

Saint Mary's University

Fall Convocation



Sunday, 26 October 2008

## O CANADA

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

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,  
The True North strong and free!

From far and wide, O Canada,  
We stand on guard for thee.

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 an 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

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 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*

Heather Fitzpatrick, B.P.R.

Introduction of Special Guests

Invocation

Father Dan Kelly, S.J.

Valedictory Address

Allyson Clark

Awards

The Reverend William A. Stewart, S.J., Medal for Excellence in Teaching  
Shelagh Crooks, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.

President's Award for Excellence in Research  
Albert Mills, B.A., M.A., M.Sc., Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus  
Stephen A. Davis, B.A., M.A., D.Phil.

Symbolic Hooding and Presentation of Alumni Pin

Presidential Remarks

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

Conferral of Honorary Degrees

To be Doctor of Letters (honoris causa)  
George Elliott Clarke, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., O.C., O.N.S.

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)  
General John de Chastelain, B.A., O.C.

To be Doctor of Civil Law (honoris causa)  
Carol D. Young, C.M.

Presentation of Alumni Pins to Honorary Degree Recipients

Convocation Address

General John de Chastelain, B.A., O.C.

Conferring of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates

**Faculty of Arts**

Esther E. Enns, B.S.L., M.A., M.Ed., Ph.D., Dean of Arts, will present the candidates.

**Sobey School of Business**

David Wicks, B.Comm., M.B.A., Ph.D., B.A., Dean of the Sobey School of Business, will present the candidates.

**Faculty of Science**

Malcolm Butler, B.Sc. (Hons.), Ph.D., Dean of Science, will present the candidates.

**Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research**

J. Kevin Vessey, B.Sc. (Hons.), M.Sc., Ph.D., Dean of Graduate Studies and Research, will present the candidates.

Induction to the President's Hall of Academic Excellence

Closing of Convocation

Recessional

**Chairman of Convocation**

Terrence Murphy, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.  
Vice-President, Academic and Research

**Marshal of Convocation**

Don Naulls, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.  
Chair of 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, and numerous and varied services.

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**Photography**

To ensure that there is no interference with the conferring of degrees, diplomas, and certificates, and to comply with fire regulations, audience guests will not have access to the floor area in front of the stage or the aisles during the Convocation ceremony.

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**Fire Exits**

Guests are asked to observe carefully the locations of all fire exits in the Port Royal Room.

## 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. Nominations are invited from alumni, students, and faculty members. This medal is normally presented at Spring Convocation together with a cheque for \$1,500. Previous winners of this prestigious award are:

- 1983 Professor David Hope (Accounting)
- 1984 Professor Dermot Mulrooney (Engineering)
- 1985 Dr. David Perrier (Sociology)
- 1986 Dr. John Young (Chemistry)
- 1987 Professor Edward McBride (Political Science)
- 1988 Dr. Jack Ginsburg (Chemistry)
- 1989 Dr. Peter March (Philosophy)
- 1990 Dr. Andrew Seaman (English)
- 1991 Dr. Phil Street (Psychology)
- 1992 Dr. Francis Phillips (Education)
- 1993 Dr. Janet Baker (English)
- 1994 Dr. Cyril Byrne (English)
- 1995 Professor Nicola Young (Accounting)
- 1996 Dr. Ronald Landes (Political Science)
- 1997 Dr. Paul Muir (Mathematics and Computing Science)
- 1998 Dr. David Cone (Biology)
- 1999 Dr. Robert Singer (Chemistry)
- 2000 Dr. Eric Lee (Finance and Management Science)
- 2001 Dr. Janet Gregory (Finance and Management Science)
- 2002 Dr. Gillian Thomas (English and Women and Gender Studies)
- 2003 Dr. Janet Hill (English)
- 2004 Dr. Porter Scobey (Mathematics & Computing Science)
- 2005 Dr. Adam Sarty (Astronomy & Physics)
- 2006 Dr. Edna Keeble (Political Science)
- 2007 Dr. Stephen Davis (Anthropology)

This year's recipient is **Dr. Shelagh Crooks**, Department of Philosophy

Dr. Shelagh Crooks received her Ph.D. from Edinburgh University and her Master of Arts from Dalhousie University, but her post-secondary career began at Saint Mary's University, where she obtained her Honors Degree in Philosophy and Religious Studies

in 1975. A dozen years later, she returned to the campus as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy in 1987, and was promoted to Associate Professor in 1999. As noted by her primary nominator, 2006 Stewart Medal recipient Dr. Edna Keeble, Dr. Crooks is “a prime example of teaching excellence,” “a highly engaging, caring, organized, masterful, enthusiastic, diligent, inspiring, encouraging, effective teacher,” and “a true Santamarian.” Another colleague writes: “her students not only learn the material, they learn how to learn.”

In her own words, Dr. Crooks says that her primary objective as an educator is to “help [her] students become effective, autonomous thinkers and problem-solvers. Given this, all [of her] classes, from first-year critical thinkers to upper-level seminars, have a ‘methodological’ rather than a ‘content’ orientation. [She teaches] thinking skills through the lens provided by philosophical issues, argument and analysis.”

A distinguished and acclaimed professional, Dr. Crooks was named the recipient of the Saint Mary’s University Student Association Award for Excellence in Teaching in the Faculty of Arts in 2003, and was awarded the inaugural Dr. Geraldine Thomas Educational Leadership Award in 2007 for her two decades of educational leadership within her Department, the Faculty of Arts, throughout the University and within the Nova Scotia public school system.

Outside of the classroom, she established a pair of successful programs for her peers in the Department of Philosophy – a mentoring protocol for new faculty members, as well as an ongoing Teaching Philosophy Discussion Group. In addition, she served as the inaugural Saint Mary’s Teaching Scholar in 2006-2007, and has chaired three committees of the University Senate, which developed the instrument and procedures for student evaluation of teaching currently in use at Saint Mary’s.

### **President’s Award for Excellence in Research**

Established in 1989, this annual award honors outstanding research conducted by a full-time faculty member who has been employed at the University for at least three years. A rigorous nomination procedure has been delineated whereby each Dean of a Faculty may select one member of his/her Faculty who has been nominated by a faculty researcher, and whose candidacy he/she is prepared to support. Other sponsors must be researchers, at least two of whom must be from outside Saint Mary’s University. The award is adjudicated by the Research Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, which has the authority to decide which nominee, if any, is deserving of the award. The selection criteria consists of two component parts, namely productivity, whereby the nominee must have a record of continued exceptional contribution to research and scholarship; and second, national or international recognition as an authority in a major field of knowledge. The President’s Award for Excellence in Research consists of a framed certificate presented at Fall Convocation together with a cheque for \$1,500. Previous winners of this significant award are:



- 1989 Dr. George Mitchell (Astronomy)
- 1990 Dr. John Chadwick-Jones (Psychology)
- 1991 Dr. John Reid (History/Atlantic Canada Studies)
- 1992 Dr. Jaroslav Dostal (Geology)
- 1993 Dr. Arthur Monahan (Philosophy)
- 1994 Dr. Michael Zaworotko (Chemistry)
- 1995 Dr. John Young (Chemistry)
- 1996 Dr. Terry Wagar ( Management)
- 1997 Dr. David Turner ( Astronomy)
- 1998 Dr. Colin Howell (History/Atlantic Canada Studies)
- 1999 Dr. Georgia Pe-Piper (Geology)
- 2000 Dr. Henry Veltmeyer (Sociology)
- 2001 Dr. Bert Hartnell (Mathematics and Computing Science)
- 2002 Dr. Andrew Harvey (Economics)
- 2003 Dr. Stephen Davis (Anthropology)
- 2004 Dr. J. Victor Owen (Geology)
- 2005 Dr. David Guenther (Astronomy and Physics)
- 2006 Dr. E. Kevin Kelloway (Management and Psychology)
- 2007 Dr. Hugh Millward (Geography)

The recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Research for 2008 is **Dr. Albert Mills**.

Dr. Albert J. Mills is recognized as one of Canada's leading scholars in the field of critical management studies. His research activities centre on the impact of organization on people -- focusing on organizational change and human liberation. In particular he has made significant contributions to the study of gender and organization, management history, and existentialism at work. He has published close to 250 papers, cases, journal articles, proceedings and book chapters, and is the author, co-author and co-editor of twenty-five books and edited collections, including *Sex, Strategy and the Stratosphere: The Gendering of Airline Cultures* (Routledge, 2006) and the forthcoming *Sage Encyclopedia of Case Study Research* (Sage, 2009). Recognition of his scholarly contributions can be seen to some extent in his appointment to the boards of scholarly journals, and in part his leadership role in scholarly associations. He previously served on the editorial board of the *Administrative Sciences Quarterly* and is a former Associate Editor of the *Canadian Review of Anthropology and Sociology*. He has served as guest editor for the journals *Human Relations*, the *Canadian Journal of Administrative Sciences, Culture and Organization*, and *Gender, Work & Organization (GWO)*. He is currently an Associate Editor for *GWO*, and the Critical Management Studies editor of *CJAS*, and serves on the editorial boards of *Management & Organizational History*, *Leadership, Organization*, the *Journal of Workplace Rights* and *Tamara: Journal of Critical Postmodern Inquiry*.

Dr. Mills is active in numerous scholarly associations at local, national, and international level. He is formerly a member of the Executive Board of the International Federation of Scholarly Associations of Management (IFSAM), and the President of the Administrative

Sciences Association of Canada (ASAC), and currently serves as Co-Divisional Chair of the Critical Management Studies Division of the Academy of Management, Vice President of ASAC, and VP External Affairs for the Atlantic Schools of Business (ASB). Locally he has worked with other scholars throughout the region to help strengthen and maintain the ASB and to encourage the development of local histories of the association.

As Director of the Ph.D. in Management Dr. Mills has made a significant contribution as part of a team that has helped to establish the program's growing national and international reputation.

Dr. Mills' significant scholarly contributions to the discipline and connecting that research to his local community make him a most deserving of the President's Award for Research Excellence.

#### **PROFESSOR EMERITUS**

The title professor emeritus will be bestowed on **Dr. Stephen A. Davis**.

Dr. Davis came to the Department of Anthropology in 1973 on a nine-month terminal contract and stayed for thirty-five years. In that time he taught a variety of courses in his sub-discipline of archaeology. His contributions to the governance of Saint Mary have included many years as chair of the department, a member of Senate and of the University Faculty Union. He also served on a multitude of committees both appointed and elected.

With growing public interest in protecting cultural resources of all types, he has become involved with numerous projects involving historic site archaeology. Throughout his career he has directed archaeological investigations of 15 prehistoric sites, 25 historic sites and conducted over 120 cultural resource assessment surveys under the guidelines required by the Nova Scotia Museum. These activities have resulted in over 100 publications in the form of books, chapters, journal articles and contractual documents. He is also the President of Davis Archaeological Consultants Limited, a well-known firm here in Atlantic Canada and beyond, and served for a number of years as the Eastern Canadian Representative on the Federal Heritage Legislation Committee for the Canadian Archaeological Association.

His research interests have taken him in many directions and countries such as Spain, Norway and most recently the Outer Islands of Scotland. Although intent on lowering his handicap he still plans to pursue his consulting activities and maintain contact with his colleagues.

Career highlights include being the recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Research (2003). Recipient of the Saint Mary's Alumni Fr. William A. Stewart Medal for Teaching (2007) and his personal favorite the Faculty of Arts Excellence in Teaching Award (2006) because it came from the students.

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Burlington, ON  
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Moncton, NB  
Cornwall, PE  
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Halifax, NS  
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Baddeck, NS  
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Dartmouth, NS  
Long Point, NS  
Cole Harbour, NS  
Pictou, NS  
Dartmouth, NS  
Halifax, NS  
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Katherine Amy Piccott	Dartmouth, NS
Mara Kym Potter	Toronto, ON
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Amanda L. Richardson (Hon. Psychology)	Halifax, NS
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Sarah Lynn Rushton	Truro, NS
Kate Elizabeth Rycroft	Smiths Falls, ON
Victoria Anne-Viola Samson	Yarmouth, NS
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Megan Elizabeth Sim	Northville, NS
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Fall River, NS

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William Joseph Fenrick

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Jie Gu

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Shunyao Huang  
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Shen Zhen, China  
Toronto, ON

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Egypt  
Nassau, Bahamas  
Calgary, AB  
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Sandys, Bermuda  
Colby Village, NS  
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Halifax, NS  
Westville, NS  
Charlottetown, PE  
Dartmouth, NS  
Halifax, NS  
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Utsunomiya, Japan  
Sana'a, Yemen  
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia



Zahra Pahlevani ( <b>cum laude</b> )	Tehran, Iran
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Andrea Teresa Ngui	Dartmouth, NS
Katherine Amy Piccott	Dartmouth, NS
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## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE & DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING**

Subhi Omar Armoush	Nablus, Palestine
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Julie Rose Long	New Glasgow, NS
Tracey Jean MacNeil	New Glasgow, NS
Sarah B. MacPhee	Truro, NS
Brenda D. McNutt-Morrissey	Truro, NS

### **DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING**

Wael Qasem Al-hadha	Sana'a, Yemen
Matthew F. J. Edwards	Eastern Passage, NS
Saif Ramzey El-Far	Amman, Jordan
Michael Gregory Gallant	Riverview, NB
May M. Hammad	Halifax, NS
Ahmed Hassan	Dartmouth, NS
Ryan D. Hobb	Yarmouth, NS
Andrey V. Kostylev	Bedford, NS
Jeffery Charles Levy	Timberlea, NS
Ishpreet Singh Minhas	Patiala, India
Eric Pierre Noel	Dartmouth, NS
Onur Pakkanlilar	Istanbul, Turkey
Chris Guy Sean Simms	Lower Sackville, NS
Navreet K. Ubhi	Dartmouth, NS

### **DIPLOMA IN FORENSIC SCIENCES**

Megan M. Wright	Enfield, NS
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### **MASTER OF ARTS (ATLANTIC CANADA STUDIES)**

Catherine Jennifer Campbell	Bass River, NS
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### **MASTER OF ARTS (CRIMINOLOGY)**

Stella Chiasson	Nigadoo, NB
Aunshul Rege	Halifax, NS

### **MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)**

Daryl Shane Leeworthy	Ynysybwl, Wales
Greggory MacIntosh Ross	Baddeck, NS
Mark Daniel Sweeney	Enfield, NS

### **MASTER OF ARTS (INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES)**

Sheena A. Alleyne	Barbados
Brenda Christine Estrada	Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Farrah Elizabeth Fulton	Winnipeg, MB
Elizabeth Ann McCormack	Halifax, NS
Heather McLeod	Quispamsis, NB
Nadine Miville	Ottawa, ON
Emily Catherine Taylor	Toronto, ON

**MASTER OF ARTS (PHILOSOPHY)**

Therese Tamara Tisseverasinghe Toronto, ON  
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**MASTER OF ARTS (GENDER AND WOMEN STUDIES)**

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Awatef T. Rasheed Ottawa, ON

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Lindsay Michelle Adams Saint John, NB  
Philippe Aube Beresford, NB

Terra L. Beaton Halifax, NS  
Cyra Anne Belbin St. John's, NL  
Chantal Boudreau Sambro, NS  
Andrew Brian Button Bridgewater, NS

Nicole Marie Casciato Newmarket, ON  
Karianne J. Champion Kensington, PE  
Kevin Michael Cody Timberlea, NS

Chad Arthur Davis Mt. Uniacke, NS  
Douglas B. Devereaux Holyrood, NL  
James Kevin Devoe Ottawa, ON  
Jared Ferdinand Doucette South Rustico, PE  
Meghan Siobhan Drover St. John's, NL  
Caroline Duchesne Dartmouth, NS

Enaam El-Amassi Dartmouth, NS

Victor Fosu Accra, Ghana

Michelle M. Gann Port Elgin, ON

Lori Alison Haley Montague, PE  
David G. Harley Waverley, NS

Gordon Charles Johnson Truro, NS  
Kevin Homer Johnson Dartmouth, NS  
Elke Juckes Halifax, NS

Neeti Kalra New Delhi, India

Matthew Robert Stephen Keliher  
Michele Andrea Koughan

Dartmouth, NS  
Charlottetown, PE

Scott La Fleur  
Nga Nathalie Thi Le  
Gregory Owen Edward LeBlanc  
Jeff M. Lecky  
Long Lieu

Kingston, ON  
Toronto, ON  
Amherst, NS  
Port Hawkesbury, NS  
Woodbridge, ON

Jordan Cyrus James MacKinnon  
Elizabeth A. McCormack  
Brett Jason Miller  
Milen Ivanov Minchev  
Stephen Lyndel Munroe

Charlottetown, PE  
Fall River, NS  
Middle Porters Lake, NS  
Sofia, Bulgaria  
Halifax, NS

Rachel E. Peach  
Dianne Elizabeth Pearson  
Kent Alexander Plummer

Glace Bay, NS  
Halifax, NS  
Halifax, NS

Indu Rajagopal  
William Albert Paul Rake  
Daniel Lloyd Rudisuela

Delhi, India  
Kingston, ON  
St. Catherines, ON

Ahmed Galal Ahmed Sheiha  
Richard Gordon Sloan

Cairo, Egypt  
Dartmouth, NS

Lee Anne Thomson  
Jarrod Eugene Middleton Thorne  
Jennifer Lynn Trask

Liverpool, NS  
Truro, NS  
Corner Brook, NL

James Ashley Watson  
Bryan Randolph Watt  
Andrew Saint Clair Wentzell

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Riverview, NB  
Mahone Bay, NS

#### **MASTER OF FINANCE**

Yi Ding  
Wenting Feng  
Bin Hu  
Qiduan Huang  
Patiya Kongkalai  
Qiaosen Kou  
Matt Lemay  
Xiaosong Li  
Xiaoying Li  
Yangyang Li

Hai Kon, China  
Guangzhou, China  
Beijing, China  
Guangzhou, China  
Bangkok, Thailand  
Changsha, China  
Edmonton, AB  
Shen Yang, China  
Beijing, China  
Vancouver, BC

Qing Liu  
Yang Liu  
Chao Lu  
Wenhui Ma  
Xiaoqian Ren  
Jing Sun  
Xingling Tao  
Ruixiong Wang  
Xia Wang  
Yi Wang  
Ziyi Wang  
Wei Wei  
Xiaping Wu  
Zhongqi Wu  
Jilan Xu  
An Yang  
Qiwei Ye  
Hua Zhang  
Youjia Zhang  
Hao Zheng  
Qirui Zheng  
Yu Zhou  
Ziyuan Zhu

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Tianjin, China  
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Guangzhou, China  
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Chongqing, China  
Qingdao, China  
Jiangxi, China  
Shanghai, China  
Changsha, China  
Changchun, China  
Xiamen, China  
Gangzhou, China  
Xian, China  
Yichun City, China  
Shunchang, China  
Zhanjiang, China  
Ma'anshan, China  
Zheng Zhou, China  
Fuzhou, China  
NanNing, China  
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Angela D. Langille  
Breanne McIntosh Ricketts  
F. Aubrey Robertson  
Francis LeBel  
Cindy Dianne Suurd  
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Kingston, ON  
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Sapporo-City, Japan

**MASTER OF SCIENCE (ASTRONOMY)**

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Daniel Josef Majaess

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**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (ASTRONOMY)**

Catherine C. Lovekin

Toronto, ON

**DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (MANAGEMENT)**

Margaret Cynthia McKee

Dartmouth, NS



## **HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS**

### **CAROL D. YOUNG, C.M.**

Carol D. Young will receive an Honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree. She is a passionate advocate and a dedicated volunteer for a wide variety of charitable, community and non-profit organizations.

Carol served on the organizing committees that created Ronald McDonald House and the Children's Discovery Centre in Halifax. She has served on Boards as diverse as Neptune Theatre and the Life Sciences Development Association and is currently on the Board and a member of the Executive of the Pier 21 Society, Canada's Immigration Museum.

For 10 years Carol was a member of the Board of the IWK Children's Hospital; she was instrumental in the creation of the IWK Children's Hospital Telethon and later served as Chair of the IWK Foundation. As well she was a member of the working group established by Health and Welfare Canada that formulated the guidelines for "Child and Youth Long Term Services" for Canadian hospitals.

Committed to changing the way people think about mental illness, Carol is the immediate Past Chair of the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia and currently is a member of the Campaign Cabinet for "Opening Minds," the first ever capital campaign for mental health in Nova Scotia.

Growing up in Ottawa, Carol developed a life-long interest in public affairs. After completing her education at MacDonald Institute, now the University of Guelph, she joined the staff of the Minister of National Health and Welfare. In 1972, as Special Assistant to the Minister of Labour, she was responsible for overseeing the establishment of the National Advisory Council on the Status of Women for Canada.

In recognition of her service to the community, Carol was chosen "Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser" by the Canadian Society of Fundraising Executives; she is an Honorary Life Member of the IWK Health Centre, an Honorary Trustee of the IWK Health Centre Foundation, a recipient of the YWCA Women of Recognition Award and the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. In 2005 Carol was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada.

This honorary degree recognizes her service and leadership to the community. She exemplifies Saint Mary's University's longstanding tradition of providing service to communities at home and around the world.

**GENERAL JOHN DE CHASTELAIN, O.C.**

General John de Chastelain will receive an Honorary Doctor of Civil Law degree. He is a retired Canadian soldier and diplomat who is an expert in international conflict resolution.

He graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada in 1960 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history, served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) in Canada and overseas, was twice appointed Canada's Chief of the Defence Staff, and in 1993 was named Canada's 18th Ambassador to the United States.

After retiring from active military service in 1995, he was one of three international chairmen involved in the Northern Ireland Peace talks which led to the Good Friday (Belfast) Agreement of April 10, 1998. Since 1997 he has served as a member and chair of the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning (IICD), the body responsible for ensuring the decommissioning of arms by paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland.

He is also a member of the International Advisory Board for Peaceful Schools International, an organization in which Saint Mary's was the first university internationally to gain membership.

Honours received during his career include the Order of Canada (Officer), Commander of the Order of Military Merit, Companion of Honor (U.K.), Commander of the Order of St. John, and Commander of the Legion of Merit (U.S.).

This honorary degree recognizes his work on conflict resolution, particularly in Northern Ireland. Students from Saint Mary's travel to Belfast, Northern Ireland each year to work with young citizens and teachers to address issues surrounding peace and the importance of conflict resolution.

**GEORGE ELLIOTT CLARKE, O.C., O.N.S.**

George Elliott Clarke will receive an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree. He is a Nova Scotian poet, playwright, novelist, columnist, and a professor of English literature.

A native of Windsor Plains, Nova Scotia, he has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Waterloo, a Master of Arts degree from Dalhousie University, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Queens University. Following graduation, he worked as a professor of English and Canadian Studies at Duke University, and was later named the E.J. Pratt Professor of Canadian Literature at the University of Toronto. He is also a long-time columnist for the Halifax Chronicle-Herald.

But the true measure of his career is found in his work as a poet, playwright and novelist.

He has received several writing awards including the Governor General's Award for Poetry, the National Magazine Gold Award for Poetry, the Archibald Lampman Award, the Commonwealth Writer's Prize (short listed), and the first Portia White Prize, the most

prestigious prize for artistic achievement in Nova Scotia. He has also been awarded the Order of Canada (Officer), Order of Nova Scotia, a Bellagio Centre Fellowship, and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Achievement Award. And from 2005 until 2008, he was the holder of The Pierre Elliott Trudeau Fellowship Prize.

He is the author of works such as *Whylah Falls* and *Execution Poems: The Black Acadian Tragedy of "George and Rue"* and the novel *George & Rue* (2005), which won the Dartmouth Book Award for Fiction in 2006. He also contributed poetry to periodicals including *Descant*, *New Quarterly* and *Atlantic*, and has edited publications such as *Fire on the Water: An anthology of Black Nova Scotian Writing*, and *Eyeing the North Star: Directions in African-Canadian Literature*.

This honorary degree recognizes him as a successful Nova Scotian in academia and a role model for Black Nova Scotians. His work encourages respect and understanding of cultural diversity and thereby exemplifies Saint Mary's University's ongoing support for a just and civil society.

## **VALEDICTORIAN**

### **ALLYSON CLARK**

Allyson is a high school graduate from Ecole Sainte Anne who came to Saint Mary's after two years of university in New Brunswick, attending both Saint Thomas University and the University of New Brunswick. Once deciding on Global Business Management as her commerce major she knew that Saint Mary's was to be her final destination.

Before heading to Saint Mary's University, Allyson was an active member in her community, working at the Fredericton YMCA and volunteering at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital. Throughout her degree, Allyson has volunteered with the IWK hospital, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, as well as the student run organization AEISEC. Last year, she had the amazing opportunity to go to New Orleans over the February break, to help build homes for people still affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Along with a commerce degree in hand, Allyson hopes to make some positive changes in the corporate world, through environmental and corporate social responsibility. She is now working for Lululemon in Montreal, and hopes to move to Vancouver in order to pursue a career in corporate social responsibility consulting.

## **HOODING CANDIDATE**

### **KARRI LYNN BISHOP**

Karri Lynn Bishop is from Florence, Cape Breton and is graduating today with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Psychology and a Certificate of Human Resource Management. Karri Lynn's interest in Occupational Wellness is leading her to pursue a career in Human Resource Management with a focus on Occupational Health and Safety. Prior to enrolling in the Graduate Program of Health Promotion at Dalhousie's School of Health and Human Performance, Karri Lynn spent her time at Saint Mary's University immersed in the campus culture and lived all four years of her undergraduate degree in residence. In her final year she worked for the Saint Mary's University Human Resource Department. She has thoroughly enjoyed her experience at Saint Mary's University.

Karri Lynn would like to thank her parents Sherry, Joseph, and William, sister Kelli, and boyfriend Brian for their continuous encouragement, guidance, and love.

## **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 newest building on campus, The Sobeys Building, opened in the fall of 1998, houses the Sobeys School of Business and provides meeting rooms as well as state-of-the-art classrooms for all three faculties of the University.

In the year 2002-2003, the University celebrated its 200th Anniversary in a year-long 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 will be guided by the Academic Plan, first developed in the 2002-2003 academic year under the guidance of Dr. Terry Murphy, Vice President, Academic & Research, and through a consultative process with all constituent groups of the University Community.

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 Port Royal Room, 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 Port Royal Room 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.

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**University Crest**

Designed in the 1940's by the Reverend Daniel Fogarty, S.J., then Dean of Education, each symbol in the crest has a 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; and
- grey, Commerce.

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 1992 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. Students must have taken a minimum of 50% of their courses at Saint Mary's University to qualify for a distinction. 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>
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.

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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.

### **Framing of Parchments**

The Saint Mary's University Alumni Association, in conjunction with the University's 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 on the lower level of the World Trade and Convocation Centre. In seconds it will be professionally framed in a high quality, Canadian-made frame, complete with a mat emblazoned with the official crest of Saint Mary's University.

The Board of Governors, The Academic Senate, and  
The Graduating Class

of

Saint Mary's University

cordially invite you to attend a Reception

immediately following Fall Convocation

Mariner Suites

Main Level

World Trade and Convention Centre

This informal setting will provide an opportunity for graduates and their guests to meet  
Faculty, Administrators, and Staff of Saint Mary's University.

Light refreshments will be served.