

# SENIOR COLLEGE BULLETIN

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## A Word from the Editor

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Welcome to another issue of the Senior College Bulletin. As the Principal indicates in his message, the activities of the College are numerous and multifaceted: weekly lectures, monthly colloquia, regular excursions, art shows at the Centre, annual symposia, a book club, an annual list of honours and publications of our members, and modest support for research.

We are also affiliated with other retirees organizations through CURAC, which provides access to their annual

meeting and deals with various adhering organizations.

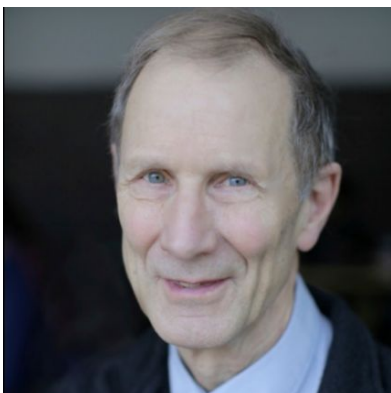
One way to keep in touch with these activities is to visit the website regularly to check out the calendar of events. As for the Bulletin, it is open to articles of general interest from members. In particular, please send in items about activities and accomplishments of yourself and other senior colleagues that we can share in these pages. In particular, if your interests have taken a new turn in retirement, tell us about it.

Ed Barbeau, Editor

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## A Message from the Principal

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Welcome to the 2019 -2020 academic year for all Fellows and Members! Once again, the weekly meetings of the Program Committee are in full swing, Wednesday mornings during the Fall Term, and Wednesday afternoons during the Winter Term. As a multi-disciplinary group, we are privileged to learn outside our disciplines, and the speakers we have had this Fall have been excellent. The social aspects of these meetings are also noteworthy, as are the arrangements we have with the Faculty Club. The Program Committee Co-Chairs, Linda Hutcheon and Linda Corman, and the Program Committee are always on the look-out for future speakers, and welcome suggestions you may have.

Our other academic programs, including the monthly Colloquia, the Book Club, the Excursions, and the yearly Symposium, are all flourishing, and are open to all Fellows. These activities provide a solid inducement for interested retirees to join as Fellows for a very modest yearly fee that includes membership in the Faculty Club. This year the Symposium topic is “Ethical Dilemmas of the 21st Century” and is scheduled for April 7th, 2020. Last year, the Symposium was sold out and some who wanted to attend could not — so when the notice for the Symposium comes out, it’s a good idea to sign up early.

At the Senior College Centre which has its space at 256 McCaul Street, in addition to meetings of various committees, the colloquia, and the book club, we have held several visual arts exhibits, and hope to expand activities there during this academic year.

As news materializes, we continue to highlight it through monthly alerting notices compiled by our News Bulletin editor, Ed Barbeau. This monthly service complements the News Bulletin which is

issued usually 2 times each year.

Wishing all a productive and enjoyable academic year,

Harold Atwood, Principal

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## EVENTS FOR FELLOWS AND EXTERNAL FELLOWS

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### Senior College Book Club

Chair: David Milne

Attention Bookworms! Senior College has launched a new dedicated bookclub for fellows and external fellows for 2019-2020. The book program, encompassing both fiction and non-fiction works, was developed by David Milne drawing on suggestions from fellows.

The program inset shows the range and breadth of the reading, and the informed leadership in every club session.

[Read more](#)



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### Summer Luncheon Chats

By Martin Klein

A new item was added to the summer program. Daphne Maurer suggested that when Senior College had summer luncheon get-togethers, one table be set aside for members to do an informal presentation of their research. We did it four times. I opened with a discussion of my research on African slavery. Then Dr. William Logan discussed problems regulating the circulation of blood to the brain during surgery, John Yeomans talked about the authorship of Shakespeare's plays, and Harold Atwood talked about genetic modification. Presentations were informal. Presenters talked for about 15 minutes, which was followed by questions and comments. By the middle of the summer, almost everyone attending the lunches was attending the presentations of research.



The colloquium committee would like comments from those participating. All of the presentations were done in the Pub. During the academic year, the Pub would be too noisy, but during the summer, most lunchers eat outside on the patio. I would like comments both from those who participated and those who would be interested in expansion. Write me at [martin.klein@utoronto.ca](mailto:martin.klein@utoronto.ca).

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## Senior College Excursions 2019



One of the benefits accruing to Fellows and External Fellows is the opportunity to participate in Senior College excursions, which occur about once a month. These intimate events, with an enrolment limit of roughly two dozen, are often visits to laboratories, but as you can see in the descriptions of recent ones, involve much else besides. *We are indebted to Peter Hajnal and Linda Hutcheon for the details.*

**Thursday, January 31, 2019: Backstage tour of the Four Seasons Centre.**

On the stage, presentations were given about opera performance with contributions from the technical staff.

This was followed by a noon-hour piano concert in the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre, and then by lunch at a nearby restaurant. [Read more](#)

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Each month, there is a limited-enrolment colloquium for Fellows of the College, who have read materials in advance. They have the opportunity for two hours on a Thursday afternoon to engage in a rich discussion led by one or two catalysts. This was the program for 2019:

February 21: Palestine - which way forward?

March 28: Is suicide ever justified?

April 25: What is cultural appropriation and when is it justified?

May 16: How do we understand illiberal democracy?

June 20: How to change social norms and should we want to?

October 24: The future of work

November 14: Coping with climate

[Read more and reports](#)

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## NEWS AND EVENTS

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### CURAC 2019 Conference at Guelph

By Ed Barbeau

The 2019 Annual Conference of the College and University Retirees Associations of Canada took place at the University of Guelph from May 22 to May 24. The speakers highlighted those areas that put Guelph in the vanguard of research into important issues: food security and diet, the use of therapy dogs, the biome of a healthy body, responses to climate change and population growth, and sexuality at different stages of life. A local panel dealt with age-friendly communities, and we visited the library to learn about its archival priorities. The banquet featured superb food at the centre in the Arboretum, a 400-odd acre park next to the campus.

Nine of the 63 delegates were from the University of Toronto, four representing UTFA and five from Senior College.

A report on this gathering appears in CURAC's Summer, 2019

Newsletter: [www.curac.ca/2019/09/curac-arucc-summer-2019-newsletter](http://www.curac.ca/2019/09/curac-arucc-summer-2019-newsletter).

Because of our association with CURAC, members of UTFA and Senior College can take advantage of deals offered by affinity organizations on travel planning and various types of insurance. Of particular interest is the chance to insure specifically against trip cancellation or interruption. Details are available on its website: [www.curac.ca/members-benefits/](http://www.curac.ca/members-benefits/).

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## **Examining the Roles and Responsibilities of Research Assistants in Their Interactions with Research Participants in Vulnerable Circumstances: A Focus Group Study**

Dr. Friedland, in collaboration Dr. Elizabeth Peter, ran a focus group study to examine the roles and responsibilities of research assistants in their interactions with research participants in vulnerable circumstances.

All research studies that involve human participants must undergo an ethics review. The purpose of the review is to ensure that participants are protected: that their dignity is respected, that concern is shown for their welfare, and that any decisions about participating are fully informed and autonomous (TCPS2, 2014). Concern about protecting participants is heightened when studies involve people considered to be in vulnerable circumstances. [Read more](#).

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### **Save the date for Senior College's 15th Annual Symposium.**

**Topic:** “Ethical Dilemmas of the 21st Century”.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 7, 2020.

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

More information will be provided in the new year.

[See the last symposium](#)

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**SENIOR SCHOLARS ANNUAL : 2018**

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This compilation presents a sample of the ongoing scholarly activities of Fellows, External Fellows,

and members of Senior College, which is comprised mainly of retired faculty and librarians at the University of Toronto. Information was collected in 2019 by the Senior College Centre under the guidance of Professor Mary Jane Ashley. Contributors are listed in alphabetical order by surname and items date from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

The variety of citation styles reflects standard practice for each discipline. This document and previous publications will remain available on the website of the Senior College.

<https://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/publications/senior-scholars-annual/>

The College gratefully acknowledges the contributions of Dr. Moyra Mackinnon to the preparation of this compendium.

A Call for Submissions for the 2019 *Senior Scholars Annual* will be issued early in 2020 for items dating from January 1 to December 31, 2019. [Website version and back issues](#)

## In Memoriam, 2019

**Robert Harold Blackburn**, died in his 101st year on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. Chief Librarian where he served a distinguished career from 1954-81

**David Booth** (d December 20, 2018) Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, OISE

**Meyer Brownstone** (June 26, 1922-April 3, 2019) Professor and director of Political Economy (U of T); Professor of Environmental Studies (York U)

**Donald Adam Burwash** (May 20, 1930-November 16, 2018) Volunteer in the Senior College office on McCaul St. for over four years

**John Davis** Died May 22, 2019. Professor Emeritus at OISE in the departments of Educational Administration and Theory and Policy Studies

**Hans de Groot** (1939-February 13, 2019) Department of English, University College

**William G. (Bill) Friend** (July 25, 1928-December 16, 2018) Department of Zoology

**Denis William Magill** (June 1939 – November 2018). Professor Emeritus, former Director of the Department of Sociology undergraduate program and University Health Studies program.

**Desmond Morton** (1937-September 4, 2019) Principal of Erindale College (1986-1994); Professor

of political science at McGill University

**Ruth Pike** (April 8, 1932-March 7, 2019) Applied Psychology, OISE

**James Cunningham (Jim) Ritchie** (July 20, 1929 – October 3, 2018) Professor of Botany and Chair, Division of Life Science UTSC

**Jack Shapiro** (d January 17, 2019) Chair of Toronto Board of Health. Toronto General Hospital and Cancer Care of Ontario. Partner of Merrijoy Kelner.

**Peter Silcox** (1939-October 12, 2019) Principal of Woodsworth College (1977-1984); Associate Dean and Vice-Principal UTM (1988-1993)

**Frances Silverman** (1942-December 11, 2018) Physiology, University of Toronto, Gage Institute & Dalla Lana School of Public Health

**Mladen Vranic** (April 3, 1930 – June 18, 2019) Physiology, Faculty of Medicine

**George Kurt Weissenborn** 1929 – November 2, 2018. Retired in 1995 as Associate Professor at St. Michael's College teaching German language and literature.

**Michael Wilson**. The Honourable Michael Wilson was Chancellor of Trinity College (2003-2006) and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Chancellor of the University of Toronto (2012-2018).

## Weekly Programs

One of the College's most popular activities has been a series of weekly talks held at the Faculty Club during the academic year. The presenters are often Fellows reporting on their recent work, but outside speakers are also invited.

The first talk of 2020 is "How the Baby Learns to See: Critical Periods Revisited", Daphne Maurer, January 8, 2020.

## Honours

### Senior Tennis Champion at Senior College

This past August, one of our members, John Yeomans with his partner, John Tibbits, became the Canadian National Senior Mens Double Champion (age 75+ category). He has won several other senior championship matches including



the Ontario Senior Mixed Doubles (age 70+) with partner, Michelene Trussell and the Ontario Mens Doubles (age 70+) with partner, Hani Ayoub, in 2017. John tells us that, as a youngster, he was carted around by his parents to play at all available tennis matches in California. Our congratulations on this accomplishment!

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