



Cover Photo - Jenna Casey, STMSU President, Student Representative, STM Board of Governors

orn in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, but with deep family ties to Nova Scotia, Jenna is currently in her 4th and final year of an honors program in history. Her academic experience has also included working as a research assistant with multiple First Nations across Canada. Ms. Casey has enrolled in many of her classes through STM, and has worked part

time at Choices for almost two years. "Through my involvement at STM, I have grown to greatly appreciate this College and the faculty and students within it. 2017 marks my first year involved in the STMSU executive, but I am excited to learn and create a strong, renewed foundation of what the STMSU strives to represent and achieve."



The STMSU is the governing Student Body at STM College. Comprised of an executive council, as well as multiple Students at Large, the STMSU is dedicated to acting as a voice on behalf of the student population on both internal and external matters.

Who is representing you at STM?

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President's Message



The turning of the year provides a unique perspective from which to appreciate the past and envision the future. We celebrate and give thanks for many developments in 2017 that comprised the ongoing evolution of St. Thomas More College including the opening in September of a spectacular building expansion that has transformed our library, the north entrance and student services facilities. We celebrate and give thanks for the Catholic intellectual tradition that animates STM, and rededicate to nurturing our vibrant Catholic scholarly community that transforms lives through sustained learning, rigorous research, disciplined development and spiritual awakening.

Not all 2017 transformations were benign. This was also a year characterized by a troubling realignment in the broader political environment. During this year the ground has shifted under the feet of western societies as human rights have been endangered, great nations have turned inward, starving refugees have been turned away from wealthy shores, immigrants and those of certain faiths have been villainized as cynical politicians prey on peoples' fears, ignorance and prejudices. Our own society has by no means been immune from any of this, and for the first time in modern history we are forced to admit that the survival of liberal democracy itself can no longer be taken for granted. There has never been a greater need for a committed and informed citizenry, and institutions like STM have a societal obligation to be at the forefront of the movement to promote the enlightened discourses that inform a robust democracy.

This is a challenge that underscores the importance of the Catholic intellectual tradition in which STM operates. Enlivened by rigorous academic freedom, and proceeding on the assumption that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, we recognize that every person is characterized by an inherent dignity that deserves the utmost respect - including those we disagree with, those who come from different cultures, those who adhere to different religious and spiritual traditions or none. In respecting freedom of conscience by welcoming such diversity, we provide a scholarly forum for vigorous discussions and debates that model for our students the truth that civilized deliberations are the essence of democracy.

The importance of what we do here cannot be overestimated: there cannot be a free and vibrant society unless there is a free and well-informed populous within it. A free and vibrant society requires citizens whose sense of freedom is sustained by having thought seriously about the supreme questions of human life: what is justice; what is a fair distribution of power, of wealth? What constitutes ethical behaviour? What are our obligations as citizens and as a nation? What are reasonable limits on indi*vidual rights in a free and democratic society?* How do we know what is truly beautiful; where do we stand in relation to the divine? These are questions that merit sustained and disciplined conversations between student and teachers, students and students.

The Catholic intellectual tradition that defines STM makes such conversations possible, thereby empowering our graduates to be well-informed, courageous participants in the increasing complex and arduous policy deliberations that an uncertain world and a vigorous democracy demand.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all my colleagues who, with the support of Corporation, Board of Governors and donors, enable all that we do and all that we are.

> Terrence J. Downey, PhD, President

St. Thomas More College

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Beyond the Books

Perhaps you've just started at University, and you're already missing the carefree socializing and extracurriculars of high school. Perhaps you're two years deep into university



life and are just now exiting the haze of books and assignments and that overwhelming feeling that can sometimes come from being a student, and you're ready to get back to youready to reintroduce some fun into your life. Or, perhaps, you've been here for almost 10 years, and you've forgotten what other people look like. You just need a break from non-stop studying and researching and deadlines. You want to try something new. At STM, we've got something for everyone!

ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE STUDENTS' UNION (STMSU):

The St. Thomas More College Students' Union (STMSU) is here for you! They are the conduit between students and administration—let them know what's on your mind!

All students who self-declare (through PAWS registration system) as STM students automatically become members of STMSU. STMSU strives to serve STM students through many political, social, cultural, and recreational activities - in general, make College life fun!

The STMSU can help you through exam jitters (with many resources, such the free Exam File), listen to your ideas about how to improve student life at the College and, the STMSU holds many social functions throughout the year; including a St. Patrick's Day Pub, pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, a Halloween Pub, a banquet and ball, and many, many other gatherings.

STMSU is independent of the Arts and Science Students' Union (ASSU) and has voting membership on the University Students' Council (USC) and the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) council and several committees at St Thomas More College.

If you're interested in volunteering at an STM-SU event or becoming part of the executive team, or are just interested in how they can help you, please go visit their office in the new student lounge!

NEWMAN SOUNDS:

Perhaps you were involved in your high school's glee club, and want a place to continue this experience. Or maybe you just watched so many hours of GLEE over the past few years that you've found your new destiny. If you're brand new to the glee club experience, that's fine too; we welcome everyone to join us. You will learn songs and choreography and can

look forward to many performances throughout the year. No audition is required.

For more information, contact Kristen Raney at kristen.raney@gmail.com or 306.231.7284.

NEWMAN PLAYERS:

STM's theatre group welcomes students to take part in any aspect—such as acting, set design, lighting, sound —of their high calibre

This is your chance to be in the spotlight! If you were involved in high school drama (not THAT kind of drama, Regina George) or community theatre, continue your love of the arts by joining Newman Players. Putting on a variety of productions throughout the year, Newman Players is the place to be. With elaborate sets and costuming, Newman Players' productions are well-received on campus and the community beyond. If you are interested in getting on stage and being part of one of their productions, please keep your eyes peeled for information about upcoming auditions.

If the stage isn't for you, but you still love the rush and hustle and bustle of theatre life, there is a spot for you! Newman Players is always looking for people who are interested in set design, wardrobe alterations, lighting, sound, etc. If you have previous knowledge in any of these areas—or are interested in learning please let them know! They would love to have you on board.

For additional information about Newman Players, please contact Artistic Director and Manager Richard Medernach: rmedernach@ stmcollege.ca or call 306.966.8900.

NEWMAN CENTRE:

The Catholic student club on campus seeking to fulfill the social and spiritual needs of its members through coffeehouses, retreats, ecumenical suppers, dances, and other various events. Everyone is welcome, regardless of religious affiliation.

Are you interested in connecting with other people in this faith-based group? The relaxed environment of this club is great for those who want to socialize, reaffirm their faith, and for those who want to get to know other like-minded people on campus. Open to people of all religious backgrounds, Newman Centre is a welcoming place to be!

For more information, please visit their office in the new student lounge.

IN MEDIAS RES:

In Medias Res is a journal committed to publishing local writers and artists. It is published twice per year (usually in November and March) by St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan. The title, In Medias Res, describes the situation of university life in

which we are always caught "in the middle of things". In Medias Res is a free publication and is distributed around the University of Sas

katchewan campus. If you are a budding artist, writer, photographer, submit your work to In Medias Res! This is a low-key way to get your work submitted, published and seen.

Alternatively, perhaps you're not an artist (or, maybe you are), but you're looking for that group connection or are looking to expand your knowledge base and see what it's really like to publish a journal. Maybe you really loved the task of organizing your high school yearbook; maybe you're a mature student who was a true '90s teen. Whatever your background, In Medias Res would love to have you join their editorial board!

If you are interested in submitting your work, becoming a member of the editorial board, or purchasing advertising space, please contact inmediasres@stmcollege.ca.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

"A Catholic, fraternal organization, that encourages Catholic men—eighteen and older—to take part in charity, community service, and the protection of human dignity by joining the College council at STM. The council holds monthly meetings, arranges social events for members, and participates in community ser-

If you're a male Catholic student who's interested in community service, charity, volunteer efforts and comradery, get in touch with The Knights of Columbus!

For more information, please contact Dean Schmidt at dschmidt@stmcollege.ca.

USUSA:

The University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Students Association(USUSA), with associations Canada-wide under the Canadian Ukrainian Students Union umbrella, was first established on our campus in the 60s. The Association was reinvigorated with the support of STM's Nadya Foty-Oneschuk and permanently re-established in 2011. The student association now boasts a membership of 30+ U of S students.

USUSA is now officially an STM student group, housed within the College, supported and collaborative with the other student groups at St. Thomas More.

For more information on the UkrainianStudent's Association social and cultural events check out their FB page: https://www.facebook.com/StudentyUofS/

For more information on STM clubs go to STMcollege.ca or call 306.966.8900 and speak to one of our Student Services Representatives.

Dean's Message



s we near the end of the Fall 2017 term, A a brief look back:

The anxiety we felt over the 2017-18 provincial budget cut has been pacified, somewhat, by the better-than-expected enrolment this year so far—not guite so much as to reverse all the cuts we imposed on ourselves, but perhaps enough to avoid running deficits.

We said good-bye to Darrell McLaughlin, our Associate Dean for more than five years, as he completed his term and embarked on an administrative leave for the next year. Four other people also retired in June after long service to the College: Pat Kelly, Cheryl Soulodre, Chris Foley, and Dorothy Abernethy. In Darrell's place, Prof. Tammy Marche has been appointed as Associate Dean.

We started the term with a great faculty-staff retreat at Queen's House at the end of August with a daylong deliberation on Indigenous educational issues. As the University of Saskatchewan has made indigenization a central theme of its current strategic plan, we, as a Catholic College within the University, are bound to respond in similar fashion and rise to

the challenge that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission made to us in its report. Indigenization is an important goal in our own Strategic Plan, and we have addressed the issues in several ways throughout this term, such as participating in Indigenous Voices Course.

The North Building Project is now complete and our College is free of construction and noise for the first time in more than a year. The renovated and expanded library space looks beautiful, and the northern entrance presents an elegant and inviting face to the University. Hopefully the new façade will bring in more people to STM to experience our hospitality.

Teaching and research at the College are progressing as usual. As I said, enrolments are up--and so is the number of professors who are applying for and winning research awards. I made a report of all those who won such awards in my report to the Corporation last month. This month also brought news of several nominations for teaching excellence awards both from STM students and the USSU. Good luck to all the nominees.

The 29th Keenan Lecture was a grand success this year. On November 2nd, Dr. Eric McLuhan,

this year's guest lecturer, spoke on "Catholicism and Communication: The Sensus Communis, Synesthesia, and the Soul." This was followed the next day by a seminar on "A Catholic Theory of Communication." Both events were well attended.

As the term draws to a close, we look forward to our students finishing their courses and exams with success. Then, it's Christmas and New Year! The rhythm of academic life at STM continues!

Arul Kumaran, PhD

Dean, St. Thomas More College

St. Thomas More College Faculty Department Heads



Sarah Powrie



Sharon Wright



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RELIGION & CULTURE Mary Ann Beavis



Anna Klimina





STUDIES David McGrane (Acting)



Gerald Farthing



(July 1,2017)



Uncovering History

y Jacquie Berg

t was a warm day in Southern Iraq, where Tina Greenfield was working on an archaelogical project, when she received word that there was a posting for a faculty position in her specialty at St. Thomas More College (STM) at the University of Saskatchewan.

Specializing in Near Eastern Archaeology, it is common for the network in this unique field to share potential opportunities. There are only two Canadian University programs in this area - Toronto and Saskatoon. So, after a whirlwind of interviews and decision-making, while her husband was conducting archaeological fieldwork in Israel at same time, she decided to take the plunge and apply. To our benefit, she was offered the position.

After finishing her Iraq fieldwork and then doing an additional 5 weeks of fieldwork in Israel, Tina barely had time for a brief return to see her family (husband and children) in Winnipeg before beginning the teaching term at STM this Fall.

Dr. Greenfield is an archaeologist whose interests lie in the earliest empires of the ancient world. She received her PhD from the University of Cambridge in the UK with a specific interest in Near Eastern Archaeology. She has worked on archaeological sites in Canada, Serbia, Romania, Israel, Iraqi Kurdistan, southern Iraq, Turkey, and South Africa.

While working at STM, she remains a co-direc-

tor of the Near Eastern and Biblical Archaeology Lab at the University of Manitoba, and is also a Visiting Research Scholar at the University of Cambridge.

During the past three years, Dr. Greenfield has taught archaeology as part of a US State Department program in Erbil and also with the British Museum projects in Iraq. She is currently part of three international archaeological teams working in Iraq (British Museum; Boston University and Munich University) which include new research-oriented excavations and documentation of cultural heritage damage. She is also the zooarchaeologist (animal bone specialist) for two projects in Israel (Tell es Safi and Tell Burna).

Dr. Greenfield had never been to Saskaton prior to her August drive from Winnipeg, so she was not quite sure what to expect. She has been impressed.

"I love it. The food, people and most especially, the enthusiastic students. I cannot believe the number of students interested in archaeology at this University:' She is also impressed with our wide array of offerings and facilities on campus, stating "The U of S Museum of Antiquities is a gem - close to that of Cambridge in the UK."

"The atmosphere on campus has been collaborative and positive since my arrival," Tina Greenfield says. She credits STM Professor Chris Foley (now retired) for his work in building this foundation. "There is a good relationship between Archaeology and St. Thomas More College with support to expand the department."

Dr. Greenfield sees STM as a great fit for her area of study - melding the study of religion and archaeology.

"My dream is to have students travel with me to work on an archaeological excavation in Israel. It will help them understand the connection between the ancient and modern; to see that historically known sites from the bible have relevance to our modern lives."

Tina recently shared exciting news about a mysterious city being uncovered in Iraqi Kurdistan by a team from the British Museum, including Dr. Greenfield. The city is thought to have been founded by Alexander the Great. This news has spread quickly across the world.

Welcome Tina! We are very pleased have you as part of the STM family.

2017/2018 STM Courses taught by Dr. Tina Greenfield

ARCH 116.3 61 Introduction to Near Eastern and Classical Archaeology

Introduction to the archaeology of ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, Israel and surrounding regions, Greece and Rome. The course examines how archaeologists use material remains to reconstruct ancient societies, focusing on the archaeological characteristics and cultural dynamics of major periods, and the relationship between human communities and the environment.

ARCH 244.3 61 Archaeology and Cultural Development Ancient Israel and Syria Late Bronze Age to Hellenistic Period

Examines the archaeological reconstruction of cultural development in the regions of ancient Israel and Syria from the Late Bronze Age to the Hellenistic Period, focusing on methodological issues, major sites, and the defining characteristics of the cultures themselves.

ARCH 257.3 61 Archaeology of Ancient Egypt LEC M W F 14:30 15:20 60 Greenfield T1 27135

A study of the archaeological evidence for the reconstruction of ancient Egyptian culture from the Neolithic through to the Roman periods, focusing on the particular characteristics of archaeology in Egypt, major cultural periods, and significant sites.

ARCH 252.3 62 Near Eastern Archaeological Field Work LEC MW F 12:30 13:20 25 Greenfield T2

Introduces students to the excavation and laboratory methods used in Near Eastern archaeology. Beginning with research design, the course leads students through the techniques of excavation in the field to the analysis of artifacts and data in the lab.

ARCH 356.3 62 Development of Complex Cultures in Eastern Mediterranean and Near Eastern Regions

LECTR 13:00 14:20 25 Greenfield T2 A study of the development of complex cultures in the eastern Mediterranean and Near Eastern regions from the hunting and gathering societies of the Upper Palaeolithic period to the establishment of complex urban cultures during the Early Bronze Age, with an emphasis on the geographical areas of ancient Syria and Israel.



STM Study Abroad PANAMA

by Caitlin Ward

In the summer of 2017, STM sent a cohort of 11 students to Panama as part of a new study abroad program. Students spent May learning about the history of the Spanish language in Latin America with Dr. Allison Smith, and in June travelled with Engaged Learning Coordinator Caitlin Ward and Program Assistant Cooper Muirhead to Santa Fé in the Veraguas province of Panama. There, students stayed with host families in the community for two weeks, learning about the history and contemporary realities of cooperativism in Central America through STM's partner institution, La Cooperativa La Esperanza de Los Campesinos, or, The Hope of the Peasant Farmers Cooperative.

The field study was timed so that students arrived in Santa Fé the day before the town's annual celebration commemorating the disappearance of Father Jesús Hector Gallego Herrera, the Colombian priest who co-founded the cooperative in 1969 and was kidnapped by the government in 1971. Students spent their first few days in Santa Fé participating in community meetings about the past and future of this vibrant cooperative, as well as joining a caminata (memorial procession) in honour of Father Gallego.

With a solid grounding in the cooperative's rich and sometimes difficult history, students then learned about the cooperative's contemporary work. The cohort visited an organic finca (small farm holding), which operates under pre-industrial principles of mixed agriculture. Students also met with cooperative members in more remote areas such as the walk-in community of Las Quebradas, and the Indigenous community of Guabal. In Santa Fé, they toured the cooperative's holdings, including an organic coffee processing plant, and students also learned how to juice sugar cane at the cooperative's new sugar processing plant just outside of town.

The field study culminated in a final celebration with the students, the families who hosted them, and the cooperative staff. With the field study's first year a success, cooperative director Isaias Rodriguez invited STM on the spot to bring a new cohort of students to Santa Fé in the summer of 2018.

For more information on STM Study Abroad programs, please contact : Caitlin Ward, Engaged Learning Coordinator www.stmcollege.ca/csl



ENERGY ECONOMICS

Saeed Moshiri led his Energy Economics (Econ 376) class on a field trip to the Queen Elizabeth Power Station in South Saskatoon on November 7, 2017. In this tour, students learned about how our electricity is generated, why we are one of the highest pollutants in Canada, and plans for future. They also now understand why our river is not frozen entirely in winter!



Show your appreciation by nominating them for a St. Thomas More College Teaching Excellence Award

Nomination Forms are available in the STM Main Office Room 155

For more information email: jliptay@stmcollege.ca



STM Faculty Research Excellence

STM Faculty continue to be very active in research and successful in obtaining funding for their research projects. Internal and external research funding makes it possible for the hiring of research assistants and Graduate Teaching-Research Fellows, which aid faculty in their research as well as mentoring students in their future academic careers.

STM Internal Research Grant recipients from April 2017:

STM SEED GRANTS

STM Seed grants support faculty in the development of research projects; those likely to result in publication without major funding access; assistance for travel to present papers at conferences.

Dr. Anna Klimina (Economics)

"Ideas of Economic Democracy in Russian pre-1929 socialist thought"

Dr. Sarah Knudson (Sociology)

"Urban Dating Scenes: How Indigenous communities bring tradition to support forming meaningful intimate relationships for people living with disabilities"

Dr. Pierre- Francois Noppen (Philosophy)

"Suffering and Negativity: Adorno on the Foundation of Normativity (Second Part)"

STM PUBLICATION GRANTS

The STM Publications Fund is designed to encourage and support scholarly and creative work at St. Thomas More College. The Research Committee (or "the Committee") is responsible for the allocation of monies from the Publications Fund. Within the limits of available resources, the Committee considers requests to assist in the defraying of costs associated with the preparation and publishing of scholarly works.

Dr. Paulette Hunter (Psychology) (Recently accepted for publication in BMC Geriatrics)

"Did online publishers 'get it right'? Using a naturalistic search strategy to review cognitive health promotion content on Internet webpages.

Dr. Anna Klimina (Economics)

"Women's Economics in Late Imperial Russia" & "Evolution of Soviet Economic Ideas and Reform Proposals through the Lens of Women Economists"

STM DISTINCTIVE AREAS RESEARCH AWARD (DARA) GRANTS

STM DARA supports faculty research that further develops the STM distinctive program areas. These program areas include: Catholic Studies, Social Justice and the Common Good, Ukrainian Studies, Philosophy, Jewish Christian Origins, CMRS, and Community Service Learning.

Dr. Tracy Carr and Dr. Brian Chartier (Psychology)

"Evaluation of the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (IRSSA) Independent Assessment Process (IAP)"

Dr. Kylee-Anne Hingston (English)

"Reading Disability, Reading Culture: The Double Advantage of Using Disability Studies (DS) to Teach Introductory Literature"



240 ARTS & SCIENCE COURSE OPTIONS (open to all U of S students)

FACULTY (Tenure, tenure-stream, term, sessional)

5000 + STUDENTS (approx. full and part-time)

205 Aboriginal students (self-declared)

69 International students (self-declared)

163 other provinces & territories students (self-declared)

\$180,000 in STM Scholarships

& Bursaries annually

10,000 STM Alumni (approx. since 1936)

13,600 STMCOLLEGE.CA Website visits (Sept. 2016 - Nov. 2017)

1500 weekly diners choices @ str

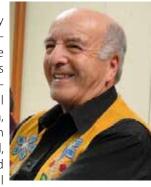
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LECTURE SERIES & EVENTS

Stanley John McKay

Without the work of Stanley John McKay and many others, Canada's Aboriginal peoples might never have heard the two simple words they had waited hundreds of years to hear from a Christian Church: we're sorry. It happened in 1986 at the 31st General Council of the United Church of Canada, the country's largest Protestant church. An apology to Aboriginal people was issued, thanks to the work of Reverend McKay and his partners on the National Native Council of the United Church. Six-years later, Rever-



end McKay became Moderator, the highest spiritual position possible in the United Church hierarchy. The prefix "Very Reverend" has been part of his name ever since.

By becoming the first Aboriginal person to lead the United Church, serving from 1992-94, Reverend McKay had again made history. First ordained in 1971, this Cree from the Fisher River Reserve in Manitoba, has been at the forefront in joining Aboriginal spirituality with the teachings of Christ. He believes profoundly that the beliefs of the Carpenter's son and those his people traditionally held, are not all together different. If you believe we are all children of the creator, then there is more to unite than divide. For 25 years, he has supported training for the ministry which enables Aboriginal peoples to study the Gospel in their own language. This has enabled Aboriginal people to become ministers of the church in their own right, an important tool in repatriating power in their own religious lives.

He is co-director of the Dr. Jessie Saulteux Centre, a facility dedicated to training Aboriginals for the ministry and about the culture of Aboriginal peoples. The Very Reverend Stanley John McKay received a 1997 National Aboriginal Achievement Award in the category of heritage and spirituality for his efforts in finding a balance that respects the best of Aboriginal and Christian teachings.

The evening began with a meal for 30 people (including Rev. McKay and his partner) and then a sit down in a circle for a dialogue led by Rev. McKay on covenant as reconciliation.

Representatives from St. Andrew's College, the Treaty Commissioner's Office, and the RC Diocesan Reconciliation Circle participated. The event was held at St. Mary's Church, where the Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish meets

http://saskatoonrcdiocese.com/parish/our-lady-quadalupe-saskatoon

TRUMP VERSUS FRANCIS: DEALING WITH CONTRASTING WORLDVIEWS

President Donald Trump and Pope Francis are a study in contrasts. September's lecture featured 4 STM faculty, each addressing either the Trump or Pope Francis phenomenom and their impact on the people of today.

Donald Trump has continually shocked political observers and average citizens around the world with his bizarre declarations and audacious policy proposals. Pope Francis has also surprised many observers with the forthright manner with which he has dealt with sensitive political subjects.

This evening explored the differing worldviews of Trump and Francis in an attempt to understand what each man is attempting to accomplish given the context of our current political and economic structures.

Guest Panel included: **Dr. Mary Ann Beavis** (Religion and Culture), **Dr. Terrence Downey** (President of STM), **Dr. Chris Hrynkow** (Religion and Culture), **Dr. David McGrane** (Political Studies),

Upcoming Lectures

January 25, 2018 7:30 p.m. STM College

6TH ANNUAL DE MARGERIE ECUMENICAL LECTURE



Lecture: "SURPRISED BY UNITY - FINDING ONENESS IN WAYS WE HADN'T PLANNED"

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Susan Durber

Susan Durber is a minister of the United Reformed Church in the United Kingdom serving a church in the South West of England. She is also Moderator of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches. She has previously served churches in Manchester and Oxford, worked as Theology Advisor for Christian Aid and from 2007-2013 she was Principal of Westminster College, Cambridge.

March 22, 2018 7:30 p.m. STM College

INTEGRAL ECOLOGY AND THE SEARCH FOR WHOLENESS: ARE WE LOOKING AT THE WRONG UNIVERSE?



Speaker: Sr. ILIA DELIO, OSF, Ilia Delio, OSF is a Franciscan Sister of Washington, DC and American theologian specializing in the area of science and religion, with interests in evolution, physics and neuroscience and the import of these for theology. Ilia currently holds the Josephine C. Connelly Endowed Chair in Theology at Villanova University, and is the author of 17 books.



29th Annual Keenan Memorial Lecture - November 2, 2017

The annual Keenan lecture honours the memory and achievements of STM's first Dean, Dr. Michael Keenan, and is open to the public.

GUEST LECTURER: Eric McLuhan

Lecture title: Catholicism and Communication: The Sensus Communis, Synesthesia, and the Soul

An internationally-known and award-winning lecturer on communication and media, Dr. Eric McLuhan has over 40 years of teaching experience in subject areas including literature, communication theory, media, culture, and Egyptology. Having worked closely for many years with his father, the late Marshall McLuhan, he has also been deeply involved in exploring media ecology and communications, with his research and thinking published in books, magazines, and journals. With this rich background, Dr. McLuhan was an ideal choice for the St. Thomas More College (STM) 29th Annual Michael Keenan Memorial Lecture.

Dr. McLuhan spoke to the foundation of his father's approach to understanding how media operate on the people's sensibilities—that and its synesthesia. Dr. McLuhan expanded on this topic choice by stating, "For many centuries, it has been a commonplace that "there is nothing in the mind that is not first in the senses." Human experience involves several groups of senses—the five or more bodily senses, the four intellectual senses (of Scripture and equally of poetry and prose), and the three spiritual senses (the theological virtues). Each group forms an organic unit—a sensus communis—in which the members co-operate. The several groups, too, communicate with each other synesthetically. Marshall McLuhan used this understanding to found his own approach to the study of communication media. It differs radically from the universal "transportation" model, and it is uniquely capable of making sense of how of electric technologies from the telegraph to the Internet and cyberspace transform us and our world."

In addition to co-authoring "Laws of Media" in 1988 and working closely for many years with his father, the late Marshall McLuhan, Eric McLuhan has also been deeply involved in exploring media ecology and communications. In 1980, with Roger Davies, Dr. McLuhan developed the Thinking and Writing workshops, and together they founded McLuhan & Davies Communications, Inc., to help business professionals with their writing and editing skills.

McLuhan's research and thinking has been published in books, magazines, and journals covering topics such as media, communications, perception, and literature since 1964. He is currently researching the nature and structure of renaissances, including the one that now envelops us: the first global renaissance.

Dr. Eric McLuhan's most recent published work includes The Sensus Communis - Synesthesia, and the Soul (BPS Books, 2015), Cynic Satire (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2015), and a third book in the The Human Equation series (BPS Books, 2012). Several other books are currently in preparation.

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The STM Distinguished Alumni Award is awarded annually to both a female and a male graduate of St. Thomas More College whose lifetime accomplishments and achievements have been outstanding, who have made a significant contribution to their community, and who have continued to celebrate their relationship with St. Thomas More College since their graduation.

The STMNAA is pleased to announce year's recipients, Eloise Opheim and Dr. Michael Duggan. Both are exemplary individuals whose dedication and life-work reflect the values and benefits of the education received through the high-quality learning experience offered at STM.

Distinguished Alumni Award Past recipients:

1992 - J. Frank Roy & Mary Louis Long

1993 - Alphonse Gerwing & Marikay Falby

1994 - Bernard & Mae Daly

1995 - Grant & Vivian Maxwell

1996 - Ted & Danielle Fortosky

1997 - Margaret Mahoney & Herman Rolfes

1998 - Kevin & Dorothy Murphy

1999 - Kenneth Schmitz & Margaret Dutli

2000 - Not awarded

2001 - Dr. Tom Molloy and Mildred Kerr

2002 - Dr. Michael Krochak & Betty Farrell

2003 - Henry Kloppenburg & Kay Feehan

2004 - Joseph Bellefleur & Dr. Lois Brockman

2005 - Dr. Walter Podiluk & Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald

2006 - Peter Zakreski & Elaine Shein

2007 - Not awarded

2008 - Bill Zerebesky & Sr. Kay MacDonald, NDS

2009 - Dr. Douglas Schmeiser & MJ DeCoteau

2010 - Art Battiste & Barbara Berscheid

2011 - Dr. Mary Jo Leddy & Justice Peter Dielschneider

2012 - Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie & Sr. Teresita Kambeitz

2013 - Dr. W. (Earle) DeCoteau & Geralyn (Geri) Hall

2014 - Margaret Sanche & Otto Lang

2015 - Sister Irene Poelzer & Dr. Jim Dosman

2016 - Madeleine Blais-Dahlem & Dennis Gruending

2017 - Eloise Opheim and Dr. Michael Duggan

Nominations are now open for the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Ensure STM graduates are recognized! Nominate an STM Alumna or Alumnus whose conviction and dedication continue to have a meaningful impact on our community!

Nomination forms for the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Awards can be found under the Alumni tab on the STM website at http://stm-college.ca/alumni/distinguished-alumni.php or by contacting Karen Massett, Director of Development at kmassett@stmcollege.ca Nominations must be received by June 30, 2018.



Henry Remai is **GIVING BACK** by Karen Massett

Thank you Henry Remai, for making a difference.

Through a generous pledge of \$30,000, Henry Remai has established 2 new STM bursaries and also contributed to an endowed Chair at STM! Annual tuition and fees for Arts & Sciences students are currently more than \$6,000. These new bursaries will provide vital funding for the educational journey of each deserving STM recipient:

The Henry Remai Aboriginal Student Bursary: An annual donation of \$4,000 will provide one to four bursaries ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000 to STM Indigenous students. Recognizing the value of providing support to first year students at STM, preference for this award will be given to continuing students who have participated as a mentor in programs for new Aboriginal students. Henry has also generously provided funding for the *STM Endowed Basilian Chair in Indigenous Spirituality and Reconciliation*. This Chair was established in 2016 by an initial endowment through the munificence of the Basilian Fathers who founded St. Thomas More College and left this generous legacy. Henry's support will assist STM to encourage and foster awareness and appreciation of Indigenous spirituality and advance reconciliation.

STM DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA 2017 Eloise Opheim

by Karen Masset

Raised in Vanscoy, Eloise married her high school sweetheart, Ken Opheim. After both their sons had graduated high school, Eloise decided to further her own education, and she arrived on campus at St. Thomas More College in 1991. Returning to school at the age of 41 presented many challenges, but she soon excelled at her studies. She has many fond memories of her time at STM and especially treasures the support and guidance she received from Father Ron Griffin and Dr. John Thompson.

"In the beginning, I chose STM because it was a smaller college, a more intimate college and because of its support of social justice, caring for one another, and moral leadership."

Following her graduation from STM, Eloise received a scholarship from McGill University to pursue a Masters of Management degree.

Eloise developed a strong conviction for educating parents on the prevention of drug use among teens while raising her sons. Her passion for this important cause remained steadfast while studying at STM; she established a new organization, the "Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education"- a national non-profit organization for the prevention of teen drug use, which became known as PRIDE CANADA. PRIDE CANADA became a resource for youth, parents, educators, physicians, counsellors and other concerned citizens, providing them with information on commonly abused drugs, and helping them organize parent-peer groups, parent-school teams, and community action groups.

Armed with a powerful message, an experienced board of directors, and honorary patrons such as Mr. Peter Mansbridge, Mr. Roy Romanow, and the Honorable Jean Chrétien (to name a few), PRIDE CANADA soon flourished, and Executive Director Eloise (still a full-time student at STM) travelled the world for "Teen Drug Prevention" speaking engagements. Referring to wide-spread impact of PRIDE CANADA, Eloise remarks, "Over the next 20 years, parents from Halifax to Vancouver to Iqaluit and the NWT, from small towns and big cities, came by the thousands to our annual national 'Youth and Drug' conferences, and returned home to start a Parent Movement in their own community."

For her passionate commitment to youth drug prevention, Eloise was appointed to the Order of Canada in 1991. Additionally, she has been honoured with the Saskatoon Citizen of the Year Award, the YWCA's Woman of the Year Award, Saskatchewan's Order of Merit Award, and the Queen's Jubilee Award and she was also featured in Flare Magazine as one of 10 Canadian women who have contributed to making the world a better place! More recently, Eloise co-founded the organization "Drug Free Kids Canada," a registered charity whose goal is to inspire and support parents to ensure that all young people are able to live their lives free of alcohol or drug abuse.

Reflecting now on her life path, Eloise notes, "I am so grateful to be a graduate of St. Thomas More College, whose faculty helped to equip me with the intellectual and personal tools that I needed for achievement of my future goals, which was to mobilize a parent movement across Canada to prevent drug use among Canadian teens."

One could say that her educational journey came full circle, when many years into her career she was invited back to the College to deliver the convocation address at an STM graduation event.

Eloise's 25 years of dedicated commitment to the prevention of drug use among teens has profoundly impacted our local, national and international communities. The STMNAA proudly recognizes Eloise Opheim as the 2017 St. Thomas More College Distinguished Alumna!

The Henry Remai Emergency Student Bursary: An annual donation of \$2,000 will provide emergency funding for students who are in acute need of financial support and as a result are at imminent risk of withdrawal from university.

Henry Remai attended elementary and high school in Carrot River. He began his university studies in 1958 at the University of Saskatchewan receiving a B.A., and B. Ed., and then a Masters of Education from the University of Alberta.

Henry's inspiring career devoted to teaching mathematics at Holy Cross High School spanned 26 years. During this time, for his dedication to students and significant contributions to mathematics education, he was recognized with two prestigious awards: The Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence in the area of Mathematics, and the Master Teaching Award from the Saskatchewan Mathematics Society.



Of his time at STM and the inspiration for his donation Henry notes:

"I have very fond memories of the time I spent at St. Thomas More. The positive Catholic environment was very supporting for a kid from rural Sask. My most fervent wish is that students will avail themselves of the many resources offered at STM. The fellowship there can lead to life-long friendships."

Thank you, Henry. STM is extremely grateful for this generous gift and very proud to recognize this support from an accomplished educator whose countless contributions to students, our community and our province reflect the values that we hope to instill in the students who attend STM.

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS 2017 Dr. Michael Duggan



Dr. Michael Duggan is Professor of Religious Studies and the Catholic Women's League Chair for Catholic Studies at St. Mary's University in Calgary. He is a native of Calgary and alumnus of St. Thomas More College who has devoted his life to education in the tradition of Vatican II with particular concern for social justice and interfaith dialogue.

Dr. Duggan's academic credentials include a B.A. with a major in Philosophy, *magna cum laude* from the University of Saskatchewan, a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology, *magna cum laude*, from the Pontifical Gregorian University, a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture, *magna cum laude* from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and a PhD in biblical studies, with distinction, from the Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

St. Thomas More College provided a foundation for his education. He arrived here in the fall of 1966, less than a year after the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council. He had just graduated from St. Mary's Boys High School, Calgary, which was located across the street from a synagogue. The Hebrew inscriptions on the building and gathering of the community for morning prayers there tweaked his desire to someday learn the language and understand Judaism.

STM introduced him to formal studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences and afforded him the opportunity to process his life experiences in dialogue with the likes of Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Augustine and Thomas Aquinas. Here he learned to think critically in a world that was awakening to the great movements on behalf of civil rights, feminism, justice, peace and liberation across the globe. STM prepared him to venture further into that world by moving to Rome, learning the various ancient and modern languages required for biblical studies, and in the process, becoming aware both of how little he understood and also of how rich was the heritage of humanism in the diverse cultures of East and West. Working in a brewery and in a federal prison at this time encouraged his appreciation of the new humanism that was becoming a focus of Catholic social teaching.

In successive decades, while teaching and studying full time, he engaged life on the margins by working with Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity in Washington, D.C., Mexico, Cuba and Haiti. He travelled to Sierra Leone to learn from social workers caring for widows in refugee camps and repatriating child soldiers to their villages in Sierra Leone.

At home, he served on the board of Fresh Start, an addiction recovery centre in Calgary.

At St. Mary's University, Dr. Michael Duggan has taught the full range of courses in religious studies including biblical exegesis, Christian theology and world religions. In the field of biblical research, Dr. Duggan specializes in early Judaism and Christian origins, with particular interests in the Jewish roots of Christianity and social justice in the bible. He continues to write and lecture widely on the Second Vatican Council, Catholic Social Teaching and interfaith dialogue in the wake of Nostra Aetate, now with a focus on Pope Francis.

Dr. Duggan is known for his commitment to interfaith collaboration both among the Abrahamic traditions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) and also dialogue between these and the great traditions of the East, particularly Hinduism and Buddhism. He partners with the Calgary chapter of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and is an active member of the newly formed Calgary Interfaith Council. He works closely with Rabbi Shaul Osadchey of the Beth Tzedec congregation to provide opportunities for Christians and Jews to study Scripture together. Dr. Duggan is an active member of five learned societies: The Catholic Biblical Association of America, the Society of Biblical Literature, the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, the Society for the Study of the Old Testament, and the Society for the Study of Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature. Currently, he is an associate editor of the Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Yearbook (De Gruyter, Berlin/Boston). From 2007 until 2017, he served as an associate editor of the Catholic Biblical Ouarterly.

In the Lent term (January to March) of 2017, Dr. Duggan was elected as a Lady Margaret Beaufort visiting scholar at St. John's College in the University of Cambridge where he furthered his research on Jewish studies of the Persian, Greek and Roman eras.

Dr. Michael Duggan is a superb scholar, an exceptional teacher and renowned social justice advocate. His record of outstanding contributions to Catholic higher education in this country and well beyond, and his remarkably diverse contributions to the Catholic community and society are an inspiration; he is a worthy recipient indeed of the St. Thomas More College Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2017.

ST. THOMAS MORE MEDAL

2017 Recipient:

THE PRAIRIE MESSENGER



by Caitlin Ward Engaged Learning Coordinator

The St. Thomas More Medal has been established to recognize and honour persons, groups of persons, and organizations who combine personal qualities of care, integrity and faith with significant contributions to community and public life. The award is named after St. Thomas More, whose extraordinary example of faithful virtue and public service remains an inspiration to all.

This year, the recipient of the St. Thomas More Medal is The Prairie Messenger. Founded in 1923 by the Benedictine monks of St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster, this weekly paper has been one of the key voices for Catholicism on the Canadian prairies for the better part of a century. It has been many things to many people. In its pages, The Prairie Messenger has given equal column inches to the local lives of parishes across the western provinces and to the struggles and victories of a universal church. One of the things that has defined The Prairie Messenger, especially in the last half century, is its constant outward reach. The editors and writers of this paper have rarely been content to simply report on doctrine or theology, but have consistently asked what these things mean in the context of a diverse and rapidly changing world. Confident in the Church's teachings, The Prairie Messenger has not retreated from secular culture, but instead has sought to engage with and understand it. Perhaps most importantly, The Prairie Messenger has never shied away from calling out the Church's clay feet: a voice of loyal dissent that loves the sacramental church but is willing to recognize its corporeal flaws. The decision to be a voice in the wilderness has not come without its risks, challenges, and probably mistakes, as well, but as an institution of Catholic Higher Learning, we at St. Thomas More College know that if the pursuit of Truth is not messy, and contentious, and complicated, then it is not brave, and it is not honest. The Prairie Messenger has always been brave.

When the paper closes its doors in May 2018, that brave voice will be quieter across the Prairie Provinces, and the rest of us will have to begin to speak a little louder. As a member of the Catholic community and the STM faculty, as well as a regular columnist for The Prairie Messenger for more than a decade, I am honoured to pay tribute to this paper, and the profound contribution The Prairie Messenger has made to Catholic and community life. Please join me in congratulating editors Abbot Peter Novecosky OSB, Donald Ward, and Maureen Weber, as they receive the St. Thomas More Medal on behalf of The Prairie Messenger.

obstricting child soldiers to their villages in Sierra Leone. — as More College Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2017.



St. Thomas More College Academic Mass

Excerpt from Fr. Ron Griffin's homily: *The Most Disliked Parable*

In using a parable, Jesus often employs many of the story-telling techniques used in telling a joke. In the parable of the vineyard Jesus does just that, he starts with a reasonable situation, then builds toward the surprise, the twist that makes his point. Let's be clear at the outset, his point is not about labour relations, or farm management, or even human relations for that matter; it's about the incredible graciousness of God.

The story really begins earlier when a young man approached Jesus and asked what he should do to experience the Kingdom of God. Jesus had told him that he would have to divest himself of all his possessions, something he couldn't bring himself to do. Peter, overhearing the conversation, approaches Jesus, "Look, he says, "we [i.e, the disciples] have given up everything and followed you; what can we expect?" Realizing that Peter is not yet grasping what he has been saying about the reign of God, Jesus pauses, and then, with a smile on his face, says "Peter, have you heard the one about the vineyard?" "There was this man who owned a small vineyard..."The story that follows, is an attempt to express and communicate a basic spiritual truth about a person's relationship to God. God is like the landowner seeking people to work on his estate. People are like day laborers. Socially, as you know, day laborers are a highly vulnerable group.

The tension in the parable begins to mount when the landowner goes out calling more workers at nine, noon, and three, and finally at five, one hour before quitting time. Each time he notices that the day laborers are idle. And when he asks those enlisted at five o'clock why they are idle, they explain to him that it's because no one has hired them. This strikes a chord with the landowner. You see, his concern is with unproductive people who are unproductive precisely because they haven't received a call to work. Then comes payment time and tension really begins to mount. You might have noticed that each of the hired groups was told something different about the terms of their employment. The first were given a detailed understanding of the contract – the "usual daily wage." Those hired at nine, noon, and three were promised justice – "whatever is right." While those hired at five were given no details at all. When the last-hired received the "usual daily wage" that the first-hired agreed to, it filled the latter with gleeful anticipation. But that quickly dissipates as things proceed. Conventional social dealings would dictate that those hired at the later hours would receive an equitable portion of what the first-hired laborers agreed to. But when it became obvious that that is not what's happening, the first-hired begin to grumble at the perceived injustice. Their complaint was that the landowner had made everyone "equal to us" – which is exactly what he had done – regardless of how long or how much anyone worked.

The explanation? It's found in one word. In reply to one of the protesters, Jesus addresses him as "friend" – not laborer, not employee, not hired hand, but friend. That alters the gist of the entire story. We are jarred into realizing that we are not dealing with a contractual issue here at all; and that other word "wage," we recognize, does not refer to monitory remuneration either. Remember, the story was addressed to Peter and the disciples. According to the parable, for their work in the vineyard, each will be assured the "usual daily wage," the distribution of which is not correlated with the amount of work done. Rather, it flows out of the nature of God as scandalously good and munificent. What is just for the landowner is always "the usual daily wage." This is everything people need, and this is what is always given. As the ending of the parable explains, the comparative mind of social convention, though, will always be envious because of God's goodness and generosity.

The best interpretation of this parable I have ever come across was provided by a woman who had been a single parent with three children, little education and few marketable skills. Day after day, she had stood in line at the unemployment office, hoping against hope for a job. As she read the parable, those standing idle all day in the marketplace were not lazy. They would gladly work if anyone would hire them. But they were always left behind because they were old, infirm, and unskilled – unable to work like the more robust. They were like her, she said. As for the ending of the parable, she maintained that if the landowner had given the last-hired anything other than a day's wage, what good would that do? How would they feed their children? Sure, she admitted, the first-hired had worked all day in the hot sun, but they also had the satisfaction of knowing all day long that, at the end of the day, they would be able to feed their families. Justice, in God's reign, she explained, is about everyone being able to eat at the end of the day, no matter what each one's capacity. God's justice, she maintained, cannot be earned and does not depend on how much you work. The agreement is: if people work for God day by day, God sustains their life, day by day. Besides, does it take anything away from the first-hired if the last-hired receive the same wage?

The real challenge with this parable is our difficulty in seeing things from God's point of view. We were warned of this in the first reading where Isaiah stated categorically: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." From the lord of the vineyard's point of view, the issue isn't about wages at all. He will insure that all receive their "daily bread." What concerns him is idleness in the marketplace, failure to recognize that there is a greater reality than meets the eye and that, despite capacity, all are called to the work of harvesting a more humane world.

In a call to educators, Pope Francis speaks of the challenge of "humanizing" the next generation. (from an address to Italian school teachers and educators, May 10, 2014)

"Education," he says, "cannot be neutral. It is either positive or negative; either it enriches or it impoverishes; either it enables a person to grow or it lessens, even corrupts The mission of [educators] is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. . . . And this occurs through a rich path made up of many ingredients. This is why there are so many subjects — because development is the result of different elements that act together and stimulate intelligence, knowledge, the emotions, the body, and so on."

"If something is true, it is good and beautiful. If it is beautiful, it is good and true. If it is good, it is true and it is beautiful. And together, these elements enable us to grow and help us to love life True education enables us to love life and opens us to the fullness of life."



AVA IN ITALY

ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

Ava MacLean, in her fourth year as a Newman executive member, was invited to be the Canadian delegate at the International Movement of Catholic Students meeting in Italy at the end of August. This indeed is a great honour.

Ava travelled to the Canadian Catholic Students Association (CCSA) conference in PEI last October where she was elected to be the Western Canadian representative. In January she was elected to serve as CCSA President for 2017. This past summer, Ava was selected to go to Italy, representing our Canadian student movement, CCSA, and North America at Study Session on Immigration.

What a great example of how local and regional involvement can lead to national and international opportunities for students!

For more information on how to get involved with the Newman Centre Club, please contact Michael Maclean - mmaclean @stmcollege.ca

FALL RECRUITMENT

Fall is a very busy time for STM's Recruitment Officer! For 2017, in addition to local and provincial travel to meet with students and counsellors sharing the offerings of STM, Linda Huard has also served as Chair of the provincial organization - Saskatchewan University and Technical Institute Liaisons (SUTIL) — the organization made up of Saskatchewan post-secondary institutions that facilitates Saskatchewan student recruitment travel. To ensure support during very busy times, STM students Jessica Froelich and Makenzie Correa are also serving as STM ambassadours, assisting in recruitment initiatives. Thank you!



Number of Schools (student contact): **196**

Number of Students entering our draws >1.250

GRAND OPENING OF STM'S NORTH BUILDING RENEWAL PROJECT









St. Thomas More College (STM), University of Saskatchewan, officially celebrated the completion of a new \$5 million renewal and expansion to its current facilities September 15, 2017 in the new student lounge area. The North Building Renewal Project includes major additions and renewal to STM's research library; increased facility energy efficiency, supporting environmental protection; an expansion of the cafeteria, along with additional student-centered space featuring a new lounge and student services hub, plus installation of a five-story elevator to ensure accessibility throughout the College to the public.

The Grand Opening programme special guests included Kevin Doherty, Minister of Advanced Education; University of Saskatchewan President, Peter Stoicheff; Peta Bonham-Smith, Dean, Arts and Science, University of Saskatchewan; STM President Terrence Downey; STM Board Chair Ashley Smith and Lyndon Linklater of the Office of the Treaty Commissioner. Many addressed the improvements to STM and their benefit to the University campus community as a whole – enhancing experiences for U of S students and faculty in their study, research and leisure.

Greetings were delivered on behalf of The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development stating, "This once-in-a-generation investment by the Government of Canada ensures students, professors and researchers will work in state-of-the-art facilities that advance the country's best research. They will collaborate in specially designed spaces that support lifelong learning and skills training."

This new development is on the opposite side of the STM campus from the major building addition that was completed in 2013. With this project, space is added to the current main floor of the STM Library, bringing all the collections to one floor and enabling expansion of the cafeteria. STM president, Dr. Terrence Downey, addressed the ability to better serve the students as key over the obvious improvements to aesthetics, "this new addition enhances access for undergraduate and graduate students to the unique collections in STM's library while also providing additional research and study space."

A 50-year-old air handling unit, cold winter drafts and lack of an elevator to serve all floors, posed mounting challenges for the College. CFO and Director of Administration, Derrin Raffey prioritized these issues in designing the renewal project. "We knew that to increase our energy efficiency and solve environmental challenges we needed to replace the aging air handling unit and construct a new north entrance foyer," said Raffey. "Building an elevator to serve all floors of the College and provide access for all persons has also been a long-time goal which will be welcomed by all."

The new student lounge and student services hub provide meaningful new student-centered space at STM. Student group offices and a new student lounge form the largest part of the space. The new student center hub reception area for the College created space for student advisors that will be front and center at the College and allow for easier access to Student Services.





creating Leave a Legacy at STM more.

STM is profoundly grateful to receive a bequest from the estate of Mr. Wallace Bean. Wallace and Sophia, both long-time friends of the College, shared a deep commitment to the Catholic intellectual tradition of St. Thomas More College.

The bequest to St. Thomas More College from the estate of Wallace Bean is in recognition of and support for the ongoing Catholic Intellectual Tradition of St. Thomas More College. It is given with heartfelt gratitude to Fr. J. Hanrahan, CSB, a past STM President, for his involvement with the Charismatic Movement in Saskatoon and in particular for his friendship and support to Sophia Bean, the Leader of the People of the Love of God Prayer Group. The prayer group met weekly for over 37 years mostly in the basement of St. Paul's Cathedral. Wally Bean was the quiet gate-keeper for Sophia answering numerous telephone calls and taking prayer requests from local people and folks across the country and elsewhere.



A celebration on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the People of the Love of God Prayer Group, St. Paul's Cathedral, Saskatoon.

Seated from right to left: Professor Margaret Dutli, English Dept. STM; Fr. J. Hanrahan, C.S.B. President, STM; Bishop Basil Filevich, Ukrainian Bishop of the Eparch of Saskatchewan; Professor Tom Deutscher, History Department, STM; Sophia Bean, Leader, People of the Love of God Prayer Group, Saskatoon; Professor Jim Penna, Philosophy Department, STM. The person with her back to the camera is Lisa (Stang) Holst, Universal Church Supplies, Saskatoon.

PLANNED GIVING AT STM

Have you considered that giving back to St. Thomas More College is a way to create a lasting legacy?

A Planned Gift provides you with the opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to the mission and vision of STM and our rich heritage of faith, and your appreciation of the Catholic intellectual tradition that reflects your values and beliefs.

What will be your legacy?

There are various avenues and options that can be initiated today. Planned Giving is the perfect tool to help you realize your legacy now!

Reflect on your past

Renew your commitment

Create your legacy

By giving back to STM through a Planned Gift you are contributing to the long-term well-being of the College and the students who attend STM. You can designate your gift to support the project or programs most important to you.

Through STM's Planned Giving program you are provided with the opportunity to make a special gift – a permanent gift. For STM, a Planned Gift offers long-term stability which, in turn, allows us to plan into the future, ensuring on-going student support.

"Perhaps the greatest duty laid upon each generation is to preserve intact the great heritage it has received, to develop and expand it and to transmit it to the generation that follows." Fr. Henry Carr

Initiate a Planned Gift today and take great pride in the fact that you have helped secure STM's legacy, so that future generations of students will be challenged and transformed by their STM experience.

Planned Giving opportunities include:

A Gift Today, such as publicly traded securities that include stocks, bonds, GICs or royalties, can be donated and provide immediate benefit to STM with immediate tax relief to you.

A Gift for the Future through a bequest in your will, a life insurance policy, or a gift of annuity or charitable remainder trust can help secure STM's financial health for the future, and help mitigate taxes on your estate.

For more information please contact Karen Massett, Director of Development, at 306.966.8918 or kmassett@stmcollege.ca

STM - MEETING PLACE AND HOME



he John and JoAnne
Benesh family have
fond memories and
a strong affiliation to STM
— it is where they met
and where all six of their
children have studied.

L-R: John, JoAnne, Arielle and Yvonne Benesh at STM Convocation lunch, October 2017.

Arielle Benesh, John and JoAnne's only daughter, convocated on October 28, 2017 with a BA in Business Economics and now attends law school at the U of S. They were part of STM's celebratory Convocation lunch.

All of their children have taken classes through STM, and three of the six children attended the same class taught by John Liptay, an STM philosophy professor (they still wonder if that was Benesh overload). JoAnne moved from Prince Albert to attend university in 1975 and immediately found a new home in STM and developed lifelong friendships there.

JoAnne and John met in 1976 at a Halloween dance sponsored by STM/ Newman club with Hourglass performing. From that first meeting, a regular routine of lunches at STM and the Ulcer's (student-run cafeteria) Friday chili shift cemented their relationship. The STM cafeteria was one of the most popular places on campus, where friends gathered between classes to play Kaiser and bridge, or attend dances and coffee houses.

JoAnne graduated in 1980 with a B.S.H.Ec. and started work as an extension home economist with SIAP (Saskatchewan Indian Agriculture Program). John graduated in 1982 with an LLB., B. Comm and BA in Economics. John is a lawyer and partner in Benesh, Bitz & Company. They were married in 1984 and live in Saskatoon.

The family celebrated grandmother/mother, Yvonne's 82nd birthday at STM's Choices Cafeteria in February 2017, with all members present. A fitting location for this STM family.

JOHN AND JOANNE BENESH AND THEIR FAMILY

Back row: Daniel - Presently in STM Arts/Cptr. Science;

Raphael - studied French and Native studies.

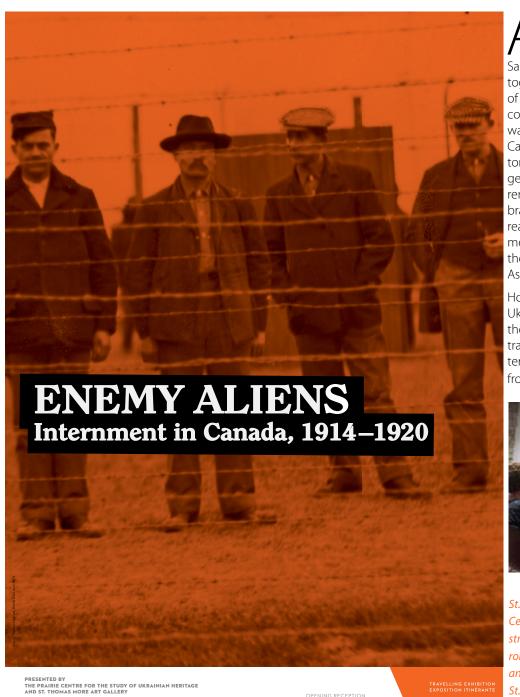
Middle row:

Gabriel - Studied Music Education. He is taking a break and is in opera and performing arts; JoAnne, John, Michael - Economics major.

Seated in front:

Joel- STM Math 3rd yr.; Aiden-(Daniel's son.) Grade 3, St. Matthew's French immersion; Arielle - Just graduated - Business Econ. 4 year with distinction. now in the College of Law.

I encourage other Alumni to be in touch to share stories of how your time at STM impacted both your academic journey and your life journey. If you are interested, please contact the Development Office through kmassett@stmcollege.ca



ST. THOMAS MORE ART GALLERY

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

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travelling exhibit created by the Canadian War Museum made its way to Saskatoon and the STM Art Gallery on the University of Saskatchewan campus. The display features photographs from the National Library and Archives of Canada as well as period artefacts from a private collection. On November 3, an opening reception was held, which featured a guest speaker from the Canadian War Museum, Dr. Peter MacLeod, Director of Research, who spoke about the origin and genesis of the exhibit. Dr. Bohdan Kordan delivered remarks on the impact of internment and remembrance. This was followed by a selection of short readings — first-person accounts of the internment experience — presented by students from the University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Students Association.

Hosted by the Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage (PCUH) in cooperation with the STM Art Gallery, the exhibit is supported by a travel grant from the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund. The exhibition will run from November 2, 2017 – January 15, 2018.



tion, Ternopil National Pedagogical University.

St. Thomas More College (STM) is also home to the Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage (http://pcuh. stmcollege.ca/) Students also have the opportunity to enroll in Spring Session in Ukraine —an intensive language and culture immersion program coordinated jointly by St. Thomas More College (STM) and the University of Saskatchewan (U of S). The program is offered overseas in Ternopil, Ukraine, in cooperation with a partner institu-







NEW FACES at STM



BEV PENNER joined St. Thomas More College May 1, 2017 as an accounting clerk. Her working career has been dedicated to the accounting field, having spent the last 23 years at Hi-

Born and raised in Dalmeny, just north of Saskatoon, Bev was involved in school and church activities - as a Sunday School teacher, choir member and with smaller vocal groups, and various youth groups. Bev's hobbies include sewing, quilting, crocheting, jewellery making, and knitting. She has just completed seven years of knitting for Saskatoon's needy kids (1,020 pair mitts, 727 headbands and 235 scarves)!

Welcome Bev to the STM community!



CHERIE TROESCH graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with a Business Administration certificate, and received a bachelor of Human Resources and Labour Relations from Athabasca University. Originally from Saskatoon, Cherie has also lived in Calgary. She has previous experience with post-secondary education, having worked for the University of Saskatchewan.

In her spare time Cherie enjoys staying active by keeping up with her 3 children, participating in running events such as the Sinister 7 and coaching her children's community

Cherie is an Administrative Assistant for the President's Office. WELCOME!

2017 - IN MEMORIAM

Sister Marie Raiwet, NDC-CSJ May 19, 2017

Sr. Marie joined the Sisters of our Lady of the

Cross in Forget on January 27, 1938. She made her Perpetual Vows in 1945 and lived a life of dedication to the Lord and of service to God's

During her career as an educator, including grades 1-12, she found great joy teaching English, typing and public speaking and touring with Operettas and the Glee Club.

Sr. Marie continued her educational journey with a B.Ed from the University of Saskatchewan, two years of Religious Studies, and one year at the University of Laval, culminating in a Masters in Religious Studies from the University of Ottawa.

In 1967 her life journey changed when she was named Provincial for the Canadian Province. With the Lord as her source of strength and Our Lady of the Cross as her model her attention was directed to the needs of the Sisters in nursing homes and schools. She remained committed to the Congregation serving in various roles until her retirement to Trinity Manor in 2013.

STM Alumna - Mae Daly June 7, 2017

An STM graduate of 1949, Mae was an accom-

plished student of piano, singing and theory. She was well recognized and highly awarded for her passion for music, both singing and teaching. Mae was instrumental in establishing the Kodály Institute of Canada—which focussed on the musical education of children. and subsequently authored the book on its inception, "The Divine 'Ah-Ha".

While at STM Mae was notably active in the Glee Club and Ulcers. She and her husband Bernard developed friendships here that would last a life-time. They remained great friends of the College and provided support through the establishment of the Founding Father's Bursary and the Creating More Campaign. For their many accomplishments and contributions to their community, Mae and Bernard were simultaneously recognized as STM Distinguished Alumni in 1994.

STM Alumna - Verna M. Lefebyre, PhD

February 15, 2017

Verna completed a Bachelor of Arts and Science degree (1959), followed by a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta (1963), a Master of Science from Montana

State University (1964) and a Doctor of Philosophy in Home Economics Education from Iowa State University (1973).

Verna worked with the University of Saskatchewan Youth and Adult Education Extension. In Alberta she taught at junior and senior high schools in Westlock, Pincher Creek and Lethbridge; at the college level she taught at Montana State University and University of Guelph.

Verna joined the staff at the University of Alberta in 1966 in the Clothing and Textiles division of the School of Household Economics, serving as head of the Division before transferring to the Department of Secondary Education in 1977. Over the course of her career, Verna remained actively engaged in her professional career organizations and St. Charles Parish; she retired from the University as Professor Emerita in 1995 after 29 years of service.



STM Professor Emeritus -Tom Deutscher, BA, MA, PhD

Our beloved colleague, Dr. Tom Deutscher, who served 36 years at STM, passed away on June 7, 2017. He was loved and respected by faculty, staff and students. The STM family celebrated Tom's life and service to the College and community with a memorial service at STM on October 10, 2017.

Excerpt from 2014 Retirement Tribute:

Professor Tom Deutscher joined the STM Department of History in 1977. While moving up the academic ranks from Sessional Lecturer to Full Professor, Dr. Deutscher served the College as Department Head, Dean, Acting Dean, President of the Faculty Union and finally Acting President of the College in 2007.

His extensive service commitment took place against a background of full-time teaching and active research on the Italian Renaissance and Catholic Reformation. In 2012 he published his book on the history of Tridentine reform in the Diocese of Novarra, which completed research he began as a PhD student.

He served the College tirelessly and with distinction, actively publishing in an academic area key to the College's Catholic mission, and contributing to the growth of the College. Dr. Deutscher left us an impressive model of what an ideal STM faculty member looks like.



Faculty In the News



Saeed Moshiri

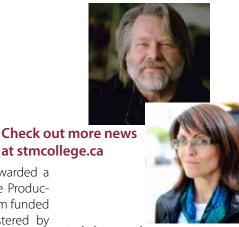
Dr. Moshiri has been awarded a grant (\$21,200) from the Productivity Partnership Program funded by SSHRC and administered by McMaster University this summer. The project involves collaboration with two colleagues from UK and Norway, working on the Annual Survey of Manufacturing data available at Statistics Canada in

Title: "Firms' Performance in a Natural Resource-based Economy" Researchers: Saeed Moshiri, Wessel Vermeulen and Gry Østenstad In research in an Oxford University working paper series, Østenstad and Vermeulen have provided a theoretical model for the development and behavior of firms that operate in an economy affected by natural resource development. Such an economy has the benefit of a natural resource windfall, which can influence firms' export decisions. A windfall boosts demand, but can also affect relative wages and production costs, particularly for exporters, making it difficult for some firms to compete. The current project will test this model on Canadian firm microdata.



Monica Hwang

Published in the Canadian Journal of Sociology. "Ethnicity and Political Trust in Canada: Is there a Deepening Divide?" Canadian Journal of Sociology 42, 1: 23-54.



Bohdan Kordan: Natalia Khanenko-Friesen

The Shevchenko Foundation has announced the shortlist for the biennial \$25,000 Kobzar Literary Award. The winner will be announced in March 2018 at a gala presentation in Toronto.

The five finalist books — four non-fiction and one work of poetry — include: a book of original essays by contemporary Ukrainian-Canadian writers; a scholarly examination of the internment of Ukrainian/Galician-Canadians in Canada during the Great War; an anthropological perspective on the rituals and experiences of Ukrainian-Canadians; a long-form poem investigating the poet's family background in what is now Western Ukraine; and a memoir about reclaiming one's heritage through gardening. The jury, composed of writer, critic and scholar Randy Boyagoda; literary non-fiction writer and political and cultural commentator Charlotte Gray CM; and poet and non-fiction writer Maurice Mireau, winner of the 2016 Kobzar Literary Award, selected the following as the shortlist:

• Bohdan S. Kordan for No Free Man: Canada, the Great War and the Enemy Alien Experience, published by McGill-Queen's Univer-

Press (2016)

 Natalia Khanenko-Friesen for Ukrainian Otherlands: Diaspora, Homeland, and Folk Imagination in the Twentieth Century, published by University of Wisconsin Press (2015)



Dr. Paulette Hunter

Dr. Paulette Hunter and her co-investigators-research funded by the Alzheimer Society of Canada for 2017-19.

Sussman, T. (PI), Hunter PV, Kaasalainen S, McCleary, L., Thompson, G., Venturata, L., Wickson-Griffiths, A. (Co-ls). Advance Care Planning for Persons with Dementia: Challenges, Opportunities and Solutions. Funded by Alzheimer Society of Canada, \$120,000



Anna Klimina

Dr. Anna Klimina has a recently published article — (2017) "The Lost Promise of Democratic Socialism in Russia", Journal of Economic Issues, 51:2, 458-466.

Dr. Klimina's book chapter entitled "Rethinking the Role of the State" was published in the prestigious "The Routledge Handbook of Heterodox Economics" (ISBN: 9781138899940)

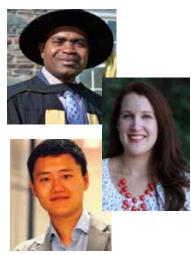
Dr. Klimina was an invited seminar speaker at the Department of Economics of the University of Manitoba. The title of her talk was "When Nationalism and Authoritarianism are masked as a heterodox fight against global neoliberalism: the disturbing case of Russia". It addressed the urgent challenge of dealing with the deliberate misuse of well-deserved heterodox criticism of neoliberal policies in modern Russia, where pseudo-heterodoxy has been used to rationalize both authoritarianism and nationalism as a left-wing response to global neoliberalism and as a manifestation of greater Multipolarity.



Caitlin Ward: Cooper Muirhead

Caitlin Ward attended the Nobel Peace Prize Forum at Augsburg University, where she and Engaged Learning Program Assistant Cooper Muirhead were the only Canadian delegates invited to take part in high-level dialogue sessions on the Role of Worker-Owned Cooperatives in Post-Conflict Societies. Ward and Muirhead are now members of a Nobel-sponsored international working group dedicated to reforming fair trade practices in the international market

New Faculty PhDs



Congratulations!

Dr. Henri Biahé

Thesis "Parlers hybrides en traduction : le cas du Chiac et du Camfranglais [On Translating Hybrid Languages: Case Studies of Chiac and Camfranglais]."

Dr. Nadya Foty-Oneschuk

Thesis "Saving Heritage: Stakeholders, Successes, and Project SUCH"

Dr. Tony Zhang

Thesis "Contextual Effects and Support for Liberalism: A Comparative Analysis"

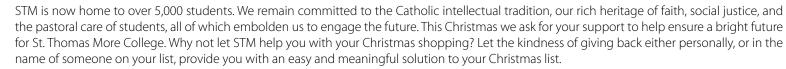
Giving back at Christmas: "Mankind is a great, an immense family...This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas." Pope John Paul XXIII

by Karen Massett

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus. The Christmas spirit is the Christ spirit; it makes our hearts glow in love and friendship and inspires us to thoughtful acts of kindness.

Have you noticed that as you grow older your Christmas list gets shorter because the things you treasure cannot be bought? The dichotomy of the spirit of Christmas giving and the materialism of today's society often creates a tug-of-war in our hearts. Giving back to the College, and the students who attend STM, is a great antidote to this conundrum!

As a Catholic college we are called to share in Christ's service to the people of God. Living out the Catholic intellectual tradition as a Catholic liberal arts college is a gift to the Church. Our search for truth and knowledge is a gift of the Spirit which allows us to shed new light on contemporary questions. Thus, the work of our College is not an end in itself, but must find application for the good of humanity.



Whatever your connection to STM, please consider how the College has touched your life and helped shape the person you are today. By making a donation to one of STM's Christmas causes, you can be confident that your generous gift, in the spirit of giving back, will help ensure that future generations of students may also be challenged and transformed by their STM experience.

Donate before December 31 to receive an official tax receipt for 2017.

This Christmas you can help by supporting the College through funding initiatives such as:

BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS:

Average Tuition costs and fees are now over \$6,000 for Arts & Science students! Each year STM offers much needed bursaries and scholarships. *Give back* by providing vital funding to our students!

- \$1,000 \$5,000 **The St. Thomas More College Basilian Scholar Award**. This new award was created to honour the Congregation of St. Basil who founded STM and subsequently supported the College over 75 years. The goal of this award is to present five students with \$1,000 each (\$5,000 annually).
- \$25,000 \$50,000 Create an **Endowed Scholarship** in your name, or in honour of a loved one. You determine the award criteria. As only the interest generated is used to fund the award (\$1,000-\$2,000 annually) the capital remains intact. An endowed award will create a legacy and provide financial support to future generations of STM students in perpetuity!

STM BUILDING FUND:

• \$500 - \$1,000,000 - North Building Renewal Project

The College has completed a 6,000 square foot renovation, featuring an expansive new student-centered space and renewal and expansion of the Shannon Library and the cafeteria. Additionally, the new north entrance provides a much-needed recognizable face to the College. *Give back* to the renewed student experience at STM!

STM ENDOWED CHAIRS:

• \$500 – \$25,000 - The Basilian Chair in Indigenous Spirituality and Reconciliation

This Chair is the first in Canadian history at a Catholic institution. *Give back* to foster awareness and appreciation of Indigenous spirituality and to advance reconciliation! We continue to grow this endowment.

• \$500 - \$25,000 - The Les and Irene Dubé Chair in Catholic Studies

This Chair serves as intellectual leadership for STM and the broader Catholic community. *Give back* to support scholarship and research related to Catholic teaching and tradition! We continue to grow this endowment.

We hope you will consider a Christmas gift to STM this year; your donation can be directed toward any aspect of the College that is close to your heart. STM is thankful for all donations; any amount you contribute is greatly appreciated!



2017 RED MASS

The Red Mass was introduced in England in 1310, during the reign of Edward I. It is celebrated now, as it was then, to invoke the inspiration of the Holy Spirit on behalf of those involved in the administration of justice.

Each fall STM collaborates with members of the St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild, and the wider legal community, to celebrate Red Mass. The St. Thomas More Lawyers' Guild of Saskatoon was incorporated in June 2002 by a group of local Catholic lawyers. The Guild seeks to foreground integrity and the highest ethical standards in the practice of law, as well as the administration of justice, as exemplified by its namesake St. Thomas More.

November 24, 2017 marked the 16th anniversary of this important event held in the STM Chapel. This year the Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Father André Lalach. Following Mass, a banquet and program was held at Choices — STM's cafeteria. The Programme included:

Guest Speaker: Martin Phillipson - Dean, College of Law, U of S Special Guest: Very Reverend Bishop Mark Hagemoen

Each year members of the Lawyers' Guild generously purchase tickets for students who are currently enrolled in the College of Law or considering enrollment. Students greatly appreciate this kind gesture. They enjoy the presentation and the opportunity to network with the legal community.



MASS - STM CHAPEL

Roman Catholic Mass:

Sundays 11:00 a.m.; 7:30 p.m. (September - April)
Weekdays (September - April) Monday - Thursday 11:30 a.m. **Byzantine Divine Liturgy**: Fridays (September - April)
11:30 a.m.

African Mass: 1st Sunday of Every Month at 2:00 p.m.



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The STM-Newman Alumni Association is looking for new members.

The Association is an active and committed group of volunteers who work to support and develop programs and events that benefit alumni and the College.

We need your help. Join us and reconnect with fellow alumni, make new acquaintances and help to make a real difference in the lives of STM alumni and students.

For more information on how you can become involved with YOUR Alumni Association contact Karen Massett at 306.966.8918 or kmassett@stmcollege.ca



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