

## 2025 Elected University Councillors



**HEATHER BLACK** Sc'80, Toronto, ON. Past Vice President, Architecture and Planning, Latin American Systems, Scotiabank. Morris Hall and Leonard Field Residence Councils. QUAA Board from 2003. QUAA President 2009-2011, with service on Queen's Advancement Committee and Capital Campaign Cabinet. UC Reform Committee, 2012-2013, Chancellor Selection Committee, 2014 & 2024. Served multiple terms on UC Program, Executive and Nominating Committees. UC rep to QUAA Assembly. President's Advisory Committee on Non-Academic Misconduct, 2015. Currently in second term as Council Trustee on the Queen's Board to June 2026. Board Committees: Vice Chair of University Culture Committee; member of Finance, Assets & Strategic Infrastructure and Nominating & Governance committees.



**NORMAN FARRELL** BA(Hons)'82, LLB'86, LLM'92 (Columbia, NY), Toronto, ON. Is currently Senior Counsel, War Crimes Section, Federal Dept of Justice. Prior to returning to Canada, Norm was an international prosecutor, investigating and prosecuting international crimes committed in the Former Yugoslavia, Rwanda and Lebanon. He has been an Adjunct Professor, Queens Faculty of Law, teaching International Criminal Law since 2003 and International Human Rights Law since 2022. Recipient, 2023 Queens Law Alumni Justice Thomas Cromwell Distinguished Public Service Award. Recipient of the Ontario Law Society Medal 2025. International Gender Champion 2019-2022 while Prosecutor at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. Organized Queens law student visits to The Hague, Netherlands as part of the public international law program. During university, was a Tutor at the Prison Literacy Initiative, Kingston; a Big Brother in Kingston; student at Queen's Prison Law Clinic; and Asst Mgr, Queen's Pub.



**LAURA K. GILLIS** BComm '24, Halifax, NS, Incoming MSc student (University of Glasgow, International & Comparative Education). Risk Research, Stewart McKelvey Lawyers. Queen's Activities & Societies: Member (2023-24), AMS Judicial Committee; Jr. Advisory Board Director (2022-23), External Student Relations Officer (2021-22), Smith Commerce Society; People & Culture Director (2023-24), Education Coordinator (2022-23), Research Initiatives Coordinator Tricolour (2021-22), Queen's Women in Leadership; Stage Manager (2023-'24), Vogue Charity Fashion Show; Member, Award Selection Committee (2022). Community Involvement: Volunteer Guider, Girl Guides of Canada; Volunteer, Kingston Interval House (2021).



**LAURA L. HUDGIN EDGE** BAH'04, BEd'05, MA'10 (McGill), Halton Hills, ON, Curriculum Development and Program Review Consultant at Sheridan College. Former educator and Instructional Program Leader in the K-12 sector. Member of the Ontario College of Teachers. Course author and instructor for Queen's Continuing Education (2011-present). Former participant in Queen's Model Parliament (2001-2004) and Bader College at Herstmonceux Castle (2001). Current volunteer mentor and industry council member with Home Suite Hope, supporting education and housing security for single-parent families. Local volunteer with the Terry Fox Foundation and Rotary Club

Community Dinners. Author of *The Moses Log House: Six Generations on Prince Edward County's Southshore*, with proceeds supporting the Hudgin House Restoration Committee.



**SIENA Z. MARGORIAN** BSC'23, BED'24, Montreal, QC, MSc Student in Renewable Resources. McCall MacBain Scholar. Current volunteer with Sustainable Youth Canada. AT QUEEN'S: CoPresident of Queen's Backing Action on the Climate Crisis 2022-2024. Responder with Queen's First Aid 2022-2024. Co-Founder and Co-President of the Queen's Armenian Student Association 2020-2023. Virtual

Coordinator of Helping Young People Excel 2020-2021. Member of the Queen's Novice Rowing Team 2019-2020.



**DON MCNAMEE** (Arts'95) is a seasoned education leader whose career spans executive leadership and global consultancy. He currently serves as Director of Education Technology at Saigon South International School, and has previously held roles as Head of School in New Zealand, Chief Innovation Officer in the UAE, and Leadership Executive with Apple Inc. in Canada. At Queen's, Don was a member of the Arts'95 Intramural Council throughout his studies, co-chaired the University Intramural Council and is a permanent executive member of the Class of '95. He received both the ASUS and AMS

Letter Award for his contributions to sport and to the City of Kingston, and was awarded the Queen's Arts and Science Cup for his leadership in intramurals. A founding member of the New Zealand Queen's Alumni Branch, he has participated in alumni events across Canada, Singapore, and the UK. Don holds four post-secondary degrees, including in urban economics, GIS, education, and educational leadership. His work focuses on ethical innovation, digital strategy, and capacity-building across Southeast Asia.



**CHRIS POLSON** BCOMM '00, MBA '07, Toronto, ON, Partner with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. Chartered Professional Accountant, Certified Management Accountant, Certified in Financial Forensics, Chartered Financial Analyst (Prior National Board Chair), Chartered Business Valuator (Current National Board Chair), Fellow Chartered Arbitrator. Founder of Polson Family Scholarship for Queen's Commerce students. Facilitator of ICD Not-For-Profit Board Chair Peer Group (GTA Chapter).



**TAMARA REBICK** ArtSci '98 BAH Political Studies & History; M.Ed (OISE/UofT) Adult Education & Community Development, Workplace Learning and Change. Toronto, ON. Founder & Chief Experience Officer, CORIPHERY Holistic Consulting Solutions. Strategic thought partner and advisor to leaders in community, education and nonprofit organizations seeking to advance social impact through engagement strategy, program optimization and culture change. Women of Inspiration Finalist (2021); Community of Practice Facilitator, No Silence on Race (2021-2022), Former Vice Chair, Future Possibilities for Kids (2021-2022); neWChapter committee - Women's College Hospital Foundation (2018-2020); founding member and co-leader, Sisterhood Salam Shalom (2017-2021). Queen's involvement: AMS Campus Activities Commission, Internal Affairs Commission; ArtSci Frosh Week Gael; Golden Gaels Synchronized Swimming team athlete and Assistant Coach; Queen's Student Constable Assistant Manager; Canadian Student Leadership Conference - office of the Dean of Arts and Science. Proud Queen's parent.



**ALEXI WHITE** ArtSci'08, Toronto, ON, is the Director of Systems Change at Maytree where he advocates for government policies that will fulfill economic and social rights. He is a former opinions editor at the Journal, long-time Walkhome employee, AMS Academic Affairs Commissioner, and Executive Director of the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance. He received a Master of Public Policy degree from Harvard and has worked in both the Ontario and B.C. governments, including as Director of Policy in the Office of the Ontario Minister of Education and Executive Director of Research and Policy at B.C.'s Office of the Human Rights Commissioner. His higher education policy experience includes roles with the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities and as a senior government relations advisor at the University of British Columbia. He has served on the board of the Vancouver Opera and the Little Mountain Neighbourhood House.



**SUSAN ZHANG** BS'06 (Biology), BAH'07 (Classics), MHA'09 (Health Policy & Administration, Penn State), Durham, North Carolina, USA. Currently, a semi-retired entrepreneur after 15 years working in the US healthcare industry on both the provider and payor side in finance, analytics, and product strategy roles. Formerly, Vic Hall House President 2004 to 2005, Common Ground Smoothies and Bagel Sandwich Maker 2005 to 2006, and Hudson County, New Jersey Court Appointed Special Advocate for Children 2020 to 2022.