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TRENT MAGAZINE: BETA MODE

Current and Future Editions to Feature Major Changes

The folks behind *TRENT Magazine* are getting pretty darned excited. Over the past few months, we've been meeting with alumni, staff, and faculty and making plans for a new editorial direction.

We'll call what you are looking at today the Beta version.

Over the next few editions, we'll be rolling out both visual and content redesigns. Responding to several rounds of surveying, and conversations held with both readers and stakeholders, we'll be changing the look and feel of our flagship publication. While there will still be emphasis on noteworthy alumni—and how they are impacting our ever-changing world—there will be a shift to a more current affairs/academic format, with feature articles provided by both faculty and alumni that are leaders in their fields.

To celebrate, we're sending a copy out to all of the alumni that we can find. Like what you see? Simply subscribe. We'll make sure every edition makes it to your door.

The difference that will jump out at you this time around is in the content. We feature some diverse, in-depth stories with contributions from both distinguished alumni and faculty.

Waubageshig (Harvey McCue '66), co-founder of Trent's Indigenous Studies Department, has prepared a piece on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and the final report that they released in December. The article is stark in its description of residential schools. It also captures the cautious feelings that many First Nations people are experiencing regarding the success of the Commission.

We are also presenting an examination of the current and future landscape of Canadian TV/film by several alumni who have carved out successful careers in television and

film: **Stephen Stohn '66**, president of Epitome Pictures, multi-award winning executive producer of *Degrassi*, and top entertainment lawyer; **Bill Corcoran '70**, who has been in the television and motion picture industry for 40 years as director/producer, and who has directed over 300 hours of television and 30 movies; and **Bay Weyman '76**, an award-winning Canadian filmmaker with over 25 years of experience in writing, producing, and directing documentary films through his company Close Up Films.

Current Trent faculty have come together to help produce an article on the post-Paris Accord state of climate change policy. Professors Stephen Hill and Robert Paehlke offer their unique takes on what the future holds.

Our cover story stems from a one-on-one interview with alumna **The Honourable Maryam Monsef '03** and explores her first days on Parliament Hill, the life-altering experience of becoming a cabinet member, and how the position of minister of Democratic Institutions will help shape the future governments of Canada. Be sure to check out www.trentu.ca/alumni for exclusive audio clips from that interview.

Actually, while you're at it, why not take time to look around our new website? With a brand new blog, news feed, and podcast lectures and interviews (over 30 episodes and growing each week!), there is plenty available to help you plug back into Trent University life.

We hope you enjoy this new and improved *TRENT Magazine*—if you haven't already, be sure to subscribe by emailing alumni@trentu.ca. We want to share the Trent alumni experience with you.

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TUNE IN!

Alumni Affairs has been building an extensive collection of interviews and lectures on their podcast pages—almost 40 hours and counting. Recent episodes include extended interviews with Canada's Ambassador to Iceland, **Stewart Wheeler '88** and arts/dance pioneer, **Bill Kimball '75**; as well as a talk by Jack Matthews Fellow **Dalal Al-Waheidi '98** of We Day Global.



Managing editor Donald Fraser and the Minister Maryam Monsef stop for a post-interview selfie.



Audio Portions of our Minister Monsef Interview

TRENT Magazine editor—and Trent Voices podcast host—**Donald Fraser** has a long history with **Ms. Monsef**. As a *From the House Blog* exclusive, we're offering several snippets of audio from their conversation. Their chat is relaxed, candid, and wide-ranging. It's a wonderful introduction to the person behind the public face. Find the interview at: mycommunity.trentu.ca/alumni/from-the-house#BonusMaterial.

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TRAILL REVIEW IS NECESSARY

Debates about the significance and history of Trent's downtown colleges remain a key element of our identity.

Why is Trent reviewing Traill College? The answer to this question is rooted in our history. One of the things that makes this history fascinating is a continuing debate over our downtown colleges.

Peter Robinson College and Catharine Parr Traill College opened their doors in 1964. In a press release, President T.H.B. Symons described them as "the central academic units of the University, in which students will receive many of their tutorials and lectures, and around which the whole life of the University will be focused."

The ideal behind Trent's original two colleges is a powerful one which aims to place students in a small teaching and learning community that supports them during—and after—their time at university. Today, many still see colleges as a way to provide students with a close-knit community during a time when university education is increasingly impersonal.

Over time, colleges have played a diminishing role in university education in Canada and elsewhere, although "collegiate" universities continue to adapt and evolve. Some of the world's most successful universities are, in one way or another, wedded to the college model.

In Peterborough, Peter Robinson College was closed for fiscal reasons in 2001. In the midst of widespread opposition and much controversy, Traill College remained open, but was converted into a college for graduate rather than undergraduate students.

At Trent, attitudes to the traditional college ideal differ but debates about the significance and history of Trent's downtown colleges remain a key element of our identity.

When I meet with alumni across the country, many of them lament the loss of a college ideal that played a central role in their undergraduate education. They hope that the current

review of Traill can become an opportunity to recapture the college ideal and reclaim, in one college, what was a key component of Trent education.

Current members of Traill College who are committed to the education it provides are anxious about a review that brings back memories (or, if they were not at Trent, stories) of what happened as a result of past discussions of the colleges.

Other members of the Trent community are indifferent or more critical. They highlight budget issues; physical challenges with some of Traill's aging buildings; what they see as a weak and marginal connection to the downtown; and a preference for a focus on the Symons campus that to a great extent replaced Trent's original colleges.

I think that the members of all these groups should welcome the current review. The suggestion that the university should not "open this can of worms" because it is divisive, is out of place in a university which claims to teach critical thinking that invites students to "challenge the way you think."

More importantly, there are issues that Trent and Traill need to recognize

and address. If one wanted to make Traill fail, the best way to do so is by ignoring real issues that will catch up to it. One does not help a community—in a college or elsewhere—by turning a blind eye to challenges it faces.

I have outlined the issues for Traill elsewhere. I leave them for our external reviewer, Dr. Tindale, and others to address.

I do not know what recommendations will make their way back to the University, but I will say that my own vision of Trent includes Traill College. Though it must be a Traill which is organized (and possibly reorganized) in a way that will ensure its future success.

If the issues are taken seriously, the review of Traill could be a creative catalyst which could revive, in one of our component parts, the educational ideals that characterized our inception at the same time that it invigorates a connection to the downtown that would make Trent and Peterborough both better.

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Shifting Currents

New Alumni Association Council President Excited to Facilitate New Plans



It's such an exciting time to be a part of the Alumni Association Council, and it's my honour to have been elected president of the TUAA during the last Head of the Trent Regatta and Homecoming.

I first stepped foot on Trent's campus on Monday, September 2, 2002. I remember the moment so clearly, and how quickly I felt at home both on Symons campus and at my sweet little home away from home at Trill.

After growing up on the Bay of Fundy, I knew I wanted to go to a campus connected to the water. When I saw Trent in person for the first time that day, water of the Otonabee glittering as rowers glided over the waves, I knew I had picked the perfect

place. The connection I made with friends, staff, and professors only grew over my time at our alma mater, and I have enjoyed a growing relationship with the University ever since.

I'm so excited about the opportunities that surround me in my new role—a review of Trill College, the development of an Alumni Excellence and Engagement Fund, and perhaps most importantly, the implementation of the 2016-2018 Alumni Strategic Plan.

After 12 months, 75 individual and group interviews, two external consultant groups, and the combined passions of hundreds, the 2016-2018 Alumni Strategic Plan was approved by TUAA Council in November and the Trent Board of Governors in December. It includes the goals of meeting an increase in alumni needs through more stages of life, creating a lasting legacy of alumni involvement with the new Student Centre, reaching more people with more meaningful messages, and doubling our current volunteer base. It is a lofty plan with a determined group of staff and

volunteers committed to making it a reality, but we can always use more help. If you are interested in seeing our plan and getting involved with the work, please email alumni@trentu.ca.

I'd be remiss not to thank those who have been so important to the development of the plan, the success of Council, and the Alumni Affairs team. Thank you to **Bob Taylor-Vaisey '66**, past president, for the work he's done and the confidence he has in me as I take on this new role. The Strategic Plan wouldn't be possible without fellow leadership team members **Vidal Guerreiro '01**, **Armand La Barge '95**, Julie Davis, **Lee Hays '91**, and Joanne Sokolowski. To all Trent alumni, thank you for being a part of my family. The Trent community continues to be a place of lifelong learning, friendship, and opportunity—take a moment to reconnect with us in this exciting time.

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THANK YOU "Your donation has made a huge impact."

Donations from Trent friends like you provided me with greatly needed financial support. The award I received is making it possible for me to finish my degree, ultimately become a nurse, and dedicate my life to helping people with mental illness in honour of my late sister Jessica.

PAIGE CRUSE, Trent Student and Future Registered Nurse



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WHAT'S NEW AT TRENT

We're #1 in Ontario...and #2 in Canada

Reflecting leading-edge research, exceptional faculty performance across all disciplines, and an academic environment that challenges and inspires students, Trent University was named Ontario's number one undergraduate university for the fifth year in a row in the 2016 *Maclean's* University Rankings, and it rose to number two in Canada. Trent was also named the #3 research university in Canada, up from last year's fourth-place ranking, among primarily undergraduate universities for 2015, in a national innovation survey released by ReSearch Infosource.

Growing Roster of Dynamic Academic Programs

Trent University continues to develop new, innovative programming for our students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. As the complexity of medical science grows and the demand for medical professionals increases, Trent has launched a new Biomedical Sciences program, a four-year Bachelor of Science degree that offers students a multidisciplinary learning opportunity in a dynamic academic setting, including an internship component in a medical or health care-related setting.

In response to demand across numerous sectors and industries in Canada to recruit, retain and train big data and financial analytic professionals, Trent also announced two new streams of study for graduate students in the Applied Modelling and Quantitative Methods (AMOD) graduate program—Big Data Analytics and Financial Analytics.



The Financial Analytics stream will prepare students with rigorous mathematical, statistical, economic and computing modelling skills, ready to graduate with the ability to apply these skills to the quantitative analysis of industrial, commercial or financial business decisions. The Big Data Analytics stream will prepare grads for opportunities in the field of data science and big data analytics, equipping them for success in such careers as chief data officers, business analysts, data scientists, and more.

Growing Long-Term Prosperity for the Region: Trent Research and Innovation Park

A commitment to building a stronger economic and socio-cultural engine in the Peterborough community was recently made between Trent University and the City of Peterborough, as they signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to create the Trent Research and Innovation Park. The park will be an 85-acre development on Trent University's East Bank, which will contribute to leading-edge research and offer new opportunities for students while transforming the future of Peterborough, bringing jobs and development to the region.



WHAT'S NEW



New Canada Research Chair to Make Trent University International Leader in Rural Aging

Dr. Mark Skinner, a professor of geography at Trent University, has been named Canada research chair (CRC) in rural aging, health, and social care, in an official announcement made February 9, 2016 by the Honourable Kirsty Duncan, minister of Science.

Professor Skinner, a leading international authority on the evolving role of voluntarism in aging rural communities, will receive a total of \$500,000 over five years to gain a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities of aging in rural and remote regions of Canada, and to help create supportive environments for healthy rural aging.

"I want to debunk myths about rural aging; to challenge the idea that older people are vulnerable and dependent, and that rural communities are declining and not resilient," said Prof. Skinner, who is also founding director of the Trent Centre for Aging and Society. "The essence of my work is on understanding the role of the voluntary sector and volunteers in providing a continuum of care and support for older people in rural communities."

Program Innovation Abounds at Growing Durham Campus

Innovative programs and new course offerings are expanding every year at Trent University Durham. With the opportunity to combine different disciplines and take courses from programs across social sciences and humanities, students at Trent Durham have a variety of new programs to choose from and explore.



NEW

New programs for 2016 and 2017 include:

- Child & Youth Studies B.A.
- Communications & Critical Thinking B.A.
- Environmental Health B.A.*
- Entrepreneurship & Management Postgraduate Certificate

* pending Ministry approval

Trent University, in both Durham and Peterborough, not only offers dynamic programming, but aspires to be Ontario's most transfer-credit-friendly institution. Thanks to ongoing and growing collaborations and agreements with universities and colleges spanning the GTA and Eastern Ontario, it's easy for students to maximize their credits earned and transfer their educational experience to complete a Trent degree.



Campus Updates: B.A.ta Library Refresh

Following the recent \$1 million gift to the library from long-time Trent supporters David and Joan Moore, Trent University's Bata Library is one step closer to becoming a more modern and dynamic learning hub. The multi-million dollar library renewal project is a key initiative in Trent University's \$50 Million Campaign: *Unleash the Potential*. Recently, architecture and design firm, Perkins + Will, was selected to oversee the creation of new collaborative study spaces and innovative services in the library. "The space plan that Perkins + Will produces will help us create a vibrant and exciting environment for research and discovery. Trent University, and its library, are defined by world-class research, and education and 21st century research, teaching and learning require new spaces, services and resources," said Robert Clarke, University Librarian. The updates will include project rooms for collaborative work, small group study pods, a discovery centre for student research and innovation, and a facility for the digital preservation of special collections and resources, an active learning classroom, and much more. Progress on the transformation will depend upon available funding, which will include further philanthropic support.

Trent Leads Province for Increase in Fall 2016 Applications



With a growing reputation as Ontario's leading undergraduate university, Trent led the province for the highest percentage increase in applications for fall 2016 according to data released by the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC). OUAC's report on data from the application deadline of January 13, 2016 showed total applications to Trent University have grown by 16.6% compared to January 2015, the largest percentage increase among Ontario universities, while the system has grown by 2.3%. Trent also led the province's universities for an increase of 17.3% in applications from high school students against a system average of 1.5%. High school applicants selecting Trent University as their first choice grew by 7.4%.



MAKING THE PUBLIC PERSONAL: Maryam Monsef's Quest for Inclusivity

Her past has been celebrated by *The Globe and Mail*, *CBC*, *Huffington Post*, and more. *TRENT Magazine* sat down with the newly-minted minister of Democratic Institutions to explore her future.

Since the federal election of October 19, 2015, there have been countless stories written that portray The Honourable Minister Maryam Monsef as a young woman who fled Afghanistan as a child with her widowed mother and two sisters. This isn't one of them.

Instead, it is a story about a driven individual who has made the giant leap from fledgling local community leader to one of the most important politicians in Canada, the often bewildering pace at which life has changed for her, and the personal challenge of moving from behind the spotlight to directly in front of it.

It is also a glimpse ahead to the potentially nation-altering task she has ahead of her.

This story actually begins a year or so before the federal election, on August 27, 2014, when Ms. Monsef was greeted on the steps of Peterborough City Hall by a crowd of enthusiastic supporters.



The Swearing-In Ceremony of the Prime Minister and his Cabinet on November 4, 2015. Photo courtesy of Sgt Ronald Duchesne, Rideau Hall. © Her Majesty The Queen in Right of Canada represented by the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General, 2016.

Her announcement to run for mayor shook the municipal political landscape.

Many in the community, frustrated by what they saw as out-of-touch leadership on council, viewed Ms. Monsef as a uniquely-stationed figure to rally around. Young, female, a new Canadian, she was seen as the antithesis to the perceived “old guard.” Not only that, she was the representative of choice for progressive lobbyists and activists—particularly the “No Parkway” side of a transportation debate that garnered both daily headlines and heated rhetoric.

“I have come to see that now is the time for me to run,” she announced. “The issues that I care about affect the whole city, every ward. These issues are at risk of not being properly examined and discussed in this election.”

And with much of the City rallying behind her, she ran a campaign that seriously challenged the status quo.

Political experts will tell you that there is very much such thing as a successful losing campaign, and Ms. Monsef’s narrow defeat—by a mere 1,331 of over 21,000 votes cast—

brought thousands of disenfranchised individuals back into the political process and paved the way for future personal political gain. Success came rapidly.

Six months later, Ms. Monsef barnstormed the Peterborough Liberal nomination process. Buoyed by an influx of recruited new party members, she rode the “Anyone But Harper” wave to become representative for Peterborough/Kawartha. Throughout the process, she gained the support of many of the local party faithful.

“I see my role within this portfolio as strengthening Canadians’ trust and appreciation for these democratic institutions.”

Again, it was a case of engaging those who were frustrated and alienated by the political process of recent years. And again, the decision was close, with Ms. Monsef winning by a mere 20 of over 1,500 cast votes.

She took the opportunity to engage all local Liberal members.

“For those who did not cast a ballot for me today, my job from here on will be to earn your trust and support,” she promised.

The rest, of course, is history. Ms. Monsef delivered on her promise,

constantly building momentum throughout the longest electoral race in Canadian history, and taking the riding with a comfortable 44% of the vote.

All in all, it was a pretty impressive 14 months—and a journey that took an incredible amount of energy and dedication.

“It was a whirlwind to say the least,” she recalls. “The past year has been filled with many challenges, many obstacles—I called them mountains to climb—and I’m really proud of my accomplishments.” Which is a rare admission from the young minister, who is a staunch deflector of praise and quick to turn compliments towards others—in particular, towards how proud she is of her community for embracing political change.

It is only when pushed that she offers more in the way of explanation.

“I’m an introvert,” Ms. Monsef confesses. “So more than anything, as the days go by—whether I’m at the grocery store or at the restaurant with my family, or walking the streets of Peterborough or Ottawa, or even online—the kind remarks, the support, the encouragement are all truly humbling. I’m humbled more than anything else.”

Much of this humility is built into her personality. Those close to Ms. Monsef will tell you that what you see is what you get. She's true to herself and to those around her. But much of this humility also stems from the responsibility inherited with her new position of privilege.

"I know that I'm not just representing Peterborough/Kawartha," she explains. "I know that there's an opportunity to make inroads for other women, for young women, immigrants, other muslims, and people who, in general, don't see themselves as reflected within the democratic process. I take that responsibility very seriously."

Indeed, it is this seriousness—this earnestness—that most likely led to her cabinet appointment.

For Ms. Monsef is a careful and poised public speaker; one who chooses her words as if they were precious stones—cognizant of their worth, knowing they are too valuable to be tossed about. Which is very much the truth when tasked with such politically sensitive portfolio.

Not that she's had much time to reflect on this appointment, or even the steps that brought her to power.

"The election happened on October 19th. Around 10:30 pm we knew what the results were. At 7:00 am the next day I was working. I was on the job. I had a total of six days where I wasn't working. During that time I did have an opportunity to process some of this. I think hitting the ground running means you don't have much time to linger over what just happened. I'm aware of the magnitude of this change that Canadians brought about, both in the country and the riding."

And then, before she knew it, she was in Ottawa, preparing to be publically named to a cabinet position that she honestly didn't see coming.

"I wasn't expecting it," Ms. Monsef confesses. "I just worked really hard to be the representative for Peterborough Kawartha and wasn't expecting it."

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THREE OTHER TRENT ALUMNI IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

CHRISTINA VASILEVSKI '03

Minister Monsef isn't the only Trent alum to have been elected in the 2015 federal election—three other graduates of Trent are also in the House of Commons. Given Trent's history of environmental and political activism, it's no surprise to see that the University's alumni are deeply involved in issues like gender equality, environmental protection and economic equality.



NATHAN CULLEN '94

Minister Nathan Cullen is the NDP critic for two government portfolios: Democratic Reform (the portfolio that Minister Monsef represents) and Environment and Climate Change. He has represented the riding of Skeena—Bulkley Valley in northwestern British Columbia since 2004, where he has advocated for greater environmental protection—including opposing the Northern Gateway oil pipeline—and First Nations rights.

In 2014 he introduced Bill C-628, *An Act to Defend the Pacific Northwest*, which addressed community involvement in energy projects and the threat of oil supertanker spills. That same year he was named the "Most Knowledgeable MP" at *Maclean's* magazine's Parliamentarian of the Year Awards. He also ran in the NDP leadership race in 2012, reaching third place. Mr. Cullen graduated with a B.A. honours in international studies development and environmental studies/science.



SHEILA MALCOLMSON '85

Minister Sheila Malcolmson is the NDP critic for Status of Women, and is the first MP ever elected in the new riding of Nanaimo—Ladysmith, BC, which was created from portions of the older ridings of Nanaimo—Alberni (a long-time Conservative riding) and Nanaimo—Cowichan (a long-time NDP riding).

Before joining federal politics, she was chair of the Islands Trust Council, a federation of local island governments along the Strait of Georgia and Howe Sound in British Columbia. In her role with the Islands Trust Council, she was involved in issues surrounding ferry service, marine safety, and ensuring environmental safety by preventing oil spills. Prior to that, she worked for multiple NGOs as an energy policy analyst—a career directly related to the B.A. in environmental studies/science she earned at Trent.



MARJOLAINE BOUTIN-SWEET '74

Minister Marjolaine Boutin-Sweet is the NDP Party whip and the party's critic for Housing, and has represented the Montreal riding of Hochelaga since 2011. During her first term in office, she sat on committees for several different portfolios, including Heritage, Transport, and Status of Women. After her win in the 2015 election, she stated that she would fight for social housing funding and for families having trouble making ends meet.

Before joining the House of Commons, Ms. Boutin-Sweet worked as a guide at the Montreal Museum of Archaeology for nearly 20 years. While at the museum, she also helped to found its employee union and sat on the committee for the status of women in the Centrale des Syndicats Democratiques (congress of democratic trade unions). Her museum work is a fine continuation of her studies at Trent, where she graduated with a B.A. in anthropology.

With members of Parliament in Ontario, British Columbia and Quebec, Trent once again shows that it can prepare its students for the realities of political issues across the country, and that voters across Canada share the university's focus on activism and advocacy.



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Ms. Monsef addresses attendees of Trent's International Institute for Environmental Studies launch.

But appointed she was. And like anyone else would, she drank in the Trudeaumania experience and the celebratory air that surrounded Parliament Hill. The difference, however, is that Ms. Monsef was not merely witnessing the events unfolding; she was a part of them.

"That morning we all met at a hotel. It was the first time that it was being revealed to us who else would be joining the prime minister's cabinet. We got onto two separate buses and had an opportunity on the way to Rideau Hall to get to know one another a bit more, and find out who was doing what—and who was responsible for what portfolio. We got there, met with the prime minister and his wife, had a chance for everyone to congregate and reflect on what was happening. And then we walked that walk."

Ms. Monsef was thrilled to witness the buzz that this new government was creating, both on traditional and social media. But none of that could compare for witnessing the excitement firsthand.

"One of the most special moments of my life was that walk and seeing Canadians of all ages, of all backgrounds, that had travelled far and not so far to be there, to be part of that special moment. Just to see them lined up and excited about their government. And appreciating the opportunity to be part of that moment, knowing that this is a moment in our modern history where we're hitting the reset button and choosing the kind of government and the kind of country that we want to build."



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Ms. Monsef and **The Honourable Jeff Leal '74**, minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and MPP of Peterborough, at the Trent University's Institute for Environmental Studies launch.

The party, however, was short-lived, and Ms. Monsef began work in earnest.

While the portfolio of Democratic Institutions has several mandates—all of which were integral to the Liberal electoral platform—two jump out as having massive impact on the shape of future Canadian governments: bringing forward a proposal to create a new, non-partisan, merit-based process to advise the prime minister on Senate appointments; and the establishment of a special parliamentary committee to consult on electoral reform, including an alternative to the "first past the post" electoral process.

"Ultimately," she says, "I see my role within this portfolio as strengthening Canadians' trust and appreciation for these democratic institutions that we are so fortunate to have."

While Ms. Monsef recognizes the dedication that senators have long put into their roles, she also recognizes the importance of change.

"For generations, senators have worked hard to serve Canadians," she notes. "But in the recent past, Canadian confidence in that institution has been hampered. And it has been hampered by that perception of partisanship."

In January, she announced the creation of what the Liberals promise is an independent and non-partisan body to provide merit-based recommendations on Senate nominations. She calls it more "inclusive" and promises that it will change the "tone and culture of Senate."

As for electoral reform, she says they are in "the process of designing the process." And that it will take awhile.

“There’s an opportunity to make inroads for... young women, immigrants, other muslims, and people who, in general, don’t see themselves as reflected within the democratic process.”

“You know me,” she points out. “The grassroots initiatives that I’ve been a part of, the community-building work that I’ve done, has taught me that the process is just as important as the outcome.... For me it is very important to include the voices of those individuals whose voices have not been heard in the past. People who are cynical about the way that our democracy and elections work. My goal is to go out of my way to include them in the process.”

In fact, much of what she knows about Trent’s history is echoed in her current mandate as minister of Democratic Institutions and the personal philosophy she brings to her portfolio.

“At a higher level this is an institution that was built by the

people. It was a collaborative process by the private and public sector and the citizens of this community. They came together, they dreamed a really big dream, and then they made it happen.... Trent’s birth is a really good reminder of how important it is for us to dream big. And to work with a wide variety of stakeholders—labour groups and the private sector and the public sector and individuals.”

Ms. Monsef holds Trent’s notion of lifelong learning close to heart. She recognizes that she is surrounded by experienced leaders in the House of Commons, and open to all that they can teach her.

But she has also gained wisdom in some unlikely places.

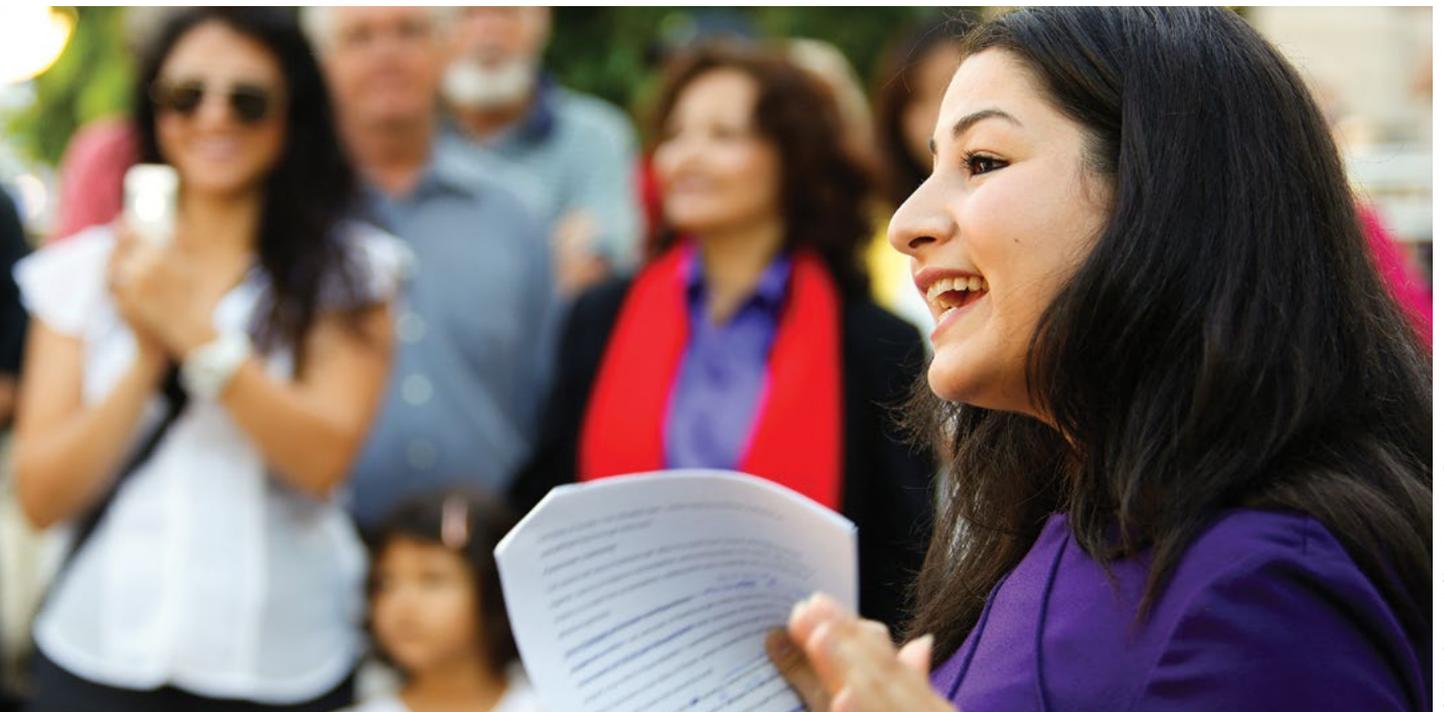
“Just around the corner from my office is a cafeteria, and in that

cafeteria, staff, elected officials, as well as the young people working on the hill, dine. It’s a great opportunity to have conversations with pages. So you never know where you are going to have meaningful conversations, and that was a cool place for me to have one.”

Instead of merely taking the opportunity to impart wisdom upon the young political hopefuls, she instead takes time to listen.

“And the entire time I’m thinking to myself, ‘Oh, my, here I am talking to our future leaders!’”

When it comes to inspiration, she continues to look where the spotlight rarely shines. For Minister Maryam Monsef, every voice matters.



Clifford Skarstedt/Peterborough Examiner

“...The kind remarks, the support, the encouragement, are all truly humbling.”

MAKING PETERBOROUGH HOME: Trent University Comes Together to Support Refugees

Translation services, admissions and enrolment support, and more than \$35,000 raised for the World University Service of Canada Student Refugee Program (WUSC SRP); these are just a few of the ways that the Trent community has come together in response to the overwhelming concern expressed over the plight of an historic wave of refugees seeking to escape war and strife in Syria and Northern Africa.

This past September Trent launched **#TrentUHelps**, a fundraising effort to increase Trent's commitment to refugee students, and in just a few months the campaign raised more than \$35,000, enough to sponsor three Syrian students in 2016.

"When we launched this campaign the response was overwhelming. Trent has a long-standing history of supporting students and the generous contribution we've seen for the Trent/WUSC Student Refugee Program has been no different," said Dr. Leo Groarke, president and vice-chancellor of Trent University.

Outside of the fundraising support, members across the Trent community have raised their hands to help. Trent will be providing admissions and enrolment support, as well as ESL for Syrian Refugees of university age, through the Trent International Program (TIP); a furniture donation drive will be led by the Trent Central Student Association at the end of the semester; and Trent has offered to provide space at no charge for private sponsorship groups.

Khaled Aldawodi '11, a recent graduate from Trent's Business Administration program, is also leading a group of Arabic-speaking Trent students in providing interpretation and support services to community sponsoring groups and refugee families.

I know Arabic and I am from the Middle East. I know how Syrians are suffering and I thought to myself, I would like to help," explains Aldawodi, who has now gathered 14 Arabic-speaking people that will be meeting with new refugees.

Trent was also host to a Refugee Symposium, an evening of learning,

discussion and brainstorming on how to work towards the successful integration of Syrian refugee families into the Peterborough community. Over 400 community members gathered at Wenjack Theatre for the event.

"So many of our community agencies are working together with the shared goal of creating a welcoming environment for refugees, specifically to lay the groundwork for our new citizens to be successful in building a new life here," explained **Melanie Sedge '04**, Trent University's representative on the Peterborough Refugee Resettlement Task Force. "This includes every aspect of integrating new Canadians, from education and health, housing and finances, employment, language and everything in between. Peterborough is an outstanding example of what a community can do when it pulls together and I am proud that Trent University is a part of this important collaboration."

Trent University has been sponsoring one student per year through the WUSC SRP since 1983.



The #TrentUHelps campaign raised both funds and awareness for local Syrian refugee programs.



Let's talk about this! Bud Glunz/National Film Board of Canada. Photothèque/PA-134110.



Whither the Truth and Reconciliation Commission?

WAUBAGESHIG (HARVEY MCCUE) '66

With the establishment of a residential Indian Manual Training School at Alderville (Alnwick) on the north-east shore of Rice Lake in 1839, the joint effort of the Methodist Church and the Indian Department of Upper Canada marked the beginning of the era of Indian residential schools throughout the country. Within a decade, the Alderville school featured conditions that were to set a precedent for those that followed. Parents and leaders complained to authorities of the school's harsh treatment of their children by the missionaries and the inadequacy of their shelter and clothing. Despite an abiding interest to educate their children in the ways of newcomers, so many parents removed their children that by Confederation, the school was abandoned. After Confederation, renewed interest in residential schools by both federal and

church authorities (but for different reasons) kick-started an aggressive policy that led to the presence of over 80 schools across Canada 100 years later, and ultimately, more than 130.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) led by Justice Murray Sinclair, an Anishinabe judge from Manitoba, has revealed to Canadians the awful truths of these schools and the depths of the suffering, humiliation, and fear they inflicted on the seven generations of children that were, in most cases, forced to attend them. From the first initiative in Alderville, the churches' primary interest in the schools was economic—principally in the fees (that is, tuition) for each student that came from either the colonial or federal governments, and secondarily, the income from produce and farm goods that the schools' student labour produced.

The willingness of the federal government following Confederation to offer annual tuition to the appropriate church and/or school per student contributed to an uncoordinated and unsupervised expansion of schools. Residential schools were, for a period, popping up like autumnal puff balls driven by the promise of federal monies for every student that could be hauled into the school by whatever means. Of course, the government was happy—any increase in the number of Indian youths in these schools increased the potential for “civilized,” that is, God-fearing and culturally disenfranchised, youth. As long as the federal tuition dollars continued unabated and the students continued to serve as unpaid labour for the schools' agriculture and livestock, the participating churches were happy too.

While cursory attention was paid to literacy and numeracy, the schools' education program focused more on meeting the federal government's intention to kill the Indian in the child. Consequently, corporal punishments were wide-spread techniques employed to prevent the use of tribal languages and to coerce children to adapt to western ways. Additionally, most children were prevented from any family contact throughout their residency. As we now know, the measures to kill the Indian in the child too-often killed children, too.

Between the middle of the twentieth century and the creation of the TRC, the few Canadians who may have learned a little of the sorry history of residential schools and their impacts on the several generations of students forced to attend them often drew parallels between the Canadian experience and residential or boarding schools in England. References to corporal or physical punishments, the separation of youths from families, and the apparent cruelty of masters and tutors were raised as evidence to argue that Indian residential schools were really not that different. What was seldom, if ever, pointed out during these references was the fact that English families chose to send their children to these schools, however physically demanding they might have been; students were not treated as indentured labourers, and they were not forced to surrender their cultural values nor their language as a condition of their attendance.



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Furthermore, there is little, if any, evidence that English boarding schools poorly-clothed and partially starved students, as did so many (if not all) Indian residential schools.

The work of the TRC over its six-year mandate, and its well-publicized Final Report and 94 recommendations or Calls to Action, catalogue the abuses and horrors of this wretched public policy inflicted on defenceless children, and revealed them to a nation in detail too specific to be either ignored or challenged.

Almost 7,000 people made recommendations

For many Canadians the details are gut-wrenching, with reactions ranging from incredulity to shock. But what of the survivors? Did the TRC provided any respite for them? During seven four-day national events convened at Winnipeg, Inuvik, Halifax, Saskatoon, Montreal, Vancouver and Edmonton, two regional events at Victoria and Whitehorse, and 77 local hearings across Canada, thousands of survivors and others connected to a school in one way or another presented their stories, either publicly or privately. For the survivors that appeared before the Commission, the TRC has informed the public about what they endured in ways that neither they nor their families ever could

have. For the almost 7,000 people who made formal representations to the TRC, the mere act of being heard was cathartic. For them—finally—someone in authority not only listened to their often-painful stories, but they also heard them.

No longer were their stories treated as unsubstantiated recollections, or worse, as figments of damaged imaginations. For many survivors, the TRC became the vehicle that enabled many of them to disclose their hitherto hidden pain, suffering, sorrow, and in too many cases, shame.

And what of the rest of Canada? Will the work and 94 Calls to Action of the TRC make a difference with Canadians? In the short term the answer, unfortunately, is no. Apart from discovering the shameful truth about the terrible effects of residential schools, including the deaths of several thousand Indigenous youth, the majority of Canadians will be hard-pressed to know what to do about its recommendations. Will they pressure governments and institutions to act on some or all of the TRC's recommendations? Not likely. Prior to the recent federal election, Justin Trudeau and Tom Mulcair made pre-election promises to implement these recommendations if they became the next federal government. Stephen Harper's silence during the TRC's closing ceremonies spoke volumes about what he intended to do if he won re-election. Of the numerous campaign promises offered by Justin Trudeau, he committed his government, if elected, to respond to all 94 recommendations!

The final report is available online www.trc.ca

94 Calls to Action

For Canada, facing up to and taking concrete action on the realities and contributing factors of Aboriginal life today remains an elusive objective. Despite the reports of the TRC and the 1996 Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples, both of which outline in painful, laborious details much of those realities and contributing factors, as a country we remain either sufficiently unconcerned (thereby enabling authorities to ignore or gloss over the accumulated recommendations), or we shake our collective heads, somewhat in disbelief over what has befallen the Aboriginal population, but always in puzzlement over how to remedy the issues. It seems that no amount of information Canadians have about the Aboriginal population will be enough to rouse the country to demand its political, economic and institutional leaders sit with the appropriate Aboriginal representatives to discuss and jointly identify how best to resolve

the many ills that continue to afflict a steadily growing segment of the national population.

One can only conclude that there remains a persistent attitude among too many Canadians that the Aboriginal population, in its desire to retain the fundamental elements of aboriginality—including treaty rights and their continued residence on 639 reserves—is not only misguided, but it is the principal reason so many of them continue to live in sub-standard conditions. In effect, we believe they are still the authors of their own sad, sorry situation. And in that regard, not much has changed since John A. Macdonald and Duncan Campbell Scott sought to kill the Indian in the child.

For the long term, the answer may be less pessimistic. If Prime Minister Trudeau's government is able to implement even a third of the TRC's 94 Calls to Action during his first term of office, incremental positive changes

in attitudes and policies towards the challenges that many First Nations communities continue to encounter will take shape. In time, as he and other prime ministers continue to respond to the remaining Calls to Action, the hoped-for changes will contribute to a political and social understanding that the much-needed reforms to Aboriginal conditions can and will only be achieved through economic, social and political partnerships. And in time the realization among all Canadians that Aboriginal people are not the authors of their misfortunes will emerge and the country will recognize the value of according its Aboriginal population both the respect it deserves and the appropriate means by which it can enjoy its fair share of Canada's prosperity and social conditions. And all without having to kill the Indian in the child.



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Waubageshig (Harvey McCue '66)

co-founded Trent University's Indian Eskimo Studies (now Indigenous Studies) Program with Professor Thomas Symons and taught within the program for 14 years. He later served as director of Education Services for the Cree School Board in Northern Quebec and then as the first-ever First Nations director general of Indian Education at Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada. Mr. McCue currently works in Ottawa as a consultant on Aboriginal topics in health, education, self-government, gaming, public relations, and economic development. He has published many articles including editorials for the *Journal of Canadian Studies*, a chapter in *Aboriginal Ontario*, and several curricula on contemporary Aboriginal issues and Aboriginal science posted on Industry Canada's SchoolNet. He has BA in sociology from Trent, an MA from McMaster (1978), and two grandchildren.



BUILDING A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT

Partnerships Flourish at First Peoples House of Learning

Supporting each other to build a stronger community is something **Adam Hopkins '03** knows all about. As director of the First Peoples House of Learning (FPHL) at Trent University, the home of Indigenous student services and Indigenous campus and community initiatives on campus, Mr. Hopkins has been a strong player in building and maintaining community partnerships to support students.

Connecting Trent to local First Nations communities, FPHL provides services, support, and a home away from home for Indigenous students from all over the world. For non-Indigenous students, it's a place to build awareness and to become immersed in new and traditional cultural experiences.

"We're not a stand-alone organization," explains Hopkins. "All of the work we do to support Indigenous learners here at Trent and in the community is through strong partnerships. We work closely with local First Nation communities, both through our Aboriginal Education Council and through local community services agencies. We also work with all Trent University student supports, administrative and academic departments."

Recently the FPHL has launched new dynamic collaborations, including a partnership at the Nogojiwanong Friendship Centre and Nijkiwendidaa Anishnaabekwewag Services Circle in Peterborough to share resources, and a new project between Peterborough Rotary, Curve Lake First Nations, and Trent University called *Seeds of Good Life*. This project is focused on interviewing and sharing Elders' stories



about how they took the "good path" in order to reduce suicides in the community. Trent's FPHL orientation program for Indigenous students has also expanded to collaborate with Fleming College to bring the Biishkaa orientation program, which translates to "rise up" in Anishnaabe, to even more incoming Indigenous learners.

With the help of the FPHL, students experience and learn about Indigenous knowledges and ways of understanding the world in

a comfortable, safe environment. Traditional teachings are provided by elders, traditional teachers, and other Indigenous community members and knowledge holders in an informal setting. The teachings originate from a variety of Indigenous communities and are designed to teach traditional values systems.

"It's important to have a good relationship with internal partners here at Trent, but equally important are those external partners," said Hopkins. "Developing these partnerships has been about taking a closer look at our programming, and acknowledging and understanding why some students may not come to us. These external partnership developments are about finding all avenues possible to support our students."

For more than 50 years, Trent has incorporated traditional teachings and perspectives into its curricular and extra-curricular programming. Trent's leadership in Indigenous studies dates back to our beginnings as the first university in Canada to establish an academic department dedicated to the study of Indigenous peoples.

Learn more about the FPHL by visiting trentu.ca/fphl.



ALUMNI STUDENT CENTRE CHALLENGE

UNLEASH THE POTENTIAL



"I am thrilled to see the same enthusiasm I felt in 1964 in today's students. This will be a space not only for academic work but for the sorts of extracurricular activities that help young people grow and develop as individuals and citizens."

Bob Lightbody '64



"We are really excited about the new Student Centre! This project will mean so much to future generations of Trent students. Room for clubs, new classrooms and study space, event space and more."

Alaine Spiwak, President, Trent Central Student Association



"A new Student Centre will help enable the 'thought anarchy' of our students. It will be a place where their drive and passion will thrive, prosper and multiply. We accepted the Alumni Student Centre Challenge, and ask you to accept it too."

Prof. Suresh Narine '91
Rekha Narine '95

UNLEASH THE POTENTIAL TRENT UNIVERSITY'S \$50 MILLION CAMPAIGN

Matching funds available

ACCEPT THE ALUMNI STUDENT CENTRE CHALLENGE

Trent students are challenging you to help them realize their dream of a new Student Centre on the Symons Campus.

They are so committed to this project that they are raising, through a special levy, \$10.5 million of the \$16 million required. The levy includes current and future students. Basically, they have taken on the mortgage for the new centre. Quite a commitment!

Now they are challenging alumni to make a five-year pledge to help their dream become a reality.

One of your fellow alumni was so impressed by the students' vision that they have offered **\$750,000 in matching funds**. This means that whatever donation you make, no matter the size, it will be **matched**. It also allows us to offer first-time donors a special incentive. If you have never given to Trent before, your donation will be **double matched**. What a great opportunity to leverage your gift!

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Why do students need a Student Centre, and why should you help them?

Symons is still a small campus, but it was built for 3,000 students and there are now over 7,000. There are 50 clubs and 25 levy groups, all needing space. The Bata Library is still the primary gathering space on campus but it cannot provide the study and meeting space for a growing student population. The same is true of the Colleges, which remain the foundation of the Trent experience but are strained to accommodate all the needs.

Trent is committed to ensuring a personal and interactive education and it does not all happen in the classroom. Publishing a magazine, hosting conferences, working with the community to lead social change, teaching language skills, holding public meetings, and participating in music and theatrical events are just some of the activities Trent students engage in, activities that spark creativity and help them become the change agents of the future.

And isn't that what being a Trent student is all about?



"A Student Centre will allow everyone, including all those who do not live on campus, to come together and keep alive the wonderful sense of community that we enjoyed when we were here."

Linwood Barclay '73
Neetha Sands Barclay '72

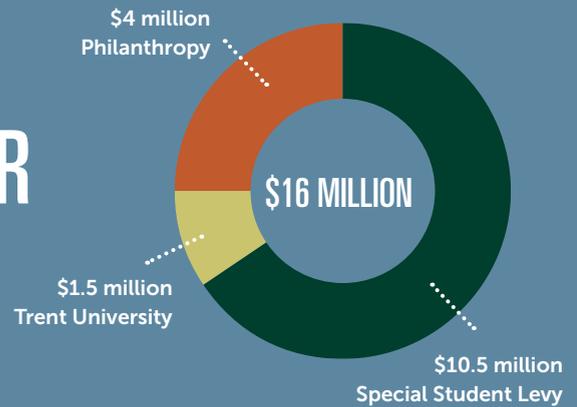


"The demand for services on the Symons Campus has grown dramatically. I am impressed that today's students committed themselves and future students to support the building of the new centre to the tune of \$10.5 million. This is a much-needed development and I am happy to accept the students' challenge."

Dr. Tom Miller '82

BUILDING AN EVEN STRONGER TRENT COMMUNITY

Students are doing their part.
Now they are calling on you to do yours.



"I remember when I first started at Trent, we had a lot of meetings off-campus at people's houses or in dorm rooms because there wasn't room to study at the library or to hold club meetings," says **Kate Ahrens (Gillespie) '02**. "It's exciting to think about having an official Trent Student Centre to meet the needs of the students of today!"



For alumni such as Kate, who is now vice-president of Flying Colours, a global leader in innovative aviation modification services, carving out space on a busy Trent campus was an ongoing hurdle to running effective groups. And every year the struggle to house student organizations has grown.

A new Student Centre, in conjunction with Trent's colleges and Bata Library, will create lively spaces that will help future generations enjoy and benefit from the unique Trent student experience that you remember as alumni.

The centre will be home to two state-of-the-art, high tech classrooms and a 250-seat tiered lecture theatre that can also host special events and performances. It will also provide space for Trent's new Centre for Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation, which will equip students with the knowledge, tools, experiences and supports they need to become successful innovators and entrepreneurs.

The building has been designed by Teeple Architects to complement Trent's iconic Ron Thom architecture. It will grace the banks of the Otonabee River, beside the Bata Library, and will be constructed and operated along environmentally responsible and sustainable principles.

Trent has a long tradition of politics, social justice, environmental activism, arts and culture. It is known for innovation, entrepreneurship and philanthropy. The Student Centre will further foster these interests and talents. It will be a place where knowledge, experience, and imagination meet and where students can unleash their potential.

Help Trent students realize their dream. Accept the Alumni Student Centre Challenge today.

A sample of some of Trent's diverse student clubs and groups

- Sustainable Trent
- Trent Business Students Association
- Trent International Students Association
- Trent Students for Literacy
- Trent University Emergency First Response Team
- Trent University Music Society
- Trent University Native Association
- Trent Walk Home Program
- Trent Model United Nations Society



"It is an honour to be able to contribute to an institution that reflects those elements of the Trent experience which have meant so much to my life, and could mean so much to the lives of Trent students in the future."

Stephen Stohn '66

ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE TODAY!

Students are making a \$95 dollar-a-year pledge.
Can you do the same or more for five years?

Your annual gift	Length of pledge	Your total gift	Monthly amount
\$95	5 years	\$475	\$7.93
\$190	5 years	\$950	\$15.84
\$285	5 years	\$1,425	\$23.75
\$380	5 years	\$1,900	\$31.67
or more			

THE MATCH

Your gift, no matter the size, will be **matched**.



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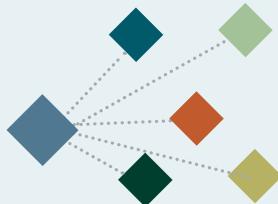
If you have never given to Trent before, your gift will be **doubled matched**.



Accept the Alumni Student Centre Challenge today and challenge five friends to do the same. This is a unique opportunity to build on the experience you had as a Trent student and pay it forward for generations to come.

THE CHALLENGE

Please challenge five other alumni or friends.



"I am definitely in favour of adding a new student centre to Trent's campus. While I may have graduated by the time the centre is complete, I feel as though my contribution through my student fees would be well worth it for future students. It would be nice to have a common area for all Trent students to enjoy together."

Rachel Shorten

Third year, English & History

"The joy of hanging out is like musicians jamming, where riffs become songs."

Christopher Ward '67



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IS PARIS MELTING?

TRENT Magazine interviews two faculty about the next chapter in our climate future.

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The Paris Agreement has had world leaders trumpeting a major victory in the battle against climate change. It has also garnered positive headlines in ways that haven't been seen since the striking of the Kyoto Protocol. What it hasn't done is gain universal praise.

Some climate experts suggest that the accord is "too little, too late," while several major environmental NGOs have noted that the Agreement depends too much on promises and aims and not enough on firm commitments.

TRENT Magazine approached two current Trent Environmental & Resource Studies/Sciences professors in order to get their take on both the Agreement and the current state of climate policy. TRENT Magazine managing editor Donald Fraser took turns asking questions. This is what they had to say:

1. As a society, are we finally taking climate change seriously?

Robert Paehlke: It has been a long time coming, but even in Ottawa, we humans seem to understand that climate change is profoundly serious. Recent climate-related events have awakened the indifferent and even some doubters. It is hard to ignore the array: droughts in California (a key North American food source), monster Asian typhoons, rising and acidified seas and frequent "once-in-a-century" floods.

We also now realize that solutions exist that do not require washing clothes in streams or eating only rutabagas. Rather, the post-carbon future will be high tech and might even be pleasant. What too few yet appreciate, however, is how comprehensive change must be and how fast it needs to happen.

Stephen Hill: Maybe. We're taking climate change more seriously than in the past but I don't think we've fully reconciled our collective concern about climate change with our desire to build more roads and highways, renovate kitchens rather than insulate our leaky homes, and keep our national economy primed by selling more and more oil and natural gas each year. We all want fewer greenhouse gases going into the atmosphere, but we're only starting to recognize that this means we need to transition to a far more efficient, low-carbon, and fair energy system.

2. What short-term steps need to be taken to meet the Paris Accord targets?

RP: The overarching collective target, which Canada supported, seeks to limit average global temperature change to well under 2 degrees. This is a massive undertaking—we are already very near to a 1-degree change. Canada's



DR. ROBERT PAEHLKE is a political scientist and professor emeritus. He is a founding editor

(1971) of the Canadian journal/magazine *Alternatives: Canadian Environmental Ideas & Action*. He is the author of: *Some Like It Cold: The Politics of Climate Change in Canada* (2008); *Democracy's Dilemma: Environment, Social Equity, and the Global Economy* (MIT Press, 2004), a book on sustainability in a global age; and *Environmentalism and the Future of Progressive Politics* (Yale UP, 1991). He has edited *Conservation and Environmentalism: An Encyclopedia* (1995) and *Managing Leviathan: Environmental Politics and the Administrative State* (1990 and 2005). He has published more than 100 articles and chapters on environmental policy, the history of environmentalism, sustainability and climate change.

DR. STEPHEN HILL

is an associate professor and the 2011 winner of the T.H.B Symons Award for Excellence in Teaching. His work involves understanding policies and actions for preventing climate change. Professor Hill approaches research and teaching from an interdisciplinary perspective. His background spans a range of fields including a post-doctoral fellowship in the Haskayne School of Business (University of Calgary), a PhD in environmental science from the Faculty of Environmental Design (University of Calgary), and undergraduate degrees in chemical engineering (Queen's) and biology (Queen's). Hill is a registered professional engineer in the province of Ontario. His many publications include: "Canada and the Kyoto Quagmire" (in *Mad Cows and Mothers Milk*) and "Local Heroics: One Size Doesn't Fit All When It Comes to Climate Policy" in *Alternatives Journal*.



fair share of achieving the target leaves us with a long way to go. Our new government has not yet established our national reduction goals, nor could it have immediately after an election.

Canada's target decisions need to appreciate that, historically, North America has been out of step with the world. Poorer nations consume a trivial fraction (per capita) of what Canadians have consumed, or consume now. Europe, with comparable living standards, uses about half the energy that we do. Canada should aim to quickly get to where Europe is now. Europe's big edges include: smaller cars, more energy-efficient manufacturing, greater transit use, more walking and cycling, and somewhat smaller living spaces. Our cold weather and large land area are lesser factors (most travel is short haul movement near to home). The Europe–Canada differences arose out of decades of higher European energy prices.

The short-term change we need most, then, is putting a price on carbon. With oil prices at rock bottom, the time is opportune to do so. I do not believe that pricing carbon would greatly impact Canadian fossil energy industry in the short term. Other badly needed policies are public investment in transit and cycling infrastructure and in electric cars and renewable energy. When bike lanes are separated physically more people ride and auto traffic actually moves faster. Further, we need to recognize that renewable energy creates more jobs per dollar invested compared to fossil energy, and that Canada's *renewable* energy possibilities are also vast.

SH: In the short term, there are lots of things we can do to reduce greenhouse gases. I often tell students that we need to be doing everything we can—a full-court press—and that any action is important. But, I'll suggest a few priorities for people to consider. First, Canadians need to ask their politicians to put a price on carbon, either through a carbon tax or

cap-and-trade system. And the system needs to be set so that the price goes up some a predictable amount each year. We need to create the political space for this otherwise-unpopular policy to be sustained over the long term. Second, we need to include a carbon test in our reviews of spending decisions on new infrastructure (roads, pipelines, buildings, energy systems, etc.). What will the carbon impact be for this infrastructure over the next 50 years? Third, we need to put in place the financial institutions that enable energy conservation and retrofit projects to happen across our country. These are projects that make financial sense but that we don't do because of barriers like the high up-front costs of deep energy retrofits. Insulation isn't as sexy as a Tesla but it saves a lot of money and greenhouse gases.

3. What long-term steps need to be taken to meet the Paris targets?

RP: This question is hard to answer, but here is the real challenge: our policies and adaptation must continue for decades. However, the more we adapt, the easier that may become: solar panels and wind turbines will get cheaper and more efficient and those that build, install, service, and own them become a constituency for further change.

A special challenge for Canada is coming to grips with leaving fossil energy in the ground. The case for this is carefully made in *The Burning Question*, by Mike Berners-Lee and Duncan Clark (2013). The financial implications they outline are chilling. Oil stocks were, especially when they wrote, vastly overpriced with serious implications for pension funds and investors. However, some of that pricing error has already been painfully corrected and the global economy is still standing. Canada's economy must diversify from an all-our-eggs-in-one-basket approach. I think the Trudeau government understands this.



The prospect of success is unforeseeable, there are too many variables.

And for the City of Peterborough, about \$250,000 per year. It might seem like a lot, but not compared to the challenges presented by climate change.

4. Will Canada meet its targets?

RP: This question is especially challenging because Canada, and all nations, will need to stay, or deepen, the policy course they set for 40 or more years. This is hard to do because some nations will falter on their commitments and everywhere governments of varying views will come and go. The prospect of success is unforeseeable because along the way some will assert that we have “done enough” or we’ve done “all we can.”

The greatest temptation to falter will come as some nations move towards post-carbon economies. Those with limited renewable energy potential will, at that point, be lured by cheaper oil and gas. Hopefully, Canadians will be comfortable enough that we don’t fire up the old propane BBQs for old time’s sake. How tempting it will be to backslide in personal or policy terms is unpredictable.

SH: No. Not with the current level of activity. Unless we put in place strong policies soon, we’ll miss our 2020 and 2030 targets by quite a bit. And Canada’s current targets, as hard as they will be to meet, don’t yet contribute our global share to meeting the 2-degree target, and certainly nowhere near the 1.5 degree aspirational target that came out of Paris. We’ve got a lot of work to catch up on!

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Few fully appreciate that getting to 1.5 degrees also has implications for global production (shipping is highly fossil fuel-intensive), for energy-intensive raw materials extraction and for a few of our favorite things, like mass air travel. Some alternatives are: increased local production, recycling, and travel substitutes like video conferencing. Frequent tropical escapes from icy roads, alas, may be less satisfying if merely virtual—though even those are more easily endured with locally brewed beverages.

SH: Over the long term, we need to create the social and political space for Canadians to talk frankly and honestly about the risks of climate change, alongside our willingness to take personal action, and to accept new climate policies from our government and take individual action. A key policy challenge comes from the time lags between our emissions and the climate’s response; we’re always going to be making climate policy decisions without ever knowing for sure if they were the right ones. Our actions today are about the greenhouse gas concentrations

we leave to our children and grandchildren—they reflect our values and ideas of the future, traded off against how we value the present.

The good news is that lots of academic and practical thinking is going towards learning how best to engage the public in climate conversations about these complex ethical, economic and technical decisions. We’re doing some of that here at Trent. The wrinkle is that creating opportunities for social learning and discussion costs time and money that can be hard to find.

As a straw dog argument, I’ve started to advocate that \$1 for every tonne of carbon be allocated each year to public engagement about climate change. This is a small fraction of the \$20-30 carbon price provinces are considering at the moment, but it would start to adequately resource the public conversations about climate change, which is in my view the most crucial policy issue facing us. Each level of government and organization needs to be allocating resources to create this public dialogue. For the federal government, it would be about \$700 million per year. For Ontario, it would be about \$200 million per year.



Climate Change *continued*

5. Is Paris enough?

RP: Getting a widely agreed-to framework is a huge step forward. Paris provides an overarching target and ongoing reporting mechanisms within which national plans can evolve. Will it be enough? Beyond the treaty, a successful transition will require much more, perhaps even: 1) as improbable as it may seem, international peace as a new normal; 2) wide acceptance that fossil energy use must end almost entirely, not just be slowed; 3) improved opportunities for poor nations to grow economically; 4) climate action champions remaining in power in key places (no climate deniers in the White House, for example); and 5) enforcement mechanisms for egregious failure to meet targets. Little wonder it is hard to answer this question.

Can one say if Paris is enough? It was agreed to at one point in time by one set of governments. It is a remarkable achievement, but the long term outcome is up to us: all nations and communities—and individuals, as citizens and as economic actors (investors, employees, regulators, managers and consumers).

SH: No. Climate Action Tracker (www.climateactiontracker.org) has done a good job of compiling the pledges and targets from countries around the world. I'd encourage people to check it out. If—and that's a big if—every pledge that came out of Paris materialized, they estimate that we will still see 2.7 degrees warming by 2100, and more after that.

climateactiontracker.org

Trent and Nanjing Universities Launch International Institute for Environmental Studies

New institute brings together top universities across the globe to offer students exciting collaborative research opportunities

An international partnership between Trent University and Nanjing University in China is the catalyst for the creation of the new International Institute for Environmental Studies (IIES), which will bring experts from prestigious universities around the world together to tackle international environmental issues.

Announced at a special event at Trent University, the launch of the IIES was celebrated by a number of dignitaries including: the Honourable Michael Chan, minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade for Ontario; Dr. Yi Pan, vice-president of Nanjing University; Dr. Leo Groarke, president and vice-chancellor of Trent University; **The Honourable Jeff Leal '74**, minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and MPP of Peterborough; Daryl Bennett, mayor of Peterborough; J. Murray Jones, warden of Peterborough County; and **The Honourable Maryam Monsef '03**, minister of Democratic Institutions and MP for Peterborough.

The IIES will see world-class research scientists and policy analysts working collaboratively and sharing expertise, facilities and research programs in order to become a global leader in the development of research and policy for the management of environmental issues. It is a result of a partnership between the new Trent School of the Environment and Nanjing University's School of the Environment, and it will unite more than 14 highly-ranked international universities, all with leading programs in environmental science, engineering and policy.

"I'm very pleased that, after several years of developing this concept, Nanjing University and Trent University are able to initiate this new institute," said Dr. Doug Evans, professor of environmental and resource studies at Trent University and interim director of the IIES.

"I look forward to the many international, collaborative research opportunities this partnership will bring to students."

Dr. Mike Allcott, director of the Trent International Program, describes the IIES as the most significant international partnership that he has seen during his time at Trent.

"It is a sign of the extraordinary quality of our research faculty, as well as the laboratory facilities and the excellence of our community, that we are able to partner with some of the top universities around the world."

The IIES will foster international exchanges of research scientists, field experts, faculty members, post-doctoral fellows and students. It will also facilitate the exchange of information, ideas, research needs and results among member institutions, governmental members and industry partners of the institute. While the institute itself is virtual, there is a small administration centre at Nanjing University in China.



Learn more by visiting trentu.ca/iies.



THROUGH A CANADIAN LENS:

Distinguished Trent alumni discuss the future of Canadian film and television

Who better to give aspiring Trent filmmakers an insight into the changing nature of Canadian television, broadcasting and film, than three award-winning producers and directors who also happen to be Trent alumni?

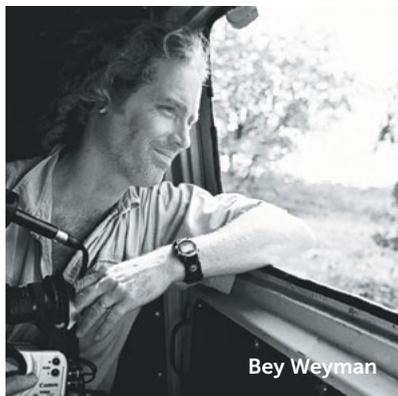
Stephen Stohn '66, Bill Corcoran '70, and Bay Weyman '76 attracted an enthusiastic audience of Trent students, faculty, staff, and community members to Traill College's Bagnani Hall for a panel discussion entitled "Through A Canadian Lens: The Current and Future Landscape of Television and Film." The event was held on October 15, 2015 as part of the Life After Trent: Alumni in Residence program.

Coming just four days before a federal election that held the promise of a change in government, the event provided a timely platform for the panelists to voice their hopes for the future of the industry.

During the panel discussion, the trio shared thoughts that reflected perspectives from their own fields of expertise: Weyman as a creator of feature documentaries, Corcoran as a television director, and Stohn as an entertainment lawyer and television producer.

A graduate of Trent's comparative development and cultural studies programs, **Bay Weyman** said that his passion for documentaries started while he was attending Trent. The University didn't have a film program, so he created his own fourth-year reading course that examined Canadian documentary films from the 1940s to the 1970s.

Through his company, Close Up Films, he has explored his interests in social issues by making social and historical documentaries that focus on the political and emotional aspects of a story. In 1985, he won an Academy Award in the Best Foreign Student Film category for *The Leahys: Music Most of All*, an hour-long documentary



about a fifth generation Irish-Canadian family and their life in country music.

Pointing out that funding is critical to filmmaking in Canada, Mr. Weyman said that the 1990s were good for making documentaries, thanks to support from bodies such as the Canadian Film Development Corporation, Telefilm Canada, and the Ontario Media Development Corporation.

However, over the years, reduced funding to these agencies from senior levels of governments and cutbacks to the CBC and the National Film Board, as well as competition from new forms of entertainment, has made fundraising a challenge for the industry.

"It's become harder to finance independent long form documentaries, partly because of the success of the genre and also particularly because of the success of documentary's mutant younger brother, reality TV, where they've adopted documentary traditions and technology but morphed them into some awful hybrid where people are playing themselves," he said. "That has diverted a lot of money and programming slots, that used to be available for documentaries, from broadcasters and from the federal funding agencies."

The entire panel discussion can be found at mycommunity.trentu.ca/alumni/from-the-house#BonusMaterial.

Weyman expressed a need to reinvent how documentaries are funded. "Our funding model is still dependent on broadcaster participation for triggering money from the various film agencies, but broadcasters aren't doing as many docs as they used to," he said. "They say it's to ensure there is an audience for the films they are funding, but a lot of people think there are other audiences besides television."

Bill Corcoran, who received his B.A. in psychology and English literature, said that he had a dream to be a storyteller and came to Trent to "continue my studies in English literature and read here the greatest storytellers of all time." Describing himself as a "journeyman filmmaker," he has shot films all over the world and directed more than 150 episodes of series TV in a career spanning 40 years.

In discussing the current state of the industry in Canada, Mr. Corcoran said, "The story of Canadian film (is that) you can have the best product, the purest product in the world, but if the gates are suddenly shut to you for delivery, you will not have a business."

"Canada is rich with stories and storytellers old and new," he added. "The difficulty has been to get the stories to market."

He pointed out that cinema and television has never been more alive, vibrant, or democratic than today, but how stories are distributed is at a crossroads. While there are many new and easy avenues to get product to market, such as Amazon, YouTube, and Netflix, very few people are able to monetize this form of distribution.

This broadening of distribution platforms has resulted in what Corcoran refers to as the "narrow-casting" of the industry. "We now have so many outlets competing for eyes on the tube that we look to create product that focuses more on viewer-specific interests, and sometimes those things

are based on gender, age, heritage, nationality, and many other kinds of things," he said.

Noting that there is already a move to dismantle the CBC, reduce and eliminate tax credits, and privatize the National Film Board, he criticized the demand that the industry compete on an equal footing based on the American model.

"We live beside a population ten times the size of our country, who have a cultural mandate to proselytize and popularize their culture and their way of life," he said. "Most of the theatres



Bill Corcoran

in Canada are owned by the US, and if they're not owned directly, they're controlled by access to product by the large studios, the distribution and exhibition companies."

Pointing out that he is not anti-American, Corcoran said "I'm anti 'Canadian movies and television aren't as good as American shows.' If there's no appetite generated for our stories we may never have an identity."

Corcoran emphasized the importance of storytelling as part of the Canadian identity, suggesting that we all need to share the blame for a failure to champion Canadian storytelling.

"We are extremely poor promoters of our art and show embarrassing lack of knowledge of our storytelling history."

One of Canada's leading entertainment lawyers, **Stephen Stohn** is also president of Epitome Pictures Inc. and executive producer of the TV series *Degrassi: The Next Generation*. He received his B.A. from Trent in business, economics and philosophy.

Mr. Stohn noted that the teenage audience for traditional television has been shrinking as teens have gone online to services such as Netflix, a trend that he sees continuing for the next few years. "We are in the midst of a dramatic change in how our young people, and soon the entire population, will be consuming those TV programs," he said.

Saying that this shift to digital in the broadcast industry is an area that has not been addressed by Canadian regulatory bodies, he suggested that the failure to incorporate over-the-top Internet services into the regulated broadcast system will have an enormous impact. "The outcome may be the dismantling of the Canadian broadcasting system," he said.

Acknowledging that the industry may have to wait and see what the future brings, Stohn nevertheless emphasized that our politicians should not let the future just play out. "They have a job to provide structure to an industry which is one of the biggest in Canada," he said pointing out that the entertainment and communications industry ranks number two in Canada.

Like his fellow panelists, Stohn sees the future of the Canadian industry tied to the issue of Canadian identity. "There is a basic political and social question that we as Canadians need to ask ourselves," he said. "Is it important to have a system in which we have the creation of audio-visual content and stories of our own, that we are telling our own story?"

"If we want to have outlets for our Canadian stories and we don't want to have our broadcasters wiped out by the



influx of over-the-top services, then there is still time to change this now, and that time is October 19," he said, referring to the federal election.

The importance of the election and the opportunity it provided for Canadians to change the direction the industry was headed was shared by all the participants. In light of the subsequent majority won by Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Party on October 19, *TRENT Magazine* recently followed up with the panelists to hear their thoughts on what this change could mean.

All three agreed that it's early days for the new government, but they were seeing good signs.

"I think under Trudeau there's much more optimism and feeling that the industry can continue to grow in terms of the level of support they've promised the industry," Corcoran said. "That was part of the platform he was elected on. I haven't seen the implementation of it yet, although the reverse is true—there hasn't been the level of tearing up of the CBC and the NFB that was threatened under Harper."

"It gives me some degree of optimism that at least we have a government that recognizes the importance of our cultural institutions," Weyman said, but cautioned, "There are lots of other challenges that remain and it's not going to cure all of that. The television landscape continues to fracture with the growth of internet-based content and there is going to be a shakedown of channels with the CRTC ruling that de-bundles cable packages."

Stohn said he was encouraged that the new government seemed committed to having a dialogue with Canadians about the industry, but that it was the job of all Canadians to "make the case that the media, entertainment and cultural industries are not just a net positive economically for our country, but also vital to the fabric of what it means to be Canadian."

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A GLIMPSE INTO MEDIA STUDIES AT TRENT UNIVERSITY

SARAH CARTHY

A new wave of media has emerged—one that is vast, evolving, and increasingly digital, and one that changes our perspectives on communication and the transferring of information. Technology is taking over, and our desire for quick information threatens the credibility of journalism. The future of print media is in danger, and graduates in media studies are faced with helping it succeed.

Acknowledging this era of hyper-connectivity, the Trent Media Studies program takes an interdisciplinary approach to learning, and encourages students to take courses in a range of subjects. Program Coordinator Liam Mitchell explains, "students choose which perspective they want to focus most clearly on, so they can take three core classes, and beyond that, they can make the program what they want." Along with this, by studying the influence of new technology and advertising on contemporary media, students will develop a new way of thinking about the information they consume.

With hard work comes great success. Despite instability in the media and print industries, graduates of the Trent media studies program have attained promising careers in various fields of work, from writing and production to book publishing and media broadcasting. Many have continued on to work for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC).

Although the future of media and journalism are in flux, students at Trent University are challenged to keep the profession alive, studying complex questions about society, and exploring the nature of communication in the digital age. Media and journalism are an integral part of the continuously evolving world in which we live.

www.trentu.ca/mediastudies



"We now have a chance in an all-inclusive way to ask why it is that we want our own broadcasters, and encourage our own music, stories, television and films," he said.

And while all three panelists shared concerns about the current state of the industry and cautious optimism for its future, they were also united in seeing the positive side.

As Stohn remarked, "What happens in a few years' time is an unknown, but it's a great unknown. We're in this great artistic renaissance and let's make the most of it."

Weyman noted that, on a creative level, it was a very interesting time for documentary filmmaking. "People are using new approaches to documentary storytelling and narrative, animation is becoming quite common, interactive digital media docs are opening up a whole new creative frontier of narrative."

Corcoran said there was still an opportunity for Canadians to tell Canadian stories. "You don't worry about what a Canadian story is, it is a perspective which you as the storyteller bring to the equation. You can't help it, you are Canadians, it's in your DNA. Your visions and perceptions are unique; you see the world differently from anyone else in the world."

He also encouraged filmmakers to take advantage of the chaos in the system of distribution right now and be bold about how they get television or film to an audience. "What they are looking for out there is your passion and that's what they will buy. Whether it's a Netflix model or a cable model, there is a place for a Canadian film business."

Stohn noted that *Degrassi: The Next Generation* was now reaching teenagers in 190 countries around the world, but its success could be traced years back to policies that encouraged the development and creation of Canadian content. "We no longer need that leg up but that doesn't mean there aren't other shows that just need a little help and then can be valuable exports in both an economical and sociological sense."

JOHN K. MUIR PRIZE

John Muir '75 is many things: a broadcaster, a sound engineer extraordinaire, a patient and effective administrator, and one of the most creative educators that Trent has ever produced.

As an educator, Mr. Muir eschews the classroom, preferring to proffer his unique brand of guidance behind a soundboard or in a recording studio. In his longstanding role of general manager of Trent Radio, he has had hundreds of eager learners pass through this hands-on learning environment.

Muir's two-pronged approach to education is as simple as it is inclusive: everyone has creative potential, and the best way to learn is by doing. When guiding Trent Radio novices, he believes in giving just enough technical training to get them onto air. And then turning them loose. He refers to it as "deep-ending."

And while Muir is there to rescue anyone who flounders, more often than not his pupils succeed admirably. Creativity reigns.

"My job," he says, "is, essentially, making sure that other people can do weird and wonderful things."

According to benefactor **Dr. Tom Miller '82**, one of the reasons that Muir is so successful as an educator is because he has an absolute love of learning.

"John is the quintessential lifelong student," he explains. "He cherishes learning for himself and for those who are fortunate enough to know him. His passion for Trent Radio and what it represents to the University and the community makes John the creative, intellectual and artistic nexus for creative life at Trent and in Peterborough."

Miller also recognizes Muir as a person who fosters development at both the personal and community levels.

"John helped create and orchestrate the exciting and creative incubator of ideas and talent that embodied Peter Robinson College, and that embodies Trent Radio today." Which makes the particulars of the John K. Muir Prize so appropriate.

Established by Miller and Barbara Chisholm, the prize will gather together a group of promising but academically at-risk students for a focused discussion about their impact upon the university community. The idea is to engage these students and actualize untapped potential.

Guided by a faculty member, the students will meet to unanimously decide on one or more Trent-affiliated organizations, students, or student groups to receive funding. They will be asked to consider which Trent-affiliated organizations, student services, or students have been most influential in their own development.

The first John K. Muir prize is to be delivered this year.



John Muir '75 is the General Manager of Trent Radio. With more than 40 years of experience as a broadcaster, administrator and technician, Muir has been a creative force for the community and culture in Peterborough. His experiences have been varied and far-reaching, with roles that have included: a chorister in Ottawa, an apprentice at an electronic music studio, general manager of a summer festival led by R. Murray Schafer, and a concert engineer for live performance—from jazz through folk and rock to traditional gatherings.

Muir is a founding member of the Canadian Society for Independent Radio Production and the P.R. Community and Student Association (Sadleir House Facility). In 2001, Muir was admitted to the Peterborough Pathway of Fame for his work in local broadcasting and the arts. He continues to be passionately devoted to the oral/aural tradition and endeavours to make sure that people can do weird and wonderful things.

VANCOUVER CHAPTER NEWS

TRENTTALK VANCOUVER:

Dr. Valeria Vergara

Our most recent program in October featured alumna **Dr. Valeria Vergara ('88-'92 and '94-'96)** at the Vancouver Aquarium. Dr. Vergara, an aquarium research scientist, is doing leading-edge work in the Arctic on beluga whale communications, particularly vocal learning among mother/calf pairs.

Ms. Vergara spends her summers in the high Arctic studying the beluga community, recording their vocalizations and behaviour with hydrophones and cameras. Her work attests to her own mastery of the Arctic elements using innovative methods for coping with daily environmental challenges.

Our TrentTalk Vancouver Aquarium program attracted alumni of all ages, several with young children. Vergara lent simplicity to her complex field, making it easy for all to absorb, and she wowed us with stories of living and working on the shore of the Arctic Ocean.

This event was the highlight of our year to-date. We are extremely grateful to the Vancouver Aquarium for the after-hours use of the



Dr. Vergara presenting her beluga whale research.

Goldcorp Theatre, the Canaccord Gallery, and its displays. Thanks also to Trent's affinity partner, Industrial Alliance, for their sponsorship of the reception following Vergara's presentation. We were delighted and honoured to welcome Trent's president and vice-chancellor, Dr. Leo Groarke, who provided an update on the University, as well as VP External Relations and Advancement, Julie Davis. They tell us this may become an annual visit!



At the reception in the Canaccord Gallery at the Vancouver Aquarium: **Tiffany (Howard) Goulding '94** and Johnny Goulding with President Leo Groarke.

UPCOMING VANCOUVER CHAPTER EVENTS

APRIL 23

TrentTalk: Natural Environments in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention

Dr. Farah M. Shroff '83, PhD. Faculty member of UBC Department of Family Practice and of the School of Population and Public Health, co-founder of Canada-India Maternal-Infant Health Collaborative. Shroff will discuss the profound impact of natural environments on health promotion and disease prevention.

JUNE 23

TrentTalk: Peter Snell & Ronald McDonald House of BC, 4 pm

Peter Snell '87, partner at law firm Gowling WLG, is a director of Ronald McDonald House BC and served as its president from 2007 to 2014.

Snell will tell the story of his path from Trent, and how he combined his love for law with "giving back" through Ronald McDonald House BC.

This is an exclusive and rare opportunity to view and tour the amazing new Ronald McDonald House facility. In the spirit of Trent giving back to the community, we will be tying on aprons and cooking up a BBQ for the wonderful families of Ronald McDonald House BC.

OCTOBER 2

West Coast Head of the Trent
Save the date and look for more information later this year!

NOVEMBER 15

TrentTalk: The Anglican Church and the Indian Residential Schools: Towards Truth and Reconciliation

Join **Peter Elliot '73**, dean and rector of Christ Church (Anglican) Cathedral, with special guests. This special event includes a tour of the recently restored Christ Church Cathedral. All are welcome.

Feel free to join us, even if you're just visiting Vancouver. Check alumni events calendar trentu.ca/alumni and our Vancouver Chapter Facebook page. To get involved please contact

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TRENT PEOPLE

Jennifer A. Reed Leadership Scholarship

Jennifer Reed '83 exhibited a rare combination of care, compassion, and leadership, and the world is a much better place as a result. While her leadership skills offered her great personal success in the realm of finance, ultimately it was her profound belief in human resilience that marked her greatest achievements.

Ms. Reed passed away last summer at the young age of 45, but not before creating a legacy that touched countless lives.

After gaining a B.A. in psychology and political science from Trent University and a degree in public relations from Humber College, she began work with Mastercard Canada. Quickly establishing herself as an effective communicator, she took on progressively senior communications



and marketing roles, achieving the position of vice-president, Communications and Government Relations after only nine years of employment.

At the age of 40, however, Reed decided that her skills would better serve the charitable sector, and so she began work with Right to Play Canada. Her care for those in need led to her position as vice-president of communications for Prostate Cancer Canada. She had accepted a new and exciting role at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) Foundation in Toronto in the days before falling victim to accidental drowning.

Reed's leadership abilities were recognized by her peers. While at MasterCard Canada, Jenn was chosen for the 2008 Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference, which gives young leaders from all sectors a chance to step away from

their usual roles and, together, examine the relationship between industry and community. Her impact as a facilitator inspired her colleagues from that conference to establish a scholarship for student leaders in her memory at Trent.

It is hoped that Reed's legacy of leadership will be passed on to a new generation of Trent students.

Jennifer A. Reed Leadership Scholarship

Established in memory of Jennifer Reed by family, friends and colleagues to honour her enormous love of life and country and her involvement with the Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conferences. To be awarded to a full-time undergraduate student in second year and above and in any program with a minimum average of 80%. The student must have demonstrated leadership qualities that contribute to Trent's mission, the community or the country as a whole.

THE PASTURE

The Trent University Association of Retired Persons (TUARP)

An unusually-large number of retirements from the University will begin this year. In the next issue of *TRENT Magazine*, we will provide the names of the newest members of TUARP (with their permission, of course). We are looking forward to having them join our ranks.

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The AJM Smith room is historically significant as the location of a 1971 meeting of Inuit community leaders, at the invitation of THB Symons, which led to the creation of Tapirisat (now the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami). Because TUARP holds its meetings in this room, a number of our members have expressed the hope that a plaque be

created memorializing the event. At our last meeting, support (including financial) was given to the project; since then, Dale Standen and Al Brunger have been busy working to create the text, the translation, and the design, and to find a supplier. Please watch for the announcement of a date for the unveiling of the plaque.

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For information about TUARP, including minutes of our meetings and issues of the *TUARP Times*, you can now go directly to our webpage at www.trentu.ca/tuarp. It resides on the Alumni page; we are grateful to the Alumni Affairs office for making the arrangements.

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If you have news of general interest to the University's retirees, and that might be appropriate for this column, you are invited to send a note to Gordon Johnston at gjohnston@trentu.ca.





Paul Wilson Tribute

Trent University's founding athletics director, Paul (P.S.B.) Wilson, honoured with a wall of tribute in the Athletics Centre lounge dedicated to him.

A moving rededication ceremony for the P.S.B. Wilson Lounge was held Saturday, November 21 at Trent University, where the new P.S.B. Wilson Tribute Wall was unveiled. The wall was created in honour of the contributions made by Paul Wilson, founding director of Athletics at Trent, to Trent Athletics and the University as a whole. Throughout the afternoon event, the legacy of Mr. Wilson was made clear as he and his wife Gillian were greeted by numerous standing ovations and much applause.

"It's overwhelming and heart-filling. This was not really a job to me. I had a wonderful time here and met so many wonderful students. I am proud of this place and its alumni, and I always will be," Wilson said, commenting on the honour.

The accomplishments of Wilson in his 36 years with Trent University were many. He established varsity soccer, hockey, basketball, football, rugby and the squash program. Only

two years after taking on the position of athletics director, 67% of students were participating in athletics. There is now a P.S.B. Wilson Fund for athletics and recreation and a P.S.B. Wilson Bursary Endowment Fund, which have each contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars back to the students of Trent University. Not only has he left a lasting legacy at Trent, he has made great contributions to university athletics across the province, and to the Peterborough community, where he served on City Council and focused his continuous volunteer efforts.

"There were two reasons to create this wall—one was for a tribute to Paul, and the other was that we wanted his story to be well-told in the building in order to inspire students with his narrative and values," shared Tony Storey, past director of Alumni Affairs at Trent and one of the organizers of the event, along with active alumna **Karen Sisson '78**.

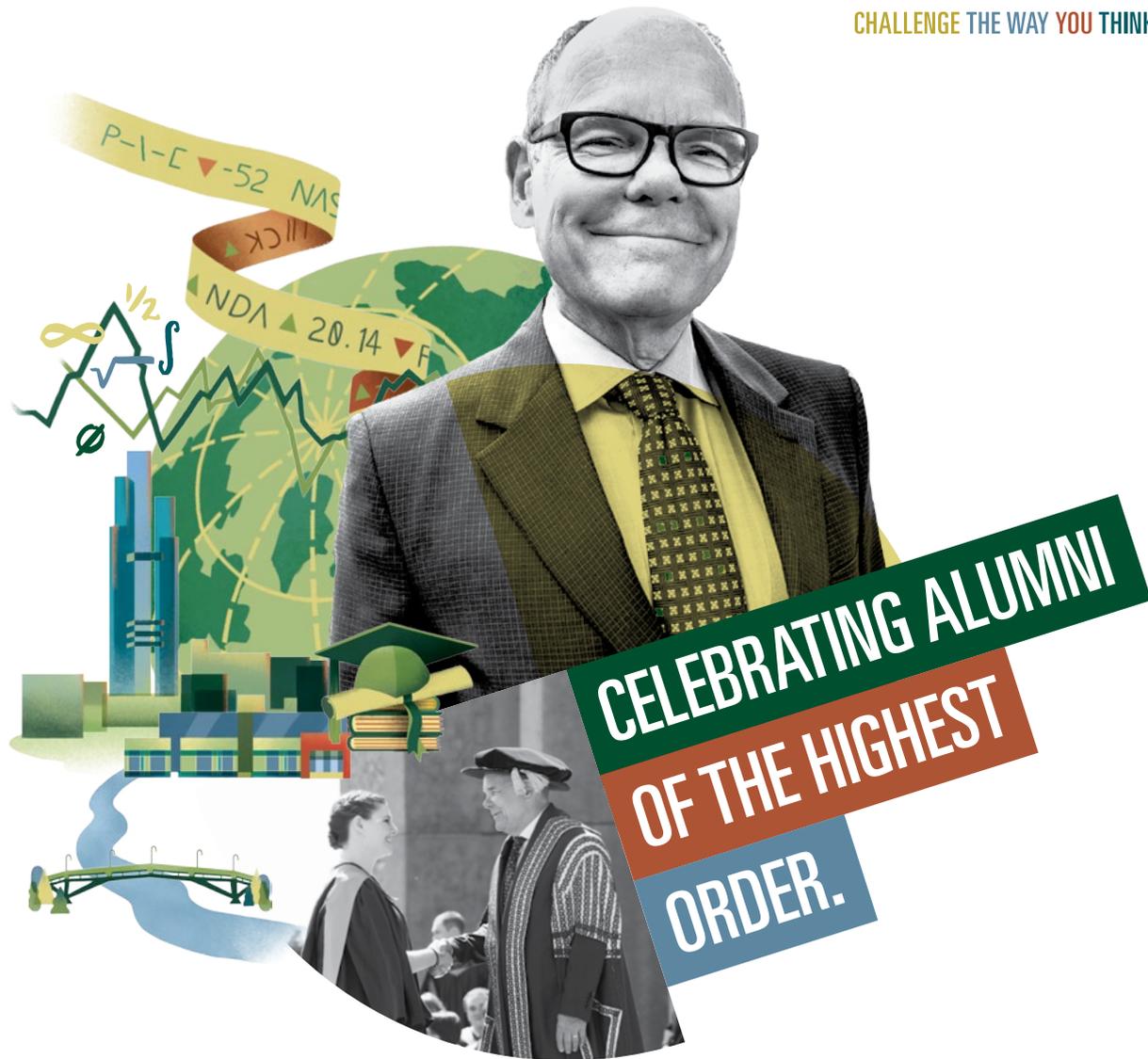
The event was attended by alumni, family and friends, and many warm words were shared by prestigious speakers, including **The Honourable Maryam Monsef '03**, minister of Democratic Institutions and MP of Peterborough; **The**

Honourable Jeff Leal '74, minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and MPP of Peterborough; Daryl Bennett, mayor of Peterborough; and Dr. Leo Groarke, president and vice-chancellor of Trent University.

"P.S.B. is a very special person. He is unique and it is important for Trent to enjoy and celebrate people like him, and in the process, inspire our students," said Dr. Leo Groarke.

This special afternoon of celebration, and the sheer number of guests who shared in it, were a testament to the profound effect Paul Wilson has had on Trent Athletics, the University, its alumni, and the greater Peterborough community.





**CELEBRATING ALUMNI
OF THE HIGHEST
ORDER.**

DON TAPSCOTT '66

Congratulations to Trent University alumnus and chancellor Don Tapscott '66 on his appointment to the Order of Canada. Don is a world authority on innovation, media, and the economic and social impact of technology, a best-selling author, and fourth most influential management thinker in the world. Congratulations Don on adding one of our country's highest civilian honours to your long and distinguished list of accomplishments.

TRENT ALSO CELEBRATES THE EXTRAORDINARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF TWO MORE ALUMNI RECENTLY NAMED TO THE ORDER OF CANADA



ROBERT CAMPBELL '70

A nationally-renowned university administrator, author, and a top 50 CEO



FIONA SAMPSON '87

Human rights lawyer and advocate, one of the world's "women revolutionaries," and a top 50 "Global Hero"

Telling Our Stories

We want to share your news and images. We also want to help you reach a new alumni audience.



A recent snowy Champlain College photograph was seen by an estimated 100,000 people on social media (including over 20,000 on the Trent Alumni Association Facebook page alone, where it racked up 300 likes and 86 shares). It started out as a simple @trent_alumni Instagram post.

A short news piece announcing that four alumni had been elected as MPs went a little RT-crazy on Twitter, and pulled in another 10,000 views on Facebook.

Our tweets have been picked up by media giants including The Weather Network and CBC, as well as by alumni social media heavy hitters such as **Don Tapscott**, **Stephen Stohn**, and **Linwood Barclay**.

TRENT Magazine is sent out to 20,000 readers. *Alma Matters*, our brand new monthly electronic newsletter, goes out to another 20K.

In other words, we're reaching more people than ever before ... and we want you to be a part of it!

Want to get your news and images out to a larger alumni audience? Interested in helping share alumni news from an ever-growing communications platform? Here are a few ways that you can get involved:

1 Follow your Alumni Association on social media: the Trent University Alumni Association on Facebook, @TrentAlumni on Twitter, @Trent_Alumni on Instagram, and the Official Trent University Alumni Association on LinkedIn. Get active! Share Alumni Association posts with your Trent friends and on your feeds—and tag us on your news, pictures, and events. We love to RT and share!

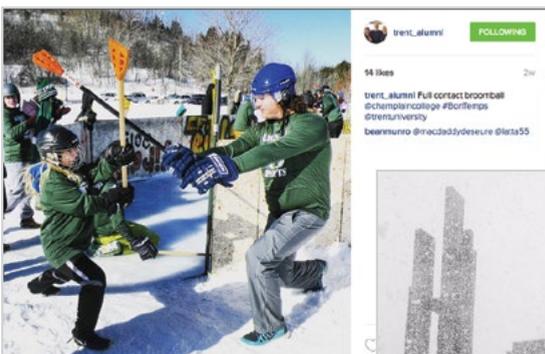
2 Message or email us your photos, news items, and suggestions. Bump into an old alumni friend? Find yourself in an interesting part of the world or doing something fun or noteworthy? Pass it along for us to share on social media or on our new Alumni News page. It doesn't have to be groundbreaking: from the serious to the silly, your fellow alumni want to know what you're up to.

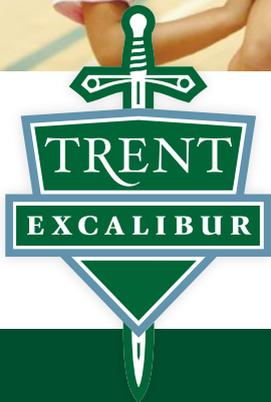
3 But, hey, if you do something groundbreaking, we definitely want to know about it. Publish a book? Take a cool career twist? Save a kid from a burning building? The world needs to know about it. Same with getting married or having a baby. Both our Alumni Accomplishments and Sunshine Sketches are now online at mycommunity.trentu.ca/alumni/news. Send your updates to alumni@trentu.ca

4 Have an idea for a news brief, website feature, podcast interview, or magazine story? While our antennae are always searching for alumni news, we definitely depend on tips and suggestions for content to share. If you hear about something or someone deserving of attention, be sure to let us know.

5 Finally, be part of the team! Want to try your hand at writing a news brief or feature? Looking to build your social media skills or network? Hoping to pad your portfolio? Volunteering with Alumni Affairs is a great place to gain skills, experiences, exposure, and references. It's also a great way to catch up with friends and faculty from the Trent community. Established writers and communicators are also welcome—we know that you know how to get the word out. And we'd love your help telling our stories. Contact: donaldgfraser@trentu.ca.

Over the coming months, we will be continuing to roll out new programs and build on our existing platforms. We're going to continue to reach more people and tell more stories. We're really hoping that some of those stories will be yours.





TRENT EXCALIBUR CAMP

[JOIN US AT CAMP THIS SUMMER]

The Trent Excalibur Camp (TEC) offers a unique and energetic summer experience of fun and friendship. We are an accredited day camp and a member of the Ontario Camping Association. Since 1993, we have been a leader in providing traditional and innovative camp activities, caring leadership, and meaningful experiences to grow as individuals and teams.

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ALMA MATTERS

A Wrap-up of Trent Alumni Online Content and Newsletters



TRENT ALUMNI AFFAIRS #TRENTVOICES SHOW SHOWCASES TRENT RADIO PIONEERS

The Trent University Alumni Association has been welcomed by the fine folks at Trent Radio to produce a radio show/podcast featuring a wide variety of Trent alumni. These #TrentVoices one-on-one interviews have featured artists, politicians, academics, political activists, social media experts ... really, notable alumni of all backgrounds and careers.

Because many of these interviews have taken place at Trent Radio, we've gone out of our way to showcase some of the pioneers of that station. Over recent months, we've interviewed many of the early players that helped shape the fledgling organization. We've included some of those here.

What is incredible to note is the success that each of these pioneers achieved after their time at Trent Radio (and Trent University)—proof that this community station is truly a training ground for media success.



And the successes continue to come. A future guest will be **Ayesha Barmania '11**—who went from Trent Radio, to the coveted CBC Gzowski Internship, to a producer on CBC's *Cross Country Checkup*—all in the span of the past year. Special recognition goes to **Jill Staveley '99**, **James Kerr '01**, and (of course) the legendary **John Muir '75** (pictured above in his very earliest days at Trent Radio) for continuing to mentor young talent.

The station was founded in 1968 by **Stephen Stohn**, **Christopher Ward**, and **Peter Northrop '74**. We managed to catch up with Stohn and Ward last year. **Jack Roe** was—we think—the third station manager for Trent Radio. We spoke with him earlier in February.

All three share memories of their time at Trent Radio, Trent University, and of their career evolution since then. All three also give advice to students and alumni who are trying to break into the field.

We hope that you enjoy these candid, informative, entertaining, and often humorous conversations. Special thanks to everyone at Trent Radio for making this show/podcast happen. Thanks also to Michael Hurcomb for audio assistance in the Stohn/Ward interviews.

 Be sure to check out all of our podcast interviews at our #TrentVoices podcast page:

mycommunity.trentu.ca/alumni/trent-voices

STEPHEN STOHN '66

Stephen Stohn is an 11-time Gemini Award winner and executive producer of *Degrassi: The Next Generation*—as well as a nearly 20-year executive producer of The Juno Awards. He's also one of Canada's most respected entertainment lawyers.

We discuss his career, but also roll back the clock and talk about his involvement in launching both *Arthur* newspaper and Trent Radio. It's a glimpse into the world of Canadian entertainment by a true giant in the music/television sectors.

Christopher Ward '67

With tales that take us through Bon Jovi's awkward MuchMusic debut, to a strange encounter with Diana Ross's hair, to a Robert Plant dinner that takes a turn for the strange, Christopher Ward offers an hour of entertaining talk.



Mr. Ward has written songs for Diana Ross, Hilary Duff, Wynonna Judd, the Backstreet Boys, Meredith Brooks, Tina Arena, Amanda Marshall, Roch Voisine and many others. His best-known song is the worldwide #1 hit for Alannah Myles, "Black Velvet."

Previously, Ward was a member of the The Second City's Touring Company, based in Toronto. In 1984, as Canada's first VJ, he helped launch MuchMusic, where he interviewed artists as diverse as Paul McCartney, Neil Young, Leonard Cohen and Tina Turner.

Jack Roe '73

Jack Roe has been an on-air presence for CBC Radio, 680 NEWS, CKPT (now Energy 99.7) and (back in 1973-75) Trent Radio, where this interview took place.

The conversation ranges across a career in radio spanning more than 40 years, and captures memories from the magical to the manic: interviews with guests including Chris Hadfield and a guy who traveled North America blowing himself up at county fairs; carving out community radio; and nearly getting arrested in pre-unification Germany. Mr. Roe also gives a glimpse behind the scenes of the one of the most demanding radio studios in Canada, and then offers views on the state of modern radio—as well as advice for media studies/journalism students on how they can find their own way in the shifting media landscape.



It's an honest, intimate, and amusing conversation that shines the light on an individual who is much more used to shining the light on others.

FROM THE HOUSE BLOG

Be sure to check out our blogs and news feeds at mycommunity.trentu.ca/alumni/media

STUDENT PERSPECTIVE: A Lifetime at Trent and I'm Only 21

Former Alumni Association communications assistant and business administration student Jenna Pilgrim is the daughter of long-time Trent University staff member, Mary Jane Pilgrim. She has spent almost her entire life as a part of the Trent community.

Twenty-two years of memories, books, profound moments, and endless life lessons have brought me to this point, again changing my relationship with the quaint school on the Otonabee. From slumming around the Bata Library as a precocious four-year-old to, well, still slumming around Bata library dressed like a precocious four-year-old—Trent, it's been a slice.

Moving into my final semester at Trent, I'm filled with both nostalgia and pride. I never thought I would end up as a student here—or worse, loving it as much as I do. My mother has worked at Trent for my entire life, only pausing a couple of times to have my brother and me. Trent was the perfect place to

grow up: infinite grass + trees, friendly people, wood-burning fireplaces (in my first chunk of life), and lots of books.

I could never understand why Bata had so many children's books. My seven-year-old self would camp out in the stacks, reading whichever book happened to have a cover colourful enough to spark my curiosity. Even now, I still prefer to read physical books rather than electronic ones. I've actually conducted a significant amount of my thesis research using paper and ink. The chase for information is thrilling, and all the more fulfilling when you discover answers in the pages of a book you happened to find on a shelf.

Growing up a "Trent brat," as we like to call ourselves, I experienced many parts of Trent that were very helpful when I became a student. For grade 9 take-your-kid-to-work day, I went on a tour of the science complex, seeing the sleep lab, the animal care research facility, and meeting several

other "Trent brats" along the way. I took swimming lessons at the old Trent AC, and attended Trent Summer Sports Camp. Even retired Windows 95 computers helped to outfit my elementary school's library typing class, when Trent traded up for some shiny new Windows 98s.

By far the craziest correlation, however, is when I attended Trent as a mock student for "Mini-Enrichment" in grade 8. My soon-to-be favourite accounting professor, Peggy Wallace, and accounting TA, Anne Sloggett, introduced my biology-minded self to the ins and outs of the business world, in a classroom in which I would someday study. Little did I know at the time that I was meant to leave the biology to the nurses and pursue a degree track in business.

For the entire entry, please visit mycommunity.trentu.ca/alumni/from-the-house#Brat



RECENT NEWS HEADLINES

Our newsfeed keeps you up to date on alumni and Trent community news. Here are a few of the latest stories.

Noble Inc. Announces Plans for a Facility in the New Trent Research and Innovation Park



Adam Noble honed his scientific skills as a research assistant at Trent when he was still in high school. He founded Noble Tech Inc. while he was at Lakefield District Secondary School in September of 2013—and nurtured it through the Greater Peterborough Innovation Cluster

(which works in partnership with Trent and is located in the University's DNA Building).

And he has now, along with business partner and Trent alumna, **Dr. Andressa Lacerda '08**, announced plans for a \$20 million, 50,000-square-foot facility in the new Trent Research and Innovation Park.

HARRY KITCHEN LECTURE: Yuwa Hedrick-Wong to be Alumnus in Residence



Dr. Yuwa Hedrick-Wong '71 will take part in the Alumni in Residence program during the first week of March, as Trent welcomes him to deliver the Harry Kitchen Lecture (4 p.m., March 1, 2016, in The Gathering Space at Gzowski College). Dr. Hedrick-Wong's lecture is titled

"Re-Imagining the Global Economic Future: Inclusive Growth as Democratizing Productivity." Hedrick-Wong believes that economic development should be inclusive and equitable. He brings a social justice attitude towards his role as global economic advisor with MasterCard Worldwide.

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HARRY KITCHEN
LECTURE

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LOOKING BACK

Catharine Parr Traill College has always been a social hub and home to student discourse. In this early Traill photo, students relax in what was then the Wallis Hall Junior Common Room.

Trent University is currently conducting a review of Traill College and is looking for your input. Please see page 5 for a special message from President Leo Groarke about the review.