider](#)
- 10-Mar - [Principal Patrick Deane, Richard Baugh, and Sari Ohsada](#)
- 17-Mar - [Rico Garcia, Tka Pinnock, and Susan Smith](#)
- 24-Mar - [John Armitage, Michael Parsche, and Marcus Wong](#)
- 31-Mar - [Bittu George](#)
- 07-Apr - [Kofi Adow, Aziz Garuba, and Anita Jack Davies](#)
- 14-Apr - [Samantha Cheung and Kasmet Niyongabo](#)

[Queen's Student Alumni Association](#): QSAA asked, and the following Councillors agreed to be interviewed and featured on QSAA social media throughout the next month: **John Armitage, Greg Frankson, Jim Leech, Yanique Williams, and Marcus Wong.**

Connect with the QSAA on social media to see these features and learn more about QSAA!





Queen's Gratitudes Day campaign: Councillors have been invited to take part in the **Queen's Gratitudes Day** campaign sharing their stories and personal motivations for supporting Queen's. You provide a photo and few paragraphs on why you donate (or we can arrange a colleague to interview you). A social media graphic will be created and shared on an upcoming Tuesday on Queen's social media platforms.



Thank you to the following Councillors who were recently featured:

Marcus Wong -March 23

Elaine Wu – April 6

If you would like to share your story and personal motivation for supporting Queen's, contact **Begoña Pereira** for more information.

COUNCILLOR PROFILES – Get to know your [fellow Councillors](#).

Click on the following names to review this month's featured profiles:

[Judith Brown](#)

[Rico Garcia](#)

[Stephanie Garraway](#)

[Denise Shortt](#)

[Amrita Singh](#)

[Susan Smith](#)

[Elaine Wu](#)

FEATURED OPPORTUNITIES:

The University Secretariat and the Office of Advancement are partnering to investigate additional opportunities for Councillors. We will continue to roll out opportunities as they arise. If you are interested in a particular area, please contact your Council Engagement Officer terri.flindall@queensu.ca . And [please share](#) your participation with University activities to record the impact of Council.



ASUS is planning a Scavenger Hunt for Orientation 2021 and need your help! The scavenger hunt will take place August 30 to September 4 and will be spread out across several different locations/buildings on campus (or virtual pending Public Health guidelines). ASUS would like to invite Councillors to partake in a video (1-2 minutes) to be presented at each station, which may include presenting a clue for the next station, or sharing a fun anecdote relating to a location that is meaningful to them. Please confirm your participation by May 31st to

Terri.flindall@queensu.ca Following, Orientation Executives will send further details on video submissions, which will be due early August. Don't forget to wear your tricolour to show your Queen's spirit! Have questions? Please contact queensultimatescavengerhunt@gmail.com Open to all Councillors. To date, we'd like to thank **Greg Frankson, Alison Holt, and Marcus Wong** for volunteering.



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Queen's INNOVATION CENTRE

Queen's Innovation Centre Summer Initiative (QICSI) needs your help!

QICSI is a 16-week program where budding founders receive no-cost training, mentorship, seed funding, and office space to launch their

own venture. The program is industry agnostic and supports all types of ventures from for-profit traditional enterprises to social enterprises, including not-for-profit, charity, co-operatives and more.

Speakers: Throughout the program, one to three speakers are brought in each week to speak on a topic of interest that would be relevant for a group of aspiring entrepreneurs with diverse academic backgrounds and at various stages in their entrepreneurial journey. The DDQIC team is flexible and happy to work with you to determine what type of session you would like to host. Deadline: May 28.

Mentorship: As teams demonstrate progress on their venture, the DDQIC team will assign teams with one or two mentors. How often meetings occur, where they occur, and how they occur should be agreed upon between the team and the mentor. Deadline: May 28.

For more details, please contact chloe.beisheim@queensu.ca



Queen's students are worried about how COVID-19 will impact job availability. One of the most effective ways University Councillors can help this generation of students with their career development goals is through employment opportunities (summer, part-time, internships, full-time). And, it may be possible to access government funding and [hiring incentives](#).

Career Services has launched a set of [Summer Jobs webpages](#) that provide students with information to help them build their best summer. Recent events like the summer opportunities networking event and the summer opportunities at camps have been positively received by both employers and students. Please share that potential employers can reach out to [the Career Services team](#) for information on posting jobs on the [MyCareer](#) job board. The Career Service [QUIP team](#) is available to answer questions from employers looking to hire an intern for 12 to 16 months.

Don't forget to connect with students and recent grads to offer your guidance on the [Queen's Connects Career Network on LinkedIn!](#)



ALUMNI MENTORSHIP AWARD
John Armitage, Sc'71
[2020 Recipient](#)

Nominations are Open for 2022 [Alumni Awards!](#)

Do you know someone who is a leader, supports their community, and deserves to be recognized? [Nominate](#) them for the Queen's University Alumni Association 2022 Gala Awards before **June 2, 2021**. If you'd like more information about awards and the nomination process, please email quaa.board@queensu.ca

Distinguished Service Awards - 2021 CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

University Council are invited to nominate candidates for a Queen's Distinguished Service Award. Inaugurated by the University Council in 1974, this award recognizes individuals who have made the University a better place through their extraordinary contributions. Check the [DSA website](#) for guidelines, the [online nomination form](#), and additional information. The deadline for nominations is **Friday, April 30, 2021 at 4 pm**.

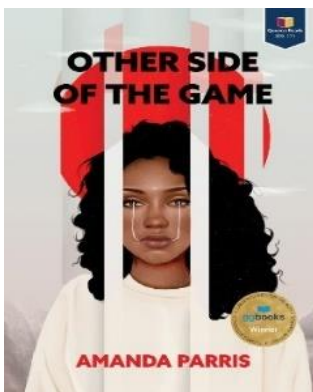
Please contact the University Secretariat at ucouncil@queensu.ca if you have questions about the Distinguished Service Awards or the nomination process.

[University Council on Anti-Racism and Equity](#) (UCARE) was established to coordinate, monitor, and report on the progress of university-wide initiatives to address racism and promote equity, diversity, and inclusion. This Council helps to shape the vision and strategy of the university and serves as a critical voice for diversity and inclusion at Queen's. UCARE normally meets three times per calendar year. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 4:30 - 6:00 pm.

UCARE membership includes two members of the Kingston community or alumni. In addition, the following Sub-Councils were finalized at the last UCARE meeting:

1. Student Recruitment, Support and Success
2. Inclusive Community
3. Academic and Curricular Diversity
4. Faculty and Staff Recruitment, Retention and Support

If you are interested in attending a meeting, or joining UCARE or one of the sub-councils, please contact Jill Christie at jjc@queensu.ca



What does it mean to be loyal to a partner, a friend, a community, or a cause? [Download the Ride-or-Die Film Festival Guide](#) for a list of movies, shows, and music videos that explore this question. Tune into The At Home Ride-or-Die Film Festival whenever you want. Watch with friends or on your own. You decide how you want to participate!

On March 10th the [Student Experience Office](#) and [Kingston Writers Fest](#) hosted the annual [Queen's Reads](#) Author Talk featuring playwright Amanda Parris who wrote *Other Side of the Game* (Queen's Reads 2020-2021 selection). View [the YouTube link of the event](#).

Please feel free to contact [Queen's Reads](#) coordinator, [Clarissa de Leon](#).



[Queen's Research Report 2020 - The Vice-Principal \(Research\) portfolio](#) has released its annual report outlining its performance and the achievements of Queen's researchers during 2020. The theme of the report speaks to the portfolio's vision to be an essential catalyst supporting the advancement of research, knowledge mobilization, and local, national, and global impact of Queen's research.

Highlights in the report include recognition of the research community's pivot to confront COVID-19, the portfolio's efforts to advance equity, diversity, inclusion, and Indigeneity (EDI), the continued development of partnerships for research mobilization, and a celebration of national and international awards won by Queen's researchers last year.

[2021 Teaching Awards Virtual Celebration](#) – View the virtual celebration honouring Queen's 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 University-wide Teaching Award Recipients. The March 24 event was collaboratively sponsored and organized by the Alma Mater Society, Office of the Provost/Vice-Provost (Teaching & Learning), Office of the Principal, Queen's University Alumni Association, and School of Graduate Studies. [Download the Celebration program PDF](#) Congratulations to all recipients!



[Touring Campus from home](#): On the virtual tour, prospective students and their supporters can get an up-close look at some of the places central to first-year life on campus, including the Queen's Centre, the Athletics and Recreation Centre, residences, and Mitchell Hall. Each section of the tour is interactive with photographs, videos, and information about Queen's and Kingston. The tour is divided into two parts, one focusing on [academics](#) and the other on [student life](#).

Along with the virtual tour, prospective students can connect with campus tour guides who have created a video tour on [Instagram](#) and are also available for one-on-one [virtual appointments](#). Please share with your networks and any prospective or incoming students.



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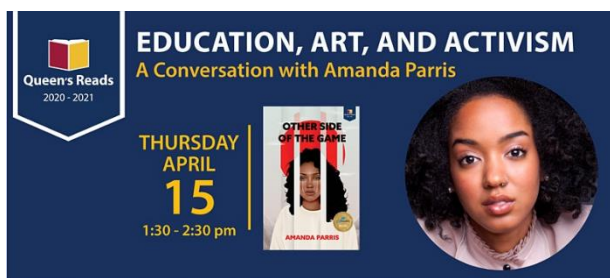
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FEATURED EVENTS – BE AN AMBASSADOR:

In light of COVID-19, in-person gatherings have been suspended, but online activities are still taking place! Check the calendar to review upcoming [Alumni events](#) or [Queen's Events Calendar](#).

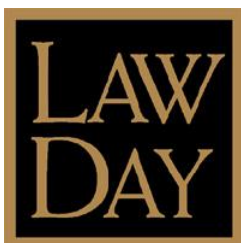
April 9 – Winter term classes ended

April 14-30 -Final examinations. Consider using social media (below) to wish students good luck and offer any study/exam advice.



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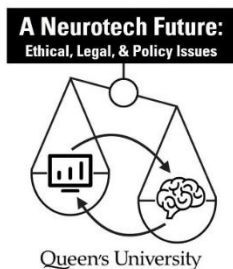
April 15 (1:30-2:30 pm) Education, Art, and Activism: A Conversation with Amanda Parris- In this Indigenization, Inclusion, and Equity session (Faculty of Education), they will talk to 2020-2021 Queen's Reads author Amanda Parris about her past work as an arts educator and how her background in education influenced her play, *Other Side of the Game*, which explores the experiences of Black women, Black activism in Toronto, and anti-Black racism. [Register Now](#)



April 17 Law Day is a national event that celebrates the signing of [Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms](#). It is an occasion for the public to learn about the law, the legal profession, and the legal institutions that form the cornerstones of Canadian democracy. [Queen's Faculty of Law](#) was first founded in 1860. [A gift to the Queen's Faculty of Law Bursary](#) is a pledge that the [Queen's Faculty of Law](#) will always welcome exceptional students regardless of financial circumstance.



April 22 – National Earth Day: [Sustainable Queen's](#) is the hub and voice for campus sustainability, working with the Queen's community on sustainable initiatives and programs. They encourage you to get involved with [Earth Day](#), and the [Climate Commitment Challenge](#). In addition, they coordinate a number of other [campus initiatives](#) ([Buildings](#), [Climate Action](#), [Energy](#), [Food](#), [Procurement](#), [Recycling](#), [Transportation](#)), and the [Sustainable Living Series](#). Check out their [resources](#). For more information, please contact: sustain@queensu.ca



April 22 (9 am-5:30 pm)– A Neurotech Future: Ethical, Legal, and Policy Issues. A Neurotech Future is a collaborative project between the Queen's [University Centre for Neuroscience Studies](#), the [Surveillance Studies Centre](#), and the [Faculty of Law](#). This meeting brings together a diverse group of perspectives to discuss the technological, ethical, legal and policy issues surrounding [emerging neurotechnologies](#). Online, and open to the public. To promote accessibility, this event is free to attend. [Register here.](#)



April 24 (1-2:30 pm): Agnes – What is Contemporary Art? In this new series, big topics relating to current Agnes exhibitions are discussed in a casual and accessible format. Suzanne Carte, Senior Curator at the Art Gallery of Burlington, will discuss contemporary art and whether we can even fit it into a simple definition. Complimentary. [Register here.](#)



Monday, April 26 (6:30 pm) – [Toronto Branch](#) Quarterly Meeting. In collaboration with the Small Business Initiative, this meeting will feature a unique talk with prominent Toronto Small Business owners from the Queen's Alumni community. If you have not yet received a google calendar invite, please [sign up here](#). Questions? Contact queenstoalumni@gmail.com



April 29 (7 pm) – [Ban Righ Centre](#) virtual [Annual Spring Celebration Awards Ceremony](#) honouring the determination, character, and achievements of mature women students at Queen's. Visit their [facebook event](#) to find out more information and to RSVP. If you don't have access to Facebook, please [e-mail brc@queensu.ca](mailto:brc@queensu.ca)



OFFICE OF
INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES

You are invited to attend this term's **Elder Meet & Greet Sessions**. Allen Doxtator, Cultural Advisor and Wendy Phillips, Elder in Residence will offer their knowledge and teachings during these sessions and hope to encourage collaboration in a good way and with a good mind university wide.

Sessions will take place bi-weekly on **Thursdays from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.** Topics for this term include:

- April 22 - Moving Forward with Reconciliation
- April 29 - Indigenous Ceremonies

Attendees are encouraged to ask questions and engage in the discussions throughout each session.

[Register here](#) for the sessions. Once registered, an Outlook calendar invite will be sent to you to join the Teams meeting on the date(s) selected. Any questions can be sent to the Office of Indigenous Initiatives at indigenous.initiatives@queensu.ca.

November 6, 2021: Save the date for the **University Council AGM** (dependent on term lengths found [here](#)).

STUDENT PROFILE:



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[The Student Experience Office](#) (SEO) in the Division of [Student Affairs](#) offers programs and services to orient students to university life, to support their successful transitions into and through university, and to encourage leadership development, student engagement, and co-curricular involvement while at Queen's.

In the fall of 2020, SEO launched the Spotlight Series, which are reoccurring Instagram Lives that highlight campus resources, staff, and student leaders. The series is hosted by Veronica Sewilski, SEO's Student Assistant, Transition Programming. In the Instagram Lives, Veronica has authentic and informative conversations with guests to build familiarity between students and staff, bring awareness of the resources available to students, and make students feel more comfortable accessing these resources. Past Instagram

Lives have included talking with a Residence Don to learn about their roles and responsibilities and how to apply, meeting with a counsellor from Student Wellness to discuss winter semester stress and speaking with the Off-Campus Living Advisor about finding housing for next year.

Veronica is a fourth-year [Gender Studies](#) student. She has been working at the SEO for over a year and has helped with several different projects, including planning the university's first-ever virtual Fall Orientation. Apart from the SEO, Veronica has volunteered in various departments at Queen's, such as [Student Academic Success Services](#), [Student Wellness](#), and the [Gender Studies Department Student Council](#). She is also an active member of the Kingston community with her job as a pharmacy assistant and her former work at [Dawn House Women's Services](#).



Instagram Lives are Mondays at 3:30pm EST and can be viewed on SEO's Instagram page: [queens_seo](#). Past lives can be viewed on the IGTV tab: https://www.instagram.com/queens_seo/

For more information about SEO, please visit: <https://www.queensu.ca/studentexperience/home>



DID YOU KNOW?



Completed in 1911, **Gordon Hall** was a gift of the government of Ontario and its cornerstone was laid by Premier Sir James Whitney in April 1910. It is named after the [Rev Daniel Miner Gordon](#), [principal](#) of Queen's from 1902 to 1917.

The building was a much needed addition to Queen's and provided a home for the [Department of Chemistry](#) for over 90 years until it moved to [Chernoff Hall](#).

Gordon Hall has been added onto several times. The Gordon Annex, a large wing that projects at right angles from the rear of building, was built between 1947 and 1949. The Frost Wing, named in honour of [Grenville Barker Frost](#), professor of chemistry from 1925 to 1956 and head of the department from 1956 to 1960, was built in 1961 and attached to the south end of the annex. An extra floor was also added to the building in 1964.

The land on which the annex and the Frost Wing were built held grass tennis courts until the 1940s. Extensive renovations in the early 2000s included the demolition of the Frost Wing. Reopened in 2006, Gordon Hall is now home to the [Office of the University Registrar](#), [Career Services](#), the [School of Graduate Studies](#), and the Office of the Associate Vice-Principal and Dean of [Student Affairs](#).

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- [Smith Magazine](#)
- [Viewbooks](#)
- [Queen's Quarterly](#)
- [The Complete Engineer](#)

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