

## Queen's goes to war



Members of the Fifth Field Company Engineers pose for a photo at Valcartier, Que., where they set up the first mobilization camp for the First World War. July 28 marks the 100th anniversary of the start of the war.

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### BY ANDREW STOKES, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

William Falconer Battersby had been out of Queen's a scant four years when he enlisted to go overseas and fight in the Great War. A member of the class of 1910, Battersby earned a Sciences degree before moving to northern Ontario to work as superintendent at the Big Dome Mine.

When the war broke out, Battersby wasted no time in enlisting. Qualifying as a lieutenant, Battersby was deployed to the Borden Motor Machine Gun Battery (Armored) on Jan. 16, 1915.

Awarded the Military Cross in 1916, Battersby sent a letter home to his mother saying, "I would have liked to have seen all the others remembered as they deserved." Later promoted to the rank of major, Battersby was killed by a piece of shrapnel on March 25, 1918 and now lies buried at the Vimy Memorial in France.

Battersby was one of 189 Queen's men who fought and died in the First World War, which started a century ago on July 28.

Beyond the deaths, the war also made itself felt on campus. Students not knitting bandages were

encouraged to drill and train. Buildings were put to use for the war effort with Grant and Kingston Halls used as military hospitals, Nicol Hall acted as a barracks, and the attic of Theological Hall was used for rifle practice.

A group of student and staff volunteers assembled as the Fifth Field Company Engineers and performed military training and drills on campus starting in 1910. With the outbreak of war, the unit was sent to Valcartier, Que., where it created a mobilization camp for 30,000.

Administration also responded to the outbreak of war, with Principal Daniel Gordon being especially enthusiastic. He made a personal appeal to students to train and drill so as to be fit for service, and each year he sent Christmas cards to active Queen's soldiers.

"The First World War quickly became a technological conflict," says Allan English, a professor of Canadian military history. "Artillery and map-making were essential, so people with engineering skills were in high demand. Many Queen's men were going over as officers, so while our total numbers were relatively small, they were in a lot of key positions."

The university's contribution wasn't limited to

combat, as under the guidance of professor and surgeon Frederick Etherington the No. 5 General Hospital was established. This all-Queen's medical unit became a teaching hospital, training nursing students while operating in England, Egypt and France. Treating thousands of wounded across various theatres of war, the hospital had a tremendous record of care.

The dire casualties of the war were felt on campus as well.

"One in four Canadian families had experienced a direct loss either in wounding or death; the country's losses were twice what they were in the Second World War," says Dr. English. "It left a lot of people wondering what the conflict was all about."

At Queen's, like with the rest of Canada, a narrative emerged that honoured the service of individuals rather than the achievements of combat.

"Many Queen's men who served on the front returned to campus. The popular way of thinking about the First World War was that it was a major sacrifice, but one that was worthwhile. People fought and died for a cause that wasn't well understood, so what really came to be celebrated was the nobility and valour of those who bravely faced danger."

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## 'Theatrical conscience' of The Isabel

Today the *Gazette* presents the first in a series of articles featuring some of the people and firms behind the planning, design and construction of the Isabel Bader Centre for Performing Arts. Subsequent articles will be published in the August and September editions of the *Gazette*.



The concert hall of the Isabel Bader Centre for Performing Arts awaits the grand opening set for September.

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BY ANDREW CARROLL, GAZETTE EDITOR

It's a jewel along the shores of Lake Ontario, and David H. Rosenberg knows it.

As the Isabel Bader Centre for Performing Arts nears completion, the vision of what the facility can be is taking full form. While work continues inside, The Isabel's exterior offers a breathtaking glimpse of the near future.

When Mr. Rosenberg, theatre consultant and managing principal of Theatre Projects, speaks about The Isabel, his excitement is clear.

"I'm very excited about it. Of all the projects I have worked on, it is one of my favourite sites," Mr. Rosenberg says. "You can't ask for a better site than on the shore of Lake Ontario."

But his excitement isn't strictly about the location of the project; it's also about its potential for education and performance. He also sees The Isabel as a catalyst for the arts community at Queen's as well as Kingston.

That's a view that is based on a decades-long connection with the area. While Theatre Projects is based in Connecticut, Mr. Rosenberg and his family have been coming to the Kingston area for around 25 years. He feels the timing for such an education and performing arts facility is just right.

"Having a new building like this is like waking up in the morning and stretching. For the university, it's going to be like 'Wow, we can actually stretch here. We can reach our arms out and actually do something we weren't able to do previously,'" he says. "It's not unusual for a building like this to open and to have the arts community come rushing in and say 'let's find all sorts of ways to use this.'"

Rosenberg and his team have been involved in the project from the beginning stages. As he explains, theatre consultants are one side of the design triangle, along with architects, Snohetta and N45, and the acoustician, Joe Solway, of ARUP.

"There is a creative tension between theatre consultant, acoustician and architect that ultimately makes for a better end product for the university" he says. "With these three disciplines striving to get the best outcome possible, it pushes each of us to think outside the box and find innovative solutions."

As for the role of a theatre consultant, Mr. Rosenberg explains they act as the conduit between those who work in the performance world and those who work in the construction world. The staff of Theatre Projects all come from theatre backgrounds and work with architects, engineers and clients to ensure all the performance requirements end up in the final design.

"We think of ourselves as the theatrical conscience of the project, constantly maintaining diligence over the functionality of the end product so that the building works the day it opens," he says.

In the case of The Isabel, Mr. Rosenberg says Queen's knew they wanted a concert hall and that the School of Music, the Department of Drama, the Department of Film and Media, and the Visual Art – Bachelor of Fine Art Program were coming together to create much-needed space. Theatre Projects then took those requirements and turned that information into a vision, determining things such as how big the lobby would be and the size of the bar, the number of dressing rooms, restrooms and the layout for the performing spaces.

"We know what typically goes [into a concert hall] and we can say, based on seat count, here is what you require, then we actually get into shaping the room with the knowledge of what they want – seats, types of productions, etc. – and then provide the architects a sketch of what is needed," Mr. Rosenberg says.

"We're giving them the basis of a starting point so that it works from a sightline standpoint, from a theatrical, rigging and lighting standpoint and that it is as functional as it possibly could be and that it meets the goals of what the end-user is trying to accomplish."

## Performance hall seats awaiting donor names

BY ANDREW CARROLL, GAZETTE EDITOR

The Isabel Bader Centre for Performing Arts is nearing completion but there remains work to be done.

Part of that is fundraising for the world-class facility and education centre.

Those interested in the future of The Isabel – whether area residents, affiliated with Queen's or just a lover of the arts – have the opportunity to offer their support.

With a donation of \$2,000 to

the Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts State-of-the-Art Expendable Fund, a donor will be able to "name" one of the 566 seats in the stunning performance hall.

A plaque will be attached to the arm of a chair and the donor will be able to fill out a nameplate – after themselves, their family, or perhaps in honour of a loved one. Each plate will have space for up to 75 characters.

And it will be a lasting honour. "It's for the useful lifespan of the seat, so we're projecting that to

be at least 25 years. The nameplate will be on the seat for as long as that seat is there," says Lisa Sykes, Development Officer for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

The State-of-the-Art Expendable Fund will ensure that the Isabel has the highest quality equipment and technology for learning, presentations and performances, Ms. Sykes says.

The Isabel Bader Centre for Performing Arts is located along the shore of Lake Ontario, on King Street West, east of Sir John A. Macdonald Boulevard. It's

construction is aimed at providing Queen's and Kingston with a state-of-the-art facility for community and student performance, education, creativity and training. The centre will be home to the Department of Film and Media, and provide teaching, performance, and exhibition spaces for the School of Music, the Department of Drama, and the Bachelor of Fine Art Program.

If you are interested in becoming a permanent part of the performance hall, contact Lisa at ext.75646 or lisa.sykes@queensu.ca.

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# Leech excited to be stepping into 'huge shoes'

BY MEREDITH DAULT, SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

He has managed billions in assets for the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, trained as a soldier, written an award-winning book, and trekked to the Arctic Circle. Now Jim Leech (MBA'73) is ready for his next challenge: serving as Queen's University's 14th chancellor.

It's a role Mr. Leech, who stepped into his new position on July 1, admits is as daunting as it is exciting, especially when he considers his 13 predecessors.

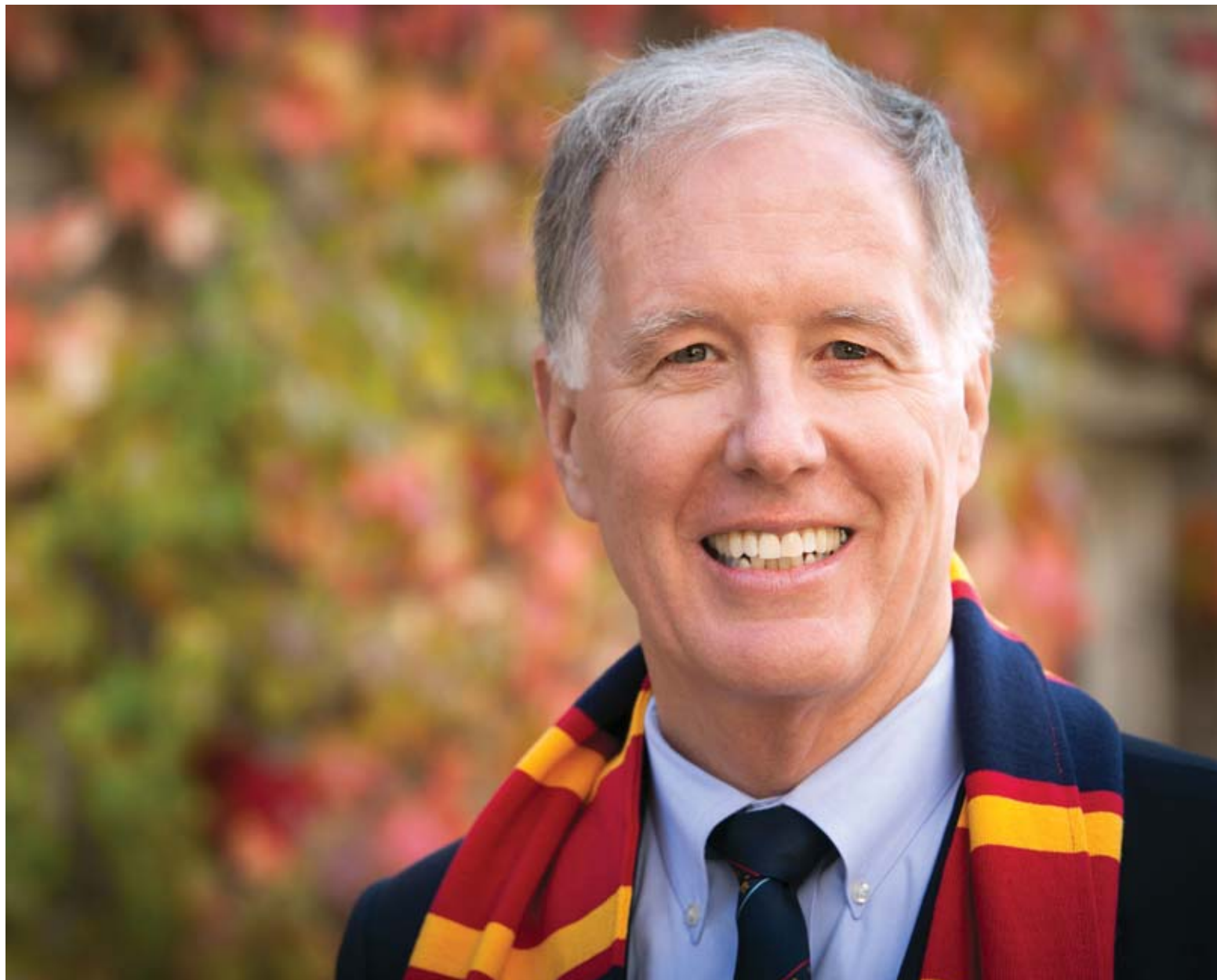
"Collectively, there are some huge shoes to fill," he laughs. "From former prime ministers and governor generals, to the governors of banks. It's an impressive list."

But Mr. Leech, 67, says he is very keen to get going. He is most looking forward to connecting with students, both formally and informally.

"I remember when Roland Michener was chancellor (from 1974-1980) and he used to go jogging early in the morning with students. That was his way to connect and to hear about what was going on," he says. "I'm looking to do things in that vein."

With 46 years in business under his belt, Mr. Leech knows he has a lot to share with the Queen's community. On Jan. 1, he retired as president and CEO of the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan where he was responsible for managing over \$140 billion in assets, representing the pensions of more than 300,000 working and retired teachers, a role he held from 2007.

Prior to that, Mr. Leech served as president and CEO of Unicorp Canada Corporation, one of the country's first public merchant banks, and Union Energy Inc., an energy and pipeline company. He currently serves as the chair of the Toronto General and Western Hospital Foundation, and on the board of the MasterCard Foundation, which advances youth education and financial inclusion for the



Jim Leech (MBA'73), the former president and CEO of the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, started his term as the university's 14th chancellor on July 1.

poorest in sub-Saharan Africa.

Mr. Leech, who is based in Toronto, earned his undergraduate degree at Royal Military College of Canada in Kingston, and currently serves as the honorary colonel of the 32nd Signal Regiment, Canadian Armed Forces. In April, he participated in a seven-day ski expedition to the North Magnetic Pole, organized by True Patriot Love which

supports members of the Canadian military and their families. This well-publicized trek raised funds and awareness to support veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

"That experience combined a lot of things for me – my love for adventure trekking and travel and my passion for Canadian soldiers who have served their country," he says. "I was also probably trying

to prove something to myself about not being old!"

He returned from the expedition to an announcement that his recent book, *The Third Rail: Confronting Our Pension Failures*, which he co-wrote with Jacquie McNish, had won the National Business Book Award.

Mr. Leech hopes the Queen's community – students, staff and faculty alike – won't hesitate to

take advantage of his broad experience and expertise.

"My challenge to the community is to use me," Mr. Leech says emphatically. "I have lots to share – from technical expertise in pensions and pension reform, to experiences in various jobs, huge international exposure and all kinds of adventure trekking. I look forward to being of service to Queen's."

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## Demand for Queen's programs outpaces Ontario university trend

The number of students choosing Queen's University is outpacing the provincial trend, reflecting strong demand for Queen's undergraduate education and quality programs.

According to data recently released by the Ontario University Application Centre, the number of confirmations – students who have accepted Queen's offer of admission – is up 11 per cent for the 2014 academic year. That compares to an overall decline of 1.3 per cent across Ontario universities. Queen's continues to have one of Canada's highest entering averages at 88.4 per cent.

"Top students choose Queen's not only because of its world-class academic programs, but also because we offer a welcoming community where faculty and staff do everything they can to ensure our students succeed," says Daniel Woolf, Principal and Vice-Chancellor. "Thanks are due to our recruitment staff, faculty and alumni who talked to prospective students about our outstanding living and learning environment and the benefits of a Queen's education."

Queen's is highly regarded for its student learning experience, performing very well in the National Survey of Student Engagement's (NSSE) key benchmarks, including enriching educational experience and level of academic challenge. Eighty-six per cent of senior-year Queen's students surveyed by NSSE report their entire educational experience as "excellent" or "good," which puts Queen's among the top institutions in Ontario.

"Queen's offers a unique value proposition to prospective students," says Alan Harrison, Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic). "We have all of the benefits of a mid-sized, residential university focused on an exceptional undergraduate education, within the context of a research-intensive institution where innovation happens on a daily basis."

The growing interest in Queen's extends beyond Canada's borders, with international students expected to make up 6.3 per cent of the 2014 incoming class

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## Increased cloud use on the horizon



Bo Wandschneider, Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Associate Vice-Principal (Information Technology Services), talks about the benefits and risks of working in the cloud.

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With Queen's considering moving to Office 365, Bo Wandschneider, Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Associate Vice-Principal (Information Technology Services), has been speaking with people across campus about Microsoft's cloud computing suite. He recently spoke with Craig Leroux, Senior Communications Officer, about the benefits and risks of working in the cloud.

### Craig Leroux: *First of all, what is "the cloud?"*

**BW:** Generally, "the cloud" refers to software or data hosted offsite, accessible via the Internet. Queen's already uses cloud-based services, such as the governance portal that manages our Board and Senate documents and the Desire2Learn learning management system.

### CL: *How is Office 365 different from the regular Office?*

**BW:** Office 365 is Microsoft's cloud-based collaborative suite. It offers the email and calendaring we already use, but more robust and with more storage for each user. Applications like Word and Excel are available online and on mobile devices, in addition to on your computer. There are a variety of other collaborative features, such as OneDrive and SharePoint for file management and sharing.

### CL: *Why are you considering Office 365 for Queen's?*

**BW:** Office 365 will enhance the ability for faculty, staff and students to collaborate with each other and we simply don't have the resources in-house to offer the same level of functionality. We need to focus our limited resources on the areas where we can add the most value to the academic mission of the university.

### CL: *Aren't undergraduate students already using Office 365?*

**BW:** Undergraduates moved to Office 365 last year and we've had great feedback. Graduate students have now asked to be moved to the cloud as well, and we'll be doing that by the fall. The next logical step is our faculty and staff, and that's a conversation I'm having with people across the university.

### CL: *What about privacy and security? Does the cloud put those things at risk?*

**BW:** IT Services takes privacy and security very seriously. There are always risks in anything we do and we need to understand those risks. It is interesting that there are more risks in our current practices than

there are in moving to the cloud, and we should really be focused on changing these practices. I think that's something that's not well known. For example, the Educational Advisory Board recently released a report saying that there are far more security breaches and risks of data loss in higher education than there are with the cloud providers. We simply aren't resourced to provide the same rigorous security that the cloud providers do.

### CL: *Don't we risk losing ownership of our data in the cloud?*

**BW:** Whenever we consider cloud computing, we ensure that privacy is embedded in it. These environments are very secure, but you have to do your homework. When we move people's information to the cloud we don't relinquish ownership of that information or our accountability for protecting that information. We do our due diligence and ensure our contracts are clear about things like retaining ownership, preventing data mining and prohibiting advertising. That's part of the reason we want to negotiate strong contractual agreements at the enterprise level.

If you sign up individually for cloud services like Dropbox, you agree to their terms. You might put institutional information on there and, if something ever happens, there is no recourse for the university because we aren't involved in the agreement.

### CL: *When do you want to make the move to Office 365?*

**BW:** I've been talking to individuals and various groups across campus to answer questions and help inform people. I also want to get a sense of what people are thinking and make sure we are not missing anything. I'd like to see us make the move in the fall or winter term. We would start with email and calendaring, but the real benefits will come later as we eventually bring the other collaborative tools online. We'll leave an option to opt out if there are individuals who wish to do so, but our experience from other institutions and with our students is that very few people take that option.

**Questions about the cloud?** Email [cioavp@queensu.ca](mailto:cioavp@queensu.ca) or visit [queensu.ca/cio/initiatives/CollaborationTools](http://queensu.ca/cio/initiatives/CollaborationTools).

## Legacy of trailblazing professor lives on in bursary

BY ALEC ROSS

Not many people know this, but a direct connection exists between a certain asteroid, a crater on Venus and Queen's University. That connection is Allie Vibert Douglas, one of the world's first female astrophysicists and Queen's Dean of Women for 20 years.

Dr. Douglas died in 1988 at the age of 93. A year later, to acknowledge her many contributions to science and Queen's, the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Kingston Club established a scholarship in her name. Since then, through a variety of activities the club's membership has worked steadily to raise funds for an endowment.

That persistence came to fruition on May 14, when at their annual dinner the club members presented the hard-earned cheque that finally pushed them past their \$50,000 target.

The endowment will support the CFUW Kingston Club Allie Vibert Douglas Award, which was created in memory of Dr. Douglas and Caroline Mitchell, an outstanding Kingston businesswoman who was one Ontario's top amateur golfers and a longtime member of the CFUW Kingston Club. Ms. Mitchell died in 1978.

The original Vibert Douglas scholarship and a bursary honoring Ms. Mitchell existed as separate awards given out by the Office of the University Registrar (Student Awards) until July 2011, when they



Jeanna Faul, Office of Advancement, and Teresa Alm, Associate University Registrar, accept a cheque for \$50,000 from Marilyn Wilson and Danna Dobson, representatives of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) Kingston Club.

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were combined in a single award.

Marilyn Wilson, chair of the scholarship trust for the Kingston club, says creating the endowment was a practical decision. The club's 50-odd members had been supporting the two awards through their own fundraising efforts, but as many club members were getting older, Ms. Wilson says, "We felt we should make a permanent mark and have a permanent endowment."

Born in Montreal in 1894 and orphaned while young, Allie Vibert and her brother George were raised by their maternal grandmother, whose surname, Douglas, Allie would later adopt. When George enlisted in the army in 1914 the family moved to England. During the First

World War, she served as a statistician at the British War Office, and for her work she was named a Member of the British Empire – at age 23. She spent her university years at McGill and Cambridge, where she studied under the renowned astronomer Sir Arthur Eddington. After the war she returned to McGill, earned her PhD in 1926 and taught at the university for 13 years. She accepted a position as Queen's Dean of Women in 1939 and remained in the post until 1959, acting as a strong advocate and role model for acceptance of women in professional courses. After her retirement she taught astronomy for six more years in the physics department.

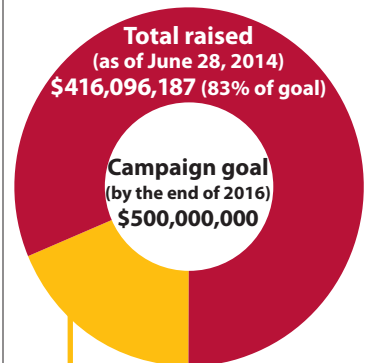
In 1947 Dr. Douglas was elected

president of the International Federation of University Women, the first and only Canadian to occupy the post. She was elected president of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada that same year – becoming its first female president – and helped to establish the society's Kingston chapter.

The International Astronomical Union named an asteroid and a Venusian crater after Dr. Douglas in 1988.

The CFUW Kingston Club Allie Vibert Douglas Award is given to a Bachelor of Science student who demonstrates both financial need and academic achievement. First preference is given to students in third or fourth year of a physics program, and second preference is given to female students.

### INITIATIVE CAMPAIGN UPDATE



Faculty of Health Sciences raised \$42,831,663 (as of June 28, 2014) Goal is \$50,000,000

Each edition of the *Gazette* will update progress on the overall *Initiative Campaign* goal and focus on one priority area of support. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$500 million by 2016. For this edition, we focus on fundraising progress for the Faculty of Health Sciences. Its highlighted priorities include chairs across the faculty, endowed scholarships, facilities and research.

## Pitching in on campus and beyond

BY ANDREW CARROLL,  
GAZETTE EDITOR

Advancement Enhancement Day at Queen's keeps getting bigger – and better.

Originally planned as a day to get the Office of Advancement staff more familiar with the campus and each other, the one-day event is in its second year of also reaching out to help the university and the community beyond.

The "giving back" aspect of the day started last year when Advancement staff helped out Kingston Interval House, a local shelter for women and their children trying to escape situations of abuse, creating 200 welcome bags for those turning to the shelter.

This year they added a second giving back session – Pitch-In Queen's, a university-centred version of Pitch-In Kingston, where volunteers pick up litter around campus.

"We knew there was so much

demand for giving back to the community last year with Kingston Interval House that we wanted to repeat the success of that and also expand our offerings because there was so much interest that we couldn't meet it last year," says Jodi Snowdon, Director of Annual Giving and Advancement Enhancement Day co-chair. "The whole idea is to be out of your cubicle and enjoying the campus. We knew there was an interest in the Kingston Pitch-in Day with some of our staff and we wanted to replicate it so we can give something back right here on our own campus."

Ms. Snowdon added that the discovery and exploration aspect of the day is important as the Advancement department is responsible for mobilizing support among alumni, friends and benefactors for the *Initiative Campaign*. To do so, they need to know the campus personally.

"It's a nice chance to get away

from our desks and see some of the great things happening at Queen's. It's really easy to take for granted where we work and all the amazing things that happen here," she says. "So it's really great to get out and see some of these places and it only helps with our interaction with alumni and donors that we can talk about some of these great places, these corners of campus, that we wouldn't otherwise have any access to or get to experience."

For Marnie Girard, administrative assistant in Annual Giving, and an Advancement Enhancement Day committee member, the community outreach aspect is of vital importance. She said that while Kingston Interval House gets provincial funding there is no substitution for the extra hands providing much-needed support.

"It's become really important to me to look at supporting them, and it's work hours that they just don't have and we can offer an

hour of our time and we can do something really meaningful," she says.

This year, all Advancement staff donated items for Kingston Interval House and 25 members

packed the items with Kingston Interval House Resource Manager, Joanne Franke, on hand to speak about the impact it will have. More than 100 staff took part in Advancement Enhancement Day.



Ben Seewald and Michelle Knapp-Hermer helped pick up garbage around campus as part of the Pitch-In Queen's portion of Advancement Enhancement Day.

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## from the editor

### A century later, war effort must be remembered

BY ANDREW CARROLL,  
GAZETTE EDITOR

Their faces remain clear, captured in photographs, black and white, shades of grey, unchanged over the past 100 years.

Men and women, primarily in the height of their youth, Queen's students and graduates, faculty and staff. They stand, ordered in ranks or posed for a portrait dressed in military uniforms, with an eye to Europe and the war.

All too many of them never came back. Many more returned but were never the same.

This July 28 marks the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War. A century since death and destruction was wrought upon humankind on an industrial scale. The war is something that should never be forgotten but is becoming easier to omit from memory. There are no veterans left to remind us.

Yet it is our duty, particularly here at Queen's, to continue to remember.

Canada joined the battle alongside England and the men and women of Queen's stepped forward in numbers when the call for support went out. It would be a pivotal moment in the history of the university.

Whole units were raised. The engineers of the Fifth Field Com-

pany would be some of the first Canadian military members mobilized, setting up a massive camp in Valcartier, Que. The No. 5 Stationary Hospital was largely made up of members of the Faculty of Medicine and graduates. Nurses would join them, putting their lives on the line as well. Several units of artillery were created. Graduates signed up wherever they found themselves throughout the war.

The cost was high.

Queen's would lose 189 men connected with the university. They remain though. Their memories are preserved through Queen's Archives. Their names are on a plaque in the Memorial Room on the first floor of the John Deutsch University Centre, which was built in honour of the members of the Queen's community who fought and died.

On the Queen's Archives website one can view many of the photos of the lost. One can read the records of when and where they enlisted, when and where they died.

They are men like Harold Vernon Nethercott, a strikingly handsome young man from Clear Creek, Ont. He was an extramural student when he joined the Canadian army on Jan. 20, 1916.

He died a little over a year later at Vimy Ridge.

There is Robert Andrew Kane

of Westport, a student in the School of Mining who was part of the first contingent of the Queen's Engineers. He was killed on Dec. 12, 1915, in Flanders, Belgium.

And then there is Thomas Arthur Metheral of Moose Jaw, Sask., a pilot with the Royal Flying Corps who had been studying medicine before signing up. He would be shot down on June 5, 1917, his death confirmed by the enemy pilot.

There are many others. Each has a tale to tell.

The war effort at Queen's wasn't only on the battlefield as training continued on campus, from future soldiers and engineers to doctors and nurses. Volunteers did what they could to help out. Barracks and shooting ranges were set up.

War should never be glorified. However, it should always be remembered. The lives interrupted for years, the devastation, the loss and pain.

Fortunately, there are details preserved in the archives and readily available through the website archives.queensu.ca. Take some time and view the files that are there. If you have never been to the Memorial Room, take some time this year and pay a visit. Touch the names of those who lost their lives and let them know that they are remembered.

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## lives lived

### Remembering Bill Newcomb

Bill Newcomb, compassionate mentor and lover of wood, born in Manchester, Conn. in 1943; died on Thursday, June 5 in Battersea.

BY CHRISTOPHER MOYES

Professor William (Bill) Newcomb was born Feb. 2, 1943. He grew up in New Haven, Conn., the son of a postal carrier, which instilled a life-long passion for stamps. Growing up in a home surrounded by gardens, Bill became an ardent plant naturalist.

While at Queen's, he resided in nearby Battersea, a location that allowed him to fulfil his love of wood. He maintained a woodlot, cut his own trees, and prepared lumber for construction projects. When the new BioSciences Complex was built, Bill collected the trees that had been felled in construction, and milled the flooring that is in place in the biology conference room. A plaque commemorating his contributions to the room specifically and the department in general will be installed in his honour.

He began his academic life at the University of Connecticut (BA Zoology 1965, M.Sc. Botany 1969) then completed his PhD at the University of Saskatchewan (1972).

After post-doctoral work at the University of Saskatchewan and Harvard University, he moved to the University of Guelph where he spent three years as a research associate and lecturer. He joined Queen's in 1978 as an assistant professor.

Bill spent the next 35 years in the Department of Biology, working on the developmental processes that control microspore embryogenesis, an important breeding strategy in agriculture, the role of plant hormones and other metabolites in the development of nitrogen fixing root nodules. Throughout his career, he contributed his expertise in electron microscopy to collaborations with colleagues in the department and beyond.

Within the department, Bill revealed a remarkable passion for mentoring undergraduate students. He served for many years as an undergraduate chair, academic advisor and member of the Board of Studies. He was particularly kind to students who faced unusual academic and personal circumstances, working with them to find ways to deal with their challenges. He left behind a collection of the many letters of gratitude that he had received over his years as an advisor.

Bill passed away June 8 in his home, leaving no immediate family.

His friends and colleagues held a celebration of his life and contributions June 20 at the University Club.

*Professor Christopher Moyes is the head of the Department of Biology at Queen's. He was a colleague with Newcomb since 1995.*



William (Bill) Newcomb

## flashback



Members of the Queen's University team pose for a photo after winning the Inter-University Service Rifle Challenge Trophy in 1918. *Back, from left:* Lt.Col. P.G.C. Campbell, Cadet A.P.C. Clark, Lt. D.T. Burke, Cadet W.C. Kitto, Cadet E.H. Wright and Maj. W. Swaine, the team's coach. *Front:* Cpl. G.G. McLeod, Lt. J.A. Huggins, Capt. J.A. MacBurney and Cadet A.O. Monk. With the First World War continuing to rage on in Europe, military training was a key part of life at Queen's for many of its students and faculty. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War.

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Lives Lived is a space to share your memories of a Queen's community member who recently died. Email your submissions to [andrew.carroll@queensu.ca](mailto:andrew.carroll@queensu.ca)

## awards

## Women's health research earns Basmajian Award



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BY ANDREW CARROLL,  
GAZETTE EDITOR

An associate professor at Queen's whose research is focused on women's health is this year's recipient of the Mihran and Mary Basmajian Award for Excellence in Health Research.

Chandrakant Tayade's most recent work has primarily focused on endometriosis, a painful gynecological disorder. He is also researching how fetuses are lost during gestation.

Dr. Tayade receives a \$5,000 grant but more important is the recognition from his peers at the university's Faculty of Health Sciences who select the winner each year. The Basmajian Award is handed out to the full-time faculty member "judged to have made the most meritorious contribution to health research during

the previous year or several years."

"I am actually humbled and quite thrilled that we got recognition from the Faculty of Health Sciences. It's a good feeling, it's absolutely rewarding," says Dr. Tayade, who recently marked five years at Queen's. "This award is very special as you are working at Queen's and it's the Queen's peers that thought you were doing something meaningful that deserves to be rewarded. I think that's a really great feeling."

As Dr. Tayade points out, there remains no solid treatment for endometriosis and that even with surgery to remove the lesions more than 50 per cent of women will see a recurrence of the disease.

"There is an absolute need to develop new therapeutic strategies and what we are doing is

targeting the blood vessels, that the endometriotic lesions need in order to develop," Dr. Tayade says. "If you target that then probably lesions won't survive and if they don't survive you won't hopefully get the disease.

That is the long-term futuristic approach we have."

The award was established by Dr. John Basmajian, former head of the Department of Anatomy at Queen's, in memory of his parents.

Chandrakant Tayade is the 2014 winner of the Mihran and Mary Basmajian Award for Excellence in Health Research.

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## Queen's in the news

Highlights of Queen's experts in the media from June 10-23

### Globe and Mail

**David Dodge, Holly Cole** and **Mark Wiseman** were selected by reporter Kate Hammer at the Globe and Mail for inclusion in her column about the top convocation speeches across Canada.



**Don Drummond** (Policy Studies) writes about better labour market information in the Globe and Mail.

### National Post

**Kenneth Wong** (School of Business) – talks about RadioShack in the National Post, the Windsor Star.

### Toronto Star

**John Andrew** (School of Urban and Regional Planning, School of Business) – Canada's hot housing market shows signs of slowing in the Toronto Star.

**Don Stuart** (Law) – Wynne silent on concerns over secrecy of justices of the peace complaints,

in the Toronto Star.

**Peter Davies** (Biomedical and Molecular Sciences) – Owners of genetically modified salmon have been trying to get in on our plates for 25 years, in the Toronto Star.

### Others

**Sharry Aiken** (Law) discusses Canada's \$50M pledge for refugees in the Ottawa Citizen and other print publications.

**Jana Raver** (School of Business) discusses her workplace harassment study in the Grande Prairie Daily Herald Tribune.

**Jerry Doiron** (The Isabel) talks about the new Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts in the Kingston Whig-Standard.



**Wendy Craig** (Psychology) – Many more children have milder but significant social, emotional, and behavioural problems that may go unnoticed by parents, in the Prince George Citizen.

**Dalal Daoud** (Political Studies) writes about the hope of freedom in his op-ed in the Kingston Whig-Standard.

**Julian Barling** (School of Business) – A minor disruption in sleep can have adverse effects on work, in the Kingston Whig Standard.

### Online



**Robert Engen** (History) spoke to Canada.com for their special online project about the First World War.

**Anne Johnson** (Mining Engineering) weighs in on Aboriginal consultation on pipeline plans on Station 14.

**Sidneyeve Matrix** (Film and Media Studies) talks about transport apps on CBC.ca.

**Justin Lee** (Biomedical computing) discusses his Vessyl smart cup, on CNET.com.

### Radio

**Neil Bearse** (School of Business) comments on Amazon's new 3D smartphone, on KKNW (Vancouver radio).

**Diane Beauchemin** (Chemistry) discusses her research on hair on CBC's Quirks and Quarks.

**Tim Abray-Nyman** (Political Studies) discusses political attack ads on CBC Radio Ottawa.

### Television

**David Gordon** (School of Urban and Regional Planning) – Study reveals how urban we really are, on CPAC.



**David Murakami Wood** (Sociology) – Security behind the scenes at the World Cup and how it could affect the upcoming Olympics, on CTV News Channel; Unrest is growing in Brazil during the World Cup.

**Warren Mabee** (School of Policy Studies) – Government announces

conditional approval of the Northern Gateway pipeline, on CBC's Lang & O'Leary Exchange.

**Christian Leuprecht** (Political Studies) – The crisis continues in Iraq, on the Sun News Network.

**Jonathan Rose** (Political Studies) – Liberal leader's trustworthy image credited for majority victory, in Nova Scotia Chronicle Herald; Analyzing the election, on CTV News Channel.

**Tandy Thomas** (School of Business) – Explaining the marketing and advertising behind the World Cup, CTV News Channel.

**Jacalyn Duffin** (History of Medicine) – Doctors are using hypothermia on dying patients, on CBC's The Current.

**Kathy Brock** (Political Studies) – The NDP and Liberals are fighting for the Kingston vote, on CKWS.

### Magazines

**Mary-Jo Maur** (Law) talks about Manitoba's adoption information process in the Lawyers Weekly.

## Queen's draws emerging leaders in Indigenous art, rehabilitation

BY CRAIG LEROUX, SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Queen's University continues to attract top academics through a program aimed at newly-developing and traditional fields of study.

Principal Daniel Woolf announced the appointment of Heather Aldersey and Norman Vorano as the newest Queen's National Scholars (QNS), effective July 1.

"The QNS program is a signature piece in the university's commitment to ongoing faculty renewal, designed to attract early- or mid-career faculty who demonstrate exceptional promise as researchers and teachers," says Principal Woolf. "Both Drs. Aldersey and Vorano are exceptional individuals who will bring compelling, interdisciplinary research programs to Queen's in support of two growing fields."

Dr. Aldersey has been appointed Queen's National Scholar in international community-based rehabilitation and will join the School of Rehabilitation Therapy. She brings significant international research and field experience, having undertaken extensive study of disability and support in African contexts. She holds an interdisciplinary PhD from the University of Kansas and is currently a post-

doctoral researcher at McGill's Douglas Mental Health University Institute, where she is studying the experience of recovery from severe mental illness among Montreal's culturally diverse populations.

Dr. Vorano has been appointed Queen's National Scholar in Indigenous visual and material cultures of the Americas and will join both the Department of Art and the Agnes Etherington Art Centre. He earned a PhD from the University of Rochester's program in visual and cultural studies and brings an impressive track record of fieldwork, research, teaching and curatorial work with a focus on Inuit art. He is currently curator of contemporary Inuit art at the Canadian Museum of History (formerly the Canadian Museum of Civilization) where he has led major research projects resulting in scholarly publications, exhibits and public programming.

The QNS program was established in 1985, with the objective to "enrich teaching and research in newly developing fields of knowledge as well as traditional disciplines." Since then, over 100 QNS appointments have been made in a wide variety of disciplines, and the appellation of Queen's National Scholar has become synonymous with academic excellence.

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## awards

# Prof honoured for work 'making rocks come alive'

BY MARK KERR, SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Throughout his illustrious research career as a clastic sedimentologist, Robert Dalrymple has fashioned himself a geological Sherlock Holmes.

"I have a passion for reconstructing ancient sedimentary environments," says Dr. Dalrymple, the recent recipient of two prestigious awards. "You have all these clues left in the rock and it's an incomplete record. As sedimentary geologists, we are always trying to tease an interpretation out of the clues that are left behind."

As he was finishing up his undergraduate studies at Western University in the 1970s, Dr. Dalrymple wanted to focus his graduate research on using physical processes such as wind, river currents and tides to "make sedimentary rocks come alive." Because the approach was in its infancy at that time, he asked one of his professors to recommend a person in Canada who was doing this type of research. Without hesitation, the professor responded, "Middleton."

Dr. Dalrymple wrote to Dr. Gerry Middleton at McMaster University and was accepted as his graduate student. More than 30 years later, Dr. Dalrymple has received the Middleton Medal named in honour of his PhD supervisor. The award, given by the

Canadian Sedimentology Research Group, a division of the Geological Association of Canada, recognizes the outstanding long-term contribution to any aspect of sedimentology in Canada.

"My supervisor was one of the first to bring that knowledge of fluid-sediment interaction into the geological area. He is viewed as one of the great leaders doing that globally. The chance to work with him and learn from him has influenced a lot of what I have done," says Dr. Dalrymple.

While working with Dr. Middleton, Dr. Dalrymple undertook a detailed study of sediments in the Bay of Fundy, work that began his love affair with tidal deposits. Since then, Dr. Dalrymple has gone on to conduct research in tidal areas around the world including South Korea, Papua New Guinea and France.

"I am proudest of my work on tidal sediments. I think it's my understanding of fluid mechanics and my ability to synthesize studies that have added to the field of sedimentology," he says. His work has helped to provide other geologists with the tools they need to reconstruct ancient environments more accurately.

The international organization representing nearly 3,500 sedimentologists also recently recognized those outstanding contributions. SEPM (Society for Sedimentary Geology) awarded Dr. Dalrymple with its



Robert Dalrymple has been awarded the Middleton Medal by the Canadian Sedimentology Research Group, a division of the Geological Association of Canada.

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highest honour, the Twenhofel Medal.

"I almost couldn't speak when I found out. Many of the giants in the field have received the Twenhofel Medal. I never thought I would be in that category."

Dr. Dalrymple will accept the Twenhofel Medal next year at SEPM's annual meeting in Denver.

## Award winner values student involvement

Catherine Donnelly (OT'95, PhD'13) is the first female recipient of the Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching in 15 years

Dr. Donnelly began teaching at the School of Rehabilitation Therapy in 2004. Her teaching focuses on the physical determinants of occupation, the lived experience of disability and clinical reasoning.

"I get an incredible amount of satisfaction watching students as they move through the process of being exposed to new ideas and then applying and integrating this knowledge," she says. "It is such a privilege to be part of their journey and I am continually struck by my own learning that occurs."

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## Tapping into the power of walking

BY ANNE CRAIG,  
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Imagine having the ability to charge your cellphone while hiking in the far reaches of Ontario. Queen's researcher Qingguo Li (Mechanical and Materials Engineering) and PhD student Michael Shepertycky have created a portable device that can be used anywhere and at any time to produce power on the go.

Bill Ostrom, of Ostrom Outdoors in Thunder Bay, has created a new company around the device called Go Kin Packs. Mr. Ostrom has launched a Kickstarter campaign to help fund further product development efforts to bring the device to market.

"I believe this technology provides a better way to power portable devices, which will create a social and environment impact," says Dr. Li. "From the application point of view, I'm expecting the technology could quickly get to marketplace to provide portable

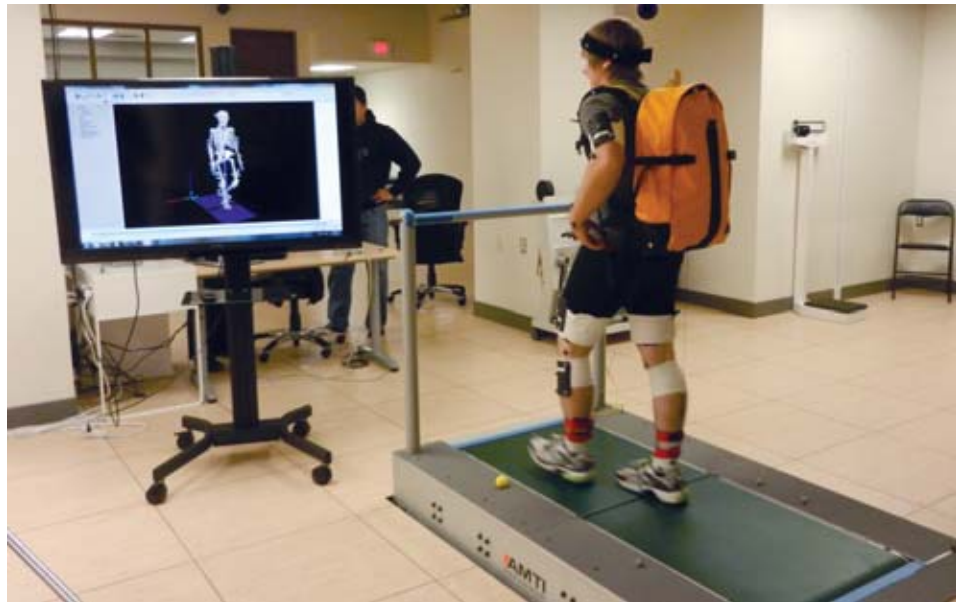
power to those who need it."

The device fits in the Go Kin backpack or fanny pack and two cords extend from the bottom of the pack and attach to the user's ankles. The walking motion generates energy that is stored in the battery pack located in the backpack or fanny pack.

A brisk five-minute walk produces about 25 minutes of cellphone talk time. The Go Kin pack has two USB ports and can also power other electronic devices such as tablets and GPS devices. The device currently weighs just 2.6 pounds. With additional product development effort, the device could weigh less than a pound.

Dr. Li believes recreation enthusiasts and the military will have a strong interest in the Go Kin packs. He adds the packs could be useful in areas where traditional power sources are unavailable, such as developing countries and areas affected by natural disasters.

Ramzi Asfour, Commercial Development Manager at



Michael Shepertycky demonstrates the Go Kin, a portable device that can be used anywhere and at any time to produce power on the go.

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PARTEQ Innovations, connected with Mr. Ostrom who agreed to license the technology from Queen's and develop it into a commercial product.

"Bill saw this as a unique opportunity and was enthusiastic about it right away," says Mr. Asfour. "In discussing ways to fund the project, we suggested crowdfunding as an option. In addition to our logistical support,

Bill has been working with the Northwestern Ontario Innovation Centre to get the campaign up and running. His goal is \$30,000 to help pay for further product development."

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## Building materials may have impact on Arctic tundra

BY ANNE CRAIG, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Virginia Walker (Biology) and her research team have revealed how common additives in building materials (nanoparticles) could possibly disrupt populations of microorganisms found in Arctic soils.

These commonly-used building materials include paint that's resistant to mold and mildew, insulating materials, longer-lasting concrete and windows that reduce heat loss. The addition of these nanoparticles to the soil can affect seasonal change in fungi and bacteria.

"Through this research we have seen that four different measures of soil analysis point to the same result: the addition of nanosilver interferes with normal seasonal change in the Arctic tundra," says Dr. Walker.

Dr. Walker travelled to the Tundra Research Station in Daring Lake, Northwest Territories with Queen's researcher Paul Grogan to collect soil samples for the research. Nanoparticles were then added to the soils in her Queen's lab and the temperature was altered over a period of three months in order to mimic a change in seasons from winter (-20 C) to summer (15 C) in the Arctic.

The contribution of research and development expertise from the biological instrument company Qubit Systems, located in Kingston, allowed the monitoring of soil respiration during these temperature shifts.

Once the summer conditions were complete, the researchers examined the biochemical properties of the organisms, including DNA sequences. What the researchers found was significant.

Bacteria were generally more susceptible than fungi to the engineered nanoparticles, and the population of some beneficial plant-associating bacteria suffered. In contrast, some fungi were quite resistant to nanosilver, including those known for their anti-



Virginia Walker removes soil samples from the Arctic tundra.

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oxidant properties. Such information can help the scientific community understand how nanoparticles impact living organisms.

"Having visited the Arctic, I knew the vast, stark beauty of the landscape and it became important to try to protect it," says Dr. Walker. "We already know that traces of flame retardants have found their way to the Arctic. This research is critical to the Arctic ecosystem."

Joining Dr. Walker on the research team were Niraj Kumar (Queen's), Vishal Shah (Dowling College) and Gerry Palmer (Qubit Systems).

## Baroque expert elected to Institut de France

BY ANDREW CARROLL,  
GAZETTE EDITOR

For Gauvin Bailey (Art History) the excitement surrounding his recent election to the Institut de France is two-fold.

First, is the recognition that he has been appointed to one of the oldest and most learned institutions in the world. Second, is that he finally will be able to see the Baroque grandeur locked behind the Institut's main doors.

Dr. Bailey, the Alfred and Isabel Bader Chair in Southern Baroque Art, was elected last month as a "Correspondant-Étranger" (foreign correspondent) of the Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-lettres of the Institut de France, one of the most-respected and oldest learned institutions in the world having been founded by King Louis XIV in 1663. The Académie is one of five within the Institut and is devoted to the humanities. One of the others is the famous Académie Française, guardian of the French language.

Only Institut members are allowed to enter the building's inner domed sanctuary, a former chapel in what is now called the Palais de l'Institut which was made into the Institut's main meeting hall when Napoleon handed the building over to them in 1805. It's an exclusive honour, and particularly meaningful for someone whose focus of study is Baroque art and architecture.

"One of the fun things for me is the building the Institut is in is one of Paris's most important Baroque buildings and has one of the oldest domes in the city. It's designed by Louis Le Vau, who also designed Versailles," Dr. Bailey says. "It is right across from the Louvre and is a famous landmark, but the public can't visit it. There is this great big, domed central section that I've especially wanted to see the inside of. For me, that's going to be a real thrill. It might not sound like much, but then I am naturally a huge fan of the Baroque."

The magnitude of the election is not lost on Dr. Bailey. The Institut de France only maintains 50 French and 50 foreign correspondents at any one time, putting him in rare company. Dr. Bailey is one of only six North American foreign correspondents.

"This is a huge and unexpected honour for me, particularly at this time in my career when I am working increasingly on French art and culture and its dissemination throughout the Americas," Dr. Bailey says. "The Institut de France itself dates from the period I am working on and some of the architects and writers I have studied were members in their day."

Primarily, during his academic career Dr. Bailey has focused on the migration of Baroque art and architecture to the New World through the Spanish and Portuguese empires. More recently



Gauvin Bailey (Art History) has been elected to the Institut de France as a foreign correspondent.

he is taking a closer look at the influence through the French empire, an area of study that has not received anything like the same kind of attention.

"I think it's crazy to leave it out. The French Atlantic Empire was massive and interacted with the Spanish and Portuguese empires on many levels, through trade, missionary activities, and art and architecture" he says. "A lot of the approaches they took to the indigenous people and their patterns

of colonization were similar yet the field of Latin American studies which is burgeoning, a giant field, completely ignores the French empire. Except for regional studies on Quebec or Louisiana there is no such thing as French Atlantic Empire studies as a field in art and architecture."

Dr. Bailey's first book to look at the French impact on the Americas, *The Spiritual Rococo: Décor and Divinity from the Salons of Paris to the Missions of Patagonia* (Ashgate

Press, 2014) will be released in September. It will be his seventh book published to date. His next book, funded by a SSHRC Insight Development Grant awarded last month, will look more directly at the French Empire's place in the arts and architecture of the Americas.

Dr. Bailey was named to the Royal Society of Canada, one of seven Queen's professors to receive the honour in 2013. He took up his current position at Queen's in 2011.

## A helping hand for Haiti

BY ANDREW CARROLL, GAZETTE EDITOR

It has been seven years since Tammy Babcock Aristilde first traveled to Haiti, hoping to improve the plight of the residents of Cite Soleil.

While change in the country may not be evident on the surface, the efforts of Helping Haiti, the charitable organization the security supervisor at Queen's leads, has resulted in some definite signs of progress. Lives have been saved.

As she prepares for another 10-day trip, leading a small group to the impoverished district in the capital Port-au-Prince, Ms. Babcock Aristilde says that one of the key elements to the effort has been bringing together rival gang members and teaching them first-aid.

The young men have been learning how to treat gunshot and stab wounds and have used the new skills to the benefit of their communities. One of the students has even saved the lives of two other members.

However, more important is that the rival gang members have formed bonds as they work through the First-Aid for Peace course.

"What's encouraging is that in one group of 10 we had two (gang) leaders. They were enemies when they started the course, but were able to find friendship in the time they spent together learning the life-saving skills of the FAFP program," Ms. Babcock Aristilde says.

A small step, perhaps, but a step toward peace nonetheless.

The program also improved the participants' repu-

tations within their communities. No longer are they mere gang members, to be viewed only as a threat. These men are becoming role models for the younger generations.

"Many members of the team have used these skills to have a life. Having this knowledge puts them at a whole different level capacity and influence in the community," Ms. Babcock Aristilde says.

"By working with these young men we are hoping to provide programming which will not only benefit them, but support the young men to inspire the young community to work together."

The program currently includes 14 members and one has been trained to become an instructor within the community. The plan is to train instructors in neighbouring areas, expanding the program's reach.

Ms. Babcock Aristilde and her group travel to Haiti twice a year – each January and July. This time she will be instructing young women rape self-defense, something she taught at Queen's for nearly 10 years, while fellow director Aaron Sousa will teach their children on first-aid and hygiene.

Also making the trip is Queen's student Amanda Oeggerli (Artsci'15), who will be assisting with the self-defense and first-aid programs as well as keeping track of records as Helping Haiti distributes water and helps sufferers of chikungunya, a debilitating mosquito-borne virus that results in fever and severe arthritic pain that is currently running rampant through Cite Soleil.

"They explain it like it feels like your bones are



Tammy Babcock Aristilde has been traveling to Haiti for seven years to help those in need in Cite Soleil.

breaking and that pain lasts for a week and a half to two weeks," Ms. Babcock Aristilde says. "Some people will continue to have that pain up to two years depending on how your system reacts to it."

There will also be a focus on electrical safety as Cite Soleil residents often jury-rig their own connections to electricity sources, sometimes with dire consequences. There are burns, homes lost and even deaths from electrocution.

The instructor will be shown a site and while he can't really change what they do he can provide safety knowledge as well as some equipment that could save lives. There will also be some first-aid instruction in treating burns.

The organization also has a branch at the university and Queen's Helping Haiti, which was recently formed, has already helped support three young people with their small businesses.

## Ambassadors Forum promotes international dialogue

BY ANDREW STOKES,  
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Diplomats from around the Asia-Pacific region gathered at Queen's on June 24 for the annual Ambassador's Forum.

The event, organized by Hok-Lin Leung, former director of Queen's School of Urban and Regional Planning, brings together the ambassadors to promote international dialogue, co-operation and action.

"The Ambassadors Forum was started as a non-official space for diplomats to meet one another and listen to informed Canadians," says Dr. Leung. "The forum is unique in the world, and it's great for Queen's. It gives us a chance to internationalize right here on campus."

After lunch at Summerhill, the diplomats listened to a presentation by Don Raymond, former chief investment strategist of the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and a member of the Queen's Board of Trustees. Mr. Raymond talked about international investment strategies for global investors.

Since the Ambassadors Forum was established in 2003, Queen's has welcomed representatives from countries such as Japan, South Korea, Australia and Myanmar to listen to presentations by Canadian academics, politicians and labour union leaders. Previous presentations have covered topics such as Canada-U.S. relations, the Canadian identity, and the process of a federal election.

"It's important that these officials get a neutral venue to interact with each other," says Dr. Leung. "There's a lot of potential to build international relationships."



Principal Daniel Woolf exchanges business cards with Ambassador Radnaabazar Altangerel of Mongolia during the Ambassadors' Forum hosted at Queen's on June 24.

## International exchanges vital: U.S. consul general

Jim Dickmeyer, the Consul General of the United States responsible for Ontario, recently visited Kingston. Mr. Dickmeyer has served in six countries during his 29 years of diplomatic service. He most recently taught national defense studies as a faculty member at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C. During his two-day visit, he met with Principal Daniel Woolf, toured Innovation Park and visited the Royal Military College of Canada. He discussed his visit and the importance of academic exchanges between Canada and the U.S. with Senior Communications Officer Mark Kerr.



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### MK: What is the purpose of your visit to Queen's and Innovation Park?

**JD:** I have been in my position for two years, and I hadn't visited Kingston yet. I wanted to come to here and visit Queen's and the Royal Military College.

When we were planning the trip, we saw some material on Innovation Park and thought, 'we definitely have to go there.' There is so much going on between the United States and Canada in this area of scientific inquiry and then movement into commercialization. This is just a wonderful visit for us.

### MK: What has stood out during your visit to Queen's?

**JD:** At Innovation Park, I was struck by the research going on in laboratories. I am fascinated by the amazing pace of innovation and how quickly (the researchers) expect to have commercial products that are going to change our lives. I have

been to other innovation parks in Ontario and the U.S. and this kind of work fascinates me. Watching scientists at work in a creative environment that allows them access to other tools they need to eventually commercialize these products is always interesting.

I have a number of friends who have attended Queen's. Through them, I have developed an admiration for the university and the fact that it's a little bit smaller (than other Ontario universities) and maintains a community feel. They have also told me about how many opportunities there are for leadership experiences outside the classroom at Queen's. Queen's is also attractive being situated in this just very beautiful city.

One of the things I talked about with Principal Woolf was trying to increase the number of students who are interested in coming up to Queen's from the U.S. I think it would be a great opportunity for people from my country to come to such a great university.

### MK: Why are academic exchanges important?

**JD:** When we talk about academic exchanges, I often think at the faculty level, which is hugely important and goes on a lot. The even more important exchanges that I want to work on and increase are at the student level. When you study in another country for a semester or a year, you get a different view of life. Your vision is expanded. We think of ourselves – between the U.S. and Canada – with so many similarities, but we are distinct cultures with distinct histories and traditions. A U.S. student coming up to Canada can learn so much about how to understand a different culture, how to listen and absorb more. The Fulbright Program is very vibrant, but given the numbers we would really like to see, it can't address all of that. So we have to figure out different ways to do that.

**U.S. Consul General Jim Dickmeyer visits Medizone International Inc. laboratory located at Innovation Park. Senior technician Dylan Simpson (centre) and microbiologist Paolo Uy explain one of their experiments to Mr. Dickmeyer.**

*The interview was condensed and edited for clarity.*

## eventscalendar

### Events

#### Thursday, July 10 – Saturday, July 12, 9:30 am-4 pm Summer Orientation to Academics and Resources

The SOAR program aims to help ease the transition of our incoming first-year students and their families. Participants will have an opportunity to learn about academic expectations, resources, learning strategies, and common student transition issues. Register online at [queensu.ca/studentexperience/soar](http://queensu.ca/studentexperience/soar). Contact [qsoar@queensu.ca](mailto:qsoar@queensu.ca) or 613-533-2539 with any questions.

#### Thursday, July 10, 17, 24, 31, 12:15-1 pm Free Art Centre Lunch Tour

Join a lunchtime tour at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre for the exhibition *Artful Dressing: The Fashion of Agnes Etherington* and in the tasteful furnishings of her home, Etherington House. New interpretive panels highlighting key objects in four rooms of this elegant historic house offer visitors an enriched experience of this much-admired setting. Will be held each Thursday throughout July and August.

#### Saturday, July 12, 9-10:30 pm Observatory Open House

The Queen's Observatory hosts a monthly open house and tour all year round. Registration not required; just show up and join the fun! In July the speaker will be Nathalie Ouelette, the observatory coordinator. Open house runs from 9-10:30 pm at Ellis Hall on every second Saturday of each month.

#### Thursday, July 17 – Saturday, July 19, 9:30 am-4 pm Summer Orientation to Academics and Resources

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#### Monday, July 21, 9:30 am-4 pm Summer Orientation to Academics and Resources

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#### Saturday, July 26 – Sunday, July 27 Functional Anatomy Boot-Camp

Join the Functional Anatomy Boot-Camp practical and hands-on, two-day event for future and current health care professionals. This event has been designed to offer participants a primer for their academic program or to act as a refresher for current practitioners. For more information and registration details, please visit: [www.rehab.queensu.ca/general.php?id\\_mnu=25](http://www.rehab.queensu.ca/general.php?id_mnu=25). Questions can be directed to: [Erika.beresford-kroeger@queensu.ca](mailto:Erika.beresford-kroeger@queensu.ca) Cost: \$350 for Queen's students.

#### Thursday, Aug. 7 – Friday, Aug. 8 Patient Safety

Queen's University and CPSI present the Patient Safety Education Program (PSEP), to be held at the Biosciences Complex. For information go to [patientsafetyinstitute.ca](http://patientsafetyinstitute.ca). Registration is now open at [nursing.queensu.ca/psep2014.php](http://nursing.queensu.ca/psep2014.php). Contact [briana.broderick@queensu.ca](mailto:briana.broderick@queensu.ca) or [laura.manis@queensu.ca](mailto:laura.manis@queensu.ca) for more details.

#### Tuesday Sept. 2, 9 am-noon Graduate Orientation

At the start of each academic year, the School of Graduate Studies (SGS) along with the Office of Student Affairs and the Society of Graduate & Professional Students, host a Welcome and Resource Fair. This September is no exception and departments on campus as well as Kingston community groups will be there to showcase the resources available to you as a graduate student.

#### Teaching Development Day Wednesday, Sept. 3

Every September, the Centre for Teaching & Learning (CTL) offers a free day-long conference as an opportunity for anyone who teaches at Queen's to meet and learn about new and interesting developments in teaching and learning. A featured guest keynote speaker and various members of the Queen's community will focus on key aspects of the roles and responsibilities within teaching. This opportunity to get together in a focused environment can provide one step towards encouraging effective teaching practices, encouraging further professional development, and enhancing education at Queen's.

*Have an event you would like the Queen's community to know about? Contact Gazette editor Andrew Carroll at [andrew.carroll@queensu.ca](mailto:andrew.carroll@queensu.ca) and get your event noticed.*

## PhD Oral Thesis Examinations

The following is a list of PhD candidates and the details of their thesis which they will be defending. Members of the regular staff at the university may attend PhD oral thesis examinations.

#### Wednesday, July 23

Adam Patrick Heenan, Psychology, *'Effects of Anxiety on Perceptual Biases for Ambiguous Biological Motion Stimuli'*. Supervisor: N.F. Troje, 228 Humphrey Hall, 12 pm

#### Wednesday, July 23

Farhad Imani, Electrical and Computer Engineering, *'Ultrasound-Based Tissue Typing Using RF Time Series: Feasibility Studies and New Applications'*. Supervisors: P. Mousavi, P. Abolmaesumi, 302 Walter Light Hall, 9:30 am

#### Wednesday, July 30

Sinan Bulut, Physics, Engineering Physics and Astronomy, *'Charge Density Waves and Electronic Ne-*

*maticity in the Three Band Model of Cuprate Superconductors'*. Supervisors: W. Atkinson, R.J. Gooding, 201 Stirling Hall, 11 am

#### Thursday, July 31

Zhiyuan Hu, Electrical and Computer Engineering, *'Topology, Control and Design of LLC Resonant Converters'*. Supervisors: Y.-F. Liu, P.C. Sen, 302 Walter Light Hall, 1:30 pm

#### Thursday, July 31

Shu Zhang, Electrical and Computer Engineering, *'Control of a Nonlinear Mach-Zehnder Interferometer for Optical Regeneration Using Digital Signal Processing'*. Supervisor: J.C. Cartledge, 302 Walter Light Hall, 10 am

## 5 things about Queen's and the First World War

The 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War falls on July 28 and at Queen's there is a bevy of history connected to the "War to end all wars." Here's a quick look at some of that history:

# 1

While Richardson Stadium and the John Deutsch University Centre have well-known connections to the First World War, there many other buildings named after those with First World War service, including: Etherington Hall; Bracken Health Sciences Library; Ellis Hall; Clark Hall; Jackson Hall; Stirling Hall; and Stauffer Library.

# 2

A total of 189 staff, students, alumni and faculty at Queen's died in service during the First World War. A plaque with the names of the war dead is kept in the Memorial Room on the first floor of the John Deutsch University Centre.

# 3

There were eight military units that were associated with Queen's including: 5th Field Company and 6th Field Company (engineers); Canadian Universities unit (38th Battalion); 46th Queen's Battery and the reinforcement units the 50th Queen's Battery and 72nd Queen's Battery; No. 5 Stationary Hospital and No. 7 General Hospital (6 of the 10 doctors were members of Queen's Faculty of Medicine and many of the other staff were from Queen's); and the Queen's University Highlanders (253rd Battalion).

# 4

Fifth Field Company Lane is named after the Fifth Field Company Engineers of the Canadian military, and was the first Canadian engineering company to be deployed to England in 1914. The unit has the distinction of being the only purely university company in the Canadian Army during the First World War.

# 5

Kingston Hall and Grant Hall served as a military hospital during the First World War, while the attic of Nicol Hall was used as an army barracks. Ontario Hall was used as a dining room for the Fifth Field Company of the Canadian Engineers from 1916-1918.

► Principal Daniel Woolf helps serve in Grant Hall during the Queen's Summer BBQ.



▼ Faculty and staff were able to eat at a number of tables set up in Grant Hall.

## Summer BBQ

The annual Queen's Summer BBQ was held Wednesday, June 25, and proved to be an excellent opportunity for faculty and staff to get outside and reconnect with their colleagues.

Hosted by Principal Daniel Woolf, senior staff helped serve the food in Grant Hall. Fortunately the rain let up in time for the luncheon, allowing people to sit outside and enjoy the eats.

Non-perishable food items were also collected for the Partners in Mission Food Bank.

The event was sponsored by Queen's Hospitality Services and the Principal's Office.



▲ Staff and faculty chat and eat as they sit under the trees near Grant Hall.



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## for the record

## Appointments

**Kathy O'Brien to head international portfolio**

Alan Harrison, Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic), has appointed Kathy O'Brien as Associate Vice-Principal, International, effective June 1.

Ms. O'Brien came to Queen's in 2003 and for the past six years has served as executive director of the Office of the Provost. Over the past six months she assumed the additional responsibility of leading the international portfolio on an interim basis.

"Kathy has done an outstanding job leading the international portfolio through a period of transition and I am delighted that she has accepted this appointment," says Provost Harrison. "An important part of her role over the coming months will be wide consultation with the Queen's community as she refines goals and benchmarks in all areas of our international strategy."

**John Witjes appointed Associate Vice-Principal, Facilities**

Caroline Davis, Vice-Principal (Finance and Administration), has announced the appointment of John Witjes to the position of Associate Vice-Principal, Facilities, effective Sept. 1. Donna Janiec will continue in the role of Acting Associate Vice-Principal, Facilities, until September to assist with the transition.

Mr. Witjes (Sci'86), a professional engineer, worked in the private sector before joining Queen's as an assistant manager in Physical Plant

Services in 1991. He was promoted to Director, Engineering in 2003 where he led a team of engineers in support of new construction and facilities maintenance, and assumed responsibility for the operation of the Central Heating Plant and the co-generation facility.

**Michael Fraser heads up new University Relations portfolio**

Principal Daniel Woolf has announced the establishment of University Relations, a new portfolio encompassing University Communications, Marketing, and Government and Institutional Relations.

The creation of the portfolio formalizes a restructuring earlier this year that saw its three units report to Chief Communications Officer Michael Fraser, who is now Vice-Principal (University Relations) as the new unit came into effect on July 1. The restructuring will provide an opportunity to realize efficiencies between the three units and will not require any additional staffing.

"This reorganization is in line with practices at other Canadian universities and allows for increased coordination within the new University Relations portfolio, which has a key role to play in advancing Queen's mission and reputation," says Principal Woolf. "Since arriving at Queen's in May 2013, Michael has worked to raise the bar for the university's communications programs and has provided invaluable counsel to the senior leadership and others across the university. I am delighted that Queen's will continue

to benefit from his expertise in the vice-principal role."

**Tom Harris reappointed Vice-Principal (Advancement)**

Principal Daniel Woolf announced on June 16 the reappointment of Tom Harris as Vice-Principal (Advancement) for a second five-year term, from Jan. 1, 2015 to Dec. 31, 2019.

"Under Vice-Principal Harris's leadership, Queen's has taken important steps to keep its thousands of alumni engaged, and the university is on track to meet the ambitious half-billion-dollar goal of its Initiative Campaign," says Principal Woolf. "I am extremely pleased that Vice-Principal Harris has agreed to take on another term at the helm of Advancement and continue this important work."

Under Dr. Harris's tenure as vice-principal, Queen's successfully launched its Initiative Campaign, which has so far raised more than \$415 million. In 2013-14 alone, Queen's raised \$71.3 million, an all-time annual fundraising record for the university.

## Nominations

**Honorary degree nomination period now open**

Information and nomination forms for 2015 honorary degrees is now available on the University Secretariat website or by contacting the University Secretariat at 613-533-6095. Deadline for submissions is Friday, Aug. 8.

## human resources

## Job postings

Details regarding job postings – internal and external – can be found at [queensu.ca/humanresources/jobs](http://queensu.ca/humanresources/jobs). Applications for posted positions are accepted by email only to [working@queensu.ca](mailto:working@queensu.ca) before midnight on the closing date of the competition.

**Internal**

**POSTING DATE:** 26-Jun-2014

**COMPETITION:** 2014-181

**JOB TITLE:** Associate Director/Practice Manager

**DEPARTMENT:** Regional Assessment Resource Centre

**HOURS PER WEEK:** 35

**APPOINTMENT TERMS:** Continuing Appointment

**CLOSING DATE:** 10-Jul-2014

Please note that all internal candidates will be given first consideration for this position.

**POSTING DATE:** 25-Jun-2014

**COMPETITION:** 2014-179

**JOB TITLE:** Undergraduate Assistant (USW Local 2010)

**DEPARTMENT:** English

**HIRING SALARY:** \$39,199 (Salary Grade 5)

**HOURS PER WEEK:** 35

**APPOINTMENT TERMS:** Continuing Appointment

**CLOSING DATE:** 10-Jul-2014

Please note that all internal candidates will be given first consideration for this position.

## Research staff postings

**POSTING DATE:** 24-Jun-2014

**COMPETITION:** 2014-R020

**JOB TITLE:** Research Assistant

**DEPARTMENT:** Psychology

**HIRING SALARY:** \$39,199 (Salary Grade 5)

**HOURS PER WEEK:** 35

**APPOINTMENT TERMS:** One Year Appointment

**CLOSING DATE:** 15-Sep-2014

Apply To: Please submit a cover letter with resume and two references to; Jordan Poppenk – Department of Psychology

[jpoppenk@queensu.ca](mailto:jpoppenk@queensu.ca)

Position will remain posted until filled. Consideration of applications will commence July 2, 2014

## Successful candidates

*Congratulations to the following individuals who were the successful candidates in recent job competitions.*

**JOB TITLE:** Learner Wellness Centre Assistant

**DEPARTMENT:** Undergraduate Medical Education, School of Medicine

**COMPETITION:** 2014-065

**SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE:** Victoria Atchison

**JOB TITLE:** Educational Coordinator

**DEPARTMENT:** Continuing Professional Development Office, Faculty of Health Sciences

**COMPETITION:** 2014-R013

**SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE:** Lindsay Cameron

**JOB TITLE:** Research Accounting Officer

**DEPARTMENT:** Financial Services

**COMPETITION:** 2014-082

**SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE:** Young-Tae Kim

## books

## New releases: Copyright, Surveillance and Ecological Sustainability



*Transparent Lives: Surveillance in Canada*, by The New Transparency Project, edited by Colin J. Bennett, Kevin D. Haggerty, David Lyon, and Valerie Steeves

The work of a multidisciplinary research team, *Transparent Lives* explains why and how surveillance is expanding – mostly unchecked – into every facet of our lives. The New Transparency Project, based at the Surveillance Studies Centre at Queen's University, takes a look at the major ways in which both government and private sector organizations gather, monitor, analyze, and share information about ordinary citizens, the volume identifies nine key trends in the processing of personal data that together raise urgent questions of privacy and social justice. Intended not only to inform but to make a difference, *Transparent Lives* is aimed at a broad audience, including legislators and policymakers, journalists, civil liberties groups, educators, and, above all, the reading public.

While most members of the public are familiar with surveillance cameras and airport security, most are unaware of the extent to which the potential for

surveillance is now embedded in virtually every aspect of our lives. This book, published by AU Press, looks at where such information goes and who makes use of it, and for what purpose.



*Canadian Copyright: A Citizen's Guide, Second edition*, by Laura J. Murray (English and Cultural Studies) and Samuel E. Trosow

Laura Murray, with Samuel E. Trosow, completely update their work in this revised edition of *Canadian Copyright*, which parses the Copyright Act and explains current Canadian copyright law to ordinary Canadians in accessible language, using recent examples and legal cases.

In the digital age, when practically everything is downloadable with the click of a button, copyright has become an increasingly important issue, and questions abound. If you're an artist, consumer, or teacher, copyright is likely a part of your everyday life and *Canadian Copyright*, published by Between the Lines, can provide the answers you might be looking for.



*Religion and Ecological Sustainability in China*, edited by James Miller (Chinese Studies and Religious Studies) with Dan Smyer Yu, Peter van der Veer

Dr. Miller's research has focused mainly on traditional Chinese views of nature and environment and *Religion and Ecological Sustainability in China* sheds light on the social imagination of nature and environment in contemporary China. The book, published by Routledge, demonstrates how the urgent debate on how to create an ecologically sustainable future for the world's most-populous country is shaped by the complex engagement with religious traditions, competing visions of modernity and globalization, and by engagement with minority nationalities.

The book develops a comprehensive understanding of contemporary China that goes beyond the tradition/modernity dichotomy, and illuminates the diversity of narratives and worldviews that inform contemporary Chinese understandings of and engagements with nature and environment.

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