

University of Toronto

**Faculty, Staff, and Student Awards and Honours
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Faculty & Staff Awards

Professor Emeritus Paul Aird of forestry is the winner of the Endangered Species Stewardship Award, presented to him by Donna Cansfield, Ontario minister of natural resources, at a natural History Day event, held May 24 at Bonnechere Provincial Park in Renfrew County. Aird was honoured for his volunteer contributions related to Kirtland's Warbler over the past 30-plus years, not only raising public awareness for this particular species at risk but for having made an important contribution towards recovery of this globally rare bird in Ontario.

Keith Ambachtsheer, director of the Rotman International Centre for Pension Management, is the recipient of the James R. Vertin Award, given by the CFA (chartered financial analyst) Institute to recognize individuals who have produced a body of research notable for its relevance and enduring value to investment professionals. Ambachtsheer received the award July 22 at the 50th Financial Analysts Seminar, a CFA Institute conference hosted by the CFA Society of Chicago.

Francesca Andrade of financial services is this year's winner of U of T Scarborough's Patrick Phillips Staff Award for outstanding service and commitment by a campus staff member, while **Svetlana Mikhaylichenko** of physical and environmental sciences is the recipient the D.R. Campbell Merit Award for enhancing the quality of life on campus. **Professor Janet Potter** of physical and environmental sciences is the winner of the Faculty Teaching Award. The Principal's Awards were presented in June at an event hosted by Principal Franco Vaccarino.

Professor Julie Audet of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering, has been selected to receive a 2008 National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression Young Investigator Award. NARSAD, the world's leading charity dedicated to mental health research, created the award to help the most promising scientists who are now entering research to generate pilot data necessary for larger grants. Announced Aug. 5, the award amounts to \$60,000 over the next two years.

Professor Gage Averill, vice-principal and dean of U of T Mississauga, has been elected president of the Society for Ethnomusicology for a two-year term. The society is an association devoted to the support of ethnomusicology and to the study of music-making worldwide. "This appointment enables me to continue to connect with my discipline and to do my part to build and advance it," said Averill, dean of music from 2004 until assuming the position of vice-principal and dean of UTM Oct. 15, 2007. Currently the society has more than 2,500 members on six continents.

University Professor Spencer Barrett of ecology and evolutionary biology is the recipient of the 2008 Sewall Wright Award, awarded annually by the American Society of Naturalists. The most prestigious award given by the society, it honours a senior but active scientist who has

made fundamental contributions to the conceptual unification of the biological sciences. The award is named after Wright, an influential population geneticist and one of the founders of the modern synthetic theory of evolution. Barrett received the award during the annual meeting of the society in Minneapolis in June .

Professor Charles Chen of adult education and counselling psychology at OISE/UT is the recipient of the Canadian Counselling Association's 2008 Counselling Book Award for his scholarly publication *Career Endeavour: Pursuing a Cross-Culture Life Transition*. The biennial award honours the originality and high quality of an academic and professional work that is considered a valuable contribution to the advancement of counselling in Canada. Chen received the award at the association's annual conference in May.

Professor Daniel Drucker of the Banting and Best Diabetes Centre has been selected by the Endocrine Society as the 2009 Clinical Investigator Award Lecture winner for his contributions to explaining the mechanisms of action of glucagon-like peptides and the translation of these basic science discoveries to the clinic. The award, one of the 11 Laureate Awards, is given to an internationally recognized clinical investigator for major contributions to clinical research related to the pathogenesis, pathophysiology and therapy of endocrine diseases. He will present a plenary lecture at the society's annual meeting June 10 to 13 in Washington, D.C.

Professor Anthony Easty of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering is the inaugural recipient of the Excellence in Clinical Engineering Leadership Award of the American College of Clinical Engineering Healthcare Technology Foundation. The award defines and recognizes superior leadership at the institutional level. Selected for his legacy of exemplary leadership in the field of clinical engineering at the University Health Network, Easty received the award at the inauguration ceremony Sept. 5 in Toronto.

Professor Emeritus Martin Evans, who lives now lives in Cambridge, Mass., is co-winner of this year's Common Cause Massachusetts' Distinguished Service Award. Evans is a board member and volunteer for Common Cause Massachusetts, a non-partisan citizen's organization whose goal is to ensure open, honest, accountable and effective government at the federal, state and local levels in the United States. Evans received the award at the organization's annual awards brunch and auction June 8, held in Lexington, Mass.

Barbara Fischer, director and chief curator of the Justina M. Barnicke Gallery, received the Exhibition of the Year Award for the 2007 exhibition PROJECTIONS. The video and media art exhibition, organized by the Barnicke Gallery, was presented on the Mississauga, Scarborough and St. George campuses by U of T's four galleries and was praised by the jury as "a significant contribution to Canadian art history." The award was presented at the Ontario Association of Art Galleries (OAG) awards ceremony Sept. 26, held at the Justina M. Barnicke Gallery.

Professor Patrick Gunning of chemical and physical sciences at U of T Mississauga is the 2008 recipient of the David Rae Memorial Award in Leukemia Research of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada for his highly rated innovative project in leukemia research. The award was established by the Rae family to honour the memory of Rae who died of lymphatic

cancer at the age of 32. The society's mission is to find a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families .

Professors Elizabeth Harney of humanities and **Rene Harrison** of biological sciences at U of T Scarborough are the winners of the Principal's Research Awards, recognizing and encouraging excellence in research activity and achievements at UTSC. Harney is renowned for her work on the history and theory of contemporary art in the African diaspora. Harrison is a cell biologist who was honoured for her expertise in pathogenesis and bone formation.

Laurie Harrison, director of academic technology at OISE/UT, is one of this year's 45 fellows accepted to the Frye Leadership Institute, an intensive two-week residential program held at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. Participants were selected competitively from a pool of candidates representing both North American and international institutes of higher education; she was one of two Canadians chosen this year. This year's residency was held June 1 to 12. The institute's purpose is to develop creative leaders to guide and transform academic information services for higher education in the 21st century.

Professor Philip Hebert of family and community medicine is the winner of the Canadian Medical Association's Dr. William Marsden Award in Medical Ethics, recognizing a member who has demonstrated exemplary leadership, commitment and dedication to the cause of advancing and promoting excellence in the field of medical ethics in Canada. Hebert, author of the popular textbook *Doing Right: A Practical Guide to Ethics for Medical Trainees and Physician*, received the award Aug. 20 during the CMA's annual meeting in Montreal.

Professor Graeme Hirst of computer science is the winner of the Distinguished Service Award, given by the Canadian Artificial Intelligence Association (formerly the Canadian Society for the Computational Studies of Intelligence) intermittently at its annual conference in recognition of extraordinary service to the organization. Hirst was honoured during the association's meeting in Windsor, Ont., May 28 to 30 for his development of the magazine *Canadian Artificial Intelligence* in the 1980s.

Professor John Hull, Maple Financial Group Professor of Derivatives and Risk Management at the Rotman School of Management, is the inaugural honouree of the Professional Risk Managers International Association's History Makers series. Hull was recognized for his contributions to the risk profession during a special reception June 21, hosted by the association's New York chapter; during the evening Hull explained his approach to research, reviewed how models are used by derivatives dealers and presented new research in progress.

Professor Franca Iacovetta of history and U of T Scarborough is the winner of the Canadian Historical Association's John A. Macdonald Prize, awarded to the non-fiction work of Canadian history judged to have made the most significant contribution to an understanding of the Canadian past. An in-depth study of European immigrants to Canada during the Cold War, her winning book, *Gatekeepers*, explores interactions among these immigrants and the "gatekeepers" -- mostly middle-class individuals and institutions whose definitions of citizenship significantly shaped the immigrant experience. The award was presented June 3 during the CHA's annual meeting in Vancouver.

Professor Kevin Kain of medicine has been selected to receive the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene's Bailey K. Ashford Medal, awarded for distinguished work in tropical medicine conducted in early to mid-career. Kain's research efforts include global health, malaria (including new diagnostics, drugs and vaccines for the prevention and treatment of malaria) and the diagnostics and surveillance of emerging infectious diseases associated with travel, migration and blood safety. Kain will receive the award Dec. 7 during the society's annual meeting in New Orleans.

Professor Gary Latham of the Rotman School of Management is the winner of the Thomas A. Mahoney Mentoring Award of the Academy of Management for his lifetime work with doctoral students from the human resource division. Latham was honoured during the academy's annual meeting Aug. 8 to 13 in Anaheim, Calif. Latham also received the American Psychological Association's Harry and Miriam Levinson Award for Exceptional Contributions to Consulting Organizational Psychology, given annually to a member of the association who is able to convert psychological theories and concepts into applications by which leaders and managers can create more effective organizations. He received the award during the association's annual meeting Aug. 14 to 17 in Boston, Mass.

Professor Peter Liu of medicine has been selected to receive the Distinguished Jean Davignon Cardiovascular and Metabolic Research Award, sponsored by Pfizer. This is the second consecutive year the company has sponsored the award, created in recognition of the outstanding contribution of Davignon to research in the fields of dyslipidemia and atherosclerosis throughout his long and productive career.

Professor Susan McCahan of mechanical and industrial engineering is the recipient of the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE) Outstanding Campus Rep Award for Zone 1 in recognition of her dedicated support in promoting ASEE membership and activities. McCahan received the award June 25 at the society's awards banquet during the annual meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa.

University Professor Anthony Pawson of molecular genetics, a distinguished investigator with Mount Sinai Hospital's Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute and a world-renowned cell biologist, is the first Canadian scientist to be named a Kyoto Prize laureate in basic sciences by Japan's Inamori Foundation. The prize is an international award that honours those who have contributed significantly to the scientific, spiritual and cultural betterment of humankind. Prizes are awarded annually in advanced technology, basic sciences and arts and philosophy, with a quadrennial prize for life sciences. Pawson will receive the award at the Kyoto Prize ceremony in November.

Professor Milica Radisic of chemical engineering and applied chemistry and the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering is a winner of the *Technology Review's* 2008 Young Innovators Under 35 award, announced Aug. 19. Radisic is being honoured for her work in regenerative medicine. The editors of the *Technology Review* have honoured young innovators since 1999 as a means to recognize distinguished and innovative young minds. Formerly known

as the TR100, the list was shortened to 35 individuals in 2004. Those eligible for the honour must be under the age of 35 and have researched and performed groundbreaking work.

Professor Glenn Regehr of psychiatry has been selected to receive the Medical Council of Canada's 2008 Outstanding Achievement Award. This prestigious award recognizes a particularly important and vital contribution to health care in Canada -- the evaluation of clinical and professional competence in the health professions. Award recipients demonstrate excellence throughout their careers in Canadian health care and/or healthcare research. Regehr will receive the award at the council's annual dinner in October.

Professor Molly Shoichet of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering has been named a fellow, biomaterials science and engineering, by the International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering. Fellowship is awarded to those of its members who have gained a status of excellent professional standing and high achievements in the field of biomaterials science and engineering. The union is a body that brings together national and multinational groups dedicated to the advancement of biomaterials.

Professor Balint Virag of mathematics at U of T Scarborough has been selected to receive the Rollo Davidson Prize, an international award presented by the University of Cambridge to a young and promising researcher in the field of probability theory. The Rollo Davidson Trust was founded in 1975 in memory of Davidson, an accomplished mathematician of remarkable potential and adventurer who died in a mountain climbing accident on the Piz Bernina range in the Swiss Alps in 1970.

Professor Aaron Wheeler of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering is the winner of the Fred Beamish Award for innovation in research in analytical chemistry. Established by the Canadian Society for Chemistry, the award recognizes individuals who demonstrate innovation in research in the field of analytical chemistry where the research is anticipated to have significant potential for practical applications. The award will be presented during the Canadian Chemistry Conference & Exhibition May 30 to June 3, 2009 in Hamilton, Ont.

Order of Canada

Six faculty members were named to the Order of Canada July 1 by Governor General Michaëlle Jean: **Professors George Elliott Clarke** of English, **Michael Marrus** of history and **John Speakman** of ophthalmology and **Professors Emeritii Raymond Breton** of sociology and **Norman Levine** and **George Zarb** of dentistry were honoured. Clarke, a distinguished poet, was named an officer of the order for his contributions as a poet, professor and volunteer "who has brought his original voice and his perspective on the black experience to contemporary Canadian literature and who has generously shared his time and talents with young and emerging writers."

Breton was also named an officer of the order, applauded for "his contributions to the advancement of sociology and to the understanding of the impact of multiculturalism and linguistic diversity on Canadian society."

Levine, a dean emeritus of the Faculty of Dentistry, was appointed a member of the order, recognized for “his contributions to the development and advancement of pediatric dentistry and dentistry for people with disabilities.”

Jean cited Marrus, former dean of the School of Graduate Studies, for “his contributions as a scholar and historian, notably on the history, causes and consequences of the Holocaust,” naming him a member of the order.

Speakman becomes a member of the Order of Canada based on his “contributions as a professor, clinician and volunteer ophthalmologist who has provided comprehensive eye care to First Nations peoples in Canada's North.”

Citing his “contributions to leadership in prosthodontic dentistry, notably for introducing dental implantology to North American dentists,” Jean also named Zarb a member of the order.

Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education/Council for the Advancement and Support of Education

U of T publications won awards in two major annual national and international communications and development competitions, the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education (CCAЕ) prix d'excellence program and the U.S.-based Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) circle of excellence program, perhaps advancement's most prestigious awards program.

idea's, the arts and science review, led the way, winning silver in both competitions -- for best magazine from CCAЕ and visual design in print from CASE.

Also winning silver in CCAЕ's prix d'excellence program, recognizing outstanding achievement in alumni affairs, public affairs, development and overall achievement, was Victoria University's *Vic Report* for best magazine under \$100,000. Bronze for best writing/article (English language) went to the *University of Toronto Magazine* for Untangling Alzheimer's by Scott Anderson in the winter 2007-2008 issue.

Winners of the CCAЕ awards received their prizes during the council's national conference June 7 to 10 in Kelowna, B.C. Grand gold winners in the CASE competition shared their insights at the 2008 summit July 13 to 15 in New York .

Royal Society of Canada

Professor Rosemary Sullivan of English has been selected to receive the Lorne Pierce Medal, awarded for achievement of special significance and conspicuous merit in imaginative or critical literature written in either English or French. A renowned scholar, biographer, poet and mentor to young writers, Sullivan is the founder of the MA creative writing program and holds the Canada Research Chair in literature. A winner of the Governor General's Award for Non-Fiction, Sullivan has put her energies into promoting Canadian writing in an institutional context.

Nine U of T faculty members are among the outstanding Canadian researchers to be elected as fellows of the Royal Society of Canada -- the Academies of Arts, Humanities and Sciences of Canada. They are **Professors Peter Backx** of physiology and medicine, **Robert Brym** of sociology, **Mark Cheetham** of art, **Eleftherios Diamandis** of pathology and laboratory medicine and Mount Sinai Hospital, **Morley Gunderson** of the Centre for Industrial Relations and Human Resources, **Eckhard Meinrenken** of mathematics, **Neil Nevitte** of political science, **Sara Shettleworth** of psychology and **Molly Shoichet** of chemical engineering.

Election to the Royal Society of Canada, founded in 1882, is the highest Canadian honour a scholar can achieve in the arts, humanities and sciences. Fellows are selected by their peers in recognition of outstanding scholarly, scientific and artistic achievement. The medals will be presented and new fellows inducted into the society Nov. 15 in Ottawa.

School of Continuing Studies

The Learn More marketing campaign is the winner of two Canadian Association for University Continuing Education Marketing Awards, given annually to recognize innovation and excellence for marketing initiatives in a number of categories. The campaign won in the marketing campaign category and in best results. The awards were presented during the association's annual meeting May 28 to 31 in London, Ont.

Student Awards

Marco Coletta, Renee Giroux and Marianne Pelletier, U of T Mississauga students who collaborated on their fourth-year independent project, are the winners of the Raymond Hetu Prize in Acoustics for their paper entitled Effects of Acoustic Distortion and Semantic Context in Lexical Access: A Replication and Expansion. The prize is given by the Canadian Acoustical Association for a project in any field of acoustics or vibration for which a scholarly product can be submitted as evidence of his or her contribution; team applications are also considered. Applications are evaluated based on originality, amount of work accomplished, technical quality, writing quality and supporting letter.

Sagar Dugani, an MD/PhD student, has been selected to receive the 2008 Canadian Medical Association Award for Young Leaders (student), celebrating the efforts of young physician leaders of tomorrow for their efforts today. Dugani is cited for his dedication to the cause of enhancing student and community life in an unparalleled fashion at the University of Toronto. Dugani received the award Aug. 20 at the CMA's annual general meeting in Montreal.

David Godri, a second-year civil engineering student, has been named to Canada's prestigious Top 20 Under 20 list. The founder of the non-profit organization SWITCH (solar and wind initiative towards change), he hopes to become a civil environmental engineer. As part of the recognition he will receive funding for his education, the opportunity to attend a leadership summit in Toronto, career coaching and mentoring. The award celebration event was held June 4 in Toronto.

Ayan Hersi, a law student, was featured in the September issue of *FLARE* magazine as a winner of a prestigious FLARE Volunteer Award. The awards are presented each year to six outstanding Canadian female volunteers aged 18 and up whose volunteer achievements have made a difference to the lives of the people in their communities. "Ayan's passion for volunteering is simple – it stems from her desire to empower women and youth through education, as well as her strong belief in community, humanity and the welfare of others," the article states.

Alex Livingston, a graduate student, and undergraduate student **Sandra Romain**, both of social sciences, and **Molu Shi**, an undergraduate in computer and mathematical sciences, are the

winner of Principal's Awards for teaching assistants at U of T Scarborough. The Principal's Awards were presented in June at an event hosted by Principal Franco Vaccarino.

Sarah MacKay, a master's student, and **Jeffrey Stoltz**, a PhD student, were winners of research awards for the excellence of their research and their overall contribution to graduate student life at U of T Scarborough. The awards were presented by Professor John Coleman, vice-principal (research and graduate studies) at a luncheon in June.

Alan McLuckie, a PhD student specializing in children's mental health, is one of two social work students to receive the first Hilary M. Weston Scholarship for outstanding academic achievements in mental health studies at the graduate level. Lieutenant-Governor David Onley and Michael Chan, minister of citizenship and immigration, joined former lieutenant-governor Hilary Weston to present the awards July 23 at Queen's Park.

Peter Min, a student in the Faculty of Physical Education and Health, is the winner of the Physical and Health Education Canada Student Award in recognition of his exemplary leadership in the field of health and physical education. Cited as a highly active student leader, Min participates in and contributes to programs and services of the faculty and has devoted numerous hours to volunteer activities. Min received the award at a Sept. 30 banquet at U of T.

Angeline Ng of pharmacy is the recipient of second prize in the Industrial Pharmacy Student Awards, announced by the Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy in July. The Rx&D Industrial Pharmacy Program matches third-year pharmacy students with pharmaceutical companies who provide them with summer employment. According to her preceptor Patricia Tsiopanas, Ng "demonstrated great initiative and strong leadership skills in all of her rotations."