

# SENIOR COLLEGE BULLETIN

## FALL 2018



### A Note from the Editor

Ed Barbeau



In the last month, the most prominent story in Canadian media was the legalization of marijuana. I was struck by the almost desperate intensity of both those wanting to embrace this cool new thing and those eager to make a pile of money from it. I suspect that most readers of the Bulletin do not see themselves in either group; this speaks to

the fortunate position we are in that we can find pleasure and satisfaction in our research and the work of our colleagues. This issue of the Bulletin will illustrate the utility of Senior College as a venue for continuing our intellectual discourse and through which we can witness to the larger community the broader horizons of human experience.

Of course, the advent of legalized marijuana will fully engage the academic community, not through consumption, but in providing lots of material for a variety of medical researchers, biologists, chemists, statisticians, economists, social and political scientists, philosophers, criminologists and legal scholars. There will undoubtedly be a constitutional angle in sorting out what can be produced and sold on indigenous territories and where provincial and federal responsibilities lie. I look forward to a senior college talk that will take up some of these issues.

## A Message from the Principal

Harold Atwood



It's a pleasure to welcome all Fellows and Members to a new academic year. Our mainstay continues to be the weekly meetings held at the Faculty Club, with noteworthy speakers selected by the Program Committee, coupled with refreshment and discussion break and followed by an optional lunch. These meetings provide both the opportunity to learn more about diverse topics in a range of disciplines, and a social context for discussion and interaction among the participants. In this way, Senior College becomes a more coherent community of retirees. This year, the Program

Committee Co-Chairs are Linda Hutcheon and Linda Corman, and the Program Committee is currently at work recruiting presenters for the Fall 2019 Term, having completed selections for the forthcoming Winter Term (2019). We are very fortunate in having a good arrangement for these events at the Faculty Club, in which all Fellows become members when they register. The terms of our agreement are extremely favourable, and provide an excellent venue for our significant programs.

[For full report see: <http://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/message-form-principal-november-2018/>]

## The Universities Pension Plan

For some time, negotiations have been proceeding to fold the present University of Toronto pension Plan into a jointly-sponsored plan in which the University of Toronto will join with Queen's University and the University of Guelph in a University Pension Plan. For those of us who are already retired, there will be no change in the terms of our pension -- everything will continue as before.

The plan will be supervised by a Sponsor Board and a Board of Trustees in which beneficiaries of the plan and the administrations will have equal representation. UTFA in particular will have a permanent seat on the Sponsor Board. We are in the final stages of working out the details before the new plan is ratified by the employee and administrative organizations involved. To come into force, at least two thirds of the active members of the current plans must assent and no more than one third of the retired members can object.

You can find all the details by going to either of the websites [www.utfa.org](http://www.utfa.org) or [www.universitypension.ca](http://www.universitypension.ca) .

## CURAC (College and University Retiree Associations of Canada)

CURAC - the College and University Retiree Associations of Canada - has been bringing retired academics from across the country together annually for many years. You are invited to join the next meeting on May 23-25, 2019 at the University in Guelph; you can [visit the website for other details](#). Harold Atwood provides a brief history and description of the [last meeting in Halifax](#).

Harold Atwood also describes a talk "Deprescribing: It's no dream. Sleep well without sleeping pills" given by Dr. David Gardner, Professor of Psychiatry and Pharmacy, Dalhousie University. David Gardner's presentation addressed two major issues that confront seniors very frequently.

[Further details at: <http://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/deprescribing-and-sleep-therapy-for-seniors/>]

## UNIVERSITY in the COMMUNITY: A History of University-Community Collaboration



UitC students with presenter Louis March (front row, centre), founder of the Zero Gun Violence Movement. Photo credit: Ryan Fettig

Senior College is an enthusiastic supporter of University in the Community, an organization that provides an opportunity to members of society to access courses. Coordinator Joanne Mackay-Bennett provides a brief history of the organization.

[Further details at: <http://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/university-in-the-community-a-history-of-university-community-collaboration/>]



## News in the digital age: Fellows venture to the University of Toronto Scarborough



See description at:

<http://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/news-in-the-digital-age-fellows-venture-to-the-university-of-toronto-scarborough/>

### Scholars Give Sanctuary (SGS)

A brief progress report By Peter Hajnal

The Scholars Give Sanctuary (SGS), an informal refugee support group of Senior College Fellows, at its meeting on November 14, 2017, discussed options and next steps now that the application of our refugee candidate was turned down in a final ruling. To clarify our remaining options, Diana Baxter, Margrit Eichler and Peter Hajnal asked for and had a meeting on November 28 with Kerith Paul, Senior Project

Coordinator, Ryerson University Lifeline Syria Challenge. Ryerson Lifeline Syria coordinates refugee activities of various support groups, including ours. It also holds the money we previously collected, a little under \$25,000.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

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### Art at Senior College at the University of Toronto A Proposal

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By Peter Alberti

I have been asked by the Principal of Senior College to make suggestions of how to implement a program of art within Senior College, permanent collection and transient holdings: At present there are occasional exhibits but there is no permanent art collection.

[Detailed proposal at:

<http://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/art-at-senior-college-at-university-of-toronto-a-proposal/>]

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### In Memoriam

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**William (Bill) Douglas Foulds** (1918-April 1, 2018) was Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, retiring in 1984, and served the Faculty Club in many capacities.

**Alex G. Harrison** (1921-Sept. 7, 2018) joined the University of Toronto in 1959. His areas of research were gas-phase ion chemistry and mass spectrometry.

**Douglas Joyce** (July 20, 1922 - July 1, 2018). For more than three decades, he taught in the University of Toronto's department of Germanic languages and literature, and was head of German at Trinity College in the 1960s, before the department was united across the university in the 1970s.

**Terry Kavanagh** (June 6, 1927-Sept. 10, 2018) was director of the Toronto Rehabilitation Centre and specialized in cardiovascular health and fitness.

**Michael Kirkham** (1934-2018) joined the University of Toronto in 1968. He was professor of English, first at Scarborough College, then at University College.

**Robert Harold McNutt** (July 4, 1937-June 23, 2018) was Principal and Vice-Principal at UTM from 1995 to 2002, although he was at McMaster University for the remainder of his career.

**Neville Moray** (May 27, 1935-Dec. 15,



On October 24, 2018 Senior College presented the art show: Helen Lenskyj's Memories of Australia. The Exhibit continues until December 7, 2018. Details of the exhibit can be found at: <http://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/art-show/>. The catalogue for the exhibit is at: <http://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/catalogue-helen-lenskyjs-memories-of-australia/>

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## Weekly Programs

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**Senior College Speakers Program  
Schedule Winter 2019: January 9 -  
March 27**

2017), whose research treated applied experimental and engineering psychology was a member of the U of T Departments of Psychology (1970-74) and Industrial Engineering (1981-88).

**Miriam Rossi** (d July 11, 2018) was Professor of Paediatric Medicine at the University of Toronto and associated with the Hospital for Sick Children.

**Paul G. Walfish** (d July 28, 2018), Alex and Simona Shnaider Chair in Thyroid Oncology at the University of Toronto and founder, in 1965, of the Department of Nuclear Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital, died at age 83.

**Lois Elaine Wier** (Nov. 6, 1930-Feb. 2, 2018) was executive secretary at the founding of Erindale College, and later Associate Dean at the Faculty of Music.

Colleagues are encouraged to submit their own reminiscences of deceased colleagues to [senior.college@utoronto.ca](mailto:senior.college@utoronto.ca). They will form part of the permanent record of the College.

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## Honours

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Colleagues receiving honours include: Harold Atwood, Richard Bird, Linda Hutcheon, Michael Hutcheon, Daphne Maurer, Niva Piran, Giodo Pugliese, Peter Russell

[details at:  
<http://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/honours/>]



All presentations will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Faculty Club, 41 Willcocks Street. Programs are free for Fellows of Senior College, but RSVP is required. The Senior College Lunch (1:00pm) may be reserved for a reasonable fee with RSVP for the program. Registration opens up the week before the talks. RSVP online at: <http://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/events/calendar/>

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## Monthly Colloquium

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Although the weekly talks have proven to be very popular some Fellows have sought opportunities for more direct participation in discussions of particular topics and issues. To this end a more-or-less monthly series of colloquia has been established (Details are listed on the Senior College website under Events).

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The New Book, "The RALUT STORY" , written by Peter Russell, Senior College Archivist

Peter Russell thought you would be interested in how to buy copies of the new book, "The RALUT Story", by Peter Russell, Senior College Archivist which has a lot of information on the founding of Senior College.

If you are interested in ordering the book, then please review the instructions at:  
<http://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/the-new-book-the-ralut-story-written-by-peter-russell-senior-college-archivist/>

A launching reception sponsored by UTFA will be held following a pension education forum on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 4 at the Faculty Club. Volumes will be available for purchase.

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## Research Grants

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Senior college funds small grants to assist the ongoing scholarship of Fellows. These can be used for hiring research assistants, travel to field work, accessing archives, presenting results at conferences, or any other activity related to a scholarly project that is approved by the Research Committee. Applications are due September 30 of each year for grants starting the following January. They are adjudicated by the Research Committee, chaired by the Vice Principal (Academic).

Grants for four scholarly projects were awarded in the first round in 2016, with total funding of \$5000. The recipients were Judith Friedland, Peter Hajnal, David Kenny and Ken Norwich (see <http://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/3756-2/> for details).

The next call for proposals will be issued in the Summer of 2019 for receipt by September 30, 2019.

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## Reports

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### **Save the Date for Senior College's 14th Annual Symposium.**

**"Feeling and Thinking: How do they Interact?"**

**Date:** Thursday, April 11, 2019.

**Location:** The Faculty Club,  
University of Toronto, 41  
Willcocks Street, Toronto

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## University Arts Women's Club

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The University Arts Women's Club (UAWC) was founded in 1929 by Lady Falconer, wife of Sir Robert Falconer, then President of the University of Toronto. Its original purpose was to provide friendship, support and interesting activities within the Faculty of Arts and Science for faculty wives. While the purpose of the Club has remained the same, membership eligibility has expanded over the years.

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## Strategic Plan:

Under the direction of founding Principal Peter Russell, a small planning committee developed a Strategic Plan for the Senior College Centre (where we have our office space and meeting rooms). The Plan, which has now undergone a final revision, envisions continuation of programs for community outreach (Speakers' Bureau), enhancement of cultural events including Visual Arts, strengthening of outreach to prospective retirees in University departments, and instigation of workshops of relevance for seniors. The Strategic Plan is available through the following link:  
<http://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/strategic-plan-for-senior-college-centre/>

## Organization of Senior College

As Senior College continues to evolve, its organization must adapt to mirror the changes. The current version of our organization diagram dates from August 20, 2018. Not all complexities can be included, and therefore a set of notes has been drafted to describe the committees and officers, and their roles. We welcome any corrections and comments, keeping in mind that committee memberships change frequently to meet new needs. We welcome volunteers who would like to take part in the promotion and maintenance of Senior College and the Senior College Centre.

The 13th Annual Symposium Annual Symposium on the topic Inequalities and Their Consequences was held on April 5, 2018. Click here to view the video on our website.

## Board of Management and Committees of Senior College

<http://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/people/committees/>

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