

Faculty, Staff & Student Awards & Honours
Governing Council Meeting
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Professors Barry Adams of civil engineering, **Mark Fox** of mechanical and industrial engineering, **Jim Wallace** of mechanical and industrial engineering and **University Professor Michael Collins** of civil engineering have been elected fellows of the Engineering Institute of Canada in recognition of exceptional contributions to engineering in Canada. Adams has conducted innovative research on urban water resource infrastructure system planning and design. Fox has done groundbreaking work in both the theory and application of artificial intelligence in industrial systems, while Wallace is an internationally known researcher in the area of alternative fuels use in internal combustion engines. Collins' research contributions on the shear behaviour of reinforced concrete have received international recognition and he has also received numerous awards for his teaching. A federation of technical societies, the institute is the leading proponent of continuing education and technical professional development in the Canadian engineering community.

The late **John Bradley** of anesthesia has recently been honoured posthumously by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada with the 2009 Duncan Graham Award. The award is one of the most notable and outstanding awards that the college can bestow on an individual and recognizes outstanding lifelong contributions to medical education. The award will be accepted by Bradley's sister, Phyllis Todd, at the college's annual meeting being held later this year.

University Professor Stephen Cook of computer science has been named a fellow of the Association of Computing Machinery (ACM), in recognition of his fundamental contributions to the theory of computational complexity. The ACM fellows program, initiated in 1993, celebrates the exceptional contributions of the leading members in the computing field who have helped enlighten researchers, developers, practitioners and end-users of information technology throughout the world. ACM announced its new fellows Jan. 15.

Professors Avi Goldfarb of marketing and **Olav Sorenson** of strategic management at the Rotman School of Management are co-winners of the Roger Martin and Nancy Lang Award for Excellence in Research while **Joan Kitunen**, a senior lecturer in accounting, and **Professor John Oesch** of organizational behaviour are co-recipients of the Roger Martin and Nancy Lang Award for Excellence in Teaching. The awards were established in 1999 by a generous donation from Dean Roger Martin and his wife, Nancy Lang, to recognize and encourage excellence in the research and teaching activities of Rotman faculty members on annual basis.

Professor Emeritus Donald (Digger) Gorman of geology was inducted into the Canadian Mining Hall of Fame Jan. 15 in recognition of his lifetime of service to the industry. Gorman was cited as an advocate for his science and the mineral industry in his teaching and presentations to amateur mineral clubs, schools and professional groups across Ontario and the northeastern United States. The hall was conceived by Maurice Brown, retired editor and publisher of *The Northern Miner*, as a way to recognize and honour the legendary mine finders and builders of the Canadian industry. Established in 1988, the hall currently has more than 120 members .

Liz Hoffman, director of athletics at the Faculty of Physical Education and Health since 1994, has been named 2009 president of the Golf Association of Ontario. Hoffman was named president at the annual general meeting of the members Jan. 24 at Thornhill Golf and Country Club. For over three decades, Hoffman has been an influential leader in Canadian sport -- as an elite athlete, successful coach and widely respected administrator. During her time as director of athletics the Varsity Blues have claimed eight national titles and 90 provincial team championships .

Professors Chul Park and Yu Sun and Professor Emeritus Charles Ward of mechanical and industrial engineering have been honoured by the Canadian Society for Mechanical Engineering (CSME) for their achievements in this field. Park was awarded the Robert W. Angus Medal for outstanding contributions to the management and practice of engineering. Sun was elevated to fellow of the society for excellence in mechanical engineering. Ward received the Jules Stachiewicz Medal for outstanding contributions to heat transfer in Canada. CSME is a society that brings together all mechanical engineering personnel and engineers in other disciplines with interest in mechanical engineering.

Professor Glenn Regehr of surgery has been selected to receive the 2008 Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Evaluation of Clinical Competence by the Medical Council of Canada's selection committee. The award is an internationally peer-reviewed award given to individuals who have made a significant and vital contribution in the field of assessment and evaluation of clinical and professional competence in the health professions.

Professor Jonathan Rose of computer and electrical engineering has been appointed a fellow of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) for contributions to the architecture and computer-aided design of field-programmable gate arrays. The ACM fellows program, initiated in 1993, celebrates the exceptional contributions of the leading members in the computing field who have helped enlighten researchers, developers, practitioners and end-users of information technology throughout the world. ACM announced its new fellows Jan. 15.

Professor Molly Shoichet of chemical engineering and applied chemistry is the winner of the Clara Benson Award of the Canadian Society for Chemistry, recognizing distinguished contributions to chemistry by a woman working in Canada. Shoichet will receive the award during the Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition May 30 to June 3 in Hamilton, Ont. The Canadian Society for Chemistry is the national technical association representing the field of chemistry and the interests of chemists in industry, academia and government.

Professor Emeritus Ken Smith of electrical and computer engineering has been selected to receive the Computer Award of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Canada for lasting contributions to electronics for computing. Established in 2007, the award is given to outstanding Canadian engineers recognized for their important contributions to the field of computer engineering and science. Smith will receive the award May 4 during the annual Canadian Conference on Electrical and Computer Engineering, to be held in St. John's, Nfld.

Professor Maria Subtelny of Near and Middle Eastern civilizations is the winner of the 2008 Houshang Pourshariati Iranian Studies Book Award for her comprehensive study *Timurids in Transition: Turko-Persian Politics and Acculturation in Medieval Iran*. The award was established in 2005 to recognize outstanding publishing in Iranian studies and was named for Pourshariati to recognize his long and distinguished career as a journalist and writer.

Professor Shafique Virani of historical studies at U of T Mississauga and the Centre for the Study of Religion at the St. George campus is the recipient of the Farabi International Award, Iran's highest prize in the humanities, for his book *The Ismailis in the Middle Ages: A History of Survival, a Search for Salvation*. The prize recognizes "scholarly work in the humanities and Islamic culture" and was presented to Virani Dec. 27 in Tehran by the country's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Professor Aaron Wheeler of chemistry is the winner of the 2008 Eli Lilly and Company Young Investigator Award in Analytical Chemistry. Wheeler was selected on the basis of his research, publication record and the impact the selection committee felt he will make in the field of analytical chemistry.

U of T Mississauga

Theatre Erindale productions have made the *OAR* Top 10 2008 as chosen by the editorial board of the *Ontario Arts Review*. The review covered 200-plus dramatic and musical events. This is the fourth consecutive year that Theatre Erindale productions have made the list. "This showplace of UTM's theatre arts faculty gave us the greatest selection challenge ... we thoroughly enjoyed every presentation. However, two were exceptional standouts," the Jan. 7 article states. The two were *That Summer*, directed by Patrick Young, and Elmer Rice's *A New Life*.

Student Awards & Honours

Varsity Blues

For the sixth consecutive year, the **University of Toronto men's swimming team** reigns supreme in Ontario University Athletics (OUA) and was crowned champion at the 2008-09 OUA swimming championships, hosted by the University of Ottawa, Feb. 6-8. Led by two first-year phenoms, swimmer of the meet and triple-gold medalist **Curtis Samuel** and record-breaking butterfly **Zack Cherat**, plus the solid leadership of veterans **Cam Cummings** and **Marco Monaco**, the Blues dominated in almost every facet.

On Feb. 8, **Samuel** picked up his third gold medal of the meet in the men's 1500m freestyle and a silver medal in the 200m fly. He also teamed up with teammates **Luke Hall**, **Francesco Aguici** and **Cummings** to claim another silver medal in the 400m freestyle relay. **Cherat** broke a 10-year-old record on his way to a first-place finish in the men's 200m butterfly. Other notable performances were **Monaco's** bronze medal in the 200m individual medley (IM). **Stevan Kabala** picked up a silver medal in the men's 50m breaststroke.

On the women's side, **Sasha Theron** claimed the gold medal in the 200m butterfly. Theron also led the women's 400m freestyle relay team to a second-place finish. **Poppy Ruksys** picked up another silver medal for the U of T women in the 200m IM.

The University of Toronto Varsity Blues women's squash team fought their way to a silver medal at the 2008-09 OUA championships Feb. 14, hosted by the University of Western Ontario Mustangs in London, Ont. The Blues fell to the host Mustangs in Saturday evening's OUA final, only able to take one match from the team they defeated in the opening match of their undefeated regular season. **Daniah Shamim** was the lone Varsity Blue to come away with a win in the number five position, defeating Western's OUA rookie-of-the-year Kathleen Horman in straight games. Toronto has now won medals in nine consecutive OUA championships. In that period, the Blues have won four gold, three silver and two bronze medals.

Varsity Blues wrestler Jessica Fitzgerald captured a gold medal and was named the outstanding female wrestler at the 2008-09 OUA championships Feb. 14 in St. Catharines, Ont. Fitzgerald defeated Ashley Routliffe of the Guelph Gryphons in the women's 67kg final to finish first and garner OUA first team all-star status. With the win she also earns a trip to the CIS championships Feb. 27-28, hosted by the University of Calgary. At the end of the day, the fifth-year veteran and pharmacy major was also named the outstanding female wrestler, awarded annually to the wrestler most worthy in ability and sportsmanship.

In men's action, **Shujon Mazumder** also earned a trip to the CIS championships, picking up the bronze medal in the 54kg category.

The University of Toronto Varsity Blues men's and women's fencing teams were each successful in capturing their respective 2008-09 fencing titles at the OUA championships, held at the U of T's Athletic Centre Field House Feb. 14-15.

Varsity Blues head coach and former U of T fencer, **Thomas Nguyen**, was awarded the Christian Virdosa trophy as fencing's coach of the year.