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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This fall may be remembered at St. Thomas More College (STM) for the return to in-person events. The resumption of in-person classes actually came back in February, after a delay caused by the arrival of the Omicron variant of the new coronavirus. But the staggered start of that winter term threw off the rhythm of the semester, and we were hesitant to hold large-scale events until April. By contrast, this semester has evoked comparisons to fall 2019, the last full term before the Covid-19 pandemic began. Yet there is a joy to gathering in person now that would have been hard to imagine then, and a backlog of more than two years to catch up on. Virtual substitutes for gathered events never quite cut it.

This issue of More News documents many of the events that have brought us vividly back together, both for familiar rituals and for first-time experiences. In early September I had the privilege of attending the ceremony in Regina where STM alumnus Trevor Herriot (Class of 1979) and STM Scholar in Indigenous Education, Harry Lafond, were invested in the Order of Saskatchewan. Just days after the tragic events at James Smith Cree Nation and the village of Weldon, the recognition of eight Saskatchewanians for their outstanding public service was a truly affirming event. Later that month, the College hosted a two-day conference on Islam, Peace, and Justice that had been delayed for two years. The conference not only shed light on the emphasis on peace within the Islamic tradition, but also showcased for the wider community that STM has become the home of Islamic Studies on the USask campus.

The next day, and for the first time, STM hosted a Round Dance in partnership with Muskeg Lake Cree Nation, ITEP, Saskatoon Tribal Council, and SaskCulture. While the goal was to welcome students back for another school year, Round Dances are community events, and this one attracted a few hundred participants. For five hours on a Friday evening, the Education Gym was filled with the sounds of Indigenous drumming and singing groups and the sight of communal dancing. No one who was there could have missed the fact that STM is committed to the work of Indigenization and rec-

onciliation and continues to learn, under the guidance of our colleague Harry Lafond.

STM also began a new tradition with the inaugural *STM Fall Gathering* on October 1. Beginning with a Celebration of Faith in the STM chapel in the afternoon, the day also included a self-guided Art and Architecture tour and the presentation of the STM Distinguished Alumni Awards for 2020, 2021, and 2022. All six recipients of the Awards as featured in this issue are outstanding examples of the difference that an STM education can make in the lives of its graduates. This new event was followed the next day by an annual tradition, the Academic Mass, which this year featured the installation of our new Associate Dean, Dr. Gerry Farthing. Following recent tradition, the installation included a smudging ceremony and an Honour Song. After a 30-year career as a psychology professor at STM, Gerry takes on the role of Associate Dean, and we thank him for his willingness to serve in this important role, overseeing the student experience at STM.

October also saw us honour retirees from the past three years with a dinner, tributes, and farewell remarks. Four faculty – Mary Ann Beavis, Donna Brockmeyer, Shelley Coggins, and Bohdan Kordan – were recognized, along with staff members Kathie Jeffrey and Gail Morrison. While such occasions are always bittersweet, it was gratifying finally to be able to thank them for their innumerable contributions and to hear their reflections on their time at STM. The devotion they poured into their academic and administrative work will continue to enrich the College for many years to come.

As we move into the home stretch of this fall term, we take stock of new events that have the potential to become annual occasions, and annual rituals that have been renewed after a prolonged interruption. There are also events that happen only once but echo for a long time. The visit of Pope Francis to Canada in July to apologize to Indigenous peoples for the role of the Catholic Church in the residential school system was a singular and historic event. It addressed the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action #58 and built upon the Francis's promise to the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit delegation that visited him in

Rome to come to their homelands. With the assistance of our Bishop, Mark Hagemoen, and my colleague Shawn Flynn at St. Joseph's College in Edmonton, I had the opportunity to attend two of the papal events in Alberta – and I share some reflections on that experience later in these pages.

Throughout the papal visit people remarked that a papal apology is only the beginning of the process of restoring the relationship between Catholics and Indigenous people. With that in mind, we invited the Honourable Graydon Nicholas to give our annual Keenan Lecture. Mr. Nicholas, who is Maliseet from the Tobique First Nation in New Brunswick, entitled his lecture: "Reflections on the Papal Visit: When does the Reconciliation Journey begin? and with Whom?" He proposed that this is the right time to begin the Reconciliation journey, and that "we all need to be on this journey." The next day the traditional Keenan Seminar took the form of a Talking Circle in the STM chapel, led by Graydon Nicholas and included STM faculty, staff, and students. It was a reminder that STM is on that journey and will continue to be. If, before Pope Francis's visit, we felt that our mission as a Catholic college called us to the task of truth and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, now we have a papal imperative to embrace this work. At Lac Ste. Anne, Francis asked: "When looking at the Indigenous peoples and thinking of their history and the pain that they endured, what do I do for Indigenous peoples?" The pope's pilgrimage to Canada will truly bear fruit if we rise to that call to action, which requires not only listening, but working with and learning from Indigenous people to transform our relationships.

Dr. Carl N. Still, PhD
President
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DEAN'S MESSAGE

Although we just finished our fall term break week, I want to wish everyone, especially our students, a warm welcome to the new academic year. Over the past two-and-a-half months, it has certainly felt like we are back to 'normal,' or at least close to it, with the full return of in-person courses and activities. I'm hearing from both faculty and students that they are very happy to be back in the (physical) classroom. I want to thank all our faculty for working so very hard to provide our students with excellent learning experiences, especially when students can't attend class due to illness. Our student union and student organizations have also held in-person and remote activities over the past few months. These activities keep our students engaged in our STM community and enhance their mental health and wellbeing. A special thanks to our student leaders for all they are doing to support our students.

The Dean's Office has been quite busy during the last six months. The Ad Hoc Committee for the Appointment of the Associate Dean completed its work in April and recommended to the President that Dr. Gerry Farthing be appointed as STM's next Associate Dean for a five-year term beginning July 1, 2022. Dr. Farthing was installed at our Academic Mass on October 2nd. On behalf of the College, I wish to express my sincerest thanks to Gerry for his willingness to serve the College in this capacity, and to all those involved in the search process. We have also been advertising for an Assistant Librarian (tenure-track) since last spring. The Search Committee has begun its work with presentations and interviews to take place early next term. The College hosted a wonderful retirement dinner on October 20th to honor faculty members Bohdan Kordan, Mary Ann Beavis, Donna Brockmeyer, and Shelley

Coggins, as well as staff members Kathie Jeffrey and Gail Morrison. I want to thank each of them for all their contributions to the College – they are certainly missed!

Several initiatives, events, and achievements have taken place over the past few months that have assisted with the continued implementation of the College's strategic plan priorities. For example, our enrolment remains strong with significant course increases in our distinctive areas. We began our academic year with a Faculty and Staff Retreat held in-person last August. Presentations by Ken Steele and Rev. Dennis Holtschneider highlighted Catholic post-secondary education within the Canadian post-pandemic context. The Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice partnered with the Islamic Association of Saskatchewan, the Saskatoon Peace Coalition, and the Department of Religion and Culture at STM to host a conference in September. Finally, the Dean's Office recently hosted the Keenan Lecture with the Honourable Graydon Nicholas who spoke about reconciliation and the papal visit.

We welcomed two new faculty members to the History department this fall, Dr. Caroline Arbuckle into a tenure-stream position and Dr. Hanna Wood as a one-year term lecturer. We also welcomed Dr. Oksana Dudko back as the Petro Jacyk Post-doctoral Fellow for another year. Further to this, I provided a letter of support and signed an MOU with the College of Arts and Science to support the establishment of a new research collaborative. The Collectif d'études partenariales de la Fransaskoisie (CEPF)/Fransaskois Participatory Research Collaborative (FPRC) is the result of collaborative efforts between STM (led by Dr. Henri Biahé) and USask.

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Sarah Knudson



After two years, convocation took place in-person at Merlis Belsher Place in June and, most recently, in early November with STM hosting a reception to celebrate our graduates. The President, the Associate Dean, and I represented STM as part of the Chancellor's Platform Party. It was truly wonderful to see our graduating students walk across the stage and to welcome them to the STM Alumni family. The celebration continued as we recognized our new and continuing students at the Scholarship and Awards Ceremony on November 19.

I was pleased to represent STM at the Eaton Internment Camp permanent exhibit last June, which took place at the Saskatchewan Railway Museum. Interim Director of the Prairie Center for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage, Dr. Nadya Foty-Oneschuk, emceed the event and STM Professor Emeritus, Dr. Bohdan Kordan, gave a special presentation as a WWI internment expert.

It has been a busy and productive summer and start to the new academic year. We certainly have lots to look forward to as we continue the Basilian tradition of student engagement. All the best to our students and faculty as they finish this semester. On behalf of all of us in the Dean's Office, I wish everyone all the blessings of this season and best wishes for the New Year.

Tammy Marche

Dr. Tammy Marche, PhD
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St. Thomas More College



ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

STM Academic Mass and Installation of Associate Dean Farthing

By PAUL SINKEWICZ

The annual Academic Mass at St. Thomas More College (STM) took place on Sunday, October 2, with faculty, staff, alumni, and supporters in attendance both in the STM Chapel and online.

Dr. Gerry Farthing, PhD was installed as Associate Dean during the Academic Mass, which was presided over by the Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon.

Farthing had been installed as the Interim Associate Dean in 2021, and now takes over the role for a five-year term. He follows in the footsteps of Dr. Tammy Marche, who was appointed Dean of the College in 2021.

Farthing said he has enjoyed a long association with the College, beginning with his uncle and godfather being a part of the 1954 graduation class.

Farthing has taught at STM for over 30 years, during which time he has served several terms as Department Head of Psychology as well as Acting Head of Economics, Acting Head of Sociology, and as a member of numerous STM Faculty Council committees, the Academic Planning Committee, and the STM Board of Governors.

Farthing gave thanks for the fact that so many things have gone right in the life of his family to provide so much access to higher education. There are 25 USask degrees in his family, with a new PhD soon to be added to the list.

Farthing brings solemn respect for education into his role of associate dean. He said part of his responsibility is to ensure STM students - coming from all walks of life, and with all faith traditions - feel comfortable at the College so they can take their talent and give themselves the best opportunity to succeed in life. He hopes to help provide access to resources so those students can find truth, build character, and 'see anew.'

The installation included a smudging ceremony, conducted by Elder Henry Felix, of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation, and an Honour Song, performed by Qwaydin Spotted Blue Jay Linklater.



Dr. Gerald R. Farthing, Associate Dean

Gerald Farthing attended Campion College at the University of Saskatchewan, Regina Campus, as it was then called, and obtained an Honors Degree in Psychology in 1970. In 1971, he obtained a master's degree in psychology at the same university. Having received a Canada Council Doctoral Fellowship and a Saskatchewan Government bursary, he travelled to the University of British Columbia where he earned his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology in 1975.

In 1975 Dr. Farthing was placed at the Swift Current Mental Health clinic to develop psychological services in the southwest of the province. In 1980 he took a position at the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon where he was part of the developing team for the University Hospital Youth Services Program as well as for the evening program for outpatients at the McKercher Center. While working at University Hospital, he became an adjunct Professor at the Department of Psychology and at the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Saskatchewan.

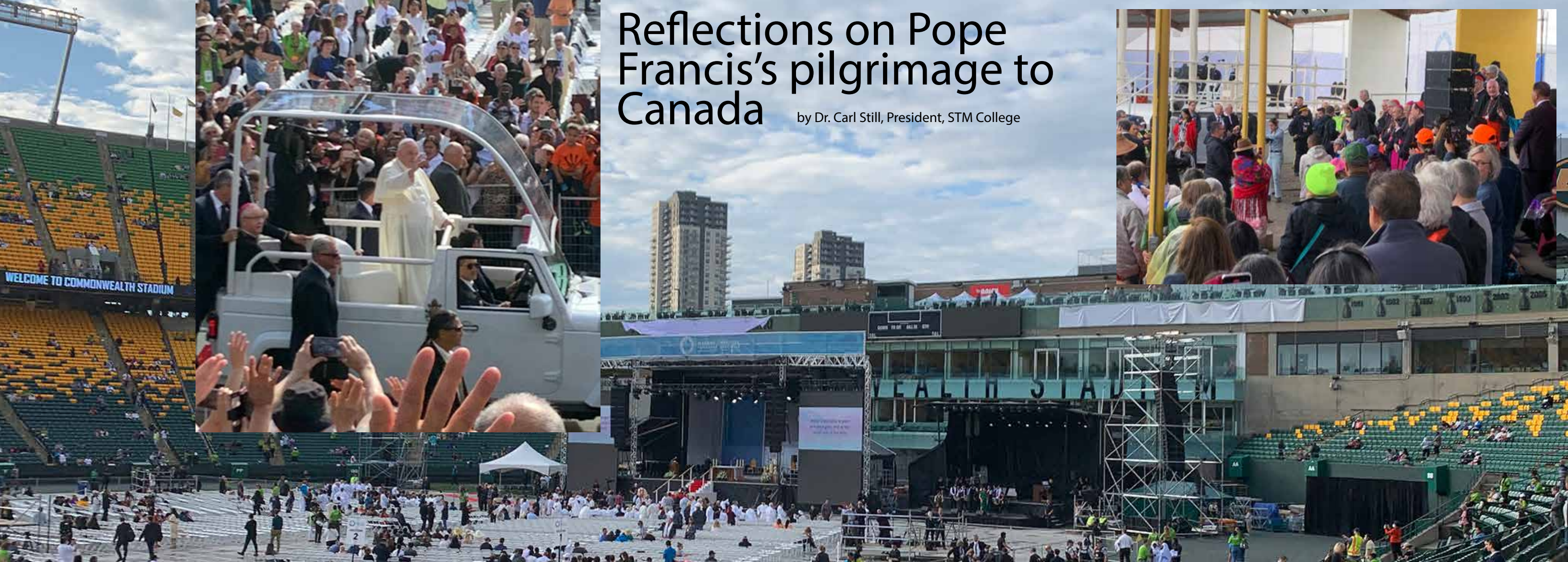
In 1985, Farthing joined the faculty at St. Thomas More College (STM). He has taught at STM for over 35 years, during which time he has served several terms as Department Head of Psychology as well as Acting Head of Economics, Acting Head of Sociology, and as a member of numerous STM Faculty Council committees, the Academic Planning Committee, and the STM Board of Governors.

Farthing has also served as Director of the Psychology Services Center in the USask Psychology Clinical program and as the Chairperson of the Board of Examiners for the Registration of Psychologists in Saskatchewan. His areas of research expertise are in child development, including social and emotional issues. He has also taught graduate courses and mentored students in the clinical program of the USask Department of Psychology and Health Studies. He served as Associate Editor of Developmental Review.



Reflections on Pope Francis's pilgrimage to Canada

by Dr. Carl Still, President, STM College



July 2022

I attended two of the papal events in Alberta that were part of Pope Francis's penitential pilgrimage to Canada in July. In my role as Vice-Chair of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities in Canada (ACCUC) and representing STM, I attended the gathering at Maskwacis on July 25 and the papal mass at Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton the next day. In both cases Dr. Shawn Flynn, president of St. Joseph's College, served as my host, and we travelled with Canadian bishops and other clergy on their bus to both events.

Maskwacis

We arrived around 7 a.m. at Maskwacis, about an hour's drive south of Edmonton. It was rainy and cool throughout the morning, with occasional showers. Residential school survivors sat in the centre of the ceremonial arbour, which is a permanent structure where powwows take place; we sat on the perimeter but had a good view of the platform where Pope Francis would be.

There were important preliminaries before Pope Francis arrived, especially the introductory remarks by Archbishop Don Bolen and two

Elders from the Archdiocese of Regina. One of the Elders made the point that he was no longer interested in "reconciliation" and specifically mentioned (among other examples) the discourse that regularly comes out of universities. Instead, he called for "real-conciliation", which would operate from the grassroots and directly help Indigenous people who are suffering the continuing effects of colonization.

Shortly after Pope Francis arrived, the Grand Entry began. Our colleague Harry Lafond walked in the grand entry as a former chief from Muskeg Lake Cree Nation in Saskatchewan. The grand entry included both a healing dance and a victory dance. It was a tremendous demonstration of pride and resilience among Indigenous people.

Pope Francis's remarks followed. He spoke in Spanish, with pauses for translation into English. When the translator came to the words, "I am deeply sorry", there was an immediate roar and applause from residential school survivors. It was particularly powerful to witness the reaction to words that survivors have waited most of their lives to hear; the response was visceral and emotional, but strongly pos-

itive. It was an important reminder that this gathering was an encounter between Pope Francis and the survivors; the rest of us were witnesses.

The general theme of the pope's remarks at Maskwacis was memory, because "forgetfulness leads to indifference". The pope had prayed among the graves at the former Ermineskin residential school nearby just before coming to the arbour.

After Francis completed his remarks, Chief Wilton Littlechild approached the pope and placed a headdress on him. After some initial applause, a woman near us screamed out, "Take that off!" She then began to sing a song in Cree to the tune of O Canada, but with entirely different words. Shawn Flynn later provided me a translation that emphasized Indigenous sovereignty. Pope Francis rather quickly removed the headdress and defused the situation. It was the only moment of protest that I recall seeing, but it became an indelible part of the memory of the gathering. A momentous and unforgettable event ended with a reminder that not all were prepared to see Pope Francis hailed as a leader on Indigenous lands.

Papal Mass

The following morning, we arrived at Commonwealth Stadium with the bishops and other clergy at about 7 a.m. Shawn and I departed from the group and sat in the stands. The weather was entirely different from Maskwacis: it was warm and sunny and eventually became uncomfortably hot. Prior to the mass there was a demonstration of Inuit throat singing and an important address by Phil Fontaine on forgiveness. Pope Francis entered the stadium in the popemobile and went around the perimeter of the stadium, which created a celebratory feel before the mass.

Mass itself was impressively reverent, considering it was being celebrated in a football stadium. As it was the feast of Saints Joachim and Anna, the parents of the Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus, Pope Francis's homily dealt with grandparents. While some media outlets criticized the mass for not addressing Indigenous themes, they missed the subtlety of the homily. From the reverence for grandparents to the importance of the family tree with strong roots, the pope sounded themes that would be familiar and affirming to Indige-

nous people. He built on the theme of memory from Maskwacis to ask what kind of society our grandparents would want us to build. He made a pointed distinction between tradition as the "living faith of the dead" and traditionalism as the "dead faith of the living". He concluded with a plea for dialogue across the generations: "that future is possible if, with God's help, we do not sever the bond that joins us with those who have gone before us, and if we foster dialogue with those who will come after us".

Looking Back – and Ahead

After the visit, and reflecting on my experiences, I decided to read through Francis's addresses, from the one in Rome to the delegation of Indigenous representatives on April 1, to the press conference that he gave on his flight back to Rome on July 29. At our Board retreat, Harry Lafond had suggested that there is a "storyline" that Pope Francis was building from the first to the last address. I found reading the addresses both informative and moving. We were most fortunate to have the Honourable Graydon Nicholas give

the Keenan Lecture in November, where he reflected on the papal visit and the reconciliation journey. During the winter, we hope to hold sessions led by Harry Lafond to read and reflect together on Francis's addresses during his penitential pilgrimage in Canada.

Two overriding impressions remain with me from the papal visit: that there was a true encounter between Pope Francis and the Indigenous people who came out to see and hear him; and that all Catholics in Canada now have a papal imperative to decolonize their hearts, minds, and institutions. As the memory of this "intense" papal pilgrimage fades over time, the written texts that Pope Francis has left contain many fruitful suggestions for the tasks that Catholic colleges and universities can take up to contribute to decolonization and reconciliation. I had a first opportunity to explore this theme with our ACCUC colleagues at our fall meeting in Ottawa, and I look forward to the discussions that will continue at STM.

Our wonderful volunteer committee!

We wish to express our deep gratitude to the dedicated volunteers who serve on the St. Thomas More Newman Alumni Association (STMNAA) committee. We are proud to celebrate the caring commitment of the following members of the STMNAA committee:



Left to right: Art Battiste, Angeline Battiste, Corinne Baumann, Madeleine Blais-Dahlem, Rae-Ann Dyck, Mary Donlevy-Konkin, Jen Duggleby, Veronica Lucas, Sylvia Regnier, Dean Schmidt, Kari Sinkewicz (STM College staff representative)

You are invited join the STMNAA committee today!

The STMNAA committee welcomes other alumni to join this active group of volunteers who work to support and develop creative initiatives that benefit alumni and the College. This dedicated group of alumni is committed to building a strong social, intellectual, and spiritual community of STM and Newman Alumni by encouraging their lifelong involvement with the College and with each other. Join today and reconnect with fellow alumni, make new friends and help make a real difference in the lives of STM alumni and students.

For more information on how you can become involved with your alma mater, contact:

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A Message From Your STMNAA Committee

The STMNA has been undergoing a restructuring in the last several years, due to two significant factors.

The first was the pandemic, which forced us to move to online meetings, which then increased access to and participation by younger and working alumni. The pandemic also allowed us to step back from our regular activities and gave us the time and perspective to reimagine what a more vibrant Alumni Association could look like.

The second was the decision to separate the Distinguished Alumni Awards from the annual Corporation meeting.

These two factors have been the impetus behind all of our activities in the last year.

The first step to expanding and enlivening our Alumni Association must be to reconnect with our less involved alumni. In order to do that, we have been reaching out through More News, social media, emails to alumni that are already part of our association, and word of mouth to try to bring more people back into relationship with STM.

The STMNA has been working to expand our recognition of alumni who have done great things in and with their lives.

The first step was to establish a Distinguished Alumni Adjudication Committee. This committee examined the criteria for the Distinguished Alumni awards and simplified the process of submitting alumni for consideration. It will provide recommendations to the President of the College for the annual Distinguished Alumni awards and establish additional ways of honouring alumni both formally and informally.

Separating the presentation of the awards from the annual Corporation meeting necessitated the development of a special event to honour these alumni, as well as to reconnect with the alumni community.

This led to the development of an Event Planning Committee, which organized and hosted the Inaugural STM Fall Gathering on Oct. 1, 2022. It began with a celebration of faith in the STM chapel in the afternoon. This was followed by a self-guided Art and Architecture tour of the College and culminated with a reception in the Shannon Library and the Alumni of Distinction Awards. Presentations were made for 2020, 2021 and 2022 since the College community was finally able to gather again after the interruption of the pandemic.

We hope that this showcase annual event will become a cherished tradition, celebrating the College's alumni, donors and friends. We hope it will lead to other types of events that can help to create closer bonds between STM and the alumni and be a foundation to future events for College milestones such as the Newman centennial in 2026.

Submitted by Corinne Baumann

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Tessier, Deutscher named 2022 Alumni of Distinction

Louise Tessier

Louise Hudec Tessier was born in 1959 in Leader, Saskatchewan. A multidisciplinary artist, she initially studied accounting and then pursued a career in education, receiving a Bachelor of Education (Art and Music) from the University of Saskatchewan in 1982. She taught elementary school in Saskatoon and later moved to Regina.



A tile-making workshop in 1998 launched Louise into the world of clay. In her home studio, she creates ceramic art tiles using the processes of graphic design, linoleum stamp carving, and printmaking. Louise's designs, inspired by nature and the written word, evoke her Slovakian heritage with its folk-art tradition.

Inspired by music, poetry, gardens, her faith and travel, Louise is attracted to art in many forms. During a six-year sabbatical, Louise illustrated a book, created two large art pieces, and curated a touring group exhibition based on the life of Jesus (Moved by the Spirit). She has also expanded her artistic repertoire to include rug hooking, writing religious icons and, most recently, printmaking creating a work entitled, The Second Eve (Caligari Project Print Exchange & Exhibition, Saskatchewan Printmakers' Association).

In 2013, Tessier published *The Garden Way of the Cross* (Novalis), using the text of Fr. Thomas A. Stanley's 1993 work of the same title and illustrating the Stations of the Cross with her own botanical prints. Those prints were also rendered in clay and displayed in the St. Thomas More Art Gallery as part of the Moved by the Spirit exhibition. This set of fifteen framed tiles is now permanently installed in the College, thanks to the artist's generosity and ongoing support of STM.

Tessier's work has been exhibited in galleries in various locations in the USA, Canada and particularly in Saskatchewan. In 2005, she won the Award for Excellence in Functional & Production Ware for the Saskatchewan Craft Council's Dimension exhibition. During her 23-year ceramics career, Tessier has been involved with several arts organizations, including the Saskatchewan Craft Council, the Alberta Craft Council, the Sundog Arts Society, Christians in the Visual Arts (CIVA) and the Canadian Society of Decorative Arts.

Louise Tessier lives in Regina, Saskatchewan, where she works from her home studio. She continues her art studies through workshops in a number of media and has found much spiritual fulfillment through participating in iconography workshops in Ohio taught by instructors from the Prosopeon School of Iconology. A complete listing of works and awards can be found at: www.louisetessier.com



Dr. Thomas Deutscher

Dr. Thomas Brian Deutscher was born in Regina in 1949, spending his childhood there and in Saskatoon before moving to Humboldt with his family. He attended high school at St. Peter's College in Muenster, where he was taught by the Benedictine monks. This began his life-long commitment to Catholic education. He completed his BA in History in 1969, having served as the President of the St. Thomas More Students' Association that year. He went on to receive his MA in History from the University of Saskatchewan in 1971. In that same year, he and Marci married and moved to Toronto, and later to Italy, to pursue his PhD.

In 1977, he was hired as a sessional lecturer by St. Thomas More College (STM) to teach history, becoming an Assistant Professor in History the following year. He was promoted to full Professor in 1990. During the course of his career, he took on the role of STMFU president twice in 1982-83 and again from 1996-1999. He was named Dean of STM in 1985, serving in that office for six years. He was also acting president of the College for a time. As a Catholic Church historian, Tom was committed to teaching and research; he completed many publications on the Catholic Reformation of the 16th and 17th centuries, and considered his book, *Punishment and Penance* (2013), to be the culmination of his life's work. Tom was the model of a Catholic scholar, demonstrating a faith seeking understanding and recognizing in all people their inherent human dignity.

He and Marci are dedicated to their family and community service. Together, they raised six children: Michael, Matthew, Tom Jr., Ben, Patrick, and Mary. As stated in his obituary, Tom was deeply involved as a parent, "taking time to coach baseball/fastball, chaperone swimming, lead cub-scout packs as Akela, listen to piano practice, watch action movies, provide research assistance, and devise overly complex plans for routine events that involved the entire family and multiple vehicles. Tom also served as the president of Alliance for Life and was a proud member of the Knights of Columbus degree team. Tom loved to cook and eat a good meal to go along with his excellent homemade wine. He was gentle, patient, honest and compassionate, and always had another witticism prepared for even life's most stressful moments. He was a loyal friend, and bravely fought to stay with his family for as long as he possibly could. His Catholic faith provided him with a true North that continues to serve as a guide for his friends and family."

Tom passed away on June 7, 2017, having made a lasting impact on us all.

Annual Fall Gathering of alumni and friends
Featuring: Celebration of STM Distinguished Alumni
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The inaugural STM Fall Gathering provided a chance for old friends to sit and visit in the Shannon Library

STM hosts first Annual Fall Gathering

By Paul Sinkewicz

St. Thomas More College began a new tradition this fall with the inaugural STM Fall Gathering on Oct. 1.

The showcase annual event will celebrate the College's alumni, donors and friends and will also feature the presentation of the STM Alumni of Distinction Awards.

This year's Fall Gathering began with a Celebration of Faith in the STM Chapel in the afternoon, and included an honour song performed by Qwaydin Spotted Blue Jay Linklater, from Sturgeon Lake First Nation.

The day also included a self-guided Art and Architecture tour. Returning alumni were able to wander the halls of the College to see the many changes that have occurred over the years as the needs of its students have changed, as well as to appreciate the many significant pieces of artwork that grace the rooms and hallways.

The Alumni of Distinction awards took place in the Shannon Library, with presentations made for 2020, 2021 and 2022 in a year when the College community was finally able to gather again after the interruption of the pandemic.

Dr. Tammy Marche, Dean of STM, said the stories of the distinguished alumni being hon-



Joyce MacLean and David Plosz look up their old classmates

oured shows that the College's graduates are indeed going out into the world and exploring faith, reason and justice, while also unselfishly serving others.

"The contributions each of these six award recipients has made to their communities does honour to the College, and we are grateful for the opportunity to show our appreci-

ation to them at this event," said Dr. Marche. "The College has seen many changes over the years, but our mission and values have not changed and are very much alive today, as they always have been – in our students, faculty, staff, and our alumni."

Each award recipient was introduced by Veronica Lucas, recent graduate and a member of the STM Newman Alumni Association.

Honoured from 2020 were Mary Donlevy-Konkin and Richard Lucas. From 2021 were alumni Rita Gillies and Fr. Emile April, who sent his regrets. The 2022 Distinguished Alumni being honoured were Louise Tessier and Dr. Thomas Deutscher, who was nominated posthumously. Accepting on his behalf was his wife, Marci Deutscher.

"What a gift it is to once again be able to enjoy in-person events, where we can laugh together, pray together, and embrace our shared connection to the STM community," said Kari Sinkewicz, Manager of Development and Alumni Relations. "We enjoyed outstanding attendance at the inaugural STM Annual Fall Gathering, with several guests travelling from out of province to join us. We are looking forward to an even larger contingent next year, of alumni, donors and friends of the College gathering fall, 2023 to celebrate the announcement of the new Distinguished Alumni."



An honour song was performed at the Celebration of Faith



Dr. Brian Chartier visits with Dr. Tammy Marche



Kari Sinkewicz, Manager of Development and Alumni Relations, and Dr. Helen Horsman, Board Chair, celebrate at the Fall Gathering



Distinguished Alumni recipients from left: Marci Deutscher, Louise Tessier, Rita Gillies, Mary Donlevy-Konkin and Richard Lucas

They made it happen

This event required the assistance of many STM staff members and alumni, including but not exclusively:

Distinguished Alumni Adjudication Committee

Gerry Farthing, Veronica Lucas, Michael MacLean, Gertrude Rompré, Dean Schmidt, and Kari Sinkewicz.

Event Planning Committee

Corinne Baumann, Rae Ann Dyck, Veronica Lucas, Corinne Matthews, Sherry Richert, Dean Schmidt, Kari Sinkewicz, and Paul Sinkewicz

Event Day Support

The Event Planning Committee, Jacquie Berg, Greg Clemence, Amanda Gieni, Eity Gomes, Marie Klassen, Michael MacLean, Tammy Marche, Jarrid Phillips, Gertrude Rompré, Stacy Stillwell, Celeste Woloschuk, and several STM students.

We are very thankful for all of the hard work you did on our behalf. Thank you!



We hope you will gather with us for another visit soon!



September 23
Education Gym
USask campus

5PM - MIDNIGHT
Lunch provided

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Tánishi tawaw

Bitáemo Tanyan yahipi

Nuhha ho?á

Bienvenue

Fall Round Dance 2022

ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE
 UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN

MUSKELA CREE NATION
 SASKATCHEWAN CULTURE



STM Fall Welcome Back Round Dance

St. Thomas More College (STM) hosted a Round Dance this fall to welcome students back for another school year.

The event attracted hundreds of participants from Saskatoon and area, and featured invited drumming and singing groups, Métis jigger Courtney-Dawn Anaquod, and special guests. Master of ceremonies Sanford Strongarm ran the program, keeping young and old dancing in between speakers.

STM College has a focus on strengthening relationships with Indigenous communities and groups at USask and the local and provincial community, and recognizes the importance in honoring Indigenous culture through integration of ceremony in College celebrations.

Under the leadership of STM's Scholar in Indigenous Education, Harry Lafond of Muskeg Lake Cree Nation, STM's Authentic Indigenization action group brought on Lorna Arcand to serve as cultural coordinator for the event.

With additional support from Yvette Arcand, Director, and Arlene Bear, Associate Director, Indian Teacher Education Program (ITEP), a full day of activity was planned.

Dozens of volunteers from STM and ITEP got together before the event to make 700 sandwiches and create bagged lunches for attendees.

T-shirts were also given out as gifts to participants, with both red and orange shirts available to honour both Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and Residential School Survivors and Victims.

Before the dancing commenced at the USask Education Gym, a traditional feast and Pipe ceremony was held at Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre, under the new leadership of Candace Wasacase-Lafferty.

The event was hosted by STM in partnership with Muskeg Lake Cree Nation, ITEP, the Saskatoon Tribal Council and with support from SaskCulture.



PHOTOS:
 Paul Sinkewicz
 Jacquie Berg



Graduate Students help animate Schmeiser Centre

"The graduate student project administrators are an essential part of the Centre's functioning in a mutually enhancing manner: we benefit from their complementary skills and vital energy, while they are mentored into the community outreach dimension of their promising academic careers."

Dr. Chris Hrynkow, Co-Director Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice.



Brette Kristoff

is a graduate student with the Department of Religion and Culture, researching critical discourse, social media, and the dynamics of religion and politics in the U.S. and Canada. In 2018, Brette received her Bachelor of Arts degree with High Honours in Religion and Culture with a minor area of focus in Critical Perspectives on Social Justice and the Common Good.

As an undergraduate, Brette was drawn in by the welcoming and cozy campus at St. Thomas More College, and quickly settled in as a STM student. For Brette, religion and culture studies as an academic discipline 'takes seriously' the role religion and spirituality have in the personal and political lives of people, and she is deeply passionate about exploring these intersections. Other research interests include critical and intersectional perspectives in women and gender studies, environmental justice, peace studies, and mental health and wellness education and advocacy. Brette is in the final defense stage of her Master of Arts thesis and hopes to continue her studies with a PhD.

Brette works as a Graduate Student Administrator for STM's Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice. Brette also works as a writing tutor and workshop facilitator at the Writing Help Centre at the University of Saskatchewan where she enjoys helping students enhance their written and oral communication skills.

Brette enjoys music and directs a charitable children's choir called Tomorrow's Voices. When she can find spare time, she enjoys spending it outdoors or daydreaming about her next travel destination.



James Powell

is a graduate student with the Department of Religion and Culture, researching the historical relationship between the theology and politics of the Catholic Church throughout the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. While completing his undergraduate degree in Philosophy, he was inspired by STM's mission, which emphasizes uniting the intellectual, spiritual, and ethical dimensions of Catholic culture in service of offering hospitality to the Other.

After completing his degree in 2017, Powell spent a year putting what he learned into practice at Romero House, an intentional community that offers transitional housing to recently arrived refugee claimants in Toronto. These two institutions—STM and Romero House—taught James that there can and should be a diversity of identities, beliefs, and practices within Catholic traditions. This has informed his research, which seeks to uncover how and why people with divergent identities or dissenting voices have been excluded from the Catholic Church. He therefore makes use of his background in postmodern philosophy to address these issues, as this intellectual approach is attentive to how power emerges and functions within cultures and institutions. Powell would eventually like to expand on these topics within a Ph.D.

Outside of research, James likes to watch and critique movies with his friends, go on hiking trips with his partner, and practice hospitality through cooking and baking. He is also an avid cyclist and can be found biking around the city regardless of weather or season. Lastly, as a Graduate Student Project Administrator for STM's Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice, he is most proud of his role in organizing the Islam, Peace, and Justice Conference.



Mykan Zlipko

is a graduate student with the Department of Religion and Culture researching nonviolent peacebuilding and intervention, critical discourses, diplomacy, and the dynamics of religion, politics, and peace in Ukraine.

In 2020, Mykan received her Bachelor of Arts degree with Honours in Anthropology, minoring in Ukrainian Studies and a certificate in Horticulture Studies in 2013. Initially, the Ukrainian courses drew Mykan to St. Thomas More College, but the welcoming and cozy atmosphere was the reason for becoming an STM student. For Zlipko, religion and culture studies as a discipline provide spaces for delving into the role of religion and spirituality in people's lives and the inclusion of religion and spirituality in creating cultures of peace. While her initial topic attempted to delve into religion, politics, and peacebuilding during the Euromaidan Revolution in Ukraine in 2013-14, the current resurgence of Russian aggression in Ukraine became the deciding factor in researching the active role of religion as a partner of peace locally, nationally, and internationally. Other research interests include peace studies, oral history, memory politics, cultural competency, Ukrainian studies, Eastern European studies, nonviolent activism, and religious peacebuilding. In the future, Mykan hopes to continue her studies after her Master of Arts degree with a PhD.

In addition to Mykan's work as a Graduate Student Project Administrator for the Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice, she volunteers as an operations manager at Sadok Dzvinok Ukrainian Preschool housed at Bishop Filevich Ukrainian Bilingual School and currently teaches Sunday School for middle years and high school students.

Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice

Islam, Peace, and Justice Conference



Dr. Asma Afsaruddin (Indiana University)



Asma Afsaruddin, Azeezah Kanji, Taseen S. Desin (Islamic Association of Saskatchewan), Imam Saqib Mahmood Zafar (Ahmadiyya of Saskatoon)



Azeezah Kanji (Noor Cultural Centre, Toronto)

Overcoming Stereotypes Through Conversation and Knowledge

The Islam, Peace, and Justice Conference was held at St. Thomas More College (STM) on September 21 and 22, including both live and streaming events.

"The goal of this conference is to challenge worn-out stereotypes about Muslims, stereotypes that all too often equate Islam with violent extremism," said Dr. Gertrude Rompré, co-Director of the Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice. "In the place of these stereotypes, the participants and the presenters at this conference will illustrate how faith-inspired principles can, and do, foster cultures of peace and justice."

The Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice – housed at STM – presented the conference in partnership with the Islamic Association of Saskatchewan, the Saskatoon Peace Coalition, and the STM Department of Religion and Culture. It attracted participants from all over the world.

Rompré noted it is natural to ask: Why would a Catholic college be hosting a conference focused on Islam, Peace, and Justice?

"There are a lot of good answers to that question, but I think one of the main answers is: because we are kin. There is a kinship that exists between our traditions, the Abrahamic faiths, that share so much in terms of a vision for humanity."

The first day of the conference included two online panels: Historical and Sociocultural Contexts and Contested Issues: War, Peace, and Justice.

In the evening, keynote speaker Dr. Asma Afsaruddin, Professor of Islamic Studies at Indiana University, presented her talk titled *Islamic Perspectives on Peacemaking and Co-Existence*.

Day 2 saw panels on: Common Narratives, Peace Education, and Environmental Issues and Peacebuilding in Contemporary Practice.

It was followed by *Make Jihad Not War: Decolonizing the Law of Violence and the Violence of Law*, presented by Azeezah Kanji, legal academic and scholar, and Director of Programming at the Noor Cultural Centre in Toronto.

Each online discussion was made up of panelists working in the field of Islamic thought, education, or justice.

After the closing address on Thursday evening, the conference concluded with a synthesis panel that included the two keynote speakers, as well as Taseen Desin, from the Islamic Association of Saskatchewan and Imam Saqib Mahmood Zafar, from the Ahmadiyya community of Saskatoon.

"We need to broaden our sense of community," said Dr. Afsaruddin. "It's not just our neighbourhood anymore. It's the world. We do have to cultivate that sense of global belonging – that what we do here matters."

"We are obligated to everyone we know personally, but also people we've never met because our lives are intertwined. Our goals are intertwined, and we are all in this together."

STM CAMPUS MINISTRY PARTNERS WITH SCHMEISER CENTRE TO FACILITATE TRC DISCUSSIONS ON RECONCILIATION



By Michael MacLean, STM Campus Ministry, Justice Generation Organizer

In Advent of 2021, one of the Gospel readings had people approaching John the Baptist about how to live in right relationship with God. "What shall we do?" they asked.

This was the very question that a cross-Canada team of Campus Ministers decided to adopt while approaching the topic of Reconciliation. What shall we do? What actions shall we take? What works best? The team of organizers for the Justice Generation project represented St. Thomas More College, Campion College in Regina, St. Mary's University College in Calgary and King's University College in London, Ontario. The Justice Generation has been of late, a virtual conference held in May or June, inviting University students to study and pray about a particular Justice topic. While planning sessions began in 2021, the decision was made for interviews to be recorded in June, the month of National Indigenous Peoples' Day, and to be shared with campuses to use in the fall of 2022. STM was the first campus group to use the interviews for discussion groups starting this past October 11th. STM Campus Ministry partnered with the Irene and Doug Schmeiser Centre for Faith, Reason, Peace, and Justice to host four evenings of discussion and dialogue over four weeks, culminating on All Saints Day, Tuesday, November 1st.

A variety of participants took part including students, staff, faculty, community members, and local clergy. The content to be discussed came from filmed interviews with Archbishop Don Bolen, Elder Rosella Kinoshameg, Elder Gladys Wapass Greyeyes, Mika Lafond, Patrick Lange, Katie Donovan Panchaud and Archbishop Murray Chatlain. The interviews also featured Deacon Harry Lafond, and Campus Ministers from the organizing team Kelly Bourke, Jolene Smith, Annette Donovan Panchaud and Michael MacLean.

While the interview with Archbishop Bolen was the second one recorded in June, the organizing team decided to reorder and use that

one first to set the tone for the series. In the interview Archbishop Don Bolen spoke of the delegation to Rome at the end of March 2022. He talked about the Pope's apology there and the recognition that "...it was wrong, it was wrong to be a part of this project of assimilation. It was wrong to be involved in separating children from their parents, it was wrong to take away culture, language, spirituality, traditions. It was wrong to rob Indigenous people of their dignity, of their ways end of their culture, their experiences, their communities, and, of course, all the abuses that were so obviously destructive."

In the second week, Elder Rosella Kinoshameg spoke of her experiences in health care with Indigenous people. She shared that one time she was on her way to a healing workshop and passed by a former residential school. It had been demolished and all that was left was steps and a door. She said "We need to turn around and look, go up those steps, open the door, and the residential school is not there anymore. But there's an open space. Wide open. Giving us the opportunity to look forward, that we think of our future generations of children and grandchildren and great grandchildren, and how we make things right for them."

The sessions encouraged us to move forward in positive ways, and taking the time to listen to Indigenous voices. On the session that focussed on what we can learn from the land in the third week, Elder Gladys Wapass Greyeyes said, "The Universe is my classroom, and the Universe is also my church." In the same session, the topic of creativity was also raised. Teacher Mika Lafond shared that "The power of story brings us together." This went hand in hand with the concept of deep listening that Pope Francis is encouraging, and engaging in.

In the last session, Archbishop Chatlain directly responded to the thematic question "What can we do?", with multiple answers. He encouraged everyone to educate ourselves and

to look seriously at the history of racism and prejudice in Canada. He said it would be good for those working in the area of reconciliation to have a spirit of openness and welcoming, not falling in to "us and them" categories. He talked about how when we judge others it is not helpful, and the judgement might not even be words, but just our initial reactions. He said that one of the best things we can do is to recognize the gifts of Canada's Indigenous people. They are our brothers and sisters, and he said the number of Catholic Indigenous people in Canada is almost 500,000. And they have many gifts. Their attention to people and sharing were two he highlighted. He talked about the northern Dené communities and how there, one of the greatest insults that could be used was "You love things." He also noted the peoples' attentiveness of the spiritual world, aware of angels and ancestors and their sense of the supernatural. So much to learn!

Of the students joining Archbishop Chatlain on the panel, Katie talked about her visits to the north and how she expected to meet pain and sorrow but instead was met with enthusiasm and hospitality. The youth she encountered were excited to share about their culture and traditions. She said, "Up north, I felt the most alive I'd ever had. It was completely and totally life changing." She also mentioned the Indigenous peoples' strong sense of the supernatural. They let her know that the world is looking out for you, God is looking out for you, as well as angels and ancestors.

Patrick Lange was the last panelist on the last session and had much to say about his experience up north. Prior to going, he had heard that once you go north, you'll always be called to return. This was indeed the case for him. He did a summer youth camp in Wollaston Lake after his first summer in Fond du Lac. He spoke of the peoples' strong culture of sharing. "If you show interest in people, they will share with you all they have, and not just scraps or

left overs, but the cream of the crop." He also said that the people are so in tune with the interconnectedness of the community, the common good and the environment.

Patrick talked about how teaching in Wollaston Lake was the greatest experience of his life. They did a lot of land-based learning, with fishing, making snow shoes, and tanning hides and the community members were always so willing to share their expertise in all these areas.

He saw that their faith was remarkable and their love and devotion to Mary was so special. They did much to celebrate and pray together. As a final comment, Patrick said "I miss the people dearly. And I still talk to people from there every day. I never won't be thinking of them. I hope to see them again. I took a step to make a connection with Indigenous people, and you can too. It may be small steps to begin. You can also grow in this way. Engage, because we are all life long learners."

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SUMMER BRINGS DIFFICULT LOSSES YOUNG AND OLD

by Michael MacLean, STM Campus Ministry

Campus Ministry is such a privilege, such a joyful endeavour. People ask me how I like it. Like it? I love it! It's been a different crop of students each year since I started here at STM in 1998, which means a different crop of ideas and interests each year. It is almost always fun, and never boring.

This summer, however, held some difficult losses for those who touched Campus Ministry in their time on the University of Saskatchewan campus.

First, in July, we lost our beloved Colin Clay. It was my pleasure to minister with him in Ecumenical Campus Ministry work at the outset of my career at the USask. Colin was a delight, and a youthful spirit. He spent 23 year years serving the campus, and his focus was always students. He was always someone I looked up to, despite being a foot shorter than me! As I began my 24th year of ministry at STM this past September, it wasn't lost on me that I had now ministered just as long as my former mentor, and that together, we have provided a listening and supportive presence at USask since 1977! He died at the age of 90 years old. In his nephew Michael Horton's words, Colin was: "A British soldier, a Cambridge graduate, a Reverend Canon, an NDP parliamentary candidate, a university chaplain, a peace advocate, a gay-rights campaigner, a proud Canadian... the living embodiment of true ecumenism".

In August of this past summer, our team got even more challenging news. The death of another person who had made an incredible impact at STM and USask, Desirée Hutton (née Steele). This time, the age of passing was a mere 30 years young.

Desirée was an incredibly positive presence at the College and USask. She was deeply committed to student government and served both on the STMSU and the USSU Student executives. As I went through some of the pictures from our Campus Ministry files, you could see the many involvements Desirée had: performing at the Newman Coffeehouses, travelling for National CCSA conferences (Canadian Catholic Students Association), prison ministry, carolling at Christmastime. It was lovely. She was a bright light in our hallways, our classrooms, our chapel, and our board room. It was hard to believe she had passed.

Even more of Desirée's involvements were revealed at her funeral. Spiritual Direction with Fr. Andre, L'Arche connections with Wyndham and Amy, Service and Justice and Intercordia connections with Caitlin. The sad occasion was a chance for many of Desirée's family, friends and former classmates to gather. It was so good to see all of them, especially our former students, all grown up since they've left the College, some of them married, and even some with children. And they were all so fond of Desirée.

This fall, as things settled back into the closest thing to a normal academic year we have seen in awhile, the memory of these two incredible people continued to pop up. As Student Services and Campus Ministry served free ice cream to the students on Welcome Week, it took me back to all those times I had served ice cream with Colin and the other University chaplains in the bowl. As well, in September, I learned that the STMSU's annual recycling drive would be donating their proceeds to the Desirée Hutton (née Steele) Legacy Fund (<https://sscf.ca/desiree-hutton-legacy-fund/>) that benefits underprivileged students.

These two individuals gave their all to the causes they were committed to and made a real difference, whether they died at 90 years old or 30. I hope reading about them inspires you to do the same.

33rd Annual Michael Keenan Memorial Lecture



Reconciliation work to continue long after Papal visit

Honorable Graydon Nicholas shares perspective at Keenan lecture

By Paul Sinkewicz

St. Thomas More College presented the 33rd Annual Michael Keenan Memorial Lecture on November 3, with the Honourable Graydon Nicholas speaking on "Reflections on the Papal Visit: When does the Reconciliation Journey begin? and with Whom?"

Nicholas is Maliseet from the Tobique First Nation in New Brunswick and has enjoyed a ground-breaking career of service as a lawyer and public servant. He was the first Indigenous person to earn a law degree in Atlantic Canada. He was the first Indigenous provincial court judge in New Brunswick, serving from

1991 to 2004, and was also the province's first Indigenous Lieutenant Governor, serving from 2009-2014. In 2020 he was appointed Chancellor of St. Thomas University in New Brunswick.

Nicholas gave the background regarding how the Papal visit to Canada in July 2022 came about, from the invitation from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops in October 2021, to the visit of a delegation of Indigenous survivors, elders, knowledge keepers, and youth who visited the Vatican in late March of this year to speak with Pope Francis about the timing, focus and themes in preparation for his future pilgrimage to Canada.

In what he called Walking Together, His Apostolic Journey, A Penitential Pilgrimage, Pope Francis visited Canada from July 24-29.

It came in response the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in 2015, specifically No. 58, which called upon the Pope to issue an apology to survivors, their families and communities, for the role of the Roman Catholic Church in the spiritual, cultural, emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis children in Catholic run residential schools.

Nicholas chronicled the statements made by Pope Francis on his trip to Canada during the summer of 2022, including his admission the actions of members of the Catholic church resulted in a genocide.

"Pope Francis did apologize many times in his speeches and homilies," said Nicholas. "Pope Francis invited the Indigenous peoples on a journey with our Catholic Church: 'It will be based on trust, truth and sharing of our Catholic faith and Indigenous spiritualities.'"

Nicholas, a devout Catholic, said as followers of the risen Jesus we must continue to pray, be open to learn, seek the truth, express our sorrow and hope, and move forward with determination to a reconciliation and healing.

"With all this important information, what is a person, community or university to do?" Nicholas asked. He said this history needs to be taught at universities to reach young minds.

He also said for those who are just learning about the history and details of the tragic events that spurred the need for the Papal apology, the path ahead was clear. It must involve Indigenous persons and communities who belong to the First Nations, Métis and Inuit.

"Each of these peoples experienced residential schools in different ways. This will not be an easy process. But I encourage you to begin that path."

To begin the evening, Dr. Tammy Marche, Dean of STM College, gave a history of the Keenan Lecture, and noted it is STM's signature academic lecture of the year. It was named in honour of Dr. Michael Keenan, the first Dean of the College from 1975 to 1985. The annual lecture features leading intellectuals in various fields, and it has been the focus of the lecture to explore the synthesis of faith and reason, in keeping with the mission of the College.

The full 2022 Keenan Lecture is available on YouTube at: [stm1936](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=stm1936)



Michelle and Norm Lipinski recently returned to STM College to take part in the inaugural Fall Gathering

Couple's gift aims to help foster understanding, reconciliation

St. Thomas More College is very grateful to Michelle and Norm Lipinski, who recently made a generous gift to support the Chair in Indigenous Spirituality and Reconciliation.

Norm moved to Saskatoon to attend the College of Agriculture in 1978, and soon became a member of the Newman Club, Ulcers Food Co-op and Newman Sounds.

He met his future spouse in the STM cafeteria. Michelle Dinter was also active in the Newman Club. Together they have raised three children (Amy, Melanie and Christina) and now have four grandchildren. Both Norm and Michelle recently completed careers as teachers for Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools.

The couple has maintained strong ties with STM, including both serving on Corporation. They are members of St. Philip Neri Parish, and have also been strong supporters of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, the Catholic Church in Canada's international development agency. Michelle served on its National Council for a number of years. They are dedicated to justice and peace building.

In making the gift, the couple wanted to share their perspective:

"We have always appreciated the work of STM and its focus on the engagement of hearts and minds to guide our journeys in this world. We appreciated what we saw as a seamless connection among the intellectual, emotional and spiritual. STM was where we really began to see faith in action as the people we met here prayed together and played together. Many of the social contacts we made during our years as students here have been maintained through decades."

"Our consideration of a donation to STM began in the spring of 2021 and coincided with the discoveries of unmarked graves on the sites of former residential school. As we developed more of an awareness of the impact of colonization on Indigenous people, we felt that, in addition to donating to charities that are working up front on the issues in the community, it was important to consider seed money which would have a greater effect in terms of changing hearts and minds. The STM Chair in Indigenous Spirituality and Reconciliation is an avenue for such growth through the dialogue, teaching and research it will facilitate."

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If you would like any further information or would like to discuss the various ways you can make a donation to STM part of your legacy, please contact:



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Campus Ministry thanks you!

Last Easter, as we joined with Christians throughout the world to celebrate the glory and promise of the resurrection, knowing that in Christ all things work together unto good. This Paschal Mystery lies at the heart of our faith and allows us to be a people of hope, even amidst the darkness that may exist in our lives and in our world.

This message of hope is also at the heart of our work as the Campus Ministry Team at St. Thomas More College. Campus Ministry exists to proclaim this good news to our students, faculty, and staff.

Through our prayer and programming, partnerships, and positivity, and most especially through our presence, we seek to model Christ's love on campus. In doing so, we encourage students to grow in faith as well as knowledge during their time at university.

With messages from Newman Centre students including Carly Serke, Sarah Blom, Emily Fossen, Adam Eichorst, and Alayna Jones, we asked for your support of Campus Ministry in an Easter letter.

Your response was outstanding! Thank you for your kind and generous donation in support of campus ministry at STM. Your gift allows our ministry to flourish and bear witness to the hope that lies at the heart of our faith. Thank you for encouraging us in this work and please know that we keep you in prayer throughout the year.

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Student Advocacy, Community, and Friendship

by Jacquie Berg

2022's new president of the St. Thomas More Students' Union (STMSU) is Abbi Cross. Cross takes on the role following Taylor Spock who held the position previously and continues to serve on the Union executive.

STMSU is the student governing body within St. Thomas More College (STM), and the students' voice at the College and USask. All students who self-declare as STM students automatically become members of STMSU. STMSU executive work to serve STM students through many social, cultural, and recreational activities.

"We are here for the students," said Cross. "In my role as president and as a member of the executive, we are always sure to advocate for their rights. We also want to ensure a sense of community with social or support events and initiatives."

Now in her fourth year at USask, Cross jumped right in to extracurricular activities at STM serving for two years on the students union as VP Operations and Finance, as well as well as one year in the VP Academic role.

In her hometown of Martensville, Saskatchewan, Cross learned about the College from visiting STM recruitment officer Linda Huard. "She made me feel at ease with the prospect of attending University, with her friendliness, and promoting the smaller class sizes and community atmosphere offered through STM," said Cross. "Our high school had only 500 students, so hearing about STM, I felt that my leaving a small centre, the College would be less intimidating to start my post-secondary experience."

Cross endorses her experience as a student at STM. "Some of my favorite professors over my time on campus were from the College," said Cross. "For example, many may wonder how grammar could be made fun, but STM's Dr. Shakti Brazier-Tompkins did just that!. She continually went above and beyond."

Some of Abbi's opportunities at the College resulted from declaring as an STM student. "I saw that the College provided options for financial support for students with additional student awards, and student organization membership," she noted. In Cross's case this was a step into the Students Union and resultant committee involvement.

"As a member of the Students Union I have had opportunities to participate in several committees within the College, including the Vital Liberal Arts Action Group, Corporation, Faculty Council, Dean's Search and now as the student representative on the Board of Governors," said Cross. "I have also had the chance to acquire some valuable skills including leadership and time management, event organization, meeting planning - all skills that will be applicable after studies."

Cross is pursuing her bachelor's degree majoring in Psychology with a minor in Statistics. Looking ahead to graduation, Cross is still contemplating future plans. "I am considering graduate studies to acquire my masters or PhD," said Cross. "I would like to participate in research in Neuro psychology - studying neuro degenerative disorders and their relation to cognition for patients."

"I have valued extracurricular activities and encourage other students to consider participation. There are a lot of benefits, but perhaps most importantly, in the end you get to make friends!"



STMSU President Abbi Cross



STMSU



St. Thomas More Students' Union

stmsu.ca

STMSU is independent of the Arts and Science Students' Union (ASSU), and has voting membership on the University Students' Council (USC) and the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) council and several committees at St Thomas More College.

For more information or to join as a member at large please contact vpcommunications@stmsu.ca

STMSU Executive

- **President** - Abbi Cross
- **Vice President of Operations & Finance** - Tay Spock
- **Vice President Communications** - Angie Rutkowski
- **Director of Events** - Jeffrey Wortman

Members of Student Council (MSC):

- Elisabeth Bauman
- John Cody

STM Student Groups

<https://stmcollege.ca/study-here/student-clubs.php>



Fr. Henry Carr Leadership Award

By Jacquie Berg

A desire to better understand and support disadvantaged people was the motivation behind Emily Roberts pursuing her bachelor's degree in psychology.

As she graduates from the University of Saskatchewan (USask) at Fall Convocation, Roberts is also being recognized for leadership and contribution to student life through her declared college and will be awarded the Fr. Henry Carr award from St. Thomas More College (STM).

Having grown up in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, Roberts followed her sister in selecting USask and STM to pursue her studies. Roberts felt "it made sense" to register in many of her courses through STM because of the generally smaller class sizes, and the opportunity for additional student awards.

Roberts was involved with the College's Newman Sounds Glee Club, served as editor for in medias res – a student led literary magazine "publishing content to reflect the campus community, its complexities and diversity" – and was on the executive of the St. Thomas More College Students Union (STMSU). "STM became like a home for me, and I was happy that the college was open to students joining in community if they wished."

"Emily Roberts was chosen for the Carr award because she has been an excellent example of student leadership and participation in the STM community," stated Richard Medernach, manager of student experience and enrolment at STM. "Emily provided a level-headed perspective and practical voice to the STMSU, in medias res, and Newman Sounds Glee Club. She always gave of herself to enrich other students' experience at the college."

Since completing her final degree course in summer 2022, Roberts has been working as an emergency duty worker with Child and Family Services – responding to after hours' calls to respectfully serve families, as well as stepping in part time with the Saskatoon Public School system in an educational assistant role.

While forced online studies during the pandemic lockdown weren't preferred delivery format, Roberts said that she soon got into the rhythm and is now considering completing her master's in social services in her post-graduation plans – offered online through Wilfrid Laurier University.

"In the future I would like to have the opportunity to gain more practical experience to support my awareness of systemic and social factors that impact trauma," Roberts said. "This feels like the perfect complement to my degree."

EMILY ROBERTS
Fall Convocation 2022
Fr. Henry Carr Award Recipient



Congratulations graduates!



STM Fall 2022 Graduates

Anwar Wardah
Alexandra Arthurs
Steven Kline Baes
Monisha Chakder
Karia Cisse Boechler
Alyssa Cratty
Kyra Crevier
Dalyce Epp
Henry Fang

Wayne Fernandes
Van Giap
Leanne Harris
Patrisha Elliz Ibanez
Sara Islam
Bernadette Juliano
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STM at a Glance

Fall/Winter 2022

235+ ARTS & SCIENCE
COURSE OPTIONS (open to all USask students)

18 AREAS OF STUDY

75 FACULTY
(Tenure, tenure-stream, term, sessional)

5300+ distinct STUDENTS
(registered in courses through STM)

1400+ STM STUDENTS
(self-declared STM status)

538 Indigenous STUDENTS
(declared status registered in STM courses)

351 International STUDENTS
(declared status registered in STM courses)

\$235,000+ STM Scholarships
& Bursaries available

10,000+ STM Alumni
(approx. since 1936)

31,300 STM COLLEGE.CA
Website users
May 1, 2022 - November 1, 2022

2022 Spring Convocation Recognizes Outstanding STM Graduates

The ranks of St. Thomas More College alumni grew by more than 180 June 7, 2022 as the members of the Spring 2022 convocation class celebrated their new degrees in a wide range of liberal arts disciplines. *Event occurred after the spring publication.*

*Highest average achieved by an STM student in each subject

Sheldon Alderton, Applied & Professional Ethics (Certificate)

Sibtain Ali, Physiology and Pharmacology

Gavriel John Arganosa, Statistics

Faith Austin-Scott, Cellular, Physiological & Pharmacological Sciences

Favour Badaiki, International Studies

Katrina Blackburn-Dust, Drama

Saray Cahuas Zegarra, Religion and Culture

Jasper Caswell, Computer Science

Micaela Champagne, Archaeology

Jaiden Christopher, Geology

Andrew Conan, Environmental Earth Sciences

Dylan Cooper, Indigenous Governance Politics (Certificate)

Danielle Corriveau, English

Jay Cowsill, Archaeology and Anthropology

Paige Daubenfeld, Health Studies

Susan Fakande, Biomedical Foundations

Jessica Harms, Philosophy

Nicholas Hendry, History

Yao Hu, Business Economics

Chloe Hunchak, French

Nudba Ismaeel, Ethics, Justice and Law (Certificate)

Natalya Jones, Anthropology

Nicholas Kane, Sociology

Iliiza Karangwa, Regional and Urban Planning

Rachel Kay, Psychology (BSC)

Cindy Li, Biochemistry

Katelyn Lockinger, Psychology (BA)

Jessica McLeod-Mitchell, Biological Research (Certificate)

Muhammad Nasir, Biomedical Neuroscience

Meet Patel, Biochemistry, Microbiology & Immunology

Erika Rybinski, Jazz (Certificate)

Aaryan Singh, Economics

Briana Stone, Anatomy and Cell Biology

Kaitlyn Suru, Music Education

Jazzlin Walker, Indigenous Studies

Jennifer Ward, Linguistics

Kelsey Weston, Biology

Darian Yee, Global Studies (Certificate)

Darian Yee, Political Studies

Amanda Zimmerman, Computing (Certificate)

Amanda Zimmerman, Interactive Systems Design



Right Reverend Monsignor Myroslav Kolodey Memorial Academic Prize

Awarded annually to a graduating 3rd or 4th year St. Thomas More College student with the highest overall cumulative average.

Paige Daubenfeld



Thomas Deis '38 Prize in Scholastic Philosophy in Honour of Dr. Basil Markle S.T.D

Awarded annually to a distinguished graduating student of St. Thomas More College majoring in Philosophy.

Jessi Harms



Thomas Deis '38 WWII Memorial Prize

Awarded to a St. Thomas More College Student or Newman Centre member who has demonstrated an all-round excellence or leadership, and/or who has enriched notably the life of STM or Newman Centre.

Rachel Kay



Fr. Henry Carr Award

Awarded to a student who has shown leadership in and/or contributed to the life of the St. Thomas More College.

Ana Cristina Camacho Alarcón and Hannah Tran (co-recipients)



Alumnus adds northern flavour to STM with donation of carving



Joe Dierker with Manasie Maniapik's 'Man Walking with Stick'

The Shannon Library recently received a new piece of art from alumnus Joe Dierker.

Titled *Man Walking with Stick*, the piece is a sculpture created by well-known Inuit artist Manasie Maniapik using soapstone. Maniapik was born in 1939 and lives in Pangnirtung, Nunavut.

Joe was given the opportunity to select the piece in Winnipeg in 1975 while providing legal services to the Artic Cooperative. He was intrigued by the detail of the carving – his beard, his eyes, the stick – and has had it in his home ever since.

Recognizing that this is a unique and precious piece of art contributing to our knowledge of traditional Inuit life, Joe said he wanted it displayed somewhere where others could see it, so he donated this to STM for the faculty, staff and students to enjoy.

Joe graduated from STM College in 1957, going on to a degree in Law. He works at the law firm of McDougal Gauley LLP, specializing in the fields of Corporate Law and Governance and Banks and Financial Institutions.

On Guard for Thee:
Canada's Military Training Mission to Ukraine, 2015
The Drawings of Canadian War Artist Richard Johnson
 November 1 - December 16, 2022

An exhibit organized by the Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage in association with St. Thomas More Art Gallery. Curated by Dr. Bohdan Kordan, Professor Emeritus.

Opening Reception
 2:00 – 4:00 pm, Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022
 STM Gallery, Second Floor, 1437 College Drive

Proceeds from the limited series prints — numbered and signed by the artist — will be directed toward support of humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine through the Canada-Ukraine Foundation. The sale ends with the conclusion of the exhibition on December 17, 2022. For more information, see stmcollege.ca/gallery



Contact Dr. Foty-Oneschuk to purchase one of the pieces. (infoneschuck@stmcollege.ca)

The STM Shannon Gallery art exhibit featuring the drawings of war artist Richard Johnson is drawing attention to Canada's military contribution to the defence of Ukraine and raising money to repair wounds suffered in the conflict.

On Guard for Thee is a remarkable exhibition of prints representing Canada's Operation Unifier training mission in Ukraine, which began in 2015. The show was mounted by STM Gallery curator Linda Stark, in partnership with the Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage (PCUH).

"Since Feb. 24, our community has focused on our connections with our ancestral homeland in a whole new way," said Dr. Nadya Foty-Oneschuk, interim director of PCUH, at the opening of the exhibit. "Standing shoulder-to-shoulder with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, Ukrainians all over the world, including those of us here in Saskatchewan, are working to raise awareness about the genocidal war happening in Ukraine, and to help raise funds to ensure that humanitarian aid will get to those who so desperately need it."

"The PCUH is proud of our founding director, Professor Emeritus Dr. Bohdan Kordan, who curated this exhibit and who initiated the work to bring the partnership with Linda Stark and the STM Gallery to fruition," she said.

"Not only does this exhibit speak for itself in terms of the profound artistic talent being showcased, but it also serves as a fundraiser for this very important cause."



Bohdan Kordan, Linda Stark, and Nadya Foty-Oneschuk at opening reception.

STM celebrates Order of Merit recipients

This summer Saskatchewan Lieutenant Governor Russ Mirasty announced eight new recipients of the Saskatchewan Order of Merit.

"The Saskatchewan Order of Merit was established in 1985 to recognize excellence and achievement from outstanding Saskatchewan citizens. They have made significant contributions in areas such as art, agriculture, business and industry, community leadership, public service, research and volunteer service. The Saskatchewan Order of Merit is recognized in the Canadian Honours System," states the Saskatchewan government site explaining the award history and purpose.

Among the new Order of Merit recipients are STM Distinguished Alumnus Trevor Herriot, and STM Scholar in Indigenous Education Harry Lafond.



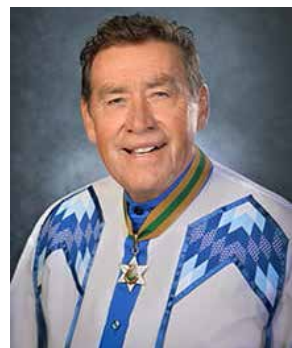
Trevor Herriot

"One of Saskatchewan's most distinctive and distinguished literary voices, Trevor Herriot, has been referred to as "the pre-eminent prairie naturalist of his generation." He has reached thousands of listeners and shared his love for the natural world through his CBC radio show "Bird Line." Trevor is a champion for strong protection of last remaining tracts of native prairie habitats in Western Canada that provide home to numerous species at risk. He is a founding co-chair of the Prairie Advocacy Group, Public Pastures-Public Interest and has become known as one of the strongest voices for conservation in the West.

His outstanding writing skills have earned him many provincial and national awards and honours. His books have twice been shortlisted for the Governor General's Award for Nonfiction and he has received the Cheryl and Henry Kloppenburg Award for Literary Excellence, the Writers Trust of Canada, Drainie-Taylor Biography Prize, a Canadian Booksellers Association Libris Award, and six Saskatchewan Book Awards. His essays and articles have appeared in Canadian Geographic, Brick, Border Crossings, The Globe and Mail, and The Narwhal. He has been featured in several documentaries, including "Grasslands: A Hidden Wilderness," on CBC's The Nature of Things.

In addition to his writing activities, Trevor has served as Writer-in-Residence at the Roderick Haig-Brown House on Vancouver Island and at the Regina Public Library. He has spoken across Canada delivering more than 85 lectures, keynote addresses and talks on various cultural and environmental topics."

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2022/june/28/province-announces-2022-saskatchewan-order-of-merit-recipients>



Harry Lafond

"Harry Lafond is an Indigenous leader who has used diplomacy, consensus-building and friendship to work towards reconciliation. Harry has spent his life creating pathways for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to build trust, see strength in each other and transform relationships.

Harry served as Chief of the Muskeg Lake First Nation for 10 years. During that time, he was instrumental in negotiating and establishing an urban reserve in Saskatoon – the first ever in Canada. He also developed a custom election code, strengthening his community's Indigenous laws and practices. Harry also served as councillor on the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation Council for 15 years. He held the position of executive director in the Office of The Treaty Commissioner serving with Treaty Commissioners Bill McKnight and George Lafond and used the opportunity to advance reconciliation through his teachings.

Academics are important to Harry, having taught primary school, high school and post-secondary courses. He successfully lobbied for a new school for the Muskeg Lake Cree Nation. He has held the position of Indigenous Education Scholar at St. Thomas More College (University of Saskatchewan). As both a Cree leader and a Catholic deacon, Harry is serving on the Saskatoon Roman Catholic Diocese's Council on Truth and Reconciliation and is an adviser to the Bishop of the Prince Albert Roman Catholic Diocese."

Shannon Library



STM SHANNON LIBRARY
 Hours of Operation
 September - April
 Monday to Thursday:
 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 Friday:
 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday and Sunday:
 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Storytelling Festival hosted In the Shannon Library

Watch online or join in person in the Shannon Library at St. Thomas More College (STM)

Sessions run from 1:00-3:00 pm, November 4 through March 31.

FIND INDIGENOUS RESOURCES AT STM LIBRARY

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- The Education of Augie Merasty: A Residential School Memoir
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- "...And They Told Us Their Stories" A Book of Indian Stories
- Blanket Toss Under Midnight Sun: Portraits of Everyday Life in Eight Indigenous Communities
- Indian Ernie: Perspectives on Policing and Leadership
- Spillex: A Weaving of Recovery, Resilience, and Resurgence
- In My Own Moccasins: A Memoir of Resilience
- Treaty Promises, Indian Reality: Life on a Reserve
- Embers: One Ojibway's Meditations by Richard Wagamese

EDUCATIONAL

- Queer Indigenous Studies: Critical Interventions in Theory, Politics, and Literature
- Indigenous Peoples and Dementia: New Understandings of Memory Loss and Memory Care
- Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants
- Teaching Each Other: Nehinaw Concepts & Indigenous Pedagogies
- Unsettling the Settler Within: Indian Residential Schools, Truth Telling, and Reconciliation in Canada

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL STORIES

- The Orange Shirt Story
- Speaking My Truth: Reflections on Reconciliations & Residential School
- I Am Not a Number
- Residential Schools: With the Words and Images of Survivors
- Residential Schools: The Devastating Impact on Canada's Indigenous Peoples and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Findings and Calls for Action
- We Were Children (DVD)

FICTION

- The Strangers: A novel by Katherine Vermette
- The Outside Circle: A Graphic Novel by Patti LaBoucane-Benson
- A Geography of Blood by Candace Sherk Savage
- The Marrow Thieves by Cherie Dimaline
- Jonny Applesseed by Joshua Whitehead
- Motorcycles and Sweetgrass by Drew Hayden Taylor
- Just Pretending by Lisa Bird-Wilson

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Nov 18 Gladys Wapass-Greyeyes	Jan 6 Sol Sanderson	Feb 17 AJ Felix
Nov 25 Barry Ahenakew and Gloria Lewis-Littlebear	Jan 13 Kevin Lewis	Mar 3 Sol Sanderson
Dec 2 AJ Felix	Jan 20 Barry Ahenakew and Gloria Lewis-Littlebear	Mar 10 Wilfred Buck
	Jan 27 Lillian Gadwa	Mar 17 Jasmyne Alberi
	Feb 3 Gladys Wapass-Greyeyes	Mar 24 Lillian Gadwa
		Mar 31 Winston Wuttunee

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Advanced Education Minister Gordon Wyant Visits College



Honorable Gordon Wyant, new Minister of Advanced Education, met with Administration, students, and faculty incorporating a tour of the College.



STM Economics Class Welcomes Collaborative Online International Learning



As part of the COIL (Collaborating Online International Learning) program, Professor Bertrand Hamaide, Vice-Rector, Université Saint-Louis (USL) visited STM to deliver a guest lecture to Dr. Saeed Moshiri's Environmental Economics (ECON277) class. USask has signed an MOU with the USL.



STM Retirement Dinner and Celebration



L-R Donna Brockmeyer, Shelley Coggins, Gail Morrison, Kathie Jeffrey, Bohdan Kordan Mary Ann Beavis (unable to attend)

October 20, 2022 STM hosted a special Retirement Dinner and Celebration for six College faculty and staff colleagues who retired over the past three years. Previous celebrations had been postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions. Their many contributions to the life and legacy of the College will be remembered - as their presence will be missed.

New STM Faculty Publications

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS



Paulette Hunter

Hunter, P.V., McCleary, L., Qiao, T., Sussman, T., Venturato, L., Thompson, G., Wickson-Griffiths, L., & Kaasalainen, S. (2022). "Delivering person-centred palliative care in long-term care settings: Is humanism a quality of healthcare employees or their organizations?" *Ageing & Society*.

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David McGrane

David McGrane, Tom McIntosh, James Farney, Loleen Berdahl, Gregory Kerr, and Clifton Van Der Liden. "The 2016 Saskatchewan Provincial Election: The Solidification of an Uncompetitive Two-Party Leader-Focused System or Movement to a One-Party Predominant System?," *Canadian Political Science Review*, Volume 13, Number 1, 2019, pp. 145-185.

David McGrane and Loleen Berdahl, "Reconceptualizing Canadian Federal Political Culture: Examining Differences between Quebec and the Rest of Canada", *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*, Volume 50, Issue 1, (2020), pp. 109-134.

David McGrane, "Making the Best of It: Political Marketing and the Federal NDP's Fight for Relevance", in *The Canadian Federal Election of 2019*, Jon Pammett and Christopher Doran (eds.), Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2020, pp. 73-100.

David McGrane and Anne McGrath. "National Campaign Directors" in *Inside the Campaign: Managing Elections in Canada*, Alex Marland and Thierry Giasson (eds.), Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 2020, pp. 135-147.



NEW GRANTS

Sharon Wright is a co-principal investigator with Frank Klaassen (USask History) on a \$212,809 SSHRC Insight Grant for their project, "Female Magic Practitioners 1350-1550." The project will run from 2022-2027. This project will include a close study of late medieval ecclesiastical courts in England, focused studies on known female practitioners, and a broad-based comparative survey of female practitioners in Western and Central Europe.



APPOINTMENTS

Charles Smith

- Named President of the Canadian Association of Work and Labour Studies
- Appointed Chair of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, Saskatchewan Board.

STM Lecturer encourages valuable cultural conversation amid changing demographics

Anita Ogurlu, Lecturer for *Sociology of Mass Media*, STM



"As one of the creators of *Threads*, along with a tight-knit cohort in the Cultural Bridging Unit at the Saskatoon Open Door Society, our hope is to evolve the university, community and city. Since my return to Canada, having lived abroad for over 25 years, I felt a strong need to help Newcomers belong, just as I belonged in another geography. I've invited STM professors, instructors and graduate students to give talks at *Threads*, namely Brian Chartier, Meera Kachroo, Henri Biahé and Daniel Regnier. *Threads* 2023 will feature a talk titled "A Story of Fear" with David Lane and his graduate student Elly Cockcroft. I weave *Threads* content into my coursework to familiarize students with our changing demographic as they are the threads that will weave the present and future tapestry of Canada. Whether you're a professor, lecturer or student, register for free and join *Threads: Cultural Conversations!*"



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THREADS

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January 25-26, 2023



Check out the trailer and register for FREE

Which thread are you?



What is Threads: Cultural Conversations?

Threads is an online platform for cultural education and personal development through building on shared experiences, listening to one another, and rethinking assumptions. Speakers from all walks of life share their stories in online knowledge talks, accompanied by performances, poetry, art, philosophy, and more. Participants experience the world's diversity through each other.

The third annual Threads: Cultural Conversation will be on January 25 and 26, 2023, featuring over 30 speakers from across the globe. Registration is free and easy. Simply scan the QR code.



Gift presentation to STM Distinguished Alumnus Trevor Herriot by President Carl Still to commemorate the Honorary Doctor of Letters conferred upon him by the University of Saskatchewan(USask).

"All that is good, all that is true, all that is beautiful, all that is beneficent, be it great or small, be it perfect or fragmentary, natural as well as supernatural, moral as well as material, comes from God."
St. John Henry Newman



*Merry Christmas
Peace and Happiness in 2023*

St. Thomas More College

"Courageously exploring the riches of Revelation and of nature so that the united endeavour of intelligence and faith will enable people to come to the full measure of their humanity" Ex corde ecclesiae, 5

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