

Saint Mary's University

Spring Convocation



Friday, 16 May 2014

O CANADA

O Canada! Our home and native land!  
True patriot love in all thy sons command.

Car ton bras sait porter l'epee,  
Il sait porter la croix!

Ton histoire est une epopée  
Des plus brillants exploits.

God keep our land, glorious and free!  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee,  
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Convocation is a joyous yet solemn event, bound by traditions which have evolved over centuries. It is a continuum with a formal beginning and end. By being present here today, you have indicated your interest in being part of this academic tradition. Graduating students and their guests are therefore expected to remain in their seats until this formal ceremony has been completed in its entirety - the Chancellor of the University has officially closed Convocation and the stage party and graduates have recessed.

**Order of Academic Procession**

Marshal of Convocation

Graduates

Guests

Faculty

Board of Governors

Deans of Faculties

Recipients of Honorary Degrees

Vice-President, Academic and Research

President

Chancellor

The audience is requested to stand when the Academic Procession arrives, to remain standing until the close of the Prayer of Invocation, and at the close of Convocation, to remain standing until all of the Academic Procession has recessed.

Please note that names of graduates listed in this program are subject to revision.

**Order of Proceedings**

Processional

Welcome

*O Canada*

Morning Convocation - Laura Cunningham

Afternoon Convocation - Monica Njoku

Introduction of Special Guests

Invocation

Father Rob Arsenault

Valedictory Address

Morning Convocation

Blaine Charles Cameron Mackie

Afternoon Convocation

Jason K. Rondeau

Presentation of Governor-General's Medals & Faculty Awards

Presidential Remarks

J. Colin Dodds, B.A., B.Sc., M.A., Ph.D.

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

Morning Convocation

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)

Judith Irving

To be Doctor of Science (honoris causa)

Dr. Ivar Mendez

To be Doctor of Science (honoris causa)

Dr. Neil Turok

Afternoon Convocation

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)

Bonnie Brooks

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)

Major-General Blaise Cathcart

Convocation Addresses

Morning

Dr. Neil Turok

Afternoon

Bonnie Brooks

Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates

Morning Convocation

**Arts**

Esther E. Enns, B.S.L. (Hon.), M.A., M.Ed., Ph.D., Dean of Arts, will present the candidates for undergraduate degrees in Arts.

J. Kevin Vessey, B.Sc. (Hon.), M.Sc., Ph.D., Associate Vice-President Research, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, will present the candidates for graduate degrees in Arts.

**Science**

Steven Smith, B.A. (Hon.), M.A., Ph.D., Dean of Science, will present the candidates for undergraduate degrees in Science.

J. Kevin Vessey, B.Sc. (Hon.), M.Sc., Ph.D., Associate Vice-President Research, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, will present the candidates for graduate degrees in Science.

Afternoon Convocation

**Business**

Patricia Bradshaw, B.Comm., Ph.D., Dean of the Sobey School of Business, will present the candidates for undergraduate degrees in Business.

J. Kevin Vessey, B.Sc. (Hon.), M.Sc., Ph.D., Associate Vice-President Research, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, will present the candidates for graduate degrees in Business.

Closing of Convocation

Recessional

**Chancellor of Saint Mary's University**

Robert Kelly, B.Comm., D.Comm.

**Chairman of Convocation**

David Gauthier, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.  
Vice-President, Academic and Research

**University Orator**

Alexandre Avdulov, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of Japanese and Asian Studies

**Marshal of Convocation**

Donald J. Naulls, B.A. (Hon.) M.A., Ph.D.  
Associate Dean of Arts, Associate Professor of Political Science,  
and Chairperson of the Academic Senate.

**Marshal of Students**

Keith Hotchkiss, B.A.  
Director of Student Services

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**Acknowledgement**

The Administration and Faculty of Saint Mary's University gratefully acknowledge the generous assistance received during the past year from individuals and groups in the form of contributions of scholarships, bursaries, prizes, as well as numerous and varied services.

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## **MEDALS and AWARDS**

Fitzpatrick Family Valedictorian Award

Recipients: Blaine Charles Cameron Mackie  
Jason K. Rondeau

## **Undergraduate Medals and Awards**

### **Governor General's Silver Medal**

Donor: Governor General of Canada  
Recipient: Andrew Anthony Nichols

### **University's Faculty and Division Medals**

Bachelor of Arts

Donor: Archbishop of Halifax  
Recipient: Christopher Brent Moule

Bachelor of Science

Donor: Saint Mary's University Alumni Association  
Recipient: Allison Norma Hudson

Diploma in Engineering

Recipient: Peter Mate Lakner

Bachelor of Commerce

Recipient: Vance Stephen Hiscock

### **Academic Subject Awards**

Biology: The Dr. Brij M. Kapoor Memorial Award

Donor: The family of Dr. Brij M. Kapoor  
Recipient: Allison Norma Hudson

Environment: Environmental Studies Prize

Donor: Dr. Tony Charles  
Recipient: Victoria Detoro

Environment: Environmental Science Prize

Donor: Dr. Tony Charles  
Recipient: Katherine Dorey

Geology: The Centennial Medal

Donor: The Mining Society of Nova Scotia  
Recipient: Mark Joseph Garagan

Human Resource Management: The Hermann Schwind Medal  
Donors: Department of Management faculty members, past and present  
Recipient: Toven W. Crockett Allen

Irish Studies: Brian O'Brien Irish Studies Medal  
Donor: Dr. Brian O'Brien  
Recipient: Daniel T. Giesbrecht

Modern Languages: Prize of the Ambassador of Switzerland  
Donor: Ambassador of Switzerland to Canada  
Recipient: Melina Martin

Tax: The Edwin C. Harris Tax Prize  
Donor: Atlantic Tax Conference Planning Committee  
Recipient: Wendy Leah Nowlan

## Graduate Medals

### **Governor General's Gold Medal**

Donor: Governor General of Canada  
Recipient: Michael Gruberbauer

### **University's Faculty Medals**

Master of Arts (International Development Studies)  
Donor: Dr. James H. Morrison  
Recipient: Keimeko Tamaro Scotland

Master of Business Administration: Dr. Harold G. Beazley Medal  
Recipient: Jon Wei Jin Lee

Executive Master of Business Administration  
Donor: Bridges Family  
Recipient: Susan B. Tarves

Master of Management - Co-operatives and Credit Unions: Pobihuschy Medal  
Recipient: Catherine Ann Ludgate

Master of Science (Applied Psychology)  
Donor: Aramark Canada Ltd.  
Recipient: Jennifer K. Dimoff

Master of Science (Applied Science): The Georgia Pe-Piper Medal for Excellence in  
Applied Science  
Donor: Applied Science faculty members  
Recipient: Luke Joseph Murphy



## Faculty Awards

### **The Reverend William A. Stewart, S.J., Medal for Excellence in Teaching**

In 1983, the Alumni Association, in cooperation with the Faculty Union and the Students' Representative Council, established the Reverend William A. Stewart, S.J., Medal for Excellence in Teaching. This award is open to faculty members who have made an extraordinary contribution to the education of Saint Mary's students through teaching in the University's tradition of quality undergraduate education.

This year's recipient is **Dr. Maryanne Fisher**, Department of Psychology.

Dr. Maryanne Fisher has been a professor in Saint Mary's Department of Psychology since 2004. An enthusiastic and responsive educator with high expectations, she builds collaborative learning communities that connect students.

When Dr. Fisher was a child, she wanted an easy-bake oven so she could mix the right ingredients and make something wonderful. The same principle continues to guide Dr. Fisher's teaching. In order to supply the right ingredients for every course, she gets to know her students, and works with them to create a positive learning environment.

Dr. Fisher believes that in order to understand something, one has to "do" it, so her students teach each other concepts, work as researchers, mentor each other, and contemplate ethical issues that arise from the surveys they design. "In other words," she says, "my students become psychologists by "doing" psychology."

Student evaluations for Dr. Fisher are peppered with words such as "helpful", "available", and "collaborative". Her students say she cares about their development and is committed to their professional growth. Former students commend her for accommodating individual learning styles.

Dr. Fisher encourages her thesis students to work together. In the words of one student nominator: "Her team approach contributes to the development of academic skills, solid friendships and an impressive bank of experience." An active lab also helps Dr. Fisher's students develop to the point that they can contribute to scholarly literature and discuss their research findings at regional, national and international conferences.

### **The Dr. Geraldine Thomas Educational Leadership Award**

In 2007, the Quality of Teaching Committee (now the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching) established an Educational Leadership Award to recognize the long-term commitment of faculty who develop, enhance, and promote the quality of teaching at Saint Mary's and beyond. The Committee gratefully acknowledges the support of the Saint Mary's University Faculty Union for this Award.

The Award is named for Dr. Geraldine Thomas, national teaching award winner and founding member of the Quality of Teaching Committee. Throughout her academic career, Dr. Thomas supported efforts to improve teaching and learning within the university, the Atlantic region, and nationally.

**Dr. Paul Muir**, Department of Mathematics and Computing Science, is the 2014 recipient of the Dr. Geraldine Thomas Educational Leadership Award. Paul received his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto and joined the faculty of Saint Mary's University in the mid-1980s. He has been a member of the Department since that time and has earned the top award for university teaching at SMU, the Father William A. Stewart Medal for Excellence in Teaching.

Shortly after his arrival at Saint Mary's, Paul became involved in the Senate Committee on Learning and Teaching (SCLT) and began his long journey in educational leadership. He has worked quietly behind the scenes to help his colleagues to appreciate the importance and methods of good teaching. His commitment for himself and colleagues is to "...make a difference."

So much of Paul's leadership has been taking action to cause positive change in educators. He has written articles, facilitated workshops, presented talks, encouraged the scholarship of teaching and learning, worked one-on-one with colleagues, and guided the SCLT. His philosophy in educational leadership has evolved naturally from his long experience as a university teacher. Over that time he has become a strong believer in the value and importance of collaborative, peer-based learning; this has meant that as a professor he has tried to be less of a "front-person" and more of a guide and facilitator.

## MORNINS CONVOCATION

### FACULTY OF ARTS

#### BACHELOR OF ARTS

Marie Takla Abi Daoud	Dartmouth, NS
Patrick Andrew Adams	Halifax, NS
Ama Amowi Aidoo (Hon. Sociology: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Fort Vermilion, AB
Rebecca Alaffe	Riverview, NB
Eleni (Nitsa) Andriopoulos	Halifax, NS
Nakita Archibald (Hon. Psychology)	Upper Musquodoboit, NS
Shaquille Lasamme Armaly	Nassau, Bahamas
Susan Donna Arsenault ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Joshua Peter Ashley	Dutch Settlement, NS
Alexander William Ayer	Halifax, NS
Robyn Marie Bachynski	Middle Sackville, NS
Lord Ryan W. Bailey ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Port aux Basques, NL
Stephanie Alexandra Baker ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Fall River, NS
Kyle Douglas Balcom	Halifax, NS
Dena Barker	Dartmouth, NS
Colin Peter Victor Barnes	Stillwater Lake, NS
Natteal D. Battiste	Yarmouth, NS
Kathleen Dorrian Baxter (Hon. English: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Tobias R. Bechtold-Byrne (Hon. Political Science)	Lunenburg, NS
Iman Ben Ahmed (Hon. Psychology: <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Travis Bentley	Truro, NS
Victoria Margereta Bertling (Hon. Psychology)	Halifax, NS
Noah Thomas Best (Hon. International Development Studies)	Perth, ON
Magdalene Alexandra Bitter-Suermann (Hon. Anthropology: <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Chester, NS
Tara Lael Borden	Dartmouth, NS
Meagan Elizabeth Boudreau	Hillsborough, NB
Janelle Marie Bourinot	Eastern Passage, NS
Jessica Brewer	Hartland, NS
Ashley Kristen Brewster	Dartmouth, NS
Kalandra Dawn Brocklehurst	Halifax, NS
Christina Brown ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Veronica Anne Brown	Yarmouth, NS
Rebecca Louise Bruce	Middleton, NS
Alexander James Brunt	Halifax, NS
Taylor E. Brydges	Oakville, ON
Vicktorea Terese-Joy Buntin-Brooks	Lake Loon, NS
Meagan Burke ( <b>cum laude</b> )	St. Peter's, NS
Dawn Marie Burrows	Dartmouth, NS
Andrew M. Byrne	Halifax, NS

Lana Jean Cameron (Hon. English)	Halifax, NS
Sara M. Cameron-Joudrey	Bridgewater, NS
Matthew John George Cawood	Halifax, NS
Carida Chaderton	Toronto, ON
Leanna Chaderton	Halifax, NS
David Chafe (Hon. Psychology: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Jonathan Chambers	Halifax, NS
Jolisa Clevona Chiola	Hammonds Plains, NS
Michelle Chisholm ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Dartmouth, NS
HyoseakChoi ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Seoul, South Korea
Ranya Marissa Chouk	Rodne Bay, St. Lucia
Matthew Paul Christian	Hammonds Plains, NS
Jessica Nicole Lynn Churchill ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Yarmouth, NS
Justin David Clark ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Saint John, NB
Alana Marie Cody	Halifax, NS
Elizabeth Ann Cole	Halifax, NS
Lisa Michelle Companion ( <b>cum laude</b> )	St. John's, NL
Christina Jeanne Connors (Hon. Psychology)	Dartmouth, NS
Gregory Douglas Connors (Hon. Psychology)	Bridgewater, NS
Crissinda Mary Crant ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Mulgrave, NS
Katherine Maureen Margaret Crooks (Hon. History: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Laura Margaret Ruth Cunningham	Saint John, NB
Courtney Cecelia Currie	Halifax, NS
Eric E. Currie	Toronto, ON
Dai Davies (Hon. Anthropology: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Hatchet Lake, NS
Courtney Lynn Davis	Sydney, NS
Kaitlyn Nicole Delaney	Bedford, NS
Sedina Delic	Prijedor, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Tisa Leslie Denichenko ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Middleton, NS
Kyle James Denbrook	Lower Sackville, NS
Bailey Lynn d'Entremont (Hon. Psychology: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Yarmouth, NS
Carrigan Desjardins (Hon. Criminology)	Williamstown, ON
Erin Rebecca Doerrsam	Niagara Falls, ON
Neal Arthur Dorey	Bedford, NS
Suzanne Michelle Doucette	Halifax, NS
Jamie Birch Dowling	Summerside, PE
Nicole Teresa Dragatis	Cole Harbour, NS
Melanie Louise Duffy (Hon. Psychology: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Dartmouth, NS
Leanne Dawn Durling (posthumously)	Newport Station, NS
Miriam Sami Eid (Hon. Psychology: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Dartmouth, NS
Norma Adnan El-Ghoul	Halifax, NS
Victoria Lynn Ellison ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS

Sean Kane Esten	South Portland, ME, USA
Vanessa Marie Ferguson	Montreal, QC
Christy Paula Fiander (Hon. Sociology)	Pictou County, NS
Donna Alexis Filek	Halifax, NS
Thomas Patrick Fleming	Cole Harbour, NS
Timothy Todd Floyd (Hon. Psychology)	Hampton, NB
Alyssia Fogarty (Hon. Philosophy: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Trenton, NS
Jeremy Foote ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Somerset, NS
Gemma Lauren Francis	Dartmouth, NS
Sandra M. Fraser	Lower Sackville, NS
Sonja Helen Angelique Fraser (Hon. International Development Studies)	Cane-Grove, St. Vincent & the Grenadines W.I.
Cory James Gallupe	Porters Lake, NS
Mahedir Teketsel Gebreyesus	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Simone Ghosn	Halifax, NS
Ali Syed Mohammad Ghous	Dartmouth, NS
Daniel T. Giesbrecht (Hon. History: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Gibsons, BC
Matthew Alexander Gilchrist	Cole Harbour, NS
Danielle Goguen	Moncton, NB
Kathleen Good ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Kirt Goodridge (Hon. Political Science: <b>cum laude</b> )	Bridgetown, Barbados
Kathleen Paulette Cooper Goodwin	Yarmouth, NS
Mackenzie Russell Gowan	Halifax, NS
Alexander Thomas Grace ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Bridgewater, NS
Lily Naomi Stewart Grace	Halifax, NS
Samantha Grant	Fairfield, NB
Walter Ross Grant (Hon. International Development Studies)	Truro, NS
Randi Green Jalil (Hon. Anthropology)	Hampton, NB
Jeannine Guenette ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Hamdi Ahmed Guled	Halifax, NS
Chenise Hache ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Eastern Shore, NS
Monica Haight	Halifax, NS
Michael Hamm	Greenwood, NS
Samuel Hammond (Hon. Economics)	Halifax, NS
Tendai Miyoba Handahu	Harare, Zimbabwe
Elizabeth Lee Cochlan Haney	Chester, NS
Paige Harding	Shelburne, NS
Ryan J. Harding	Halifax, NS
Leslie Michelle Harrie	Halifax, NS
Courtney Nicole Harden	Bedford, NS
Benjamin C. Haskins	Smith Falls, ON
Amy Hazlett	Windsor, NS
Alexandra Patricia Heath ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Eastern Passage, NS

Laura Jean Blanche Hennebury ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Brookside, NS
Derek H. Higgins	Dartmouth, NS
Amy Hiscott	Dartmouth, NS
Benjamin Hogg	Bedford, NS
Amanda Jean Holt ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Everett, ON
Jonathan Frank Hoskins	Sackville, NS
Brittany Rae Houghton (Hon. Anthropology: <b>cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Di Hu (Hon. Psychology: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Beijing, China
Allison Norma Hudson (Hon. Anthropology: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Dartmouth, NS
Brandon Bradley Hussey	Dartmouth, NS
Kiara A. J. Isaac	Pembroke, Bermuda
Tracy Blair Ivey	North Sydney, NS
Nicole Jacklin	Halifax, NS
Jerrica Loughran Jackson	Perth Andover, NB
Laura Mai Jarvie	Woksop, England
Blake Stewart Johnston	Saint John, NB
David Harris Jones	Dartmouth, NS
Janaya Jones	New Glasgow, NS
Jareeca Jones	Bedford, NS
Christopher Dwayne Jordan	Toronto, ON
David James Karrel (Hon. Philosophy: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Great Village, NS
Brittany Karsten *	East Jeddore, NS
Shannon Lynn McKinlay Kelloway	Dartmouth, NS
Catherine Mary Genevieve Kelly	Dartmouth, NS
Leena Louise Kilback (Hon. Anthropology)	Yarmouth, NS
Megan Joy Kingsbury	New Glasgow, NS
Saralynn Kluge (Hon. Psychology)	Kingston, ON
Marlee Michelle Lacourciere	Halifax, NS
Courtney Jane Lancaster (Hon. Psychology)	Clare, NS
Saird Paul Larocque (Hon. English)	Saint John, NB
Devon Graham Laycock	Upper Onslow, NS
Tara Ellen Linton	St. Stephen, NB
Matthew Little	Riverview, NB
David A. Luther (Hon. Criminology: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Tara Susan Lyle (Hon. Sociology)	Shelburne, NS
Kaitlin A. Lyons	Head of Jeddore, NS
Colin Peter Ross MacDonald	Halifax, NS
Drew Alexander MacDonald	Dartmouth, NS
Jeremy Dale MacDonald	Fall River, NS
Jessica Rene MacDonald	Halifax, NS
Kristie Marie MacDonald	Evanston, NS

Ceilidh Miriam Macintosh	Green Bay, NS
Duncan Macintosh (Hon. Psychology)	Dartmouth, NS
Leah Patricia MacIntyre	Antigonish, NS
Jonathan Gregory MacIsaac	Dartmouth, NS
Mark Anthony MacKay	Truro, NS
Jenna Rae MacKeil	Belnan, NS
Trent Robert MacKenzie	Halifax, NS
Blaine Charles Cameron Mackie (Hon. Psychology: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Burlington, ON
Michael James MacLagan	Kentville, NS
Jared Scott MacLennan	River Denys, NS
Kaleigh Alexandra MacNeil	Dartmouth, NS
Kelly-Anne Ashley MacNeil	Yarmouth, NS
Bryan E. B. MacQuarrie	Bedford, NS
Stephanie Cornelia Magnanelli	Woodbridge, ON
Michelle Emma Maillet	Meteghan River, NS
Faith Angel Major (Hon. Criminology: <b>cum laude</b> )	Nassau, Bahamas
Matt Nichilo Leggett Malizia	Ottawa, ON
Alexander Marshall ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Bridgetown, NS
Jessica Kate Martin	Stillwater Lake, NS
Julia Lee Martin	Weymouth, NS
Melina Martin ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Adam Mattinson (Hon. Political Science)	Truro, NS
Alexander May	Mississauga, ON
Andrew Mayka	Montreal, QC
Kalesha Ann McCully	Digby, NS
Jessica Mary McGrath	Miramichi, NB
Keenan Michael McGrath	Halifax, NS
Erin Elizabeth McIntosh (Hon. Political Science: <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Dartmouth, NS
Kendra Lynn McNally	Bangor, ME, USA
Laura C. McNeil	Dartmouth, NS
Leigha Ashley McNeil	Dartmouth, NS
Ryan Ross Johannes McTeigue	Dartmouth, NS
Monica Melanson	Moncton, NB
Matt Meuse-Dallien	Elmsdale, NS
Victoria C. Miles	Hamilton, ON
Adelia Anne Thurston Millsom	Yarmouth, NS
Rachael Monette	Coldbrook, NS
Jasmine Moreash (Hon. Psychology)	Halifax, NS
Devon Michael John Robert Morgan (Hon. French)	Halifax, NS
Christopher Brent Moule (Hon. Psychology: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Whitby, ON
Kimberly Rae Moule (Hon. Psychology: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Greenville, KY, USA
Daniel Edward Muise	Yarmouth, NS
Conor Murphy	Yarmouth, NS
Kayla Murphy	Halifax, NS

Tonderai Tompson Musarurwa	Harare, Zimbabwe
Shannon Courtney Neville (Hon. Psychology) Ashley Elizabeth Anne Nixon	Sydney, NS Greenwood, NS
Kathleen Sarah O'Brien (Hon. Political Science) Nathan Oleksiuk Lauren D. O'Neil Olivia O'Shea	Yellowknife, NT Riverview, NB Digby, NS Dutch Settlement, NS
Jacqueline Marie Parker Chantal L. Patriquin James Robert Otis Patriquin (Hon. Political Science) Tyler W. Patterson ( <b>magna cum laude</b> ) Victoria C. Patterson (Hon. Psychology: <b>summa cum laude</b> ) Andrea Dawn Payne Riley Pearson Jane Pegg Shannon Elizabeth Phenix Jennifer Ann Philip Debra Philpitt Madeleine Linnea Pocklington Maggie Polisenio Mitchell P. Pottier Amanda Powell Bradley C. Prest (Hon. Political Science) Megan Paige Hayden Purcell	Ancaster, ON River John, NS Dartmouth, NS Dartmouth, NS Dartmouth, NS Fogo, NL Truro, NS Weyburn, SK Montreal, QC Halifax, NS Halifax, NS Oakville, ON Montreal, QC Yarmouth, NS Eastern Passage, NS Upper Stewiacke, NS Dartmouth, NS
Alissa Amber Quinn	Springhill, NS
Allan Patrick McBeth Reid Nicole Marlee Richard Holly Nadine Richardson ( <b>magna cum laude</b> ) Julia Elizabeth Rodgers (Hon. Atlantic Canada Studies: <b>magna cum laude</b> ) Raul Rodriguez Bencomo ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Queensland, NS Bridgewater, NS Lower Sackville, NS Conception Bay South, NL  Pinar del Rio, Cuba
David Dennis Sabourin Adriane Ann Salah Brittany R. Saltzman-Sawler Christopher "Max" Sandeson Shalyse Angelique Sangster (Hon. Psychology) Loretta Grace Saunders (posthumously)	Ottawa, ON Halifax, NS Kingston, NS Dartmouth, NS Dartmouth, NS Happy Valley-Goose Bay, NL
Matthew Schofield Ann Julie Schwarz (Hon. Psychology: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS Berlin, Germany



Sean Seafoot	Strathmore, AB
Celene Maria Senhouse ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	St. John's. Antigua anc Barbuda
Benjamin Sernoskie	Halifax, NS
Kaiwen Sha	Shanghai, China
Devon P. Simmons	Greenwood, NS
Stefanie R. Slaunwhite ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Cow Bay, NS
Kara Jessie Slawter	East Preston, NS
Colin Reginald Smith	Riverview, NB
Jennifer A. Smith	Halifax, NS
Vanessa Lynn Smith (Hon. Anthropology: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Kaitlyn Alexandra Sobey (Hon. Political Science)	Searletown, PE
Jacqueline Sommerfeld	Dartmouth, NS
Emily Leah Stephens	Lockeport, NS
Richard J. M. Stilwell ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Whitehorse, YT
Adrienne Odessa Marie Stinson (Hon. Political Science: <b>cum laude</b> )	Camrose, AB
Julia Sullivan	Cardigan, PE
Patricia Szczypa (Hon. Psychology - Co-operative Education: <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Bayan Mazen Taoufik	Halifax, NS
Vander J. Tavares (Hon. Linguistics: <b>cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Jordan James Taylor	Port Hawkesbury, NS
Larissa Taylor	Nassau, Bahamas
Sara Tesfai	Oslo, Norway
Lucy Thompson	Dartmouth, NS
Terrell A. Thompson	Nassau, Bahamas
Matthew Jeremy T'ien	Halifax, NS
Christopher Tobin (Hon. Psychology)	Corner Brook, NL
Kevin Patrick Tompkins	Dartmouth, NS
Joseph Daniel Trainor-McKinnon (Hon. Philosophy)	Halifax, NS
Kyle L. Trimper ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Bear River, NS
Alexandra Victoria Tung	Truro, NS
Kirsten Kayla Turner	Truro, NS
Hannah Margaret Urquhart	Lantz, NS
Kaitlin Verge (Hon. English)	Dartmouth, NS
Natasha Eileen Vickers ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Theresa Wamboldt	Halifax, NS
Terri-Lynn Warren	Halifax, NS
Hilary Grace Waugh	Lower Bedeque, PE
Laura Marie Whalen	Whites Lake, NS

Christina K. Wheeler (Hon. International Development Studies: <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Quispamsis, NB
Kathryn Elizabeth Whitehead	Gorham, ME, USA
Paula Joy Whynot (Hon. Psychology: <b>cum laude</b> )	Bridgewater, NS
Lauren Michelle Wilkinson	Halifax, NS
Heather Ann Winchester	Yarmouth, NS
Cailin Winters	Dartmouth, NS
Edward Marshall Wright	North River, NS
Debbie Michelle Zelmer ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Yarmouth, NS
<b>BACHELOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES</b>	
Victoria Detoro ( <b>summa cum laude</b> )	Orono, ON
Alexandra Barbara Elizabeth Doran	Halifax, NS
Melissa Jane Dube ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Hubbards, NS
Martha Jane Horsman ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Stewiacke, NS
Patrick Charles Lewis Larter ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Bedford, NS
Karyn Nicole Leslie ( <b>magna cum laude</b> )	Halifax, NS
Hillary Diane Tobin	Halifax, NS
<b>CERTIFICATE OF HONOURS - ARTS</b>	
Kaleigh Meisner	Hubbards, NS
George Alexander Wolf	Bedford, NS
<b>CERTIFICATE IN ATLANTIC CANADA STUDIES</b>	
Nicole Elizabeth Webb	Sydney, NS
<b>CERTIFICATE OF CHINESE STUDIES</b>	
Michael Patrick de Moss	Kingston, ON
<b>CERTIFICATE OF LINGUISTICS</b>	
Selina Lise Fortier	Halifax, NS

## FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

### MASTER OF ARTS (CRIMINOLOGY)

Jemma Alexander Kingstown, St. Vincent  
Scott Hugh Russell Oakville, ON

### MASTER OF ARTS (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)

Georgina Alonso Flesherton, ON  
Lisa Courtney-Mercer Ottawa, ON  
Sebastien J. F. Decaens Quebec, QC  
Keimeko Tamaro Scotland Falmouth, Antigua & Barbuda  
Adrienne Janice Carol Silnicki Halifax, NS

### MASTER OF ARTS (THEOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES)

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Shawn G. Swallow	Halifax, NS
Susan B. Tarves	Hammonds Plains, NS
Sally Margaret van de Wiel	Antigonish, NS
Mehran Zamani	Tehran, Iran

### **MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

Josephine Nithya Babou	Halifax, NS
Ganesh Babu	Chennai, India
Michael David Bathurst	Bedford, NS
Kunal Bodicharla	Halifax, NS
Natasha Danielle Anne Bodorik	Halifax, NS
Andrew MacLeod Buchan	Cambridge, ON
Jamie Michael Chipp	Halifax, NS
Kimberley Elizabeth Cody	Dartmouth, NS
Kyler Alexander Crawford	Moncton, NB
Michael Steven Enman	Steam Mill, NS
Philip James Evans	Grand Falls, NL

Shane Maxwell Fleming	Halifax, NS
Youssef Ahmed Youssef Habboush	Gaza, Palestine
Shaunessy Hamilton	Halifax, NS
Li Jin	Halifax, NS
Meghjit Kaur	Halifax, NS
Jon W. J. Lee	Halifax, NS
Roderick Alexander MacDonald	Prospect, NS
Ajay Maini	New Delhi, India
Sarah Maynard	Cole Harbour, NS
Allison Dawn McAlduff	Charlottetown, PE
Erin Jane McDonah	Halifax, NS
Christopher George Morrison	Halifax, NS
Farhana Nahed	Dhaka, Bangladesh
Deepak Nainiappan	Halifax, NS
Maureen Jane O'Neill	Lower Sackville, NS
Michael Bruce Pappas	Halifax, NS
Anilkrishna Parakkal	Chennai, India
Mathieu Robert Poirier	Shediac, NB
Russell William Harry Pollard	Kingston, NS
Pranesh Prakash Rao	Halifax, NS
Charles Laurier Roberts	Truro, NS
Andrew James Russell	Dartmouth, NS
Nikhil Satish	Chennai, India
Alison Catherine Isabel Shears	Halifax, NS
Peggy Grace Siegel	Shelburne, NS
Mandhir Singh	Halifax, NS
Kristin L. Tweel	Charlottetown, PE
Zachary Sage Verdun	Dartmouth, NS
Nancy Ke Xiang	Halifax, NS
Jason A. Zaluski	Calgary, AB

**MASTER OF FINANCE**

Jie Ding

Akhilesh Sreenivasan

Yuxiang Yang

Puyang, China

Bangalore, India

Fuqing, China

**MASTER OF MANAGEMENT CO-OPERATIVES AND CREDIT UNIONS**

Jeffrey Aaron Bessmer

Nicholas John William Billings

Valerieanne Byrnes

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Marc Duplantie

Wendy Rosemary Holm

Catherine Ann Ludgate

Sonny Poul Nielsen

Melissa Ida Reeves

Jayne Russell

Nicholas Patrick Seeberger

Madison, WI, USA

Regina, SK

Invergowrie, Australia

Guelph, ON

Cambridge, ON

Bowen Island, BC

Vancouver, BC

Vancouver, BC

Woodville, NS

Guelph, ON

Saint Paul, MN, USA

## **HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS**

At this year's Spring Convocations, Saint Mary's University will confer five honorary degrees: three in the morning and two in the afternoon.

### **MORNING CEREMONY**

**JUDITH IRVING:** Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)

Judith Irving is an active philanthropist and humanitarian. She is distinguished for her appointment as first Patron of The Royal Canadian Regiment. As a tireless advocate for those less fortunate, she is well known for her international and local efforts to improve the well-being of children and others.

Born in Saint John, New Brunswick, Judith Irving resides in Rothesay, NB with her husband, Rob Roy, and four children. She grew up in a business and philanthropic environment as the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Irving and granddaughter of industrialist K. C. Irving.

Ms. Irving attended Stony Brook School of Long Island, NY, Acadia University and Holland College. Following in the family tradition, she joined the J. D. Irving Group of companies. For more than 10 years she operated her own photography studio, and from 2001 to 2007, she owned Hawk Communications Inc., an advertising and marketing agency located in Moncton, NB.

In 2009, following a visit with the OneXOne team to Kigali, Rwanda, Ms. Irving joined its Board of Directors. Organizing the acquisition and transport of more than \$8 million in medical supplies, she helped in the delivery and distribution during five trips with OneXOne to Haiti since the 2010 earthquake. As OneXOne's representative, she was part of the mission to rebuild Haiti and assisted appointed UN Special Envoy, President Bill Clinton. She was part of the "Saint John for Haiti" initiative and helped raise more than \$80,000 for earthquake relief.

In recent years, Ms. Irving has enjoyed close ties with the military. In June 2012, she was appointed First Patron of the Royal Canadian Regiment. In October 2012, her appointment as Honorary Colonel of 1st Battalion The Royal New Brunswick Regiment (Carleton and York) was confirmed. She is currently a Board member of the TELUS Atlantic Canada Community Group and Champions for Children. Ms. Irving is a member of the Advisory Board for the Salvation Army and contributes her time and skills to the Partners Assisting Local Schools (PALS) program in Saint John, NB. Each month she provides funding for food for an orphanage in Kenya.

Judith Irving served as fundraising chair for the Salvation Army from 2012-2014 and Dinner Co-Chair for the True Patriot Love Foundation in 2011 and 2014. In 2010, the Canadian Red Cross awarded her the Humanitarian Award for her selfless work with OneXOne in Haiti and Rwanda, as well as her committed involvement with many local charities. In 2012, the True Patriot Love Foundation honoured Ms. Irving with a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

**DR. IVAR MENDEZ:** Doctor of Science (honoris causa)

A world renowned expert in neurosurgery, stem cells and robotics, Dr. Ivar Mendez is a pioneer in the field of brain medicine. As the the Fred H. Wigmore Professor and Unified Head of the Department of Surgery at the University of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon Health Region, he oversees 160 surgeons and is responsible for all academic surgical activity in the province of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Mendez received his M.D. and Ph.D. in Anatomy from the University of Western Ontario. Post-graduate training and a residency in neurosurgery led to a prestigious fellowship at the University of Lund in Sweden.

From 2000 to 2012, Dr. Mendez was the Chairman and Founding Member of the Halifax Brain Repair Centre, the most comprehensive neuroscience research institute in Atlantic Canada. He also headed the Division of Neurosurgery at Dalhousie University and the QEII Health Sciences Centre for more than a decade.

Dr. Mendez is a pioneer in cell restorative therapies to repair the brain and has invented and patented a computerized stem cell delivery device for the human brain. For the past decade, he has worked in the use of remote-presence robots for medical care. In 2002, he and his team performed the first long distance, telementoring neurosurgery in the world, and in 2013, he reported the first experience in remote programming for neuromodulation devices.

As the past President of the Canadian Neuromodulation Society, Dr. Mendez promoted the access of neuromodulation therapy to all Canadians. He has also taken an active role in humanitarian and global health issues by establishing and equipping neurosurgical units in developing countries. Through the Ivar Mendez International Foundation, he has instituted programs for school breakfast, dental care and computer education in his native Bolivia.

Dr. Mendez is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the American College of Surgeons. He is a recipient of the Royal College Medal in Surgery. In 2010, he received a Canadian Red Cross Humanitarian of the Year Award and was named one of ten most Influential Hispanic Canadians for his research and humanitarian contributions. He also received the Health Canada - 2011 Contribution to the Improvement of the Health of Canadians Award and The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012.

Also a gifted photographer and sculptor. Dr. Mendez has published three books of photography of Bolivia and has exhibited his sculptures in Bolivia, Canada and the United States.

**DR. NEIL TUROK:** Doctor of Science (honoris causa)

Neil Turok is one of the world's leading physicists. As Director of Perimeter Institute in Waterloo, Ontario, and the Institute's Mike and Ophelia Lazaridis Niels Bohr Chair, he works with other scientists to tackle questions such as 'What happened at the Big Bang?' and 'What is the nature of the mysterious dark matter and dark energy that makes up most of the universe?'

Born in South Africa, Dr. Turok earned his PhD at London's Imperial College in 1983. Prior to becoming Director of Perimeter Institute, he was a Professor of Physics at Princeton University and Chair of Mathematical Physics at the University of Cambridge. Dr. Turok has worked in a number of areas of theoretical physics and cosmology. His research focuses on developing fundamental theories of cosmology and new observational tests. With Stephen Hawking, he discovered instanton solutions describing the birth of inflationary universes. Together with Paul Steinhardt, he developed an alternative, cyclic model for cosmology. The work is detailed in their book *Endless Universe: Beyond the Big Bang - Rewriting Cosmic History*.

In 2003, Dr. Turok founded the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS). Since then, AIMS has grown to become a pan-African network of centres for education and research and Africa's most renowned institution for postgraduate training in mathematical science.

For his work with AIMS, Dr. Turok received a "Most Innovative People" award at the 2008 World Summit on Innovation. Other honours include Sloan and Packard Fellowships, the James Clerk Maxwell Medal of the U.K. Institute of Physics, and a prestigious TED Prize.

Dr. Turok is a Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR) Fellow in Cosmology and Gravity and a Senior Fellow of Massey College in the University of Toronto. In 2012, he delivered the CBC Massey Lectures, broadcast across Canada. Published as "The Universe Within," the lectures became a bestseller and won the 2013 Lane Anderson award, Canada's top prize for popular science writing.

## AFTERNOON CONVOCATION

**BONNIE BROOKS:** Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)

Bonnie Brooks is Vice Chairman of Hudson's Bay Company.

The world's oldest continuously operating company, Hudson's Bay Company owns and operates Saks Fifth Avenue and Lord and Taylor in the USA; and Hudson's Bay department stores in Canada.

Prior to her current role, Ms. Brooks was President of Hudson's Bay Company from January 2012 to January 2014 (heading up Hudson's Bay and Lord and Taylor USA) and from 2008 to 2012, was CEO and President of Hudson's Bay, overseeing the company's successful turnaround.

Ms. Brooks has spent her career building and repositioning fashion and luxury retail businesses across the world. Prior to joining HBC in 2008, she spearheaded the turnaround of another iconic retailer, Asia's Lane Crawford. As President of Lane Crawford Joyce Group, Ms. Brooks brought many of the world's leading brands into Greater China and Southeast Asia. Based in Hong Kong from 1997 to 2008, she opened hundreds of stores in nine Asian countries and had responsibility for all divisions of the company.

Before her move to Lane Crawford Joyce Group, Ms. Brooks was Executive Vice President of Merchandising and Marketing for specialty department store, Holt Renfrew, and brought many major designer brands to Canada. Previously, she also served for three years as Editor-in-Chief of Flare, Canada's largest fashion magazine.

Ms. Brooks holds an MBA from the University of Western Ontario. She was named one of the Top 25 Retailers worldwide by Monocle Magazine; and was recognized by Fast Company Magazine USA, as one of the world's "100 Most Creative People in Business." She was the Parsons School of Design Honoree in 2013, and also that year received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal, awarded by Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper. She was inducted into the American Marketing Association's "Marketing Hall of Legends", and in April 2014, was inducted into Saint Mary's University's Turning Points Hall of Leadership.

Ms. Brooks holds the role of Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Royal Ontario Museum, appointed by the Premier of Ontario. She is a member of the Board of Directors for Empire Company Limited, and is a member of the Board of Trustees for RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust. She is a member of the CAMH Foundation and through HBC is a major supporter of the Canadian Olympic Foundation, raising funds through the iconic Red Mitten Campaign.

**MAJOR-GENERAL BLAISE CATHCART, Q.C.:** Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)

Major-General Blaise Cathcart is the Judge Advocate General of the Canadian Armed Forces. He is a leading expert in military law and superintends the administration of military justice in Canada.

Born in Exeter, Ontario in 1961, Major-General Cathcart graduated from Saint Mary's University with an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree, from University of Ottawa with a Master of Arts, and from Dalhousie Law School with a Bachelor of Laws.

After articling with the law firm of Huestis Holm, in Dartmouth, Major-General Cathcart was called to the Bar of Nova Scotia in August 1989. He worked in private practice with the law firm of Boyne Clarke in Dartmouth before enrolling in the Canadian Armed Forces in 1990 as a legal officer with the Office of the Judge Advocate General.

Since 1990, Major-General Cathcart has served in a number of positions within the Office of the Judge Advocate General, and has extensive knowledge and experience, particularly in the area of operational law. He has provided legal advice on issues arising from domestic and international operations, and was intimately involved in providing legal advice at the strategic and operational levels during the planning and execution of the Canadian Armed Forces participation in the Campaign Against Terrorism.

Major-General Cathcart has participated in many Canadian Armed Forces missions as a legal advisor, including as legal advisor to Commander Canadian Contingent United Nations Protection Force and the United Nation Peace Forces in the former Yugoslavia in 1994 and 1995, and as the Senior Legal Advisor to the Commander Canadian Task Force Bosnia-Herzegovina (SFOR) from February to September 2000. He was the legal advisor to Joint Task Force 2, the Canadian Armed Forces Counter-Terrorism/Special Operations unit from 1997-2000.

In 2004, Major-General Cathcart graduated with "Distinction" from the Masters of Law Programme (Public International Law) at the London School of Economics and Political Science in the UK, taking top prize at final examinations for students enrolled in the all Masters of Law programs at the University of London.

Subsequent distinctions for Major-General Cathcart include his appointment as Queen's Counsel in the Province of Nova Scotia in 2012; and his re-appointment as Judge Advocate General by the Government of Canada in 2014.



## **PROFESSOR EMERITUS**

### **KENNETH HILL**

Over the course of his thirty-five years in the Department of Psychology at Saint Mary's, Dr. Kenneth Hill contributed significantly to the development of the Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Applied Psychology program and to the University's tradition of research excellence.

After completing his Ph.D. at the University of Alberta, he joined the Faculty of Science at Saint Mary's University in 1979. Three years later, he became Chair of the Department of Psychology. Over the course of his year as Chair, and in his subsequent four years as Graduate Program Coordinator, Dr. Hill helped oversee the Master of Science in Applied Psychology program's development by establishing a number of practicum agreements with potential supervisors.

Dr. Hill's contributions to the study of wayfinding and lost person behaviour is internationally recognized, and his publication record is notable: he has authored or co-authored three books and over 50 research articles, book chapters, and presentations at professional conferences. His main research interests involve how people remain spatially oriented as they move around the environment and how they attempt to become orientated when lost. Together with his students, Dr. Hill has conducted numerous studies related to land search-and-rescue operations, and his work is widely cited by behavioural scientists and emergency managers in North America and abroad. His research has also been featured in both film and print media, including documentaries by the *National Film Board* and the *Discovery Channel*. In 2009, the *Huffington Post* described Dr. Hill as "the world's foremost authority on the behavior of people who get lost."

### **ROBERT McCALLA**

Dr. Robert McCalla, Professor of Geography, has had a distinguished scholarly career of almost forty years at Saint Mary's University. He is recognized internationally as a leading expert on matters relating to ports and shipping, particularly containerization. His work on water transportation in Canada has influenced both scholarship in the field as well as practices in the industries of shipping and ports. He works extensively with various constituencies both in Canada and abroad to achieve research-based policy development, and has played an influential role in shaping the future of the shipping industry worldwide. In 2009, Dr. McCalla was awarded the *President's Award for Excellence in Research*.

Much of Dr. McCalla's research shows how technological change in maritime transportation affects the organization and location of international trade. A wide range of economists and transportation researchers draw upon his work, and it has considerable practical value to port managers, shipping lines, rail lines and trucking companies. Dr. McCalla was commissioned to research and design maps on water transport for the National Atlas of Canada; and in 2007 the United Nations Conference on

Trade and Development in Geneva, Switzerland appointed him as Principal Researcher in the Transport sector of the Trade Logistics Branch. Two of his books have been widely used in schools to teach about water transportation.

An award-winning student, Dr. McCalla earned degrees first from the University of Western Ontario and then the University of Hull in England. He began his academic career at Simon Fraser University in 1974 and then joined Saint Mary's University in 1975 where he was promoted ultimately to the rank of Full Professor in 1988. Dr. McCalla was passionate about building strong programming in Geography, including the recently introduced Masters program. He was also instrumental in developing and promoting the related field of Environmental Studies, and played a lead role in creating the new Bachelor of Environmental Studies degree, and the recently launched School of the Environment. Beyond his distinguished academic career, Dr. McCalla has been an important institutional citizen of Saint Mary's over the course of his career. He served as the Chairperson of the Department of Geography for almost half of his career, or close to twenty years. Beyond this, he has contributed to the development and promotion of scholarship and outreach at Saint Mary's, and has been involved in university governance at Senate and Board of Governors levels.

#### **HENRY VELTMEYER**

Henry joined Saint Mary's University in 1976 as an Assistant Professor of Sociology. Since then he has served several terms as Chair of the Sociology Department and Coordinator of the International Development Studies (IDS) program, which he founded in 1985 and which in 1989 established the first graduate program in IDS in Canada. In recent years he moved entirely from the Sociology Department, where he worked for close to 35 years, to IDS as senior research professor.

His status in the field of international development studies is reflected in the fact of his having served inter alia as President of the Canadian Association of Studies for Development (CASID) and editor-in-chief of the prestigious Canadian Journal of International Development Studies. He also serves on the editorial board of diverse prestigious academic journals and has recently been appointed by Ashgate Publications UK as editor of a series on Critical Development Studies.

His focus on research is reflected in the large number of international conferences that he organised over the years, numerous research grants awarded by SSHRC and IDRC, the President's Award for Excellence in Research received in 2001, invitations to deliver keynote conference addresses, and the publication of some fifty books in his main areas of research (globalisation, social movements, political economy of development, Latin America). These books have been published in Canada, the US, the UK, Germany, Italy, France, Spain and the Netherlands, as well as Turkey, Greece, India, China and Latin America (Argentina, Brazil, Cuba, Bolivia, Ecuador, and Mexico). A number of these books have been translated, one of them into over twenty languages. His most recent

publications (2014) include: *The Answer is No: /Voices of Resistance to the Enbridge Northern Gateway Pipeline* (/coedited with Paul Bowles); *Human Socialist Development: Lessons from the Cuban Revolution*; *The New Extractivism in Latin America* (London: Zed Books); and *Extractive Imperialism in the Americas* (Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill Books).

## **RETIREMENTS**

### **ROBERT DEUPREE**

Bob joined Saint Mary's in 2003 after a 25 year career at Los Alamos National Laboratory as a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair, the Director of the newly formed Institute for Computational Astrophysics (ICA), and a Full Professor in the Department of Astronomy and Physics. He supervised the Faculty of Science's first Ph. D., who received the Plaskett award for the best Ph. D. thesis in astronomy and now has a tenure track position at Acadia. His second Ph.D. student currently holds a postdoctoral position at the University of Essex, and his final Ph.D. student will graduate after Bob's retirement. He additionally supervised four Master's students in their thesis research. Bob's primary research interests are in numerical simulations of the rotation, pulsation, and evolution of stars.

Bob served as the Principal Investigator of ACEnet, the high performance computing consortium for Atlantic Canada. During his time as PI, ACEnet expanded to ten equal institutions from the original four primary and three secondary institutions and also instituted its postdoctoral and post graduate fellowship programs. Bob also served as a member of the National Initiatives Committee of Compute Canada, which oversaw the formation of Compute Canada through the CF1 National Platform Fund.

### **PATRICIA FITZGERALD**

Dr. Fitzgerald joined the Saint Mary's faculty in 1976 as the first woman with a tenure-track appointment in the Faculty of Commerce. She was pleased to return to her native Province and to join the Commerce program with its emerging international reputation. During her 38 years at Saint Mary's, she has seen many positive changes. The one she values most is the increased internationalization of the University and she would like to think she played a role in this process.

Dr. Fitzgerald's teaching encompassed a spectrum of management courses at various levels delivered in Halifax and in many different countries including China, Hong Kong, France, Zimbabwe, the Czech Republic, and Vietnam. Through her research activities she has been invited to speak, be a co-researcher, and act as a consultant in many different settings. Her geographic reach has extended to each of the five continents, but she is particularly proud of her work in Canada's north with its youth and its elders. She remains energized about her recent research in the areas of family and global business and expects to continue with these projects after leaving Saint Mary's.

Dr. Fitzgerald leaves Saint Mary's knowing that she has made a contribution to the development of the Institution, its students, and many of its practices. She is very proud of the achievements of many of her students and likes to think that her insistence on quality and high standards has contributed positively to their future endeavours.

Dr. Fitzgerald remains a proud and loyal Santamarian and expects that our tradition of 'whatever we do, do well' will remain central to the culture of the institution.

**ROBERT MCCALLA**

See entry for Professor Emeritus above.

**JOHN MCMULLAN**

Dr. McMullan came to the Department of Sociology and Criminology as an Associate Professor in 1985 after teaching at the University of British Columbia for seven years. Over the years, he served as Chair of the Department and Co-ordinator of the Graduate Program in Criminology which he helped establish. Dr. McMullan also served on the Social Policy, Ethics and Executive Committees of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association, the Executive Board of the Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association and the Law Reform Commission of Nova Scotia. He was a member of numerous academic and professional committees, both appointed and elected, including the Social Science Humanities Research Council of Canada, Fonds de Recherche du Quebec sur la Societe et la Culture, and the Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation Research Program.

Dr. McMullan taught courses in Law and Society, Criminology, Social Theory, Corporate Crime and Social Surveillance and Social Control. He received major funding for fifteen research projects related to gambling and society, crimes of the powerful, policing and crime in England, and crime in rural communities. He published eight scholarly books, sixty-five academic articles and eleven reports for government. Dr. McMullan is an influential voice in the gambling industry acting as both a consultant and a critic and he continues to appear on television and radio discussing various aspects of gambling politics and policy.

Career highlights include being the recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Research (2012) and being appointed as a Visiting Scholar at the University of Cambridge (1983); Simon Fraser University (1989); Concordia University (1992) and the London School of Economics and Political Science (1996).

John is especially proud of the students he has taught and mentored over the years and he takes this opportunity to thank colleagues and students, both former and new, for the pleasure of their company and their contributions to his many intellectual pursuits.

**TOM RAND**

Tom Rand was born and raised in Bermuda. After schooling in Bermuda, England and Canada, he floundered about working in various jobs including one year as an industrial spray painter in shipyards along the St. Johns River, Jacksonville, Florida. Seeing the real value in having an undergraduate degree, he started his undergraduate degree in Biology at Saint Mary's University in 1973 and received B.Sc., Honours in 1978. He completed his M.Sc. from the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton in 1982, worked for 4

years as the Assistant Curator of the Bermuda Aquarium, Museum and Zoo then returned to the University of New Brunswick where he completed his Ph.D. in mycology in 1990. He accepted a faculty position in the Department of Biology at Saint Mary's University in 1988.

His experience at Saint Mary's University has been the most educational and rewarding of his life, so far. Over the years, he has taught many of the department's courses. In his teaching, he has always attempted to instil in his students the sense of enthusiasm and joy that he has for almost all aspects of biology and has been enriched by the successes of many of his senior and honours-level students. In his research, he focused on exploring molecular events underlying the initiation of lung inflammation and non-atopic asthma-like responses resulting from exposure to fine particles and cell wall associated chemicals of a diversity of non-infectious fungi that grow in damp building environments. Results of his research have been cited numerous times and have been used to inform public-health policy. In retirement, Tom plans to design and construct a post and beam cabin on his property overlooking the distant mountains in Vermont. He also plans to continue fostering and promoting Science at Saint Mary's University, and in Nova Scotia. Lastly, he plans to spend more time in Bermuda to continue his research on fish parasites and on marine fungi from the inland ponds (especially Lover's Lake), and to travel, fly-fish and enjoy the company of his family and friends.

#### **JAVID TAHERI**

The University community respects Dr. Taheri's request that no special recognition be made at his retirement.

#### **HENRY VELTMEYER**

See entry for Professor Emeritus above.

## **O CANADA Vocalist**

### **LAURA MARGARET RUTH CUNNINGHAM**

Laura is from Saint John, NB and is the youngest in her family. Before attending Saint Mary's, Laura studied performing arts at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA) in NYC. From Manhattan, Laura moved to Toronto where she continued her studies at the Randolph Academy for the Performing Arts (RAPA), graduating in 2008. Laura spent several years as a performer and voice teacher before she moved to Halifax. Today Laura becomes a proud graduate of Saint Mary's University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

## **VALEDICTORIANS**

### **MORNING CONVOCATION**

#### **BLAINE CHARLES CAMERON MACKIE**

Blaine Mackie is from Burlington, Ontario, and is the eldest of two children. He is graduating today with a Bachelor of Arts with Honours in Psychology *summa cum laude*. Although Blaine began his university career at the University of Guelph, he has become very involved in the Saint Mary's community. During his three years at Saint Mary's University, he has consistently maintained Dean's List standing while working as a research assistant, teaching assistant, and residence assistant. Along from fulfilling every potential 'assistant' role that Saint Mary's has to offer, Blaine was also fortunate enough to win Best of Open Mic twice. Blaine is incredibly indebted to his friends, family and professors for their continuous support, and especially to Dr. Day and Dr. O'Keefe. Thank you all!

### **AFTERNOON CONVOCATION**

#### **JASON RONDEAU**

Jason Rondeau, from Upper Tantallon Nova Scotia, is graduating today with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Global Business Management, complemented by a minor in Political Science. Throughout the past four years at Saint Mary's, Jason has participated in the Sobey School of Business Commerce Society, competed twice at the National Model United Nations Conference in New York City, and experienced two international exchange opportunities, (in Mexico and France). Viewing the world as a global challenge, Jason will jump at any opportunity to travel and explore new places, and he loves learning about different cultures, new languages, and the histories of different regions. For Jason, Saint Mary's was a perfect fit, noting that: "the students, professors, and staff are all one fairly close community here, and the opportunities SMU provides its students are top notch." His top piece of advice? Seize opportunities as they are presented to you; and if no opportunity is apparent, create one for yourself. Looking to the year ahead, Jason isn't quite sure what's in store, but is eager to take some chances, explore new ideas, and has vowed to never settle for "comfortable".

## HISTORY OF SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

Saint Mary's University was founded in 1802 to provide opportunities for higher learning to young Catholic men. Its founder, the Reverend Edmund Burke, had meagre resources to work with, but on later being named Bishop with responsibility for Nova Scotia, he continued to support the college as essential to the development of the Catholic community. In 1841, the Nova Scotia House of Assembly gave formal recognition of its academic role. Its legal status was confirmed in perpetuity by enactment in 1852.

In 1913, the Christian Brothers of Ireland, a teaching order, were invited by the Archdiocese of Halifax to direct the college and its academic program. During the ensuing years, Saint Mary's University became more widely known for the quality of its undergraduate teaching and continued to develop new instructional programs, most notably within its Faculty of Commerce. In 1940, the Upper Canada Province of The Society of Jesus was invited to succeed the Christian Brothers as administrators and teachers in the University, and for thirty years until the enactment in 1970 of the new act of incorporation, the college remained under Jesuit supervision. The long-standing emphasis on liberal arts and commerce was extended to include new programs in science, engineering, and teacher education. Extension courses became an important part of the University's commitment to an active educational role in the community. The last two decades have seen a complete transformation of the facilities on campus. Loyola Academic and Residences, the Science Building and most recently, the McNally Building, have been totally rebuilt. Expansion began with the Sobey Building in 1998 and has accelerated in recent years: the Science Building addition in 2008, the Atrium in 2010, the Homburg Centre for Health and Wellness in 2012 and the Northeast Campus facility in 2013.

In the year 2002-2003, the University celebrated its 200th Anniversary in a yearlong series of celebratory events. The celebration provided a marvelous retrospective of our past and set the stage for the University's significant role in the 21st Century. This has been guided by the Academic Plan, most recently updated for 2012-2017.

In December 2005, a new focus on the image of Saint Mary's University was unveiled. "SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY. ONE UNIVERSITY. ONE WORLD. YOURS. This powerful statement captures the fundamental nature of today's Saint Mary's". "It encompasses our strategic directions and our vision to be the University of Choice for aspiring citizens of the world". Each of the three elements of rallying cry has a significant and thoughtful meaning:

One University: Our singular vision and commitment

One World: Unlimited possibilities

Yours: The challenge and the responsibility for all Santamarians



## **AN EXPLANATION FOR OUR GUESTS: THE CONVOCATION CEREMONY**

### **The Procession**

The ceremony starts with the procession — the entering of the members of Convocation, beginning with the Marshall of Convocation and the students who will be presented with degrees, diplomas, and certificates during the service. As the students fill up the chairs in the Metro Centre, they will give the impression that today's ceremony really is, as convocations traditionally were, a meeting of the whole University. (The word "convocation" means "calling-together".) Indeed, the Metro Centre could not hold all the individuals who are part of Saint Mary's — the students, the professors, the administration, the staff, and a large number of alumni around the world — not to mention their families and friends.

Next in the procession are special guests, the Members of Faculty, the Board of Governors, and the Deans of the Faculties.

Next are honorary degree recipients. In addition to "earned" degrees awarded to students who have studied and met the usual requirements, annually the University confers several "honorary" degrees on individuals who have been designated by the University's Board of Governors and Senate as deserving special honour. To symbolize the degrees, they will receive hoods trimmed with specially designated colours. The person receiving this honour will be introduced during the Convocation ceremony and a brief text is read to explain why he/she merits the award. Details are found in the earlier portion in this program.

The final members of the academic procession are the Vice-President, Academic and Research (who presides over Convocation), the President, and the Chancellor.

Many will have colourful gowns and hoods of institutions from across Canada, the United States, and many nations of the world.

### **The Ceremonial Mace**

The ceremonial mace, which is carried by the Marshall of Convocation at the head of the academic procession, was presented to Saint Mary's in April 1980 and used for the first time at the Spring Convocation of that same year. It symbolizes the University's authority to grant degrees. It was made and presented to the University by Maritime Command in recognition of Saint Mary's alumni killed in both world wars and also in recognition of serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces who have been students at the University.

The mace is made of oak with a cast brass crown and brass plates carrying traditional ceremonial engravings. The plates represent the contribution to Saint Mary's by the Jesuit Fathers, the Christian Brothers of Ireland, the Archdiocese of Halifax, the LaSalle Christian Brothers, the Lay Teachers, and the Armed Forces.

### **University Crest**

Designed in the 1940's by the Reverend Daniel Fogarty, S.J., then Dean of Education, each symbol in the crest has significance relevant to the various phases and history of the University.

On the outer portion of the crest, the name and location of the University are inscribed in Latin and, in Roman numerals (1841), the date the University received its charter authorizing it to grant degrees.

The book shown above the shield represents learning and knowledge. The inscription on the page of the book is in Latin — "Age Quod Agis". This is the motto of the University which exhorts all those connected with the University to strive to do their best in everything that they do. This quotation is from the Irish Christian Brothers and symbolizes their contribution to the development of the institution.

The upper part of the shield has the official seal of the Jesuits with I.H.S. being the Greek initials for Christ's name. Below these initials are the three nails which represent the Crucifixion, and surrounding these is the Crown of Thorns. The two crowns represent a dual loyalty - to the then Dominion of Canada and to the British Commonwealth. Below these crowns is the thistle, which stands for Nova Scotia's Scottish heritage.

### **The Presidential Medallion of Office**

On 22 October 2000, a Medallion of Office was officially presented to the University and used for the first time that same day at the installation of Dr. J. Colin Dodds as President. Designed and crafted by James Bradshaw and Bruce Babcock of James Bradshaw Jewelry Design Studios, Inc., Halifax, its centre is a University Gold Medal, traditionally awarded to the top graduating students. It symbolizes the University's deep commitment to academic excellence. It is surrounded by contrasting sterling silver, representing the diversity of the institution's students and of its academic programs. It was generously presented by Mary Eileen Donahoe and her family as a memorial to the late Senator Richard A. Donahoe, Q.C., K.S.G., LL.D. (Hon.), a member of one of the University's earliest Boards of Governors, in recognition of his career of public service and his love of Saint Mary's.

### **The Hooding Ceremony**

As you will observe, all the graduates and members of the academic procession are attired in the basic elements of formal academic dress, which at Saint Mary's follows the general guidelines established at Oxford and Cambridge Universities in England. Formal attire consists of academic robe, hood and mortar board, although at Saint Mary's the latter is limited to Master's graduates only. The academic dress worn by each participant depends upon that academic level attained. There is special attire for the Bachelor, Master, and Doctoral level candidates. While tradition has dictated the style or cut of the academic attire, each post-secondary institution, for the most part, will amend certain details of the attire to suit its own particular tastes and traditions.

The academic hood which each graduate is wearing symbolizes the degree into which the student will be or has been admitted. The hood itself traces its tradition back to the Middle Ages, when its prototype, with a cowl-like appendage and tail, was used to cover the shoulders in the cold and draughty medieval buildings or in inclement weather. Gradually this garment was modified and the hood assumed an academic rather than functional significance. The hood has two basic elements: the trim on the outer edge and an inner satin lining. Each hood has its outer edge trimmed with a colour to indicate a particular faculty and degree: white symbolizes Arts; gold, Science; grey, Commerce; and in 2013 we introduced a new hood with green trim for Environmental Studies. The hood for the Master's candidates is essentially the same as the Bachelor's hood except that the trim is usually an inch or two wider. All the Bachelor level hoods are lined with satin in the colours of the institution granting the degree. Hence at Saint Mary's the hood is lined with maroon satin with a white chevron. The Master's hood at Saint Mary's is lined with maroon satin only to give it added distinction from the Bachelor's.

A symbolic hooding ceremony has become a traditional feature of all Convocations at Saint Mary's.

#### **Flags on the Stage**

Each year Saint Mary's has a number of international students. The flags which you see displayed on the stage for Convocation are from some of the countries from which these students come, not necessarily graduating students, but those in any year of study. The globalization of the Saint Mary's University community is a feature of justifiable pride which contributes markedly to the growth and understanding of both Canadian and non-Canadian students.

Also included in the University's permanent collection of flags is one from the International Year of the Disabled signifying the University's permanent commitment to people with disabilities. Also part of this collection is that of the Mi'kmaq's in recognition of their First Nation's Status. For the first time at our Spring 2002 Convocations the University's Bicentennial flag has taken its rightful place in our permanent collection.

#### **Graduation Alumni Pins**

The Alumni Association of Saint Mary's University has generously provided an Alumni Pin again this year. This is a tradition which started with the 1990 Spring Convocation. Graduates are encouraged to wear theirs with pride and to consider becoming an active member of the Association.

A symbolic presentation of an Alumni pin to the Hooding Candidate by the President of the Alumni Association has become a traditional feature of all of our Convocations.

### **Degrees and Diplomas Awarded with Distinctions**

At Saint Mary's University in the general undergraduate degree and diploma programs, academic distinctions are awarded to successful candidates on the basis of the following cumulative grade point averages of all courses taken at Saint Mary's University. There are no distinctions awarded in graduate and certificate programs.

<b>B.A., B.Comm., &amp; B.Sc.</b>	<b>Grade Point Average</b>	<b>Diploma in Engineering</b>
<b>summa cum laude</b>	4.00 - 4.30	with greatest distinction
<b>magna cum laude</b>	3.85 -3.99	with great distinction
<b>cum laude</b>	3.70-3.84	with distinction

The President's Hall of Academic Excellence, located in the main hallway of the McNally Building, directly outside the President's Office, displays the names of all students who earned one of these distinctions. The Hall also includes the names of students who won academic medals at graduation.

### **Beta Gamma Sigma**

Beta Gamma Sigma is the international honor society serving business programs accredited by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. The Mission of the International Honor Society Beta Gamma Sigma is to encourage and honor academic achievement in the study of business, to foster personal and professional excellence, to advance the values of the Society, and to serve its lifelong members. Membership in Beta Gamma Sigma is the highest recognition a business student can receive in a business program accredited by AACSB International. Invitations to join BGS are extended to the highest achieving student in AACSB-accredited programs: undergraduate students with academic standing in the top 10% of their class, Masters students in the top 20% of their class, and to all doctoral students completing the requirements for their degree.

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The University's symbols and traditions reflect its roots as well as looking to its future and the ritual of Convocation looks to the roots of the University as well as being a beginning for the students who now enter a new stage in their lives. Indeed, both the symbols and the Convocation look back far beyond the beginning of this University to the centuries of academic life in western civilization. Today the University dresses in clothes which are symbolic, not functional, and goes through the 600-year-old ritual of a convocation for the conferment of degrees, diplomas, and certificates.

We thank you for being present to share in it with the Saint Mary's University community.

**Refreshments**

The concession stands on both sides of the Metro Centre on the concourse level will be open for an hour preceding each Convocation. They will NOT be open during the Convocation ceremonies.

**Photography**

The floor area immediately behind the boards has been left clear for the convenience of members of the audience who wish to take photographs during the ceremony. You may come to this area when it is close to the time that the parchment is to be conferred on the graduating student whose picture you wish to take. In order to ensure that there is no interference with the conferring of degrees, diplomas, and certificates, please note that the audience guests will not have access to the floor area.

Stage trappings will be left in place for approximately one half hour at the conclusion of each Convocation for students who wish to have photographs taken by family and friends against the backdrops on the stage.

There will also be three photo backdrops of the University at the back of the floor area for pictures after the ceremony.

GradImages is the official photographer for our Convocation. Proofs will be sent to your home and via email within three to five days after graduation. Pictures can be ordered online, by phone or by mail. Graduation Images can be contacted at 800-372-3686 or via email at [www.gradimages.ca](http://www.gradimages.ca).

Since photographs will be available, family members and guests are encouraged to remain in their seats, relax and enjoy the ceremony.

**Framing of Parchments**

Bookstore Diploma Framing Service available at the Metro Centre in the Sports Bar on the Concourse Level, behind Section 10 (Harbour Side), following each Convocation ceremony. Three frame styles available from \$79.99 to 139.95 plus tax, as well as a variety of Saint Mary's branded memorabilia. Payment by Credit or Debit cards, and cash accepted.

**Flowers**

Fresh flowers are available for purchase on the Brunswick Street concourse before and after the ceremony, but not during the ceremony.

**DVD**

Convocation Blu-ray and DVD discs may be ordered online at:

**<http://www.bigaro.ca/Saint-Marys-University-Halifax-Convocations.html>**