

Senior College, University of Toronto
Schedule of Talks Fall 2026
10 am—both on ZOOM and in person (Faculty Club)

Speaker	Topic/Title		Date
Domenico Pietropaolo, Drama and Italian, U of T	“The Colours of Harlequin: Costumes, Cultural Adaptability, and Popular Culture”	Introducer: Giuliana Katz	September 9
Brian Levine, Rotman Research Institute, Baycrest; Psychology and Medicine (Neurology), U of T	“Beyond the Average Mind: Individual Differences in Memory and Imagery”	Introducer: Daphne Maurer	16
Andrés Jiménez Monge, Executive Director, Ontario Nature	“Environmental Problem Solving: A Wicked Thing”	Introducer: Harold Atwood	23
Bruce Kidd, Kinesiology, U of T	“The Challenges of Sports Betting”	Introducer: Mary Jane Ashley	30
Jim Phillips, Law, U of T	“I Did Not Commit Adultery’: A Unique (Parliamentary) Divorce from in the 1870s”	Introducer: Bob Sharpe	October 7
Jacalyn Duffin, Hannah Chair of History of Medicine, Queen’s U	“Canada on Easter Island: The Secret History of a Blockbuster Drug”	Introducer: Michael Hutcheon	14
Reuben Gaetani, Rotman and Strategic Management	"Location and Innovation: Why Geography Still Matters"	Introducer: Linda Hutcheon	21
Karina Vernon, English, U of T	“Cowboy Songs and the ‘Alternate Archives’ of the Black Atlantic”	Introducer: Alan Bewell	28
Helmut Reichenbächer, English, OCADU	“Mendelssohn, Shakespeare, and the Politics of Race: Cultural Programming in the Third Reich”	Introducer: Linda Hutcheon	November 4
Roberto Verdecchia, TV writer, producer, director	“The Real World of Science Communication”	Introducer: Anne Urbancic	11

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J.D.M. Stewart, author, historian	<i>The Prime Ministers: Canada's Leaders and the Nation They Shaped</i>	Introducer: John Pugsley	18
Dan Bender, CRC in Food and Culture, U of T	"Typicity's End: Tasting Wine in the Anthropocene"	Introducer: Anne Urbancic	25