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KING'S CONNECT

THE EDITOR WRITES

By Erin Lawson



Erin Lawson met with alumna Kate Huner '05 at King's in August. Kate is the Chief of Staff for City of London's Mayor Matt Brown.

One of the frequently asked questions I hear when I meet with alumni is “what can I do for King’s?” The team in the Alumni and Foundation office, Katrina Clarke '06, Tara Kenney '05, Jen Jones '02, Nicole Furnival and myself have worked on an answer to this question. There are so many ways that our alumni can help the students at King’s, and the most important one is to become engaged. We see many different levels of engagement, but they are all important. It starts with updating your address. This seems like such a simple thing, but we need to be able to reach you to let you know about events and activities, and where we need your help. We get about 230 address updates a year, and have an annual draw for an iPad to encourage updates.

About 300 alumni attended King’s alumni events in the past year. We welcomed many familiar faces, as well as first time event attendees. If you

haven’t already joined us, we hope you will consider attending an event in your community, or returning to King’s for Homecoming in September (see page 26 for details). Upcoming events (page 22) and event recaps (page 20) are included in every issue of the King’s Herald.

In this past year, numerous grads have hosted events in their community. Alumni **David MacKenzie '83**, **Alana Walker Carpenter '96** and **Jason Peetsma '01** hosted alumni networking events in London and Toronto. Alumnus **John Howard '71** opened the doors to his winery this past June, giving alumni a tour and sampling of his award winning wines. Alumnus **Gresham Bayley '12** hosted a ‘chilly’ reception at his Toronto bar, CHILL Ice House. We have also called on many of our alumni to assist students and alumni as they look at career and life options. In the past year, the Life After King’s Alumni Mentoring Program made 28 mentor

connections. Many of our alumni have come back to campus to talk to students about career options.

Alumni were essential in the building of the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre, in creating the 49 donor funded student awards and scholarships at King’s, and in guiding the activities and future of King’s University College through board roles with the Alumni Association, and College and Foundation boards.

Take a look at our Alumni Engagement ideas on page 16. Is there something that would help you strengthen your tie to King’s, while supporting your personal growth? Do you have other ideas? We would love your feedback; email me with your thoughts erin.lawson@uwo.ca.

Stay connected, get involved, be proud and lead the way!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Ryan McMurray '08,
President, King's University College Alumni Association



It's that time of year once again! Epworth is packed with new and returning students who are filled with passion, school pride and an overwhelming sense of excitement for the adventures to come. The returning students are hosting parties, while the new students are trying desperately not to appear awkward as they acclimatize to the internationally acclaimed "student experience" for which King's and Western have become known.

As alumni, we are struck with a sense of nostalgia for our own coming of age, and a time when life was simple. Subsequently, September is one of my favourite times of the year. Old friends return to the campus that gave us so much more than just an education. Homecoming provides the opportunity to remember the people, places and events that have shaped who we have become today. If you have not returned to campus in recent years, you will find the places are much different now. Over the last several years, King's has grown into a vibrant and modern campus with our new Darryl J King Student Life Centre hosting a variety of social and business events for the London community. King's has been able to flourish as a leader in the community, largely due to the work of our alumni during their time at King's and through their generous donations to priority projects over the years.

Much like our growing campus, King's alumni are continuously making their mark as leaders in every

industry, from the stages of Broadway to the floors of Parliament and boards of executive directors. On campus, King's students constitute almost 150 members of the Western Varsity sports teams. Despite our small campus and population, we are an integral pillar of the University and our impact on society is undeniably significant.

I invite you to join us this year to celebrate our school and the time we spent there. The Homecoming celebrations begin Friday, September 25 at 8:30 p.m. in the Wemple Building. Naturally, in King's fashion, Rick McGhie will be on hand to provide the entertainment. Saturday will feature several events throughout the day, shuttles will run between King's and TD Stadium and there will be a reception at the King Centre afterwards. Sunday Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. For further details, please contact Katrina Clarke at Katrina.Clarke@kings.uwo.ca.

I hope that in reading this, you were reminded of the time you spent at Kings, the people you met, your achievements and of course the foolishness that you could only get away with at a point when life seemed less complicated. I encourage you to join us on campus to celebrate our school, our history and our experience as we usher in a new academic year with a crushing victory over the Carleton Ravens.



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KING'S CONNECT - CAMPUS NEWS

Dr. Graham Broad, Associate Professor of History, received recognition for his book *A Small Price to Pay: Consumer Culture on the Canadian Home Front, 1939-1945*. The publication was named to the short list for the CP Stacey Award, an annual prize created in honour of the Canadian Department of National Defence's long-serving Official Historian, Charles P. Stacey.

Dr. Judith Belle Brown, King's Social Work and Western Family Medicine Professor, received the Schulich Leader Award in the Schulich Excellence in Education Awards for Graduate/Postgraduate category at the Celebration of Excellence event in May 2015.

Political Science Professor **Dr. Thomas Tiekou**, along with Dr. Katharina Coleman at the University of British Columbia, has received grants from both the United Nations University and One Earth Future. The grants support Dr. Tiekou and Dr. Coleman's initiatives to organize a workshop and produce a book on Africa's contribution to global norms. For the past two years, Dr. Tiekou has travelled with King's Political Science and Social Justice and Peace Studies students to Ethiopia to experience the role that non-governmental organizations play in aiding poverty and development in Africa.



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AWARD-WINNING FACULTY



Top (L-R) Dr. Graham Broad, Dr. Judith Belle Brown, Dr. Thomas Tiekou, Dr. Sid Noel
Bottom (L-R) Dr. Joe Michalski, Dr. Darcy Harris, Dr. Paul Werstine, Dr. Antonio Calcagno

Dr. Antonio Calcagno, Professor of Philosophy, was awarded the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) INSIGHT grant for his project titled "Edith Stein and Gerda Walther: Law and Community in Early Phenomenology". Phenomenology is the science of studying phenomena as distinct from that of the nature of being, consciousness and the objects of direct experience.

Dr. Darcy Harris, Associate Professor/Thanatology Coordinator, has been accepted as a member of the International Work Group on Death, Dying, and Bereavement (IWGDDDB). IWGDDDB is an organization made up of individuals who demonstrate leadership in thanatology, either in their research and academia, or as medical care professionals.

Dr. Paul Werstine, Professor of English, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, editor and author, was named the first recipient of the Hugh Mellon Excellence in Research Award. The award honours the memory of King's professor Dr. Hugh Mellon, by recognizing a colleague who demonstrates quality of scholarly production, national and international acclaim, influence and impact on the field, innovation and originality.

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

King's is proud to recognize two faculty members with Awards of Excellence in Teaching.

Congratulations to **Dr. Joe Michalski**, full-time faculty in sociology, who has demonstrated excellence, depth and breadth in his teaching at all levels since joining the Sociology Department in 2003. King's Vice-Principal, Academic Dean, Dr. Sauro Camiletti, commended Dr. Michalski at King's Convocation.

"Dr. Michalski is a consummate teacher scholar who mentors students inside and outside the classroom. Students describe him as always available, enthusiastic, supportive and passionate," says Dr. Camiletti.

Congratulations to **Dr. Sid Noel**, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Senior Fellow in Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict Studies in the Department of Political Science at Western, as the recipient of the Award of Excellence in Teaching by part-time faculty.

One student summarized Dr. Noel's Political Science seminars best by saying, *"his seminars reflected the deep and nuanced understanding of theory and real world events that comes from a life-long dedication, and commitment to excellence in an academic field. The result was dynamic in-class debate and engagement with the material covered."*

Appointments



Joe Henry, Dean of Students

King's is pleased to welcome Joseph Henry as the new Dean of Students, effective June 1, 2015. Joe succeeds Mary Carol Watters, who retired in June after 35 years of exemplary service to King's students and the wider King's community.

Joe joins King's with 14 years of experience in student services, most recently at Sheridan College as Associate Dean – Student Success and Student Services. He has extensive community youth and professional experience focused on student success, and is presently completing his Doctorate in Education at Northeastern University in Boston, examining

the factors that impact the success of male students in post-secondary education, with a primary focus on how first-year male students attribute and learn from failure.



Dr. Peter Donahue, Director School of Social Work

King's also welcomed Dr. Peter Donahue as the new Director of the School of Social Work. More information about Dr. Donahue and his research can be found in Social Networking on page 11.

Assistive Technology Conference – Collaboration & Transition

In June, King's hosted an Assistive Technology Conference, a first of its kind in Ontario, providing those who support persons with disabilities with opportunities for learning, networking and collaboration.

Nearly 200 attendees participated in this multi-disciplinary gathering, which included a keynote address from Dr. Todd Cunningham, psychologist at the University of Toronto and recipient of a Bell "Let's Talk" mental health grant. Also on hand were 30 exhibitors who provided demonstrations on the latest in assistive technology.



Robotic arms demonstrate skill and precision by pouring a glass of wine for impressed conference participants. The wine selection, Megalomaniac Homegrown, comes direct from alumnus John Howard's '71 vineyard.

King's in China



Alumni in China visiting with representatives from King's: Hanlong Li (Billy, '06), Yuan Kong (Andrew, '06), Dr. Peter Ibbott, Dr. David Sylvester, Marilyn Mason, Qing Zhao (Sunny, '10), Ying Li (Sarah, '07)

Principal David Sylvester, along with Marilyn Mason, Vice-Principal of Enrolment Services & Strategic Partnerships, and Dr. Peter Ibbott, Chair of Economics Business and Math, visited China from June 20-July 2, 2015, to meet with King's alumni, as well as faculty, students and administrators of Chinese universities.

Alumni events were held in Shanghai, Chongqing, Beijing, and Dalian, thanks to the coordination of Sarah Li, Senior Asia Programs Officer.



2015-2016 KUCSC Exec

King's University College Students' Council Executive Team: President Craig Minielly, Vice President of Events Frank Ingliis, Chief Financial Officer Rena Mortimer, Vice President of Student Issues

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KING'S CONNECT - FACULTY RETIREMENTS

DR. TOZUN BAHCHELI

After 44 years as a faculty member at King's, **Dr. Tozun Bahcheli, Professor of Political Science**, reflects back on his career and looks forward to retirement.

Interview by: Kate Gilson Clark, 3rd year English Language and Literature

What was the College like when you began your career at King's?

I began as a full-time faculty member in July 1971. King's was a much smaller community in those days. The College grounds consisted of the Wemple Building, and there were approximately 740 full-time students, compared to over 3,400 today. There was also a real camaraderie among the small group of teaching staff, perhaps two dozen of us in total.

What is your area of expertise and how would you describe your approach to teaching?

I taught a course in international politics at the College for over forty years. More recently I added a couple of courses in comparative politics that deal with ethnic and nationalist conflict. I think we can all agree that there has been no shortage of international and nationalist conflict in the world. For academics, such as myself, there are constantly new examples and case studies to help inform our understanding of the subject, and this has helped to sustain my interest over a span of more than four decades.

I have always emphasized the importance of objectivity and the use of scientific methods. I have also tried to instill in students what I would call universal values, highlighting our responsibilities as citizens of our communities and the wider world. As my career progressed I became more preoccupied with research, and I have introduced the perspectives and evidence from this research into my classes. I would like to think that this has made my teaching more meaningful for my students.

Do you have any words of wisdom to leave with your students?

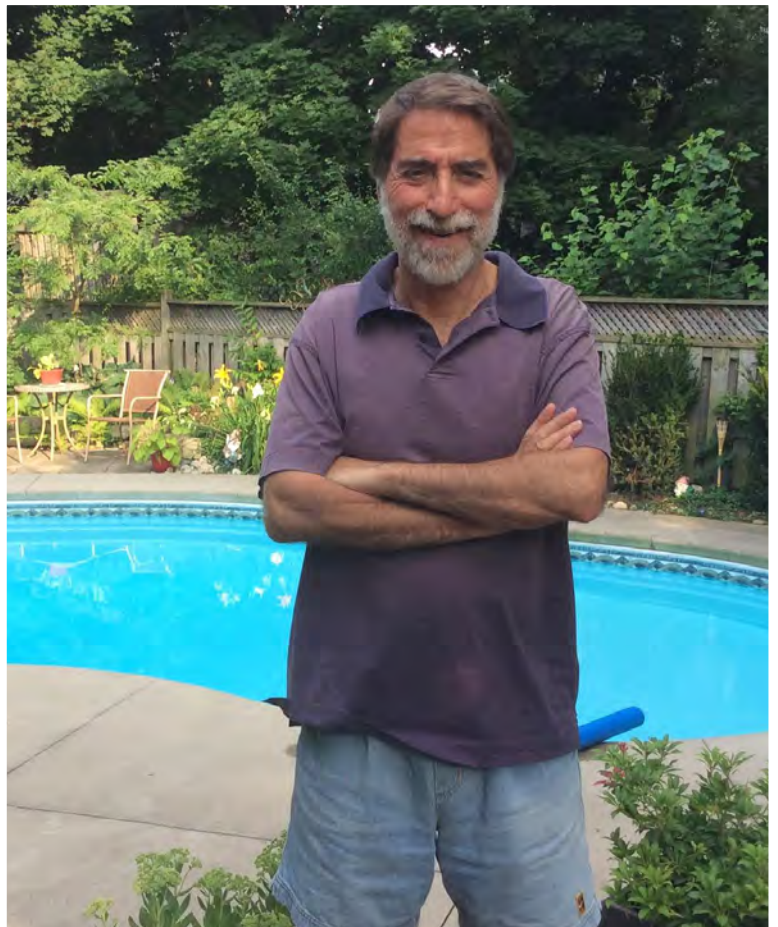
I have no lofty ideas to convey. I have sought to instill in my students a love of learning and intellectual curiosity, and encouraged them to read widely and to learn to write well. These goals and practices happen to be those that my best teachers encouraged me to embrace during my student days.

What will you miss the most about King's?

I have made a great many friends among faculty and staff at King's over the years, and I will miss the day-to-day connections with members of the College community.

What are your plans for your retirement?

I have few hobbies other than reading, and for most of my life I have read little outside of political texts or biographies. I look forward to expanding my literary horizons in retirement, particularly in areas such as history and religion. I look forward to spending more time with my wife Beth and our grandchildren: we have a grandson and two granddaughters are on the way. Beth recently hired a personal trainer for me, and has compelled me to pledge that I would go to the gym at least three times a week. She is determined to make a jock out of me!



PROFESSOR PAUL WEBB

By Kate Gilson Clark

After 44 years of influential teaching and significant contributions to King's, **Professor Paul Webb** is entering retirement. Paul graduated from King's in 1966 with an Honors BA in History. He then completed his master's at Western University and attended Cambridge for Naval History, before making his way back to King's as a faculty member in 1971.

In his early years of teaching, Paul was aware that the College was looking for ways to maintain connections with students after graduation. Principal Dr. Arnold McKee approached Paul, who was the only alumnus faculty member at the time, and asked him to take up the task of fostering relationships with alumni, thus beginning the development of the Alumni Association.

It's a wonder Paul was able to manage his many roles at King's - teaching four essay courses while also coordinating alumni events and maintain connections. From 1973-1988, Paul's work as Director of Alumni Affairs set him apart as a leader amongst alumni administrators. He was actively involved with associations for alumni and advancement professionals.



Through these volunteer roles, Paul received numerous provincial and national awards in recognition of his contributions to advancement. His legacy continues through the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education "Paul Webb Scholarship."

In 1989, Paul made the decision to focus on his teaching career. Reflecting back on the role he played in establishing the King's Alumni Association, Paul notes that the sense of togetherness was different at the time due to the newness of the College, the number of faculty, staff and students on campus, and the smaller size of graduating classes compared to today. "In the 70s, pretty much everyone was up for a party, which made it easier to connect with alumni," Paul notes. "Open the bar and people would show up," he laughs.

As he embarks on his next chapter, Paul knows that the group that he will miss the most are those who were in his classroom. He has always been proud of his work in the classroom; he was a professor who could easily connect with his students and create energy amongst them by throwing humour and wit into his lectures. It is quite obvious that Paul was an excellent story-teller and lecturer as he made Maclean's magazine's list of 20 most popular professors at Western in 2001, 2002, and 2003 (Maclean's discontinued the list in 2003, otherwise Paul's name would surely still be included). Paul has left a lasting impression on all the students who were lucky enough to have him as a professor.

As Paul's chapter as a professor comes to a close he looks to the future and how he plans to spend his time. He is looking forward to catching up on the "4,000 books" he plans to read, travelling, and of course spending time with his family, including his three daughters and son, and he is looking forward to the arrival of his fifth grandchild. However, Paul will still be making appearances around King's as he plans to attend Homecoming and alumni events.

Paul has truly left his mark at King's, as both a professor and an alumnus, and his contributions shall always be remembered. Although his chapter as a professor at Kings is coming to a conclusion, Paul's King's story is far from over.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

By Dr. David Sylvester

KING'S SECRET SAUCE: OF SAILING, AND A SENSE OF PLACE

These are interesting times for Canadian universities. As I wrote in the last Herald, the global and national context of post-secondary education is changing and the very purpose of a university is being questioned. Increasingly, universities are faced with pressure to align curriculum directly to labour market needs, to undertake funded research only in areas that might provide commercial application, to explore new pedagogies for a society that accesses information on-line, and to respond to the implications of MOOCs (otherwise known as the Massive Open On-line Courses). The curious assumption among many policy makers, parents and students that so-called STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) are the preferred path to a prosperous career and a competitive Canada has only recently been challenged, and the resulting devaluing of the liberal arts has found its way yet again into main stream policy discussions and stand-up comedy (just how many philosophers does it take to screw in a lightbulb?). Of course, these developments exist in the context of, and are perhaps even driven by, the dramatic reduction in funding of public post-secondary education. Not a pretty picture when you think about it.

So why is it that I can say to you that sixty years on, the future of King's has never been brighter? The fact is that exceptional young women and men continue to choose King's because we are offering something that remains a worthwhile investment. So what's in the King's secret sauce? Why would a student study here? What value is there today in a degree in business, the social sciences or the arts when taught within a liberal arts framework? I believe the answer is that King's continues to cultivate an authentic understanding of place, something that fewer and fewer Canadian universities are able to provide. King's is nothing less

than an intimate community marked by a commitment to excellence and animated by a love of learning, an orientation towards justice, and personal care for the people who come to study and work here. Our students are not objects, and they don't come to King's to be value-added. They graduate both ready to work (94% of King's grads find full-time employment in a field related to their degree within 2 years of graduation) and prepared to continue their studies at prestigious Canadian and international graduate programs (think London School of Economics, Johns Hopkins, Cambridge). But King's doesn't exist to prove data points. Our *raison d'être* is to provide students with a transformational space - a challenging and supportive community that offers students every opportunity to develop as well-rounded and full-hearted individuals.

Many of you may have heard me make the sailor/rower analogy, which I offer again here, with apologies to my many friends who row crew. In short, King's strives to educate young men and women who understand that the journey ahead is not a straight path and certainly not always on smooth waters. Sailors, unlike rowers, like to face where they are heading. They are educated to read the water and weather ahead, to navigate by the stars, by charts, by compass, by GPS, even by instinct. Sailors are able to harness the currents and the wind to reach not only a desired destination but to go beyond to explore unimagined horizons. As long as there is a breeze, sailors travel much faster and further than rowers, and if they know how to tack properly, sailors can move ahead even with the wind in their faces.

Through hard work, mastery of discipline and hands-on experience, King's graduates are able to harness the elements to their benefit and navigate the professional and personal shoals ahead. Our students are not simply learning how to put their backs to the oar; they are



preparing to take that rudder of destiny into their own hands. This is the mariner's art, and this is the goal of an education infused with the liberal arts. In the end, students choose King's because they want to be the captains of their own ships. As faculty and staff, we are privileged to accompany these gifted young men and women on the first leg of this exciting journey. It is an educational formula that has worked for sixty years, and will continue to ensure the relevance of King's into the future, in spite of the headwinds now facing Canadian higher education.

As you know, our goal at King's is to be, and to be recognized as, the best undergraduate university in Canada; the place where scholars of every age gather to forge friendships, connect to new ideas and make a difference. It is the success of our graduates—past and future—that continues to build King's reputation. Thank you for your part in this accomplishment. And the wind is up; come join us as we explore what lies beyond the horizon for King's.

SOCIAL NETWORKING

AGING IS AN ACHIEVEMENT

Afraid of getting older? Apprehensive of working with seniors? Dr. Peter Donahue isn't.

Growing up, Peter may not have known what his ultimate career path would be, but of one thing he was certain; it would involve working with, or on behalf of, seniors and their families. As the only child of older parents, Peter doesn't remember a time he wasn't surrounded by older adults. "To put it in context, the year I turned 18, my mother turned 60 and my grandmother turned 96," says Peter. "My grandmother lived with us when I was a child, so I saw aging as a natural part of family and community," he explains.

One in four Canadians will be over the age of 65 in the next 15 years. Dr. Donahue says this fact will have huge implications for all sectors of community, particularly for social work. "Because of the aging of the population, all social workers will end up working with issues facing older adults, no matter what field of practice they go into."

When asked what attracted him to focus his research on aging, Peter answers without hesitation, "Aging is an achievement. If we are fortunate, we move into old age someday. The transition can be either positive or negative, so what can I do to help make it a positive one?" Working in the field of aging, Peter was frustrated by the paucity of social work research in this area. "I always knew that if I became a researcher, I would dedicate my time to creating knowledge that will make a

difference in the lives of adults as they age and the people that care for them," he says.

Peter's enthusiasm for both gerontology and research has paid dividends for the social work knowledge base. His research has focused on several areas in aging, including retirement, caregiving, and issues surrounding homelessness.

While always focused on applied research, Peter has more recently focused his efforts on knowledge translation. Despite a significant increase in the amount of research being carried out with regards to aging, he remains frustrated by the lack of research that makes its way into the hands of those who need it; namely policy makers, service providers, caregivers, and older adults themselves.

Peter is a founding member of the National Initiative for the Care of the Elderly (NICE), an international network of researchers, practitioners and students dedicated to improving the care of older adults, both in Canada and abroad. Members represent a broad spectrum of disciplines and professions, including medicine, nursing, social work, gerontology, rehabilitation science, sociology, psychology, policy, and law, as well as older adults and their caregivers. Beginning with a group of only 40, the network has grown to include over 3,000 members worldwide and has developed dozens of tools.



Currently, Peter is a co-investigator on a large multi-year SSHRC funded research project entitled "Engaged Scholarship: Evaluation of Knowledge Mobilization for Older Adults." The purpose of this research is to evaluate the impact of the set of tools the NICE network has developed.

Peter's research has practical application for a wide variety of audiences, including front line service providers, advocates, caregiver groups, women's groups, and policy makers who use it to shape pension policies and set programs for older adults. He also works closely with diverse community agencies and other researchers. He is excited to bring his program of research to King's and explore new possibilities for research locally. "London is a vibrant community with a clear commitment to supporting all of its members," says Peter. "I look forward to working with the community to address local issues related to aging."

HOME COMING

4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Social Work Alumni Wine & Cheese
Vitali Student Lounge, Wemple Building

Calling all BSW and MSW Grads! Come and reconnect with former classmates. Refreshments provided. RSVP by Friday, September 11 to:

Julie.Siverns@kings.uwo.ca
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Field Education Appreciation Reception, including Field Instructor Awards
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

BSW3 Agency Forum
12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Contact Deanna.Bond@kings.uwo.ca

INVESTIGATING RESILIENCE AND MENTAL HEALTH IN ARGENTINA

By Dermot Hurley, School of Social Work, Sabbatical 2015



Dermot Hurley is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at King's University College. His areas of research include: children in child protection care, resilience in child protection practitioners, child trauma and recovery from domestic violence, and the link between resilience and mental health.

Being granted a sabbatical leave is one of the great benefits of academic life and involves a good deal of forward planning and keen anticipation for what lies ahead. I am fortunate to have colleagues at Universidad de Ciencias Empresariales Y Sociales (UCES) in Buenos Aires with whom I have worked previously, and who share a similar interest in exploring the connection between resilience and mental health in different cultural locations. So it was gratifying to return to Argentina to conduct basic research in the field, and review community based mental health programs in various parts of the country. Prior to leaving Canada in January 2015, I completed a study with a colleague at Western, (supported by King's Research Committee) on resilience and mental health with ACT (assertive community treatment) teams in Ontario, which focused on the promotion of resilience in people recovering from serious mental health problems, as well as the prevention of compassion fatigue in therapeutic caregivers. Persistent mental health problems take a toll on the resilience of clients, while the therapeutic work takes a toll on the resilience of the practitioner. The issue of professional burn out is central to the work of promoting resilience in clients, especially in intensive community mental health programs that were established in Ontario in the 1990s in response to the policy of de-institutionalization.

In Argentina, over the past 20 years, provinces such as Rio Negro, Neuquen, Salta and Buenos Aires have undergone extensive and rapid de-institutionalization (Desmanicomialization) similar to Canada, reducing mental health beds in some cases by more than 80%. Recent mental health legislative reform advocating patient rights guaranteed that short term crisis intervention would be available in community based hospitals rather than Victorian Age asylums, as had previously been the case. Additionally there were plans to develop mental health programs in the community that would provide essential psycho-social supports and rehabilitation for people recovering from serious mental health problems. However, the reality turned out to be quite different given the serious economic crises that Argentina has faced since 2001, resulting in a scarcity of community mental health programs and community housing to meet the needs of people living with diagnosed mental illness.

Our study began in Moyano Neuropsychiatric Hospital in Buenos Aires (built 1854) where my colleague from UCES (fully bilingual in Spanish and English) and I, spent the best

part of a month shadowing and interviewing mental health practitioners who provide intensive therapeutic services for people who have lived in the hospital for many years or have transitioned to community care programs, such as Proyecto Suma, an effective non-profit multi therapy program located in the city core. Practitioners work under highly stressful conditions and have to deal with job insecurity and lack of resources within, as well as outside of, the institution. The results of this study are currently being prepared for publication in the fall of this year and essentially support the notion that a resilient team culture is vital for the mental health of providers and consumers alike. Moreover, we found that compassion fatigue and burn out is much less related to direct patient care than to factors inherent in the mental health system that drain the resilience of both the client and the practitioner.

In addition to the work at Moyano Hospital in Buenos Aires, we visited Salta province, as well as San Carlos de Bariloche in Northern Patagonia, where some excellent examples of community based mental health programs are located. These are all the more interesting because they have developed and thrived at a time when economic support for mental health programs is not forthcoming, which as a result, requires a strong investment of time and energy by community volunteers. Some programs actually hire peer support workers or peer mentors in local communities to help people cope with the effects of mental illness in their lives. The following are some examples of resilient programs and services in various locations and give a flavour of the way in which mental health is understood and promoted.



Camino Abierto, Bariloche, Argentina (photo provided by Patricia Franco, Director)

Camino Abierto (open road) is a lovely example of what can be accomplished in local communities with limited

resources. The director, Patricia Franco explained that the program survives on a shoestring budget and has suffered staff cut backs because of funding shortages. Located in the core of Bariloche, this program builds on the resilience and resourcefulness of people living with severe mental health problems and offers a range of volunteer-led courses including ceramics, pottery, art, singing, dance, drama, carpentry, sewing and knitting, poetry, communication, yoga, movement and a range of physical and recreational activities. The centre's logo "Un espacio para compartir la alegría de encontrarnos todos los días"- a place to share the joy of meeting together every day - essentially sums it up! Local artisans and musicians give generously of their time and contribute to the development of a therapeutic community where people experience a sense of belonging and personal worth. It was a great reminder of what can be achieved by people working together to build stronger, more resilient communities.

In other provinces, mental health services are concentrated mainly in cities, such as Salta, where access to mental health services are more available, reflecting economic and regional disparities, not unlike the situation that exists in Ontario and other provinces across Canada. There are also limited services available for addictions and mental health, though there is an extensive campaign of public awareness involving civic participation through painting and coloring activities for children and adults in various remote areas, such as Tilcara and Purmamarca not far from the Bolivian border. The communities here in the Quebrada de Humahuaca are primarily indigenous and there are very few services available in these remote areas. Nevertheless, street art is an effective way of raising awareness and destigmatizing mental health at the local level.



'El Derecho a Sonar' The Right to Dream International day of protest against Child Labor, Salta, 2015



Family life as represented in street painting, Cafayate, 2015



A secure mental health unit for children and youth in Salta where an artist attempts to de-emphasize 'confinement' and instead give a different meaning to the word 'secure'.

STREET ART

There are many areas in the city of Salta and other towns such as Cafayate where artists and students have been commissioned to paint murals concerning various social activism projects, including human rights, animal rights, environmental concerns, as well as the UN Declaration on the rights of the child. What street art shows is the use of images and symbols embedded in the community to raise conscious awareness about social issues that typically fall below the radar such as the abuse of women and children.

So there are many lessons to be learned by engaging with colleagues in inter-cultural research and discovering novel and innovative ways in which mental health services can be offered outside of formal institutions and government services. Street art is clearly one way to convey a message of social acceptance and inclusion, as are community centres staffed by dedicated workers and volunteers who believe deeply in people's capacity for resilience and recovery. Collaboration between King's University College and UCES continues, and we are currently working on developing knowledge exchange programs via video links between the two universities that will enrich the learning experience of our students and faculty. I am grateful to King's for the opportunity to pursue this research during my sabbatical 2015.

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FROM THE DEPTHS: WORKING TO UNEARTH A CENTURIES OLD SET OF CARVINGS BY CANADIAN SOLDIERS

By Lisa Michienzi

This year marks one of the centennial years of the First World War. The Canadian government, as well as the governments of those involved in one of the greatest conflicts in modern history, is in the second year of commemoration for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for their family, friends, and country.

There are no veterans left who fought on the fields of Flanders, or who rushed to face their opposition in the Battle of the Somme, but we can still understand the remnants of this war by what our soldiers left behind.

The Canadian Historical Documentation and Imaging Group; better known as Canadigm, is a not-for-profit organization based in London, Ontario, centred on keeping history alive for future generations. Since the organization's founding in 2011, Canadigm has worked on digitally recording and documenting historic sites and artifacts related to Canadian history. Its first project, Souterraine Impressions, has highlighted a very important part of Canadian history that without digital preservation would be lost to us, and to future generations.

The Souterraine Impressions are carvings that were engraved in the chalk walls of underground caves in France that provided safety and refuge for Canadian soldiers during World War I. Canadian Forces stationed in these man-made caves were hidden away from enemy forces for weeks at a time, awaiting orders to join the Battle of Vimy Ridge. The cave drawings, which were etched by these men to pass the time, were as simplistic as their name and service number, or as complex as their regimental cap badge.

The Battle of Vimy Ridge marks a significant moment in Canadian history, as it was the first time all four divisions of the Canadian Expeditionary Force worked together. Not only was the Battle of Vimy Ridge a great success, but also a representation, and in turn

a symbol of Canadian national unity, achievement and sacrifice. Historians have noted that the Battle of Vimy Ridge marks Canada's ascent into war as a colony, and notes its descent out of the wartime period as a nation.

Canadigm's goal with the project is to document and recreate a number of the soldiers' carvings utilizing high-resolution photographs, a scanner and 3D printer, and to research the men who crafted these pieces with the hope of presenting their findings about the lives of these soldiers to their relatives and the public.

"It's a history student's dream come true to be a part of something like this."

As the digitized carvings began to take shape, Canadigm began researching the men who had lived in the caves and beautifully crafted these pieces. With such a vast number of carvings and their artisans to inquire about, Canadigm Board Member and Western University History Professor Dr. Jonathan F.W. Vance enlisted the proficient research skills of his master's student Katrina Pasierbek.

Katrina earned her BA from King's in 2012, with an honors specialization in history and major in Catholic studies for teachers. Her love for Canadian military history was fostered by her friend, mentor, and King's history professor Dr. Graham Broad. Dr. Broad previously recommended her for the Canadian Battlefields Foundation Study Tour (CBF) of France and Belgium, which solidified her love for Canada's military history. In 2014, while completing her Master's of History at Western University, Katrina

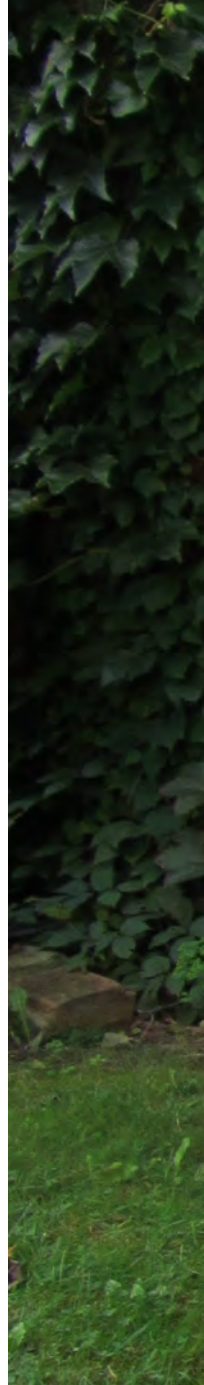
was asked to work on the Souterraine Impressions as the biographer of the soldiers by her supervisor, Dr. Jonathan F.W. Vance, a distinguished professor of Canadian history whose research is focused on First World War, Canadian culture and prisoners of war.

"It was March [2014], and I hadn't yet completed my coursework when Professor Vance asked me to join him on the project," Katrina recalls. "I had already been aware of the work that Canadigm had been doing in the caves of France. I went to a talk by Zenon Andrusyszyn, the Executive Director of Canadigm, the year before, and thought that this project was the most incredible thing. I walked away wanting to learn more, and questioning why I hadn't heard of this piece of history before."

Her interest in the Souterraine Impressions, combined with her phenomenal research skills gave her the edge she needed to be a great fit for the project. When Professor Vance told her what her task was to be, Katrina recalls: "He simply gave me a list of names that would be featured in the exhibit, and he said 'Tell me every single thing you can about these men.'"

For the better part of a year, Katrina worked on compiling information about the soldiers responsible for the cave carvings.

"It was challenging, as I had never traced a First World War soldier's family in an effort to locate their descendants before."





Very modestly, when asked about her research work on the project, Katrina said: "I truly believe that everyone has a worthy story to tell, and what was compiled really was dictated by the documents that were available to us."

Utilizing local, domestic and international archives, contacting museums, and tracing familial locations through decades of phonebooks, Katrina was able to compile all of the necessary research into the soldier's lives.

Of the 25 pieces that are currently on display at Museum London, 20 were researched by Katrina. "Visiting the exhibit as a history student and having that take away moment- it's something that not too many researchers see, and for me that is the best experience."

The Souterraine Exhibit is running until September 7, 2015, at Museum London, and then it will be on the road for three years.

"I hope that other museums pick it up because it is a little known piece of such a significant battle. The exhibit lets us learn more about the men who fought in Vimy Ridge, by providing us with a look at the messages they chose to leave. We don't get that in letters, postcards, or service files. I think that it's an extraordinary project, and I was so lucky and humbled to play a small part," adds Katrina.

"The time I spent studying history at King's prepared me for the work that I am doing now. And for that I credit Professor Broad's continued guidance,

and for mentors like Professor Vance for showing me the opportunities that exist for history graduates in the field."

"It's a history student's dream come true to be a part of something like this. It was a privilege to work on this project, and to honour these men in the way that Canada has," says Katrina when ruminating about her experience.

Currently, Katrina is working at the Royal Canadian Regiment Museum in London, Ontario, where she gets to help future generations explore Canada's military past.

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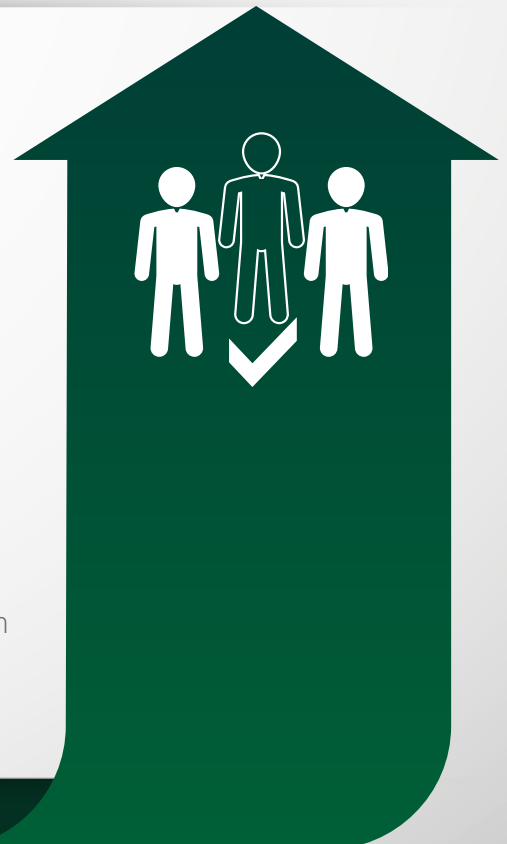


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- Reconnect with classmates at Homecoming
- Volunteer on a King's committee or board
- Participate in the annual King's Golf Classic

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- Support future generations of King's students by leaving a planned gift





SOCIOLOGICAL RESEARCH REUNITES PROFESSOR AND FORMER STUDENT

By Jane Antoniak

When King's Sociology professor Dr. David MacGregor read about the horrific Germanwings suicide crash of flight 9525 into the French Alps this past spring, he felt a sudden case of déjà vu. His mind raced back to the spring of 2004 and the undergraduate thesis of his student Marlene Santin. As an experienced flight attendant, Marlene had returned to university and focused her research on the sociological effect of locked flight deck doors on commercial airline pilots. Dr. MacGregor dug out Marlene's thesis for Sociology 490E and realized that she had predicted that locked flight deck doors could have an adverse effect on pilots both mentally and physically. He thought it was time for Marlene to return to King's to discuss her research.

"The public may not be as safe as they think they are," notes Marlene while back on campus this past May. "As a historical sociologist I now question many things," she adds.

Marlene was a Manager with the former Skyservice Airlines for 12 years after graduating with a BA in History from Western University in 1995. While working for Skyservice, she returned to gain a second undergraduate degree, this time at King's in sociology, graduating in 2004. Marlene then went on to earn her MA in Sociology in 2006 from McMaster University followed by a PhD in 2014, also from McMaster. Today, she is a policy and research analyst with the Ministry of the Attorney General in Toronto.

"I was surprised, but not completely surprised, by the Germanwings tragedy," says Marlene sadly. "I've

known all along that it was a matter of time before this could happen. In any job there are people with mental health issues. Airlines say it is safer since 9/11, but it is a smokescreen. What will really make a difference are mental health changes. Prior to 9/11 pilots had constant socialization as, for the most part, the flight deck door was open. After 9/11, pilots were locked in the flight deck for hours. If they got along with each other it was fine. But sometimes you could cut the tension with a knife. Everyone brings personal circumstances to work and that can be compounded by being in a job where you are socially isolated."

For her undergraduate research at King's, Marlene was able to survey 200 pilots at Skyservice as she had access to staff through her employment. She asked pilots if they felt "spatially confined, unsettled and generally unhappy at work since the locked flight deck door procedures were sanctioned in all passenger airlines." Her thesis was that pilots did, indeed, feel "like prisoners in their environment and, therefore, unhappy and unsettled at work." She also observed that pilots began limiting their water intake in the cockpit as they didn't feel comfortable calling for flight attendants to unlock the cabin doors so that they could use the restroom. "Their feeling that they couldn't drink water post 9/11 created a perception for pilots that the flight deck space was smaller than it actually was," she adds. Marlene hopes that airlines will now incorporate "double re-enforced doors" with access to restrooms so that pilots will never be locked out again.

Dr. MacGregor says Marlene's interest in the "sociology of work" was fascinating - so much so, that he recalled it years later. "What goes on in the workplace has always been an important part of sociology," he says.

Marlene says what she learned at King's changed the course of her career. When Skyservice closed as a company she was able to use her skills to start a career in the government. "As sociologists we are always observing. Sociology creates curiosity. That is what I love about it. It prepares you for so many jobs and the ability to research, write and think. When I meet young people I encourage them to study sociology".

Looking back on her early research into airline working conditions, Marlene says it would be interesting to do another study of airline pilots now, more than 10 years later, to compare findings, although she says it may be challenging now to gain access to the pilots. "I'm glad I took the window of opportunity to do that study while I had access as a flight attendant." She is also interested in becoming a teacher and helping other young sociologists create equally interesting research projects. She has been back to King's as an instructor, teaching a research methods course.

"My King's experience was completely different than other educational experiences. For the first time I could talk in class, have an opinion, be part of a healthy debate. The environment facilitated learning. You just feel more comfortable, as the professors were very approachable," she says. "I met so many interesting people and we still keep in touch."



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As a member of the King's University College Alumni Association, you have access to a wide range of services and opportunities designed to benefit you, including career support through the Life After King's Mentoring Program.

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EVENTS RECAP



▲ Spring Convocation

On June 9, close to 600 new graduates were welcomed to the King's University College Alumni Association at the 305th Convocation Ceremonies. Congratulations to the class of 2015!



▲ London Networking Breakfast

On March 11, alumni gathered for a networking breakfast hosted by David Mackenzie '83 at SMG Law in downtown London.



▲ Breached Horizons: The Work of Jean-Luc Marion

On March 27, through the Centre for Advanced Research in European Philosophy and the Centre for Advanced Research in Catholic Thought, King's hosted an open lecture by renowned Philosopher Jean-Luc Marion, whose work is centred on questions about the nature of God.



▲ International Student Farewell Reception

On Saturday, March 27, King's bid farewell to approximately 50 graduating international students, as well as many exchange students. The reception was hosted at King's and featured a coffee house and the opportunity to share favourite memories.



▲ Evening Breakfast (Exam Study Break)

The Alumni Association hosted an exam study break on April 14 for approximately 200 students who took a 10:00 p.m. break from their studies to refuel with pancakes, bacon, muffins, fruit, coffee and juice.



▲ Development Day 2015: Connect. Grow. Lead.

On Friday, May 1 King's hosted a full-day professional development workshop featuring keynote speaker, Chris Bailey, who spoke about purposeful productivity. Other session topics included creativity in the workplace, the importance of digital literacy, the fundamentals of LinkedIn, and being a leader from the outset of your career. Special thanks to all the King's alumni who shared their expertise.



▲ The Haunted Walk of Ottawa

Area alumni participated in a haunted walking tour of downtown Ottawa, followed by a social gathering at the Metropolitan Brasserie on April 22.



▲ London Mystery Escape Room Event

On May 7, London and area alumni tested their problem-solving abilities at London Mystery Escape Rooms. Three groups of alumni all successfully escaped from their respective rooms, proving the true value of a liberal arts education once and for all!



▲ Toronto Summer Reunion at CHILL Ice House

On one of the hottest days of the summer (July 18), alumni stayed cool at CHILL Ice House in Toronto. Host Gresham Bayley '12, owner/operator of the city's only ice bar, provided a refreshing and unique experience for alumni who were looking to beat the summer heat.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS



SEPTEMBER

12

King's Fall Fair

Saturday, September 12, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join King's faculty and staff at Kusterman's Berry Farm as we celebrate the start of another academic year. This new King's tradition is an opportunity to come together as a community for some family-friendly fun.



Featuring the work of artists from the Alton Mill. Thursday, November 12th, 2015 from 6 to 10 p.

NOVEMBER

12

Toronto Art Show

Thursday, November 12

James Sbrolla '90 will host the Toronto Art Show featuring the work of artists from the Alton Mill. Join us for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, as well as a silent auction benefiting the King's University College Foundation. RSVP to Sbrolla@rogers.com.



SEPTEMBER

14

20th Annual King's Golf Classic

Monday, September 14

King's alumni and friends are invited to attend a special anniversary edition golf tournament at Highland Country Club, in support of the King's University College Foundation. Register soon, as this event will sell out quickly. The cost is \$230 per golfer and includes a golfer gift, lunch, 18 holes of play, and a buffet dinner. For registration or sponsorship information, please contact kcfoundation@uwo.ca

GIVING TUESDAY™



DECEMBER

01

Giving Tuesday

Tuesday, December 1

King's will once again participate in Giving Tuesday, the national day of giving that follows Black Friday and Cyber Monday. Our fundraising campaign will take place online and in-person at King's, and we will feature gifts and door prizes throughout the day.



SEPTEMBER

19

Hamlet at the Stratford Festival

Saturday, September 19, 11:30 a.m.

Save the date for the Alumni Association's 7th annual Stratford Festival event. Prior to the performance of Hamlet, starring festival favourite, Jonathan Goad, and directed by Antoni Cimolino, guests will be treated to a catered lunch and insightful lectures by King's professors, Dr. Ian Rae and Dr. Paul Werstine '70. Tickets are \$125. Space is limited, so reserve your seat today.



DECEMBER

10

Toronto Merry Hours

Thursday, December 10

Ring in the holiday season at the Toronto Chapter's annual Merry Hours event. Stay tuned for more information.

HOMECOMING 2015



SEPTEMBER

24-27

King's Homecoming activities offer many opportunities to enjoy good food and entertainment, while celebrating your King's memories with friends. This year we are offering some special events and activities in partnership with our friends at Huron and Brescia (HBK!), and the King's University College Students' Council (KUCSC). For more information, see Your Guide to Homecoming 2015 on page 26.

Veritas Series for Faith and Culture

2015-2016

7:30 p.m. - Joanne & Peter Kenney Theatre

SEPTEMBER **Death, Resurrection and Bioethical Dilemmas**

24
Thursday, September 24
Dr. Moira McQueen

OCTOBER **Divine Love in Challenging Times**

21
Wednesday, October 21
Paula D'Arcy

NOVEMBER **Annual Christ the King Lecture**

19
The Eucharist and the Three Days: Memory, Passing Over, and Christian Time
Thursday, November 19
Dr. Kimberley Belcher

JANUARY **Transformation Through Loss**

28
Thursday, January 28
Dr. Darcy Harris

FEBRUARY **Behold: Dying we Live**

25
Thursday, February 25
Very Rev. Dr. John Behr

MARCH **Understanding the Holocaust Multireligiously:
From Dialogue to Trialogue and Beyond**

02
Wednesday, March 2
Dr. Victoria Barnett

MARCH **Let Eternal Light Shine: A Performance of Two
Requiem Settings**

31
Thursday, March 31
King's University College Chamber Choir

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ALUMNI AWARD OF DISTINCTION

NONIE BRENNAN '84

For Nonie Brennan '84, working with the homeless and those at risk of homelessness is much more than a day job, it's her calling. "Every day, we pay someone's rent, which allows them to stay in their home instead of ending up in a shelter or on the street. Every day, we move a family off the street or out of a shelter and into stable housing. Every day, we work to strengthen the system for housing and homelessness in Chicago. Life doesn't get much better than that."

Nonie is the CEO of All Chicago Making Homelessness History, an organization making great strides in its mission to eradicate homelessness in Chicago. All Chicago oversees public and private funds to keep families and individuals who are in crisis from becoming homeless, as well as providing programs and tools to combat homelessness.

Nonie attended Catholic Central High School in London, before becoming a student at King's (which was practically in her backyard). After earning an English degree, Nonie began her career in the non-profit sector at the London Regional Art Gallery. Nonie and her family relocated a few times for her husband's job. Knowing the importance of volunteer work in the non-profit sector, Nonie wasted no time in getting involved, and was soon the Executive Director of the Volunteer Centre of Battle Creek. It was in this role that Nonie began her work with homelessness, establishing the first 211 call centre in Michigan, connecting individuals with community resources.

Another move brought Nonie to Chicago, where she quickly became Executive Director of the Emergency Fund, which under her leadership has become the largest provider of homelessness prevention funding in Illinois. During her time there, she launched the All Chicago Learning Centre, which is a research and training centre devoted to the prevention of homelessness. Nonie oversaw the mergers of several small non-profits with similar missions, and in 2012 became CEO of the newly formed All Chicago Making Homelessness History.

While working in the field of homelessness, Nonie earned her MA in Public Service from DePaul University and her PhD in Management from Case Western Reserve University. She has served as a part-time faculty member at DePaul since 2010, teaching students in the Masters of Public Service program. Nonie's work has been recognized by the Chicago Department of Public Health & AFC, the State of Michigan, the Battle Creek Chamber of Commerce, and the Mayor of Chicago, among others. King's is proud to join the list of those to celebrate the amazing work being done by Nonie to eliminate homelessness.

Congratulations Dr. Nonie Brennan '84, winner of the 2015 Alumni Award of Distinction.



YOUNG ALUMNI AWARD

RYAN GAUSS '08

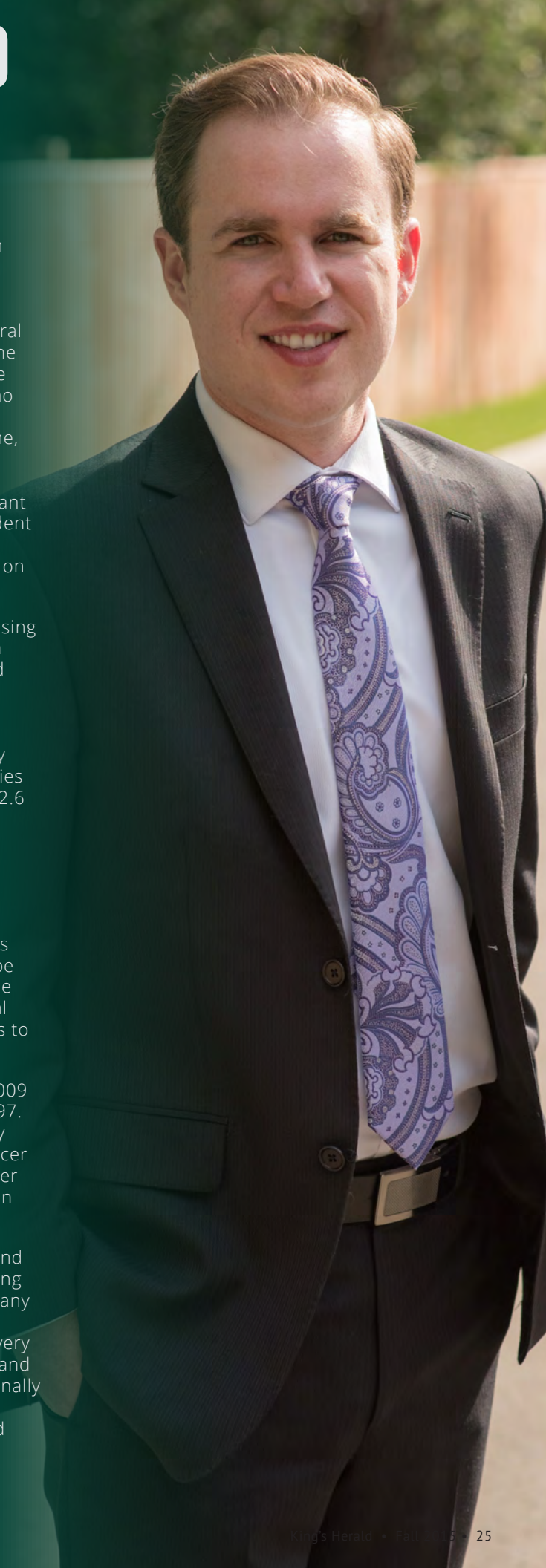
For students at King's, the Darryl J. King Student Life Centre has been a focal point on campus, central to all aspects of student life. Quiet studying, group work, exercise, food, shopping, and just hanging out with friends all happen right there. It's hard for current students to imagine what life was like before the King Centre, but there is a general consensus and feeling of gratitude for the many donors who made the Student Life Campaign possible. What they may not realize is that the Campaign was launched and spearheaded by a group of students who wished and dreamed the space into existence. A group of students who saw the need, made the request to the administration at the time, and put up their own funding to make it happen. At the head of that concerned group of students was Ryan Gauss '08, Students' Council President 07-08. "I saw the Student Life Campaign as such an important initiative for King's students because not only did we need more student awards to help assist with the financial demands of post-secondary education, but we also desperately needed a central gathering place on campus."

Ryan worked with then-Principal, Dr. Gerry Killan, to outline a fundraising campaign that would change the face of King's forever. "Working with Dr. Killan was an incredible experience, as he listened to ideas, asked questions and helped form the campaign agenda always with the students in mind. Together with so many incredible board members, students, staff and other volunteers we were all able to embark on a campaign that has literally changed the landscape of King's University College." Under Ryan's leadership, and the Students' Council visionaries that followed his example, students were the top donors, donating \$2.6 million by the end of the campaign.

Ryan's impact on the community is not limited to his involvement at King's. In 2006, Ryan began volunteering with the Bethanys Hope Foundation. He knew the McIntyres, who are Bethany's parents, and was inspired by their mission to find a cure for Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD), a disease that eventually took their daughter's life. Almost 10 years later, Ryan is now the Chair of the Bethanys Hope Foundation. "A cure for MLD is so very close. The research being done right here in London, Ontario, is hoping to take a treatment to clinical trials by 2018. For me, being a part of a local organization that works to better the lives of others was a perfect fit."

No stranger to the tragedy illness can bring, Ryan lost his father in 2009 to a brain tumour, the same disease that took his brother Paul in 1997. In the wake of this personal tragedy, Ryan took the helm of the family business, becoming CEO and General Manager of the Forest City Soccer Club until the sale of the business in 2011. While juggling his volunteer and family responsibilities, Ryan was also starting his career in Human Resources with the RCMP.

Despite the many demands and time required, Ryan is an advocate and role model for volunteering and community engagement. "Volunteering is the backbone of a strong community and it is imperative that as many people as possible give back. My personal goal has always been to continuously develop and try to become a better person each and every day, and by volunteering I have learned so much more about myself and the person I want to become. Giving back to whatever cause is personally important will allow you to learn a lot about yourself, what you are passionate about, what you believe needs to change in the world and how you can contribute to society."



YOUR GUIDE TO

HOMECOMING 2015

Thursday, September 24

7:30 PM

Veritas Series for Faith and Culture Death, Resurrection and Bioethical Dilemmas

*Joanne & Peter Kenney Theatre,
Darryl J. King Student Life Centre*

Alumni are invited to attend a lecture by Dr. Moira McQueen, as she explores the Christian approach to death as an essential part of life.

Friday, September 25

7:30 PM

Alumni Association Annual General Meeting

*Dr. Desmond Dutrizac Board Room,
Dante Lenardon Hall*

All alumni are welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting of our Alumni Association. Get the inside scoop on the Association, our plans for 2015-16, and learn how you can get involved!

8:30 PM

Friday Night Reunion with Rick McGhie

*Vitali Student Lounge,
Lester A. Wemple Building*

Enjoy the familiar sounds of Rick McGhie at the annual Friday Night Reunion! This is a great opportunity to reunite with friends, catch up with your favorite professors, reminisce, share stories and celebrate Homecoming. Free admission, cash bar.

Saturday, September 26

10:30 AM

Alumni Brunch

*Vitali Student Lounge,
Lester A. Wemple Building*

Be motivated. Be inspired. Be proud. Enjoy a hot brunch as we celebrate the 2015 winners of the Alumni Award of Distinction and the Young Alumni Award. Brunch tickets are \$20.

11:45 AM

Homecoming Pep Rally & Football Ticket Pickup

Campus Quad

Join King's students in a series of cheers as we get our Homecoming game faces ready! Ticket pickup will be available at the Pep Rally.

Buses depart at 12:15 PM.

1:00 PM

Western Mustangs Football Game

TD Stadium

(Mustang Corral Tent, North End Zone)
Cheer on the Western Mustangs as they take on the Carleton Ravens. Seating in our field-level end zone tent is limited, so get your tickets today. This year, the Mustang Corral is exclusively available to Huron, Brescia and King's alumni (HBK). Tickets are \$25 and include bus transportation. Food and drinks are available for purchase on site.

4:00 PM

Social Work Alumni Wine & Cheese

Elizabeth A. "Bessie" Labatt Hall

Social Work alumni are invited to gather for the annual Homecoming reunion event. (see page 11 for more information)

5:00 PM

Wings & Things at King's featuring Gareth Bush '13

*Garron Family Learning Lounge,
Darryl J. King Student Life Centre*

Enjoy live music from alumnus and local acoustic musician Gareth Bush '13. Win or lose, come raise a pint to your Alma Mater! All ages are welcome, appetizers provided.

Sunday, September 27

10:30 AM

Celebration of the Eucharist

*Christ the King University Parish
The Chapel, Windermere on the Mount*

1486 Richmond Street (on the southeast corner of Richmond and Windermere).

5:00 PM

Evening Eucharist

*The Worship Space,
Elizabeth A. "Bessie" Labatt Hall*



HOMECOMING
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015 - 1:00PM
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vs
CARLETON
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CALLING ALL ANNIVERSARY CLASSES!

All alumni are invited to come home to King's this fall, but those whose graduating years end in 5 or 0 have a special incentive to attend – their anniversaries! Even if you've never attended a Homecoming event in the past, make 2015 the year you celebrate your time at King's.

STUDENT HONOUR ROLL

Awards and recognition received by King's students during the 2014-15 academic year



Psychology students **Adam Newton '15**, **Joshua Hanna '15**, **Katie Hart '15**, and **Rylan Waring '15** were presented with the 2015 Champion of Mental Health award at the St. Joseph's Health Care Breakfast of Champions in April. The team's project, PEARS (Psychological Education, Awareness and Reduction of Stigma), is an educational program designed to provide youth with an interactive and informative mental health education experience. The goals of the PEARS program are to create awareness about mental health and to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. Under the supervision of Dr. Marcie Penner-Wilger and Dr. Cathy Chovaz, the team used current research on mental health to maximize the effectiveness of the program.



King's student Lisa Pierce with Eastern Canada's Soroptimist President Dr. Gertrud Hocke.

Third year student **Lisa Pierce** accepted the 2015 Soroptimist Live Your Dream Education Award at LUNAFEST, which was hosted at King's in May as part of the Soroptimist organization's national travelling festival of short films by, for and about women. This award is granted annually to women who are the primary source of financial support for their families. They may have also overcome obstacles including poverty, domestic violence and/or drug and alcohol abuse. The award provides recipients with resources that help them to improve their education, skills and employment prospects.



Joe Antone pictured at the conference with other representatives from King's

Joseph Antone '14 (BSW), Master of Social Work student, was the recipient of an Outstanding Student Presentation Proposal award by the Canadian Association for Social Work Education (CASWE) at their annual conference in Ottawa, where he presented his paper "First Nations Real Voice: Building Cultural Bridges, Young Leaders, and Knowledge Through Participatory Action."



Jenna Strathearn '15 received the Ontario Volunteer Service Award in recognition of her contributions to the London community through her volunteerism with London's Boys' and Girls' Club.



Thirteen recent graduates were honoured with prestigious Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) awards, and Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS) awards for postgraduate research.

This year's recipients come from a diverse background in the humanities and social sciences. King's would like to recognize and congratulate the following individuals on their accolade:

- **Joshua Hanna '15** (Honors Specialization Psychology), SSHRC Award
- **Danielle Brouwer '14** (Honors Specialization History/Major in Social Justice and Peace Studies), SSHRC Award
- **Daphne Gagnon** (Honors Specialization World Religions and Cultures), OGS Award
- **Omar Garcia '15** (Honors Specialization Political Science), SSHRC Award
- **Patricia Mockler '14** (Honors Double Major Political Science/Social Justice and Peace Studies) SSHRC Award
- **Duncan Samuel McColl '15** (Honors Specialization Economics) SSHRC Award
- **Adam Newton '15** (Honors Specialization Psychology) SSHRC Award
- **Derek Orosz '15** (Honors Specialization Political Science and Minor in Philosophy), SSHRC Award
- **Kate Lawson '15** (Honors Specialization Philosophy), OGS Award
- **Joshua Boyce '15** (Honors Specialization Philosophy), SSHRC Award
- **Felicia Yong '15** (Honors Specialization English), OGS Award
- **Rylan Waring '15** (Honors Specialization Psychology), OGS Award
- **Julie Casey** (MSW), OGS Award



Curtis Sell received his award at the Congress 2015 conference at the University of Ottawa, where he was invited to speak about his award-winning essay.

The National Women's Studies Association (Women's and Gender Studies et Recherches Féministes) awarded Philosophy and Women's Studies student **Curtis Sell** with second prize in their national undergraduate essay contest for his essay "The Political Body: A Foucauldian and Butlerian Analysis of Wrongful Birth Litigation's Regulation of Life". Comprised of the work of philosophers Michel Foucault, and Judith Butler, Curtis's essay examines the impact of Canadian wrongful birth litigations on people with disabilities. Specifically, Curtis argued that wrongful birth litigation regulates what it means to have a life, whose lives are considered livable, and grievable.

Congratulations to all award winners and best wishes to our graduates as they pursue further studies and careers.

MILESTONES

Share your latest milestones (job, marriage, birth announcements, etc.) in the next issue of the King's Herald by emailing your news to kcalumni@uwo.ca. Photos are welcome, space permitting.

Mary O'Donnell '73 has retired from her position as School Counsellor with the Delta School District in British Columbia.



Joseph Ceci '80 ▲ was elected to the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in the 2015 provincial election. He represents the electoral district of Calgary-Fort as a member of the Alberta New Democratic Party, and is also a member of the provincial cabinet as Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board.



Jennifer Robson '92 ▲ has published two international bestselling books: *Somewhere in France* and its follow up, *After the War is Over*. She is currently working on the final book in her Great War Trilogy and has a second trilogy in the works, which will be set on the British home front during the Second World War.



Leah Zeidler (nee Robinson) '96 ▲ married her best friend on December 14, 2013, in Toronto, ON, in the middle of a beautiful snowstorm.



Siu Ka Kant Chong '03 ▲ welcomed his third child on May 2, 2015, to the delight of his daughter Annabelle, who is pleased to be upgraded to the position of big sister.

Tara Kenney '05 joined the King's Office of Development and Alumni Affairs team in April 2015, as Manager of Development.

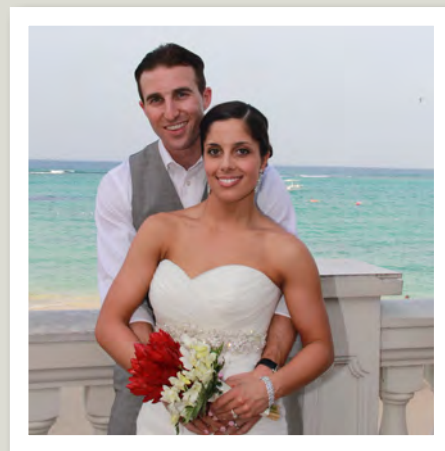


▲ Matthew Krofchick '05 (left) and **Evan Krofchick '05** (right) participated in the Toronto 2015 PanAm Torch Relay on July 6, 2015, in Toronto, ON.

Emma Swiatek (nee Cereghini) '08 returned to King's in the position of Head, Research and Information Services in the Cardinal Carter Library.



Shawn Johnston '13 has been selected as a recipient of Western University's Award of Merit - Young Alumni Award.



▲ Stacey Pontes '13 and **Jeff Guindon '09** were hitched on April 30, 2015, in Ocho Rios, Jamaica.

David Easter '14 completed his Bachelor of Education from the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton Campus, and has accepted a full-time teaching position in Drumheller, Alberta. He will be teaching a combination of religion, English, and social studies to Grades 6-12.

Victoria Arnold '15 is studying at Western University's Faculty of Education in the junior/intermediate French as a second language program.

Lanny Fisher '15 will be attending Western University's Faculty of Education in September 2015.

Thomas Gray '15 has joined the Academic Dean's Office at King's as the Academic Information Assistant.

◀ Krutika Patil '10 and **Ken Kirkpatrick '10** met and began their relationship at King's, making it a fitting location for Ken to propose. Ken currently works as a Police Constable for the Hamilton Police Service. Krutika recently graduated with a MSW/JD from the University of Windsor and began a Clerkship with the London Superior Court of Justice in August.

MILESTONES



When the Canadian Football League (CFL) opened its regular season on June 25, four former King's students were among 12 Western Mustangs who stepped onto the gridiron. Congratulations to King's alumni and associate alumni who have joined the rosters for the following CFL teams:

Shane Bergman, associate alumnus, (OL) Calgary Stampeders

Craig Butler '13, (DB) Hamilton Tiger-Cats

Rory Connop '15, (DL) Saskatchewan Roughriders

Beau Landry, associate alumnus, (LB) Hamilton Tiger-Cats

Sherry Nowlan '84 is a Climate Leader trained to provide climate reality project presentations and activities. She is one of now 7,000 volunteers who have been trained by Al Gore over the past 8 years.

The Road to Paris 2015

This is the year leaders can take a giant step forward at the United Nations' Framework Convention on Climate Change's 21st Conference of the Parties meeting in Paris (COP21) with a global agreement limiting greenhouse gases. And this is the year that people everywhere are standing up to ensure they do.



Through the Road to Paris campaign, The Climate Reality Project is uniting citizens, corporations, and organizations on every continent to demand a strong agreement at COP21 that will dramatically cut emissions and accelerate the planet-wide shift to clean energy.

Some of Canada's provinces and cities are taking a leading role in reducing emissions, and helping to pave the way for development of a strong, unifying national strategy.

Ontario successfully phased coal out of its energy portfolio and passed laws to prioritize clean energy, which led to the creation of 20,000 jobs in the renewables sector. British Columbia became the first jurisdiction in North America to introduce a carbon tax in 2008. As a result, in just its first four years, the province's per capita consumption of fuels subject to the tax declined by 19% compared to the rest of Canada. Quebec, along with California and, most recently, Ontario, established North America's largest carbon market. But even as provincial and municipal governments take big steps forward, the federal government has significant work to do in crafting a national greenhouse gas reduction strategy. It is more important than ever to both support local initiatives and demand national action.

Want to know what you can do? Visit www.climaterealityproject.org

IN MEMORY

We extend our condolences to the friends and family of:

Jenepher Watt, student, who passed away on June 8, 2015, in London, ON.

Jack Kucherawy '57, who passed away in Sifton, MB, on January 29, 2015.

David Armstrong '71, who passed away peacefully in Toronto, ON, surrounded by his family, on January 17, 2015.

Glenda McDonald '75, who passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on May 25, 2015, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Sharon Brisebois '82, who passed away on November 17, 2014, at St. Joseph's Hospice in London, ON.

Maureen Rourke '83, who passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, on February 13, 2015, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Rachel Mayos (nee Willaert) '84, who passed away peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospice, London, ON, on June 30, 2015.

David Roby '85, who passed away peacefully, surrounded by loved ones at his home on February 14, 2015.

John Soltis '93, who passed away peacefully on April 1, 2015, surrounded by family and friends.

Marco Negro '98, who passed away in Woodstock, ON, on June 6, 2015.

Rachelle "Shelley" Tigue '06, who passed away peacefully on June 8, 2015.

Joshua Baldeosingh '12, who passed away suddenly in Alberta on July 6, 2015.

Dr. Kenneth Gordon, retired Director of the School of Social Work, who passed away on April 6, 2015.

A celebration of life was held at King's on April 30, 2015, and was attended by family, students, colleagues, alumni and friends.



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