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WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH

BY ANNE CRAIG, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Queen's University is cementing its reputation as a world leader in astroparticle physics with the official launch of a new national research network dedicated to understanding some of the universe’s deepest mysteries.

The Arthur B. McDonald Canadian Astroparticle Physics Research Institute is a partnership of eight universities and five affiliated research organizations. Headquartered at Queen’s, the institute came to fruition as a result of the $63.7 million investment the university received in 2016 from the Government of Canada’s Canada First Research Excellence Fund.

“The launch of this new institute represents a major step forward for our efforts to create a world-leading astroparticle physics research network, building on an area of research expertise for the university and Canada.”

– Principal Daniel Woolf

Over the past year and a half, the institute has been building momentum, appointing a scientific director and recruiting 13 new faculty members (out of 15 designated positions) from around the world. In total, 100 people, including faculty, staff, and students across the country will be members of the institute, all working to advance its research and outreach goals.

“This new institute will bring together unique expertise from across Canada and leverages over $255 million of federal investment, with matching amounts from provincial partners, supporting astroparticle physics research over the last 20 years, including the leading experiments at the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO) and the SNOLAB,” says Tony Noble, Scientific Director of the McDonald Institute.

“Although the dimensions of the particles we are studying are minute, the implications of these discoveries are monumental and fundamental to the very properties of science and our understanding of the formation and evolution of the universe.”

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New interim provost appointed

BY COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

Principal Daniel Woolf announced on Friday, May 4 the appointment of Tom Harris as interim provost and vice-principal (Academic), effective July 1, 2018. Dr. Harris will move to the role from his current position as vice-principal (Advancement). He will succeed Provost Benoit-Antoine Bacon who announced on Tuesday, May 1 his upcoming departure from the university to become the president and vice-chancellor of Carleton University in Ottawa this summer.

“Vice-Principal Harris is an experienced and knowledgeable senior leader who will provide continuity on the university executive team and ensure progress on the many strategic priorities being implemented by the provost’s office,” says Principal Woolf. “These include such important initiatives as enhancing indigeneity, diversity and inclusion on campus, supporting the hiring of 200 new faculty over five years as part of faculty renewal, implementing our internationalization strategy, promoting research and innovation, and completing the $100 million Innovation and Wellness Centre.”

Last summer, Vice-Principal Harris announced he would be stepping down as head of Advancement at the end of June 2018. His new appointment will see him stay on the university executive team until a new provost is recruited, following a search process that will include the university’s next president.

“The leadership at Queen’s is strong and committed to driving progress on our strategic directions. I’m looking forward to working closely with people across the university as interim provost and vice-principal (Academic),” says Vice-Principal Harris.

Vice-Principal Harris has deep roots at Queen’s. He graduated from the university with a Bachelor of Science in 1975 and returned in 1986 as a faculty member and Queen’s National Scholar in the Department of Chemical Engineering. He was department head before serving as dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science from 1996 to 2007. He then became vice-principal (Advancement) in 2010 and successfully led the Initiative Campaign, with benefactors contributing $640 million for a range of university priorities, well over the original target of $500 million.

Vice-Principal Harris is also an internationally-recognized researcher for his work in mathematical modelling and applications of statistics in chemical engineering. He is a fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada and Canadian Academy of Engineering and received the Golden Apple from the Queen’s Engineering Society for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

Dr. Harris will be succeeded on July 1 as vice-principal (Advancement) by Karen Bertrand, who is joining Queen’s from Guelph University where she is associate vice-president, Major Gift Advancement, as previously announced. Dr. Bacon will serve as the 15th president and vice-chancellor of Carleton University.

“This is an exciting opportunity for Benoit, and I look forward to continuing to work with him, in my capacity as chair of the Council of Ontario Universities, in his new role as president of Carleton University,” says Principal Woolf. “He has demonstrated strong leadership and has made significant contributions to Queen’s; I wish him success, and thank him for all he has done to advance our university’s academic mission, promote research, strengthen our international presence, and enrich the student experience. Queen’s has a long tradition of recruiting and training leaders, and I am sure that Benoit’s experiences here, and in his prior roles, will stand him in good stead at Carleton.”

Dr. Bacon joined Queen’s in 2016 from Concordia University where he helped lead and oversaw a shared multi-institutional plan aiming to hire 200 outstanding new full-time professors, worked to enhance indigeneity, diversity and inclusion on campus, and accelerated the implementation of Queen’s International Strategy.

He also led the negotiations towards Queen’s contribution to the second Strategic Mandate Agreement with the Government of Ontario.

Committed to research and innovation at Queen’s, he made important modifications to the budget model to better support research, contributed to the naming and expansion of the Dunin-Deshpande Queen’s Innovation Centre, and oversaw the construction of the $100-million Innovation and Wellness Centre which will open in the fall of 2018.

The changes also include start-

Planning underway to welcome students for fall term

BY COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

The 2017-18 academic year has just wrapped up, but Queen’s is already encouraging students, faculty and the near-campus community to think ahead to the next fall term.

The university is introducing several changes to the fall term schedule, including changes to residence move-in day and the first day of classes.

More than 4,500 students will be moving in to their residence on the Saturday of Labour Day weekend, Sept. 1, 2018, instead of the usual Sunday.

Thousands of upper-year students living in the near-campus community are also expected to arrive in town over that weekend.

With so many people moving around the campus area on the Saturday, the impact on local traffic will be significant.

“We are working closely with our municipal community partners to plan for the increase in traffic on the Saturday, ensuring new students know what to do and where to go when they arrive, and making the community aware of changes to the first-week schedule,” says Ann Tierney, Vice Provost and Dean of Student Affairs.

“Our goal is a smooth weekend for everyone, as we welcome our students to Queen’s and the Kingston community.”

The changes also include starting classes on the first Thursday in September and are the result of the introduction of a fall break into the academic calendar. Following the residence move-in day and welcome to campus on Saturday and Sunday, faculty-specific orientation activities will take place Monday, Sept. 3 through Wednesday, Sept. 5. Regular classes will run Thursday and Friday, and will be followed by continued faculty-specific and university orientation events throughout the weekend.

There are several variety games and campus activities scheduled all week.

Advancing move-in by one day, and starting classes the following Thursday, retains six days of orientation activities, has minimal impact on sessional dates, offers a new four-day break in late October, during a high-stress period in the term, and maintains pre-exam study days in December.

Reducing the time between move-in and the start of classes is also consistent with the recommendations of a working group that reviewed undergraduate orientation and developed a shared vision for an inclusive and accessible welcome to Queen’s.

“We will be communicating with our students, the university and the community over the summer to ensure they have accurate and timely information around the changes being introduced this September to move-in and orientation week,” Tierney adds.

Information and updates for new students can be found at the Residences and Housing webpage (residences.housing.queensu.ca).
Ahmed Hassan receives E.W.R. Steacie award

Professor in the School of Computing is one of only 10 Queen's faculty to be honoured with this prestigious NSERC fellowship

BY ANNE CRAIG, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Canadian leader in software engineering, Queen’s University professor Ahmed Hassan was honored with the 2018 E.W.R Steacie Memorial Fellowship. He is the 10th Queen’s faculty member to receive this prestigious honour, since the award’s creation in 1965.

The award is presented annually to up to six researchers nationwide by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) to enhance the career development of outstanding faculty members who have earned a strong international reputation for their original research. Fellows receive a research grant of $250,000 over two years and are relieved of teaching and administrative duties during this period.

The Gazette recently interviewed Dr. Hassan, who holds the NSERC/BlackBerry Industrial Research Chair in Software Engineering and the Canada Research Chair in Software Analytics at the School of Computing, about this prestigious research award.

What does the E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship mean to you and your research?

Before I talk about what it means, let me briefly tell you about what I do. My research uses machine learning and data analytics to dig into the rich, yet rarely leveraged information associated with software systems. We analyze not only the computer code of these systems, but every piece of a system’s metadata during their development and operation: design notes, prior code changes, user reviews, debugging histories, online discussions, and logs. By mining through these rich yet rarely leveraged information sources, we can intelligently guide and support the evolution of these complex systems. For example, we can figure out that a system is not performing as expected even though no one ever documented the expected behaviour, or truly knows it (such is the case for most complex large-scale systems nowadays). We can also foretell future troubles long before they impact users. This line of work is called Mining Software Repositories (MSR), a field of research that I co-founded around 15 years ago.

The Steacie Fellowship is a huge honour and an incredible acknowledgment of not only my team’s work but also of the whole MSR field. Each year NSERC awards six Steacie Fellowships across all science and engineering fields nationwide. In the past 50-plus years, only 13 computing researchers ever received this great honour. Hence, the fellowship is a great recognition of the impact of our work and the importance of the MSR field on software systems and society in general. The award is also a huge vote of confidence for other Canadian researchers in the MSR field, given Canada’s commanding position in this field.

I am very grateful for the wonderful support from everyone at the School of Computing and many others throughout Queen’s. It feels great to have Queen’s at the podium.

As one of the top software engineering researchers in Canada, what is your most important contribution so far and what was its impact?

Research results in any engineering discipline are best judged by their impact on practice, a good amount of my team’s innovations are already adopted in practice and are in use on a daily basis. However, over the years I have come to the realization that people are really what shapes a field more than our greatest ideas. I am very grateful to the continuous support and hard work of my team.

The work I am most proud of is growing and nurturing a very vibrant and top-notch team of international leaders. Over the years, I strove to ensure the diversity of my team, the Software Analysis and Intelligence Lab (SAIL), with members coming from all over the world – Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, Germany, India, Iran, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Thailand, Vietnam, Russia, Saudi Arabia, and the United States, just to name a few. It is truly an amazing experience seeing such diverse backgrounds working together and excelling on the world stage.

Today, many of them are leaders at very successful companies in Canada, including IBM, BlackBerry, and Amazon. Being a professor myself, I am particularly proud of the ones who became professors. Seventeen of my prior lab members are now tenured or tenure-track professors at research-intensive universities on every continent except South America. To put things in perspective, over the past five years, half of all new software engineering faculty positions in Canada (eight out of 16) and Australia (three out of six) are from SAIL at Queen’s. These researchers continue to tackle the hard problems.

What advice do you have for students starting their careers in computer science?

Never underestimate your ability to change the world. Computing is a young and very welcoming field. Your chances of meeting and interacting with the researchers from your textbooks are high, and these people are friendly, supportive, and quite often willing to take great chances and risks on you. I co-founded MSR as a PhD student and I became Canada’s youngest Industrial Research Chair with support from NSERC and BlackBerry, thanks to people who are willing to take big risks on a younger me. Anyone can produce world-leading research as long as they are committed and are not afraid to tackle the hard problems.

Canada is a software engineering powerhouse and a leader in computing research. We are shaping and enabling many of today’s innovations (from deep learning to mobile email). There are many amazing companies and opportunities to solve hard problems waiting for you, so come join us as we shape the future of our world.

Four Queen’s faculty named Canada Research Chairs

BY DAVE RIDEOUT, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Every year, the Government of Canada invests approximately $265 million through the Canada Research Chairs (CRC) Program to attract and retain some of the world’s foremost academic talent. On May 3, 2018, four Queen’s researchers were appointed to Tier 1 and Tier 2 CRC roles – two of whom have been newly selected and two who were renewed for another term.

“The Canada Research Chairs Program continues to nurture exciting research being conducted at institutions across the country,” says John Fisher, Interim Vice-Principal (Research). “Here at Queen’s we are very proud to have not only two of our current chairs renewed to their roles, but to also have two faculty members appointed as brand new chair holders. Their leadership within their respective academic disciplines represents the research excellence our university strives to achieve.”

Tier 1 Chairs are recognized by their peers as world leaders in their respective fields, while Tier 2 Chairs are recognized as emerging leaders in their research areas. Queen’s will receive $200,000 per year over seven years for each Tier 1 Chair and $100,000 per year over five years for each Tier 2 Chair. Currently, Queen’s is home to over 40 Canada Research Chairs.

Developed in 2000, the CRC program promotes research excellence in engineering, natural sciences, health sciences, humanities, and social sciences. Queen’s new and renewed CRCs are:

Guojun Liu (Chemistry) has been renewed at the Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Materials Science. Dr. Liu’s research is focused on the development of nanostructured polymer materials for various applications, including the refinement of filters that may be able to separate water from organic solvents.

Zongchao Jia (Biomedical and Molecular Sciences) has been renewed as the Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Structural Biology. Dr. Jia and his team are working to understand and affect the function of several atypical protein enzymes in both bacteria and humans with the aim of developing antibiotic and therapeutic applications.

Gabor Fichtinger (Computing) has been newly appointed as the Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Computer Integrated Surgery. Dr. Fichtinger’s research program will concentrate on novel technologies for the Canada Innovates Medical Interventions that use computational imaging, spacial navigation, and robotics to transcend human limitations, and ultimately improve accuracy and precision.

Kyla S. Tienhaara (Australian National University) has been newly appointed as the Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Economy and Environment. Dr. Tienhaara is joining Queen’s from the Australian National University, and will be analyzing the merits of “Green Keynesianism” – an economic model in which governments take on more active and regulatory roles to bolster both economic growth and the adoption of climate change mitigating measures.

Visit the Canada Research Chair Program website (chairs- chairs.ggc.ca) for more information.
Distinguished University Professor program to recognize exceptional faculty

BY COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

Queen’s University has created a new program to celebrate some of its top internationally recognized researchers. The Distinguished University Professor program was recently approved by the Senate and it will be open to all individuals holding a full-time academic appointment at Queen’s.

“The Distinguished University Professor designation is the highest research-related honour the university can bestow on a faculty member whose pre-eminent contributions to research in a particular field of knowledge are recognized both nationally and internationally,” says Principal Daniel Woolf. “As a reflection of the highly prestigious nature of the program, the number of awards shall normally be limited to approximately one per cent of those holding academic appointments at Queen’s.”

A call for nominations will be issued each fall to the university community and a special advisory committee will meet to consider all nominations put forward in the winter. It will then make a recommendation to the principal on which nominees, if any, should be designated as a Distinguished University Professor.

Once a professor has been chosen for the designation, they will then have the opportunity to select from a list of approved honorific names to form part of their official title, which will be styled as “[Honorable Name] Distinguished University Professor.” As an example, the professor could then be known as the “Jane Smith Distinguished University Professor.”

“The creation of this list of honorific names also creates an opportunity for the university to celebrate people who have made significant and lasting contributions to Queen’s and to Canadian society,” says Principal Woolf. “Along with being incredible researchers and educators, many of those up for consideration were also trailblazers who through their work at Queen’s and beyond promoted the rights of women, Indigenous Peoples, and racialized people.”

A small working group has been created to develop a long list of honorific names and everyone in the Queen’s community is invited to submit suggestions, keeping the following criteria in mind:

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Queen’s and partner institutions launch national research centre

It was a time for celebration as the Arthur B. McDonald Canadian Astroparticle Physics Research Institute was unveiled during a special ceremony, top, at the Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts on Thursday, May 10. A number of special guests attended the event, including Kate Young, Parliamentary Secretary for Science, who shared a photo with Dr. McDonald, bottom left. Also unveiled was a new Visitor Centre for the McDonald Institute, bottom right.

Cutting the ribbon, were, from left: Barbara Crow, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Science; Nathalie Ouellette, Communications, Education and Outreach Officer for the McDonald Institute; Tony Noble, Scientific Director of the McDonald Institute; and Benjamin Tam, a graduate student in the Department of Physics, Engineering Physics and Astronomy.

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In addition to advancing research into areas such as the mysteries surrounding dark matter and neutrino science, the institute has a mandate for scientific outreach and to develop unique undergraduate and graduate student programming and opportunities.

“The McDonald Institute’s extensive research community and availability of funding for undergraduate and graduate students means that students will be able to contribute to the astroparticle physics community and the larger physics community as a whole,” says Liz Fletcher, master’s student, McDonald Institute. “By fostering of an amazing research environment across all of the McDonald Institute partner institutions, there will be an increase in opportunities for students to get involved, especially at the undergraduate level, from summer positions to thesis and independent study projects.”

Along with the official launch and naming, the McDonald Institute also unveiled a new Visitor Centre located in Stirling Hall at Queen’s along with a new website. The Visitor Centre will feature a virtual reality setup that will allow guests to travel through space and experience a solar storm. The centre will also have an augmented reality sandbox that will teach guests about gravitational fields in an interactive and tactile manner.

“Centres like the McDonald Institute Visitor Centre can help us better understand the world and learn how scientists like Dr. McDonald and his colleagues are working to bring light to a dark universe and discover answers to its many mysteries,” says Dean Barbara Crow. “What is so great about this space is that it makes complex scientific problems and research accessible and understandable for community members, teachers, and students of all ages who are interested in learning more about how the universe works.”

For Dr. McDonald, the creation of the institute will enable the continuation of his research and keep Canada and Queen’s in a leading position within the field.

“With SNOLAB, Canada has become an international centre for the experimental elements of astroparticle physics,” says Dr. McDonald. “Our new institute adds to that strong international capability through the development of a strong personnel component within Canada – it has created a new generation of researchers in this field.”

“Additionally, the institute creates an intellectual centre for interaction between theorists and experimentalists on topics at the cutting edge of particle astrophysics. This is already resulting in a number of experiments at the forefront of topics that will help us to understand the world around us and how it has evolved.”

“With the institute, I am convinced that this will continue and keep Canada and Queen’s as a leader in this area of research.”

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Honorary degrees recognize exceptional leaders

Phil Gold
Doctor of Science DSc
Ceremony 2: Thursday, May 24 at 2:30 pm

Dr. Gold is the executive director of the Clinical Research Centre at the McGill University Health Centre at the Montreal General Hospital (MGH) and the Douglas G. Cameron Professor of Medicine and Professor of Physiology and Oncology at McGill University. He has served as the inaugural Director of the Goodman Cancer Centre, Chairman of the Department of Medicine at McGill, and Physician-in-Chief at the MGH.

Dr. Gold’s early research led to the discovery and definition of the Carcinoembryonic Antigen (CEA), and the subsequent CEA blood test. In 2006, the Phil Gold Chair in Medicine was inaugurated at McGill University. Dr. Gold was inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame in 2010, and also received the Life Time Achievement Award from McGill University. Dr. Gold has received national and international recognition throughout his career, including the Gairdner Foundation Annual International Award (1979), Medicinische Hochschule, Germany (1978), the Johann-Georg-Zimmerman Prize for Cancer Research (1978), the Isaak Walton Killam Award in Medicine of the Canada Council (1985), the National Cancer Institute of Canada R.M. Taylor Medal (1992), the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Medal (2002), and many other accolades, including honorary degrees from a number of universities.

Isabel Bassett
Doctor of Laws LLD
Ceremony 5: Friday, May 25 at 4 pm

Professionally, Isabel Bassett was chair and CEO of TVOntario, MPP and Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation for the Government of Ontario, and host and producer of award winning documentaries on CPTO, which focused on social issues such as sexual abuse, mental health, and teen gangs.

Now retired, Ms. Bassett is a facilitator using her know-how and connections to work for gender parity. She advocates to get young people more involved in politics and for more diversity on boards and in senior management positions. She is now adding her voice in support of the McMichael Gallery to awaken the public to Canada’s little known treasure house of Canadian Art.

Indira Samarasekera
Doctor of Science DSc
Ceremony 12: Thursday, May 31 at 4 pm

Indira Samarasekera served as the 12th president and vice-chancellor of the University of Alberta from 2005 to 2015. She also served as vice-president (Research) at the University of British Columbia from 2003 to 2005. She is currently a senior advisor for Bennett Jones LLP and serves on the Board of Directors of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Magna International, and TransCanada. Dr. Samarasekera was appointed by the prime minister to serve as a federal member to the Independent Advisory Board for Senate Appointments until 2017.

Dr. Samarasekera is internationally recognized as one of Canada’s leading and influential engineers for her ground-breaking work on process engineering of materials, especially steel processing. Dr. Samarasekera was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2002 for outstanding contributions to steel process engineering. In 2014, she was elected to the National Academy of Engineering in the U.S., the professor’s highest honour.

As a Hays Fullbright Scholar, she earned an MSc from the University of California in 1976 and a PhD in metallurgical engineering from the University of British Columbia in 1980. She has received honorary degrees from the Universities of British Columbia, Toronto, Waterloo, Montreal, and from Western University in Canada, as well as Queen’s University in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Valerie Tarasuk
Doctor of Science DSc
Ceremony 13: Friday, June 1 at 10 am

Valerie Tarasuk is a professor in the Department of Nutritional Sciences and Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Tarasuk’s research includes Canadian food policy and population-level dietary assessment, but much of her career has focused on income-related problems of food access in Canada. She played a pivotal role in the implementation of food insecurity monitoring in Canada and has helped spearhead efforts to use monitoring data to inform programming and policy decisions. Dr. Tarasuk has led PROOF, an interdisciplinary research program investigating household insecurity in Canada, since 2011. In 2017, Dr. Tarasuk was honored by the Canadian Nutrition Society with the Earle Willard McHenry Award for Distinguished Service in Nutrition.

John Baird
Doctor of Law LLD
Ceremony 14: Friday, June 1 at 2:30 pm

John Baird served as a senior cabinet minister in the Government of Canada. Mr. Baird spent three terms as a Member of Parliament and four years as Minister of Foreign Affairs. He also served as President of the Treasury Board, Minister of the Environment, Minister of Transport and Infrastructure, and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons. In 2010, he was selected by MPs from all parties as Parliamentarian of the Year. He is currently a senior business advisor with Bennett Jones LLP.

Mr. Baird holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies from Queen’s. He volunteers his time with Community Living Ontario, the Prince’s Charities, and is a board member of the Friends of Israel Initiative.

Hugh Segal
Doctor of Law LLD
Ceremony 15: Monday, June 4 at 10 am

Now the fifth elected principal of Massey College and a strategic advisor at the law firm of Aird and Berlis, LLP, Hugh Segal has spent his career in such public service roles as the associate cabinet secretary (Federal-Provincial Affairs) in Ontario and the chief of staff to the prime minister. In Ontario, he was involved in the negotiations to patriate the Canadian constitution and create the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Mr. Segal chaired the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Special Senate Committee on Anti-Terrorism between 2005 and 2014. He served as Canada’s special envoy to the Commonwealth and a member of the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group on reform and modernization, human rights, and rule of law.

A former president of the Institute for Research on Public Policy in Montreal, a senior fellow of the Canadian Institute of Global Affairs, and a distinguished fellow of the Munk School of Global Affairs, the Queen’s School of Policy Studies, and the Smith School of Business, Mr. Segal holds honorary doctorates from the Royal Military College of Canada and the University of Ottawa.

Douglas Cardinal
Doctor of Law LLD
Ceremony 21: Wednesday, June 6 at 2:30 pm

Originally from Calgary, Douglas Cardinal’s architectural studies at the University of British Columbia took him to Austin, Texas, where he achieved his architectural degree and found his passion for human rights initiatives. Mr. Cardinal has become a forerunner of philosophies of sustainability, green buildings, and ecologically designed community planning.

Mr. Cardinal has received many national and international awards, including 20 honorary doctorates, gold medals of architecture in Canada and Russia, and an award from the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for best sustainable village. He was also titled an Officer of the Order of Canada, one of the most prestigious awards that can be given to a Canadian, and he was awarded the declaration of ‘World Master of Contemporary Architecture’ by the International Association of Architects.
In this column, first published on the Principal’s Blog (queensu.ca/connect/principal/), Principal Daniel Woolf reflects on the year that has gone by since the publication of the Principal’s Implementation Committee on Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (PICRDI) final report, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) task force final report.

BY DANIEL WOOLF, PRINCIPAL AND VICE-CHAIR

Just over a year ago, the Principal’s Implementation Committee on Racism, Diversity and Inclusion (PICRDI) and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Task Force presented their final reports about how to make Queen’s a more inclusive, diverse, and welcoming institution, and one that also values and reflects Indigenous histories and perspectives. Since then, many people across the institution have been working towards these goals and I’ve been pleased with the progress we have made so far.

In April, we released the one-year implementation reports for PICRDI and TRC. And in the reports you will find very extensive updates on all of the initiatives and projects that have taken place. This first year has focused on building the foundation we need to guide long-term, sustainable change.

Most notably, this includes expanding Deputy Provost Teri Shearer’s profile to cover our diversity and inclusion portfolio, establishing the University Council on Anti-Racism and Equity (UCARE), instituting the Office of Indigenous Initiatives and appointing Kanonhsyonne (Janice Hill) as the first Director of Indigenous Initiatives, as well as having all areas of the university develop and implement their own plans for addressing the TRC and PICRDI recommendations.

The long-term change we are striving for will only happen when everyone — students, faculty, staff, and the broader community — is both committed to and engaged in the process, and understands that being a diverse, inclusive and welcoming institution enhances our academic mission, our student experience and our research. We will be a stronger, better Queen’s for doing this work.

We need to continue the dialogue that has begun with all members of the community. The long-term change we are striving for will only happen when everyone — students, faculty, staff, and the broader community — is both committed to and engaged in the process, and understands that being a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming institution enhances our academic mission, our student experience, and our research. We will be a stronger, better Queen’s for doing this work.

There is a saying, “Nothing worth having comes easy.” Certainly we believe that having a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming institution is not just worth having, but something we must have. To get there takes a lot of hard work, and we’ve seen a tremendous effort over the past year.

However, I want to emphasize that we will not consider our work to be complete once we have ‘checked all the boxes’ on the lists of recommendations. We must continue to prioritize and work towards these ideals.

New ideas and initiatives will also emerge and be championed from every corner of the university. I encourage you to read the implementation reports to get a better understanding of what we have collectively accomplished. I thank everyone who has contributed to these initiatives over the past year and those who continue to lead the charge. I look forward to ‘year two’, using the momentum we have built to create positive change at Queen’s.

The Principal’s Implementation Committee on Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (PICRDI) final report, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) task force final report are available at the principal’s website (queensu.ca/principal).

BY JAMES STAYER

Klaus Hansen, Professor Emeritus (History), died on March 29, 2018, at the age of 86 from complications of Parkinson’s disease at Arbour Heights long-term care facility in Kingston.

He had suffered from this illness in a particularly severe form since October 2015, when he was no longer able to remain at his home with his wife, Joan. He suffered from dementia connected with his illness during his last two years and five months, and was supported by his wife and four children, Eric, Chris, Evan, and Brit, as well as by his younger brother, Uwe.

In his last years Klaus, although no longer himself a practicing Mormon, was preoccupied with his family’s connection to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which began when his paternal grandmother and several of her children, among them his father Heinrich, were baptized in the chilly waters of Kiel harbour in the fall of 1917. So Klaus grew up a Mormon in the Third Reich. During the war Klaus and Uwe were evacuated to Ebermannstadt in northern Bavaria to escape Allied bombing, and were soon joined by their mother, Minna Paetut Hansen. When American tanks occupied Ebermannstadt on April 14-15, 1945, Klaus was soon befriended by the Americans.

Having already learned English in school, and showing his life-long interest in English, Klaus was soon acting as a translator. After the German surrender, Mormon connections served the Hansas well. His father Heinrich became a liaison officer between the U.S. military government and local authorities.

In August 1945, after the declaration of the Council of Fifty, locking its records in a Mormon mountain in northern Utah, a young Klaus Hansen, then 15 years old, was called to the Swiss-Austrian LDS mission. Returning to BYU, he completed a BA, then an MA in history, finishing in August 1959. Meanwhile, he met Joan Patricia Dunn, a native of Rockaway Beach, New York City. Joan had been an Air Force officer, converted to Mormonism, and attended BYU, earning a BA and an MA.

They married on Dec. 28, 1959, beginning a marriage of 58 years. Klaus completed his PhD at Wayne State University, Detroit, in 1963. He taught at Ohio State and Utah State University, before coming to Queen’s in 1968, where he taught until his retirement in 1996. He specialized in antebellum U.S. history, and wrote at his retirement that his proudest achievements were “the works of his students, who have published on Perry Miller, Emerson and Rousseau, Mormonism and American, and the feminism of 19th-century farm women.” Klaus taught graduate and undergraduate courses at Queen’s, supervised 20 MA theses, and four PhDs. His courses explored the social realities of slavery in the U.S. South before the Civil War, and the wave of religious revivals that spread over western New York State’s “Buried-over District” in the early 19th century. Here Klaus was studying the American world in which the Mormons arose. He had ambitions to publish on wider subjects than Mormonism, but in fact his significant published legacy centers on Mormonism — specifically, the Mormon evolution from 19th-century ambitions to set up a Promised Land in the West outside the United States to a vastly successful 20th-century adaptation to American denominationalism.

Klaus’s two books, Quest for Empire: The Political Kingdom of God in Mormon History (Michigan State University Press, 1964) and Mor- nomonism and the American Experience (University of Chicago Press, 1981) are thematically focused on the Council of Fifty, a topic which fascinated him ever since he was an undergraduate at BYU in the 1950s, and whose significance was fully validated by the central authorities of the LDS Church only in September 2016 — about a year after Klaus’s illness made it impossible for him to continue to write history.

The LDS leadership for a long time obstructed study of the Council of Fifty, locking its records away in 1974 when Klaus was in Salt Lake City, trying to do further research. But this resistance was eventually abandoned. Klaus stimulation of an area of Mormon studies in which a good number of historians and theologians interpreted the Council of Fifty from various perspectives. Finally, in September 2016 the First Presidency of the LDS Church opened its past to scholarship by publishing the minute of the Council of Fifty. Klaus Hansen’s career accomplishment is to have pioneered in a previously closed historical subject of major significance.

A Celebration of Life for Dr. Hansen will take place on Saturday, May 26 from 1 to 3 pm at the University Club.

James Stayer is a professor (retired) in the Department of History at Queen’s.
NEWSPAPERS

Kathy Brock
(Political Studies, Smith School of Business, School of Policy Studies) told the Guardian UK that connecting Doug Ford to Donald Trump is a false comparison; shared her reactions to the first on

Ed Struzik
(School of Policy Studies) wrote for the LA Times about the heightened risk of wildfires in California as the Arctic warms.

Jay Engel
(School of Medicine, Oncology, Surgery) says in the Kingston Whig-Standard that while chemo and radiation therapy can some times get the job done, the main treatment plan for cancer is surgery.

Tim Abray
(Political Studies) spoke to the Toronto Star, HuffPost and Politics following the crowd-for-hire rally by the provincial Progressive Conservatives.

Chris Simpson
(School of Medicine, Division of Cardiology) says overstraining and pain, rather than underlying heart disease, are by far the most common reasons for fainting on the toilet in an article published by Hamilton Spectator.

George Smith
(Smith School of Business, School of Policy Studies) says in the National Post that a Teamsters strike against CP Rail would have a domino effect throughout the economy.

Allan Champagne
(Neuroscience Graduate Program, Centre for Neuroscience Studies) says in the Kingston Whig-Standard that the objective of his football safety program is to determine what skills players need to improve in order to promote a safer football game, without taking away the integrity of the sport. Also appeared on Global News.

David Lyon
(Sociology, Law) wrote an op-ed for the Globe and Mail and says Cambridge Analytica’s dodgy dealings has given the social media annhill and well deserved kick.

ONLINE

Roel Vertegaal
(School of Computing) says in Science Daily that over 370 journal articles and a book on the topic have been published in the last year alone.

Tim Abray
(Political Studies) spoke to TVO about possible strategies for each major provincial party during the upcoming Ontario election campaign.

Lynda Colgan
(Education) spoke with CKWS and the Kingston Whig-Standard about the Science Rendezvous event.

Sharry Aiken
(Law) spoke to CTV National News about the Canadian government’s new measures to deal with irregular migration.

Kathy Brock
(Political Studies, Smith School of Business, School of Policy Studies) spoke to CTV National Network News about the Canadian government’s new measures to deal with irregular migration.

Christian Leuprecht
(Political Studies, School of Policy Studies) discusses with Global News the bravery shown by a police officer when it came to arresting the suspect in the Toronto van attack.

MAGAZINES

Geoffrey Hodgetts
(School of Medicine, Family Medicine) discussed the Queen’s medical residency program relationship with the Falkland Islands in an article for University Affairs.

Bruce Pardy
(Law) says federal and provincial jurisdictions overlap when it comes to the Trans-Mountain pipeline, in Maclean’s Magazine.

Record year for student internships at Queen’s

BY COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

With more than 250 students currently on internship, the Queen’s University Internship Program, (QUIP), which provides students the opportunity to gain paid work experience and ‘test drive’ a career choice for 12 or 16 months, continues to grow. It’s been a record year for Queen’s internships,” says Chelsea Elliott, Manager of Experiential Learning and Partner Relations at Career Services. “QUIP has more than doubled in size within the past two years alone.”

Thomas McRae, a fifth-year engineering student, recently completed an internship at Mercedes-Benz Canada as a materials testing and development intern.

He found that working with a company for 12 months was a great way to be exposed to an office environment and be a part of a team. “One of my most valuable experiences this summer will be working with highly trained engineers in a structured and challenging environment,” he says.

The internships have proven to be a win-win experience for students. “Not only do internships allow students a chance to apply what they’re learning in their academic programs to the workplace, they also give them a chance to return to their final year of studies with renewed energy and deeper connection to course materials,” Ms. Elliott says.

Alyia Ali agrees. A fifth-year biology student Ms. Ali chose to do her internship in the related field of healthcare at Baycrest Health Sciences. She notes that her internship greatly benefited her studies upon returning to Queen’s. “During my internship, I had to complete various grant applications which helped me improve my scientific writing style,” she says. “Within my first semester of being back, I have found that my assignments in classes are noticeably better developed and written than before I embarked on my internship.”

Employers continue to hire from Queen’s to tap into a talented pool of students from a diverse array of programs. The 12-16 month model allows for a relatively high return on investment in training.

To learn more about QUIP visit careers.queensu.ca/quip.

There are currently more than 250 students participating in the Queen’s University Internship Program, (QUIP).
Creating exceptional learning opportunities

BY ANDREW CARROLL, GAZETTE EDITOR

When Erik Knutsen talks about teaching and learning it quickly becomes clear that he is passionate about the topic.

It’s one of the reasons he re-designed three Faculty of Law core courses.

For this work and his ongoing efforts to foster active learning and student engagement, Professor Knutsen is the 2018 recipient of the Chancellor A. Charles Baillie Teaching Award, which recognizes undergraduate, graduate or professional teaching that has had an outstanding influence on the quality of student learning at Queen’s University.

“Erik Knutsen’s dedication to providing students with exceptional learning opportunities is truly inspiring,” says Jill Scott, Vice-Provost (Teaching and Learning). “He has purposefully re-designed his courses to ensure that they are engaging, relevant and provide students with the hands-on experiences and skills they need in the legal profession. Professor Knutsen is deliberate and purposeful in his use of evidence-based pedagogies and yet he also has the ability to make learning come to life.”

The recognition, he says, is humbling considering the number of exceptional educators across the various faculties and departments at Queen’s. He also says the work wouldn’t have been possible without the “incredible support” he has received from Dean Bill Flanagan, associate deans, fellow faculty members, and Queen’s Law students.

In nominating Knutsen for the Chancellor Baillie Teaching Award, Dean Flanagan pointed to the trailblazing role he has taken in an area of study that has long been resistant to change.

“Erik is on the forefront of re-thinking how we can teach law in a way that is more engaging for our students and with better learning outcomes,” Dean Flanagan says. “He cares deeply about his students’ development and growth, continually finding new and innovative ways to teach them about the law and also professionalism.”

In redesigning three core courses in the Faculty of Law, Knutsen tried to place himself in the position of the students with the end goal of providing them with the skills they need to become a lawyer. He then incorporated as much active learning and student engagement as possible throughout each course to help develop the skills they will need in the workplace.

That meant creating “experiences” for the students.

“So I took all the things I wanted to impart in my courses and thought of them that way, as experiences rather than as didactic learning/information,” he says. Typically, he divides class time into three sections: a limited period of info delivery; an exercise or group work; and time for feedback to discuss the lessons learned.

Take, for instance, selecting an expert witness in a lawsuit, a key skill for a lawyer but one they are unlikely to experience before actually having to do it. Traditionally, students would read about some recent cases and discuss it in class. That still happens but under the redesign the students are tasked with selecting an expert witness for a hypothetical case. They are given the CVs of actual expert witnesses and are required to make a selection. Further, they have to defend their expert’s qualifications with relevance to the law and the case and explain why they did not choose the other experts.

“As a result, the students walk out of there with a totally different experience than had they read some cases about what happened to somebody else and we talked about the rules and reviewed them. They had to apply it and think about why, and it was made to feel real to them,” Knutsen says. “So in me that is taking the learning to a different place. The simple version is I’ve always told my students you have come here to learn as much as you have come here to have an experience.”

For his work re-designing three Faculty of Law core courses and his ongoing efforts to foster active learning and student engagement, Erik Knutsen is the 2018 recipient of the Chancellor A. Charles Baillie Teaching Award.

Remarkable women, remarkable achievements

BY PHIL GAUDREAU, SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

They overcome hurdles and obstacles to their success. They come from near and far, in many cases bringing with them their families and rich life experiences.

They use their skills and knowledge to benefit others, including disadvantaged youth, victims of violence, and individuals with physical or mental health challenges.

Above all, they pursue their passions and they persevere, and on Saturday, April 28 four female Queen’s students were recognized for their achievements at the annual Ban Righ Foundation for Continuing Education Spring Celebration.

“The Ban Righ Foundation was created to foster women’s achievements at Queen’s, and each spring we have the opportunity to recognize another group of talented women,” says Carole Morrison, Director of the Ban Righ Centre. “Congratulations to all of our award recipients, and a special thank you to those who are improving the lives of women here at Queen’s, in Canada, and internationally through their research, work, financial support, and volunteering.”

Among this year’s recipients is Alyssa Aiello, who was presented with the Janet Bilton-Hoilet Award. The award recognizes a woman who goes the extra mile to make the Ban Righ Centre a welcoming place for other students.

Ms. Aiello says the Ban Righ Centre has been a ‘second home’ during her time at Queen’s. Ms. Morrison says that while Alyssa worked as a summer student at the centre, and since that time as a member of the student community, she has helped create that same welcoming environment for many others.

“Alyssa has played an ambassadorial role, introducing many other students to the centre, chatting with new students, and volunteering on many committees and at events,” she says. “We are grateful for Alyssa’s positive energy and willingness to share her warmth with her peers, and promote the centre as a comfortable inclusive space where students can work and connect.”

Ms. Aiello praises the support of the staff, and her mother, as she prepares to start her masters studies in urban and regional planning – her third post-secondary credential.

“My decision to return to post-secondary education was a decision I made with the help of my mother,” she says. “I wanted more for myself, and she assured me I could have anything I set my mind to. The support I receive from her, and my family at the Ban Righ Centre, has made a substantial impact on my success at Queen’s.”

The Ban Righ Foundation was established to support the continued formal and informal education of women, especially mature women returning to Queen’s. To learn more, visit banrighcentre.queensu.ca.
Introducing new faculty members: Ravi Prakash

Ravi Prakash is a new member of the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

This profile is part of a series highlighting some of the new faculty members who have recently joined the Queen’s community as part of Principal Daniel Woolf’s faculty renewal plans, which will see 200 new faculty members hired over the next five years. Ravi Prakash (Electrical and Computer Engineering) sat down with the Gazette to talk about his experience so far. Dr. Prakash is an assistant professor.

BY PHIL GAUDREAU, SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Why did you decide to teach?
My perspective has always been to solve a research challenge. I feel like I have always been a mentor, even during my undergraduate studies. I was engaged in activities where I could help students in junior years. When I started my masters and had some teaching assistant responsibilities, I thoroughly enjoyed assisting undergraduates. Everyone has their calling, and it seemed like research and instruction is mine. I have enjoyed it so far – I must be doing something right.

What got you interested in electrical engineering?
I think what attracted me to engineering most was the eagerness to deliberate about real-world challenges, and growing up in resource-limited settings offered an excellent vantage point for that.

When I was doing my bachelors degree in mechanical engineering at IIT Madras, I opted for a minor degree in biomedical engineering and was looking to develop microsystems for biomedical applications. I realized there were more electronics to these systems than mechanics. I had a good background for the transition when it appeared the best possible department to continue research would be electrical and computer engineering.

In my past research, I have developed advanced chip technologies for conducting bio-assay and biochemical tests. If you think of any nucleic acid test, for example, you go to a clinical laboratory where they take a blood or other bio-fluid sample, and they do a host of clinical tests using expensive bench-top instruments to identify bacterial, viral, or other kinds of infections.

During my PhD and my NSERC postdoctoral fellowship, I designed molecular diagnostic microchips that did not require such large, expensive clinical equipment, allowing for potential low-cost and point-of-care applications.

What do you hope to achieve in your research?
My research is more focused on physical and chemical sensors now, and less on biomedical devices.

I am looking to create disposable, flexible sensors and soft-wearable devices where a polymer patch on skin can detect analytes such as glucose level, lactate level, or levels of stress induced hormone cortisol for bio-monitoring applications. Two of my current students are working on cortisol detection in sweat and saliva, and detection of different kinds of enzymes and antibodies using novel label-free organic biosensors, in collaboration with faculty members in Electrical and Computer Engineering, Chemical Engineering, and the Kingston Health Sciences Centre. There is a health management aspect to monitoring these biochemical concentration levels, but there are many devices already available to track glucose. What we are trying to do is offer a multitude of tests within the same device through smart, multi-modal sensor integration and implementing new data analytic tools. Let’s say you’re doing athletic conditioning – these devices could help monitor lactate, pyruvate, glucose levels, measure breathing rate, exhaled air composition and the like. Or we can monitor acute or chronic stress conditions in workplaces, such as the military or healthcare facilities, where chronic stress and associated conditions are a major concern.

I also have some tangential research interests in clean tech energy sources. We are developing bio-supercapacitors with a company in Ottawa which will use a sustainable bio-electrolyte product in small and large footprint energy storage systems. I have recently started working on a geophysical sensing project – which is more of a civil engineering and environmental engineering domain – but my interest is focused on enhancing near-field sensing methods for testing geomembrane integrity as part of my sensor research.

Are you teaching as well?
I have taught a few technical electives, such as sensors and actuators, and core courses in electronics and digital electronics. This fall, I believe I will be teaching graduate courses in biological signal analysis.

This term, I had a large class with about 270 students, which can be a bit overwhelming administratively. But I love being in the classroom, and I enjoy being in front of the avid learners at Queen’s who are both intelligent and willing.

What are you most proud of?
I completed my undergraduate degree at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras. IITs are world-renowned institutions and, if you have some idea of the population of India, you know the competition to get in is really rigorous. I believe we had about 2 million students take exams per batch. Only a handful – less than 2,500 – are selected. I was ranked around 700th nationwide.

I am also proud of some of the research I led during my PhD. We were developing some superhydrophobic coating for new lab-on-chip tests and other biological assays. At the time, creating such coatings was rather expensive. I connected with a research team in Athens, Greece and worked with them on optimizing a relatively low-cost technique. We ended up coming up with a very novel way of developing superhydrophobic coatings.

Doing a successful, interdisciplinary project where I was heavily involved gave me a lot of confidence. I was able to combine my various experiences into fruitful research outcomes.

Since that time, I have formed new research collaborations in Greece, as well as some in the U.S. and Germany. I have exceptional collaborations across Canada, particularly in Ontario.

How are you liking Kingston?
I love Kingston. There is so much history in this town...and I call it a town. It’s not really a city, is it? Coming from Calgary at least, it seems like a town...but there is so much culture and history here.

I love the Victorian architecture, the limestone buildings and the gorgeous waterfront. I miss hiking though, being in Calgary and near the Rockies, but I am planning to head to Quebec City at some point this summer to get some hiking in.

I liked the weather in Kingston last year. This year, not so much.

It’s still a transition as my wife transitions her work from Calgary to Kingston – when you leave a city where you have been for eight years, it takes time!

Other than hiking, any hobbies or interests?
I love swimming. I haven’t made it to the beach yet but I look forward to checking that off my list.

I enjoy racket sports – tennis outdoors, squash indoors. I also have a 11-month old black Labrador retriever which means a lot of training, walking, and other outdoor activities.

Faculty Renewal
Principal Daniel Woolf has identified faculty renewal as a high priority for reinvesting in the university in support of the academic mission. The five-year renewal plan will see 200 new faculty hired, which nearly doubles the hiring pace of the past six years. Faculty renewal supports Queen’s commitment to diversity and inclusion by giving the university the opportunity to seek, proactively, representation from equity-seeking groups such as women, people with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, and racialized individuals. It will also build on Queen’s current areas of research strength.

Ravi Prakash is a member of the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, specializing in Electrical and Computer Engineering.
Expanded space for athletics and recreation

BY PHIL GAUDREAU, SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Whether you’re a fitness enthusiast, an intramural participant, or a varsity Gael, Athletics and Recreation hopes to see you in the Innovation and Wellness Centre (IWC) this fall.

“The IWC will be a hub where every aspect of campus life intersects, blending academic and wellness spaces and emphasizing the links between physical and mental health and academic success,” says Benoit-Antoine Bacon, Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic). “When completed, the project will be a signature building for Queen’s and a powerful catalyst for growth and change in the lives of our students.”

When the former Physical Education Centre was closed for construction in 2016, there were three gyms located inside. Once construction on the IWC is complete, two of the gyms will be reopened, and the third will have been moved to the lower level.

“When it opens in Fall 2018, the Innovation and Wellness Centre will offer three gyms, as well as the High Performance Training Centre.”

The IWC’s opening will mean hundreds of additional hours of participation opportunities that will benefit all of our programs, from casual recreation and intramurals to varsity sports and community partners,” says Leslie Dal Cin, Executive Director, Athletics and Recreation. “The new facilities will open up space in the Athletics and Recreation Centre (ARC), allowing us to provide additional programming and equipment to accommodate ever-increasing interest and demand from our entire campus community.”

The IWC will also be home to a high performance training centre for varsity athletes. This state-of-the-art resource, which will open in January 2019, will provide student-athletes with cutting-edge equipment and technology, including a turf area and weight room, on-site coaching, and an efficient and productive training environment.

The centre will include a 4,000-square foot weight room, a medicine ball power development wall to be used for throwing and catching drills, and a 35-metre turf area for movement, conditioning, and skills development.

“The combination of facilities, equipment, and dedicated strength and conditioning programming in the High Performance Training Centre will allow us to create a unique training environment for our student-athletes,” says Ms. Dal Cin. “Moving the athletes out of the ARC will increase the availability of weights and other equipment for all students looking to work out and get active.”

Rounding out the Athletics and Recreation facilities in the IWC, visitors will also enjoy an active staircase that encourages stair usage, universal change rooms, and student-athlete support offices.

Collectively, the three gymnasi ums and training centre will be known as ‘ARC South.’ The facility will be linked to the ARC through an underground passageway.

Co-located with the new Athletic and Recreation facilities in the IWC are other wellness services, student life programs, and academic spaces. Placing all of these services under one roof reflects the connection between wellness, the student experience, and student success.

The Innovation and Wellness Centre will be officially opening during the 2018/19 academic year, and a grand opening is being planned for this fall. Follow the centre’s progress via queensu.ca/connect/innovationandwellness/.

The creation of the IWC was made possible through $55 million in philanthropic support, including $40 million to revitalize the facility. In addition, the federal and Ontario governments contributed a combined total of nearly $22 million to this facility.
Navigating racism: Black graduate students need support

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I have mixed feelings about my experiences in graduate school. As a Black, first-generation Canadian and the first in my family to become a doctoral student, I did not understand the culture of the academy. If I knew then what I know now as an adjunct professor teaching part time, I might have made different choices.

Last year, CBC’s The Current explored the topic of equity in Canadian graduate programs. The show, “Black PhD students call out inequity in Canadian academia,” featured the experiences of doctoral students, Huda Hassan from the University of Toronto and Sam Teckle, from York University.

Both students shared experiences of racism and exclusion. In fact, what prompted the discussion was a tweet from Hassan that offered to personally help Black students applying to grad school with their entrance essays. Her tweet was shared approximately 2,500 times. The story never left me. That same day, I along with many others reached out to Hassan to share my thoughts with her.

Almost a year later, I wonder if media coverage of the issue of racism and a lack of mentors for Black graduate students has prompted any systemic change in the academy?

I wonder if an ethic of care might support Black and other marginalized students who are struggling with getting into the academy, staying the course and graduating.

Philosopher of education scholar Nel Noddings describes an ethic of care as that which a parent would use towards their own children.

Educators must always ask ourselves, “Would I make this decision in this way if this were my child?”

Often, graduate programs lack formal initiatives to nurture and support marginalized students. Academic programs, with built-in support systems for first-generation immigrant graduate students, are critical to their success.

**Other-mothering**

In 2007, I was accepted into a PhD program at a Canadian university. At the time, I had little knowledge of the new and intricate world that I was embarking into.

I was the first in my family to study at the doctoral level and the first to obtain a PhD degree. My family in Trinidad wore my doctoral-student status with pride and supported me. However, as a first-generation student, I needed support beyond the confines of my relationship with my thesis supervisor. I needed to belong to a community that would encourage me as I fulfilled key requirements of the program. These requirements included: the completion of coursework, writing the Comprehensive Exam, getting through the ethics process, collecting data, writing the dissertation and defending it.

While my thesis supervisor offered invaluable guidance about my writing and about my dissertation, I longed for something much more culturally familiar. I needed the support of other-mothers in and out of the academy.

Other-mothering can be described as the practice of raising children who are not one’s own. Born out of kinship practices in Africa, other-mothering is highly valued in African American communities, the Caribbean and the African diaspora. The African proverb, “it takes a village to raise a child” captures its spirit.

In higher education, the idea of other-mothering is to move beyond the standard curriculum to ensure the personal and academic success of students. However, other-mothering is different from a mentor-mentor relationship.

The care that other-mothers provide may extend beyond the university campus, to include community members who build relationships with students as they work towards their academic goals.

**Other-mothering on campus**

In a study on faculty-student engagement at historically Black colleges and universities, education scholar Alonzo M. Flowers and his team found that faculty members who engaged in other-mothering practices consistently used an ethic of care with African American students. They forged positive interactions with students outside of the classroom and mentored students to ensure their academic success.

African American students in the study also emphasized that other-mothering and an ethic of care resulted in feelings of increased connectivity to the campus community, to being academically challenged and to feeling supported in their academic pursuits.

At times, I required the support of an academic other-mother who could remove the veil that shrouded so many of the policies and practices that governed my program. I needed to speak to someone who would keep our exchanges confidential. I needed to ask questions about my future job prospects or to share my experiences of being a mature doctoral student with responsibilities to my partner and new child.

I needed to share what it felt like to be the only Black woman in my building, in my classes, the cafeteria, parking lot, graduate lounge, lecture halls and countless other spaces where my Blackness froze in the icy waters of the ivory tower.

And while I did receive support by reaching out to supportive faculty members in departments across the campus, Canadian doctoral programs must recognize the cultural importance of other-mothering to students from cultures that rely heavily on extended kinship networks for support, guidance and reassurance.

An other-mother would have been helpful to explain those unwritten rules, or the hidden curriculum of the academy, that are critical to a doctoral student’s future. For example, there was little discussion about criteria used when choosing a dissertation advisor, the importance of choosing members of a dissertation committee or how to tackle the dissertation itself. Everything seemed steeped in secrecy and subjectivity.

The research ethics process had “rules” that were applied differently to different students. Often, I discovered what I needed to know just before the event occurred. I found graduate school detached and unconnected from the larger picture that had meaning for my life and career.

And while I was responsible for ensuring my success in grad school, and I took that responsibility seriously, the development of an academic culture that normalizes other-mothering practices — aimed at nurturing racialized and under-represented students — will reduce the alienation of the first-generation experience, especially when the student is “the only one” or one of few.

**Cultural capital & the academy**

My graduate program prepared me well to be a scholar. I hope to make this clear. However, some students enter graduate programs with the cultural capital to expertly navigate the academy. This cultural capital will impact how such students forge relationships with faculty members and their ability to work on important research projects.

These practices, along with a strong record of publishing, ensure that the doctoral student will be on the right track in the pursuit of a tenure-track position after graduation. And while many undergraduate programs in Canadian universities focus their attention on reducing the attrition rates of first-generation students, the same effort is not being applied to doctoral programs.

In her book, Starting at Home, Nel Noddings asserts that all people “want to be cared for.” This rings true in the academy where I was often unrecognized as a “doctoral student” or mistreated, when taken for everything but who I was, a PhD candidate.

In the academy, Blackness is often read using a discourse of “surplus.”

In his essay “I’ve never had a Black teacher before,” Carl James, professor of education at York University shares how students were surprised that he was the professor of his course.

This discourse of surplus is often accompanied by micro-aggressions, micro-mistakes and micro-invalidations that I endured throughout my program.

Black and under-represented students must be equipped to face the challenges inherent in any doctoral program. They must believe that they possess the resilience and fortitude to overcome them, as well as to thrive.

I wonder if Canadian doctoral programs are ready to start the difficult conversations necessary to make this vision a reality.
Capturing the creativity of research

**BY COMMUNICATIONS STAFF**

If you take a quiet stroll across the Queen's campus, you might find it hard to visualize what's going on inside our many buildings when it comes to research. And this is where the Art of Research photo contest comes in. The annual contest invites researchers in all faculties to submit striking images of their research in action. This year's contest had dozens of submissions, each capturing a unique aspect of the researcher's work. From a Mars rover to a moment of resistance, the winners of the photo contest showcased their research in creative and interesting images, demonstrating the importance of their work at the local, national and international levels.

The 2017-2018 contest had a slightly different format, allowing entries from faculty, staff, students and alumni. Images were submitted to four categories: Community Collaborations, Invisible Discoveries, Out in the Field, and Art in Action. Prizes were awarded to the top photo in each category, as well as in two other categories: Best Description and People's Choice. Winners were selected by a panel of judges, and the People's Choice winner was determined by an online vote from the Queen's community.

“Each year we are excited and often surprised by the images that are submitted. Each photo captures a unique perspective and together they contribute to peoples’ overall understanding and appreciation of the scope and quality of the research being carried out here at Queen’s and around the world,” says Melinda Knox, Associate Director, Research Profile and Initiatives.

**People's Choice - Biomimetic Scaffolds - Dupuis Hall, Queen's University, Fei Chen (Staff, Chemical Engineering):** The Anterior Cruciate Ligament (ACL) of the knee joint, one of the strongest ligaments of the body, is also the target of traumatic injuries. Once injured, its healing potential is limited. The ACL mainly consists of packed and thick collagen fibres oriented along the long axis in a wavy pattern, and this unique wavy pattern is essential for providing load-bearing protection to the knee joint. This SEM image shows a bioengineered fibrous scaffold made from synthetic biomaterials with a wavy pattern, with amplitudes and wavelengths similar to the collagen fibres present in a native ACL.

**Best Description - Inside Concord Floral - Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts, Kingston, ON, Naseem Loloie (Undergraduate student, Dan School of Drama and Music):** Under the heat of the lights, covered in a stranger's clothes, surrounded by the sights and sounds of the stage – this is when the actor's transformation comes to life. During Theatre Kingston's production of Jordan Tannahill's Concord Floral, the audience and actors are seated inside an abandoned greenhouse – or at least, a stage mimicking a greenhouse through set design by Sean Mulcahy and lighting by Jennifer Lennon. As both an actor and an assistant director in this production, Naseem's research focuses on costume, lighting, set and staging and their transformative effects on the actor's experience as they become a character.

**Invisible Discoveries - Platinum Surface Electrochemistry - Queen's Department of Chemistry, Derek Esau (PhD student, Chemistry):** The single crystal of platinum gently hangs atop an electrolyte surface. Electrochemistry is a surface-sensitive field of research, as the composition and atomic arrangement of the electrode drastically affect its properties. Atoms in a single crystal are highly ordered, and we are able to cut and polish a crystal in such a way that we only expose one of the many possible surface arrangements. The single crystal electrode is balanced on the surface of the electrolyte to ensure that only the polished surface is exposed. These experiments give us fundamental information about electrochemical reactions, which are integral to the field of clean energy.

**Community Collaborations - Exploring Worlds at Home - Mars Desert Research Station, Utah, James Xie (Undergraduate student, Engineering Chemistry):** The Queen's Space Engineering Team constructs a Mars rover each year to compete at the international University Rover Challenge in Utah. QSET brings together over 40 students from engineering, science, commerce and the arts to design, build and operate the rover. The rover can autonomously navigate treacherous landscapes, collect geological data, analyze samples and remotely operate machinery. It can be seen here gaz- ing out into the Utah desert. The rover is a culmination of countless hours of volunteer work and generous support from both Queen's and industry partners. The team was proud to be the top team in Canada at the 2017 competition.

**Out in the Field - Landscapes of Resistance - Lote Ocho, Iza- bal, Guatemala, Alexandra Pedersen (PhD student, Geography and Planning):** As a feminist/activist geographer, much of my doctoral research has concentrated on Indigenous and non-Indigenous communal experiences of violent development in Guatemala. An emblematic case of community conflict with, and resistance to, transnational corporate interests comes from the remote community of Lote Ocho. There, Irma Yolanda Choc Cac (pictured here) is one of eleven Indigenous Q'eqchi' Maya women pursuing a civil court case against the Canadian mining company HudBay Minerals for sexual assaults allegedly committed during a violent eviction of her community from their ancestral lands in 2007.

**Art in Action - Unspooling Vermeer - Kimmel Center, Philadelphia PA, USA, Stephanie Dickey (Faculty, Art History and Art Conservation):** Wherever I go, I look for evidence of how the historical art I study impacts visual culture today. In "After Vermeer 2," an installation from 2006 by New York artist Devorah Sperber, 5024 spoons of threadstrung on steel chains recreate, upside down, the famous "Girl with a Pearl Earring" painted by Dutch artist Johannes Vermeer around 1665. My photo captures the viewer's experience of looking through a glass sphere in which the image rights itself. Vermeer, whose paintings explored both optics and female experience, would surely have appreciated this perceptive transformation of his art.
Ceremony 1: Thursday, May 24 at 10 am - Participating programs: Education - Undergraduate Programs. Grant Hall

Ceremony 2: Thursday, May 24 at 2:30 pm - School of Graduate Studies, School of Medicine, School of Nursing, Faculty of Arts and Science.

Ceremony 3: Friday, May 25 at 10 am - Smith School of Business, School of Graduate Studies - Participating programs: Management; MBA - Americas; MBA - Executive; Education - Graduate Programs. Grant Hall

Ceremony 4: Friday, May 25 at 1 pm - Smith School of Business - Participating programs: MBA - Queen's; Accelerated.

Ceremony 5: Friday, May 25 at 4 pm - School of Graduate Studies, School of Medicine, School of Nursing.

Ceremony 6: Tuesday, May 29 at 10 am - School of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Science - Participating programs: Kinesiology and Health Studies, Physical and Health Education.

Ceremony 7: Tuesday, May 29 at 2:30 pm - Smith School of Business - Participating programs: Commerce. Athletics and Recreation Centre (ARC).

Ceremony 8: Wednesday, May 30 at 10 am - School of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Science - Participating programs: Anatomy & Cell Biology; Anatomy; Anatomical Sciences.

Ceremony 9: Wednesday, May 30 at 2:30 pm - School of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Science - Participating programs: Biology; Physics; Physics, Engineering Physics, and Astronomy. Grant Hall.

Ceremony 10: Thursday, May 31 at 10 am - School of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science - Participating programs: Chemical Engineering, Engineering Chemistry, Geological Engineering; Mathematics and Engineering; Mining Engineering. GCCRE. Grant Hall.

Ceremony 11: Thursday, May 31 at 1 pm - School of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science - Participating programs: Electrical and Computer Engineering; Engineering Physics. Grant Hall.

Ceremony 12: Thursday, May 31 at 4 pm - School of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science - Participating programs: Design and Manufacturing; Engineering - Civil, Mechanical; Mechanical and Materials Engineering.

Ceremony 13: Friday, June 1 at 10 am - School of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Science - Participating programs: Kinesiology and Health Studies, Physical and Health Education.

Ceremony 14: Friday, June 1 at 1 pm - School of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Science - Participating programs: Economics; French Studies; Indigenous Studies; Languages, Literatures and Cultures; Risk Policy and Regulation. Honorary Degree Recipient - Valerie Tarasuk, DSC. Grant Hall.

Ceremony 15: Monday, June 4 at 10 am - School of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Science - Participating programs: Mathematics and Engineering; Min.

Ceremony 16: Monday, June 4 at 4 pm - School of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Science - Participating programs: Art History and Art Conservation; Art Leadership and Arts Management; Fine Art; Psychology. Grant Hall.

Ceremony 17: Tuesday, June 5 at 10 am - School of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Science - Participating programs: Cultural Studies; Drama; Film and Media; Music; Philosophy; Religious Studies; Stage and Screen Studies. Grant Hall.

Ceremony 18: Tuesday, June 5 at 1 pm - School of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Science - Participating programs: Art History and Art Conservation; Art Leadership and Arts Management; Fine Art; Psychology. Grant Hall.

Ceremony 19: Tuesday, June 5 at 4 pm - School of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Science - Participating programs: Environmental Studies; Geography; Geological Sciences and Geological Engineering; Geology; Mathematics and Statistics; Urban and Regional Planning. Grant Hall.

Ceremony 20: Wednesday, June 6 at 10 am - School of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Arts and Science.

Ceremony 21: Wednesday, June 6 at 2:30 pm - School of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Law. Honorary Degree Recipient - Douglas Cardinal, LLD. Grant Hall.

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Five new exhibitions usher in Spring/Summer season

BY COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

The Agnes Etherington Art Centre launched its Spring/Summer season on Friday, April 27, with the introduction of five new exhibitions.

Attendees were able to view each of the newly-arrived exhibitions – Chris Kline and Yam Lau: Weave; Gabrielle Kilian Sims: Hook; Artists at Work: Picturing Practice in the European Tradition; The Art of African Ivory; and the much-anticipated Charles F. Gibson: Events of a Military Life in Kingston.

“Our season launch brings artists, curators and art lovers together to celebrate and savour the great visual and media art of our time along with treasures of the past,” says Agnes Director Jan Allen. “This spring, we are highlighting recent acquisitions, and five deeply original new shows, including a fresh installation of the Lang Collection of African Art.”

FEATURE EXHIBITIONS

Chris Kline and Yam Lau: Weave

Canadian artists Chris Kline and Yam Lau present Weave, a two-person exhibition that reflects precise involvement in the fields of force of materials. The artists’ respective works find surprising affinities: Kline’s tender and rigorous hand-coloured paintings contrast with Lau’s gliding cinematic movements through simulated space, while both artists are intimately involved with the entanglement of idea and substance, being and becoming, memory and form, especially as woven through or across screens.

Artists at Work: Picturing Practice in the European Tradition

For the early modern artist of 17th- and 18th-century Europe, the studio was the site of the vital study, creative exercise and network cultivation that fostered professional success. The relics of these practices are on display in Artists at Work: Picturing Practice in the European Tradition as a celebration of the physical and intellectual pursuit of creativity. From images of the studio to portraits meant to promote the artist’s reputation, the works in this exhibition have been assembled to describe the process of the early modern European artist and reflect the continuation of this tradition into Canadian conventions. Featured artists include Jacques Philippe Le Bas, William Etty, Baldassare Franceschini, Antonio Gabbiani,.

The Art of African Ivory

Africans have traded raw and carved ivory for centuries. Its lustrous sheen makes it desirable, as does the brute majesty of its source: Africa is home to the world’s largest elephants. Across continents, ivory objects are used in rituals—rites of prestige and pageantry rolled into one. Desired by a range of bodies—political, social, medicinal, religious—ivory sparks discussion of history and identity.

Charles F. Gibson: Events of a Military Life in Kingston

While stationed in Kingston as an Ensign in 1833-1833, Charles Frederick Gibson painted the landscape and activities around him. This exhibition features his Kingston watercolours and drawings, alongside works by other contemporary artists, such as Lt. Edward Charles Frome, Sir Richard Henry Bonynge and Harriet Dobbs Cartwright. Through Gibson’s eyes, we experience Kingston of the 1830s, as events of a military life unfold, both quotidian and monumental: from painting and sketching, to disease and ill-health, to the construction of the Rideau Canal and re-building of Fort Henry.

For more information visit the website for the Agnes Etherington Art Centre (agnes.queensu.ca).

An (un) titled exhibition

BY COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

Ontario Hall was filled with the artwork of the Bachelor of Fine Art (BFA) program graduating class, transforming the stalwart century-old building into an art gallery for a week.

A total of 19 graduating students have staged their pieces throughout the building for (un) titled, with each having their own exhibition space. The pieces ranged from large canvas paintings to multimedia installations filling an entire room.

For the artists it is an opportunity to stage their own exhibition, bringing together the experiences they have gathered over their years at Queen’s, says Leigha Stiles one of the student co-chairs of the event.

“There’s a sense of pride in our program and what we’ve accomplished this year, and for all four years I have been here,” she says, standing amongst her wearable sculptures. “It’s very exciting but also sad in a way since (our time at Queen’s and in the program) is ending.”

Each student’s exhibition displays a research-based body of work that they have devoted an entire academic year to, points out Alejandro Arauz, Lecturer and exhibition liaison for the BFA program.

“If you look at the individual works there is an interesting array of relevant, present and past issues that are elaborated upon through visual art,” he says, adding that he is impressed by the students’ overall efforts in coming together to prepare for the show as well as the high standard in their individual practices. “The works that they make contribute to various discourses and human understanding. It’s like a thesis paper except here it’s a visual thesis contribution.”
The Culture of Surveillance: Watching as a Way of Life
By David Lyon (Sociology)

From 9/11 to the Snowden leaks, stories about surveillance increasingly dominate the headlines. But security and police agencies or internet and phone companies are not only the players. Surveillance is not only done to us – it is something we do in everyday life. We submit to surveillance, believing that “we have nothing to hide.” Or we try to protect our privacy or negotiate the terms under which others have access to our data.

At the same time, we participate in surveillance in order to supervise children, monitor other road users, and safeguard our property. Social media allows us to keep tabs on others, including complete strangers, as well as on ourselves. This is the culture of surveillance. Watching has become a way of life.

This important new book explores the imaginaries and practices of everyday surveillance at work, at play, in school, at home, in both ‘public’ and ‘private’ domains. Its main focus is not high-tech, organized surveillance operations but our range from the casual and careless to the focused and intentional. Surveillance culture, David Lyon argues, is not detached from the surveillance state, society and economy. It is informed by them.

He reveals how the culture of surveillance may help to domesticate and naturalize surveillance of unwelcome kinds, weighing which kinds of surveillance might be fostered for the common good and human flourishing.

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Valuable connections made through Queen’s on Parliament Hill Day

BY COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

The nation’s capital had a little more Tricolour in it on Wednesday, April 18 thanks to the first-ever Queen’s on Parliament Hill Day.

The event was hosted to highlight the university’s areas of strength in research and innovation while demonstrating support for the federal government’s recent investments in fundamental research. A total of 35 researchers made the trip to Ottawa, along with senior administrators and staff members.

A reception, hosted by Senator Joseph Day, a Queen’s alumnus, featured seven key themes: Skills for tomorrow; Today; Embracing Reconciliation; Innovation and Entrepreneurship; A Cleaner Future; Finding Insights in Data; Building Blocks of the Universe; Advancing Health and Wellness.

Speakers at the event included Principal Daniel Woolf, Professor Emeritus and Nobel Laureate Art McDonald, as well as a number of political figures including Kate Young, Parliamentary Secretary for Science, Senator Day, Kingston and the Islands Member of Parliament Mark Gerretsen, and opposition Members Brian Masse and Matt Jeneroux.

“This was an eye-opening day at Parliament Hill for the Queen’s team and, I hope, for the MPs, Senators and staff who met with us,” Principal Woolf says. “With this being the first Queen’s on Parliament Hill Day event in recent memory, I believe we have created a solid foundation upon which we can continue to build the important relationships and connections that exist between Kingston and Ottawa. I’m grateful to the faculty, staff and students who took the time to participate, even during spring exam time.”

Approximately 80 parliamentarians and staff visited the reception to meet with the Queen’s delegation.