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President's Report

Who Are We?

Doug Creelman



The people I see in this job are the "active" retirees - the people who come to meetings, serve on committees, volunteer to help. I know there are a vast number who don't live in or near Toronto, who are busy at second careers, or volunteering in the community, or (most importantly) just enjoying their retirement.

We try, at RALUT, to serve

everyone. Foremost are pension and

benefits issues, and our committees are hard at work on these. Committees actively pursue the interests and needs of senior scholars, of communicating via the *Reporter* and the web site, of planning toward seniors' housing. We participate actively in the negotiations with the University. We're on the brink of establishing a retirees' centre at the UofT, as promised in the agreement when mandatory retirement was abolished.

I think we are rightfully proud of all these accomplishments and activities. But we continue to wonder who is out there. We wonder if the retiree centre will be used, and if so by whom. We have some indication, of course, from the heartening response numbers to our several surveys in recent years. And we wonder about those who haven't responded, we wonder if there are services that we might provide that nobody has thought to mention. We wonder how we might serve our members who have escaped Toronto for more salubrious climes in BC or Arizona. We wonder about the really elderly and frail; are there needs we might better serve?

What I am saying, I suppose, is that we sometimes feel at RALUT as if we are working in a vacuum; we don't really know who we (RALUT) are. I'm asking for feedback, for a

CURAC UPDATE

by Ken Rea

Last May was a busy time for CURAC. The First Atlantic Regional Conference of College and University Retiree Associations of Canada (CURAC) was held at Dalhousie University on May 5th. The Conference was attended by delegates from post-secondary retiree associations and individual retirees from many of the institutions in the Atlantic Provinces. Howard Fink (Concordia), President of CURAC, attended along with Peter Russell (Past-President) and Ken Rea (Secretary). A range of topics of particular interest to post-secondary retirees at institutions in the Atlantic region were discussed. A highlight of the sessions was a talk by Tom Traves, President of Dalhousie University, on the issue of "mandatory retirement". In his talk he undertook to review the pros and cons of ending mandatory retirement from the standpoint of the relevant "stakeholders" - "the faculty, students, and the institution". He expressed a wish to receive direct feedback from those present and, because Peter Russell was there, may have received rather more than expected. A summary of the conference proceedings is available on the CURAC web site at <http://www.curac.ca>.

Since its inception CURAC has been mulling over the merits of developing regional associations complementary to the national organization. The Atlantic regional conference provided an opportunity to explore this further and Jim *continued on page 4*

note via email or (real) mail, letting me know how you are, what you are doing, what we might do for you. I promise I will answer every one (until I become overwhelmed by the response). How about a column in the *Reporter*, something like, "What I'm Doing?" Let's brag a little, if bragging is appropriate. Lets complain some, if complaint is appropriate. But let's talk.

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RALUT Members' Current Publications and Honours

We welcome submissions to "Current Publications and Honours," which should be sent to Germaine Warkentin, g.warkentin@utoronto.ca **New contributors**: we are currently noting publications from approximately January 2005 onward. **Former contributors**: recent publications only. <u>Please state</u> **your department**, and where possible follow the examples below. Contributions may be edited for reasons of space. The next issue of "Current Publications and Honours" will appear in the Winter, 2007 *Reporter*; the deadline for submissions is February 1, 2007.

H.L. Atwood (Medical Sciences) has published "Gatekeeper at the synapse," Science 312 (2006): 1108-1109. With A.G. Millar, R.S. Zucker, G.C.R. Ellis-Davies, and M.P. Charlton, he has published "Calcium sensitivity of neurotransmitter release differs at phasic and tonic synapses," Il. Neurosci. 25: 3113-3125, 2005; with P. Bronk, S. Nie, M.K. Klose, K. Dawson-Scully, J. Zhang, R.M. Roberson, and K.E. Zinsmaier, "The multiple functions of cysteine-string protein analyzed at Drosophila nerve terminals," Jl. Neurosci. 25: 2204-2214, 2005; with H. Bao, R.W. Daniels, G.T. Macleod, M.P. Charlton, and B. Zhang, "AP180 maintains the distribution of synaptic and vesicle proteins in the nerve terminal and indirectly regulates the efficacy of Ca²⁺-triggered exocytosis," Il. Neurophysiol. 94: 1888-1903, 2005; with X. Guo, G.T. Macleod, A. Wellington, F. Hu, S. Panchumarthi, M. Schoenfield, L. Marin, M.P. Charlton, and Zinsmaier, K.E. "The GTPase dMiro is required for axonal transport of mitochondria to Drosophila synapses," Neuron 47: 379-393, 2005; with U. Cheung and R.S. Zucker, "Presynaptic effectors contributing to cAMP-induced synaptic potentiation in Drosophila," Jl. Neurobiol. 66: 273-280, 2006; with S.J. Neal, S. Karunanithi, A. Best, A. K.-C. So, R.M. Tanguay, and J.T. Westwood, (2006) "Thermoprotection of synaptic transmission in a Drosophila heat shock factor mutant is accompanied by increased expression of Hsp83 and DnaJ-1," Physiological Genomics 25 (2006): 493-501; with G.T. Macleod, L. Chen, S. Karunanithi, J.B. Peloquin, J.E. McRory, G.W. Zamponi, and M.P. Charlton, (2006) The Drosophila cacts2 mutation reduces presynaptic Ca2+ entry and defines an important element in Ca. 2.1 channel inactivation, European Journal of Neuroscience 23 (2006): 3230-3244.

Eleazar Birnbaum (Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations) has published "Burnt Books: a Catalogue of Some Turkish Manuscripts Destroyed in the 1992 War in Bosnia," in *Sinasi Tekini'in Anisina 'Uygurlardan Osmanliya*' (Istanbul: Simurg, 2005), 171-257. This detailed description of 170 Ottoman Turkish manuscripts formerly in the Oriental Institute in Sarajevo is his contribution to a memorial volume for Prof. Sinasi Tekin (d. 2004), a leading Turcologist who taught at Harvard for 30 years.

Paul Bouissac (French and Semiotics) has been publishing vigorously since his retirement; among his recent writings are: "Bounded semiotics: From utopian to evolutionary models of communication," in Dynamics and Change in Organizations: Studies in Organizational Semiotics, ed. Henk W. M. Gazendam, René J. Jorna & Ruben S. Cijsouw (Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Press, 2003),15-36; "Information, imitation, communication: An evolutionary perspective on the semiotics of gesture," in Gestures: Meaning and Use, ed. M. Rector, I. Poggi & N. Trigo (Porto: Universidade Fernando Pessoa Press, 2003), 13-26.; "How plausible is the motherese hypothesis?" commentary to "Prelinguistic evolution in early hominins: Whence motherese?" by Dean Falk, Behavioral and Brain Sciences (2004) 27, 491-541 (506-507); "Saussure's legacy in semiotics," in The Cambridge Companion to Saussure, edited by Carol Sanders (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004), 240-260; "Interspecific communication," in Semiotics: A Handbook on the Sign-Theoretic Foundations of Nature and Culture, vol. 4, edited by R. Posner, K. Robering & T. A. Sebeok (Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2004), 3391-3396; "Sens de la main," Degrès, vol. 118 (2004), 1-19; the novel Striptease de Madame Bovary, Collection "Vertiges", (Ottawa: Les Éditions L'Interligne, 2004); "Iconicity or iconization? Probing the dynamic interface between language and perception," in Outside-In – Inside-Out: Iconicity in Language and Literature 4, edited by Costantino Maeder, Olga Fischer & William J. Herlofsky (Amsterdam: John Benjamins, 2005), 15-37; "Poetics in the lions' den: the circus act as text," in Folklore: Critical Concepts in Literary and Cultural Studies. Four volumes, ed. Alan Dundes, vol. 4 (London: Routledge, 2005). [Reprinted from Bouissac 1976]; "Hoarding behavior: A better evolutionary account of money psychology?" Commentary to "Money as tool, money as drug: The biological psychology of a strong incentive" by Stephen E. G. Lea & Paul Webley, Behavioral and Brain Sciences 29 (2006), 161-209 (181-182); "Probing prehistoric cultures: data, dates and narratives," Rock Art Research 23.1 (2006), 89-96; "Introduction: Gesture, ritual and memory," Gesture 6.2 (2006), 171-176; "Gesture in evolutionary perspective," Gesture 6.2 (2006), 189-201. He has given thirteen conference papers and also organized half a dozen conferences and symposia himself, both at U.of T. and abroad

D.A. Chant (Zoology) has published with J. A. McMurtry, "A review of the subfamily Amblyseiinae Muma (Acari: Phytoseiidae): Part VIII. The tribes Macroseiini Chant, Denmark and Baker, Phytoseiulini n. tribe, Afroseiulini n. tribe and Indoseiulini Ehara and Amano," *International Journal of Acarology* 32.1 (2006): 13-25, and (also with McMurtry), "A review of the subfamily Amblyseiinae Muma

All RALUT members will be interested in the following message that was sent to retiree members of UTFA by their representatives on UTFA Council.

Dear Colleagues:

As the four representatives of the retiree constituency on the Council of the Faculty Association, we are writing to give you our thoughts on issues that will be on UTFA's agenda in the next academic year, including the next round of negotiations with the University administration. We are seeking your views on these matters and any others you think we should be pursuing.

On salary, benefits and pension matters that directly affect retired faculty and librarians, we think our priorities should be the following:

- Maintaining the purchasing power of our pensions (i.e. augmentation to cover the full rate of inflation);
- Maintaining our existing health benefits and the principle that these benefits should not be less for retirees than for those who have not retired; and
- Improving the \$1000 / per annum health allowance for colleagues and the survivors of colleagues who retired before 1981 and have no health benefits.

Our priority items are matters that we would urge not be traded off in the inevitable give and take of negotiations. In treating these three matters as priorities we are not suggesting that they are the only matters that as retiree representatives we should press UTFA to support. Other issues that we believe should be strongly supported are improvement of pensions up to the maximum (2% of the lower deck) allowed by federal legislation, health benefit improvements, as well as other matters of vital concern to our non-retired colleagues such as an appropriate across-the-board salary increase and improvements in PTR.

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(Acari: Phytoseiidae): Part IX. An overview," *International Journal of Acarology* 32.2 (2006): 125-152.

R. Fraser Code (Physics) has published "Stories from the early days of quantum mechanics", by Isidor Isaac Rabi (transcribed and edited by R. Fraser Code), *Physics Today*, August 2006, pp 36-41.

Alain Dainard (French) writes that he became an FRSC in June of last year (2005), and is general editor of the *Correspondance de Mme de Graffigny* (Oxford, Voltaire

Outside of formal negotiations, there are other matters in which UTFA is currently engaged that are of particular concern to us. One is developing and implementing a plan for the Senior Scholar/Retiree Centres that the University agreed to establish in its Letter of Understanding attached to the 2005 Agreement Ending Mandatory Retirement. A detailed plan for the Centres is in the final stage of drafting by a committee chaired by Vice-Provost Edith Hillen, on which UTFA is represented by Salary, Benefits and Pension Vice-President, Tom Alloway, and on which several colleagues, retired and un-retired, serve.

Another matter of direct concern to us as retirees is the management of our pension funds. UTFA President George Luste has pointed out in recent newsletters the cost of administering the pension fund has soared since the University established it own "in-house" unit to manage it - with no discernible pay-off in the performance of the fund. We strongly support UTFA's efforts to have this matter dealt with by the Governing Council of the University.

At the UTFA AGM this year, faculty colleagues expressed much concern about the pressure they are experiencing in being required to teach expanding student enrollments without commensurate increases in the teaching faculty. We very much share our colleagues concern about what this is doing to the quality of education at the University of Toronto. Although, as you know, under the Memorandum of Agreement this type of issue cannot be negotiated with the University administration, we very much support UTFA's efforts to take up this matter in other forms.

Communicating with you about these issues that are now facing UTFA is part of a general effort on the part of the UTFA Council and Executive to ensure that it is responsive to the concerns of its membership. We urge you to contact us if you have any questions or comments on the positions outlined above or if there are other issues you would like us to take up as your representatives on the UTFA Council.

Yours truly,

Ed Barbeau, George Milbrandt, Peter Russell, Germaine Warkentin

Foundation), of which 9 volumes have appeared (1985-2004); vol. 10 will appear in 2006, and there are five remaining volumes; he foresees the final one for 2011 (d.v.). His retired team-mates here at U of T are Professors David Smith, Lawrence C. Kerslake, Edward Heinemann, Judith Curtis, Marie-Paule Ducretet-Powell and Nicole Boursier. Their editorial assistant (also retired) is Marion Filipiuk, formerly of the J.S. Mill and Coleridge and REED editions (M.A. in French from Columbia). He was a contributing editor of the Helvétius edition (directed by David Smith), of which the final volume appeared in 2005. *continued on page 6*

Germany Opens Senior University

Samuel Loewenberg in Berlin

reprinted from The Guardian Saturday August 12, 2006

Thirty students will next week enter a classroom, waiting for their first university lecture. Along with the usual anxieties, they may also be wondering if they will be older than their teachers. Most of them will be.

The European Centre of University Studies for Seniors will become the first higher education institution in Germany devoted exclusively to older people. So far they are expecting 30 students over the age of 50. Of those, half are over the age of 60, and five are 70 or older.

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O'Sullivan, President of the University of New Brunswick group, presented a carefully-considered analysis of the issue. His conclusion was that it was probably not the time to develop a formal Atlantic region organization, although it was clear from the experience of the current conference that there were retiree concerns which had a particular regional flavour. During the discussion it was noted that such regional gatherings could be held without requiring the establishing of formal regional structures.

The fourth annual CURAC conference and AGM was held at the University of Guelph on May 24-25. Co-

The students will be able to take courses in history, politics, and healthcare. The university also provides training for students who want to use their career experience to become consultants.

Germany has the fourth oldest population in the world. By 2025, one quarter of its population will be over 65, according to EU population forecasts.

One partial solution to the social security and healthcare problems this poses may be to train seniors to use their skills beyond the normal retirement age. The courses at the new university will be specially designed, with more emphasis on student participation than in conventional German universities.

Paul Wolters, 70, who will head the new institution, said: "Their teachers will have to acknowledge their students' rich personal histories and knowledge of the world. They can't just lecture them."

hosted by the University of Guelph and Sir Wilfrid Laurier University, the theme of the conference had to do with the synergy between college and university retirees and their home institutions. One of the main sessions was devoted to a report by Helen Barton (McMaster) on a survey she and Peter Russell had carried out over the past year to determine the kinds of non-medical benefits which members of CURAC's member organization were entitled to receive. As expected, the results, while difficult to summarize numerically, displayed a great deal of variability both quantitatively in terms of the number of such benefits (library access, pre-retirement counselling, etc.) and qualitatively with respect to the



substance of these benefits when they were available. During the discussion it was suggested that many of these differences probably resulted from trade-offs made over the years and to some extent reflected entrenched differences in institutional cultures. Another session was devoted to reports of progress made by member associations, a highlight of which was Doug Creelman's report on the development of retiree centres at the University of Toronto. Delegates expressed great interest in these developments. A few seemed to have difficulty believing what they were hearing.

The main work of the Annual General Meeting was to obtain approval for a new committee

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The Toronto Round Table

Our last session was a great success. During our eight meetings average attendance was 42. Speakers covered a wide variety of interests the most popular being Steve Paikin discussing his book "Public Triumph, Private Tragedy" a biography of Premier Robert Robarts, Raymond O'Neill, director and actor talking about the theater and Jean Irons with her beautiful photographs of birds and commentary on Carden Alvar, Ontario's rare habitat.

This session started on Wednesday, September 13th with a presentation by Chief Justice Roy McMurtry, formerly Attorney General for Ontario in the Davis Cabinet, on the subject of "Towards a Safer City". On October 11th Michael McKeown will speak on "Samuel Pepys and His Times". Dr. Peter Alberti will make a presentation on "Nanjing Ancient Capital Modern City" with a good collection of slides in November. In December Gerry Little, retired professor of genetics at York will give a presentation on "Darwin to DNA". Early next year Susan Wilkinson will be talking about "The Welsh Settlement in Patagonia and a subsequent migration to

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structure which the CURAC Board had proposed. Initially four standing committees of the Board were approved: A Benefits Committee with Helen Barton (McMaster) as Chair, whose mandate would include keeping watch on all forms of retiree benefits and policies as they develop in universities and colleges across the country and keeping member associations informed of them; a Communications Committee to be chaired by Ken Rea, which will be responsible for all CURAC communications, electronic and paper, with its member Associations; a Healthcare Policy Committee chaired by Tarun Ghose (Faculty of Medicine, Dalhousie) which will keep watch on developments in federal and provincial healthcare policies and practices as they relate to best healthcare practices for retirees; and a Board Conference Committee, with Past Saskatchewan" and Russ Morrison economist, philanthropist and successful investor will discuss the "Nature of an Idea in the World of Finance". In April David Rudd will give a talk on Canada's strategic Issues (precise subject to be determined) and in May Professor James Estes will make a presentation called "Why Freedom of Religion is a bad thing: The Sixteenth Century German Reformers explain it all for You"

The Toronto Round Table (TRT) is an informal luncheon club that has been in existence for more than 100 years. Its objectives are to provide an opportunity for U of T Alumnae, particularly recently retired academics and librarians, and others to meet old friends and acquaintances and to listen to stimulating speakers on a wide range of subjects. Please do not hesitate to introduce the luncheon club to your friends and people whom you think might be interested.

The TRT meets at the Hart House at Noon the second Wednesday of the each month September to May. Membership cost is \$30 (single) and \$40 (double) and the cost of lunch is \$15. For membership enquiries contact Peter Levitt at levittsp@sympatico.ca or 416-967-5535

President Peter Russell (Toronto) as Chair, which will provide more support for conference program-content and planning. A summary of the proceedings and the Minutes of the AGM will be posted on the CURAC website.

CURAC continues to grow. Five new member organizations joined CURAC during the past year: The College and Institutes Retirees Association of British Columbia, the University of Moncton faculty retirees, the University of Prince Edward Island association, retirees at St. Mary's University in Halifax, and the British Columbia Institute of Technology retirees in Vancouver. This has brought the total membership to 35, two of which are large Quebec federations, each comprising a number of affiliated associations. It has been estimated that CURAC, through its member associations, represents something in the order of 15,000 post-secondary retirees across Canada.

Our monthly lunches at the Faculty Club

A reminder regarding RALUT monthly lunches at the Faculty Club.

As you may remember, we had agreed to change to the first Wednesday (from our previous second monthly Wednesday arrangement) from this September– in order to avoid clashing with the Toronto Round Table monthly second Wednesday lunches. We hope that there will be a substantial RALUT representation in the FC main dining room at these noon Wednesday meetiings!

News from the Library

2005 – 2006 was the Inaugural Year of The University of Toronto **Library Associates** (UTL Associates) a group established to allow Friends and supporters of UTL the opportunity to contribute time, ideas and/or funding for special Library programs and initiatives.

In this first year of the Program, there were three interesting and informative talks, given by founding members Katherine Morrison and Alexander Pathy, and also by author Rosemary Sullivan. The talks on primary sources (Katherine Morrison) and labour history and relations in the port of Montreal in the 1970s (Alexander Pathy) were each held as lunch hour lectures in the Faculty Club, and attracted many long-standing Library donors as well as faculty and students. The measure of success and interest in these talks was made clear by the many questions from the audience following each, as well as by the animated discussions taking place amongst table mates. The third and final event for the year was a brief talk by Rosemary Sullivan at the opening of the *Life Stories* exhibition in the Robarts Library. They attracted a large standing-room-only

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John Dirks (Medicine; Massey College) is President of the Gairdner Foundation. He has been appointed to the Order of Canada.

John Gittins (Geology and University College), and one of the founders of RALUT, published "Myth and Reality in the Carbonatite - silicate rock 'association'", *Periodico di Mineralogia*, 72 (2003),19-26; and "The Bimodal Composition of Carbonatites: Reality or Misconception?" *Lithos*, 85 (2005),129-139. The Mineralogical Association of Canada has announced that it will be publishing a special volume of *The Canadian Mineralogist* as a tribute to him.

Morris Goldner (Microbiology, Faculty of Medicine) is Director of the Stanier Institute. The Institute is partnering with Brock University's Department of Applied Health Sciences to encourage those with an interest in the field of health sciences to pursue higher education and research in hygiene science and activities that counteract infectious and toxicological parameters of disease in the environment. The Stanier Institute's new and continuing activities at Brock include planning a Master's in Hygiene Science program, designed to establish for students the basic premises of public health, scientific symposia principally concerned with issues related to hygiene, and organizing a public lecture series to enhance awareness of the foundations and problems of hygiene aimed at health science professionals and interested members of the public. crowd of both Library donors and members of the university community. Sullivan's remarks on the writing of her current book, and her husband's accompanying short video of this process were riveting to all.

One of our University's current priorities is improving the student experience. In keeping with this goal, donations through the *Library Associates* for the 2006-07 year will go toward the renovation of Robarts Library to improve study space for students. Watch for updates and find out all the ways you can support your Library and help to create a stimulating learning environment for our students.

Upcoming Events: Be sure to mark your calendar to attend our Fall event on November 2nd at 12 noon. Join us for lunch and hear award winning author and historian, Margaret MacMillan, Provost & Vice-Chancellor of Trinity College. She will talk about her new book *Nixon in China*, which will be published September 30, 2006. Please contact Diane Marrow, Associate Director, University of Toronto Library, 416-978-7655, diane.marrow@utoronto.ca for more information.

Charles Hanly (Philosophy) gave the New York Psychoanalytic Institute 2005 Freud Anniversary Lecture "Deductive Reasoning in Psychoanalytic Theorizing", April; and the Herbert Gaskill Memorial Lecture "Perceptive Thought and Thoughtful Perception" at the Denver Psychoanalytic Society in May. In June he gave a panel presentation at the Seattle meeting of the American Psychoanalytic Association on "Case Material from a Telephone Analysis". In July he was the commentator on a panel on "Implicit and Explicit Psychoanalytic Theories" at the 44th Congress of the International Psychoanalytical Association in Rio de Janeiro and chaired a panel on "Interpretation in Clinical Psychoanalysis To-day".

Gila Hanna (OISE) has published "A brief overview of proof, explanation, exploration and modeling" in Henn, H.W. and Kaiser, G. (Eds.), *Mathematikunterricht im Spannungsfeld* von Evolution und Evaluation (Berlin, Verlag Franzbecker, 2005),139-151; a review of P. Mancosu, K. F. Jørgensen, and S.A. Pedersen, eds., Visualization, Explanation and Reasoning Styles in Mathematics. Series: Synthese Library, Vol. 327. Canadian Journal of Science, Mathematics and Technology Education, 6.2 (2005), 201-205; and with N. Sidoli, "Visualisation and proof: A brief survey," in A. Simpson, ed., Retirement as process and concept (Prague: Karlova Universita v Praze, Pedagogicka fakulta 2006) 101-109.

Alex Harrison (Chemistry) was author of the paper "Fragmentation Reactions of Deprotonated Peptides Containing Aspartic Acid", International Journal of Mass continued on page 7

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Spectrometry, 255 (2006), 111-122; and co-author of the paper "Scrambling of Sequence Information in Collision-induced Dissociation of Peptides" *Journal of the American Chemical Society*,128 (2006), 10364-10365. A gift of \$50,000 from the Halocom Society of Canada, matched by the provincial Graduate Scholarship Endowment Fund, has resulted in the establishment of the Alex Harrison Award in Environmental Analytical Mass Spectrometry. The first award will be made in the autumn of 2006.

Edward Heinemann (French) presented a paper entitled "Du Beau et du Byte, bis" at the 17th International Conference of the Société Rencesvals (Storrs, Connecticut, July 22-28, 2006).

Suzanne Hidi (OISE) has edited with P. Boscolo, Writing and Motivation (Studies in Writing, Volume 19, 2006). In the same volume she published, with V.W. Berninger, "Mark Twain's writers' workshop: A nature-nurture perspective for motivating students with learning disabilities to compose," 159-80; with P. Boscolo, "The multiple meanings of motivation to write," 1-14; and with M. Ainley, D. Berndorff, and L. Del Favero, "The role of interest and self-efficacy in science-related expository writing," 201-216. She is the author of (with P. Boscolo), "Motivation and writing," in C. MacArthur, S. Graham & J. Fitzgerald (eds.), Handbook of writing research (New York: Guilford, 2006) 144-197; and with K.A. Renninger, "The four-phase model of interest development," Educational Psychologist, 41.2 (2006), 111-127.

Betty Roots (Zoology) published (with Rüdiger Schweigreiter, Christine E. Bandtlow and Robert M. Gould) "Understanding Myelination through Studying Its Evolution" in *International Review of Neurobiology* 73 (2006), 219-273.

Roger Savory (Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations) was awarded the degree of Doctor of Sacred Letters (honoris causa) by the University of Trinity College in May, 2003. He has published "Relations between the Safavid State and Its Non-Muslim minorities", in *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, 14.4, October 2004, 435-458.

J.W. Senders (Industrial Engineering) reports that 21 years after his retirement from UofT at age 65, he has been appointed to a six-year term as Professor-at-Large at the University of Vermont. He is also an adjunct professor, Osgoode Hall School of Law, York University.

Malcolm Silver (Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology) published *Pathology of the Heart and Sudden Death in Forensic Medicine*, co-edited with in Vittorio Fineschi and Giorgio Baroldi (Toronto: CRC Press/Taylor and Francis, 2006).

Jim Simmons (Geography) has published "A New Look at Urban Growth Processes." in Y. Murayama and G. Du (eds.) *Cities in Global Perspective* (Tokyo: Rikkyo University, 2005), 122-130; with L. McCann, "The Canadian Urban System: Growth and Transition," in T. Bunting and P. Filion (eds.) Canadian Cities in Transition: Local Through Global Perspectives. Third Edition (Toronto: Oxford University Press, 2006), 40-64; with H.W. Richardson, L.S. Bourne, P. Gordon, C.J. Henrie, D. Plane, and B. Lee, "North America: a Region of Core Peripheral Extremes," in H.S. Geyer (ed.) Global Regionalization: Core Peripheral Trends (UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2006), 41-84; with S. Kamikihara, "The North American Urban System: the Limits to Continental Integration," in Ruben C.L. Gonzalez (ed.) Urban Changes in Different Scales: Systems and Structures (Santiago de Compostela, Espana: Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, 2006), 287-296; in collaboration with S. Kamikihara and with L. Bourne, and I. Escamilla, "The North American Urban System: the Limits to Continental Integration." Research Paper 205 (Toronto: Centre for Urban and Community Studies, University of Toronto, 2006).

Conchita Tan-Willman (OISE) received the Meritorious Service Medal (Civil Division) from the Governor General in recognition of having founded and operated the PRIME Mentors of Canada since 1987. The Meritorious Service Decorations are awarded to members of the Canadian Forces or Canadian citizens for deeds or activities performed in an outstandingly professional manner that brings benefit or honour to Canada.

Charles A. Ward (Mechanical & Industrial Engineering) is Director of the Thermodynamics and Kinetics Laboratory. He has recently published (with Fei Duan), "Turbulent Transition of Thermocapillary Flow Induced by Water Evaporation", Physical Review E, 69, 056308 (2004), and "Surface Excess Properties from Energy Transport Measurements During Water Evaporation", Physical Review E, 72, 056302 (2005); with Fei Duan, V. K. Badam, and F. Durst, "Thermocapillary Transport of Energy During Water Evaporation", Physical Review E, 72.056303 (2005); with Fei Duan, "Surface-Thermal Capacity of D2O from Measurements Made During Steady-State Evaporation", Physical Review E, 72, 056304 (2005); with S. Popov, A. Melling, and F. Durst, "Apparatus for Investigation of Evaporation at Free Liquid-Vapour Interfaces" Intl. Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer, 48, 2299-2309 (2005); with P. Rahimi, "Effect of Pressure on the Rate of Evaporation from Capillaries: Statistical Rate Theory Approach", Intl. Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer, 47, 877-886 (2004), "Contact Angle Hysteresis on Smooth and Homogeneou Surfaces in Gravitational Fields", Microgravity Sci. Technol. XVI, Z-Tec Publishing, Bremen, 229-233 (2005), and "Kinetics of Evaporation: Statistical Rate Theory Approach", Int. J. of Thermodynamics, 8, 1-14 (2005).

Fred Wilson (Philosophy) was keynote speaker at the Gustav Bergmann Centennial Symposium, at the University of Iowa, May 2006; his address was "Placing Bergmann."

Frederick E. Winter (Fine Art) has published *Studies in Hellenistic Architecture*, University of Toronto Press, 2006.

Retirees Honoured with Appointments to the Order of Canada

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, has honoured several RALUT members with appointments to the Order of Canada. Our congratulations to these colleagues.

Their citations follow.

John Dirks, C.M. Toronto, Ontario Member of the Order of Canada

Professor Emeritus at the University of Toronto, John Dirks has enhanced medical education and health care as well as promoted Canada's commitment to scientific research. As a nephrologist he has been deeply committed to improving renal care and treatment for patients throughout the world and to this end has worked with the International Society of Nephrology to set up outreach education programs. A former dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Dirks has held senior positions at McGill University, the University of British Columbia and the Aga Khan University in Pakistan. Current president of the Gairdner Foundation, Dirks has worked diligently to recognize innovation and excellence in biomedical research.

A. Edward Safarian, C.M. Toronto, Ontario Member of the Order of Canada

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