

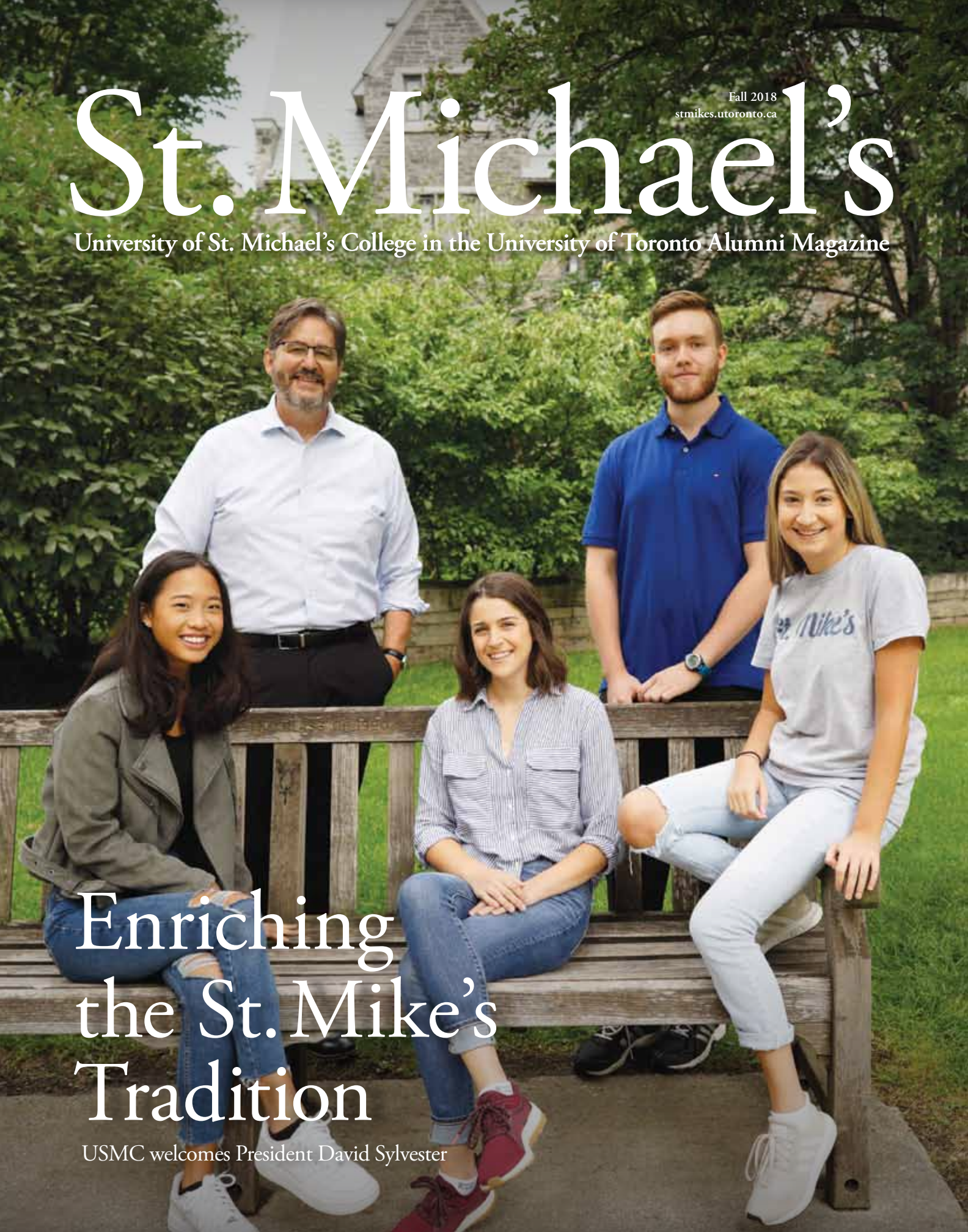
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At a Crucial Crossroads

Excerpts from Presidential Installation Address

I CAME TO ST. MICHAEL'S, ACCEPTING the mantle of this prestigious office, to serve and to lead what I believe is Canada's greatest institution of Catholic higher learning. The warmth, richness and complexity of St. Michael's is evident to anyone who spends time in this place. When I walk this historic campus, I can't help but feel the presence of those who came before us: the Basilian Fathers; the Loretto Sisters; the Sisters of St. Joseph; the amazing faculty and students; the great visionaries Gilson, Maritain, Carr, McLuhan and Kelly; and all the gifted men and women whose creativity, intellectual fortitude and sacrifice built this community of faith and learning. Our responsibility is to keep faith with this rich legacy and to be stewards for the future.

Let me be perfectly clear: the best days are still to come for St. Michael's, but we are also at a crucial crossroads. This community faces new and evolving challenges, from within and from without. Some are common to most universities, like the mundane but perennial question of how to keep the lights on, or whether the traditional Western model of higher education—with actual books, classrooms and flesh-and-blood professors—is still viable. Some speak to what programs and pedagogy we need to build in a world that increasingly devalues informed decision making, that trumpets fake news and attacks the institutions of civil society built on a respect for the rule of law and the dignity of the human person. And some challenges are particular to the role of the Catholic university, in society and in relationship to the Church, which itself faces myriad internal and external



pressures and which sometimes stumbles in its responsibilities to address crucially important issues such as sexual abuse, clericalism, the role of women, and the need to reconcile with Indigenous peoples.

These are but a few of the challenges we must take up on this campus and provide the very opportunity for a renewal of the mission of St. Michael's. The time is now for this community to come together to reflect deeply upon who we are and to examine how we are fulfilling our mission and our relevance to the current and future needs of our students, our society and our Church.

This undertaking requires a faithful recommitment to our historical strengths: the uncompromising search for the truth in all things; the pursuit of excellence in our teaching and research; the nurturing of a campus that is marked by diversity, inclusiveness and justice; the courage to listen to and serve the marginalized and voiceless, as well as the honesty to recognize that we must change.

To my mind, there has never been a more pressing need for what St. Michael's offers:

- a student-centred community dedicated to

the development of the whole person that calls all members to seek justice in their work, their community and their lives;

- an integrated humanistic curriculum that values the dignity of all creation and seeks to advance knowledge that is not afraid to disrupt established ways of thinking;
- a graduate faculty of theology within a world-class centre of ecumenical research and teaching that can take up the difficult

questions of our day, including intercultural and interfaith dialogue; and

- a long history of working partnerships ministering to new Canadians and marginalized peoples.

Although forging a new path for St. Michael's will not be easy, I can assure you that we have the people, the tools, the history and the mandate to tackle the pressing questions that challenge our society. But, as did those who came before us, we need your help and your support as we reimagine a new reality for this great institution.

St. Michael's recommits to working with our alumni and friends, the University of Toronto, our Church, and our university and community partners to honour in gratitude those who have brought us to this place. And, as we begin this new chapter in the life of this university, we commit ourselves to exploring with confidence and courage new ways of fulfilling our mission of higher education in the service of the Gospel, the truth and the common good. ♦

David Sylvester, PhD
President & Vice-Chancellor

Encountering Christ Through Art

Named after the epistle St. Paul wrote while imprisoned, *Letter to the Philippians* (bottom image) is the latest work Br. Emmaus O'Herlihy, O.S.B., has painted while studying theology at St. Mike's. Stark, monochromatic, it features a man with arms outstretched, head bowed. It is reflective, Br. Emmaus says, of Paul's message that identifying one's suffering with that of Jesus leads to a sacramental encounter with Christ. Thus, the viewer notes arms at once outstretched as crucified, but also in movement, suggesting liberation.

"My theology studies have helped broaden my understanding of how art mediates as theology," says Br. Emmaus, a doctoral student from Glenstal Abbey, Ireland. "Thanks to the Faculty of Theology's interdisciplinary approach, I now have an opportunity to explore in depth what it means to consider questions that relate to how a contemporary approach to depicting Christian iconography can enhance the role of art in liturgical and religious practice."

TOP LEFT:
Study (detail), oil on
canvas, 2018.



TOP RIGHT:
Annunciation (detail),
oil on canvas, 2016.



BOTTOM:
*Letter to the
Philippians* (detail),
oil on canvas, 2018.



Setting the Bar High

A law degree offers these St. Mike's alumni a chance to contribute to a better world

By CHRISTINE ARTHURS (USMC 2000)

Christopher VanBerkum has taken the "scenic route" to law school.



IT IS A TRUTH UNIVERSALLY ACKNOWLEDGED that it is a long and winding road leading to that proud occasion when a new lawyer is "called to the bar." The road is long in terms of the time spent in training, and it's not always a straightforward trajectory: people start their journey at different stages in their lives for a number of reasons, each informed by their own personal background.

This is the story of three people—two lawyers and one on the cusp of a career in law—who all attended the University of St. Michael's College at around the same time and who decided to take the path to the legal profession, but who have each had very different, and interesting, twists along the way. For each of them—as for many St. Mike's grads—it was not simply a path to a professional career, but their way to try to make a positive contribution to the betterment of society.

Take **CHRISTOPHER VANBERKUM (USMC 2009)**, for instance. "I suppose you could say I took the more scenic route getting to law school," he says, "but I don't regret that." He graduated with an honours BA from St. Mike's in 2009, but then completed two master's degrees—one in international relations from the London School of Economics and one in history from U of T—before starting law school. "I had the chance to do lots along the way."

VanBerkum has just started the final leg of his marathon. He is currently articling at the Ministry of the Attorney General (working with

the Legal Services Branch of the Financial Services Commission of Ontario), and if all goes well, he will be called to the bar next June.

Looking back on it now, VanBerkum says St. Mike's provided a place to grow on many levels. He met people from all walks of life and with many different viewpoints, and says he consciously tried to remain as open as possible to new ideas and experiences. He especially enjoyed the weighty discussions with friends in the residence's common rooms or over dinners in the Canada Room. The friends he met at St. Mike's were clever and engaging—"I learned a lot from them," he says—and this encouraged him to further develop and better articulate his own arguments and ideas.

VanBerkum lived in residence for all four years, first at McBrady House and then, in his fourth year, in House Two (where he became Don). From the get-go he immersed himself in College life, getting involved in everything from working with Chaplaincy to organizing an art night to serving on the student union (SMCSU). At graduation, he received both the Father HB Gardner Campus Ministry Community Life Award and the Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Award.

When he finally determined that law school was the place for him, he decided on a total change of scenery. He found a perfect fit at the University of Victoria in B.C.: a relatively small law faculty and a close community. There he developed an interest in litigation through the law school's moot court and negotiation competitions.

Along the road to law school, he took advantage of other unique opportunities—including being an intern stationed in Accra, Ghana, with an organization called Level (formerly Canadian Lawyers Abroad) in the summer after first-year law school. It was the biggest challenge he has faced to date, partly because of the culture shock. But it was worth taking the plunge into the unknown, he says, because it

gave him excellent insights into what practising law can be all about: really listening to people, to better help them resolve their problems.

ANNAMARIA ENENAJOR (USMC 2006) takes that idea to another level altogether. Called to the Ontario bar in 2013, she practises criminal and constitutional law in downtown Toronto. In a remarkably short time, Enenajor—who has an abiding commitment to promoting social justice and upholding human rights—has established herself as an expert in these areas and is a regular go-to media spokesperson.

After graduating from St. Mike's with a degree in international relations in one hand,

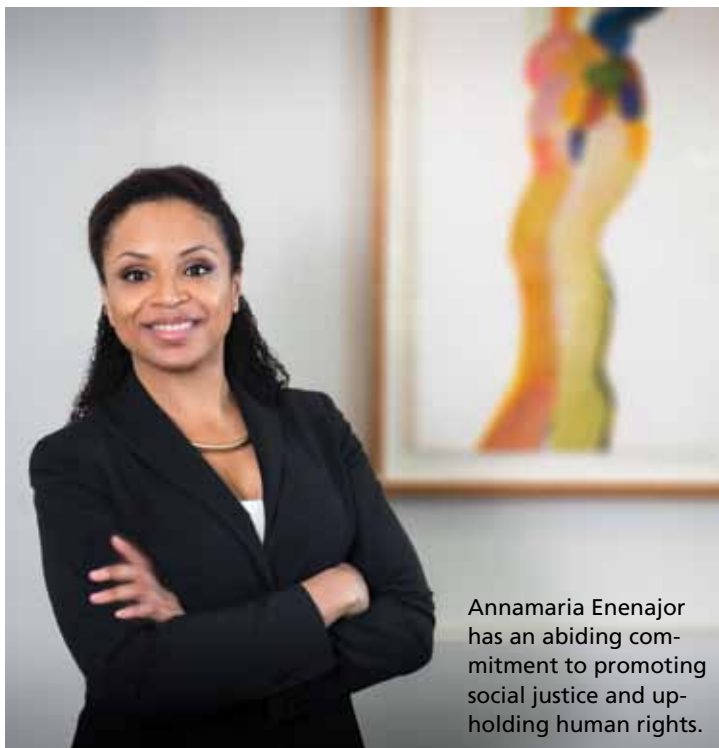
awarded a 2014 Pro Bono Publico Award by the New York Legal Aid Society. Three years ago, she returned to Toronto, joining a well-known boutique criminal law firm; last year, she was made a "named" partner at what is now Ruby, Shiller & Enenajor Barristers.

She arrived on St. Michael's campus in the fall of 2002 as a Loran Scholar (formerly known as the Canadian Merit Scholarship), which is awarded annually based on character, service and leadership. While at St. Mike's, Enenajor lived in St. Joseph's Residence for four years and was made Don in her last year. She chose St. Joe's residence, she says, due to a connection with the Sisters of St. Joseph (she had attended St. Joseph Morrow Park for high school). "I had heard that university could be a daunting experience, and I was looking for something to anchor me, a community. I was well taken care of throughout my time there by everyone at St. Mike's, but by Dean Sister Anne Marie Marrin and Sister Conrad Lauber in particular."

As an undergrad, Enenajor minored in Christianity and Culture, which she feels had a "profound effect on me, though not immediately apparent." She recalls encountering Mary Jo Leddy, who talked about "responding with compassion and justice to the plight of refugees." The course she took with Professor Reid Locklin also left a deep impression.

The way Enenajor approaches her profession as a vocation, she says, has much to do with how she was formed by her Catholic education.

Her decision to pursue a career in jurisprudence solidified in 2008 when she was made acutely aware of how the law can have a profound effect on people's lives, specifically displaced people with questionable status. Part of her master's program took her to India to study the refugee situation. While she was doing important work from an academic standpoint, she was in essence compiling statistics for



Annamaria Enenajor has an abiding commitment to promoting social justice and upholding human rights.

and two awards—the Gordon Cressy Award and the Ian Drummond Award—in the other, she completed a master's of science in forced migration at Oxford University. She proceeded to law school at McGill University, then landed a coveted placement as a clerk at the Supreme Court of Canada in 2012. From there, she propelled herself into a position as an associate at a large international law firm in New York City, where she cut her teeth on a number of extraordinary cases—including a civil rights class action against New York City for which she was

analysis—it made her feel somewhat helpless, like a mere spectator, and this powerlessness did not sit well with her.

More recently, Enenajor has become highly involved in a new effort that she helped launch called the “Campaign for Cannabis Amnesty,” a movement to clear the criminal records of people who have a criminal record for marijuana possession. In numerous media interviews and articles, Enenajor has articulated the negative side effects that a possession record can have on people’s lives, leading to poverty and other debilitating situations. An excellent article about her in a recent issue of *Precedent Magazine* states that “one of her overarching priorities is to serve the poor.” So far, so good, it seems.

Called to the Ontario bar in 2009, **IMMANUEL LANZADERAS (USMC 2005)** is a noteworthy example of a USMC alumnus who took the more direct line by heading for law school straight away. He has worked diligently to make a difference in his clients’ lives and to carve inroads into a hidebound institution.

Like many others who have overcome barriers to get where they are, he is proud of his outlier background. Born in the Philippines, he arrived in Canada as a baby with his mother and was brought up in government-subsidized housing in Scarborough. His mother was trained as a teacher but was not eligible to work in that field in Canada; nonetheless, she instilled the value of a good education in her only child. Lanzaderas excelled academically, attending Catholic elementary and high schools, so it was a natural progression for him to opt for St. Michael’s College at U of T.

Although he was a commuter student, Lanzaderas quickly became engaged in college life, which can be a challenge for students who live far away from campus. One of the initiatives he introduced when he was involved with student government was to create a pamphlet to assist commuter students; another was to help found the Filipino Students Association of Toronto. When he graduated from St. Mike’s, he was the recipient of the Principal’s Medal for academic achievement and contribution to life at the College and the University.

Immanuel Lanzaderas works diligently to make a difference in his clients’ lives, but also recognizes the need for a good work-life balance.



What drew him to the legal profession? There was no grand epiphany, Lanzaderas says; it was a mixture of wanting to have a positive impact in society, and a drive to prove himself. What he did appreciate at St. Mike’s was an “authentic sense of community that, despite the hugeness of the university and the disadvantage of not being in residence, the feel at the College was highly personal and welcoming. I was never a number.”

When asked what was the biggest challenge he has faced along the way, Lanzaderas says he was shocked by the magnitude of systemic racism that is still prevalent throughout the profession, from the lack of diversity in law schools, to hiring practices at law firms, to bench appointments. In response to that, he helped found an organization called the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers in 2007, while he was still at Queen’s University Law School. This advocacy group seeks to address barriers in a number of ways, including encouraging students from under-represented communities to enter law school and to build skills through its mentoring program.

Lanzaderas articulated at a boutique labour law firm in Toronto and returned as an associate after he was called to the bar. After a stint there, he switched gears and began working for Legal Aid Ontario as Criminal

Duty Counsel. For several years he worked “in the trenches, trying to assist those who had no one in their corner.” He dealt with difficult situations on a daily basis, often with people with mental health problems or addiction issues. When he wasn’t championing the underdog, Lanzaderas taught at Seneca College as a sessional instructor for a few years, developing a criminal law course for paralegal students from scratch.

Currently he works in Ottawa as a Legal Officer for the Canadian Association of University Teachers—a move he made a few years ago to diversify his experience and allow him to work in both official languages. With almost 10 years’ practice under his belt, Lanzaderas has accumulated experience in a number of areas: labour, criminal, human rights, administrative, copyright and teaching. They say that with experience comes wisdom, and also an air of gravitas—and that is certainly the case with Lanzaderas.

Being called to the bar is not, of course, the finish line. Rather, as Lanzaderas and Enenajor know—and VanBerkum will soon see—it is the border crossing into a whole new landscape. Their law degrees serve as both passport and road map leading to myriad destinations, and to bold frontiers yet to come. ♦

A Call to Action

Mentorship program and lecture series offer new avenues
for alumni to get involved

BY ANDY LUBINSKY (USMC 1979), USMCAA PRESIDENT; AND ALEX GRECO (USMC 2011)

EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE UNIVERSITY of St. Michael's College welcomed David Sylvester, PhD, as our eighth President and Vice-Chancellor. A new president marks a new beginning and a time of opportunity. Over the past couple of years—thanks in part to donations from alumni like you—USMC has been able to invest in a number of innovative programs on our campus and, as a result, there are new, and truly exciting, opportunities for alumni to engage with students, faculty and each other.

This year, the Alumni Board has chosen to focus its energy on supporting two great projects: a one-to-one mentorship program and a salon-style series of alumni lectures. *For these initiatives to be successful, we need your help.* Specifically, we are looking for creative and engaged alumni who will assist us in planning the programs. We want your input on how you wish to engage with students at the College and with fellow alumni, and how we can build on the best practices of other institutions.

USMC ONE-TO-ONE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM:

A significant investment in student life programming on campus has positioned us to launch a one-to-one mentorship program that is specific to St. Mike's. Leveraging the experience gained by our earlier group mentorship programs, such as Miketalks and St. Mike's Roundtable Mentorship Evenings, this new initiative will allow our young alumni to directly mentor students,



and in turn be mentored by established alumni who already have extensive experience in their respective fields. We need your support to help us plan and launch this important project.

USMC SALON SERIES: We are excited to be building on our achievements with a specialized lecture series both on and off campus for our alumni. This October, David Sylvester spoke at a very successful salon at the Bytown Museum in Ottawa, which was hosted by its Executive Director, Robin Etherington (USMC 1974). Future lectures in the Salon Series will feature St. Mike's professors and/or senior staff speaking about subjects in their respective academic fields or on topical issues. Alumni can host a lecture either in their own home or at a local venue, and can invite classmates and previous graduates of USMC to attend. Hosts

could also invite others to “pay it forward” and plan future events.

MORE THAN EVER, it is important for our alumni to get involved. By stepping up, you will not only be giving back to your College, but you'll get the opportunity to reconnect with former classmates as well as build a network with new and interesting people.

We want to hear from you! Please let us know if you would like to help us launch these exciting new programs. You can contact us at smc.alumni@utoronto.ca, or call Leslie Belzak at 416-926-7286. You can also find out about all St. Mike's events on our website stmikes.utoronto.ca or through our social media links: facebook.com/USMCUofT/ and [twitter .com/smc.alumni](https://twitter.com/smc.alumni)

Together, we build even stronger ties with our alumni community! ♦

THE KELLY CAFÉ

A Cup of Joe...

...with John Scarcelli

IF YOU HAVE EVER ADMIRERED THE gardens at the University of St. Michael's College—and how could you not?—you can thank John Scarcelli, the College's lead grounds-keeper. At any time of the year, you are apt to see his friendly face somewhere outside on campus as he makes sure the grounds are beautiful. He started at St. Mike's in the janitorial department in 2008, and moved to the grounds department one year later. "This was a great opportunity for me," says Scarcelli, who has since attained his certificate as a Horticulturist in Science from Humber College. "It says something about the nature of the St. Michael's community supporting and nurturing its staff."

St. Mike's: What is the best part of your job at St. Mike's?

John Scarcelli: I have a few. I enjoy keeping the grounds neat, clean and safe, and planting my gardens every spring. I know it has an impact on the community when people comment on how beautiful the grounds are. I also appreciate knowing that what I do has a hand in shaping the lives of the students: by making the College feel like home, by smiling and by saying hi every day. It's always wonderful to see new students with their nervous looks at the beginning—and then, four or five years later, seeing them walk proudly with their parents beside them as they graduate.

SM's: What's the worst part of your job?

JS: Seeing the students leave...even though I am so happy for them as they embark on their new path in life. But truly, my favourite time of year is Convocation: seeing all the proud parents says it all. I know that feeling!

SM's: That's right; your daughter is a recent grad. Were you the reason she chose to attend St. Mike's?



John and Mary Scarcelli with daughter Ofelia (centre) on Ofelia's graduation day.

JS: When Ofelia was a student at St. Joseph's High School, which is located directly behind Kelly Library, she would walk through the campus before and after school, and she couldn't wait to be part of that. Also, I would talk about all the exciting events happening at St. Mike's and the great student groups like the University of Toronto Italian Canadian Association (UTICA), so I may have influenced her decision a little bit. When she graduated in May 2017, it was an incredibly proud moment for

my wife, Mary; my son, Vincent; and of course for me.

SM's: What is your most memorable St. Mike's moment?

JS: When I started working at St. Mike's, I was cleaning the banisters in the area of the Brennan Hall East Entrance one evening. A gentleman came up the stairs and introduced himself as Fr. Owen Lee. He asked if I liked classical music—I don't know too much about classical music but pretended I did, because I was new and didn't want to seem uninterested. Then he asked who my favourite composer was.... I told him the only one I could think of: Mozart. He walked into this large room with a piano in it, sat down and started to play a piece from Mozart for me while I was working. That's when I knew St. Michael's was the perfect place to work. Fr. Lee really made me feel at home.

SM's: What is your favourite spot on campus?

JS: The bottom of Elmsley Avenue, where the formal gates to the College are. Looking up into our campus with all those beautiful English oaks on either side all the way to the entrance of Brennan Hall, with our rock gardens...beautiful!

SM's: How do you take your coffee?

JS: Milk no sugar, thanks! ♦



THE GILSON SEMINAR

To **ROME**
and back

Student reflections on the new SMC One program

By EMILY BARBER
(USMC STUDENT)

GOING INTO FIRST YEAR, I WAS WORRIED THAT IN THE vastness of UofT I would feel lost and alone. But over the course of brisk fall Monday mornings in the Lawrence K. Shook Common Room on the St. Mike's campus, I discovered a class that was as close-knit as a group of best friends. The Gilson Seminar in Faith and Ideas is part of the University of St. Michael's College One programs, which are all supported by St. Mike's generous donors and designed to introduce first-year students to university-level studies in small class settings. The Gilson Seminar is split into two half-term courses: one that meets in the fall term and one that meets in Rome after final exams in May. I was in the first Gilson Seminar class last year, and my experience in it erased my worries about entering university.

As an English major, words and stories are incredibly important to me, but I can't stay buried in books forever. The Gilson Seminar helped me reconcile different parts of my life through words and experience. As a Catholic, I am called to embrace the Word, but I am also called to serve and love my fellow human beings. Gilson is proof that the literary and the literal world do not exist separately, but rather they inform and inspire one another.

Gilson looks pretty incredible on paper, without a doubt: a trip to Rome, a small group of students, and taught by Professor Randy Boyagoda, an English professor and the Principal of St. Michael's College. His idea for Gilson grew from a transformative semester in Rome that his wife, Anna, had while an undergraduate at the University of Dallas. From the first time I heard him talk at St. Michael's orientation to the last moving lecture at the Villa Palazzola, he has earned my respect and admiration, both as an intellectual and as someone deeply interested in faith and family.

But that wasn't all. Gilson also became an important experience because of the entire Gilson team. I am sure that I speak for all my Gilson alumni when I say that to know and to learn from them has been an absolute privilege. This team included the Gilson post-doctoral fellows, Peter O'Hagan and Rebekah Lamb, who were superb teaching assistants, always ready to advise and guide on everything from how to construct an essay to discussing the significance of ice in Dante's *Inferno*.

And when the class went to Rome, we were joined by Rev. Kevin Belgrave, a professor of moral theology at St. Augustine's Seminary and a priest of the Archdiocese of Toronto, who was the Gilson Seminar Chaplain. His incredibly thought-provoking homilies incorporated works we read and sites we visited, encouraging us to embrace our faith experience in Rome in a profoundly intellectual and personal way.

WHAT IT MEANT TO GO TO ROME

Many people have waxed poetical about the irresistible nature of Rome, and especially Rome in May. So it might seem overdone as a subject by now. And yet, the global conversation about The Eternal City shows no

sign of stopping, and after visiting I also find myself unable to stop. Its eternal fascination doesn't become real until you walk its streets, entranced yet frustrated because there is so much to take in and so little time to appreciate it all. As brilliant and insightful as the lectures and readings were, experience gave Gilson scope beyond just a university course.

For me, one of the works we studied in Gilson took on a whole new significance during my time in Rome. It was a pivotal scene in E.M. Forster's *A Room with a View*, in which the unsuspecting Lucy is taken aback by the sight of a terrace overflowing with the most exquisite violets; seconds before George Emerson, a fellow she barely knows, swoops in and kisses her. I had read this scene before and appreciated it in a detached way, nothing more. That is, until I saw a field of poppies outside Rome, bloom-

ing a vivid crimson in the bright May sunshine. Overwhelmed by this simple yet beautiful sight, in that moment I felt the power of a view.

I thought about why Forster had included violets in that kissing scene. Perhaps it was Nature in its disarming beauty creating a chance for something beautiful to happen—for youth and joy to momentarily break free of the rules and restraints of everyday life to do something

reckless, something slightly ridiculous. As a student whose life is dictated by essays and deadlines, this was a valuable lesson for me—that within the necessary structure of my life, youth and the joy of youth should still shine through. Gilson as a whole was a great way to do so. Even though it was educational and serious, it was still such fun!

I truly see Gilson as one of God's reminders for me to delight in life and its opportunities. It is so easy to get caught up in the seriousness of life, and it sometimes helps to recall that as Catholics, God wants us to live joyously in all that we do. This may seem like a simple observation, but I found that Rome helped me rediscover some of the basic truths I'd forgotten in the frantic rush of first year. It is surreal that after a busy year at U of T, I had the luxury to stop and meditate on so simple a thing as a field of poppies, in such a wonderful city.

LASTING IMPRESSIONS

Trying to identify my favourite moment in Rome is genuinely a challenge. The sheer number of places we saw, the food we ate and the lectures we heard make it virtually impossible to pick one that stood out far above the rest. However, the trip to the Vatican Observatory was especially appealing. It included a lecture from Rev.

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I found that **ROME** helped me rediscover some of the basic truths I'd forgotten in the frantic rush of first year.”

SMC One

These first-year seminar courses introduce students to university-level studies on a small scale

The Gilson Seminar in Faith and Ideas, now in its second year, is geared to students who share an interest in faith, ideas and international experiences. Beyond their academic activities in the seminar, students can propose and participate in innovative social justice projects, and in community- and culture-building activities with fellow students.

In addition to the Gilson Seminar, two new SMC One courses have been introduced for the 2018-19 academic year.

The McLuhan Seminar in Creativity and Technology is an exploration of the relationship between creativity and technology. This seminar is inspired by the innovative thinking of Marshall McLuhan (1911-1980), who taught at St. Mike's from 1946 until his death in 1980.

University of St. Michael's College Professor Paolo Granata, an expert on McLuhan's work, will teach the course, which also includes a one-week international learning experience in Silicon Valley, California, during the Winter Reading Week.

The Boyle Seminar in Scripts and Stories is inspired by the work of Fr. Leonard Boyle, an internationally renowned scholar of manuscripts and a long-time presence on St. Michael's College campus. It invites students to investigate layers of history, analyze mediaeval books, and take language instruction in Latin or Irish.

The course is taught by University of St. Michael's College Assistant Professors Máirtín Coilféir and Alison More, who will also travel with students to Ireland in Summer 2019 for an international learning experience.

The generosity of alumni and friends has been vital to the launch of these exciting initiatives. Future donations in support of USMC's Teaching Excellence Fund will be directed to maintain and extend the program.



Adam Hincks, SJ, a USMC alumnus and Jesuit seminarian who now works at the Observatory following his doctoral studies in astrophysics at Princeton. Hearing Rev. Hincks speak about the integration of faith and science gave us a sense of the magnitude of human faith inquiry and how increasingly relevant it is to our modern society in which the world is increasingly pushing the boundaries of science. And I would be remiss if I did not mention the Sistine Chapel. All Gilson students were accepted into the seminar by virtue of our individual response to an image of *The Creation of Adam*, and while in Rome we were able to see the real fresco in the Vatican Museum, in its full glory surrounded by all the other over-the-top artwork of the Sistine Chapel. I daresay it held a different significance for each of us but, personally, it was nothing short of glorious to see in person.

Together with those experiences, friendship was the gift that Gilson gave and continues to give—the warm and welcoming environment Gilson created profoundly affected all its participants. For first-year students, still testing the waters of university and of their own thoughts and values, Gilson provided a safe harbour. To be able to discuss everything from Augustine's *Confessions* to *Mad Max: Fury Road* in a small class setting with highly motivated people is a rare one.

Though there is a wide range of opinions and beliefs within our group, by the end of the seminar we had gained genuine respect and appreciation for one another. I need only recall the last night in Rome, with all its speeches and thank you's, to prove that Gilson formed such a strong bond between us; and saying farewell to our time together was an emotional moment for all. But having shared in something so powerful, I am confident that all members of the Gilson Seminar will continue to make their impact at St. Mike's, UofT and the world at large. During the last lecture in Rome, Professor Boyagoda added a third theme to the course, dubbing it the Gilson Seminar in Faith, Ideas and Friendship. ♦



WHAT MY FRIENDS HAD TO SAY ABOUT GILSON



Samantha Ramphal, a Life Sciences student from Trinidad and Tobago, found that “the small class size allowed for interactive lectures in which everyone was encouraged to participate.”

Human Biology student Brenna Veneruz from Thunder Bay, Ont., calls the Gilson Seminar the most rewarding part of her first year. “Studying abroad in Rome was such an amazing experience, and I got to experience it with some of my best friends at U of T,” she explains. “It was so interesting to be in a global classroom so to speak, as I learnt more than I ever could in a lecture hall.”

Brigh Findlay-Shields, a Latin American Studies student from Millbrook, Ont., also attests to the unique learning experience. “I am now proud of being both a believer in faith and a believer in ideas,” she writes, “which prior to Professor Boyagoda I hadn’t thought was possible.”

Hans Xu, a Computer Science student from Beijing, expresses his appreciation of Rome. “When you walk through a boulevard that has seen the faces of countless saints and Caesars, you may get a glimpse of how big this world really is.”

Geography and Urban Studies student Natalie Barbuzzi, from Whitby, Ont., says, “The friendships I made will stay with me throughout my life, and taught me the true nature of being surrounded by the support and love of equal individuals who are always ready to push each other for more.”

How better to summarize than with Bioinformatics and Computational Biology student Nicole Lim, from Singapore: “The seminar is where I have formed my closest friendships at U of T. It has given me so many precious experiences that I will cherish throughout my life.”

Enriching

THE St. Mike's Tradition

USMC welcomes President David Sylvester, PhD

BY LIAM MCCONNELL (USMC 2018)

To paraphrase Isaac Newton: if we have seen further, it is only by standing on the shoulders of giants. The shadows of those who built St. Michael's—not only the McLuhans, Gilsons and Carrs but all the faculty, students, staff and members of the alumni community—loom large over campus. Their contributions shaped St. Mike's, and their fingerprints are everywhere, from the design of Brennan and Teefy halls to the very architecture of Catholic higher education across Canada and the world. This fact is something that recently appointed President David Sylvester knows very well.

“When you walk around campus,” he says, “you can see the faith, self-confidence and sacrifice that went into building this place. This is a generational institution that has a unique footprint, a distinctive presence and a rich character.”

While Sylvester is new to campus, the influence of the College has invisibly guided his career for decades. “I’m an outsider to St. Michael’s,” he says, “but I’m not really an outsider to St. Michael’s.” His mentor, Maryanne Kowaleski, PhD, studied at the Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies (PIMS), only a short walk from where the new president now sits. The late Jim Hanrahan, CSB, the man who first directed Sylvester into administration, was himself a PIMS alumnus and studied at St. Mike’s.

Students are the key to the whole picture

But what exactly led Sylvester to dedicate his life to Catholic higher education and brought him to St. Mike’s? In large part it’s because Catholic education has what he calls “the inside track” on creating

the best student experience: an exciting, creative, life-sustaining journey that sees students invited into the life of the mind, where they can prepare not just for a career but for the entire life that lies ahead of them. He is fond of saying Catholic education is not about teaching academic disciplines, but teaching *people*. And the best way to do that, he says, is with a multifaceted, interdisciplinary approach. “We have a very strong understanding in the Catholic tradition of integrated learning,” he says.

All universities and colleges develop their students intellectually, but that’s only addressing one aspect of who students are—a portraitist doesn’t rest after the first brush stroke. To address the spiritual, psychological, communal and relational aspects of students is to treat and develop them as well-rounded individuals, to educate “the whole person”—to refuse to drop the brush until the portrait, with the brilliance of all of its attendant colours, is complete. That’s why Sylvester feels at home at the head of a worldwide family of Catholic-educated scholars at St. Mike’s. When it comes to sending graduates off as community builders, leaders and critically minded academics, he says, “we have a pretty good track record.”

And if the students he has met so far are any indication, St. Mike’s is turning out true masterpieces. “I’ve been incredibly impressed by the students I’ve met since I arrived here in July,” says the new



David Sylvester
(in St. Mike's tie)
with students



president. “The quality of their leadership, and their commitment and passion for this place, is almost shocking and gives me great hope. I can think of no better ambassadors for St. Michael’s than our own students.”

Over Sylvester’s incumbency, the talents of those young intellectuals won’t fall by the wayside. An effective way to help further develop their skills of leadership and community-mindedness, he says, is to have them exercise those talents on campus. Hearing student voices regarding the decisions that affect them will allow them to garner the experience that many will use as their lives and careers progress. It’s a practice that Sylvester has used before, with encouraging results. “In my experience,” he says, “students are happy to take on the responsibilities as well as the opportunities that come with important decision-making.”

“I think part of our job is to look into the eyes of **OUR STUDENTS**, find what their *particular gifts* are, and not put them in a box but invite them to be *something beyond* that.”

In fact, over his administrative career Sylvester has seen that students are “actually the vitality, the creativity that every institution is looking for and needs.” The discussions when students are at the table often explore avenues that might otherwise be overlooked. “Students who are given the opportunity to engage in real decision-making; they’re often the true engines of innovation!”

It’s a good thing that the students of St. Mike’s show such promise when it comes to critical thinking skills. According to Sylvester, the kind of community we live in, with its changing economy and political narratives, “demands that citizens develop the reflective, critical skills necessary in order to survive and flourish in a democracy.” What’s the best defence in a political and media landscape that’s constantly vying for your attention and allegiance? A critical mind. And that’s exactly what St. Mike’s is striving to cultivate in its students. Sylvester contends that when you help students develop in such a manner, “you’re providing them with the tools to be free people, to be masters of their own destiny as well as servant-leaders for others.”

The building blocks of learning—and living

Besides providing a space for students to sharpen their minds, the best way to encourage the development of critical thinking is to embody it. “That’s why faculty and student mentorship are crucially important to what we do,” Sylvester says. He knows first-hand how well that can work. The educator he is today is a result of his parents and their exemplification of the philosophies he still holds dear: “They were critically minded, and respected education. We would be around the dinner table and ideas were a-flyin’.”

Sylvester’s mother (a registered nurse) and father (a historian and university president) also impressed upon him the importance of serving others: “Here’s what my parents always used to say to us: ‘God’s given you all kinds of gifts. Your only job in life is to figure out what those are, and then develop them, honour and respect them, and put them into the service of others.’” He hopes to exercise that lesson on a campus-wide basis and use the resources of St. Mike’s in service to its students and the broader community. “I believe strongly that we



Installation
celebration on
Elmsley Lane

“The *loyalty*,
the *connection*,
the *desire* to see
St. Mike’s flourish
is embedded in
OUR ALUMNI.”



USMC Clubs Fair

have to reflect the needs of our community, not just the campus or nearby neighbourhoods,” Sylvester says. “Our community extends around the world.”

One way to serve the community is to tackle its pressing social, political and economic questions. Part of Sylvester’s task is to facilitate those discussions: “The University of Toronto, this city, our country, and the Church Universal all need St. Michael’s to lead again, like it has for well over a century. And we’re poised to do that.”

But you can’t serve from an empty vessel. In order to help students respond to the challenges of the present, Sylvester plans on ensuring that they are well supported by using the past as a model. “We have a real opportunity to rediscover and build upon what we’ve always been good at with regard to the undergraduate student experience,” he says. “We need to be attentive to the needs of our broader student body. This needs to be their home.” Re-establishing St. Mike’s as their base will lay the foundation they need to build themselves as the leaders of tomorrow.

Sylvester has a strong personal foundation that informs his vision for St. Mike’s. In addition to the values his parents instilled in him, his teachers, mentors and life experiences all played a role in his formation.

He describes himself as “a lifetime educator” whose career in teaching—something that “lights [his] fire”—began in 1984 in Vancouver’s Catholic high schools. He travelled to Fordham University in New York City to earn his MA and PhD in mediaeval history, as well as to teach undergraduates. He subsequently taught at Trinity Western University, the University of British Columbia, St. Mark’s and Corpus Christi colleges in Vancouver, and King’s University College in London, Ont.

It was during his time in B.C. that he was introduced to university administration beginning in 1999. He has served as (deep breath) a founding member of the Consortium of Theological Colleges; Canadian representative to the board of The Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Washington, D.C.; Chair of the Governance Committee of Universities Canada; an advisory board member of the Institute for Administrators in Catholic Higher Education at Boston College; Chair of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities of Canada; and board member of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. At St. Mike’s he will be a board member of PIMS and vice-chair of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute—and this list doesn’t cover half of his experience.

“If you don’t *acknowledge your history*, you’re an amnesiac, and are thus limited in *imagining what the future holds for you*.”

On top of that, he is not stepping into his role as president blindly. He’s served as the principal and vice-chancellor of St. Mark’s Theological College, the founding president of Corpus Christi College, and the principal of King’s University College. It makes sense that he would begin the next chapter of his career (his 19th year as a university president) at St. Mike’s, which he calls the “architect” and “flagship” of Catholic higher education in Canada. Apparently, all roads really do lead to St. Joseph Street.

Even with such a distinguished resumé, Sylvester does not mince words when it comes to what he considers his greatest accomplishment: “My family. Easily. I have the four greatest kids and the best spouse in the world,” he says. He’s been married to his wife, Allyson Larkin, Associate Professor of Social Justice and Peace Studies at King’s College, for 27 years. Spending time with his family is his favourite way to use whatever free time he gets. “They are a menagerie of

difference. They make me laugh—mostly because they like to make fun of me. And I am married to the most creative person I have ever met. Allyson is the person who inspires and challenges me.”

We shape our tools, and thereafter our tools shape us

To quote Étienne Gilson, “History is the only laboratory we have in which to test the consequences of thought.” Looking at the St. Mike’s alumni as a group, was their time here well spent? Have they taken the message and ethos of St. Mike’s with them around the world? Sylvester says, “Absolutely!” In fact, the alumni of St. Mike’s are both a reflection and extension of what we value here on this campus. “If you know who you are as a person and as an institution, you have the confidence and wisdom to strike out in bold ways. And our alumni have done just that.”

If you are a member of the St. Mike’s alumni, are you a critically minded, well-rounded individual who has charted your own course in life? If so, chances are you can trace some of that back to the days when you trod the halls of Brennan, heard the tolling of the tenor bell at St. Basil’s, or hit the books at Kelly. And your contribution to St. Mike’s still reverberates. “Those of us who come to study and work here today must be respectful of the contribution of the many people—the Basilian Fathers, Loretto Sisters, Sisters of St. Joseph, faculty, students, alumni and others—who came before us and built this place,” says Sylvester. “We’re enjoying the benefits of a lot of hard work, sacrifice and creativity. In many ways, they are our inspiration and the model for our hope.”

The best way to negotiate the future is to keep an eye on the past. And who better to lead St. Michael’s College than a historian? ♦

From left: Assistant Professor Felan Parker; Assistant Professor Stephen Tardif (USMC 2006); Principal Randy Boyagoda; President David Sylvester; Dean, Faculty of Theology, James Ginther





A not-so-quiet revolution

Reminiscences from graduates of the '60s

BY JANE LAVERY, PEGGY RYAN WILLIAMS, PAT KELLY MCGEE
AND MARY AGNES SCHLUETER O'BRIEN (ALL USMC 1968)



“H as it really been half a century since we graduated from St. Michael's College? For some of us, even longer! We were young during an unprecedented moment in history. The 1960s were a time of seismic social, cultural and political change across the globe. What was going on around us had an impact—it influenced our studies and our social lives, and it opened our eyes to new possibilities.

Times have certainly changed, but the friendships we made during those formative years as USMC undergraduate students are everlasting.

Think back.... The first computers were produced and took up most of a large room. The computer language was called “BASIC.” Thousands of teenagers and young adults alternately marched in anti-Vietnam protests and attended events like The Summer of Love. Guys grew their hair long and you could identify the females because they were the ones in miniskirts. A whole new lifestyle was developing up in Yorkville. Martin Luther King’s “I

Have a Dream” speech touched our hearts. Vatican II set new parameters by abandoning Latin liturgy and acknowledging ecumenism. Bob Dylan made his first public performance (in NYC), *Star Trek* launched, the Beatles came to the US and appeared on prime-time TV on the *Ed Sullivan Show*. Soon thereafter, *Sesame Street* was open for business. The Cuban Missile Crisis swamped our newspapers’ front pages, and a whole generation of schoolchildren learned that “duck and cover” was not going to be enough. The first

And on a much higher level, the very first steps were taken in space, by Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov. Whatta decade!

During those same years, another group of explorers took their first steps into an unknown “space”: St. Michael’s College/University of Toronto. Many of us in the Class of ’68 came from beyond Toronto... beyond Ontario...beyond Canada...even beyond North America...with different life experiences, various academic plans (or no plan), and some strangely contrasting styles of dancing.



“Somewhere along the way, the University of Toronto and St. Mike’s taught me how to think about problems, and with some tough times in Fr. Madden’s class, how to write. This was a great aid to me in my three positions with the City of New York, where I always regarded my basic jobs as leaving the city and its people better off than I found them.” – J. J. Gardella

artificial heart was attempted by Christiaan Barnard in South Africa. The first Super Bowl grabbed our attention—well, many of us (Green Bay beat Kansas City). The US Peace Corps was created, the Canada Pension Plan was introduced, the first Ford Mustang hit the market and the first Walmart opened (in Kansas).

We were now “unleashed,” free to break away from those taxing high-school hallway dynamics and eager to launch a new life chapter! Our dear parents (who were then about 25 years younger than we are right now) wiped their tears away (if they actually were sad...) and kissed us goodbye in the airport departure lounge, our new Toronto residence doorway, or the SMC Bursar’s Office.

We unpacked and acclimated to our new surroundings. A few weeks later, we began to



realize that St. Mike's—our new home—offered us the privilege of living, learning, *re*-learning and evolving via its campus life as well as its world-class faculty, who were accomplished, approachable, good-humoured, and accessible to all their students. Bad news here, though: we found out there were dorm curfews, many 9 a.m. classes, and we sometimes had to wait for an available washer to do our laundry. We persevered.

Several days each week, many of us *raced* across Queen's Park (remember...only 10 minutes between classes...) to additional educational and growth opportunities. We learned from—and with—renowned U of T professors in remarkable facilities at the other U of T colleges and faculties. This combined SMC/U of T experience provided a first-class—and enviable—education, not only in terms of subject matter, but also in stacking up our beliefs and life expectations against a much wider and deeper frame of reference. Hours spent with dear housemates, classmates from all over the world and professors initially provided and then nurtured our roots, memories and friendships.

"Cross-campus" we went to a whirl of dances, basketball games, swim meets, water polo games, plays in Hart House, gym classes at the athletic buildings, hockey games and May final exams (...each three hours, remember them?) in Varsity Arena. The dorm curfews, group birthday parties, late-night discussions about Fr. Madden's Tuesday morning lecture, that tough calculus exam we endured at UC or the cafeteria offerings: all fostered laughs and enduring bonds...and a few humbling photos.

To this day, many 6T8'ers still correspond, see one another, hang out, travel together and generate new memories. We celebrate the great moments, and support each other when times are tough. We have lost Barry, Marshall, Kathy, Sue, Mike, Brian, Toni, Jim, and other dear classmates. They continue to be very much with us, in our photos, and in our hearts and minds, especially when we gather. For those of us still here, yes, we've grown up and aged a bit. Some of us have a different hair colour, or a lot less hair, and likely need reading glasses at times. But when we gather at reunions, our voices and faces are quickly familiar despite any changes in appearance. The SMC connections continue



to be vibrant, humorous and supportive. And some memories become even more irreverent with time.

We, the Class of '68—"The Class With Brass" (per Fr. Bob Madden)—know our ties with one another, and with St. Mike's, are still truly alive and well. ♦



-- photo by JOHN
John Lejderman (left) is removed from the m
arsity Arena after attempting to deliver a
romptu speech on Viet Nam.

"My friends and I think with deep gratitude of those who have lit the flame within us. We had Marshall McLuhan long before Woody Allen discovered him. We had Bob Madden, the best friend and mentor a person could wish for. Fred Flahiff, who taught us how to teach and how to enjoy life in literature. Dave Belyea, urging pursuit of the meaningful, not the expedient. To them and the many others who lit the path: we thank them all." – M. N. F. Then

HONOURS

2018 Arbor Awards

SINCE 1989, MORE THAN 2,300 U OF T alumni and friends have received Arbor Awards for their tremendous generosity and contributions. Their work helps to anchor the university's traditions and spread its mission to meet challenges and prepare global citizens. This year, these members of the University of St. Michael's College family received their award at a ceremony on Monday, October 15.



Back row, left to right: Randy Boyagoda (USMC Principal), Alberto Di Giovanni, Jamie DesLauriers (accepting for William DesLauriers), John Power, David Sylvester (USMC President). Front row (left to right): Jacqueline Peers, Jean Talman, Sr. Angela McAuliffe, Emily VanBerkum

WILLIAM JAMES DESLAURIERS (USMC 1950): In his lifetime, Bill was a founding partner in Torys LLP and was recognized as one of the leading lawyers in Canada. His expertise was very welcome at St. Michael's College, where he served as a Member of the Mediaeval Studies Foundation for more than 10 years. In 2015, Bill joined the Collegium—the highest governing body at USMC—and he was a member of the USMC Presidential Search Committee in 2017.

ALBERTO DI GIOVANNI (USMC 1971): As a prominent member of the Toronto Italian educational community, Alberto has served as a strong advocate for St. Mike's for almost 50 years. Most recently, he and his wife, Caroline, established the USMC Annual Dante Lecture, including the exhibition that was on display at the John M. Kelly Library in 2017/18. Alberto and Caroline have also established scholarships, and an endowment to support the annual Dante Lecture. Their gift of Dante works now forms the Dante Collection at the Kelly Library.

ANGELA MCAULIFFE IBVM (USMC 1963): Sr. Angela is a key member of St. Mike's Collegium. A graduate of St. Mike's in 1963, she went on to complete her MA and PhD in English. After a career spent teaching, she returned to the U of T and completed a Master of Theological Studies. She has been the Librarian and Spiritual Director of Loretto College at USMC for 10 years, and is currently liaison volunteer between Loretto and the Friends of the Kelly Library Book Sale.

JACQUELINE PEERS (USMC 1972): One of the founders of the University of Toronto Association of Geographic Alumni, Jacqueline has

been a dedicated executive member for 25 years, and served as its President for the last four. She has spearheaded learning initiatives and organized the group's GIS workshops for beginners as well as a conference on geographic education.

JOHN POWER (USMC 1986): John has had a significant impact on the Rotman Commerce student and alumni communities. He has been involved in hosting alumni coffee breaks for students, securing a top-level keynote speaker for an alumni event, and encouraging other Rotman Commerce alumni to volunteer with the program. John has been a keynote speaker at the Boardroom Case Competition and a mentor at the Alumni Career Roundtables.

JEAN TALMAN: Through her many volunteer roles in the Celtic community, Jean has been an unparalleled ambassador for the USMC Celtic Studies Program for more than 30 years. These volunteer roles represent thousands of hours of service to the community above and beyond her role in the department. From writing for a myriad of publications to volunteering on boards of Celtic arts organizations, and mentoring Celtic writers, actors, musicians and students, Jean has always given her all.

EMILY VANBERKUM (USMC 2012): Emily represents the very best of dedicated young alumni. As a Class Representative, she has helped the College remain connected with her peers. She has written articles for this magazine and is a member of the Lenten Retreat Committee. In 2017, she was a guest speaker at the USMC Invocation Ceremony, and is currently a Representative on the College of Electors.

2018 Cressy Awards



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**Andrea Nicole
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**Alessia
Colavecchia**



**Corinne
Doroszkiewicz**



**Hannah
Girdler**



**Emma Kennedy
Graham**



**Elizabeth
Maria Grande**



**Jeremy
Hernandez-
Lum Tong**



Dalia Othman



**Katherine
Pullella**



**Utkarshna
Sinha**



Rachel Tidlund



Melanie Yu

THE CRESSY AWARDS RECOGNIZE U OF T STUDENTS who have dived into life full-heartedly during their university years, realizing that learning is not just about the classroom. These Awards are named in honour of Gordon Cressy, a former vice-president of development and university relations. Here are this year's honorees from the University of St. Michael's College.

DAOUII ABOUCHERE (USMC 2017) founded U of T Black Ties, a networking and mentorship group that helps students of colour prepare to launch their professional careers.

ANDREA NICOLE CARANDANG (USMC 2018) was Editor-in-Chief of the *Saeculum Undergraduate Academic Journal* and a Senior Mentor for the USMC Connect Program. She organized the Special Issue on Jewish-Christian Relations to promote the annual Gershon and Roza Lewkowicz Prize for the best essay in Jewish-Christian Relations.

ALESSIA COLAVECCHIA (USMC 2018) served as the Orientation Coordinator for St. Michael's College, and served two years on St. Michael's College Student Union (SMCSU). She was also awarded the Captain position of the U of T Varsity Dance Team.

CORINNE DOROSZKIEWICZ (USMC 2017), a recipient of the Father Madden Leadership Award, worked as a USMC orientation leader for two years and has served as an Executive on the Brain Day Committee for the past four years. She delivered presentations to elementary-school

children about the brain's function, the implications of brain injury and how to prevent concussions.

HANNAH GIRDLER (USMC 2018) was Co-Director of the U of T International Health Program, and an Executive of the university's chapter of Oxfam.

EMMA KENNEDY GRAHAM (USMC 2018) was Editor-in-Chief of the *Saeculum Undergraduate Academic Journal*, and a Commuter Don at St. Michael's College.

ELIZABETH MARIA GRANDE (USMC 2018) was Co-President and Treasurer of the Human Biology Students' Union.

JEREMY HERNANDEZ-LUM TONG (USMC 2019) was a Student Leader of the St. Michael's College Campus Ministry, and Commissioner of Religious and Community Affairs at SMCSU.

DALIA OTHMAN (USMC 2018) was Education and Awareness Director of the St. Michael's College Student Philanthropy Council.

KATHERINE PULLELLA (USMC 2018) coordinated a successful Orientation Week in 2017 that welcomed 1,100 first-year students. She worked alongside faculty members and external parties to develop programming that was representative of the USMC community.

UTKARSHNA SINHA (USMC 2018) was Founder and President of the U of T Biomolecular Design Team.

RACHEL TIDLUND (USMC 2018) was Co-President of the Medieval Studies Undergraduate Society, Student Representative of the PIMS Friends of the Library Committee, and a peer tutor.

MELANIE YU (USMC 2018) was President of U of T Sports and Business, and Orientation Coordinator at St. Michael's College. ♦

CAMPUS NOTES



FALL CONVOCATION

St. Michael's celebrated Fall Convocations for undergraduates on November 5, and for Faculty of Theology graduates on November 10. Our newest alumni join the thousands of others who have graduated from St. Michael's. Best wishes to all on their future endeavours.



SPRING REUNION 2018

USMC alumni, including those from honoured years '3 and '8, returned to campus on June 1-3 for a fun-filled weekend of social and learning events, reconnecting with fellow classmates and making new friends.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE MOVES TO BRENNAN HALL

Our Registrar's Office opened its doors on July 10 at its new home in Brennan Hall. The great fresh space is user-friendly, accessible, and fits the ever-changing needs of our students while continuing to provide the essential services that St. Mike's students have come to rely upon.

2018 USMC GOLF CLASSIC

Alumni and friends gathered at the Eagles Nest Golf Club on July 25 for the 19th annual USMC Golf Classic. We are grateful for our corporate sponsors and partners, who

once again supported a great event that raises valuable funds for St. Mike's.

FRIENDS OF THE KELLY LIBRARY BOOK SALE

A fall tradition, the Friends of the Kelly Library held their annual book sale on September 25-29 to support the library. Featuring thousands of books, the sale continues to raise funds for purchasing academic and research resources, improving physical spaces in the Kelly Library, and preserving and enhancing the collections. Many thanks to the committee members and dedicated volunteers who make the



OTTAWA ALUMNI RECEPTION

At a reception on October 11 hosted by President David Sylvester, alumni in the Ottawa region had an opportunity to meet and greet the new president while reminiscing with friends and fellow classmates. Thanks to Robin Etherington (USMC 1974), Executive Director of the Bytown Museum, for providing a welcoming and interesting location at the museum.

sale such a success—and to all the people who donated books or expanded their collection at this great event.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOLA CANTORUM CONCERT SERIES

The St. Michael's Schola Cantorum and Orchestra, led by Christopher Verrette and directed by Michael O'Connor, opened its 2018-19 concert series on September 29 with a performance of Haydn's Nelson Mass (*Missa in Angustiis*) as part of the Feast of St. Michael celebrations.

BOOK LAUNCH FOR RANDY BOYAGODA, USMC PRINCIPAL AND VICE-PRESIDENT
On October 3, Randy Boyagoda launched his latest book,

Original Prin, as part of the Biblioasis series at the Metro Toronto Reference Library. USMC Visiting Professor Sam Tanenhaus hosted a clever and often laugh-out-loud Q&A with Boyagoda that engaged the sold-out crowd, which included many St. Mike's alumni and faculty.

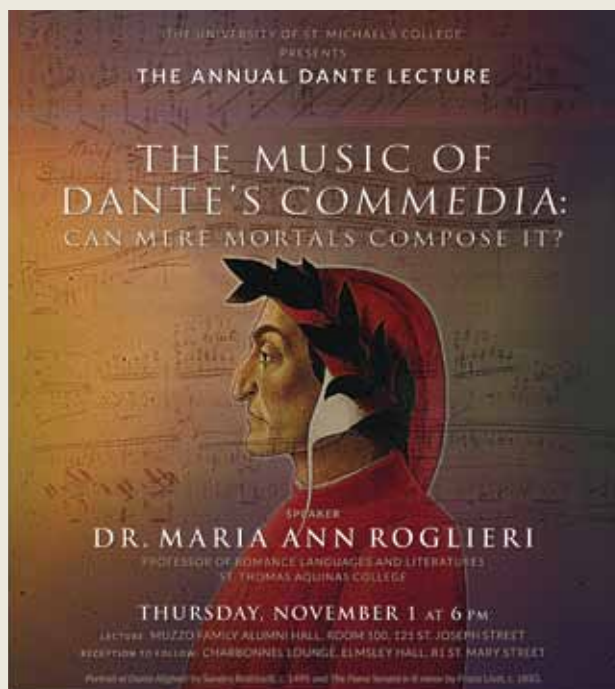
TWO-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON MEDIAEVAL ERA

The Pontifical Institute of Mediaeval Studies (PIMS) and USMC collaborated on a two-day symposium on October 19-20. "Mediaeval Studies at the University of St. Michael's College: Past, Present, and Future" examined the history at St. Michael's of studying the Middle Ages, as well as the importance of this era.



CTEP REUNION

Almost 60 alumni of the Concurrent Teacher Education Program (CTEP) gathered on June 18 for a mini-reunion to share stories and updates of their lives since they'd been in class together. Many of the CTEP alumni continue to cross paths with each other in the teaching field.



DANTE LECTURE

At the annual Dante lecture for 2018, held on November 1, Maria Ann Roglieri, Professor of Romance Languages at St. Thomas Aquinas College in Sparkhill, NY, presented on the topic of Dante and Music. Established by Alberto (USMC 1971) and Caroline Morgan Di Giovanni (USMC 1970), and supported this year by Fondazione Italia, the Dante Lecture continues to attract world-renowned Dante experts to speak at St. Mike's.



From left: Andy Lubinsky, USMCAA President; Peggy Williams; and David Mulroney, Immediate Past President, USMC

ALWAY AWARD 2018

In recognition of her outstanding contributions in the educational field—especially in the advancement of women's issues, higher education, and effective educational governance and community service—Peggy R. Williams (USMC 1968) was awarded the Alway Award during Spring Reunion 2018. The award, created in 2007 in honour of the retirement of President Richard Alway, is presented to alumni of the College who demonstrate the highest character, make significant contributions to society, and bring esteem both to themselves and the College.

After graduating with a BA from St. Michael's College in 1968, Peggy received a MEd. (University of Vermont) and a PhD (Harvard University). She began her career in social work, followed by 36 years working in higher education, including 11 years as the first female president of Ithaca College in New York. She was honoured by Ithaca College when their newest building was named the Peggy Ryan Williams Center. Peggy has been a profound influence on the lives of thousands of students, faculty and the broader community. Now retired, she continues to be active, maintaining board positions and involvement in her community.

If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please contact us at smc.alumni@utoronto.ca



STUDENTS WELCOMED BACK TO CAMPUS

New students at USMC were given the opportunity to become familiar with the campus on September 2-5 as they prepared to begin their university experience. New and returning Faculty of Theology students got the chance to meet their fellow students and professors and celebrate the Mass of the Holy Spirit to begin the fall term.



50TH ANNUAL BOOZER BROWN CELEBRATION OF OUTSTANDING ATHLETICS

A sports tradition 50 years strong was celebrated on October 28 as the Annual Boozer Brown football game and the 4th Annual Alumni Versus Student soccer matches were played. Participants and spectators gathered for a barbecue lunch in Charbonnel Lounge to honour the milestone.

SANTA CLAUS PARADE



On November 18, many St. Mike's alumni brought their families out for a chance to have some fun and games, cookies and hot chocolate, and meet with Santa before he headed off to lead the Santa Claus Parade. Father Madden Hall provided the perfect venue, being located steps from the parade route.

ANNUAL DONOR THANK YOU RECEPTION

Members of the Chancellor's Club and Vice-Chancellor's Club were warmly received at First Canadian Place in Toronto on November 21, as a way for St. Mike's to say thanks for their generosity in supporting the University. The event was graciously hosted by BMO Financial Group and St. Michael's alumnus Dr. Tony Comper (USMC 1966). ♦



JEAN VANIER MEMOIR BOOK LAUNCH AND 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On September 25, the University of St. Michael's College welcomed Novalis Publishers and L'Arche Canada Foundation to campus for the launch of the English version of Jean Vanier's new memoir, *A Cry is Heard: My Path to Peace*, as well as a celebration of his 90th birthday. The book was translated into English from its original French by St. Mike's alumna Anne Louise Mahoney (USMC 1984). The Kelly Library featured an exhibition to celebrate this world-renowned visionary and his time as a professor at St. Mike's.



THE CHURCH AND MIGRATION: GLOBAL (IN)DIFFERENCE?

St. Mike's co-sponsored a three-day conference on June 25-27 that brought together scholars, practitioners and leaders from around the globe to examine the relationship between the Church and Migration: historically, in our times and prospects for the future.

CELEBRATE ST. MIKE'S ALUMNI REUNION

Whether you graduated five years ago or 60 years ago, this weekend is all about you. We are working hard, with the help of your year representatives, to plan a slate of exciting signature events that will reconnect you with your classmates, engage you in the academic environment of the College, delight you with happy memories, and provide the opportunity to create new ones.

Do you want to volunteer? Do we have your most frequently used email? Call us at 416-926-7260 or toll-free 1-866-238-3339 or email: smc.alumni@utoronto.ca

We hope to see you back on campus this spring!

Keep up to date and don't miss out on all the exciting events and happenings at the College!

For detailed event listings and information, follow us: facebook.com/USMCUofT

or visit our website: stmikes.utoronto.ca

May 29 – June 2, 2019

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SHAKER for Young Alumni

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USMC Stress-Free
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Friday, May 31

50th Anniversary Mass
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25th Anniversary Cocktail Reception
Champagne Reception
and AGM
Double-Blue All-Alumni Party

Saturday, June 1

Campus Tours
USMC Special Lecture
Honoured Years Cocktail Reception
and Dinner

Sunday, June 2

All Alumni Mass
USMC Alumni Reunion Brunch
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Congratulations to **Greg DiTomaso (USMC 2006)** and Dr. Harkiran Kalkat, who were married on August 24 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and on August 25 at the Shiromani Sikh Sangat Dunwin Gurudwara. They had their photos taken on the St. Mike's campus as part of a long-standing tradition among alumni.



Kathryn Elton, USMC's Chief Advancement Officer, was delighted to present **Fr. Peter J. M. Swan, CSB (USMC 1938)**, former President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of St. Michael's, with his 80th anniversary graduation medal from

USMC. The presentation was made after Community Mass on June 21. Fr. Swan's Basilian confreres joined in the celebration with a round of applause for this impressive milestone.

At 81 years young, **Rosemary Ganley (USMC 1958)** is a mother, grandmother and feminist who has twice been to the United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women meetings. She was most recently selected by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to represent Canada at the Gender Equality Advisory Council at the G7 Conference.

Barry Callaghan (USMC 1960) has been named a Member of the Order of Canada for his contributions to Canadian literature as both a publisher and writer. His works include *The Black Queen Stories*, *The Way The Angel Spreads Her Wings*, *When Things Get Worst*, *A Kiss Is Still A Kiss*, *Barrelhouse Kings*, *Between Trains* and *Beside Still Waters*. For 38 years, he was a professor of contemporary literature at York University in Toronto, and he is now Professor Emeritus and Distinguished Scholar at that institution.

A new novel by **David Simms (USMC 1960)**, titled *Dennis Dunkle On the Road (and Off)*, was published in September by the Livingston Press at the University of West Alabama. The story follows an aging and meek librarian in his bizarre search all over the map (and beyond) for a woman he's met online. David's previous novel, *The Stars of Axuncanny*, was published in 2006 by the Livingston Press. He has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize for his poetry and has received other awards for his writing while living in Virginia, though he often fantasizes he had never left Canada.

Congratulations to **Sr. Evanne Hunter (USMC 1963)**, who has reached a milestone with 60 years of service as a Loretto Sister.

Caroline Morgan Di Giovanni (USMC 1970) has had her poetry published in *Heartwood: Poems for the Love of Trees*, which was launched at a special event on September 20 at the High Park Nature Centre. Her fellow poet Kate Marshall Flaherty is the daughter of USMC Senate Member **Ann Marshall (USMC 1954)** and Professor Emeritus **Richard Marshall**.

The Very Reverend **David Cray, SSE (USMC 1971)**, was elected on July 12 to be the new Superior General of The Society of Saint

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Edmund. Fr. Cray has ministered in Europe, Canada and the southern United States, and has served in Vermont since 2003.

Sr. Anne Anderson, csj, received a Distinguished Service Award at the biennial meeting of The Association of Theological Schools (ATS) in the United States and Canada. Sr. Anne has been a leader in Canadian and Catholic theological education and religious life. She is a former president (2008-2015) of USMC, and former dean (2001-2008) of the Faculty of Theology. She was

the first woman to hold each position. Sr. Anne is the Chair of the Board of St. Joseph's Health System in Hamilton, Ont., and her work to foster Jewish-Christian relationships is well-known within Canada and Israel.

M.C. Havey (USMC 1971), archivist of the Sisters of Service and the Edmonton-Toronto Redemptorists, received the Alexander Fraser Award on May 1, 2018, from the Archives Association of Ontario for "her championing of religious archives and her tireless work



preserving the stories and legacies of the Canadian Catholic community."

Congratulations to **Krystyna Higgins (USMC 1972)**. A very accomplished musician, Krystyna is also a polished writer and editor, and has recently published *Inviting God – Simple, Creative Prayers for Meetings* (available through Novalis).

As President and CEO of the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation, **Brett Mitchell (USMC 1983)** has an interesting new job, as featured recently in the *Globe & Mail*. With the federal government legalizing the sale of recreational cannabis, he has been overseeing how the province will handle sales. From store design to staff training to ensuring wait times are minimal, the change in the law has kept him busy creating the ideal retail environment for recreational cannabis.

Professor **Mark Kingwell (USMC 1985)** has been named a Fellow of the prestigious Royal Society of Canada. His newest research investigates the "politics of boredom" how people get

trapped into cycles of "addictive engagement" through technology-enabled platforms such as Twitter and Facebook.

Victor Dodig (USMC 1988), President and CEO of CIBC, spoke on September 11 to a capacity crowd at the Empire Club on the theme of "Productivity and Competitiveness – Solutions for Sustained Prosperity." A recording of this event, entitled "Empire Club – Victor Dodig," can be found at MediaEvents.ca.



Roberto Machado (USMC 1977) recently graduated again from U of T, this time with a PhD in French. After a long career as a high school teacher of French, Spanish and Portuguese, and as Head of the Moderns Department in two high schools in Toronto (Malvern C.I. and Harbord C.I.), Roberto retired from the Toronto District School Board and returned to campus to do a PhD in French literature, specifically on Marcel Dubé and Québec theatre.

Jaroslav Skira (USMC 1991, 1994 MA, 1998 PhD) was recently



Kunle Owolabi (USMC 2001) and his wife, Catalina Arrarat Ospina, renewed their wedding vows at a Mass at St. Basil's Church in Toronto on October 12. The couple married in Cali, Colombia, on July 14. Proud parents **Titus (USMC 1968)** and **Paula Owolabi (USMC 1967)** welcomed friends and family to a celebration filled with wonderful music, including a premiere performance of Kunle's arrangement of Mozart's *Exultate Jubilate*.



The Very Reverend **Kevin Storey, CSB (USMC 1986, TST 1992)** (centre), has been elected by the Congregation of St. Basil (Basilian Fathers) as Superior General, effective immediately, for a four-year term. “I am looking forward to continuing the rich legacy of teaching goodness, discipline and knowledge to the next generation of parishioners and students,” says Fr. Storey. He will serve as the Congregation’s 10th Superior General since its reunification in 1955.

appointed Acting Director of the Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies. Jaroslav, currently an Associate Professor of Historical Theology at Regis College, will replace Fr. Peter Galadza, who will be on leave from September to December 2018.

Sara Franca (USMC 2001), who has worked in fundraising, communications and alumni programming at U of T over the past 17 years, has embarked on an exciting new role as Director, Alumni Relations, at U of T’s Faculty of Medicine.

Paul Chiarot (USMC 2004) is now an Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the State University of New York at Binghamton; he has

been at that university since 2011. Paul was a student at St. Mike’s from 1997-2004 and obtained his PhD from the University of Toronto in 2008. He lives in Binghamton with his wife, Amanda, and daughter, Natalina. Paul’s father, Rudy, was also a student at St. Mike’s, and his cousin Robin is a current student at the College.



Congratulations to **Alex Kjørven (USMC 2006)**, who is

celebrating her new role as Chief Operating Officer for ChangeLab. Alex is also a generous Activator for SheEO, a global initiative designed to transform the way female entrepreneurs are financed, supported and celebrated.

The Honourable **Filomena Tassi (USMC 2004 Masters of Religious Education)**, the Member of Parliament for the riding of Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas, was appointed in July to the newly created cabinet post of Minister of Seniors as part of the federal government. Filomena is a first-time MP for Hamilton West-Ancaster-Dundas.

Congratulations to **Helen Lee (USMC 2005)**, who has joined U of T’s Division of University

Advancement (DUA), where she is serving as a Prospect Management Analyst.

At the Basilian Fathers Congregation’s General Chapter, **Fr. Morgan Rice, CSB (USMC 2009)**, was elected as the Congregation’s Third Councillor. Many of St. Mike’s community are familiar with Fr. Rice as the pastor for St. Basil’s Parish.

David Byrne (USMC 2011) began teaching in the fall at Toronto’s Centennial College as Professor in the Community and Justice Services program.

Michael Bazzocchi, who many St. Mike’s alum will remember from his time as a residence Don, has been busy doing post-doctoral research in the Arctic Circle at Kiruna, Sweden.

Congratulations to former St. Mike’s resident and amazing Boozer Brown volunteer **Ahad Bandedaly** and his lovely wife, Shawna, on the birth of their son, Eliyas Thomas Bandedaly. Eliyas made his appearance on December 5, 2017, and could not have prouder parents.

We are so happy to hear of the engagement of **Paige Roberts (USMC 2012)** and **Peter McCabe (USMC 2011)**, who will tie the knot at St. Basil’s Church in February 2019. Paige and Peter met while living in residence at Fisher and More houses, and chose St. Basil’s



Congratulations and well wishes to **Apostolo Zeno (USMC 2009)**, who married his beautiful bride, Sara Gray, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Toronto on June 23. Post is currently working as a Project Manager for George Brown College.



Paul Krzyzanowski (USMC 2004) (bottom row, second from left), a noted researcher with the Ontario Institute for Cancer Research, supported the Terry Fox Foundation in memory of his cousin Graeme Johnson by participating in the Great Canadian Hair Do. Paul and his fellow team members each agreed to support cancer research by shaving their head, donating their hair or wearing a crazy hairdo. Paul had his head shaved on September 14; his hair is now growing back in.



Church for their wedding because of their fond memories of St. Mike's. Peter's grandmother, **Rosemary McCabe (USMC 1947)**, looks forward to a joyous celebration back on campus.

Kennard Wong (USMC 2013) was part of a six-person relay team that participated in the 31st annual "St. Vincent's SWIM Across the Sound": a 25-kilometre swim across the Long Island Sound from Port Jefferson, NY, to Bridgeport, CT, in support of St. Vincent's Medical Center Foundation's cancer education, scanning and prevention programs (which are provided at low to no cost). In addition, the Foundation also assists with patients' specific needs such as funding for wigs and prostheses, as well as transportation to/from treatments and appointments.

We are proud of **Alex Zappone (USMC 2015)**, who has taken up a new teaching position with De La Salle Oaklands,



Toronto, with a focus on teaching Social Sciences & Canadian Studies.

Chiara Williamson (USMC 2015) recently moved to Waterloo to start her Masters in Public Issues Anthropology. She has been working since graduating from St. Mike's, having kept busy excavating many archaeological sites across the province.

Fr. Andrew Ayala (USMC 2018), a classically trained tenor from Argentina, is working hard to enhance the musical offerings at Sacred Heart Church in Peterborough, Ont., and is hosting a series of free organ concerts on Sunday afternoons. St. Mike's own **Rosemary Ganley (USMC 1958)** says these are concerts you do not want to miss.

Recognizing a family dynasty of St. Mike's grads! **Alessia Colavecchia (USMC 2018)** celebrated her graduation with a party that brought together her aunts who are also graduates of

St. Michael's: **Carmela (Tri-giani) Petrozza (USMC 1998)** and **Carmela (Natalizio) Bilic (USMC 1991)**. Alessia thanks St. Mike's for bringing her family together to bond over the memories they shared, and for the experiences they had while here.

Emma Graham (USMC 2018) has joined the St. Michael's College Principal's Office as Executive Assistant to the Principal. ♦

BULLETIN BOARD publishes interesting information about recent developments in the lives of St. Michael's graduates and friends. Thank you for keeping the news bits coming; please send them to Duane Rendle at smc.bulletinboard@utoronto.ca



Congratulations to **Marie (Figueiredo) Owusu (USMC 2010)** and Kyle Owusu, who were married on July 28 at St. Thomas More Church in Rochester, NY. Marie is now working as a Senior Analyst, Environmental Claims, at AIG.



On August 25, friends of **Andrew Gillis (USMC 2012)** (bottom row, red shirt) threw him a "Glory Day" Bachelor Party at St. Mike's. More than 30 friends, including fellow SMC alumni and Varsity football players, had a fabulous time playing football and other sports followed by a celebratory lunch in the Canada Room. Since graduating, Andrew has turned his passion for sports into a successful career with Resilience Fitness.

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Your donations supported undergraduate teaching, student aid, the Faculty of Theology, Campus Ministry, the John M. Kelly Library and the Brennan Hall revitalization project—all which have a direct impact on student experience. Many of you also chose to donate to our Area of Greatest Need, which enables USMC to invest in priority programs and projects that improve and enhance facilities, services and supports across campus. In every instance, your gifts contributed to the personal, academic and spiritual development of our students—who are the heart of everything we do.

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