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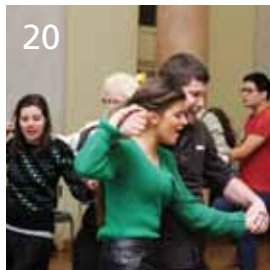
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The Promise of 2015-2016 at USMC

APRIL BREATHES A PALPABLE SIGH OF relief on Campus! Papers are completed and marked, and the angst of exams is finally over! Many of our students depart for summer pursuits while others prepare for Graduation in June and look forward to their next opportunity whether it be securing a place in graduate school or employment in their chosen field. The Campus itself shakes off the last remnants of winter as it begins preparing for the celebrations in May and June—Alumni Reunion and Convocation. Spring always brings with it the promise of abundant new life which flowers and develops over the summer in preparation for a new academic year.

As we focus forward to Academic Year 2015-16, we do so with student experience at the centre of our planning. Each year, we happily receive a number of International Students who bring new customs and cultures to enrich our campus. We also support our students in our many “study abroad” programs that enhance understanding of culture and context through on-site experience. These experiences are often, if not always, linked in some way to the University’s obvious and ongoing commitment to the pursuit of the knowledge and practice of Social Justice. Social Justice is the focal point of our “Cornerstone Program.” We are also engaged in a “communications survey” to ascertain how best we can communicate with all of our students and to ensure that the resources of our Student Services Department are readily available and appropriate for both residents and commuters.

We are also preparing for the regular cyclical review of our Celtic Studies and



Early morning sun illuminates the *Fagus Sylvatica Fastigiata* (Pyramidal Beech) at the corner of Elmsley Place and St. Joseph Street. This majestic tree stands in recognition of the many years of service to the College of Classics Professor Sister St. John O'Malley, csj (Toronto).

Mediaeval Studies Programs in the Fall of 2015. This review is part of the regular UTQAP (University of Toronto Quality Assurance Program). Christianity and Culture went through the UTQAP process in the Fall of 2014. We are currently implementing some very helpful suggestions from our review which will strengthen our program.

Before we welcome our new and returning students, we will have the pleasure of welcoming David Mulroney 7T8 as our new President. Mr. Mulroney begins his tenure as the seventh President of the University of St. Michael's College on July 1, 2015.

On August 1, 2015, we will also welcome a new Dean of Theology in the person of Dr. James Ginther. Dr. Ginther comes to

us from St. Louis University, where he has been Chair of the Department of Theological Studies.

Heraclitus reminds us that “the only thing that is constant is change” but all change at the University of St. Michael's College is boundaried and supported by the enduring legacy of our Basilian founders. ‘Goodness, Discipline and Knowledge’ is the bedrock of the culture and tradition of the University of St. Michael's College.

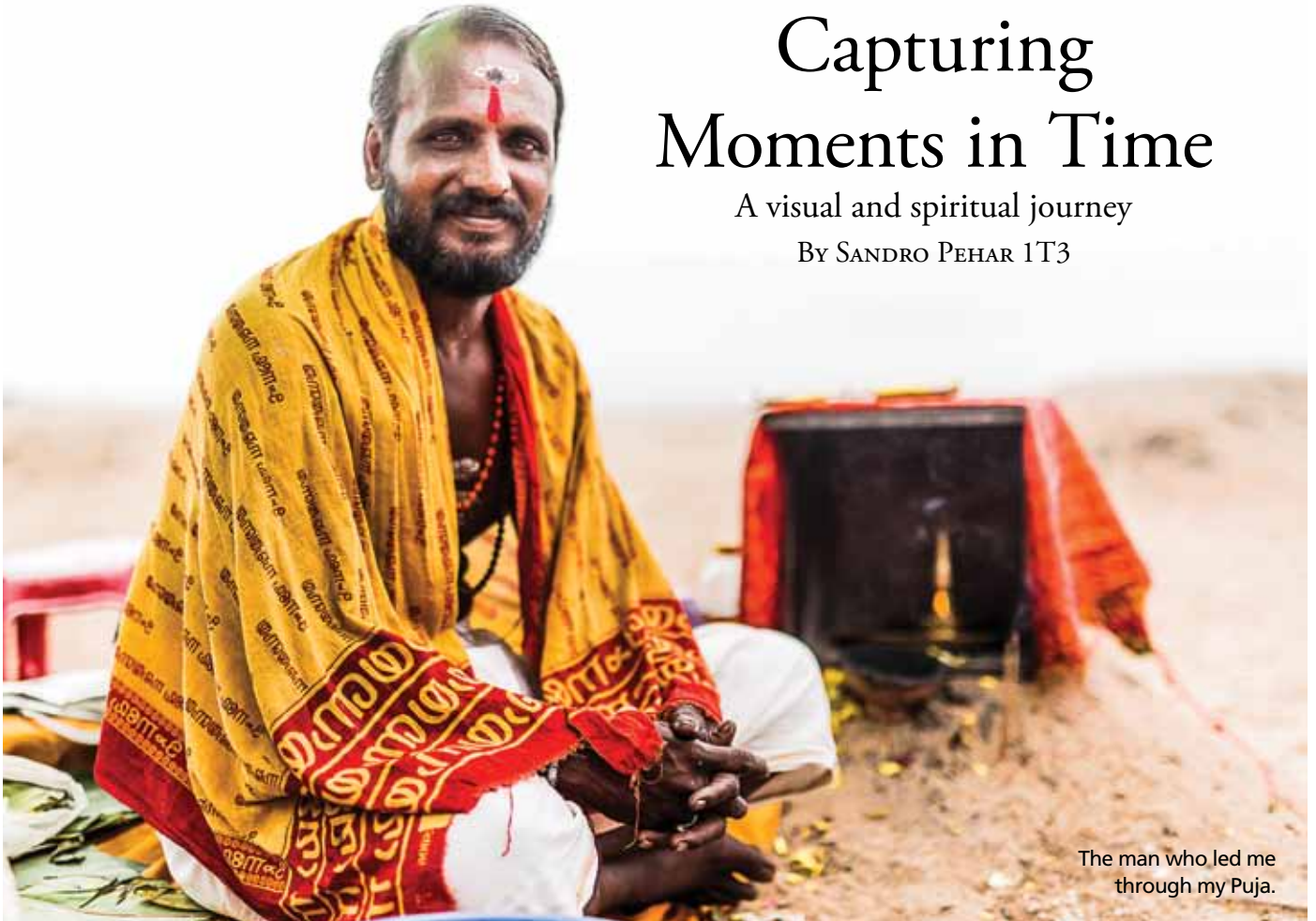
Every good wish and blessing as the future unfolds. ♦

Prof. Anne Anderson, csj
President & Vice-Chancellor
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Capturing Moments in Time

A visual and spiritual journey

BY SANDRO PEHAR 1T3



The man who led me through my Puja.

WHILE I WAS STUDYING PHILOSOPHY and sociology as a student at the University of St. Michael's College, I also immersed myself in the art of photography. I believe photography is more than just pretty pictures. It is a chance to tell a story, to capture moments from the river of ever-flowing time and preserve them for as long as they are important to us.

My life has taken me from the war-torn landscapes of Sarajevo to the golden, rolling mountains of southern Mexico and everywhere in between. In each place I have found stories of resilience, of passion, love and triumph. In

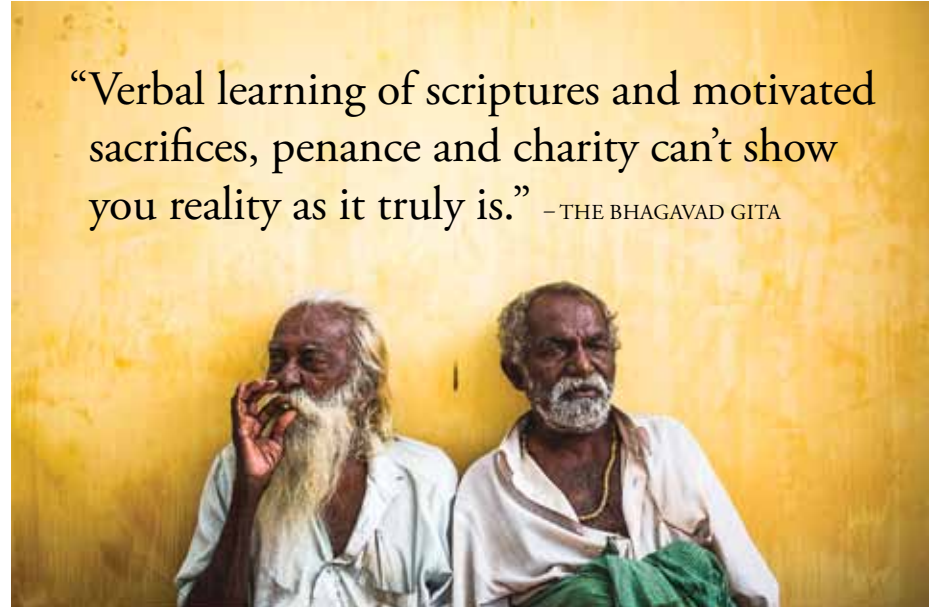
spite of the hardships of human life, these stories are the ones that shine. I love life and believe inspiration and beauty can be found anywhere.

This particular story is about my stay in Varkala, India. I'd spent my first week in India in Chennai and Delhi, and it was good to get away from massive cities and settle into tropical landscapes amidst the red rocks and cliffs of Varkala. Massive, rolling red cliffs encased a cozy beach and the sweet, silent air was a rare pleasure and a relief, especially if you've been living in large cities. You can stand on the cliffs and just let the ocean scents simmer in your nose.

Varkala was established when Lord

Brahma went to perform a ritual fire sacrifice. He became so obsessed with the ritual he forgot his duties of creation, so Lord Vishnu, disguised as an old man, came to visit Brahma. Brahma's assistants tended to Vishnu and fed him but his perpetual hunger did not diminish. Vishnu was about to eat *Aabhojanam* when Brahma, realizing the old man was Vishnu, told him that if he proceeded, the world would be swallowed by a final deluge. Vishnu promised not to indulge if Brahma went back to his role as creator.

This arrangement between Brahma and Vishnu was observed by the lesser lords, who



“Verbal learning of scriptures and motivated sacrifices, penance and charity can’t show you reality as it truly is.” – THE BHAGAVAD GITA



Clockwise from top: Sleeping grandchild; passing time; beach pathway; lifeguard; clothing store matriarch; custom shirts.

laughed at the two creators. Brahma and Vishnu responded with fury, demanding repentance, and Varkala was created. The rocks were coloured by the fire sacrifice, the water was formed by Vishnu and the land was moulded by the lords as a tribute to Vishnu and Brahma.

Two thousand years later, a statue of Janardana Swami, a form of Lord Vishnu, sits in front of the ancient Janardana Swami Temple. The statue’s right hand is raised towards his mouth, as if he might eat. According to the legends, if his hand ever moves closer to his mouth, the world will come to an end.

In India, many poor people congregate

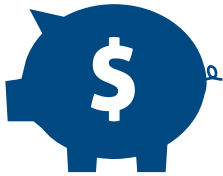
around temples. One of the great tenets of Hinduism calls for caring for those people. At one popular temple, there were quite a lot of people from all walks of life congregating around its walls. It’s a shock to see people living without access to things I view as fundamental. And it’s hard to see so many people suffering. Of course you can’t change the world overnight. Our minds are able to create a world much better than the one our eyes can see. These experiences can inspire you to be a better person in your day-to-day life. Making others happy is often a path to your own happiness. Small steps are the way to build staircases and,

most importantly, decisions are made by those who show up.

So I showed up in Varkala and did what I love and what I do best: take photographs and think/write about what I’ve seen. ♦

If you’d like to see more stories like this, from India and elsewhere, visit www.sandropemar.ca/slicesoftime. When I’m not travelling, I work as a wedding, commercial, lifestyle and portrait photographer/videographer. My work is available at sandropemar.ca. Or you can find me on Instagram, @sociophilo, or Facebook: facebook.com/sandropemaphotography.

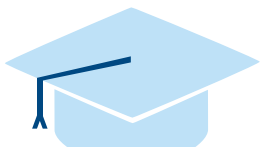
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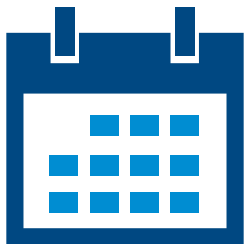
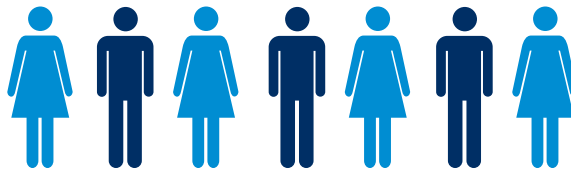


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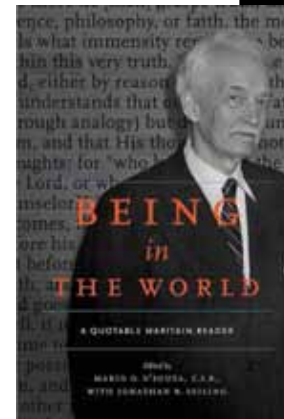
Excerpt from introduction

BY MARIO O. D'SOUZA, C.S.B.

I FIRST BEGAN READING THE WORKS OF Jacques Maritain during my undergraduate years while studying philosophy at University College, Dublin. I remember our professor of general metaphysics, the then Fr. Desmond Connell, later the cardinal archbishop of Dublin, encouraging us to read Maritain, adding that he was sure that Maritain was a saint.

Maritain's *Introduction to Philosophy* presupposes more than a cursory knowledge of the history of philosophy. I was taught philosophy historically, as I believe it should be taught to undergraduates, and I have learned over the years that Maritain's philosophical corpus is as much a sustained commentary on the history of philosophy as it is a commentary on the integral life of the human person in interaction with the wealth of the created and uncreated orders.

Maritain's name remains closely associated with that of St. Thomas Aquinas, but his knowledge of the history of philosophy enables him to comment upon, critique and, when necessary, incorporate the thought of philosophers ranging from the Pre-Socratics to



“We must believe the mystics about God, as we do the physicists about matter; both are competent, they both know whereof they speak.”

Edmund Husserl. Maritain commands this vast historical field with articulate intellectual precision, and he does not shrink from taking on philosophical giants such as Descartes, Kant, Hegel and Bergson.

For Maritain, human values—goodness,

truth, beauty, the progression of society, the pursuit of the common good, the transcendence of religious faith and belief—were all forms and examples of responding to the invitation of being in the world.

Maritain believed that meaning, values

and the quest for goodness, truth and beauty could not be contained by what was given in immediate and sensible experience alone. Of course, he affirmed, as did his master St. Thomas Aquinas, that knowledge begins in and through the senses, but human knowledge is more than just *sense knowledge*.

Nonetheless, what Maritain was able to cover and deal with is breathtaking. His thought and writings were very much concerned with the history and events of his time. His intellectual synthesis—made possible by his broad knowledge of the various elements of philosophy and the philosophic *habitus*, and because his age and time were intellectually receptive to comprehensive syntheses—provided a bulwark against the atrocities of his age, particularly atrocities against human dignity, whether historical, cultural, political, social or ideological. Against these he fought valiantly and bravely, armed with Christian charity and hope.

He is relentless in his search for truth. He reminds us that we are called to complete through our wills what is sketched out in our nature. And, although he lived in the world as a staunch Roman Catholic, his philosophical *habitus*, grounded upon the primacy of being, the search for truth, and the unflinching quest to ensure the dignity and nobility of the human person, enabled him to be devoted to the many issues that we too encounter today in the context of politics and of religious, cultural and moral pluralism.

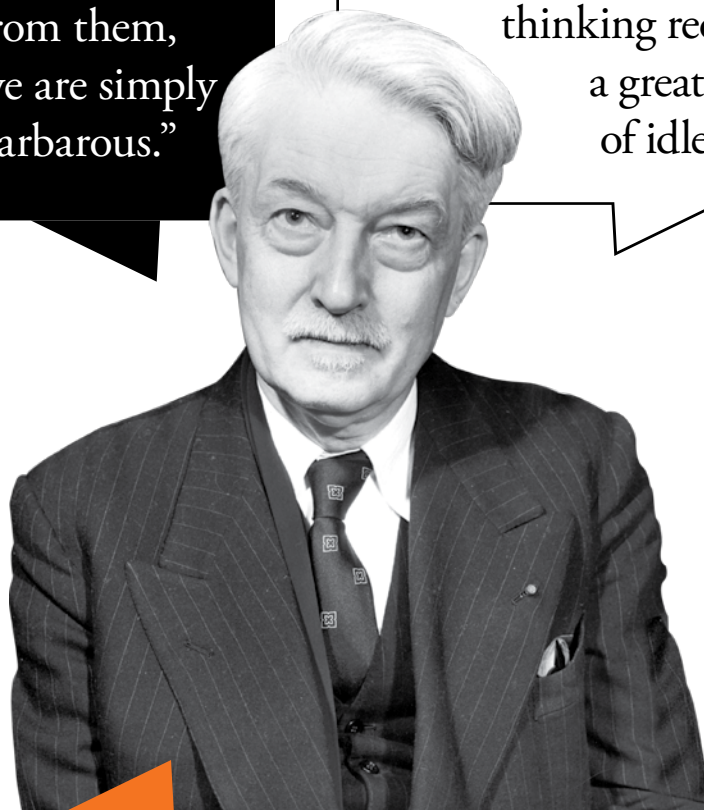
Maritain's philosophy of education, grounded on the primacy of being and the dignity of the human intellect, provides our age with just those philosophical principles that it so desperately needs; the fact that this need often goes unrecognized only compounds the urgency. A vision of education founded on secure philosophical principles is a particular way of being in the world. ♦

Excerpted from the Introduction to *Being in the World: A Quotable Maritain Reader*, edited by Mario O. D'Souza, C.S.B. with Jonathan R. Seiling. Published by The University of Notre Dame Press, 2014.

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“Great poets and thinkers are the foster-fathers of intelligence. Cut off from them, we are simply barbarous.”

“Friendship requires a great waste of time, and much idleness; creative thinking requires a great deal of idleness.”



“It is written that God made garments of skin for Adam and Eve in their exile. In like manner, through His prophets, then His incarnate Son and His Church, He has made for us garments woven of words and notions to clothe the nakedness of our mind till the day it sees Him.”

Looking to the Future

St. Mike's alumni continue to reach out to students

By CHRISTOPHER VANBERKUM 0T9

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE ALUMNI HAVE always given generously of their time to welcome students into a new life at the College.

Witness the Dinner with 12 Strangers. The idea originated at U of T and offers alumni an opportunity to host a dinner or event that will have a positive impact on students' university experience. The series proved so popular that the Young Alumni Committee (YAC) decided to host its own inaugural dinner for St. Mike's students in the cozy atmosphere of Charbonnel Lounge. The alumni and students began the dinner as strangers—the students had never met their hosts and many had never even met each other. There were students studying sciences, social sciences and humanities, and while some were new undergraduates, others were preparing to graduate.

Despite those differences, all the young alumni recounted how impressed they were by the students who joined them for dinner. Andrew Manis 1T1, an attendee and Chairperson of YAC, said he was struck by “the students' passion, dedication and ambition.” He added, “The students actively listened to alumni on how they could transfer skills from their studies and extracurricular activities into future jobs. I see a bright future for them.”

The dinner was a great success, to the point the attendees—once strangers—are now friends. In fact, the overwhelmingly

positive feedback means the YAC is already planning the next occasion!

Meanwhile, alumni Justin Towndale 0T7, Phil Wigmore 1T1 and Lily Wong 0T5 kindly participated in a unique event for students entitled Unlock Your Future: Panel Discussion and Dinner, hosted by the Dean of Students. The event was modelled after *Inside the Actors Studio*, with dinner and then interviews with these three great



Andrew Manis 1T1, Chair of the Young Alumni Committee, heads the table for the Dinner with Strangers.

grads. Duane Rendle, Dean of Students at SMC, got them talking about how they found or created jobs in a tough job market. Students learned tips, techniques and where the opportunities are from these impressive young alumni who have made their own success. Justin is currently a Councillor at the City of Cornwall, Lily is a Digital Marketing Manager at RBC and Phil is the

Associate Vice-President, Business Development at Think Research Group, a growing health-technology company in Toronto.

Other alums participated in SMC's Young Alumni and Student Career Networking Event, which allowed students and recent graduates to spend one-on-one time with some of the College's most successful and interesting grads. Small, round-table discussions with the featured guests meant

participants could engage with, and be inspired by, a wide range of high-achieving people. Our thanks to Cesare Plastina 0T9, Associate Lawyer at Bell, Temple (LLP); Michael Moses 1T3, MBA, Assistant Director, full-time MBA at Rotman School of Management; Joe Mihevc 7T6, Toronto City Councillor; Ainsley Gilkinson 0T9, Manager of Media Relations at Sony Music Entertainment Canada Inc.; Dr. Andrew Smith 9T0, Vice-President and Chief Medical Executive at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre; Mark Palma 9T9, Manager of Enterprise Solutions for OneConnect; Marc Buklis

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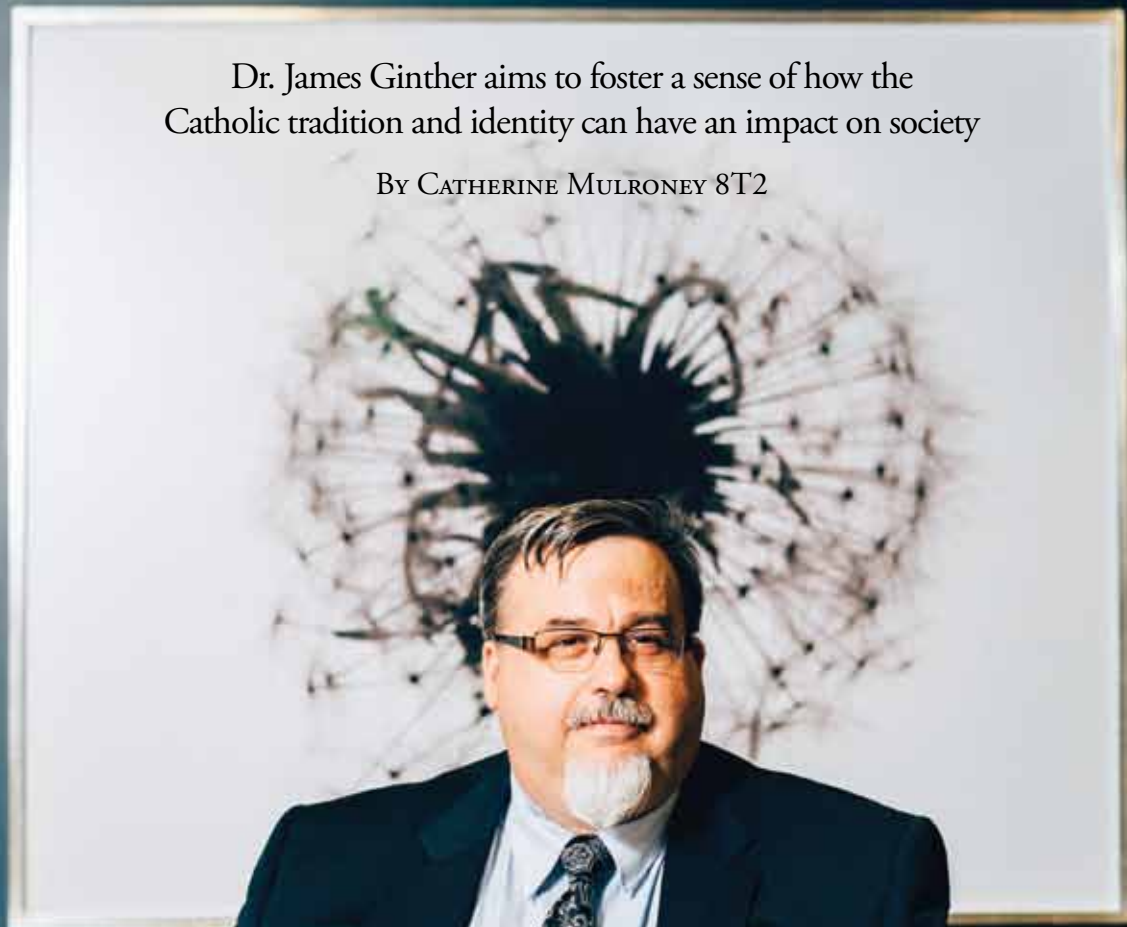
This spirit of community, and the willingness of alumni to share their expertise and experience, mean the world to students as they navigate their way through university and on to their career paths. ♦

THE NEW DEAN

FOR THE
FACULTY OF THEOLOGY

Dr. James Ginther aims to foster a sense of how the
Catholic tradition and identity can have an impact on society

BY CATHERINE MULRONEY 8T2





JAMES GINTHER, THE INCOMING DEAN FOR THE FACULTY OF Theology, is a mediaeval historian who describes himself as “interested in how theological issues related to the on-the-ground experience” of the people of the Middle Ages. Fast-forward a few centuries and it is easy to see how Dr. Ginther will use the same approach today in his new role.

One of the responsibilities of a divinity school in an increasingly secular era is to “ask the hard questions,” he says. “I want to foster a sense of how our Catholic tradition and identity can have an impact on society as a whole. To do that, I’m going to start by exploring what questions are burning in the hearts of the faculty.

“I’m an academic who likes administration because in doing so, I can help my colleagues in the Faculty find the time and flexibility they need to be successful—to teach, to research, to write,” he explains.

But Dr. Ginther, who taught first at the University of Leeds before taking a position at Saint Louis University, where he served as Chair of the Department of Theological Studies, also loves to teach. Describing himself as someone who likes “to lead from the front,” Dr. Ginther has taught courses on mediaeval Bible exegesis, theology as science and Anselm of Canterbury. His special area of interest is 13th-century theologian and philosopher Robert Grosseteste.

A self-professed “sci-fi geek,” Dr. Ginther has applied his computer-programming skills to ensure Grosseteste—and other ancient writers—remain accessible to modern scholars. Projects he’s been involved with include work on The Electronic Grosseteste, a website with digitized versions of the mediaeval polymath’s work, and T-PEN (Transcription for Editorial and Paleographical Notation), software that allows users to transcribe digitized manuscripts directly

“I want to foster a sense of how our *CATHOLIC TRADITION* and *IDENTITY* can have an *IMPACT* on *SOCIETY* as a whole. To do that, I’m going to start by exploring what questions are *BURNING IN THE HEARTS* of the faculty.”

on the computer screen rather than having to switch back and forth from computer to notepad.

T-PEN stems from another of Dr. Ginther’s passions, paleography, the study of ancient handwriting. He labels it a critical diagnostic tool for delving into historical manuscripts. “Texts are fluid, and often ideas are lost when captured on the printed page,” he says in explaining the importance of being able to access original documents. “By creating the tools I needed to do my work, others can use them as well. There are thousands of resources that have barely been read.”

A fascination with Grosseteste grew while Dr. Ginther was doing graduate studies at U of T’s Centre for Medieval Studies, where he earned an M.A. in 1990 and his Ph.D. in 1995, with a doctoral thesis entitled “The Super Psalterium of Robert Grosseteste (ca. 1170-1253): A Scholastic Psalms Commentary as a Source for Mediaeval Ecclesiology.”

“I have fond memories of studying on the third and fourth floors of Kelly Library,” he recalls. “I had many happy times in the common room at PIMS [The Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, located at St. Mike’s] and have friends to this day that I met there. You always knew you would find the book you needed at PIMS,” he jokes about its non-circulating collection.

It was during his studies in 1992 that Dr. Ginther was received into the Church at St. Basil’s under the guidance of PIMS professor Fr. Walter Principe CSB, a man he credits as having a profound influence on both his career and personal life. In 2005, Dr. Ginther served as a co-editor of *Essays in Medieval Philosophy and Theology in Memory of Walter H. Principe, CSB: Fortresses and Launching Pads*, published by Ashgate Press.

Born in Scarborough, Dr. Ginther describes himself as “full of emotion over returning to a city I love. I missed Canadian society quite a bit when I was away. Living elsewhere gave me a whole new appreciation for my home.”

As he settles in to the Dean’s office, Dr. Ginther has two particular constituencies in mind: USMC alumni and teachers. Educating teachers is a significant aspect of the faculty, he says, with the Master of Religious Education (MRE) degree a vital offering. A “generational shift” in catechetical knowledge and the ability to think theologically



Staff and Faculty of the USMC Department of Theology. Back row L-R: Darren Dias O.P., Dennis O’Hara, John L. McLaughlin, Catherine Mulroney, Mario O. D’Souza C.S.B., Emil Iruthayathas. Front row L-R: Michael Attridge, Colleen Shantz, Cicily Tang.

has made the MRE particularly important in ensuring there are catechists able to lead and inspire, he stresses.

As for the alumni, Dr. Ginther plans to consult with them to hear their vision of how the faculty can best serve the Church and the broader community.

“There’s lots to celebrate here. We don’t want to hide our light under a bushel,” he says of his new workplace, adding that he has set his sights on ensuring that St. Mike’s, with its impressive history in theological education, is seen as the place to do a doctorate in theology.

When asked what people should know about him, Dr. Ginther immediately says that family—wife Diana and daughters Katya, 15, and Nicola, 12—is “very important.” Then, for the sake of his new colleagues, students and the broader St. Mike’s community, he adds, “I like to laugh every day, and I am passionate about what I do. I am very privileged to get to do what I love.” ♦

University of St. Michael's College Presidential Announcement

David Mulronev says he is honoured and excited to be leading St. Michael's

THE COLLEGIUM OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. MICHAEL'S College is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. David Mulronev (7T8) as the seventh President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of St. Michael's College (USMC). His appointment was made by The Very Rev. George Terence Smith, C.S.B., the Superior General of the Basilian Congregation upon the recommendation by the Collegium at a Special Meeting held on January 28, 2015. Mr. Mulronev, who officially takes up his duties July 1, 2015, succeeds Professor Anne Anderson, C.S.J., who served with distinction as President from 2008–2015 and was the first woman to hold that office.

A Distinguished Senior Fellow at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs, Mr. Mulronev was a career Foreign Service Officer whose senior appointments culminated in his service as the Ambassador of Canada to the People's Republic of China from 2009–2012.

Mr. Mulronev's selection comes after a search process conducted by a committee of Collegium members, representatives of the Basilian Fathers, faculty, staff and students.

"As Chair of the Collegium of USMC, I am pleased to join in announcing the appointment of Mr. David Mulronev as the next President of the University," said Rev. Donald McLeod, C.S.B. "Mr. Mulronev is a distinguished alumnus of USMC who brings to the position both a wealth of experience in the Canadian Foreign Service and a thorough grasp of the essential characteristics of Catholic higher education and of the critical and important role that it plays in the context of the larger public University, and indeed in society as a whole. My colleagues on the Collegium and I look forward to working with Mr. Mulronev and supporting him as he embarks on his new role. I wish as well to express our deep gratitude to Professor Anne Anderson for her dedication and commitment to St. Michael's as President for the past seven years; her contributions to the University are greatly appreciated."

"On behalf of the entire University of Toronto community, I congratulate David Mulronev on his appointment as President of the University of St. Michael's College, and I congratulate the Collegium on its truly brilliant choice," said Meric Gertler, President of U of T. "St. Michael's has a distinguished history and a vital mission, and it makes a rich and unique contribution to our academic federation. I very much look forward to collaborating with Mr. Mulronev in the years to come. I would also like to take this opportunity to offer thanks and best wishes to Professor Anne Anderson on the completion of her exemplary service as President."

President-Designate Mulronev said, "I am deeply honoured and tremendously excited to be leading St. Michael's, a storied, inspiring and dynamic Catholic institution that sits at the heart of a great global university. I look forward to helping its students prepare for lives of leadership and service in their communities, their countries and the world."

As well as his current duties as a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs, Mr. Mulronev is also a Distinguished Fellow of the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada and an Honorary Fellow of the University of St. Michael's College.

Mr. Mulronev served as Ambassador of Canada to the People's Republic of China from 2009 to 2012. During his time in Beijing, he worked to have education identified as one of a limited number of priorities for Canada-China co-operation, and the Canadian embassy came to be known by Chinese officials as an "education embassy."

His book about Canada-China relations, *Middle Power, Middle Kingdom*, was published by Penguin Canada on March 24, 2015. He is also co-author of *Canada's Asia Challenge: Creating Competence for the Next Generation of Canadians*, a report published in 2013 by the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada.

Prior to his appointment to Beijing, Mr. Mulronev was assigned to the Privy Council Office in Ottawa as the Deputy Minister responsible for the Afghanistan Task Force, overseeing inter-departmental co-ordination



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of all aspects of Canada’s engagement in Afghanistan. He also served as Secretary to the Independent Panel on Canada’s Future Role in Afghanistan (“the Manley Panel”). Mr. Mulroney’s other assignments included serving as Associate Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and, concurrently, as the Prime Minister’s Personal Representative to the G8 Summit. Immediately prior to that, he served as Foreign and Defence Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister of Canada. A career Foreign Service officer, Mr. Mulroney had a series of senior appointments in the Foreign Affairs Department in Ottawa, including four years as Canada’s Senior Official for Asia-Pacific Cooperation (APEC). He served on overseas assignments in Taipei, Kuala Lumpur, Shanghai and Seoul. From 1995 to 1998 he was Executive Director of the Canada-China Business Council.

Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Mr. Mulroney grew up in St. Basil’s Parish and was educated at St. Michael’s College School and the University of St. Michael’s College. He is married to Janet Wakely and has

three grown children: Aidan, Kate and Sean. Mr. Mulroney’s mother, the former Barbara Hood, was a graduate of USMC, as was his uncle, the Canadian novelist Hugh Hood. His sister Catherine Mulroney and his daughter Kate are also graduates of USMC.

Mr. Mulroney is a recipient of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal and the University of Toronto’s Arbor Award, and in June 2015 he will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws from Western University. He lives in Toronto and is a member of Corpus Christi parish.

The University of St. Michael’s College, the Catholic university federated with the University of Toronto, is dedicated to the pursuit and sharing of knowledge for its own sake. As a Catholic university, it is committed to the study of the Christian intellectual tradition within the context of faith and to fostering the creative engagement of that tradition with the widest range of academic disciplines as well as with other traditions both religious and secular. ♦



Global View on Education

INTERNATIONALISM AT USMC

BY ANTHONY SALVALAGGIO 1T5

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES ARE A CORNERSTONE OF LIFE AT USMC. The College has long been a place where Canadians and students from all over the world, alongside local professors, visiting scholars and guest lecturers, interact with one another in a constant and vital exchange of ideas, culture and knowledge.

Over the years, SMC Principal Domenico Pietropaolo (7T1) has developed a number of the College's international connections. "One of my priorities is to give students the opportunity to experience life in another culture," he says. Forging links between St. Mike's programs and international institutions has been a particularly important initiative. "The idea is to try to give students the opportunity to have an international experience that relates to the field they are specializing in, so they can see that field from a different perspective and immerse themselves for a short while in another culture."

That immersion not only allows students to broaden their intellectual and cultural horizons but also, and equally important, to cultivate a range of skills and a confidence that are an important advantage in finding employment in an increasingly global workplace. As more companies expand their geographical boundaries, prospective employers often favour students who have had some international experience. Employers see that as a big advantage because those graduates tend to be more flexible, having been exposed to other cultures and different ways of doing things. And graduate-school admissions boards look kindly on candidates who have studied abroad because their experience suggests an eagerness to meet new challenges.

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The international opportunities at USMC balance cultural exchange with academic experience. “Everything we study can become self-enclosed and theoretical,” says Pietropaolo. International experiences are a means of escaping the academic bubble and developing a wider perspective. For Pietropaolo, offering students international experiences is not an option but an obligation. “I strongly believe in international experience,” he says, “and I think it is the responsibility of a university to include that in its education.”

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

One of the ways internationalism has developed at USMC is through the College’s unique programs that integrate carefully chosen cultural exchanges into its curricula. Programs such as Celtic Studies, Book and Media Studies, and Christianity and Culture all have international components that have given life to programs outside the lecture hall.

One of USMC’S flagship programs, Celtic Studies, has developed an exchange relationship with the National University of Ireland, where students can immerse themselves in Celtic culture and history across the Atlantic. Simultaneously, initiatives such as the Philip and Linda Armstrong Visiting Scholar Program and the Ireland Fund of Canada Artist in Residence Program have permitted the College to welcome visiting scholars from Ireland.

A recent addition to the department of Celtic Studies is Aisling Sheerin, an international faculty member who is teaching Irish Gaelic at SMC through a scholarship from the Ireland Canada University Foundation. Since her arrival in September 2014, Sheerin, among many other initiatives, organized a group of St. Mike’s students to participate in a record-breaking project: the longest and largest conversation in Irish Gaelic in the world. Broadcast on YouTube, the conversation ran to a grand total of 169 hours and involved participants from a number of universities around the world.

St. Mike’s has also developed a relationship with two Italian universities: the University of Pavia and the Università degli Studi di Napoli l’Orientale. They have well-established programs in the History of Print and Christianity Studies that complement the flourishing Christianity and Culture and Book and Media Studies programs at SMC. Like the Celtic Studies exchanges, these connections have allowed the College to welcome visitors from abroad and send SMC students to explore their fields of study in Italy.

And for over three decades, the Faculty of Theology, in conjunction with the Bat Kol Institute in Jerusalem, has provided opportunities for academic work in Israel. John L. McLaughlin, Associate Professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible and Interim Dean, Faculty of Theology, says the Bat Kol Institute allows students and faculty to take courses and conduct research in Jerusalem while also exploring the surrounding areas, providing invaluable insight into the land that is the context for Scripture and, in turn, the theological reflection that grows from it.

THE INTERCORDIA PROGRAM

The notion that international engagement makes a person more open to and appreciative of diversity is embodied by the non-governmental

organization Intercordia. One of the first components of the Christianity and Culture program to internationalize, Intercordia combines the study of global development with international volunteering.

For the last decade, St. Michael’s has partnered with Intercordia, which has given students the opportunity to spend the summer abroad, living with a host family while working with a grassroots organization. Past placement countries include Brazil, Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Ghana, Honduras, Nicaragua, Rwanda and Ukraine.

Intercordia is closely tied to the history of USMC. It was founded by Jean Vanier, a former professor of St. Michael’s and best known as the founder of the international organization L’Arche, which promotes solidarity between people with intellectual disabilities



and those who assist them and share in their lives. It celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2014.

The Intercordia course is taught by Professor Reid Locklin. For Locklin, Intercordia’s ability to offer community engagement on an international level is what makes the program so valuable. “The experience of Intercordia destabilizes a lot of our assumptions about the world, and about Canada’s place in it,” says Professor Locklin. “The course takes the dislocation that always results from international engagement and turns this dislocation into the desired result.”

An academic focus on social justice and development, combined with an international service-learning experience, makes the program a unique and enriching experience. I can say this with confidence, having participated myself. During the summer of 2014, I travelled to Lviv, Ukraine, where I lived with a host family and volunteered with the local branch of L’Arche for three months. The time abroad

was without question a heart-opening experience that completely reshaped my own ideas about myself and the world that we live in.

INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT U OF T

The University of Toronto offers a number of opportunities to study overseas. Woodsworth College's Summer Abroad Program sends over 1,000 students to study in 17 different countries, and exchange programs have been established in more than 35 different countries. This allows students to experience life abroad and immerse themselves in another culture while earning a credit towards their U of T degree.

Other learning possibilities include the Research Excursions Program, through which students, under the supervision of a faculty member, travel abroad to conduct research. In addition, U of T's

Even something as simple as interaction between international and domestic professors, lecturers and students can facilitate cultural exchange. One of the simplest methods is social engagement, whether it be through dialogue with visiting scholars, building relationships with international students or taking part in the numerous events hosted by different clubs, departments and organizations on campus. This is also a way to foster a welcoming spirit at the College and help international students not simply to adjust to life at St. Mike's but to embrace and be a part of it.

Professor and Former Principal Mark McGowan is the senior advisor to the Dean on international experience. In this role, McGowan helps international students adapt to life in Toronto. This includes offering health and financial advice, as well as helping students to manage the transition from university to the workforce.

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International Course Modules (ICMs) allow faculty members to incorporate international experiences into existing courses over the course of Reading Week.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT USMC

The largest number of international students who study at the College are from the United States, Africa and Asia, but Latin America and Europe are also represented. While not all students will have the opportunity to travel abroad, Pietropaolo encourages students to establish international connections on campus. These connections can come from listening to visiting lecturers, engaging with international students or participating in the diverse clubs and events that form a significant part of university life. “I try to think of diversity as the potential enrichment available to students,” says Pietropaolo, and he encourages the students at St. Mike's to take the same view.

McGowan's task is a significant one. About 22 percent of the incoming students for the 2014-2015 school year were international students. McGowan estimates that in a few years' time, one-quarter of the students in the Faculty of Arts & Science will come from abroad. The increasingly global makeup of the faculty is perhaps the clearest indication of the university's international character.

At St. Mike's, the international community surrounds us, at the College and in Toronto, and enriches our daily lives, to the point where all of us are well on our way towards an international education.

As SMC Registrar Damon Chevrier says, it's not just about the self and self-discovery. Our world of increasing international connectivity requires a person to have “a consciously open heart,” something that can be attained not only through the dislocation and uncertainty of life abroad but also through embracing the multicultural life within the SMC community. ♦



IN THE INTERNATIONAL

Celtic Studies conference hosts speakers and attendees from both Canada and the U.S.

THE FUTURE OF CELTIC STUDIES IS IN GOOD HANDS AND St. Michael's College is an important part of that future.

This past January, St. Michael's College had the honour of hosting the Second Annual Student Lecture Series for Celtic Studies. The conference was organized entirely by the Celtic Studies Undergraduate Society, based at the College and led by Ariana Malthaner and Elaine Gillis, Co-Presidents; Kylie Hendricks, Conference Co-ordinator; and Amani Tarud, Promotions Co-ordinator.

The first lecture series was held in Ottawa, where Ariana and five other Celtic Studies students from Toronto joined four individuals

from the University of Ottawa. Inspired by what they had experienced, the six returned to Toronto determined to host the second series. It was an enormous undertaking, but the Society pooled its resources and set about accomplishing its lofty goal.

They began in January 2014, when they reached out to everyone they knew and sent invitations to every Celtic Studies department they could find. They used Facebook and Twitter to draw attention to the event and spread the word through their social contacts. The hope was to attract students from a broad geographic area and a variety of programs and perspectives. They wanted to hear about what other students were studying.

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SPOTLIGHT

BY KERRY CATHERS 9T2

They laid out the schedule, set about getting funding, booked the location, created and distributed promotional material, put together gift bags and planned the meals. While all this was going on, they were excelling at their university studies and organizing a plethora of other events for the students of St. Mike's and the University of Toronto. It's a mystery where they found the time and energy, and a testament to the quality of the individuals who are a part of the Society and St. Michael's College.

Their dedication and hard work did not just pay off, it exceeded their hopes. This year's conference hosted 21 papers (of remarkable

From the appearance of Alexander the Great in medieval Irish texts to the Fenian movement in Canada to the impact of tourism in modern Breton culture, this conference had it all.

quality) and boasted 57 registrants, a significant increase from the previous year. It attracted students, faculty and community members who were thrilled not only about the event but its quality and popularity.

It was not just in numbers where Ariana and the Society succeeded. This year the event became international. Not only did they attract undergraduates from Concordia, McGill, Guelph and Ottawa—and, of course, the University of Toronto—speakers came from Notre Dame, Harvard, Western Kentucky University and Bard College. At times, it was difficult to remember the participants were undergraduates since the quality of research matched that of any graduate.

“It was an academic conference of very high quality, featuring speakers who have the makings of great scholars, speakers who have a significant contribution to make to the history of the discipline of Celtic Studies,” says St. Michael's Principal, Dr. Domenico Pietropaolo, who hopes it will serve as an example for other groups to showcase “the academic accomplishments of students at St. Michael's.” Not only were they of excellent quality, the undergraduate papers were diverse, ranging from the appearance of Alexander the Great in medieval Irish texts to the Fenian movement in Canada to the impact of tourism on modern Breton culture.

The conference brought together Celtic Studies students and academics from different disciplines and departments with different platforms, thus creating a platform for a lively and enthusiastic exchange of ideas. “We were incredibly pleased so many individuals from different universities were able to attend,” Kylie says. “Getting to know other students who share a common passion was so rewarding, and I hope we can build on these new relationships in the future,” emphasizing the organizers' hopes that the conference would create collaboration between universities and individuals.

No Celtic Studies conference is complete without a rambunctious ceili and this year's attendees were treated to a lively evening of entertainment that showcased the artistic talents of students and faculty. “Our program celebrates cultures, not just academia,” says



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Ariana. “There weren’t really set performers. It was just when people felt motivated to sing, they went for it. I called the ceili ‘dances,’ but multiple people volunteered to sing and Brianna Daigneault played the tin whistle.” The event did more than entertain. In among the lectures, the singing and the dancing, participants and attendees had gotten to know each other, creating bonds between individuals and different Celtic Studies programs.

In fact, one of the great successes of this conference was the connections it created between students from around Canada and the United States. “The conference demonstrated that the Celtic Studies Program at St. Michael’s College is well positioned to exercise significant leadership in the field on a national scale,” Dr. Pietropaolo says. “The prestige the program enjoys is due not only to our courses and instructors but also, and in great measure, to the

intelligence, initiative and dedication of our students.”

Rather than a guest speaker, the Society put together a panel of professors from the Celtic Studies program including Ann Dooley, Brent Miles, Hefina Phillips and Aisling Sheerin. The program at St. Mike’s is unique in its diversity. It offers history, literature, languages and folklore from a cross-disciplinary perspective that embraces the cultural history of all the Celtic nations. St. Mike’s is home to one of the pre-eminent Celtic Studies programs in the world. It boasts a special relationship with Irish universities whereby, through an overseeing committee of Irish university heads, two faculty members are released each year to teach in the program. St. Mike’s also raised funds to continue the Celtic Studies Visiting Scholar program scheme and the Irish government has continued its support, most recently by providing instructors from Ireland to teach Modern Irish.



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Ariana wanted to make this diversity of expertise and knowledge available to students from other universities whose programs are smaller. It was an astounding triumph. Students from Bard College asked for advice on how to create a Celtic Studies department and a possible dialogue has begun between the two universities. Questions and discussions went well beyond the time allotted and on more than one occasion, the statement “Just one more question” was spoken only to be ignored.

I was lucky enough to attend the event and was thrilled and nostalgic about its success. As a former Celtic Studies student and Society member, there is definite satisfaction to see the Society is flourishing and the current membership is ambitious and capable enough to accomplish things my generation never thought possible.

It is nice to know there are many more years ahead for the Society. Membership has grown to 50 students, with an additional 21 on the executive team. They host ceilis, Highland games, wine-and-cheese get-togethers and a masquerade ball. And there’s more. They also have study groups, academic seminars and “speaking circles” (*Ciorcal Cómhra*) to practise speaking Celtic languages, held in conjunction with Irish-language instructor Aisling Sheerin.

Their accomplishment in organizing this conference was astounding and its success is a credit to the excellence and enthusiasm of the Celtic Studies Undergraduate Society. Along with the support of the College, they made St. Michael’s College shine and brought it, deservedly, into the international spotlight of Celtic Studies. ♦



LEARN MORE

Proceedings of the conference can be obtained at garmlu.uoft@gmail.com.

Information for next year’s conference will be available from cscu.sa.utoronto.ca.

To find out more about the Celtic Studies Undergraduate Society, please visit its Facebook page (Celtic Studies at the University of Toronto) and Twitter.

FOCUS ON SYRIA

Intelligence analyst Alexander Corbeil studies the interplay of sectarianism with economic and social issues in Middle Eastern conflicts

BY BERT ARCHER '11

WE'RE SITTING AROUND THE KITCHEN ISLAND IN THE SMALL OTTAWA apartment Alex Corbeil (1T0) shares with his girlfriend, Niki Kerimova. They've just moved from Toronto, where he worked as a senior Middle East analyst for the NATO Council of Canada, so that he can take up his new job here as an intelligence analyst with a focus on Syria for cyber think tank The SecDev Group. We've been talking about their discoveries in their new city's sole hip neighbourhood, Westboro, and about the heating vent directly above our heads that sounds like an airplane taking off.

Our meal comes mostly out of *Jerusalem: A Cookbook*, including the lentil soup and roasted chicken with clementines and arak, a popular Middle Eastern eau-de-vie. For dessert, there are homemade, nutmeggy Nigerian cookies called chin chins. As we're finishing up the wine, Corbeil tells a story.

It was May 27, 2011, and he was on a side trip to Lebanon after spending two weeks in Israel to celebrate the completion of his Masters in international conflict management and resolution as part of a study-abroad program. It was the middle of the Arab Spring, and Corbeil wanted some up-close views of the places he'd been studying since his undergrad years at St. Mike's.

He was spending a leisurely Friday afternoon in a café when the window was rocked by a blast strong enough to knock over the table behind him almost to the middle of the room. "It's just thunder," a waiter said, and it was far enough out of



Aleppo, Syria:
Prolonged civil war is giving extremist factions such as the Islamist Jabhat al-Nusra many opportunities to win hearts and minds.

his realm of experience that Corbeil briefly believed him, until he noticed the waiter was running out the front door of the café with the rest of the staff.

Corbeil, more curious than cowed, walked outside onto the street and saw a UN SUV on fire. It had been hit by an improvised explosive device just a couple of hundred metres up the street from the café. Six Italian peacekeepers and two Lebanese bystanders were injured but no one was killed. Corbeil goes to the bedroom to dig out the paper he bought the next day with the story on the front page. “The funny thing was,” he says, “there hadn’t been a bombing against the UN in Lebanon for years. It was totally safe to be there. This was just a fluke.”

It turns out Niki has never heard the story or seen the paper. After a few seconds of retrospective terror, and a grinning Corbeil’s ingratiating “Did I never tell you that one?” she says, “We are *not* moving to Lebanon.”

Such a move would not be out of the question for Corbeil, who spent five years studying and is now on the ground floor of a career based on the problems and opportunities in the region. Or at least, it wouldn’t have been before a little whisky and a little more red wine allowed this little anecdote to slip out.

Though his studies in Near and Middle East Civilization began when he moved into the third floor of More House in 2006, Corbeil’s interest in international relations goes back to when he was 13 in the Toronto suburb of Markham and started to be more interested in the international sections of the papers than he was in local news or entertainment. It was 2001, and 9/11 was his life’s first global cataclysm. He doesn’t remember the event itself as much as what followed: the panel shows and the news about what had happened and why. “We’re growing up in this securitized environment,” he says, “when you have to take your shoes off at airports, and when ISIS releases a video, it’s big news. It had a big impact on my generation.”

Corbeil figures he may have been affected more than many of his peers for personal reasons. His father, a CBC cameraman, covered Lebanon during the civil war, which lasted from 1975-1990, and after being absent for much of Corbeil’s childhood, came back into his life that same year, bringing it all much closer to home.

Though his interests were already set, he credits his time at U of T with focusing his intellectual pursuits. Classes had a significant impact on the course his life is now taking, but so did conversations

over meals and in the dorms, which turned to religion more than they might at other colleges. Corbeil often found himself an “explainer” for Islam, which he was studying, helping to put it into perspective for his peers, but also getting a crash course in the way religion can live among people and bind a culture. It proved invaluable for a boy with a secular upbringing such as he had. His work since those days has focused to a great extent on the interplay of sectarianism with economic and social issues in Middle Eastern conflicts. His work at the NATO Council had largely to do with what he refers to as the radicalization and de-radicalization of Canadians by ISIS, which the terror group frames as entirely religious. It’s an effective front, Corbeil says, but largely disingenuous.

“It can’t just be seen through a religious lens or as a clash of civilizations, as Huntington would say,” Corbeil says, referring to Harvard professor and White House advisor Samuel Huntington’s notion that religious and cultural identity would be the primary source of conflict in the 21st century. To illustrate, he offers an example from his current area of specialty, Syria.

“The Syrian economy, right before the beginning of the revolution, was based on patrimonialism, in which the leader of the state and the elites give out government contracts not to the companies that are best suited but to people who bring money to their coffers or who are tied through tribal or family affiliations.” The result is a squelching of competition, resulting in a dearth of jobs, poverty and widespread discontent. It’s into this miasma that operations like ISIS ride, flying a false flag of Islam, convincing the uneducated and impoverished that their lot would be improved through a purer form of religion, which allows ISIS to muster more passionate followers than any call to purely political reform likely would. In short, Corbeil figures what’s happening in Syria and Iraq is not religious fighting but class warfare.

Corbeil’s career has only just begun, but he’s already making his thoughts and words count, speaking about Hezbollah’s interventions in the Syrian war at a security conference in Montenegro, conferring with the Atlantic Treaty Association at the NATO Defense College

in Rome. For more than two years, he was also a regular contributing author to the Islamic Awakenings blog of the 96-year-old U.S. Foreign Policy Association, part of the world’s largest global-affairs blog network.

For the time being, Corbeil is taking advantage of his youth to offer insight into the role social media is playing in Syria and elsewhere in the Middle East and, perhaps just as importantly, how to use it to

understand the foreign conscripts who are doing so much of the fighting. “You learn intelligence,” he says of his work monitoring and analyzing networks like Twitter and YouTube, “but it also creates a human feel. In the previous approach to foreign fighters or people on the ground, you would see these masked men and that’s it. Now you see individuals who are Canadian or British or French who go over there, live-tweeting events. You get these weird but totally human and useful juxtapositions. You start with this picture of what a terrorist should be, then you have one of them tweeting about how they miss Kit Kats



Andrew Corbeil’s career will continue to take him to interesting and sometimes dangerous places: Jerusalem, Israel; Northern Cyprus; Byblos, Lebanon; and Bethlehem, Palestine.

from their convenience store in London, Ontario. There was a guy who was fighting with Jabhat al-Nusra [Al-Qaeda in Syria] who was a huge Arsenal fan.” It is now possible, Corbeil says, to get to know the militants as individuals and start to see them not exclusively as enemies or soldiers but as people who might be convinced there’s another way.

“It helps, especially in dealing with them when they come back,” he says, mentioning the *Charlie Hebdo* attack as one of a series of outrages committed by unreconstructed returnees. “It’s important with profiling or attempting to profile them, understanding how to pull these people away from extremism, how to reintegrate them into society.”

The social-media analytics is a good start but, given his area of expertise, Corbeil’s career is likely to take him into the field before long. Still sitting around the kitchen island, he mentions how much he’d like to see what’s happening in Syria first-hand. Niki raises her eyebrows and passes him some more chin chins. He takes the hint, and the conversation turns to the Arabic courses he’s taking online. He’s learning the Lebanese dialect, which is as close to Syrian as he could get and as close as the conversation comes to that topic again for the rest of the evening. ♦

THE KELLY CAFÉ

A Cup of Joe...

...with Laurel-Ann Finn

St. Michael's: How long have you worked at St. Michael's College?

Laurel-Ann Finn: I have worked here for 19 years.

SM's: What do you enjoy most about St. Mike's?

LF: I enjoy interacting with our undergrads whenever I get the opportunity. Their international outlook and ability to relate with people of all ages and interests bodes well for the future. In addition, getting to know our CE students is incredibly fulfilling. Many are committed lifelong learners whose busy lives put me to shame. They are constantly on the go and take advantage of everything our great city has to offer. Sometimes I think we get so caught up in our jobs, we forget that the Museum [ROM] is across the street, the Gardiner is down the road, and across Queen's Park the Faculty of Music is putting on great free concerts. These are things we should be taking advantage of. Finally, I know that all our staff and faculty have the best interests of our students—whether undergrad, grad or lifelong learner—at heart and will go that extra mile to ensure that the St. Mike's experience is one they will always remember fondly.

SM's: Why do you think SMC's Continuing Education program is so popular?

LF: For a number of reasons. One is the friendships that develop among our attendees. Secondly, it's seeing people learn for learning's sake. Often, during our working lives, our real interests are put on the back burner, but upon retirement there's suddenly more time to read that book that's been languishing on the shelf—I'm sure we all have at least one or two. For those who have Proust gathering dust, we've done him, so you've missed your chance! As well, our instructors

bring an incredible amount of knowledge and experience to the table. It's a privilege to work with them.

SM's: Before St. Mike's, you worked at other Divisions on campus. What stands out about those years?



LF: I worked at Hart House and the Faculty of Music. Hart House was an interesting environment: the mix of undergrads, grads, faculty, staff and alumni engaged in artistic and athletic pursuits made it a very entertaining and enriching place to work. At Music, I was there with Phil Nimmons and Paul Read for the rollout of the Jazz Degree. It is a wonderful feeling to see some of the talented grads today—two-time Juno award winner David Braid, for example—go on to great success.

SM's: What do you do in your spare time?

LF: Sing. I got my start in the Hart House Chorus many years ago. I particularly remember one concert in the Great Hall. We were performing Bruckner: Mass in D. The engineers were having their formal in the Gallery Grill above and in the middle of the piece, dinner rolls started raining down on the audience and orchestra, and then the fire alarm went off—whoever said choral singing is dull! At one point I was singing with Tafelmusik, the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, and as a soloist at a major downtown church all at the same time.

SM's: Final thoughts?

LF: *Aliens* over *Star Wars*, and Sean Connery is the best Bond.

SM's: How do you take your coffee?

LF: As strong as it comes. ♦

HONOURS

Cressy Award Winners



**Sabah
Ali**



**Misha
Boutillier**



**Michelle
Doyle**



**Luisa
Garzon**



**Ariana
Malthaner**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ST. MIKE'S STUDENTS WHO ARE BEING recognized for their outstanding contributions to improving the world around them and inspiring others to do the same with the Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards. This year 11 SMC students are being honoured: Sabah Ali, Misha Boutillier, Michelle Doyle, Luisa Garzon, Ariana Malthaner, Eli McNeil, Krystal Menezes, Yuxi Lily Ren, Luke Spooner, Louis Train and Maria Zukovs.

SABAH ALI Sabah has been an enthusiastic student leader. As President of Rotman Commerce Beyond Business, she helped raise the profile of corporate social responsibility, business ethics and social awareness among students. Sabah has advocated for Rotman Commerce students using their skills to benefit the broader Toronto community. She also sat on the Governing Council of the Rotman Commerce Students' Association.

MISHA BOUTILLIER Misha has made great contributions to the Canadian Centre for the Responsibility to Protect (CCR2P), the History Students' Association (HSA) and the St. Michael's College Student Philanthropy Council (SPC). At the CCR2P, he was the lead organizer of an international conference at the Munk School of Global Affairs to study the lessons learned from the Rwandan genocide and led a 20-student research group studying mass atrocity prevention in Canadian foreign policy and African conflicts. As President of the HSA, he launched a mentorship program to support incoming History students and oversaw the organization of an academic conference on World War II. Finally, as a member of the newly created SPC, he helped raise awareness at St. Michael's College of the importance of philanthropy.

MICHELLE DOYLE Michelle has contributed to both co-curricular as

well as community events since being accepted to U of T. This year she was chosen to be an Orientation Co-ordinator, allowing her to welcome incoming students to the University of Toronto and St. Michael's College. Currently, she is the President of the student association for the Concurrent Teaching Education Program at St. Michael's College (CTEPSA). Michelle feels leadership is a fundamental aspect in her life.

LUISA GARZON Luisa has stimulated the academic development of U of T students as both President of the Undergraduate Science Case Competition (USCC) and as a mentor for undergraduates. In the USCC, teams of undergraduates are working to produce a research proposal to further the understanding of epilepsy. Luisa was instrumental in acquiring funds to run the USCC, recruiting faculty to advertise it and organize the proposal review. Over 40 U of T teams were encouraged to participate and will compete with teams from five other universities.

ARIANA MALTHANER Ariana has worked diligently at promoting and expanding the Celtic Studies Undergraduate Society, which has resulted in increasing interest and enrolment in Celtic Studies courses. Ariana strove to unite students in the Celtic Studies program and to provide them the opportunity to explore their interests through extracurricular academic enrichments such as free lectures and social activities such as céilithe (Irish group dances). This year the Society hosted a Student Lecture Series in Celtic Studies at SMC, bringing together more than 60 participants from schools across North America and allowing students to share their academic research and network with other students.



**Eli
McNeil**



**Yuxi Lily
Ren**



**Louis
Train**



**Krystal
Menezes**



**Luke
Spooner**



**Maria
Zukovs**

ELI McNEIL Eli has attempted to enrich the communities that have enriched his own life. He is particularly proud of being President of the Medieval Studies Undergraduate Society, where he was able to help interested students express their love for their discipline in their extracurricular lives, allowing them to give back in their own way. He is also proud of the work he was able to do as a commuter don, then as a residence don assisting students in crisis, regardless of the magnitude of those crises.

KRYSTAL MENEZES Krystal served as an executive member of the Human Biology Students' Union (HBSU) and has demonstrated superior leadership qualities when exercising her responsibilities. She also led the establishment of a high-school mentorship program called HeadStart in her second year at the university and continuously aims to improve the program.

YUXI LILY REN Lily served as the 2014-15 President of the Book and Media Studies Student Association (BMSSA) and the 2014-15 Treasurer of the Health Studies Student Union (HSSU) with past experience as a treasurer for BMSSA in the previous year. Other leadership roles included serving as a Research Opportunity Program Peer Adviser and Mentor, SMC Academic Mentor and UC Engaged Academic Mentor.

LUKE SPOONER Luke has volunteered generously throughout his undergraduate career. His volunteer activities include mentoring students through the first-year learning communities and Pharmacology and Toxicology Student Union programs. He has served as a volunteer and co-ordinator for U of T Free the Children and as

President of the Pharmaceutical Chemistry Student Union. As a student mentor, he assisted many first-year students make a successful transition to university life by providing advice and organizing academic skills sessions.

LOUIS TRAIN Louis is an avid writer and editor, and has contributed greatly to journalism at U of T. He has contributed to Peace by PEACE, an organization of university student volunteers who teach elementary school students about conflict resolution with the goal of preventing bullying. Over the past four years he has held the position of Classroom Volunteer, Education Director, Executive Editor and Campus Director. While at U of T, he has inspired other students to volunteer with Peace by PEACE and has taken it upon himself to connect with Peace by PEACE organizations around the globe, creating a network of students who care about children and giving them the skills to positively deal with bullying in schools.

MARIA ZUKOVS For the second year in a row, Maria was part of the Celtic Studies Undergraduate Society. This year she was Events Co-ordinator, responsible for booking rooms, managing budgets, delegating jobs, event set-up and take-down, and purchasing supplies for events focused on bringing together members of the University of Toronto Celtic Studies Community. She is particularly proud of her role in the conference hosted by the Celtic Studies Undergraduate Society at St. Michael's College in January 2015. She was responsible for overseeing the submissions evaluation process and chaired one of the presentation sessions. The conference attracted students from schools in North America. ♦

CAMPUS NOTES



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FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

The Tony Award–winning musical arrived at UofT! SMC Troubadours and SMSCU proudly presented *Fiddler on the Roof* at the Hart House Theatre February 5 –7. The classic musical is based on the short story “Tevye & His Daughters” by Sholem Aleichem. The sold-out production delighted all who came.



2014 BOOZER BROWN

“What an incredible catch!” On Saturday, October 25, this phrase echoed throughout the

annual Boozer Brown student vs alumni football game, as both students and alumni demonstrated an astounding display of athleticism and sportsmanship. The alumni squeaked by the students with a score of 7–6, aided by the circus-worthy touchdown catches of Ahad Bandyaly and Kevin Fawcett (0T8) in the fourth quarter, which capped off one of the most competitive and intriguing Boozer Brown games to date. More

than 40 students and alumni then headed over to a great reception at U of T sports hangout Gabby’s Grill, where highlights of the game were celebrated by all. Heading home, some participants were heard bemoaning the fact it would be a whole year until the next Boozer Brown game.

CELTIC STUDIES SPEAKERS SERIES

Followers of the Celtic Studies Speaker Series were delighted on November 13 when Denis

Sampson read from and discussed his memoir *A Migrant Heart*, which explores the process of uprooting and settling and living with two cultures. On February 3, Professor William Jenkins presented a fascinating lecture “Stanley Street Forever!” which explored the lives of the Catholic Irish in Toronto between 1845 and 1890. The speaker series is made possible by a cultural grant from the Irish Cultural Society of Toronto.

SMC ALUMNI MEET AT THE ROM'S FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

On Friday, November 14, SMC students and alumni met at the ROM to partake of their ever-popular Friday Night Live event, enjoying each other's company along with eclectic food, drinks and music. They had such a fabulous time that it was decided to have an encore of the evening on February 6! This is becoming a very popular event with our students and younger alumni. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to make sure you hear about the next SMC at the ROM event.



SANTA CLAUS CAME TO ST. MIKE'S

On Sunday, November 16, Santa Claus stopped off at St. Mike's before heading off to star in Toronto's annual Santa Claus Parade. Children of the SMC community were treated to hot chocolate, cookies and art projects while they waited to visit with Santa prior to the parade. Parents welcomed the opportunity to reconnect with their friends from their days at St. Mike's as well as to showcase the university to their children.

ST. MIKE'S TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS TEA

On December 3, Fr. Robert Madden Hall was full of Christmas spirit and joy as alumni enjoyed tea and Christmas treats while singing along with the SMC Singing Club, led by Dr. Michael O'Connor. O'Connor and his songbirds led the group in a singalong of a beautiful collection of traditional Christmas carols as well as a wonderful selection of music and poems from around the world.

STRANGERS BECOME FRIENDS AT ST. MIKE'S

On Saturday, January 10, SMC's Young Alumni Committee hosted "SMCYAC Dinner with 12 Strangers" in the cozy atmosphere of Charbonnel Lounge. The Dinner with 12 Strangers series was begun by U of T to offer alumni the opportunity to host a dinner or event that would have a positive impact on the student experience at U of T. This event series has proven so popular with U of T students that our Young Alumni Committee wanted to bring this home to St. Mike's by sponsoring a dinner for current students. St. Mike's own inaugural dinner was a great success and these strangers are now friends. Thanks to the event's great success, the Committee is already planning the next dinner!

UNLOCK YOUR FUTURE: PANEL DISCUSSION AND DINNER

On Wednesday, January 14, Justin Towndale OT7, Phil Wigmore 1T1 and Lily Wong OT5 participated in this unique event



McLUHAN'S WAR, HERE AND NOW

On January 29, Peter W. Nesselroth hosted a lecture in a new annual series of lectures dedicated to the theme of Marshall McLuhan and the technological imagination. Peter W. Nesselroth is Professor Emeritus of French and Comparative Literature at the University of Toronto, and also a former Director of the Centre of Comparative Literature. Along with his interests in 19th- and 20th-century French poetry, Dada and surrealism, he also specializes in Derrida and McLuhan.



AN AFTERNOON OF ART AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE McMICHAEL

On the afternoon of Saturday, November 22, alumni and friends who live in the Woodbridge area came together to satisfy their appetite for art at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection in Kleinberg. Following self-guided tours, guests had the opportunity to reconnect and to hear the College news from Robert Edgett, Executive Director Alumni Affairs and Development, all while enjoying an assortment of savoury and sweet treats.



**REDISCOVERING ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SERIES:
BOOK AND MEDIA STUDIES**

On Monday, November 10, alumni and friends of the College gathered to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the publication of Marshall McLuhan's *Understanding Media*. There was a scintillating dialogue with Professors Robert Logan and Bruce Powe moderated by Professor Marc Glassman. During the reception that followed the discussion, guests continued to discuss this pioneering study in media theory by one of St. Mike's most influential and noted thinkers while viewing exhibits put together by the Book and Media Studies Student Association.

for students hosted by the Dean of Students. The event was in the style of the *Inside the Actors Studio*, and consisted of dinner and interviews with these young St. Mike's alumni, who received their degree from U of T and subsequently built a successful career. Duane Rendle, Dean of Students USMC, dug deep into how these graduates found or created jobs in a tough job market. Justin is currently a Councilor at the City of Cornwall; Lily is a Digital Marketing Manager at RBC; and Phil is the Associate Vice President, Business Development at Think Research Group, a growing health technology company in downtown Toronto. Students learned tips, techniques and pointers to good opportunities from these impressive young alumni who have made their own success.

**SMC'S YOUNG ALUMNI
AND STUDENT CAREER
NETWORKING EVENT**

Alumni came back to campus on January 20 to participate in this event, which was designed to provide SMC students and recent grads with a platform to network with professionals employed in various companies and industries, and to build their networking skills. The event enabled students and recent graduates to spend some quality one-on-one time with some of St. Michael's College's most successful and interesting alumni.

ROLLIN' WITH THE DICE

On January 21, students participated in the first SMC

Game-A-Thon, held by the Student Philanthropy Council in support of the Grad Class Gift 2015. With a great turnout, many laughs and new memories were made.

**GLOBAL AWARENESS—
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND
CHILDREN'S EDUCATION IN
THE MIDDLE EAST TODAY**

On February 12, Dr. Jordan Lancaster delivered a riveting talk on division and unity among



the children of Abraham, and the challenges and opportunities for social justice in the

Middle East. Attendees gained a wealth of information on current events and a renewed perspective on providing education to the region. Dr. Lancaster received her Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in 1992 and is currently working in London (England). In 2006 she established the Terra Sancta Educational Trust, which supports interfaith dialogue and children's education in the Middle East.

IDEOLOGICAL INSIGHTS

The 2nd annual Chesterton Debate series was held on February 27. An epic debate between Iain Benson, a Catholic legal philosopher and writer, and Leslie Rosenblood, founding member and policy advisor for the Canadian Secular Alliance, on Religion's Role in Political Life was hosted by popular television personality Lorna Dueck. With great arguments from both sides,

attendees gained great insight on the topic of God and politics.

ANNUAL LENTEN TWILIGHT RETREAT

On March 10, Professor Moira McQueen led the annual Lenten Twilight Retreat. The evening began with dinner in Charbonnel Lounge, followed by Mass in St. Mike’s Chapel, with an intellectual discussion on the Catholic faith and its effect on dialogue within the Church, with other Christian denominations, with other religions and with the world. Father Darren Dias OP, Professor of Theology at USMC, was the event’s celebrant. Together, Professor McQueen and Father Dias created an inspiring evening of reflection and fellowship.

MONTEVERDI, MASS IN F AND OTHER BAROQUE MUSIC IN HONOUR OF ST. PATRICK

In a celebration for the end of the academic term and in honour of St. Patrick, the Musicians in Ordinary—led by Christopher Verrette with Soprano Hallie Fishel and the choir and soloists of St Michael’s Schola Cantorum, directed by Michael O’Connor—performed a variety of beautiful pieces of music on St. Patrick’s Eve, March 16. The audience enjoyed the works of Monteverdi and other baroque music. This group also delighted an audience on December 8 with its concert Inspired by Venice, where they heard Monteverdi’s *Beatus Vir* and Schütz’s *Singet dem Herrn*, as well as other baroque music.

SHARING WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A GREAT LEADER

Thank you to our young alumni who participated in SMC’s Lead Conference 2015! This one-day event was held March 28 to bring together SMC’s student leaders in activities that were designed to develop their leadership potential. Phil Wigmore 1T1 and Laura Fallico 1T0 were featured in the Professional Panel, a question-and-answer session where student leaders got the opportunity to engage with those who have been in leadership roles on campus and used skills developed in their post-graduation lives.



ANNUAL CHRISTIANITY AND THE ARTS LECTURE

On April 8, Sr. Rose Pacatte, a film critic and regular contributor to the *National Catholic Reporter* and *St. Anthony Messenger*, presented this year’s Christianity and the Arts Lecture, entitled “Confessions of a Media Nun.” The event had a great turnout, and everyone enjoyed each other’s company in the reception that followed the lecture. The event was sponsored by the Christianity and Culture Program at St. Michael’s College through the generosity of Angela Macri and George Macri.



WELCOME TO THE SMC ALUMNI FAMILY!

On November 17, SMC was very proud to welcome another batch of new grads into our ever-growing alumni family! We congratulate all new grads on this milestone event in your lives, which is the culmination of years of study and hard work. We wish you the best of luck in each of your endeavours. The perks of being a St. Michael’s student in the U of T family don’t stop at graduation. SMC and U of T are delighted to be able to offer you, our proud alumni, a multitude of services and opportunities as well as lots of exciting events on campus to keep you coming back. More information on these services and opportunities is available at <http://stmikes.utoronto.ca/alumni/default.asp> and <http://alumni.utoronto.ca>, or contact smc.alumni@utoronto.ca.



THE EXEGETICAL IMAGINATION: THE VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF THE CREATION AND EXPULSION NARRATIVES FROM LATE ANTIQUITY TO THE HIGH MIDDLE AGES

This special lecture, presented by Brenda Deen Schildgen from the University of California Davis, was held March 19. The event left the audience with a broader perspective and an interesting take on history.

BULLETIN BOARD



BULLETIN BOARD publishes interesting information about recent developments in the lives of St. Michael's graduates and friends. Upholding a grand tradition, Duane Rendle will continue this column. Thank you for keeping the news bits coming; please send them to smc.bulletinboard@utoronto.ca.

The University of Toronto Mississauga has hired former SMC don and **USMC MDiv Delores Lanni** as Community Development Coordinator with Student Housing & Residence Life at UTM. We know UTM students are in great hands!

Congratulations to **Gino Matteo 5T9** for winning the Best Stage Play category for his stage play *Nellie* at the 2014 Moon Dance International Film Festival Awards held in Boulder, Colorado. *Nellie* is currently exciting the U.S. entertainment community. The play is about the first woman of the English stage, Nell Gwyn, and the music was created by award-winning Stratford composer Stephen Woodjett. Matteo is both an alumnus and

a retired Fellow and Professor Emeritus who taught English literature, drama, film and creative writing for 35 years.



Four SMC/St. Joe's roommates and two patient spouses gathered in France in October. The roommates did not have to borrow each other's clothes anymore, though they did still comment on each other's hair. Pictured from left to right: **Mary Agnes (Schlueter) O'Brien, Jane Lavery, John Newhall, Pat (Kelly) McGee, Tim O'Brien** and **Peggy (Ryan)**

Williams, with the Côte d'Azur in Nice as background. All are **SMC 6T8** except for John Newhall, who somehow managed to keep up with the SMCers.

This is starting out to be a good year for **Al Etmanski 7T0**. He and his wife, Vickie Cammack, will be the first Canadian couple to jointly receive the Order of Canada at an awards ceremony at Rideau Hall in May. Their social



innovation work, particularly with families who have children with disabilities, has spread to 40 locations around the world. One of Al's social inventions, the Registered Disability

Savings Plan (RDSP), is the only one in the world and has combined deposits of \$2 billion. Al's third book, *Impact: Six Patterns to Spread Your Social Innovation*, has just been released and is already a Canadian bestseller. He invites you to visit him at <http://aletmanski.com>.

Dr. Bruce La Rochelle 7T3 was reappointed in December to the Canada Agricultural Review Tribunal (CART). Dr. La Rochelle's appointment is for a three-year term. CART is a small quasi-judicial body that gives Canadians the opportunity to request reviews of certain administrative decisions or penalties imposed under various Agriculture and Agri-Food Acts. The tribunal consists of members appointed

by the Governor in Council, and reports to Parliament through the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. One of Dr. La Rochelle's decisions was the topic of discussion in a recent *Lawyers Weekly* article. He is the grand-nephew of Sister Marie-Thérèse (Blanche Larochelle), who was a professor of French and German at St. Michael's for decades.

In the Fall 2014 issue of *St. Michael's* in the family news update on **Michael Johnson 7T4** (Law 7T8), **Terry Murphy 7T7** (MAT 8T7) and their son **Sean 1T3**, son and brother Stephen Johnson was accidentally left off. 2013 was also a special year for Stephen, a concurrent education student; he was selected as an intern for the *Catholic Register's* Youth Speak News and continued to hone his dramatic skills as a principal in Mississauga's Theatre Atoms' production of *Bye Bye Birdie*. We sincerely regret this omission and wish to congratulate Stephen on these achievements.

The Honourable Martha M. Devlin SMC83 was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia on December 12, 2014. Formerly a lawyer with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada in Vancouver, Madam Justice Devlin had been Senior General Counsel with the Public Prosecution Service of Canada, B.C. Region (Vancouver), since 2011. Prior to that, she was Associate Chief Federal Prosecutor from 2001 to 2011, and Federal Crown Counsel with the Federal Prosecution Service of the



Carole Giangrande 6T6 recently published her seventh book, the novella *Midsummer*, with Inanna in Toronto. Her next book, *Here Comes the Dreamer*, will be published by Inanna in Fall 2015. Check out her website <http://carolegiangrande.com>.



Congratulations to recent graduate **Kaitlyn Black 1T4**, who married her long-time love Paul Black on August 2, 2014, after being together since 2010 and engaged in 2013. The wedding took place at the church they have attended their whole lives and where they met; the reception was at the Museum of Nature in Ottawa.

Department of Justice, British Columbia and Alberta Regions, from 1994 to 2001. Her main area of practice was criminal law.

Rev. Guy Trudel OP 8T8 spent the past few years moving to different pastoral and academic assignments in Providence, Rhode Island; Cincinnati, Ohio; and Nashville, Tennessee. He has now returned to Washington, DC, and is serving as Registrar for the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, a small theological school that specializes in the theology of St. Thomas Aquinas and trains young Dominican friars for ministry.

In early April, **David Scandiffio 9T4** joined CIBC Asset Management as President and CEO.

David will be responsible for the overall retail and institutional asset management business and the portfolio management team. He brings over 20 years of asset management experience to CIBC. David has been a long-time supporter of the SMC Golf Classic and has participated in the SMC Career Night program.



From SMC to Wall Street: **Mike Stasya 0T4** began working last fall as a Financial Technology Systems Analyst for Softek Computer Services in New York City. He is responsible for starting the company's U.S. firm and servicing their Wall Street clients, with a focus on risk analysis and regulatory compliance.

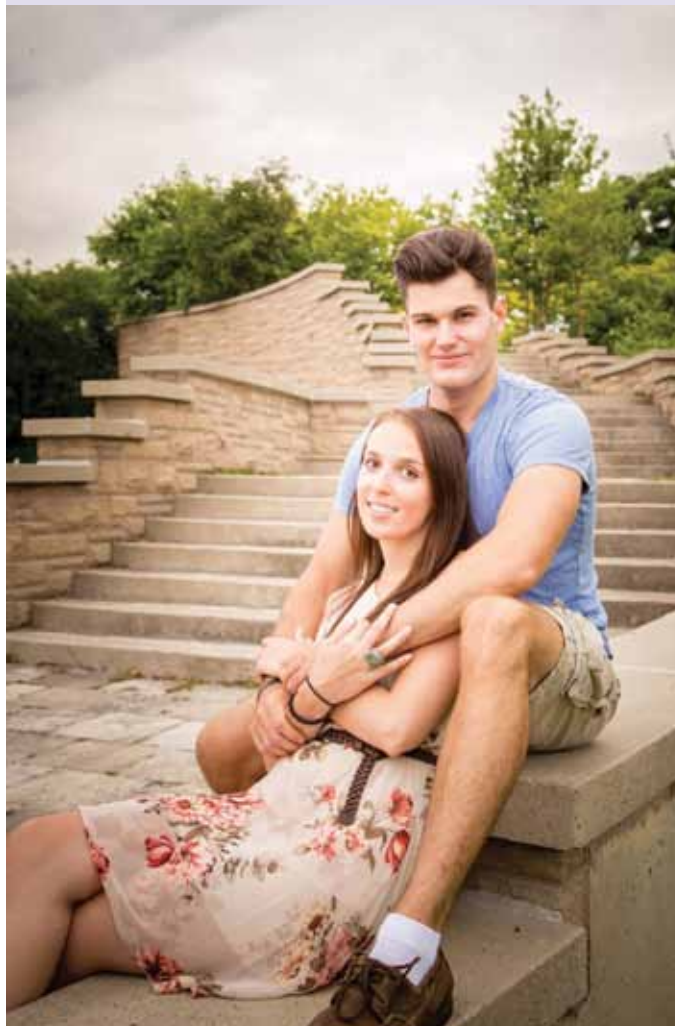


Justin Towndale 0T7 was recently elected Councillor for the City of Cornwall. He is currently involved with the 2015 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo, the Agapé Centre's 'Within These Walls' campaign, and the Cornwall Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals. He graduated with an Honours Bachelor of Arts. In his spare time he enjoys to cook, run and cycle.



Wendell Adjetey 0T8, currently a third-year doctoral student in the Department of History and Department of African American Studies at Yale University, received a Trudeau Foundation Scholarship last year. Each year, the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation rewards outstanding doctoral candidates who are

Jason Fish (Chemical Engineering 07 and former resident of Sorbara Residence) married his love, Brittany Hamilton, in September 2014 at La Salle Park in Burlington. Brittany has a degree in chemical engineering from Queen's.



Congratulations to **Andrew Quittenton 1T2** and **Sophia Fanioudakis 1T2**, who recently got engaged on their four-year anniversary. Andrew received a Masters of Religious Education in 2014; Sophia is finishing her MA in Biblical Studies and graduating this year. Andrew is currently teaching at St. Thomas High School in Houston, Texas.

enrolled or about to be enrolled in a social sciences and humanities program. This award, the most prestigious of its type in Canada, has continuously attracted the very best scholars in the social sciences and humanities, individuals who have a passion for public engagement and are likely to become leading national and international figures. Wendell told us he benefited much from the nurturing atmosphere at St. Mike's, which played an important role in his pursuit of a doctorate. We are very proud of him.



Sarah Grace 0T8 and her husband, Chris Politis, are now the proud parents of identical twin boys, born on Wednesday, November 26, 2014, at Sunnysbrook Health Sciences Centre. MacLean "Mac" Norman weighed in at 6 lb. 4 oz., and Reynold "Wren" Moore (born two minutes later) was 6 lb. 8 oz. The boys are thriving and keeping their parents and grandparents very busy. Sarah has taken a leave from teaching full-day kindergarten at St. Joseph's Elementary School to be home with the newest additions to the family. In the picture, taken in February 2015, Wren is on the left and Mac on the right.

Deryn Robson 1T1 has had a busy and exciting time since graduation. In 2013 he got married and shortly after started up his own branding and design firm called Rack and Pinion, which specializes in branding, design, cinematic and photographic storytelling.

Sara Stanco 1T1 graduated from St. Mike's in 2011 and graduated from OISE at the University of Toronto in 2013. Sara is working as a French immersion teacher at York Region District School Board, and is teaching Grade 3.

Nick Rossi 1T3 graduated from SMC in 2010 and the U of T Faculty of Law in 2013. During his studies he founded and is now the current chair of the Hockey Arbitration Competition of Canada (HACC), a competition for sports law enthusiasts run exclusively by University of Toronto law students.

It simulates the salary arbitration procedures used in the National Hockey League (NHL). The HACC's main goal is to give participants an opportunity to sharpen their oral and written advocacy skills within the special-

ized context of an NHL salary arbitration proceeding. The third annual competition was held at U of T in late October. This year the competition was run by another SMC alum from the class of 2013, Amir Torabi.



Anthony Quinn 09 and **Maria Quinn (née Rivera) 9T0** married in 2000 at the Guardian Angel Cathedral in Las Vegas, Nevada. Anthony and Maria have been busy raising their four daughters aged 5, 7, 9 and 11. Anthony is the Director of Community Development for the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP) in Toronto. In the October 2014 municipal elections, he was elected Trustee for the Halton Catholic District School Board, representing Oakville.

Waterloo's Finest! We are proud to announce that former don **Casey Pottier 1T3** has begun her training to become a Police Officer for the Waterloo Regional Police Service. Congratulations, Casey!



Elizabeth Sweitzer 1T3 (above) has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant to Brazil for an English Teaching Assistantship (ETA). Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership

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 Zweerman, Bernard H. 7T6

Congratulations to St. Michael's graduate and Mississauga's new Mayor **Bonnie (Sawarna) Crombie 8T2**. She was officially sworn into office on December 2. Crombie has her work cut out for her as she steps into the role that Hazel McCallion held for 36 years. Formerly a Liberal Party Member of Parliament for the electoral district of Mississauga–Streetsville, Crombie was elected to Mississauga City Council in a by-election in September 2011. Prior to entering politics, she worked in marketing for the Walt Disney Corporation, and for McDonald's Corporation. Crombie has an MBA from the Schulich School of Business and a Corporate Director's Certificate from the International Institute of Corporate Directors at the Rotman School of Business. With her husband Brian, she has raised three children: Alex, Jonathan and Natasha.



potential. Elizabeth will be researching the intersect between public policy and food security as it pertains to Brazil, as well as assisting English courses at Universidade Federal de Lavras, in Minas Gerais. She is proud that her education from SMC/U of T has allowed her to attain this prestigious award, and we are very proud of Elizabeth!

Bahrain or bust! Several friends that **Sufyan Al-Ashgar 1T0** made while a student at U of T and a Resident at SMC flew to Bahrain to help celebrate the occasion of his wedding to Sara Al-Bassam. By the looks of the picture and the attendees' accounts, everyone had a fabulous time! Back row, from left: Marc Trepanier,

Dante Reino, Naveen Valsan, Ernst Lueger, Ahmed Yousif. Front row, from left: Claudia Boucher, Andrew Bator, Magda Bator, Arash Rowshan-zamir, Danielle Tasson, Sara Al-Bassam, Sufyan Al-Ashgar, Rosalia Ruggiero, Michael Vanderburgh, Avril Sequeira, Robert Svaluto, Suraj Shah, Ejona Xega.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Save the Date
Installation Ceremony
Dean of the Faculty of Theology
Wednesday, September 16
 3:00 p.m.
 St. Basil's Church
 (Details to be confirmed)

Continuing Education Open House
Sunday, September 27
 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
 Presenting a taste of Continuing Education's upcoming 30th Anniversary programme year
 Muzzo Family Alumni Hall

St. Michael's College Parent Orientation Day
 For parents of first-year students

Sunday, September 27
 10:30 a.m.: Mass
 11:30 a.m.: Introduction to the College
 Sam Sorbara Auditorium
 Brennan Hall
 12:30 p.m.: Brunch
 Odette Student Lounge and the Dodig COOP

St. Michael's Day Campus Celebration
Tuesday, September 29
 Join us as we celebrate the Feast of St. Michael's. Stay tuned to stmikes.utoronto.ca or to our Facebook page for more information about all the exciting events that are being planned.

St. Michael's College Book Sale
Tuesday, September 29 to Saturday, October 3
Tuesday, 3:00 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 \$5 Entry Fee
Wednesday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 The John M. Kelly Library

Save the Date
Installation Ceremony
President of the University of St. Michael's College
Friday, October 2
 2:00 p.m.
 St. Basil's Church
 (Details to be confirmed)

For details on events, contact 416-926-7260 or smc.alumni@utoronto.ca

Water-Fountain

BY UZOMA OGBONNA

He promises the little boy
A drink by the water-fountain
in the old library
For a stay among the books
dust-covered and hidden in the shade
of hard-cover beds of intellect.

A little boy
who wants to play
among sun-beams under trees
squirrels dashing in green-island park,
music and pools.

The little boy trades
races and laughter for-
silence and sitting,
the smell of musty books
words enclosed in inactivity
Daddies lost in the material touch
and sound of creased paper
one second is a century of time
Undiscovered

But
Water springs forth
from a metallic flower
life breathes still in shade and dust
So the little boy takes
a drink by the water fountain.

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