

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

Jon Barlow, a former professor of zoology and director of the museum studies program, is the recipient of this year's Bruce Naylor Award. Presented by the Alliance of Natural History Museums of Canada Sept. 23 in Ottawa, this national award recognizes exceptional contributions to the study of museum-based natural history in Canada. As director of museum studies Barlow inspired numerous students to pursue careers in natural sciences and museum administration. However, he is best known in museum circles as the curator of ornithology at the Royal Ontario Museum -- a position he held for 35 years until 2001. A respected scientist who devoted his career to the study of bird evolution, Barlow transformed the ornithology program into the flagship department at the ROM.

University Professor Emeritus John Beattie of history and the Centre of Criminology is the winner of the American Society of Legal History's Sutherland Prize. The prize, named in honour of the late Donald Sutherland, a distinguished historian of the law of medieval England and a mentor to many students, is awarded annually to the author or authors of the best article on English legal history published in the previous year. Beattie won the prize, announced Nov. 15 during the society's annual meeting in Ottawa, for his article, *Sir John Fielding and Public Justice: The Bow Street Magistrate's Court, 1754-1780*, published in Volume 25 of *Law and History Review*.

University Professor Emeritus Edward Chamberlin received an honorary doctor of canon law degree from St. John's College in the University of Manitoba during convocation ceremonies Nov. 2. Chamberlin was cited for his exemplary career of singular public service, based on his research, teaching, administrative and public service activities in the cause of indigenous and human rights.

Professor George Elliott Clarke of English was a recipient of an honorary doctor of letters degree from St. Mary's University Oct. 26 in recognition of his success as a Nova Scotian in academia and as a role model for black Nova Scotians. Clarke is also a co-recipient of the William P. Hubbard Award for Race Relations from the City of Toronto. Established in 1989 in honour of one of Toronto's first African-Canadian councillors, the award is given to a person or persons whose outstanding achievement and commitment has made a distinct difference in race relations in Toronto. Clarke received the award Nov. 27 at a ceremony to mark Human Rights Day.

Professors Francis Dawson, Brendan Frey and Jonathan Rose of electrical and computer engineering have been appointed fellows of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE). The designation of fellow recognizes unusual distinction in the profession and is given to those with extraordinary records of accomplishment in any of the IEEE fields of interest. Dawson was honoured for his contributions to modelling of excitation and detection of electrical arcs. Frey was recognized for contributions to information processing and machine learning while Rose was named a fellow for contributions to field-programmable gate arrays.

Professor Geoffrey Fernie of surgery was inducted into the Terry Fox Hall of Fame Oct. 21. The Terry Fox Hall of Fame was created to recognize Canadians who have made extraordinary personal contributions to assist or enhance the lives of people with physical disabilities. Fernie was honoured for the many contributions his research has made to improve the lives of those with disabilities in Canada and around the world. Armed with an engineering background and a passion to help people, Fernie is the pioneer behind a wide range of assistive devices and technology for people living with disabilities.

Professor Christos Hatzis of music is this year's winner of the Jan V. Matejcek Concert Music Award of the Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN). Hatzis received the award, given annually to the most performed and broadcast Canadian composer, Nov. 17 at the SOCAN Awards gala at the Carlu in Toronto .

Professor Darlene Johnston, one of Canada's most important and accomplished legal scholars, has been awarded the designation of Indigenous People's Counsel by the Indigenous Bar Association of Canada (IBA), a non-profit professional organization for Indian, Inuit and Métis persons trained in the field of law. The designation (IPC) is awarded each year to an indigenous lawyer in recognition of outstanding achievements in the practice of law and service to her or his community. The award was presented during the IBA's annual conference Oct. 23 to 26 in Toronto.

Professor Herbert Ho Ping Kong of medicine has recently received a number of accolades from the Jamaican authorities and various Canadian communities. These include the Jamaican Council General Award for Health; the Association of Consultant Physicians of Jamaica for outstanding contributions to post-graduate medical training in the Caribbean; and an award for outstanding lifetime achievements from the Jamaican-Chinese community. A common theme in these awards is the training of consultant physicians for academic and community practice in the Caribbean.

Professor Andres Lozano of surgery has been selected to receive the 2008 Jonas Salk Award from the March of Dimes Canada for his work in stereotactic and functional neurosurgery. The award was established in 1995 in recognition of the 40th anniversary of the distribution of the Salk polio vaccine in Canada under the authority of Paul Martin Sr., minister of national health and welfare in the 1950s. Lozano received the award Nov. 27 at a luncheon in his honour.

Professor Shaker Meguid of mechanical and industrial engineering has been elected a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Fellowship recognizes significant engineering achievements and contributions to the engineering profession. Among his many achievements, Meguid was responsible for the creation of the Engineering Mechanics and Design Laboratory at U of T. He is editor-in-chief of the *International Journal of Mechanics and Materials in Design* and has published more than 430 papers, 232 of which appeared in leading scientific journals.

University Professor Dwayne Miller of chemistry and physics is the recipient of the 2009 CIC (Chemical Institute of Canada) Medal. First administered by the Chemical Institute of Canada in 1951, the award is presented as a mark of distinction and recognition for an outstanding contribution to the science of chemistry or chemical engineering in Canada. Miller will receive the award at the 2009 Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition or the Canadian Chemical Engineering Conference .

University Professor Geoffrey Ozin of chemistry is the 2009 winner of the Society of Chemical Industry (Canada group) Le Sueur Memorial Award. Initiated in 1955, the award is given once every two years for the development of technical excellence in either a university, research institution or an industrial setting in Canada. The award is named for Ernest LeSueur, born in Ottawa in 1869, who made outstanding contributions to early industrial chemistry in Canada.

Professor Ruth Sandwell of OISE/UT theory and policy studies in education's Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History Project is this year's winner the Pierre Berton Award, presented by Canada's National History Society to honour individuals and organizations who have made an outstanding contribution to the popularization of Canadian history. Launched in 1997 for Canadian secondary school students, the innovative website has become a major force in online education. Sandwell's co-directors of the site, based at the University of Victoria, are Peter Gossage of Université de Sherbrooke and John Lutz of the University of Victoria.

Professor Gillian Thomas of radiation oncology is the 2008 recipient of the International Gynecologic Cancer Society Award for Excellence, given in recognition of her excellence in research and teaching as well as mentorship and promoting international collaboration and her leadership contribution to the society. Thomas received the award during the society's biennial meeting Oct. 25 to 28 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Professor Bradley Wouters of radiation oncology is the 2008 winner of the prestigious Michael Fry Research Award. Wouters received the award during the annual meeting of the Radiation Research Society, held Sept. 21 to 24 in Boston, Mass. The award, formerly known as the Radiation Research Award, was established by the society to recognize junior scientists who have made extraordinary contributions to the field of radiation research.

U of T Mississauga

Professor Ya'el Karshon of mathematics is the winner of the 2009 Krieger-Nelson Prize, awarded by the Canadian Mathematical Society to a female mathematician who has made outstanding contributions to her field. Cited as one of Canada's leading experts in symplectic geometry, Karshon will present the Krieger-Nelson lecture at the society's summer meeting in St. John's, Nfld., in June 2009.

U of T Scarborough

Professor Andre Simpson of physical and environmental sciences is the 2008 recipient of the Royal Society of Chemistry Environmental Science Award, offered jointly by SETAC (Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry) and the Royal Society of Chemistry for early to mid-career scientists who have accomplished and published outstanding contributions that have advanced the understanding or development of environmental systems, technologies, methodologies or other relevant research in the environmental sciences. The award was announced during the SETAC North American annual meeting Nov. 16 to 20 in Tampa, Fla.

U of T Gospel Choir

The University of Toronto Gospel Choir, launched in 1995 and made up of 35 to 40 voices, is the winner of three awards in the Maja Awards, for Choir of the Year, Producer of the Year and the coveted Album of the Year for *Send Me*. The Maja Awards presentation was established in 1985 in Toronto and provides opportunities for gospel artists to share their music with other Canadians. The Maja Awards took place Aug. 30, with a red carpet reception and ceremony to follow. The gala was produced for television, presenting an opportunity for gospel music to be promoted across the country. The choir later won three Gospel Music Association Canada Covenant Awards, presented at the 30th annual Covenant Awards Oct. 24 in Calgary. The group won for New Artists of the Year, Gospel Album of the Year for *Send Me* and Choir Song of the Year for *I Surrender*. Produced by the Gospel Music Association Canada, the Covenant Awards is the pinnacle event in what is known as GMA Canada Week.

Student Awards

Preston Chase, a post-doctoral fellow in Professor Douglas Stephan's research group in the Department of Chemistry, is the winner of the 2008 Young Boron Chemist Award, presented during the International Conference on Boron Chemistry Sept. 21 to 25 in Platja d'Aro, Spain. This meeting is held every three years and this year attracted more than 350 participants from around the world. The award consists of a certificate and a 600 euro prize.

Jacquelyn Corbett Cyr, a PhD student in the Faculty of Information, was the winner of an international bronze at this year's Marketing Agencies Association Globes Awards, held at Toronto's Park Hyatt in October. The winning project was the launch of an innovative technology product that made use of various media with a solid understanding of behavioural patterns across each one. Corbett Cyr is focusing her studies on emerging media and related information-consumption behaviours.

Danielle Kain, an MD student in the Faculty of Medicine, is the University of Toronto's winner of the College of Family Physicians of Canada medical student scholarship. Winners of the award, one from each Canadian medical school, are top medical students who have career intentions in family medicine. Winners, who receive a \$10,000 scholarship plus travel and expenses to attend that Family Medicine Forum, were honoured Nov. 29 at the forum, held this year in Toronto.

Varsity Blues

Nordo Gooden of the Varsity blues soccer team was named the 2008 East Division Community Service Award winner for his generous contribution to his school and local communities as Ontario University Athletics (OUA) announced its men's soccer all-stars and major award winners Oct. 30. The third-year striker acts as a U of T camp counsellor, a community club coach, Blues Soccer Academy coach and is a volunteer coach at Westview Collegiate Institute.

Joining the East Division first team all-star list are Varsity Blues **Niko Pesa, Mario Nallira, Dustin Chung** and **Yannis Glanniotis**.

Megan Boyles is this year's winner of the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) women's rugby second annual Student-Athlete Community Service Award. Boyles was in her fifth and final year of CIS eligibility in 2008. The Varsity Blues captain the past three seasons, she was named an OUA all-star each of her last three campaigns. She was actively involved with several organizations that focus on youth development and assistance programs including Pathways to Education in Regent Park, Students United for AIDS Orphans in Africa and the Bloor West Out of the Cold Program.

Varsity Blues **Megan Brown** took on all challengers Nov. 8 and reclaimed the Canadian Interuniversity Sport cross country individual national title, a title she first won in 2006. Brown, a native of Guelph who started her varsity career with the Gryphons, claimed her second individual gold medal in three years, her first win also coming in Quebec City in 2006 as a Varsity Blue. She completed the five-kilometre event in 17 minutes and 36.8 seconds, 22 seconds faster than her closest rival and helped lead the Varsity Blues women's team to a second-place finish.

In his final season as a member of the Varsity Blues football team, quarterback **David Hamilton** capped off his career by becoming the 23rd recipient of the Russ Jackson Award at the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) annual football awards Nov. 20 at the Hamilton Convention Centre. The award is given to a player who exemplifies the attributes of football skill, academic achievement and citizenship. The Mississauga native is the first Varsity Blue to receive the prestigious award since 1986. The fifth-year pivot helped the U of T snap a 49-game losing streak with an 18-17 season-opening win over Waterloo and had a career day in week three throwing for 465 yards and four touchdowns to garner CIS player-of-the-week honours. He finished the campaign with 2,139 yards through the air, becoming only the second Varsity Blue in history to reach the 2,000-yard plateau.

Jessica Fitzgerald of the Varsity Blues wrestling team captured the 67kg gold medal at the Ontario Open Senior Championships Nov. 22 in Guelph, Ont. The competition, which includes varsity, club and international competitors, is considered to be the toughest provincial championship in the country. Three Blues wrestlers competing at the event garnered top-six finishes. As one of the favourites coming into the competition, Fitzgerald seemed bothered by the pressure in her first match and narrowly escaped with the win. However, she kept her nerves in check and pulled it together, dominating the last few matches to take top honours.

Varsity Blues came away with a bronze medal at the **2008 OUA Badminton Championships** Nov. 22 at McMaster University. The Blues defeated the host McMaster Marauders 9-4 to earn their fourth consecutive third-place finish. For the fifth time in 11 years, Varsity Blues badminton head coach **Wayne King** picked up OUA coach of the year honours. King guided the Blues to a 3-2 regular season record and this weekend picked up his fourth-consecutive bronze medal at the 2008 OUA Badminton Championships in Hamilton, Ont. **Jesse Assing** earned his first OUA all-star recognition this season. Blues team captain **Andy Lam** picked up his third consecutive OUA all-star recognition, recording a 3-5 record this season. On the women's side, **Shilin Cheung** earned her first OUA all-star award, posting an impressive 9-1 record this season. Cheung's doubles partner, **Caroline Cheung**, was also named an all-star for the third consecutive year. Blues assistant coach **Melissa Hill** was awarded her ninth OUA all-star award.

The Varsity Blues defeated the Carleton University Ravens, 13-9, to capture the **2008 Ontario University Athletics (OUA) Women's Water Polo Championship** Nov. 23 at the Ravens Pool. Two-time OUA all-star and Blues player of the game **Nicole Brown** led the team with five goals on the afternoon, guiding her squad past the two-time defending champion Ravens in convincing fashion. OUA all-star **Casey Pottier** added three goals, **Danielle Zanardo** and **Laura Shaw** each added two, while **Susan Armstrong** tallied one goal in the victory.

In a thrilling championship final, the Varsity Blues defeated the Carleton University Ravens to capture the **2008 OUA men's water polo title**. The Blues downed the defending champs 7-6 Nov. 23 to claim their third banner in four years. Varsity Blues player of the game **Andrew Chorniy** made numerous saves on Ravens shooters to keep his team in the lead for the majority of the afternoon. **Ryan Speers** and **Milos Radojic** each score twice, while **Ryan Pallet**, **Carston Ruffo** and **Tanner Regan** all added one goal in the victory.