# SPRING CONVOCATION SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY 2019





O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une épopée
Des plus brillants exploits.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
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#### CONVOCATION

is a joyous yet formal ceremony, bound by traditions which have evolved over centuries. Thank you for your participation in this important academic occasion. Graduating students and their guests are asked to remain seated until the 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.

Saint Mary's University acknowledges our presence today in the traditional lands of the Mi'kmaq nation. This territory is covered by the Treaties of Peace and Friendship which the Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) peoples first signed with the British crown in 1725. The Treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized the Mi'kmaq and Maliseet title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship.

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SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY IS PROUD TO WELCOME alumnus Michael Durland, B.Comm., Ph.D., D.Comm., in his new role as Chancellor.

"As an institution, we are incredibly honoured and proud that Michael Durland is taking on the role of Chancellor of the University," said Saint Mary's President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Robert Summerby-Murray. "His long and successful career in corporate Canada and as an entrepreneur and investor positions him as an excellent role model and inspiration for our students and our community. This appointment builds upon his loyal and generous support of our students as a mentor, university champion and through the Durland Innovation Fund. Today is a great day to be a Santamarian."



Durland is the former Group Head and CEO, Global Banking and Markets, for Scotiabank. He retired from Scotiabank in 2016 to pursue a variety of business, philanthropic, and academic interests. Today, he is the CEO of Melancthon Capital.

"Every time I walk through the front door of Saint Mary's, I see a group of passionate students and professors thinking beyond the problems of today to what is on the horizon," said Durland. "The University's innovative, interdisciplinary approach to learning, teaching and research places them on the forefront of educating the next generation of leaders and entrepreneurs. To serve as Chancellor at this special University that has played such a critical role in my life and for my family is an honour."

#### ORDER OF ACADEMIC PROCESSION

Marshal of Convocation

Alumni Honour Guard

Graduates

Faculty

**Board of Governors** 

Deans of Faculties

Recipients of Honorary Degrees

Vice-Presidents

President & Vice-Chancellor

Chancellor

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

#### ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

Processional

Welcome

Invocation

First Nations Welcome

Presidential Remarks Robert Summerby-Murray, B.A., M.A. (Hons.), Ph.D., A.T.C.L.

Installation of the Chancellor - Wednesday Morning Ceremony

Presentation of Governor-General's Medals & Faculty Awards

Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

Wednesday Morning and Afternoon Ceremonies Business

Harjeet S. Bhabra, MBA, Ph.D., Dean of the Sobey School of Business, will present the candidates.

Thursday Morning Ceremony Science

Lori Francis, B.Sc., M.Sc., Ph.D., Acting Dean of Science will present the candidates.

Thursday Afternoon Ceremony Graduate Studies

Adam J. Sarty, B.Sc. (Engineering), Ph.D., Associate Vice-President Research,
Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, will present the candidates for graduate degrees in all disciplines.

Friday Morning and Afternoon Ceremonies Arts

Margaret Y. MacDonald, B.A. (Hon.), D.Phil., Dean of Arts, will present the candidates for undergraduate degrees in Arts.

Valedictory Addresses

Wednesday morning Mr. Hisham H. Hamdan Wednesday afternoon Ms. Celine Renee Selby

Thursday morning Ms. Martine Arianne Monplaisir

Thursday afternoon Ms. Ding Fan

Friday morning Mr. Abdullah Adam Esse
Friday afternoon Mr. Samuel Timothy Turpin.

Wednesday Afternoon Ceremony
To be Doctor of Commerce, honoris causa
Al MacPhee

Thursday Afternoon Ceremony
To be Doctor of Civil Law, honoris causa
Senator Daniel Christmas

Friday Morning Ceremony
To be Doctor of Civil Law, honoris causa
Her Excellency Lady Sandra Willams

Friday Afternoon Ceremony
To be Doctor of Civil Law, honoris causa
Padraig O'Malley

Convocation Address

Induction to the President's Hall of Academic Excellence

Closing of Convocation

O Canada

Recessional

Chancellor of Saint Mary's University

Michael Durland, B.Comm., Ph.D., D.Comm.

Master of Ceremonies

Malcolm N. Butler, B.Sc. (Hons.), Ph.D., Vice-President, Academic and Research

Marshal of Convocation

Madine VanderPlaat, B.A. (Hons.), M.A., Ph.D., Associate Dean of Arts; Professor of Sociology and Chairperson of the Academic Senate

Marshal of Students

Tom Brophy, B.A., M.Ed., Senior Director of Student Services

Orator

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

#### THE CEREMONIAL MACE



The ceremonial mace, carried by the Marshal of Convocation, was presented to Saint Mary's University in 1980. It symbolizes the University's authority to grant degrees and is a gift from Maritime Command in honour of alumni killed in both world wars. The mace also recognizes serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces who have been students at Saint Mary's.

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

#### **UNIVERSITY MOTTO**

Age Quod Agis means to 'do what you do.' This phrase exhorts us to focus on our work, to be in the moment, and devote our fullest attention to the task at hand. It is a call for dedication, a focus on duty and perseverance, a statement of process. It is a proclamation of the importance of disciplining ourselves to our studies, to our scientific, artistic, cultural, commercial, and athletic pursuits. It is a call to action to act in the world, to shoulder responsibility, to champion social justice, environmental justice, and ethical values.

AGE QUOD AGIS





## 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.A., B.E.S., B.Comm., & B.Sc.	Grade Point Av.	Diploma in Engineering
summa cum laude	4.00 - 4.30	with greatest distinction
magna cum laude	3.85 - 3.99	with great distinction
cum laude	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.

#### FLAGS ON THE STAGE

The flags which you see displayed on the stage for Convocation are from some of the countries from which our 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.

Included in the University's permanent collection of flags is one from the International Year of the Disabled signifying the University's commitment to people with disabilities. The Mi'kmaq Grand Council flag, which now has a permanent home on the Saint Mary's campus, also takes it place among the other nation flags. The University's Bicentennial flag was made a part of our permanent collection in 2002.



#### THE HOODING CEREMONY

Graduates and members of the academic procession are attired in the basic elements of formal academic dress, which follow general guidelines established at England's Oxford and Cambridge Universities. It consists of the academic robe, hood, and mortar board (at Saint Mary's, the latter is limited to Master's graduates).

The academic hood symbolizes the degree into which each graduate has been admitted, its outer edge trimmed with a colour to indicate a particular



Faculty and degree: white symbolizes Arts; gold, Science; grey, Commerce, and green for Environmental Studies. Bachelor-level hoods are lined with satin in the colours of the institution granting the degree. Hence at Saint Mary's, they are maroon satin with a white chevron. The Master's hood is lined with maroon satin only, giving it added distinction.

#### MEDALS AND AWARDS

#### UNDERGRADUATE

MEDALS AND AWARDS

#### Governor General's Silver Medal

Donor: Governor General of Canada

Recipient:

Claudine Bolduc

### UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY AND DIVISION MEDALS

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Science

Diploma in Engineering

Bachelor of Commerce

Recipient: Oliver Lindsay Cheek

Recipient: Philip Nicholas Lindsay Hamanan

Recipient: Brooke Nina McKenzie

Recipient: Cody G. Stead

#### GRADUATE

MEDALS

#### Governor General's Gold Medal

Donor: Governor General of Canada

Recipient: Isalean Harris

UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY MEDALS

Master of Arts (International Development Studies)

Donor: Dr. James H. Morrison Recipient: Brittany Rachael Hines

Master of Business Administration: Dr. Harold G. Beazley Medal

Recipient: Lisa R. Visentin

**Executive Master of Business Administration** 

Donor: Bridges Family Recipient: Scott M. Allan

Master of Science (Applied Psychology)

Donor: Aramark Canada Ltd. Recipient: Rhea Paskel Boettcher

Master of Science (Applied Science):

The Georgia Pe-Piper Medal for Excellence in Applied Science

Donor: Applied Science Faculty members Recipient: Molly Evelyn LeBlanc

ACADEMIC SUBJECT

AWARDS

Biology: The Dr. Brij M. Kapoor Memorial Award

Donor: The family of Dr. Brij M. Kapoor Recipient: Lindsay Nicole Donovan

**Environment: Environmental Prize** 

Donor: Dr. Tony Charles Recipients: Brittany Elizabeth Hill

Larissa Michelle Sweeney

Geology: The Centennial Medal

Donor: The Mining Society of Nova Scotia Recipient: Kali Jolane Gee

**Human Resource Management:** 

Hermann F. Schwind Award for Excellence in Human Resource Management

Donor: Department of Management Faculty members, past and present

Recipient: Elizabeth Dempsey

Brian O'Brien Irish Studies Medal

Donor: Dr. Brian O'Brien Recipient: Kelsey E. Everett

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Modern Languages: Prize of the Ambassador of Switzerland

Donor: Ambassador of Switzerland to Canada Recipient: Sophie Tremblay

Linguistics Book Prize

Donor: Linguistics Program Recipient: Bethany Lydia McKinley-Young

Peace and Conflict Studies Book Prize

Donor: Peaceful Schools International and the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA)

Recipient: Kathleen Ann Harroun

J. Kevin Vessey Award for the Ph.D. in Applied Science

Donor: J. Kevin Vessey, Ph.D. Recipient: Thomas Louis King

#### JOHN AND HEATHER FITZPATRICK

VALEDICTORIAN AWARD

Recipients: Hisham H. Hamdan Ding Fan

> Celine Renee Selby Abdullah Adam Esse Martine Arianne Monplaisir Samuel Timothy Turpin

Donor: John BA'81, LLD'17 & Heather Fitzpatrick



#### **FACULTY AWARDS**

#### Father William A. Stewart, SJ, Medal for Excellence in Teaching

2019 Recipient - Dr. Roby Austin Professor, Department of Astronomy & Physics

Dr. Roby Austin, Professor of Astronomy & Physics, has been recognized by her current and former students and colleagues with the Father William A. Stewart Medal for Excellence in Teaching for her dedicated teaching approach and empowerment of women in science.

Since joining Saint Mary's in 2004, Dr. Austin has served on the Saint Mary's Academic Senate and curriculum committees for Senate and the Faculty of Science. The classes she teaches range from first year physics courses to graduate level courses, and she has supervised both B.Sc. Honours and M.Sc. students. Her focus as a teacher is to create a classroom environment which encourages students to work with and understand the material. Alumni commend her for her accommodating and respectful approach with her students.

An accomplished researcher, Dr. Austin has published more than 20 papers and received more than \$4 million in research grants. She is committed to continuous learning, and is a member of the Division of Physics Education of the Canadian Association of Physicists, the Forum on Education of the American Physical Society, and the American Association of Physics Teachers. Students recognize her dedication to learning and improving teaching methods in the classroom.

Outside of the classroom, Dr. Austin volunteers her time with Techsploration and Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Atlantic. These organizations create opportunities for girls and young women to explore science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) and empower them to consider a career in STEM.

The Medal for Excellence in Teaching is named for the late Father William A. Stewart, a Professor of Philosophy and administrator at Saint Mary's University from 1950-1982. Father Stewart was known for his inclusivity, approachability, innovative teaching methods, and service to the University. The Medal is awarded by the Saint Mary's University Alumni Association in partnership with the Faculty Union.

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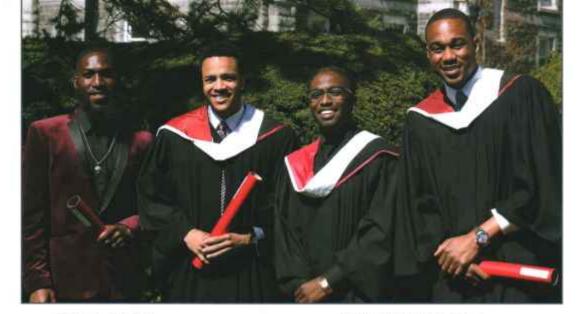
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Su Wang Tangshan, China

Yuntong Wang cum laude Guangzhou, China

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# VALEDICTORIAN BIOGRAPHIES

### Wednesday, May 15th, 10:00am

### Hisham H. Hamdan

Hisham was born in Amman, the capital of Jordan, and raised in Halifax for the past 12 years. He is graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce, Majoring in Marketing with a Human Resource Management Certificate. Four years ago, Hisham decided to begin his journey of becoming a lawyer by starting his undergraduate degree at Saint Mary's University. During his time at Saint Mary's, Hisham has been an active member of Enactus Saint Mary's, spending one year as a Marketing Executive for the Square Roots Token Program. When he is not at school or working for TD Canada Trust, Hisham enjoys spending time with family and friends. His hobbies include hiking, reading, and going to the beach in the summer. He is grateful to his family and friends, as well as the Faculty members at Saint Mary's who have provided him with support and guidance throughout his journey.

### Wednesday, May 15th, 2:00pm

# Celine Renee Selby

Celine Selby is graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce, summa cum laude, with a major in Accounting. Moving to Halifax from a small town in Saskatchewan, Celine began her journey at Saint Mary's in September of 2015. She has participated on the varsity volleyball team, has volunteered with many organizations, and throughout her degree maintained part-time employment at a local restaurant. She currently volunteers with the QEII Thyroid Oncology Clinic. Celine recently became a lifetime member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the international business honor society for AACSB-accredited schools, which is the highest recognition a business student can receive worldwide. Celine is grateful for all the incredible people she has met and the amazing experiences she has had while attending Saint Mary's.

### Thursday, May 16th, 10:00am

# Martine Arianne Monplaisir

Martine was born and raised on the Island of Saint Lucia in the Caribbean. She is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, with a major in Psychology and a minor in French. Over the last two years she has been a Residence Assistant for Rice Residence and a Teaching Assistant for the Psychology department. She has also been a member of the Psychology Society and was a previous member of the Biology and Caribbean Societies. Martine is grateful for the opportunities and experiences that Saint Mary's University has given her.

### Thursday, May 16th, 2:00pm

# Ding Fan

Born and raised in China, Ding has been living in Halifax, Nova Scotia for the past nine years. Today, she considers Nova Scotia to be "home" and spends her time helping others do the same. Her active involvement at the Chinese Society of Nova Scotia for six years, the Canadian Council of Small Business and Entrepreneurship under the United Nations, and support helping more than 2,000 newcomers to settle made her the recipient of the Nova Scotia Volunteer Award and Halifax Regional Municipality Volunteer Award. For establishing the Nova Scotia International Network Society and attracting five innovative start-ups to Nova Scotia through the federal Start-Up Visa Program, she was awarded as one of the Top 25 Immigrants in Maritimes. Recently, she has been nominated to compete in the annual RBC Top 25 Canadian Immigrant Awards. Saint Mary has been a vital milestone for her life in Canada, and she wants to thank everyone she met in the past.

### Friday, May 17th, 10:00am

### Abdullah Adam Esse

Hailing all the way from the Province of Ontario and the big city of Toronto, Abdullah is a Mississauga native who spent the better part of the last decade in Hailfax. Today, he graduates with a double major in Criminology and Sociology. During his time at Saint Mary's, Abdullah participated in many different societies including the Saint Mary's University Law Society and Intramurals Society, and led the university's Muslim Society executive as its President for two terms. When not working or studying, Abdullah dedicates the majority of his time to volunteering, particularly with the Somali Relief Network of North America as a long-time member of the board, where he leads many initiatives including fundraisers, children's camps and social gatherings. Lastly, Abdullah graduates today, humbled and thankful for all the everlasting friendships he's built with faculty members, honourable politicians and many others. Most importantly, he thanks his fellow classmates for their continuous support, motivation and encouragement.

### Friday, May 17th, 2:00pm

# Samuel Timothy Turpin ~>

Born and raised in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, Samuel Turpin is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude, with a major in Sociology and an Honours in Criminology. Sam has been an active member of the Saint Mary's University residence body, serving for two years as a Residence Assistant, during which time he received the "RA Award of Excellence" and "Returning RA Award of Excellence" awards. Sam has volunteered and contributed to a wide variety of events on campus and in residence, including helping to plan and execute the Positive Mental Health Appreciation Night and Battle of the Floors events. During his time at Saint Mary's, Sam has gained a love for photography, and has had the privilege of capturing many residence, society, and athletic events. Sam is grateful for the learning experiences he has had in the Criminology and Sociology departments, and to have been part of such a tightly-knit, globalized, and truly welcoming body of students, faculty, and staff. Sam is especially grateful to the Saint Mary's Housing and Residence departments for making his three years living in residence so memorable, and for allowing him to grow and challenge himself within such a cohesive, constructive, and welcoming team atmosphere.

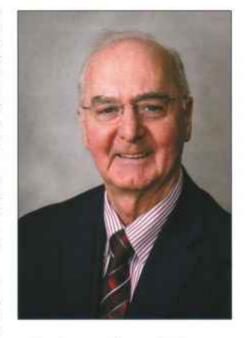
# HONORARY DEGREES

### Al MacPhee, Doctor of Commerce, honoris causa

Al MacPhee has been in the auto industry since the early 1960s. Originally from Cape Breton, he is the past Chairman of the Canadian Automobile Dealers Association, is a Past President of the Nova Scotia Automobile Dealers Association as well as the Halifax/ Dartmouth Automobile Dealers Association, Currently, he is the Chairman of Leader Auto Resources Inc. a national automotive buying group. During his career, he has served on almost every General Motors Advisory Board and Communication Team.

For over 27 years, from 1983 to 2011, Mr. MacPhee was the owner of MacPhee Chevrolet Buick Cadillac GMC Ltd., the largest General Motors dealership in Nova Scotia and the third largest dealership in Canada. At present, he is the President of MacPhee Ford in Dartmouth, NS.

Currently, he and his wife Mary are very involved with the MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning. The MCCL is a not-for-profit charitable organization whose vision is to provide an alternative education model for youth



in marginalized and disadvantaged circumstances. Located in downtown Dartmouth this centre focuses on youths that are underperforming in the conventional school environment and are at serious risk of abandoning their schooling entirely.

In 2009, Mr. MacPhee was inducted into the Junior Achievement Nova Scotia's Business Hall of Farne. He is also very honoured to be designated one of Atlantic Canada's Top 50 CEO's.

In June 2013, the Canadian Automobile Dealers Association announced that Mr. MacPhee had won the CADA's Laureate Dealer Recognition Award for 2013. The Laureate Award is considered to be the highest honour a new car and truck dealer can receive over the course of his or her career.

On March 22, 2018, Mr. MacPhee was recognized as a Ford Motor Company 2018 Salute To Dealers Honoree. He was one of six Dealer Principals from Ford's global network to receive this prestigious award which was presented by Edsel B. Ford II. This award recognized his tremendous efforts and contributions to his community throughout his career.

After 58 years in the business, Mr. MacPhee continues to work 60 hours a week in his dealership in Dartmouth.

### Senator Dan Christmas, Doctor of Civil Law, honoris causa

Senator Dan Christmas has served in various leadership positions in the Mi'kmaw Nation of Nova Scotia. After serving five years as the Band Manager for the Community of Membertou, Senator Christmas worked for the Union of Nova Scotia Indians for 15 years—the last ten as its Director. He was actively involved in the recognition and implementation of Mi'kmaw aboriginal and treaty rights in Nova Scotia.

From 1997 to 2016, Senator Christmas held the position as Senior Advisor with Membertou and had assisted the Chief and Council and its Management Team with the day-to-day operations of the Community of Membertou. Senator Christmas also served as elected councilor for Membertou for 18 years.

Senator Christmas has been active in a number of international, national, provincial and local agencies in a wide range of fields including aboriginal & treaty rights, justice, policing, education, health care, human rights, adult training, business development and the environment.



In 2005, Senator Christmas was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Daihousie University and an honorary diploma from the Nova Scotia Community College in 2016. In 2008, he was the recipient of the National Excellence in Aboriginal Leadership Award from the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada.

In December 2016, Senator Christmas was sworn in as an Independent Senator for Nova Scotia. Senator Christmas is the first Mi'kmaw senator to be appointed to the Senate of Canada.

### Her Excellency Lady Sandra Williams, Doctor of Civil Law, honoris causa

Her Excellency Lady Sandra Williams BA'86 was born in St. John's, Antiqua on July 15, 1963. She attended nursery school in Antiqua before moving to Ottawa, Canada, at the age of three with her family, and later on to Toronto. After returning to Antiqua for two years, she then moved to North Wales, United Kingdom and later to Guvana, South America where she completed high school.



Lady Williams enrolled at Saint Mary's University in 1981, where she pursued a Bachelor of Arts degree in the Department of Modern Languages and English, attaining distinction in her selected double major and minor. She was later awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship to pursue a Master of Science Degree in Tourism. Management at the University of Surrey in the United Kingdom, and earned her postgraduate Diploma in Marketing from the Chartered Institute of Marketing, also in the United Kingdom. She is a full member of the Institute, and over the years has pursued various career-related courses in Japan, Austria, Spain, Germany, France and Barbados.

Lady Williams has held significant senior managerial positions, including Director of Marketing for a regional airline and Director of

Tourism in both England and Germany. She is currently the President of the Antiqua and Barbuda China. Friendship Association. She is also the President and Founder of The Halo Foundation, an umbrella charity established in December 2014 that addresses the needs of 32 charities under the patronage of the Governor General of Antiqua and Barbuda.

### Some of the initiatives of the Halo Foundation include:

- Colours of Charity, an event for the various local charities headlined by HRH Prince Harry on his visit to Antigua in 2017;
- a two-year anti-bullying campaign currently being executed in six pilot schools;
- full four-year university scholarships to Saint Mary's University for students from Antigua and Barbuda who have exhibited acts of kindness or bravery;
- scholarships to local institutions for children with special needs;
- the provision of musical instruments to the Youth Symphony Orchestra:
- part sponsorship of Team Aritigua Island Girls' row across the Atlantic Ocean; and
- the spearheading of a youth arm of the Halo Foundation, known as Generation Y, which focuses on sensitizing young people to the importance of helping others.

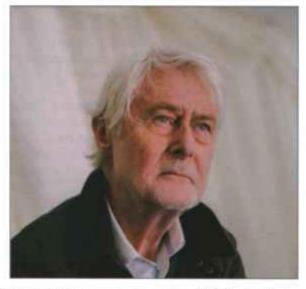
In 2018, Lady Williams was given the Faithful and Meritorious Cross for outstanding voluntary service to the nation of Antiqua and Barbuda. She is the spouse of the Governor General of Antiqua and Barbuda. His Excellency Sir Rodney Williams, and has one son, Brent.

### Padraig O'Malley, Doctor of Civil Law, honoris causa

Born in Dublin, Ireland, Padraig O'Malley is an award-winning author and expert on democratic transitions and divided societies, with special expertise on Northern Ireland, South Africa, Iraq, Israel and Palestine. O'Malley is the John Joseph Moakley Distinguished Professor of Peace and Reconciliation at the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston.

Professor O'Malley has earned a global reputation for breaking deadlocks by bringing together parties in

intractable conflicts and opening the way to dialogue. In 2009, O'Malley launched the Forum for Cities in Transition a global forum of divided societies founded on the principle that one divided society is in the best position to help another. In September 2010, he led an intercessional symposium on the Arm Trade Treaty the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, and the Luxembourg Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2016, he launched the Global Alliance of Muslim's for Equality (GAME), a movement led by young Muslims across Europe & the United States to redress false perceptions of Islam, counter negative stereotypes, Islamophobia.



Professor O'Malley was a member of the Opsahl Commission on Northern Ireland (1993), which laid much of the groundwork for peace talks culminating in the Good Friday/Belfast agreement (1998). His tiffeen-year documentation of the transition from Apartheid to democracy in South Africa, The Heart of Hope is available at the Nelson Mandela Foundation website. Professor O'Malley is the subject of a documentary by James Demo, The Peacemaker – a film about O'Malley's 30+ years of work at the vanguard of peacemaking. Professor O'Malley is also the founding editor of the New England Journal of Public Policy. A published author, his most recent title is The Two-State Delusion; Israel and Palestine – A Tale of Two Narratives (2015).

In 2018, Professor O'Malley received the Peace Abbey Courage of Conscience Award. Other awards include the Jean Mayer Global Peacemakers Award, (Tufts University) 2015; The Liberal International Freedom Prize (European Union), 2008; and the Eire Society Gold Medal (Boston), 2008.

# PROFESSOR EMERITI

### VICTOR M. CATANO

Dr. Catano is Professor of Industrial and Organizational Psychology at Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. He is a registered psychologist in Nova Scotia and a member of the Human Resources Association of Nova Scotia. He is a past editor of Canadian Psychology and has acted as a reviewer for numerous scholarly journals and granting agencies. He has published over 250 scholarly articles, conference papers, and technical reports. Dr. Catano's current research interests include personnel psychology; the psychology of labour relations; organizational and environmental constraints on productivity; and the impact of psychological environments on the health, safety, and productivity of workers.

Dr. Catano also has extensive consulting experience in personnel selection with both private and public organizations. Dr. Catano was elected a Fellow by the Canadian Psychological Association and an honorary member by the Canadian Forces Personnel Selection Officers Association, He is a recipient of the Canadian Psychological Association's Award for Distinguished Contributions to Education and Training and the Canadian Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology's Distinguished Scientist Award. The Human Resources Association of Nova Scotia awarded him an honorary membership in recognition of his distinguished contributions to human resources in Canada. He recently received the Society of Industrial and Organizational Psychology's Presidential award for scientistpractitioner. Over his career Dr. Catano has served as president of the Canadian Associations of University teachers, among other organizations. He was instrumental in establishing the graduate I/O programs at Saint Mary's.

### BERT L. HARTNELL

Bert L. Hartnell was born in Rainy River, Ontario and attended the University of Waterloo just as the Faculty of Mathematics (first in North America) was being created. After obtaining his doctorate in graph theory (network analysis) he spent 2 years on a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Computing Science at the University of Manitoba. He then taught as an assistant professor for 1 year in Manitoba and 3 years in Newfoundland before joining Saint Mary's in 1980.

Besides enjoying many years of spirited interaction teaching in the classroom, Bert has also been consistently active in his research area, graph theory. This has translated into many summers of mentoring undergraduate summer research students, various invitations for research visits (Denmark, France, Kuwait, Slovenia and others). requests to serve as external examiner on Ph.D. defences (Australia, Brazil, Denmark, ...) and many presentations at conferences (Australia, Europe, India and North America). He has also served as Chair of the Department for a total of 4 1/2 years and served on various university committees. He has thoroughly enjoyed his interaction with students and fellow researchers and plans to stay active in his research endeavours.

### JOHN REID

John Reid has been a member of the Department of History at Saint Mary's University since 1985. He holds degrees from Oxford University, Memorial University, and the University of New Brunswick. Before coming to Saint Mary's, he held positions at three New Brunswick universities, including eight years at Mount Allison. His teaching at Saint Mary's has been divided between History and Atlantic Canada Studies, and he served three times as Atlantic Canada Studies Coordinator, as well as being closely associated with the Gorsebrook Research Institute. His research focused primarily for many years on northeastern North America. in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and especially on imperial-Indigenous relations, but more recently he has turned his attention to sport history and is currently working on a study of the history of cricket in Nova Scotia. He has written books and articles in these areas, and is a former co-editor of Acadiensis: Journal of the History of the Atlantic Region. He also serves as a board member for two other historical journals, and has been a member of the Council of the Canadian Historical Association. As well as scholarly publications, he has written two plays for radio and two novels for young adult readers. Over 34 years at Saint Mary's, he considers himself enormously fortunate in colleagues and students alike, and has found especially rewarding the supervision of thesis students at Honours and Master's levels. Outside of the university, he is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (elected in 2004) and is currently the Vice-President and incoming President of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.



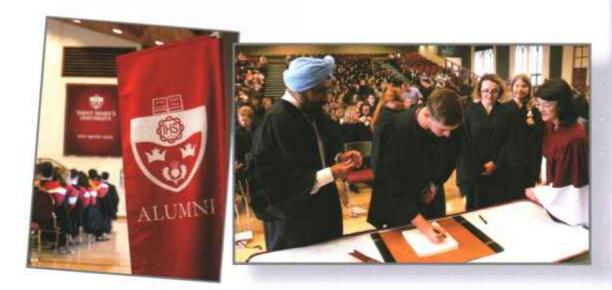


### The Saint Mary's Alumni Association

will welcome more than 840 students into its global family this spring.

To signify the momentous transition from Saint Mary's students to becoming Saint Mary's alumni, volunteer members of the Alumni Honour Guard don special robes to lead graduates in and out of the convocation ceremony.

As each graduate crosses the stage, they receive an alumni pin from a member of the Saint Mary's Alumni Association, a tradition dating back to 1990. Graduates are encouraged to wear their pins with pride.



Alumni of Saint Mary's University, Santamarians, share a strong sense of community; this bond is evident whether alumni are cheering on the Huskies, supporting their alma mater with their time or resources, or heading back to campus for Homecoming Weekend.

With more than 51,000 graduates worldwide, Saint Mary's has alumni networks in cities and towns across the globe.

Stay connected and keep in touch with classmates through social media, regional gatherings and networking opportunities. And if you want to volunteer, plan an event, or start an alumni network in your area, visit smu.ca/alumni.

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# ABOUT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY

# NESTLED IN THE HEART OF HALIFAX,

Nova Scotia, Saint Mary's University is marked by iconic buildings, green spaces, and fresh ocean air. A vibrant and culturally diverse campus, Saint Mary's lets students experience the world, all in one city block.

The University's role in the creation and dissemination of knowledge, combined with its entrepreneurial and leadership skills training, provide ample evidence of its ability to change the world for the better – locally, nationally, and internationally.

Graduates of Saint Mary's - who hail from more than 100 countries - share a special pride. Known as Santamarians, 51,000 alumni are contributing to communities and economies around the globe.

Saint Mary's has pioneered a number of academic programs and is home to one of the first faculties of commerce in Canada, now recognized as a national leader in business education. In more recent years, the University became known for programs and supports for students with disabilities; when the Fred Smithers Centre of Support for Students with Disabilities opened in 1985, it was one of only a handful of such facilities in the country.

Saint Mary's has always endorsed the idea that physical health is a strong foundation for a productive mind and spirit, and the University has proven time and again the legitimacy of this philosophy, winning many regional and national titles across a number of sports.





Student success requires a strong and comprehensive institutional commitment, focusing on academic excellence, discovery, and innovation. Saint Mary's aims to prepare Santamarians to succeed in a global, intercultural environment, meet the market needs of the Atlantic region and Canada, and provide pathways for career launch and progression.

Building upon its strong history of teaching and research excellence, student-centred learning, community outreach, and commitment to diversity, Saint Mary's University is ready to meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century. So, too, are its graduates.

# SAINT MARY'S 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 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 formally recognized the institution's academic role. And In 1952, Saint Mary's College was granted university status. Just 51 years ago, in 1968, the school became a co-ed learning environment.

### FRAMING OF PARCHMENTS

The Saint Mary's University Bookstore is pleased to provide an on-site, instant framing program following graduation ceremonies.

(Please note: This service is NOT available during the Convocation ceremony.)

Simply present your diploma at the designated area in the BMO Lounge area outside of the Conference Hall. In seconds, it will be professionally framed in a high quality, Canadianmade frame, complete with a mat emblazoned with the official crest of Saint Mary's University.





### FLOWERS

Fresh flowers are available for purchase in the McNally Lobby, before and after the ceremony, but not during the ceremony.

### PHOTOGRAPHY

Family and friends are welcome to come forward and take photos of your favourite graduates as they exit the stage. However, we ask that you do not impede the flow of the ceremony or obstruct others taking their photos.

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

There will also be photo backdrops of the University in the Conference Hall for pictures after the ceremony.



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