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## The New Canada First Research Excellence Fund — A Reason for Celebration?



Margrit Eichler

It is well known and documented (see, for instance the [CAUT website](#), or the ‘[Muzzled Science timeline](#)’ as well as links to other sites at [www.scientistsfortherighttoknow.ca](#)) that the federal government has been relentlessly assaulting public science in Canada. The assault is two-pronged: one prong is directed toward research that deals with human rights, democracy, and the documentation of inequality, the other is oriented towards anything that deals with environmental protection, or that is critical of resource extraction, from the tar sands to the farming of genetically modified fish.

Government scientists are no longer free to publish their papers without having them scrutinized for political acceptability, they can no longer freely talk to the media, libraries and archives have been decimated, thousands of government scientists have been laid off, particularly in Environment Canada, Oceans and Fisheries, Parks Canada, and Libraries and Archives Canada.

Science, as the government sees it, is there to serve industry. The National Research Council is now the “concierge for industry.” Basic, curiosity-driven research is valueless, since its commercial value is undetermined. Where research is likely to uncover unpalatable facts, it is discontinued — witness, for instance, the abolition of the Ocean Contaminants Program, the smokestack team, and the mandatory long census form, which provided us — among many other things! — with knowledge about social inequality and the situation of Aboriginal people, poor people, women, people with disabilities, recent immigrants, etc.

On the other hand, the government just announced a large infusion of funds for universities and institutes of up to \$200 million annually. How does this jive with the government’s position on basic science?

The [press release](#) (February 19, 2014, Toronto, Ontario, Industry Canada) that accompanied the [announcement](#), made here at the University of Toronto, describes the program as follows:

...The new Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF) will provide a substantial investment, driving Canadian post-secondary institutions to excel globally in research areas that create long-term economic advantages for Canada.

Is this a reason to celebrate? It depends on who is being seen to “create long-term economic advantages for Canada.”

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The Fund will be administered by the three granting Councils. So let's look at who is determining where funding flows. The representation for SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council) looks as follows (data from CAUT):

For the Humanities:

Languages & Literature – 0; Classics – 0; Visual Arts – 0; Performing Arts – 0; Philosophy – 1; History – 1.

For the Social Sciences:

Sociology – 0; Anthropology – 0; Psychology – 0; Criminology – 0; Education – 0; Law – 0; Political Science – 0; Archeology – 1; Business – 4; Economics – 2.

Others

Corporate – 2; Centraide Montréal– 1; Administrator – 1; Trades – 1.

For NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council) it looks as follows:

Biologists – 0; Chemists – 0; Physicists – 0; Mathematicians – 0; Engineers – 6; Administrators – 3; Others – 2.

Who and what, do you think, will be funded through the new fund?

Universities are a potential pool for critical analysis which is urgently needed to ensure a democratic and prosperous Canada that will continue to be prosperous when climate change is fully upon us — and that will also be a just and democratic society. Once major research funds are available on a competitive basis, universities that wish to maintain their status will feel compelled to apply and to celebrate whatever they obtain. I expect that the University of Toronto will do well in the competition. But what will the costs be? Will criticism of the federal government's science policy be permitted? Will we self-censor ourselves in order to be eligible for funding?

*Submitted by Margrit Eichler, President, Scientists for the Right to Know, and Professor Emerita, OISE/UT*

## **Freedom of Government Scientists to Speak Publicly**

On January 15, 2014, Beate Lowenberg, RALUT President, wrote to the members:

Our attention having been drawn to the above issue by RALUT member Professor Tony Key, the RALUT Board of Directors passed a motion that a letter expressing serious concern regarding the matter should be sent to the Prime Minister. A copy of this letter is attached. Copies of the letter were also sent to the Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, and to the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Environment.

Naturally, additional letters from others sharing this viewpoint would greatly increase the impact of these communications. The letter is being circulated to alert the RALUT membership so that individuals may participate in the protest if they wish.

The text of the letter to the Prime Minister and his colleagues was:

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Retired Academics and Librarians at the University of Toronto (RALUT), the organization that represents the interests and concerns of retired professors and librarians at the University.

We believe that informed public debate about issues such as global warming is best facilitated when the public has access to the views of those representing all sides of issues. We are thus quite concerned by reports in the press that the Conservative federal government now requires that any scientist employed by the government seek advance clearance of the text of any public statement that the scientist proposes

to make about his or her findings and that scientists are frequently not allowed to report any findings that might call into question government policies.

We believe that scientists employed by the government, like all scientists, have the duty to report their findings to the scientific community and to the public at large. Not allowing scientists to report findings that suggest problems with government policy stifles informed public debate and is thus deplorable.

Tony Key commented immediately:

Many thanks, Beate, for taking my little suggestion and running so well with it! Not that I suspect it will make any difference to the [politicians and bureaucrats] in Ottawa.

And on the same day, Bill Graham, former UTFa President, wrote:

Thank you very much for sending this letter to Harper. This is an issue that I have been concerned with for several years. There is a related issue that you could also address, and that is the closing down of some research libraries dedicated to oceanic science.

Not all responses were favourable. Michael Bliss, again on the same day, wrote:

I am surprised and disconcerted that RALUT's Board should be taking a position on a matter of government policy on which there are legitimate differences of opinion among the members. Whether you think so or not, you are taking a political position. I don't support RALUT doing this kind of thing, and if it continues will not renew my membership.

This was, however, the only negative response among many positive ones. As, for example:

Excellent letter. Congratulations for addressing this issue. (Cornelia Baines)

Thank you for acting on this, and copying the letter to us. It might be well to send a copy to the Leader of the Official Opposition and perhaps to the papers. I was stimulated to write myself, taking some content from your letter. (David Dunham)

I thoroughly endorse the letter sent by the Directors of RALUT and suggest that RALUT members and indeed UTFa members would be willing to add their signatures to the letter, as I would. (Meyer Brownstone)

I am glad to know of this letter. You may have seen the *Fifth Estate* documentary a few days ago on the silencing and dismissing of public-service scientists who had been working on projects that were no longer considered to be in alignment with government policy or priorities. It is extremely upsetting to hear that this is happening in Canada. (Patricia Sauerbrei)

Margrit Eichler, President of Scientists for the Right to Know, herself responded, in part:

Thank you for the letter you sent to the Prime Minister. I am delighted that RALUT as an organization has taken a stand on this issue which is — or should be! — of overriding concern to any academic and intellectual.

Metta Spencer, sociologist and President of Science for Peace (a Canadian organization consisting of natural scientists, engineers, social scientists, scholars in the humanities and people from the wider community who seek

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to understand and act against the forces that make for militarism, environmental destruction, and social injustice here and abroad) wrote:

Thank you, Beate. This kind of letter-writing is what a lot of academics need to do.

The Science for Peace working group (called “Freedom for Research”) is addressing the plight of the government-paid researchers, for their predicament is most urgent, while also analyzing the worldview that Joseph Stiglitz calls “market fundamentalism,” and that others call “neoliberalism” — the ideological orientation increasingly shaping science policy around the world — even in our own university and affiliated hospitals.

Beate has received a brief, anodyne response from the PMO, and a much longer one, chiefly praising the government’s investment in science and technology, from Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of the Environment.

Fred Wilson has suggested that the *RALUT Reporter* might provide a forum for the continuing expression of the concerns of retired faculty and librarians:

How about an exchange on the issue of freedom of information as part of the freedom of research, and the efforts of Tony Clement (a UC graduate!) and company to curtail such freedom and such research?

A great suggestion.

RALUT looks forward to hearing from you, the members.

*Prepared by Robin Healey, Chair, Communications Committee*

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*Beate Lowenberg*

### **President’s Report**

Since our previous edition of this newsletter we have tragically lost two Board members whose stalwart and dedicated service to RALUT had been highly valued for many years: John Munro died in December 2013 while

Doug Creelman passed away in February this year. Detailed accounts are available elsewhere in this issue of the *RALUT Reporter*.

The end of my first year as President of RALUT arrives with our April AGM, and it is appropriate to commence taking stock. Appointment of committee chairs was one of my first obligations, and it is extremely gratifying to report that Mary Alice Guttman (Benefits), Robin Healey (Communications), Jody Macdonald (Membership) and Michael Finlayson (Nominations) who had agreed to take on those responsibilities have been

impressively fulfilling their respective mandates ever since.

New Directors inspire new directions: For example, with the goal of boosting recruitment to RALUT, Membership Chair Jody Macdonald — targeting pre-retirement members of UTFA — organized an upcoming Retirement Planning Workshop in conjunction with UTFA which aroused an enthusiastic response from those invited to attend. Hopefully this will translate into a surge of increased recruitment to RALUT, high membership numbers being instrumental to RALUT’s effectiveness respecting advocacy as well as additional more recently identified concerns. This new workshop initiative anticipates RALUT’s customary participation in the University of Toronto’s annual Retirement Information Session occurring the following week.

RALUT’s advocacy role on behalf of our members regarding pensions and benefits has traditionally been our primary focus, and will always remain a major factor as we continue to monitor these issues

during the persisting challenging circumstances. We do however endeavor to respond to additional issues and our attention has now been drawn to some disturbing practices, namely the Canadian government's restrictions on the ability of federally employed scientists to publicize any results which might contradict their policies. Further details are available elsewhere in this *Reporter*.

With the beginning of our next year now fast approaching, I and the other Directors on RALUT's Board are preparing to warmly welcome the five proposed new Board members who will present themselves at our 2014 AGM for election by the RALUT membership. I am confident that RALUT as well as its Board of Directors including myself stand to benefit greatly from their future contributions, thus facilitating an optimistic view of the year to come.

*Beate Lowenberg, President*

### Report of the Membership Committee

On October 31, 2013, our RALUT president Beate Lowenberg, RALUT directors Robin Healey, John Valleau, Mary Alice Guttman, and Jody Macdonald met with Scott Prudham, UTFA President. We discussed opportunities for UTFA and RALUT to collaborate to support retirees and strategies for engaging UTFA members with RALUT. We expressed our concern that few academics and librarians who are new retirees are joining RALUT. We decided to co-host an event targeting active UTFA members to introduce them to RALUT. The event will be a 'Thinking of Retirement Workshop' that will highlight retiree perspectives on retirement. We formed a joint planning sub-committee of the Membership Committee, and welcomed UTFA colleagues Michael Attridge, Chair, Appointments Committee, Michael Meth, Treasurer, and Luc Tremblay, Vice-President, University and External Affairs. RALUT members on the joint planning committee include Jody Macdonald (Chair), Elinor Fillion, Diane Henderson, and Lino Grima.

The RALUT Membership sub-committee met on January 29, 2014 and we collaborated by email on February 19, 2014. We have agreed upon Thursday, April 3, 2014 as the date of "Thinking of Retirement

Workshop — Retiree Perspectives on Retirement." The UTFA and RALUT presidents Scott Prudham and Beate Lowenberg will provide a formal welcome and we will then have three panel presentations. The first panel will focus on early and phased retirement experiences and will feature Peter Russell, Elinor Fillion, and Kent Weaver. "Life After Retirement" will be the focus of the second panel presentation and will feature Lino Grima, Tom Alloway, and Peter Russell. Peter will focus on the need for advocacy to protect the rights of retirees, and the development of RALUT. The final panel will focus on "Finances and Benefits for Retirees" and will feature George Luste, Paul Downes, and we hope but have not confirmed, Mary Alice Guttman. [Registration](#) will be through UTFA. Many of the RALUT directors plan to attend and we hope to have at least 20 UTFA members sign up for the workshop. Information will be posted on the UTFA web site and a flyer will be distributed to all UTFA members, advertising this workshop. We hope this will be a first step in working more closely with UTFA to ensure a smooth transition from active to retired status for academics and librarians at the University of Toronto.

*Jody Macdonald, Chair*



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invite you to attend the

## 2014 RALUT Annual General Meeting Thursday, 24 April 2014

in the Music Room at Hart House

**Registration and Coffee from 11:30 am**

**Buffet Lunch from 12 noon**

**1:00 pm Allan Shapira**

**“Your U of T Pension: its past, its present and – its future”**

Allan Shapira, actuary for the U of T pension plan, is a Senior Partner at Aon Hewitt and the senior consulting actuary in the company's Retirement and Financial Management Practice.

**2:00 pm Annual General Meeting**

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Monday, April 14, 2014

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*Martin G. Evans*

## **Listen to Your Body** I didn't.

I first felt mild chest pains when walking in the old square in Wroclaw, Poland. It was an August afternoon after my lunchtime nap. On this walk, my aim was to go through the square and under the highway to see and take some photographs of the Renoma art deco shopping center which was about 15 minutes away. By the time I had walked for five minutes from the hotel to the post office on the South East corner of the square I was experiencing some chest pains. Oh, I thought, it's that food and beer I had had for lunch — attributing, incorrectly, the cause to indigestion.

This seemed to me to be the issue because we had had a strenuous, at least compared to my typical sedentary life, two weeks in central Europe during which I had no problems at all despite long walks in Budapest, Krakow, and Wroclaw.

I sat down and rested and, after a while, the pains went away. I continued my walk going through the underpass under the main road that circles Wroclaw old town. I got to the department store complex and some slight pain returned. I rested, took my photographs, and then returned to the square for an afternoon snack and then the hotel. During this time I experienced some discomfort but was able to complete my self-imposed assignments.

The next day, the same thing happened at the same time. The morning walking around went without any problem. But after lunch and a nap and soon after I sallied forth for some more photographing: this time another art-deco building. As soon as I had crossed the square, I began to have chest pains. These behaved the same way as their predecessors, easing when I rested and returning as I continued to walk.

That evening, I casually mentioned that I thought I had some heartburn with all this heavy Polish food.

The next two days were symptom free. On the first, we had a road trip to Dresden so most of the day was

being chauffeured around with only a couple of hours of walking. I had no problems at all. The following day we left for Boston. In the morning we walked round the old town for the last time. In the morning, the distance walked that would have triggered chest pains on previous days left me untroubled. The heavy lifting of luggage at the airports and the heavier lifting of our duty free purchases had no impact on my activity, neither did the six hour flight. I got home without incident.

The next day, Sunday, we then loaded the car for our trip to my wife's family cottage in central New Hampshire. We arrived at Alton soon after noon. Our daughter and her children were delighted to see us. We took the new kayak out of its chrysalis; loaded it on top of the car; drove down to the beach; unloaded the kayak. All without any problem.

It was later at the beach that I had my next and most severe chest pains. I started to swim out to the raft. About half way out, I experienced severe chest pains and, if my memory serves, I think they spread to my shoulders. I managed to get to the raft and hung on for a while. I rested. I then started to swim back. Several times I tried to stand so as to rest my arms; but the water was too deep until I had gone a good way to the shore. Stupidly, I did not think of turning on my back to propel myself with leg kicks. Accordingly I made my painful way to land using my arms. I was worried that I might have had more difficulty but there were lots of people around who could have helped me.

I didn't mention the pains to my wife. That is one of my big regrets. I should have told her. She had a right to know. These pains were an important signal; but I did say that last summer I could swim to the raft and then swim some more parallel to the shore and that I couldn't do it this time.

On Monday in the afternoon I had to go down to the crawl space under the cottage and was crawling around in pretty unusual kind of position; again I felt some pains in my chest. That night at dinner, after the main course was over and the kids had vanished somewhere, I allowed that maybe I had a touch of

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angina and explained when I had experienced it.

Before I could finish speaking, my daughter, an ER physician, had packed me into the car and was driving us to the local hospital in Wolfeboro.

There, after many tests, the medics found out that I had cardiac problems. This was a complete surprise to me as I have had low levels of bad cholesterol all my life and even though both parents had had heart problems, I thought that their influence on my health would work through the cholesterol level and not through other genetic routes.

I was transferred to the Catholic Medical Center in Manchester for surgery. They found several blocked arteries. They put a stent in one and since that time I have felt quite well; though, of course, I have changed my eating and exercise habits. Thanks to Medicare, my out of pocket costs have been minimal.

My lessons:

- Listen to your body.
- Act on its messages immediately. I know now that I should have done that in Poland, but I find the idea of being in a hospital where I don't understand one word of the language absolutely terrifying.
- Tell people about what is going on clearly and precisely — especially your loved ones.

*Submitted by Martin G. Evans,  
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Management*

This piece was originally published in the [Metro West Daily News, Framingham, MA, Dec. 8, 2013.](#)

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### [University Arts Women's Club \(UAWC\)](#)

The University Arts Women's Club (UAWC) was originally founded in 1929 by Lady Falconer, wife of Sir Robert Falconer, then President of the University of Toronto. The purpose was to provide friendship, support and interesting activities within the Faculty of Arts and Science for faculty wives and female members of both faculty and senior staff. The purpose of the Club has remained the same, but its focus has evolved through the years as lifestyles have changed.

Currently membership is open to all University female faculty and librarians as well as faculty wives and female members of Senior Administrative Staff (active or retired) including those from the library services; a number of whom have chosen to join at the time of their retirement, welcoming an opportunity to maintain a contact with the University.

Our programme includes four General Meetings a year held in St Thomas' Church Hall at 383 Huron Street. Each meeting starts at 12:45 p.m., with a light lunch and an opportunity for social interaction followed by a short business meeting starting at 1:30 p.m., and a lecture at 1:45 p.m.

Our first General Meeting was held on 17th October 2013, when Professor Roberto Abraham, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics, University of Toronto, spoke on "The Big Bang Theory: First Light." At our second meeting in November, Professor Gilbert Walker, Department of Chemistry, University of Toronto, addressed the topic "Nanotechnology: Magic Explained." In February 2014, Mr. Michael P. Albano, Senior Lecturer and Resident Stage Director, Faculty of Music, University of Toronto, told us about "The Future of Opera: Our Opera Programme," and in March 2014 Professor Timothy P. Harrison, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, talked about "The Past Uncovered: Archeological Discoveries in the Middle East." At the Annual Spring Luncheon scheduled for Thursday, April 17th, 2014, the speaker will be the Honorable Michael Wilson, Chancellor, University of Toronto. He will address "The UofT and Mental Health as We Age."

We also have a variety of interest groups which cater

to a broad range of interests: Antiques and Art Appreciation, French Conversation, German Conversation, Gourmet Lunch, Outings, Reading, and Theatre Group. These groups meet independently once or twice a month. New groups are formed according to the wishes of the members.

Membership fees of \$40 cover all General Meetings and lunches and participation in Interest Groups. Guests are welcome at our General Meetings with a charge of \$8.00 for lunch. There are extra charges for the Christmas Party held at 21 Shaftesbury Avenue in Toronto, and our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Spring Luncheon held at the Faculty Club, University of Toronto.

Those interested in joining UAWC are invited to contact Shirley Zaky, Vice President of Membership, (safwat.zaky@utoronto.ca, 416-766-2150).

Website: <http://groups.chass.utoronto.ca/uawc/>

*Submitted by Sewell Russell*

## the Bulletin

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*John Munro*

### John Munro: An Appreciation

I did not know John Munro well, but I did know him for a long time. We joined the faculty at the University of Toronto in the same year, though in different departments, and retired at the same time. Inevitably

our paths intersected from time to time, most recently when we were both members of the RALUT Board. Rarely during those 45 years did I leave a conversation or encounter with him without being professionally and personally challenged and inspired.

Much has been said about him as an economic historian of late medieval and early modern Europe. He was an indefatigable researcher and writer. His enthusiasm and commitment to his subject was as great in his last days as in his first days as an academic. There are many metrics by which his scholarly achievements can be measured. The speed with which he was promoted to Full Professor — five years — was remarkable. His scholarly output — more than 150 book, article and review publications — was extraordinary for an economic historian of medieval Europe. He supervised twenty Ph.D. students during his career and in 2004 several of them organized an international workshop to mark his retirement, the proceedings of which were published as a Festschrift under the title *Money, Markets and Trade in Late Medieval Europe: Essays in Honour of John H. A. Munro*, L. Armstrong, I. Elbl, M. Elbl (eds), Leiden, 2007. A full listing of his scholarly publications would fill the entire issue of *The Reporter*.

His commitment to his subject was matched by his dedication to his students. For John, his teaching was the obverse of his scholarship and he could not imagine the one without the other. The first problem he presented to his oncologist during the dreadful meeting in September was how to complete the course he was teaching and not abandon his students in the course that had just begun. His second concern

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that day was of a lower order: he had told me that he would be at the meeting of the RALUT Nomination Committee later that week “if the news was good.” As we know, the news was not good, and the committee still misses his counsel. His loss is also mourned by his colleagues across the University who dined weekly at the “Trough” at the Faculty Club on Mondays, where he was one of the most active and best informed members.

John was actively involved in the public discussion of the pros and cons of mandatory retirement in the first years of this century when mandatory retirement was being challenged. As 30 June, 2003 (his date of mandatory retirement) approached, and he was faced with the loss of his office and faculty privileges, he was active within the Faculty Association to overturn the policy. In the year of his retirement, he presented a paper to the Ontario Ministry of Labor’s public hearings on the subject. Ever the scholar, John turned his presentation into an article on the subject in a 2005 OCUFA publication. In the article he showed how his strenuous objections were shaped by his powerful moral framework. He wrote that mandatory retirement was an “ineffective tool to achieve (such) goals of diversity” but, more importantly it was “unethical because it was a blatant form of age discrimination.”

While he never accepted the fairness of his own retirement, it was not something that haunted him. As far as his day-to-day activities were concerned, retirement did not much change his life; it was more a matter of accounting than anything else. The monthly cheque was a bit less and differently sourced but his life was unchanged. He continued to be a full-time researcher and writer who taught his students on stipend, the size of which was of no compelling interest to him.

In the early days of RALUT he was an UTFA man and was a bit dubious about the wisdom of a separate organization for retirees. However, after retiring, he soon became a member of RALUT and a pension expert. He succeeded Helen Rosenthal as chair of the RALUT Pension committee and guided its deliberations in recent years. But his moral code

informed his thinking about pensions as it informed everything else he did. A hundred per cent indexed pension was better than the 75% guaranteed by the Pension Plan and he worked energetically to this end. But as defined benefit pension plans the world over experienced low interest rates, increased life expectancy and poor returns, he worried about how the additional augmentation was to be funded. Following the great recession that followed 2008, active faculty members and librarians at the University of Toronto agreed to increase their contributions to the Pension Plan by 2% of their salaries. For John, the question of inter-generational fairness affected significantly the claims that retired colleagues could make on the Plan. He argued this position strenuously and consistently even when it was not applauded by all his colleagues. John never shrank from intellectual controversy.

RALUT and the University of Toronto have lost one of their giants.

*Submitted by Michael Finlayson*

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*Doug Creelman*

### **Doug Creelman**

With the passing of Doug Creelman (July 27, 1933 - February 9, 2014), RALUT lost one of the most committed and effective members of the Board.

Doug served as President from 2005-2009 as well as Chair of the Benefits Committee from 2002-2005 and as general board member for over a decade. He capably represented RALUT to both the Canadian and American national organizations defending and advancing RALUT’s goals. In addition Doug offered a voluntary advisory service to retirees through the Academic Retiree Centre. The Board expressed a commitment to carrying on this work of

RALUT in part in Doug's honour.

Doug was a valued member of the Department of Psychology since 1964 and although he retired in 1999 he continued to offer a seminar on signal detection as well as to advise students. He was a continuing presence on campus and in recognition of his contributions the University flag was flown at half-mast.

Doug was an avid sailor, sailing a Shark since 1965. In the past decade he has spent as much of his sailing time judging races and regattas around the world as racing his Shark with his wife Lynne at the helm.

Doug will be missed for his friendship and collegiality as well as for his exemplary service to RALUT.

Doug was deeply committed to the mission of RALUT, and it will help us all to be reminded, once more, of that continuing mission.



*February 20, 2014: UofT flag at half mast to honour Doug Creelman*

### **The Mission of RALUT**

The Retired Academics and Librarians of University of Toronto as an organization is committed to serving and advancing the interests and concerns of its members. Primary concerns are the defense of the rights of retirees, including pensions and benefits, and the transition into retirement. In addition RALUT is concerned with helping retirees contribute to research and intellectual life both within the University and with research colleagues around the world. Of special concern is access to information produced by research scientists employed by the Government of Canada. Such information is critical to political, economic and scientific issues such as climate change. While RALUT as a body does not subscribe to organizations with overlapping interests such as "Science for Peace" or "Scientists for the Right to Know," RALUT provides information to members on such activities and on occasion expresses its concerns directly to those responsible.

*Submitted by David Olson*



SENIOR COLLEGE

**P R O G R A M**  
**The Ninth Annual Senior College Symposium**

**Global Hotspots: Implications for our Time and the Next Generation**

**Tuesday, April 8, 2014**

**The Faculty Club, 41 Willcocks Street, Main Floor**

**Co-Chairs: John Dirks and Merrijoy Kelner**

9:00 AM	Registration and coffee
9:30	Welcome and Introduction by Prof. Peter Russell, Principal, Senior College
9:45	<b><i>The Middle East</i></b> <b><i>The Greater Middle East: Endless Conflict?</i></b> Michael Bell, Former Canadian Ambassador to Jordan, Egypt, and Israel <b>Commentators:</b> Prof. Paul Kingston, Department of Political Science, U of T Prof. Emeritus Howard Adelman, Centre for Refugee Studies, York University  <i>Discussion</i>
11:00	C O F F E E B R E A K
11:15	<b><i>Emerging Superpowers</i></b>  <b><i>China: The Challenge for Canadian Foreign Policy</i></b> David Mulroney, Former Canadian Ambassador to China <b><i>India: A World Power for Real?</i></b> Peter Sutherland, Former Canadian High Commissioner to India  <i>Discussion</i>
12:30PM	L U N C H
1:15	<b><i>The Western World</i></b>  <b><i>The United States:</i></b> Prof. Ronald Pruessen, Department of History, U of T <b><i>Russia: Reading Putin's Russia:</i></b> Prof. Robert Johnson, Department of History, U of T <b><i>The European Union:</i></b> Prof. John Kirton, Director of the G8 Research Group, Department of Political Science, U of T  <i>Discussion</i>
3:15	<b><i>Concluding Remarks:</i></b> John Dirks
3:30	Wine and Cheese Reception (cash bar)

**Senior College Symposium Committee**

John Dirks, Co-Chair, Merrijoy Kelner, Co-Chair, Harold Atwood, Cornelia Baines  
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We need to receive an additional \$16,035 in order to reach a total of \$25,000 endowed within the next ~three and a half years before this fund will be eligible for the Boundless 1:1 University of Toronto awards matching program, which would then double each award facilitated by our fund.

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## **RALUT Memorial Funds: Spring 2014 Update**

The RALUT Memorial Award Boundless Promise endowment fund commemorating deceased RALUT members was inaugurated on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and has now attained a total value of \$8,965. It was decided to initiate this fund since the previously available provincial government's 'Ontario Trust for Student Support' dollar-for-dollar donation matching grant had been terminated.

That donation matching no longer being available, the alternative matching option offered by the University of Toronto's Boundless funds through matching of needs-based awards 1:1 was selected. Such matching does not however occur until the total value of the endowment fund has reached \$25,000. This must be achieved within five years of inauguration.

Meanwhile thanks to the income earned by our original RALUT Memorial Award endowment fund (inaugurated in April 2007 and now no longer receiving donations for the reasons given above) RALUT is able to continue making awards to academically excellent University of Toronto undergraduate students in financial need. This year, as in the previous academic year, three awards each of \$1,000 were made, thus bringing to \$12,000 the total value of the awards given to twelve undergraduate students by the RALUT Memorial Award fund since its inauguration.

Here (in alphabetical order) are the names, biographies and a sampling of these students' expressions of appreciation following receipt of their \$1,000 awards:

1. **Stephanie Burdzy** is an aspiring scholar of Art History and Material Culture in her final undergraduate year at the University of Toronto. In addition to her award-winning academic efforts in her field, she is involved in a variety of part-time activities across the city and is also working as a research assistant and resident web and graphic designer in the ABI Research Lab in the Department of Occupational Therapy.

The funds obtained from this RALUT award have relieved some financial worries, greatly decreasing Stephanie's anxieties about obtaining her degree and

instilling her with confidence in moving forward to pursue graduate studies.

2. **Sarah Longhurst** is currently a 4th year student at the University of Toronto Mississauga in the Concurrent Education Program majoring in both Mathematics and Psychology; she is planning to attend OISE Teachers' College for her next and final year. Since Sarah has been working around 30 hours a week in order to help finance her studies, she thankfully informed us that the RALUT award enabled her to reduce her work hours thus leaving her with more time to focus on her studies. This award also helped to reduce money-associated stress with resulting "much needed peace of mind about my financial situation, so I don't worry about it as much anymore."

3. **Geoffrey Wilson** has almost completed his undergraduate degree and hopes to continue graduate studies at OISE. For the past couple of years he has been working closely with the Disabilities Studies Faculty through the Equity Studies Program at New College. The RALUT award aided Geoffrey in helping to fund through St. Michael's College an academic service-learning placement called "Intercordia Canada" and he is grateful for thus having his "altruistic and academic aspirations" supported. That program involved studying social justice and theological studies while applying these studies in an international setting.

The financial needs of deserving students in the increasingly challenging current economic conditions remain a compelling source of concern, and so RALUT is again urgently appealing to the generosity of our members. Reinforced by evidence such as that provided by this year's recipient students quoted above, RALUT strongly believes in the importance of maintaining — even increasing — the ability to assist such students with timely financial aid.

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