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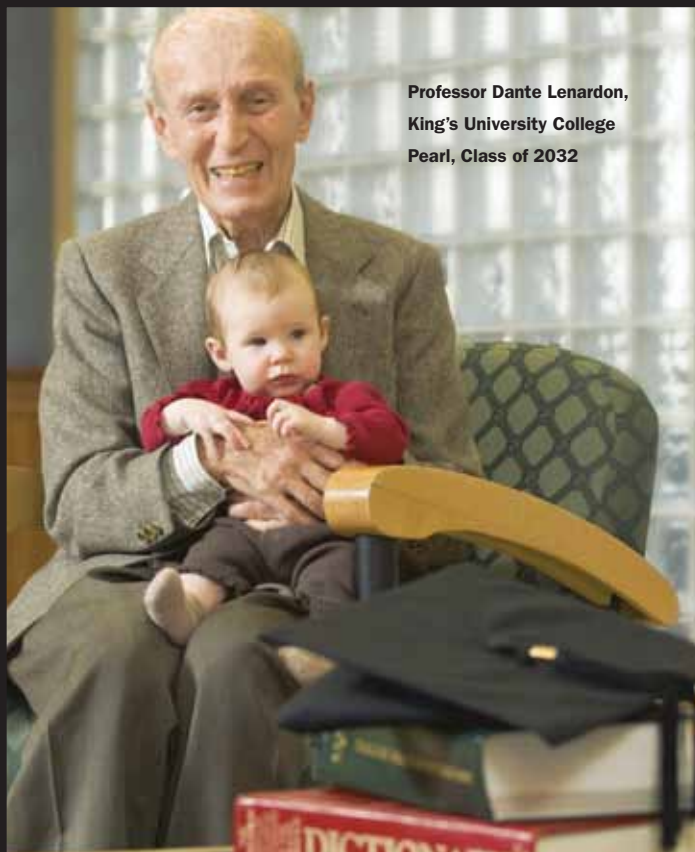
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Nick Dagostino, Social Justice and Peace Studies student, sitting with kids from the Santa Isabel guarderia (day-care) on a recent trip to Ecuador as part of Intercordia.

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### iPod Touch winner

Congratulations to Wendy Latimer '04, winner of the iPod Touch. Wendy submitted her address update online at [www.kings.uwo.ca/alumni/](http://www.kings.uwo.ca/alumni/) to win the 8GB iPod Touch. We are running the contest again, so keep us informed for your chance to win! The next draw is December 1, 2011.





## The Editor Writes

Erin Lawson

Welcome to the Social Justice and Peace Studies (SJPS) issue of the *Herald*. The philosophy and practice behind this unique program at King's is embedded in the essence of the College as stated in King's Strategic Plan:

A cornerstone of the College's identity is its belief in the imperatives of social justice and social concern in Christian thought, and the centrality of these values to our students' engagement in contemporary issues... Some of the strongest currents running within the Catholic intellectual tradition are concerned fundamentally with the formation of character focused on service, the use of students' talents to serve those in need especially the most marginalized and the poor, the use of education to shape society and the encouragement of students to seek opportunities to change the world.

*Vision, Values and Learning A Strategic Plan for King's University College 2010-2014*

I asked Professor Bernie Hammond, the founder and coordinator of the program, to give me some background on how Social Justice and Peace Studies at King's was started.

"The Social Justice and Peace Studies program was started at the invitation of the Dean, Professor Des Dutrizac, and was a natural progression of work that I had been doing since 1982 in the Centre for Social Concern. This Centre was devoted to bringing social justice issues to the attention of the College and the London communities generally. We did this by researching major local and global issues of social justice and by inviting speakers to address these issues. The Social Justice and Peace Studies program was intended to add a formal academic foundation to this work. We started working



Professor Bernie Hammond

on the Social Justice and Peace studies proposal in the fall of 2001 and the program received approval in the spring of 2002. In developing the program, I worked closely with Professor Joan Mason-Grant who had been teaching part-time in the Women's Studies program and who taught the first introductory course in SJPS. Our task was greatly facilitated by work that I had done over that year with Pascal

Murphy, a Social Justice and Peace Scholarship holder and Scholar's Elective student. I had been assigned as Pascal's mentor and together we developed his Honors BA program by surveying all courses at the University that had any bearing on questions of social justice. His BA became the blueprint for the SJPS program."

As we head into the 10th year of the program, I asked Bernie about his hopes for the future of the Social Justice and Peace Studies Program.

"My hope is that we will continue to attract outstanding, academically superior students and that they will continue to bring pride and honour to the program and to the College. On that basis, I also hope to see the program develop strength in terms of the number and quality of our faculty, the diversity of the courses that we teach, and the engagement of other departments at the College in this interdisciplinary endeavour. Ultimately, I would like to see the day when it is possible to pursue a graduate degree in Social Justice and Peace Studies at King's University College."

I hope you enjoy reading about the students, alumni and faculty who have made this program such a significant part of King's and its culture.

Peace,

Erin



## Third-year Catholic Studies for Teachers students meet with Bishop Fabbro

Bishop Fabbro met with third year students from the Catholic Studies for Teachers program on April 14, 2011. Pictured here (L-R) at the offices of the Diocese of London, Amanda Cimetta, Bianca DeGrandis, Katrina Glasier, Natalie Pepe, Sarah Trudell and Erin Gamble had the opportunity to update the Bishop on their studies, and he expressed his support for both the program and these future Catholic teachers.

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## Marc and Craig Kielburger

On June 14, 2011, Marc and Craig Kielburger were awarded honorary degrees from The University of Western Ontario at the King's University College convocation ceremony. Marc and Craig were selected for this honour because of their impressive accomplishments and their efforts in motivating a new generation of global leaders committed to social justice.

Craig, who spoke on behalf of his brother and himself, encouraged our newest alumni to take advantage of every opportunity and strive to change the world for the better. Noting that a university education is a gift, Craig challenged the graduates to consider how they can use their education to help others in the world.

Following his inspiring address to the graduates, the Kielburgers received a well-deserved standing ovation from all who were in attendance at the convocation ceremony.



PHOTO: Paul Mayne, Western News

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## King's University College Chamber Choir

The King's University College Chamber Choir, under the direction of Janet Loo, is holding auditions for the 2011-12 year in September. The choir consists of auditioned choral singers from the King's community (students, faculty, staff, alumni) and from the wider Western and London communities. They will perform two major concerts this year: December 3, 2011, and March 23, 2012, in addition to singing at special events at King's. Experienced choral singers are encouraged to audition by contacting Janet at 519-433-3491 x4528 or [jlou5@uwo.ca](mailto:jlou5@uwo.ca). For more information, visit the choir's website at [www.kings.uwo.ca/kuccc](http://www.kings.uwo.ca/kuccc).





## World Youth Day – pilgrimage to Madrid, Spain

By David Easter, 2nd year Catholic Studies for Teachers student

I am one of an estimated two million participants who will be travelling to Madrid, Spain, this summer for World Youth Day. I am looking forward to sharing my faith with youth from all over the world. This pilgrimage will allow me to grow in my relationship with God, as well as with the friends with whom I will be journeying. At World Youth Day, I will have the opportunity to embrace and participate in the cultures of people from every continent. My journey during World Youth Day will give me experience that will be invaluable to my progression in the Catholic Studies for Teachers program at King's. I look forward to sharing this pilgrimage with future students, as I hope to use this experience as a building block for my faith.



Caitlin McCuaig (left) and Katrina Pasierbek (right) at Beny-sur-Mer Cemetery on the anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 2011. Caitlin graduated from King's in spring 2011 and plans to complete her MA in History. Katrina is entering her final year of undergraduate studies at King's and is the president of the JMS Careless History Club.

## Students in Normandy

By Katrina Pasierbek

This past spring, Caitlin McCuaig and I were among 12 university students chosen from across Canada to participate in the 17th Annual Canadian Battlefields Foundation Study Tour. This 15-day tour is intended to better educate students who are studying Canada's involvement in both World Wars while on location in Belgium and France. Our tour was led by Professor Serge Durlfingier from the University of Ottawa and Professor Doug Delaney from the Royal Military College of Canada.

Our itinerary included visits to battlefields such as Ypres, Beaumont Hamel, Vimy Ridge, Dieppe, Juno Beach and the Falaise Gap. To have been given the opportunity to visit the battlefields was truly an eye opening experience, one which I am certain we will both apply to our future studies.

We were also given the rare privilege of meeting members of the French Resistance and the opportunity to speak with men and women whose childhood memories include the liberation of their towns by Canadian Forces. To this day they continue to have the kindest and most heartfelt thanks and appreciation towards all Canadians who visit the Normandy region. On the 67th anniversary of the D-Day landings, Caitlin and I were given the great honour of presenting the Canadian Battlefields Foundation wreath at Beny-sur-Mer Canadian War Cemetery. We are both very grateful to the Canadian Battlefields Foundation for this exciting study opportunity, as well as to the incredibly supportive history faculty at King's. We are truly honoured and humbled to have represented both King's University College and Canada while on this tour.



## Young Woman of Excellence – Nicole Turner

Congratulations to King's student Nicole Turner who was honoured as one of the YWCA's 2011 Women of Excellence. The award recognizes women who have made outstanding contributions to their community and workplace and who have motivated others.

Nicole is now in her third year at King's with aspirations of becoming a social worker. In addition to her studies, Nicole has served on the King's Orientation Week team and on many local community projects as an advocate for people with disabilities.

Nicole and her fellow Women of Excellence Award recipients were honoured at a dinner in the spring.



## From the Principal's Desk

By Dr. David Sylvester

Students must let the gritty reality of this world into their lives, so that they can learn to feel it, think about it critically...and engage it constructively.

~ Peter-Hans Kolvenbach, SJ

The commitment to the principle of social justice – in particular the work our students and faculty carry out in service to local and international communities – is a defining characteristic of a King's education. This work emanates from our mission as a Catholic university and is in response to the challenges we face, collectively, here in London and across the globe. More than just charity or volunteerism, it is part of a considered education of the whole person in service to others. By marrying the classroom and research with the 'gritty reality of this world', King's provides a learning environment second to none, one that touches the heart as well as the mind. Our purpose is nothing less than to provide students with an educational advantage: the skills and understanding required for ethical leadership in a world where global developments are inextricably linked to local realities.

As our immediate community struggles with persistent joblessness, the lingering effects of economic dislocation and changing demographics, our students are responding intelligently, strategically and compassionately. They are serving and learning in local soup kitchens, homeless shelters, youth addiction and employment centres, aging facilities, and with agencies welcoming new Canadians. They are working alongside members of First Nations communities, both here in Ontario and in northern Canada. Internationally, they are living in solidarity with people whose world has been shaped by political and economic turmoil and environmental degradation.

Innovative pedagogy and cutting edge research are a key part of this King's advantage: Social Work faculty are leading researchers on the subject of child protection and domestic abuse and are sharing their program expertise with partners in Rwanda and China; our Childhood and Social Institutions faculty are building bridges of understanding with colleagues in Sweden. Professors in Political Science and Sociology are studying the human implications of evolving North American border policies. Across disciplines, our Liberal Arts 101 program invites adult learners to discover what higher education might offer them and their children. And, of course, our Social Justice and Peace Studies program, grounded in the social teachings of the Church, has blazed the trail of international service learning in this province.

As King's approaches its 60th anniversary, we have before us an opportunity to build upon this wonderful heritage, to explore more deeply the role of justice in the education of our students and in King's contribution to the common good. In the classroom and in the world, King's graduates should continue to be known for their ability to think, feel and act in justice and compassion.

## Development and Peace Conference

In May 2011, the London Diocesan Council hosted the Ontario Provincial Council for Development and Peace, using the King's campus as the backdrop. Members of the King's Development and Peace team, coordinated through Campus Ministry, were involved in the planning and attended the three-day conference.

Maria Sebastianpillai, a second year student at King's, is the youth representative for South Western Ontario on the Development and Peace Youth Council. She, along with the other members of the Council, initiated a Youth Forum for the first time this year.



Development and Peace is the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada and the Canadian member of Caritas Internationalis. Its mandate is to support Global South partners to promote alternatives to unfair social, political and economic structures, while educating the Canadian population about the causes of poverty, and mobilizing Canadians towards actions for change. Development and Peace also supports women searching for social and economic justice.

In the last 42 years, Development and Peace has invested more than \$531 million to finance over 15,000 projects in agriculture, education, community action and emergency aid in 70 countries.





▲ **Professor Ken Bowlby** delivered a presentation titled “China: Past, Present & Future” to the Toronto chapter of Alumni Western. Audience members raved about the presentation and kept Ken for an additional 45 minutes of Q&A. A repeat presentation for the London chapter of Alumni Western is scheduled for October 18, 2011.

Professor Ken Bowlby is entering the seventh year of an eight-year international study of student managerial values and attitudes. Last October he presented preliminary findings at a conference in New Orleans. Following that, he and two co-authors had a paper accepted by the *Journal of International Business Ethics*.

**Dr. Graham Broad** and Jonathan Vance, history professor at Western, are co-directors of a new project entitled “War and Popular Culture: An Internet Database” funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. Their aim is to create a digital database of rare ephemera from Canada in the First and Second World Wars. Rare materials such as wartime photo albums, postcards, letter books, ration cards, government propaganda, comic books, and children’s games will be digitized for use, free of charge, by scholars, history students, and interested member of the public. Right now, digitization of nearly 2,000 different items has

begun, with the aim at launching the site [www.wartimecanada.ca](http://www.wartimecanada.ca) later this year.

They are looking for additional items to add to those already slated for inclusion on the website. If you have any rare wartime items that could be scanned and returned to you, please contact Graham Broad at [gbroad@uwo.ca](mailto:gbroad@uwo.ca) or 519-433-3491/ 1-800-265-4406 x4462.

▼ **Dr. Sauro Camiletti** was appointed as the new academic dean at King’s effective July 1, 2011. “It is a great privilege to serve as a leader in an academic community that is recognized for the quality of its degree programs, the teaching ability and scholarship of its faculty, its Christian values and the services it provides its students,” Camiletti says. “King’s is a jewel in Western’s crown, drawing students from around the world to a community that values academic achievement, Catholic mission, diversity and social justice.”



Dr. Camiletti joined the Department of Mathematics at King’s in 1978. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he served as chair of the Economics, Business and Mathematics Department from 1998-2003. In 2004, he was appointed associate academic dean and has also fulfilled the role of acting dean in 2005 and 2009. He has a proven record as an outstanding scholar, teacher and administrator.



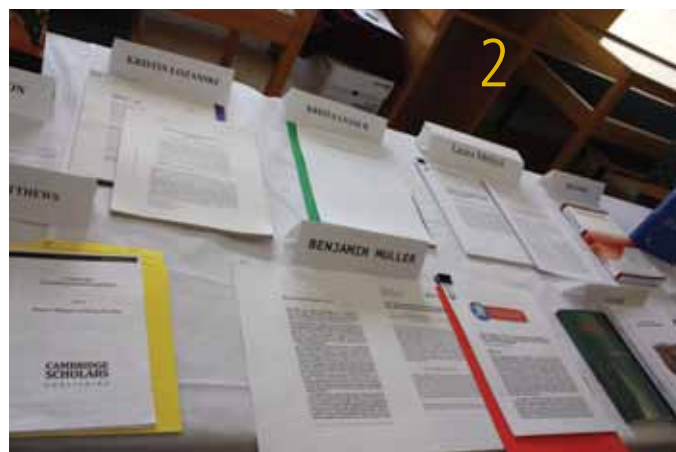
▲ The status of professor emeritus was conferred upon **Dr. Gerald Killan** at the June 2011 convocation ceremony. Dr. Killan’s career at King’s began in 1973. He was promoted full professor in 1984, appointed academic dean in 1992, and served as principal from 1997 to 2009. Over his illustrious career, Dr. Killan published three books and developed courses in Canadian history, including the first course in Environmental History offered at the College.



▲ **Dr. Nick Skinner** was recognized at the Annual Convention of the Canadian Psychological Association for his outstanding and longstanding leadership and commitment to Canadian Psychology in his capacity as Chair of the Section on the Teaching of Psychology.



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## Faculty Publications

1,2 > Various faculty members have authored, co-authored, edited, published and reviewed textbooks, journals, novels and papers.

3 > History professor **Dr. Stephanie Bangarth** contributed to the *Eger Journal of American Studies*.

4 > **Dr. Lynne Jackson**'s book *The Psychology of Prejudice* was published in early 2011.

5 > **Dr. Barbara Decker Pierce**, proudly displaying *Practicing Social Work Research: Case Studies for Learning*, of which she is a co-author alongside **Dr. Rick Csiernik** and **Dr. Rachel Birnbaum**.

6 > **Dr. Ian Rae** and **Dr. Paul Werstine** show off their wares in the form of publications.

## King's University College Award for Excellence in Teaching

This year's King's University College Award for Excellence in Teaching has been given to Dr. Anthony Calcagno.

Dr. Calcagno is a full-time faculty member in the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, specializing in Renaissance philosophy, contemporary European philosophy and social and political thought. While in this role, Dr. Calcagno, along with Dr. Steve Lofts, co-founded the Centre for Advanced Research of European Philosophy (CAREP), which seeks to encourage dialogue between leading scholars and philosophers in Canada and Europe.

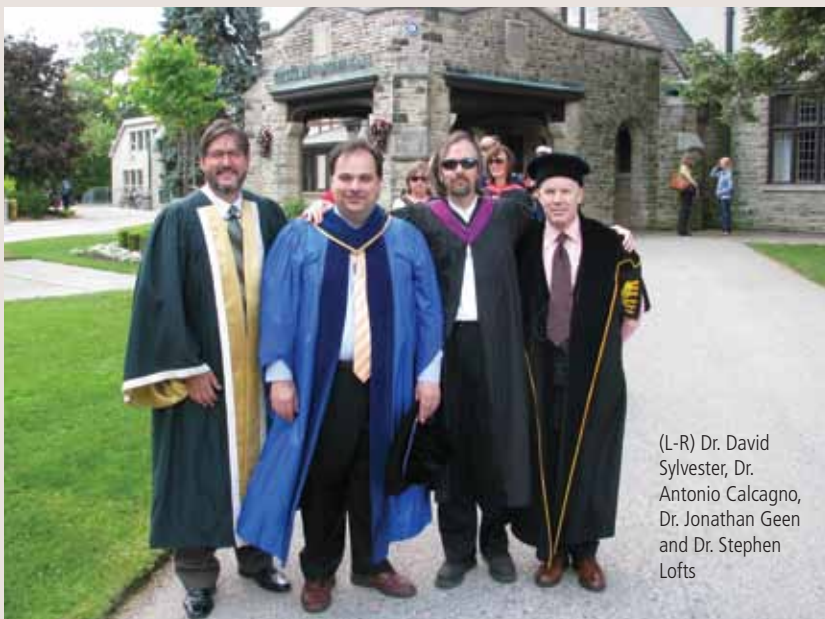
Dr. Calcagno completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Toronto before going on to do his master's at the University of Louvain (Université Catholique de Louvain) in Belgium. He later returned to Canada to complete his PhD at the University of Guelph.

Since joining the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies in 2007, Dr. Calcagno has been on the Dean's Honor Roll of Teaching Excellence each year. Known for bringing out the best in his students and colleagues, Dr. Calcagno has earned a place of distinction within the faculty. As one colleague put it, "He quickly creates a relaxed environment of mutual respect that is oriented around the open pursuit of knowledge. [His] expectations are high .... [but students] rise to the challenge."

His students not only rise to the challenges presented by his teaching, they are motivated and inspired to learn more. One student says, "his lectures make you want to sit in class for more than the three hours." Another remarked, "Antonio's senior courses have become ... a phenomenon at King's." Still another student describes Dr. Calcagno as "a creator in the classroom ... someone who, to paraphrase Gabriel Marcel, 'radiates charity and love from their being.'"

King's is very fortunate to have such an outstanding teacher and scholar who so profoundly inspires a love of learning among his students and colleagues.

Congratulations Dr. Calcagno.



(L-R) Dr. David Sylvester, Dr. Antonio Calcagno, Dr. Jonathan Geen and Dr. Stephen Lofts

## Alumni

The School of Social Work wants to keep in touch! The Social Networking section of the *King's Herald* is one way for us to share news and information about events. In addition to our annual Social Work Week celebrations and Research Day, we have added the Social Work Alumni Wine and Cheese to the list of College-wide celebrations held during Homecoming weekend. The School has joined Facebook and Twitter, and we regularly update our website: [www.kings.uwo.ca/academics/school-of-social-work/](http://www.kings.uwo.ca/academics/school-of-social-work/).

In an effort to better reach our alumni and be environmentally responsible, we are compiling an alumni email list. This list will be used to provide alumni with information about professional development opportunities and events hosted by the School of Social Work. Over the next few months, one of our representatives may get in touch with you to update your contact information. If you wish to provide your email address immediately, please contact Julie Sivers at [jsivers@uwo.ca](mailto:jsivers@uwo.ca).

## Social Work Week 2011

"Social Workers are There for You" was the theme of Social Work Week 2011. The School of Social Work hosted various events to highlight the range of activities engaged in by social work professionals.

The week began with Journeys of Helping and Hope, a conference co-sponsored by The School of Social Work, Ontario Association of Social Workers - Western Branch, and the Association of Social Work Field Practice Educators. Dr. Anne Toth provided the keynote address to 120 students and community professionals, which was followed by a series of presentations. Topics included mental health intervention with military populations presented by Dana Martel and Christine Skinner (MSW intern), the use of improvisation by "Mr. Mitch" Lesperance, and disaster relief work presented by Barb Dorrington and Barb Desjardins.

The School also hosted an exhibit, "PhotoVoice: A New Hope", which displayed pictures taken by women in recovery with a view to educating others about addiction and hope. This is a

collaborative project between the Children's Aid Society of London & Middlesex and Addiction Services of Thames Valley.

Professor Kathy Hogarth presented the annual faculty lecture, "Home without Security and Security without a Home." Dr. Hogarth's research explores the experience of racialized immigrant women in Canada and barriers faced in negotiating a sense of belonging.

A chili lunch fundraiser, sponsored by the Ontario Association of Social Workers - Western Branch and The School of Social Work raised more than \$200 in donations for the Food Bank.

## Practicum

A growing number of social workers in Ontario are employed in health care settings. To ensure that students are provided with more practicum opportunities in this growing field, the School has been offering specialized courses on Social Work Field Instruction in Health Care Settings. These courses have been held in the community and a variety of health care settings have been represented.

## Welcome

The School of Social Work welcomed its first group from China as part of a recently signed exchange agreement with the South China Agricultural University (SCAU). Four students and their professor came to King's for two weeks in February 2011. Plans are underway to send our first delegation of students to SCAU in May 2012.



Dr. Siu Ming Kwok, Dr. Dora Tam (1st and 2nd from left) and Marilyn Mason, Registrar (right), welcomed the students and their professor to King's.

The School continues to partner with the Association of Social Work Field Practice Educators (ASWFPE) in providing awards and professional development opportunities in recognition of the importance of practicum in social work education. If you would like more information about ASWFPE, or are interested in being a field instructor for the BSW program, please contact Suzanne Book, co-ordinator of field education at [sbook3@uwo.ca](mailto:sbook3@uwo.ca). If you would like to become a field instructor for the MSW program, please contact Kylene Dube, MSW Practicum and Program Liaison, at [kdube4@uwo.ca](mailto:kdube4@uwo.ca).

## Faculty News

**Dr. Rachel Birnbaum** recently published two articles in peer reviewed journals as well as several articles in a legal newsletter on access to justice issues. Dr. Birnbaum will be presenting in the fall on judicial interviews and children's participation in family law related matters for the Legal Representation for Children and Youth Conference in Banff, AB.

**Dr. Rick Csiernik's** new book *Substance Use and Abuse: Everything Matters* was published in 2011. He also co-edited the book, *Homelessness, Housing and the Experiences of Mental Health Consumer-Survivors: Finding Truths-Creating Change* and contributed to two sections of the *Encyclopedia of Drug Policy*. Csiernik is a member of a 14-person research team who received a five year research grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to examine the issue of poverty and social inclusion in Canada.

## Upcoming Events

- **Field Instructor Education Modules September 20, 2011**  
"The Learning Contract and The Supervisory Relationship"  
Current and potential field instructors are welcome. Contact Kathy Mitchell at [kmitch8@uwo.ca](mailto:kmitch8@uwo.ca) for more information and to register.
- **Social Work Alumni Wine and Cheese October 1, 2011, 4 – 6 p.m. in Labatt Hall (Homecoming Weekend)**  
BSW and MSW alumni and their guests are welcome. Graduates of years ending in '1 or '6 are especially encouraged to attend. Contact Julie Siverns at [jsiverns@uwo.ca](mailto:jsiverns@uwo.ca) for more information.
- **Social Work Research Day November 4, 2011**  
Keynote Address: Dr. Rachel Birnbaum, RSW, LL.M. "A Snapshot of Family Justice Research Over Time: The Joys and Pitfalls of Applied Research"  
If you are interested in presenting your social work research, or if you wish to register to attend this professional development opportunity, please contact Sarah Morrison at [sarah.morison@uwo.ca](mailto:sarah.morison@uwo.ca) for details.
- **Social Work Week 2012 March 5 – 9, 2012**  
Check our website for event updates: [www.kings.uwo.ca/swweek](http://www.kings.uwo.ca/swweek)



## President's Message

Jen MacRae '96, President  
King's University College Alumni Association

Being a lifelong Londoner, I often run into King's alumni and am lucky to live close to many former classmates who are lasting friends. Still, when I see those familiar faces together with faces from the past on a campus that brings back so many warm memories, it's an entirely different experience - one filled with reflection, happiness and pride.

Homecoming is fast approaching and it's a great time to reconnect with former classmates, professors and staff. From food to friends to football, there's entertainment for every taste. You can attend as few or as many events as you like; they're listed on pages 24-25.

If you can't make it to Homecoming 2011 (and even if you can), consider getting involved in your local King's Alumni chapter or starting a chapter in your area. With active groups in Calgary, Hamilton, London, Ottawa and Toronto, there are great events happening year round that alumni of all ages - including children - can enjoy. If you'd like to get involved, contact the Alumni & Development office (519-433-3491/1-800-265-4406 x4502 or kcalumni@uwo.ca). They can provide you with support and ideas to engage your fellow alumni and bring the spirit of King's to your city, wherever in the world you may be.

Hope to see you on September 30!

# Leave a Legacy

By Nicole Furnival

Life insurance policies started early can truly benefit charities and be an easy way to leave a larger gift to your charity of choice. At least, this is how Mary Carol Watters, dean of students at King's University College saw it. "King's has been a large part of my life and I want to leave something for the King's community and especially its students of the future."

A life insurance policy gift can be flexible as to when you realize the donation tax credit, depending upon how the policy is gifted. One way of leaving a life insurance policy to a charity and realizing tax savings upfront is to make an irrevocable transfer of the future policy death benefit to the charity. You can do this by making the charity the owner and beneficiary of the policy. For a newly created policy, premiums paid by you in subsequent years can be receipted and a tax saving realized yearly. Where an existing policy is gifted, the fair market value of the policy would be determined and receipted at the time of the gift, as well as policy premiums paid by you in subsequent years. Alternatively, where the policy is gifted in your will or the charity is a named beneficiary in the policy, the donation tax credit can be realized in the year of death. Based on marginal tax rates in Ontario, your tax saving could be as high as 46.41 per cent of the value of the policy donated.



Mary Carol Watters

"Giving to organizations whose vision and mission I value is important to me so that they may continue to operate, but more importantly so they can develop, evolve and strive to enhance their work or artistic product," says Watters. Working at King's for over 30 years, she has seen many changes at the College, but remembers the planning and intentions that have unfolded and come to fruition with the dynamic growth of the College. Watters' life-long involvement with educational and art organizations has shown her how challenging it can be to reach for the "added value" without donations. For her, the added value is the strategically placed artwork, the memorable concert or play, or the one-of-a-kind book in the library's special collections. It is these pieces, rarely funded by the government, that affect the daily life of our students, faculty and staff, and that will be funded through her gift of life insurance. This is Watters' legacy to King's. What will your legacy be?

## SPARK! – Heart Wisdom: Unlocking Emotional Intelligence May 4-5, 2011



More than 500 gifted students from across the Thames Valley school district participated in SPARK!, a two-day exploration of creativity and innovation at King's.

"Heart Wisdom: Unlocking Emotional Intelligence" was the theme of this inaugural conference, which hosted over 60 presenters, including 30 professors from King's, Western, Toronto and Windsor who explored new and different ways of knowing and being.

The SPARK! Conference featured more than 100 interactive workshops, including historical re-enactments, exploring brain plasticity, salsa dancing, DJing, musical improvisation and high-level problem-solving in mathematics.

King's was chosen as the conference site for its idyllic setting and for its philosophy of educating the whole person, as demonstrated through a variety of degree programs, including Social Justice and Peace Studies.



## KUCSC President celebrates Canadian citizenship

The first time Barshan Quadry ended up at King's, it was completely accidental. Quadry, originally from Dhaka, Bangladesh, but studying at Anderson Collegiate in Whitby, Ont., was travelling to London to tour Western's main campus where he had applied to the BMOS program. Once there though, he got on the wrong shuttle bus. This bus just so happened to take him to our small, friendly campus which would eventually become his home over the next four years.

Since his first year in 2008, Barshan has become more and more involved in the King's community and student life. This year, he was elected Students' Council President and on June 22, he took his oath and became a Canadian citizen.

Congratulations Barshan, what a year it has been!



# Upcoming Alumni Events



For further details please visit the King's University College Alumni events page at [www.kings.uwo.ca/alumni/alumni-friends/alumni-events/](http://www.kings.uwo.ca/alumni/alumni-friends/alumni-events/) or contact Katrina Clarke in the Office of Alumni Affairs at [kcalumni@uwo.ca](mailto:kcalumni@uwo.ca) or 1-800-265-4406 x4502.



## Mustangs:

The King's University College Alumni Association is pleased to once again be hosting seats in an on-field hospitality tent at the north end zone of TD Waterhouse Stadium for the upcoming football season. Please let us know if you would like to come out and join us as we cheer on our King's student-athletes! The Mustangs' home schedule is as follows:

- Western Mustangs vs. Waterloo Warriors  
Monday, September 5, 7:00 p.m.
- Western Mustangs vs. Ottawa Gee-Gees  
Saturday, September 17, 1:00 p.m.
- Western Mustangs vs. York Lions (Homecoming!)  
Saturday, October 1, 1:00 p.m.
- Western Mustangs vs. Guelph Gryphons  
Saturday, October 8, 1:00 p.m.

## Sept:

**The 16th Annual King's Golf Classic** – Tuesday, September 20 – The annual golf tournament in support of the King's University College Foundation will be held at Forest City National Golf Club, London, Ont. The cost is \$215 per golfer and includes a barbecue lunch, 18 holes of golf, buffet dinner, and a silent auction. Register online at [www.kings.uwo.ca/alumni/foundation/annual-kings-golf-classic/](http://www.kings.uwo.ca/alumni/foundation/annual-kings-golf-classic/)



**Homecoming** – Friday, September 30 – Sunday, October 2 – Get your tickets to the Homecoming football game soon, as they ALWAYS sell fast! Reunion classes are those ending it '6 or '1 this year. Please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at [kcalumni@uwo.ca](mailto:kcalumni@uwo.ca), or see pages 24-25 for more information.



# Theology of Marriage Lecture Series



Dr. John Snyder began teaching the Theology of Marriage course at King's in 1969. Fast-forward more than 40 years, and while the course notes, students, context and culture have all changed considerably, Dr. Snyder is still as interested as ever in what he feels is a unique subject matter in academia. Whether you've taken the course or are just curious to learn, Snyder will walk us through the many changes that have taken place in both the course and in the institution of marriage. With topics ranging from roles within a marriage, the

women's movement, children, divorce and inevitably sex; it's sure to be an interesting talk. Join us when the "Theology of Marriage Lecture Series" makes a stop in your area! More information is to come. Visit the Alumni Events webpage for updates.

**Wednesday, October 12, 2011** – London, ON

**Thursday, November 24, 2011** – Toronto, ON

**Tuesday, November 29, 2011** – Hamilton, ON

**Thursday, April 12, 2012** – Ottawa, ON

**Thursday, April 19, 2012** – Calgary, AB

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## The King's Connection Store

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Summer Hours – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (summer purchases call: 519-433-3491 x4069)

Regular Hours – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.\*

\*Hours are subject to change without prior notice.

**The King's Connection store will be open during Homecoming weekend!**

# Religious Life Lecture Series

This year's lecture series examines the primary documents of the Second Vatican Council from diverse perspectives and through a choir of voices. All are welcome to attend the lectures, which are held at 7:30 p.m. in the Elizabeth A. "Bessie" Labatt Hall. Admission and parking are free. For more information please contact the Office of Campus Ministry at 519-963-1477 or email [sглаab@uwo.ca](mailto:sглаab@uwo.ca) or visit [www.kings.uwo.ca/campus\\_ministry](http://www.kings.uwo.ca/campus_ministry).

**September 29, 2011** – Reverend John McCarthy, SJ  
"The Re-enchantment of Nature as the Word and Beauty of God"

**October 13, 2011** – Sister Miriam Martin, PVBM "A New Dreaming, the Ancient Seeking: Living Religious Life since Vatican II"  
Sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of London

**October 27, 2011** – Reverend Gordon Rixon, SJ "Remembering Sacred Scripture: Growing in the Word"

**November 3, 2011** – Therese Koturbash "Visiting Women's Ordination: Baptismal and Ministerial Priesthood"

**November 17, 2011** – Most Reverend Brian Joseph Dunn "Liturgy and the Call to Holiness"  
Sponsored by St. Peter's Institute for Catholic Formation

**January 12, 2012** – Damon Owens "God, Sex and the Meaning of Life"

**January 26, 2012** – Jesse Manibusan "Taking Our Turn"

**February 9, 2012** – Reverend James Puglisi, SA "The Second Vatican Council's Concern for Christian Unity and Inter-religious Relations: Hopes and Challenges for the Continual Renewal of the Catholic Church" Sponsored by the Centre for Jewish-Catholic-Muslim Learning



# Event Recap

## Toronto family BBQ

The Toronto Alumni Chapter hosted its second family BBQ in High Park on Saturday, June 11. More than 40 alumni, families and friends (and dogs!) made their way to High Park for burgers, hot dogs, games and fun on what turned out to be a beautiful Saturday afternoon.



## Calgary Chapter event

The Calgary Alumni Chapter hosted an event on Wednesday, March 30 at The Barley Mill.

## Spring Convocation

The Alumni Association welcomed approximately 550 new members on Tuesday, June 14 as the first graduates of 2011 crossed the stage at Alumni Hall. A reception welcoming our newest alumni to the association was held in Elizabeth A. "Bessie" Labatt Hall immediately after the ceremony, and was very well attended by the new grads and their families. Congratulations graduates!



## Toronto Chapter event

On Wednesday, June 15, King's alumni visited the Salt + Light Television studio in Toronto for a discussion panel on Catholic higher education. The panel featured Most Reverend William McGrattan, Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Father Thomas Rosica CSB, CEO of Salt + Light TV, and our own Principal, Dr. David Sylvester.



## Stratford Shakespeare Festival event

On Saturday, June 25, we enjoyed our third annual Stratford Shakespeare Festival trip hosted by Professor Paul Werstine '70. This year we saw a performance of *The Merry Wives of Windsor* after an engaging talk by Dr. Werstine about the play.



An Art Show for the benefit of



Please join us for this special  
**Toronto Event** featuring the  
work of artists from the Alton Mill.  
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Thursday November 17th, 2011 from 6 to 10 p.m.  
Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres  
94 Riverwood Parkway, Toronto, Ontario M8Y 4E9  
RSVP to [sbrolla@rogers.com](mailto:sbrolla@rogers.com)

# Alumni Award of Distinction

# 2011

The King's University College Alumni Association is pleased to honour two very accomplished alumni with this year's Alumni Award of Distinction. Congratulations to Roger Yachetti '61 and John Howard '71 on being named this year's winners.

Perhaps the best measure of a school's calibre is the accomplishments of its alumni. For more than 10 years King's has been celebrating notable alumni with the Alumni Award of Distinction. The Awards Committee has been overwhelmed by the number and quality of nominations over the years and has the challenge of selecting a winner. This year was no exception, and we are doubly pleased to be celebrating not one, but two alumni who have demonstrated the King's University College spirit in their professional achievements, leadership and contributions to their communities.

decision. From that time on Yachetti's father encouraged him to become a lawyer so that he might be an advocate for good, improving the system for individuals such as themselves. Yachetti certainly did not disappoint.

In fact, the dedication and service Yachetti has provided to the field of law earned him the Hamilton Law Association's Emilius Irving Award, in 2004, which is only awarded periodically to an individual who shows outstanding leadership within the legal profession.

Yachetti's dedication to his profession is undisputable when considering the many professional associations he has devoted his time to. These include:

- The Law Clerk's Association, of which he was the first president in 1969
- Hamilton Criminal Lawyers Association, of which he was the founding president from 1978-1981
- Hamilton Law Association, as both a trustee and member of the Judicial Process Committee
- Hamilton Lawyer's Club
- Law Foundation of Ontario
- Federation of Law Societies of Canada
- The American Association for Justice, among many others.

As well as dedicating countless hours to these and other legal organizations, Yachetti has also supported the legal field in an academic capacity. Not only has he been an instructor in the Bar Admission Course offered at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Yachetti has also offered his services as a guest lecturer for the Law Society of Upper Canada, the Hamilton Law Association and The Advocate's Society.

Apart from the outstanding dedication he has shown for his profession, Yachetti is an active volunteer and supporter of the community. He has been involved with the Ontario Educational Communication Authority, which oversees educational communications, particularly on TV. He was director of the Catholic Youth Organization for the Diocese of Hamilton, an organization which attends to the social and recreational needs of thousands of children and young people in the region. From 1992 – 1995 he was chair of the Board of Directors for the Hamilton Tiger-Cats Football Club and was a governor of the Canadian Football League. In



Roger  
Yachetti  
'61

**Roger Yachetti** always knew he wanted to become a lawyer. When he was only six months old, his mother contracted trichinosis from contaminated meat. His parents launched a lawsuit against the meat vendor and supplier, which the judge promptly dismissed. The legal system of the time made it very costly for a plaintiff to appeal a

2009, Yachetti was elected president of the Board of Directors of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra.

Despite his tremendous dedication to the legal profession and the community, there is one membership Yachetti values above all others – that is within his family. He and his wife, Cleda, have been married 47 years. They have been blessed with three children and two grandchildren, his proudest accomplishments.

Yachetti's parents may have lost their case back in 1943, but the repercussions of Yachetti v. Duff and Paolini continue to have a positive impact in the Hamilton area today.

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Ever the entrepreneur, **John Howard** bought his first property in the Niagara region with the money he'd earned flipping houses as a King's student. Though he couldn't have known it then, it was a decision that would significantly shape his future. After completing his undergraduate degree in fine arts and French, John went to work for Xerox as a photocopier salesman making \$18,000 a year. This led to the development of his company, O.E. Canada Inc., an office equipment dealership. The venture was very successful and was scooped up by Canon after a few years. Rather than let his talents go with the purchase of the company, Canon asked Howard to stay on, first as corporate vice-president and later as executive vice-president of the company. Wishing to move on from corporate executive jobs, Howard decided to buy a little vineyard that was for sale down the road from his Niagara-area home.

In the time that Howard owned Vineland Estates Winery, it went from a small farm operation, selling 3,000 cases per year, to a picturesque and much-acclaimed boutique winery, selling roughly 65,000 cases annually.

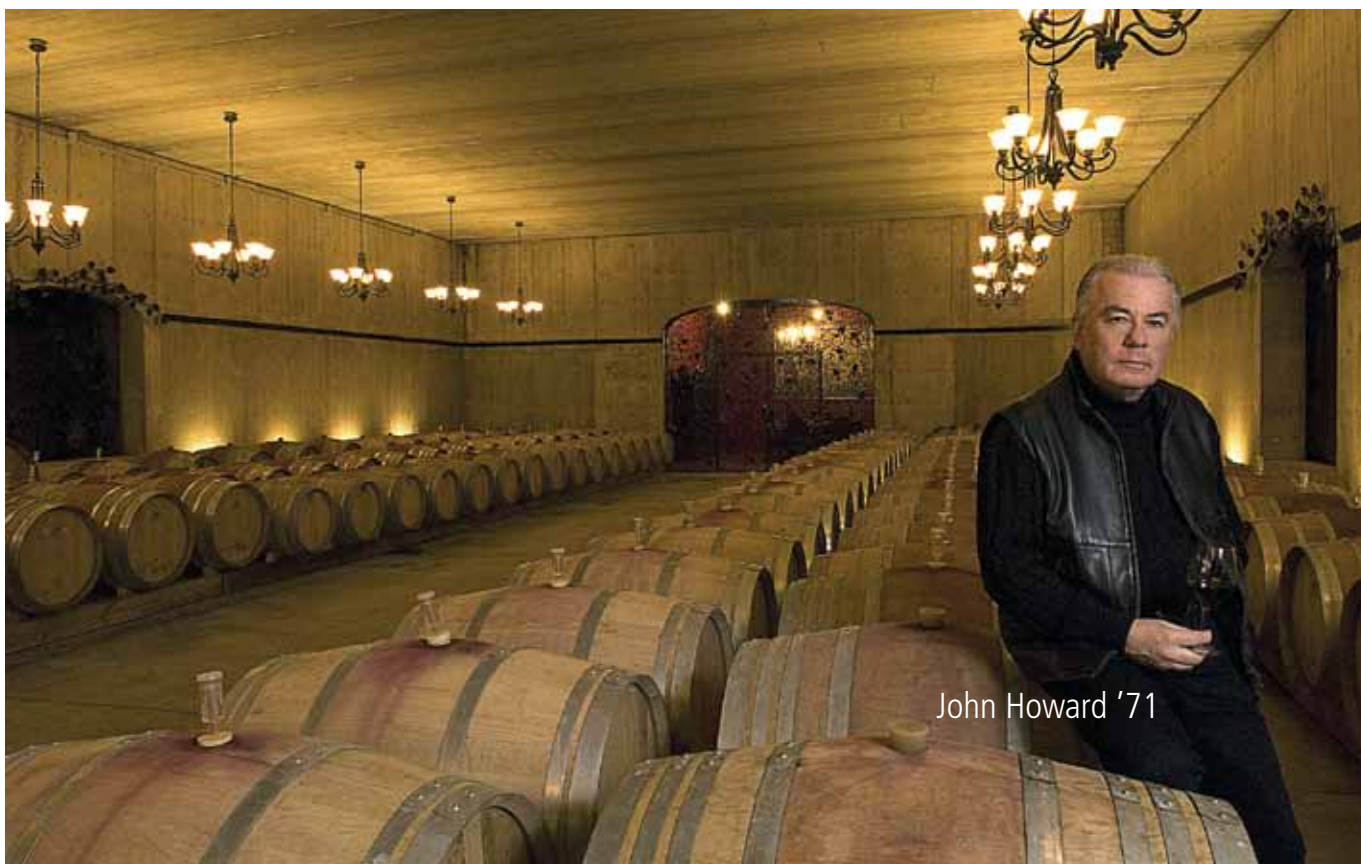
Vineland Estates enjoyed tremendous success and many awards under Howard's leadership, but eventually there came a time for him to retire. He sold the winery, intending to split his time between fishing, volunteering and running his 110-acre hobby vineyard.

The "hobby" vineyard now produces the popular brand, Megalomaniac Wines, which he admits, cuts into his fishing time a bit. The brand has won many awards, both for the quality of the wine produced and the clever marketing behind it. Most notably, in 2008 Howard received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Niagara Entrepreneur Awards, as well a doctor of laws degree from McMaster University in 2009.

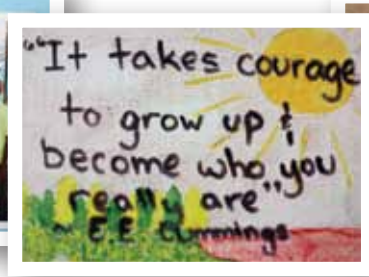
Howard's success has not interfered with his intention to devote his time to worthwhile causes. He has served on countless boards over the years, including the Board of Trustees for Niagara University, the Advisory Board for CHTV Canwest, Art Park, the Canadian Sportsmen's Shows, the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Brock University, the Canada/US Business Association.

Howard is a devoted philanthropist, raising money over the years for The Kids' Health Link Foundation, various student scholarships, and others. He has taken a hands-on approach to a number of charitable organizations, including travelling to Mozambique to work with Foundation 180. Howard also works with the Rick Hansen Foundation to put on a fishing trip to the Queen Charlotte Islands for young men with paraplegia.

Despite the work involved with running his vineyard, as well as ownership in two Bordeaux chateaus, the many charitable and community organizations he supports, and the volunteering he does, Howard still considers himself retired. Still, he may need to schedule a break from retirement to fit in a bit more time for fishing.



John Howard '71



# Creating social change

King's alumni, faculty and their role in social justice through education and service

## Pascal Murphy 2004

**Areas of Study:** Scholar's Elective: Social Justice and Peace Studies

**Reason for attending King's:** For the opportunity to study social justice and peace

**Favourite Professor:** Dr. Bernie Hammond

**Current Occupation:** Instructor, Ryerson University

Whether you're captain of a sports team, member of a school club, or the class clown, most students hope to leave their mark so they will be remembered after their university graduation. For Pascal Murphy, his legacy at King's may be bigger than even he could have anticipated.

After completing his first year of general studies at King's, Murphy learned of Scholar's Elective, an interdisciplinary program that allows



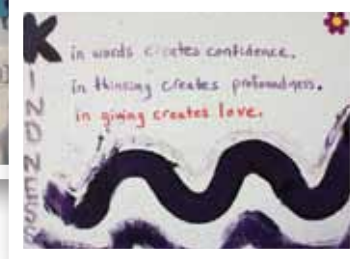
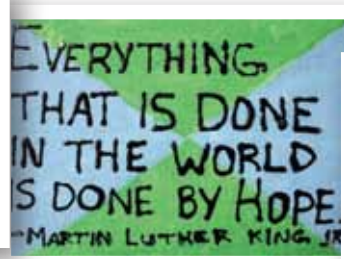
high achieving students to tailor their own degree. Building on his passion for social justice, development and peace, Murphy began combing The University of Western Ontario's course guide for all relevant classes. With the guidance of his faculty mentor Dr. Bernie Hammond, Murphy began to construct what would later become the foundation for the Social Justice and Peace Studies program at King's.

In the years since his graduation, Murphy has gone on to complete his Masters in Environmental Studies at York University, where he focused on Social and Environmental Justice, Environmental Thought and Garbology – the study of waste and our relationships with it.

Today, he continues to make an impression on others through his post at Ryerson University. Murphy teaches courses on homelessness in Canadian society and an experiential learning program that explores the politics of disaster. This course involves a two-week placement in New Orleans, Louisiana, where students participate in post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding work.

Murphy remains active in the community, continues to challenge people to examine the world around them and work toward positive change. Most notably, in 2009 Murphy organized "Bring Your Garbage to School Day" at York University where all of the garbage collected by campus custodians was put in the middle of the University's main foyer. The demonstration helped raise awareness about waste by allowing people to see and smell how much they throw away.

Reflecting back on his time at King's, Murphy says, "I would not be the person I am today without the wonderfully supportive and encouraging people who are a part of King's. While at King's I was able to develop academically in ways I had not imagined and I strengthened my commitment to create positive change in the communities around me. It is certainly the case that King's left an impression on me and I am one of the lucky ones who have also left an impression on King's and its future students."



## Jessica Vorstermans 2006

**Areas of Study:** BA Political Science, Honors Specialization Social Justice and Peace

**Reason for attending King's:** For the small college feel and community atmosphere

**Favourite Professor:** Dr. Pamela Cushing

**Current Occupation:** PhD Candidate in Critical Disability Studies at York University

It was one small gesture that pointed Jessica Vorstermans in the direction of Social Justice and Peace Studies, and it was her first experiential learning experience that set her on the path to making a difference in the world.

Preparing for her first year at King's, Vorstermans was flipping through the course catalogue when a social justice class caught her eye.



Unfortunately, when she tried to add the class to her timetable, she learned that it was already full. Pleading her case to the Registrar's Office, staff were able to squeak her into the course, unwittingly opening a door to new opportunities for Vorstermans.

During her time at King's, Vorstermans enrolled in courses to earn her BA in Political Science and Honors Specialization in Social Justice and Peace Studies (SJPS). SJPS proved to be a natural complement to her political science courses as she developed her critical thinking skills. "I was surrounded by people who were like-minded, who wanted to look at our world in a critical way, and who were passionate about changing things," recalls Vorstermans. "What a great way to spend your undergraduate career!"

During the summer of 2005, Vorstermans participated in an experiential learning trip to a rural community in Ecuador. This experience encouraged her to see how grey and complex the issues were that she was studying in her courses at King's. "The trip changed me," says Vorstermans. "I was challenged in such a deep way and grew enormously in my academic analysis, as well as personally and spiritually. I know that it was integral to where and who I am today as an academic and as a person."

Vorstermans is currently working toward her PhD at York University in Critical Disability Studies. She is interested in the intersection of poverty, disability and rights in the Global South, and is working with Disability Rights Promotion International to establish a comprehensive, sustainable international system to monitor human rights of people with disabilities.

Thinking back on her time at King's, Vorstermans says, "King's opened a space for me to grow in my academic and personal journey into questioning issues of equity, justice, peace and trying to better understand the world we live in." Her experience in her first year at King's provides proof, if proof were needed, that even the smallest actions can have a significant impact on the lives of others.

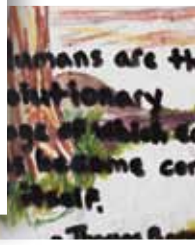
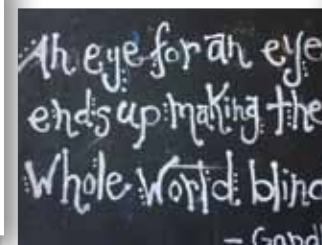
[More alumni and faculty from the Social Justice and Peace Studies program >>](#)

### Community based learning

Last year, 57 social justice and peace studies students worked in more than 30 local agencies, contributing over 1,000 hours to the London community. Their work ranged from assisting in homeless shelters, assisted living facilities, youth recreation and tutoring, sustainable agriculture and environmental activism. The community based component of the SJPS program provides a launching pad to a life of service and social justice work.



**HEY SJPS GRADS!** Please join the new Facebook group at: "King's SJPS Grad Profiles" so that you can share some basics on life post-King's. Check out what others are doing and reconnect with former classmates too. We want to share all the amazing, diverse things you can 'do' with an SJPS degree.



## Daniel Grace 2006



**Areas of Study:** Honors Specialization Social Justice and Peace Studies, Criminology Minor

**Reason for attending King's:** To be part of the interdisciplinary Social Justice and Peace Studies Program

**Favourite Professor:** Dr. Joan Mason-Grant

**Current Occupation:** PhD Candidate in Sociology at the

University of Victoria and sessional instructor at Simon Fraser University

Daniel Grace is making a difference in the lives of people who are living with, or are vulnerable to, HIV/AIDS. One of the first graduates of the Social Justice and Peace Studies program at King's, Grace is currently a doctoral student in the Department of Sociology at the University of

Victoria, where he is involved in research related to global health, HIV/AIDS and social inequality.

While at King's, Grace was the recipient of the Social Justice and Peace Studies Scholarship, awarded by the Centre for Social Concern. He is grateful for the opportunity to have worked with the late Dr. Joan Mason-Grant, whose leadership, passion and support helped guide him to where he is today.

Dr. Mason-Grant believed in the value of learning beyond the classroom walls. Like many of his classmates, Grace participated in an experiential learning trip to Ecuador. This trip became the catalyst for his future travel and his global health research, as many of the social justice issues he encountered in Ecuador led to his current research into issues of HIV/AIDS legal reform and human rights.

Following the tragic death of Dr. Joan Mason-Grant, her father and step-mother, Jerry Mason and Betty Upjohn-Mason established a bursary in her name that funds students engaged in experiential learning. Each fall, students return to King's after spending time in countries ranging from Ecuador to India and provide a public account of their experiences to the College and broader community. Like Grace, these students benefit from the College's scholarships, awards and bursaries, and are able to put into practice the knowledge they have gained in their SJPS studies.

## Farnaz Michalski 2006

**Areas of Study:** Honours Specialization in Health Sciences (Health Promotion), Social Justice and Peace Studies Minor

**Reason for attending King's:** For courses in Social Justice and Peace Studies

**Favourite Professor:** Dr. Joan Mason-Grant

**Current Occupation:** Registered Nurse

Born in Iran in 1969, Farnaz Michalski (nee Hamedi-Fijani) was just a young girl when the Iranian government announced a war against Iraq. A child of the revolution, she watched as the youth of her country were sent to fight in a war they never wanted. Michalski was inspired by the stories of sacrifice she heard from the men and women of her country and she knew she wanted to learn more about politics, social justice issues, and how she could make a difference.

Years later, Michalski moved to Canada where her thirst for knowledge continued to grow. She was amazed to learn that courses in Social Justice and Peace Studies (SJPS) were not only offered, but available

to her – a health sciences student at Western. "I couldn't believe that someone had thought to make courses on this very subject and that I could sit in a class to learn about it," remarks Michalski. With the assistance of Dr. Bernie Hammond, she received permission to complete a minor degree in SJPS, while simultaneously completing her Bachelor of Nursing.



Today, Michalski is a trained ER nurse and recently began working in the area of mental health. Her social justice and peace studies have helped her become more confident in her ability to speak up and advocate for her patients. "Social justice has everything to do with health and accessibility to health care," explains Michalski. "In fact, many concepts covered in the SJPS courses I took were about health, fairness in accessibility and distribution of resources."

Although her education has already led her to a rewarding professional career that engages her mind, body, and spirit, Michalski hopes to continue her education at the Masters or PhD level, while further developing her skills to provide holistic health care to her patients.



## Beth Prysruk 2009

**Areas of Study:** Honors Specialization Social Justice and Peace, Minor Sociology

**Reason for attending King's:** For the sense of community

**Favourite Professor:** Dr. Joan Mason-Grant

**Current Occupation:** Services for Students with Disabilities, King's University College

Beth Prysruk's heart and mind have always been drawn to making positive changes in the world. Throughout both elementary and secondary school she was actively involved with social and environmental groups, so it wasn't surprising that she was drawn to the study of Social Justice and Peace (SJPS). Upon arriving at King's, Prysruk immediately felt the sense of community and knew she was where she wanted to learn and grow. Even though she graduated in 2009, Prysruk is still at King's with no plans to leave anytime soon.

Following graduation, Prysruk began working in Services for Students with Disabilities at King's. She is a senior proctor, responsible for organizing and supervising exams, as well as training and supervising proctoring staff.

"I feel very fortunate to work in an area that supports students in their learning," says Prysruk. "It is so important to create an environment for students with disabilities to be able to learn in ways they can be successful."



Through SJPS, Prysruk learned about the marginalization of people with disabilities. "Growing up with friends and family members who have disabilities, this subject has become a passion of mine," she explains. "Being able to

study and understand the cultural context of disability was important to me. It grounded my feelings about disability and gave me a better way to express my thoughts, understand how disability is viewed and to recognize the need to shift our way of thinking about disability."

Having the opportunity to put her classroom learning into action had a significant impact on Prysruk. During her second year at King's, she attended the School of America's Protest in Georgia and went on the Food Security Study Trip to El Salvador. "The trip to El Salvador was a pivotal experience to the building of the person I am today. I carry with me the words, power and strength of the people I met in El Salvador."

Prysruk is grateful to be on a career path that is aligned with both her area of study and her passion for supporting individuals who have disabilities. Outside of the workplace, Prysruk dedicates much of her time to another passion — her music. A talented guitarist and singer, she can often be found performing with other local artists in the London, Ont., community.

### *SJPS Faculty Spotlight*

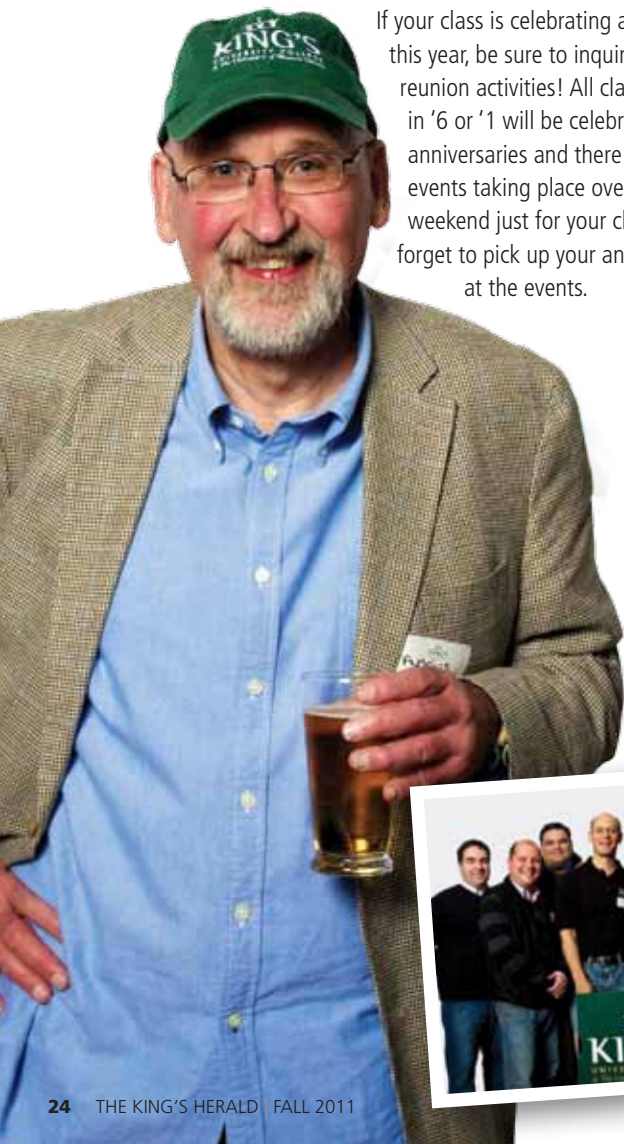
- In 1982, **Bernie Hammond** founded the King's Centre for Social Concern, which promotes awareness of social justice issues and involvement in social activism. In 2002, he began coordinating the Social Justice and Peace Studies program.
- As an anthropologist, **Pamela Cushing** brings a cultural lens to her research in disability, social inclusion, ethics, care-giving relationships, intentional faith communities, motives for doing good and experiential education.
- **Megan Shore**'s research focuses on the relationship between religion and conflict, as well as Catholic social teaching and the principle of peacemaking. She recently published a book entitled *Religion and Conflict Resolution: Christianity and South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission*.
- For more than 20 years, **Allyson Larkin** has worked in international service learning, including 12 years at Corpus Christi College. She is currently completing a doctorate in international development and social justice education at Western.
- **Richard Matthews** studies the nature and ethics surrounding torture, as well as the general problem of critically evaluating the nature and justifications of state violence. In 2008, he published his first book *The Absolute Violation: Why Torture must be Prohibited*.
- **Norman Pizzale** is a partner in the law firm of McNamara Pizzale. His primary areas of study include international trade law and ecological philosophy and practices. From the words of Oscar Romero, he tries to live his life watering "seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise."
- Father **Ron Trojcek**, professor emeritus, has been at King's since 1972. He served as the College's Chaplain for over two decades and teaches courses in theology.

# Your guide to Homecoming 2011

Sept. 30  
- Oct. 2,  
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## Calling all anniversary classes!

If your class is celebrating a milestone this year, be sure to inquire about reunion activities! All classes ending in '6 or '1 will be celebrating anniversaries and there are various events taking place over the weekend just for your class! Don't forget to pick up your anniversary pin at the events.



## Friday, Sept. 30

### Alumni Association Annual General Meeting

**7:30 p.m.** – Dr. Desmond Dutrizac Board Room, Dante Lenardon Hall

All King's University College alumni are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting of our Alumni Association. Get the inside scoop on the Association, our plans for 2011-2012, and how you can be involved! Interested alumni should contact Katrina Clarke at 519-433-3491 x4502 or [katrina.clarke@uwo.ca](mailto:katrina.clarke@uwo.ca)

### Friday Night Bash

**8:30 p.m.** – The Vitali Student Lounge, Lester A. Wemple Building

Meet up with your fellow alumni, faculty, staff and friends at the annual Friday Night Bash! Enjoy some King's musical talent while you're there! This will be a great opportunity to reunite with old friends, reminisce, share stories and celebrate Homecoming.

Free admission, cash bar.



# Saturday, Oct. 1

## Homecoming Parade

**10:00 a.m.**

Gather your family and friends and find a spot on Richmond Street to be a part of this great Homecoming tradition. Be sure to cheer for the King's float! Starting at Centennial Hall, the parade should arrive at Western around 12:00 p.m.



## Alumni Award of Distinction Brunch

**10:00 a.m.** – Elizabeth A. "Bessie" Labatt Hall

The King's University College Alumni Association invites you to celebrate the achievements of two accomplished alumni this year.

Roger Yachetti '61 and John Howard '71 will both be honoured at the Alumni Award of Distinction Brunch for their professional achievements and their dedication and contributions to the community. Take this opportunity to celebrate and catch up with King's faculty and staff as we celebrate these two incredible alumni.

Brunch tickets, \$15.



**Congratulations to the class of '61 who are celebrating their 50 year anniversary! Classmate, Jim Hardy, invites all class of '61 grads to attend the Alumni Award of Distinction Brunch to celebrate the occasion.**

## Western Mustangs Football Game

**1:00 p.m.** – TD Waterhouse Stadium

Cheer on the Western Mustangs football team as they take on the York Lions! Seating in our exclusive field-level end zone tent is limited, so get your tickets today. Ticket pick-up is at noon in the atrium at Elizabeth A. "Bessie" Labatt Hall. Buses will leave King's at 12:15 p.m. to take all King's alumni ticketholders to TD Waterhouse Stadium.

Tickets are \$25 and include bus transportation.

Food and drinks are available for purchase.



## Social Work Wine & Cheese Reception

**4:00 - 6:30 p.m.** – Elizabeth A. "Bessie" Labatt Hall

All Social Work alumni are invited to join faculty and staff in celebrating reunion years and the recent accreditation of the Master of Social Work program.

## Post-Game Reception Downtown

**5:00 p.m.** – Jack Astor's on Richmond Row  
660 Richmond Street, London

Join your fellow Western Mustangs sport fans downtown after the game as Homecoming festivities draw to a close. Win or lose, come raise a pint to your alma mater! All ages are welcome, appetizers provided.

# Sunday, Oct. 2

## Celebration of the Eucharist

**10:30 a.m.** – Morning Eucharist, The Chapel, Windermere on the Mount

**5:00 p.m.** – Evening Eucharist, The Worship Space, Elizabeth A. "Bessie" Labatt Hall

All King's alumni are welcome to join Christ the King University Parish for the celebration of Sunday Mass.

**To register for any of the Homecoming events listed above please contact Katrina Clarke at 519-433-3491 x4501 or [katrina.clarke@uwo.ca](mailto:katrina.clarke@uwo.ca)**

# Andy and Helen Spriet: Student Life Campaign honorary co-chairs



Andy and Helen Spriet, names synonymous with generosity and selflessness, are not only leaders in the King's community, but in the broader community as well. Leading Spriet and Associates, an architect and engineering firm since 1961, the Spriet's involvement with committees, boards, fundraisers and other events at Fanshawe College, St. Joseph's Health Care, London, Stratford Shakespeare Festival, The Arts Project, among many more, has been extensive.

When the King's Student Life Campaign came to life, it was only natural that Andy and Helen be asked to be the honorary chairs and champion the Campaign Cabinet. Of course they committed without hesitation and have been exemplary leaders and supporters of the Campaign. Andy is past chair of the King's University College Board of Directors, and he and Helen support many events held by King's, including Music Reigns and the Golf Classic.

In recognition of their support of the Student Life Campaign, part of the main floor area of the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre will be named "The Andy and Helen Spriet Learning Commons". This space will be the social hub of the campus and be a place for students, faculty and staff to connect and foster a sense of community at King's.

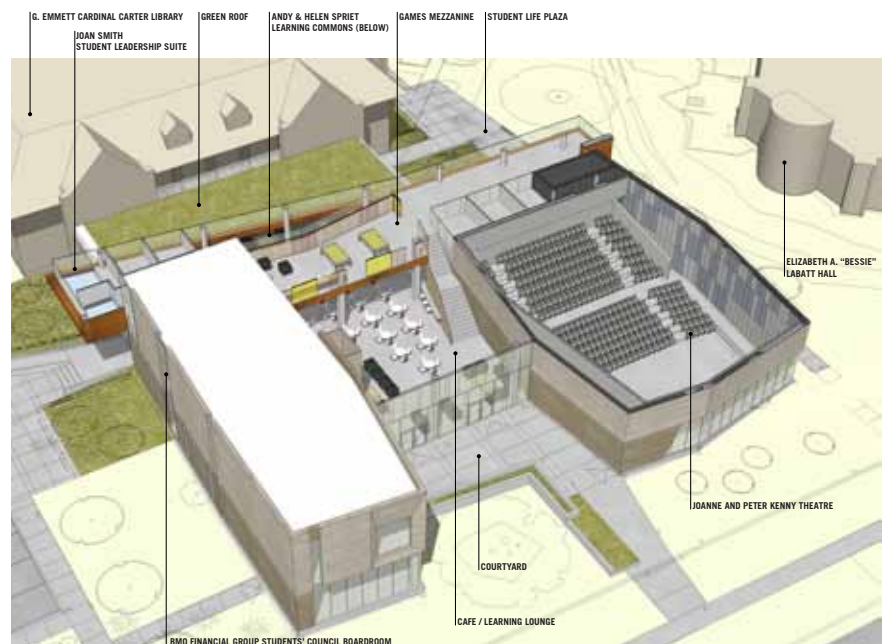
## King's students pledge \$2.4 million to Student Life Centre

On February 23, 2011, KUCSC President Carlos Canas (2010-11) announced that King's students will extend their pledge in support of the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, effectively doubling their contribution to the \$10.5 million campaign. The students' commitment to the campaign demonstrates not only their belief in the need for the Centre, but also their dedication to the future of King's and the students who will follow in their footsteps. Construction of the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre will begin in spring 2012.



Carlos Canas (centre) signs the donor agreement for the students' pledge to the Student Life Campaign with Principal David Sylvester and Erin Lawson, Executive Director of Development and Alumni Affairs.

## Darryl J. King Student Life Centre



This bird's eye view of the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre provides a glimpse into the future social and academic hub of King's. The beautiful, light-filled centre will transform the campus by providing students with expanded study, lounge, recreational and spiritual spaces. Find out more about this exciting project by calling 1-800-265-4406 x4500 or visit <http://kings.uwo.ca/alumni/student-life-campaign/>

# Milestones

Should you have any milestones to share (job announcements/changes/promotions, marriages, birth announcements etc.) please let us know and we'll include them in the *Herald*. Please e-mail kcalumni@uwo.ca.

**Alfred Mamo '66** – Alfred was awarded the 2011 Law Society Medal, a prestigious award from the Law Society of Upper Canada and one of the highest honours given by the legal body.

**Dennis Wellwood '78** – Dennis earned his MSW from San Diego State University in '84. He has been a licensed clinical social worker for the last 26 years with Ventura County Behavioural Health working primarily in school settings with children, adolescents and their families. Dennis is married to Cathy Wellwood, RN, also a King's grad '83. They have three adult children in various colleges and universities. Dennis writes, "I have very fond memories of the social work faculty and classmates. I realize now what a special educational experience I had at King's. Would love to hear from 'old' classmates!"

**Sheila Toivonen (nee Cresswell) '81** – Our little family moved in December 2010 from Ontario to Newfoundland.

**Paul Mirabelle '82** – is still living in Sydney, Australia (22 years now); great summers make up for pretty ordinary skiing.

**Kimberly Curran '89** – Kim lives in Toronto with her husband Tim Murray '88 and her two daughters Emma and Clare.



^ **Natalie Howe (nee Quinn) '93** – After six years of living in Zurich, Switzerland, my family decided to move to Verbier ski resort in the Swiss Alps. We have two daughters and one is now attending the local French school. We

opened an Inuit art gallery here, Nanuq Gallery ([www.nanuq-gallery.com](http://www.nanuq-gallery.com)), which sells both Inuit stone sculptures and lithographic prints. In between the gallery and practicing French we are all enjoying life in the Swiss Alps. We enjoy skiing and hiking here, as well as having a connection with Canada via the gallery.

**Jennifer Dewar (nee Moore) '98** – I have been with the Children's Aid Society of London and Middlesex since I graduated with my BSW in 1998. I obtained my MSW from King's in 2008.



^ **Andrea Bezaire (nee MacDonald) '02** – Andrea and her husband Derek are pleased to announce the birth of their twins, Daniel Philip (6 lbs, 3 oz.) and Catherine (Cate) Mary (5 lbs, 12 oz.) who were born on May 11, 2011, at St. Joseph's Hospital in London, Ont.



^ **Teresa Gerhold-Hunt '02** – My husband Andrew and I are proud and blessed to announce the healthy and safe arrival of our beautiful baby boy Nolan Robert William Hunt who was born on May 2, 2011, weighing 8 lbs 5.9 oz. He is our little miracle.

**Aaron Masecar '03** – I am in the process of finishing my PhD at the University of Guelph and am working in Alumni Affairs and Development. I'm working on a communications strategy for reaching out to current students about university initiatives.

**Jim De Zorzi '04** – has been elected to the position of Supreme Director – Region X of the International Order of Alhambra. The International Order of Alhambra assists persons who are mentally challenged and provide scholarships for students studying to be special education teachers.

## In Memoriam

We extend our sincere condolences to the family and friends of:



^ **Sean Finbarr ('Finn') Gallagher**, former King's professor, passed away on April 17, 2011. An instructor of Latin and English, Gallagher was recruited from Catholic Central High School in 1958 to teach public speaking. His class eventually established the foundation for the King's debating team.

**James Williams**, Associate Alumni Father James (Jim) Williams, associate alumnus who passed away on May 9, 2011.

**Robert "Bob" Bell '60** who passed away in Brantford, Ont., on March 20, 2011, in his 72nd year.

**Reverend Frederick Hagglund '77** who passed away as he had lived, with quiet strength, faith and surrounded by those he loved, on April 30, 2011, at the age of 56.

**Joseph "Dave" Lapierre '78** who passed away peacefully on April 24, 2011, in London, Ont., in his 60th year.

**Patricia Crawford '84** who passed away peacefully in her 78th year on February 27, 2011, in Guelph, Ont., surrounded by her family.

**Davide Melillo '04** who passed away on February 20, 2011.



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