

## Faculty, Staff & Student Awards & Honours Governing Council Meeting Feb. 25

### Faculty & Staff Awards

**Professors Ajay Agrawal, April Franco and Chenbo Zhong** of the Rotman School of Management have been named winners of the 2009 Dean's Awards for Excellence in Research and Teaching, given annually to recognize and encourage excellence in the research and teaching activities of Rotman faculty members. Agrawal is the recipient of the award for teaching. Agrawal is well known for his popular MBA course, Competition and Strategy in Creative Industries, which combines applied economic theory with guest speakers from the creative industries. Sharing the award for research are Franco, whose research is focused on the development of knowledge within an organization as well as the flows across organizations, and Zhong, whose research interests are in the areas of ethical decision-making, moral psychology, power, unconscious processes and social identity. The announcement of the awards was made Jan. 14.

**Professor Helen Batty** of family and community medicine has been selected to receive the 2010 Canadian Association for Medical Education Ian Hart Award. Established in 1992 in honour of Hart, founder of the association, the award recognizes senior faculty who have made an exceptional contribution to medical education throughout their academic careers. Batty will receive the award at the association's annual luncheon during the Canadian Conference on Medical Education, being held May 2 to 4 at Memorial University of Newfoundland in St. John's, Nfld.

**Professor Abdallah Daar** of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health has been elected founding chair of the Global Alliance for Chronic Diseases. The alliance was created in June 2009 by six of the world's foremost health agencies, collectively managing an estimated 80 per cent of all public health research funding, to collaborate in the critical battle against chronic non-communicable diseases (CNCDs): cardiovascular diseases (mainly heart disease and stroke), several cancers, chronic respiratory conditions and type 2 diabetes. CNCDs account for 60 per cent of all deaths worldwide, of which 80 per cent occur in low- and middle-income countries, an area where the alliance will focus in particular.

**Professors Levente Diosady** of chemical engineering and applied chemistry, **Andrew Goldenberg, Javad Mostaghimil and Chul Park** of mechanical and industrial engineering and **Konstantinos Plataniotis** of electrical and computer engineering will be honoured by the Engineering Institute of Canada Feb. 27 at the institute's annual awards banquet in Ottawa. Diosady will receive the K.Y. Lo Medal, given for significant engineering contributions at the international level, while Park will receive the Julian C. Smith Medal, awarded for achievement in the development of Canada. Goldenberg, Mostaghimi and Plataniotis will be inducted as fellows of the institute for their exceptional contributions to engineering in Canada.

**Professor Elizabeth Edwards** of chemical engineering and applied chemistry is the winner of the Kalev Pugi Award, presented by the Canadian section of the Society of Chemical Industry to

an individual or a team for specific R&D projects performed during the previous 10 to 15 years that embody the qualities of creativity and determination, good experimental design and project management and have had a significant beneficial impact on the sponsor company or on society. Edwards, internationally recognized for her pioneering research on how biological processes affect pollutants in the environment, will receive the award March 25 during the SCI Canada annual awards ceremony in Toronto.

**Professor Emeritus Laszlo Endreny** of pharmacology and toxicology received an honorary doctorate Nov. 6 from Semmelweis University in Budapest, Hungary, in recognition of his contributions to the design and evolution of enzyme and pharmacokinetic investigations and to methodologies for the determination of bioequivalence. Endreny was one of 12 distinguished professors honoured for long-time collaboration with Semmelweis University. The event also marked the 240th anniversary of the founding of the forerunner to Semmelweis University, the medical faculty of the University of Trnava in Slovakia.

**Professor Emeritus Ian Ross Robertson** of history is the 2009 recipient of the Prince Edward Island Museum and Heritage Foundation's Award of Honour. The most prestigious award offered by the museum, the prize is given in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the preservation of the heritage of Prince Edward Island Museum. Robertson has been publishing scholarly material regarding the history of Prince Edward Island since the early 1970s.

**Professor Paul Santerre**, director of Institute for Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering, is the recipient of the Julia Levy Award of the Canadian section of the Society of Chemical Industry, given in recognition of successful commercialization of innovation in Canada in the field of biomedical science and engineering. Santerre's knowledge of the body's inflammatory systems allowed him to program surface biocompatibility into raw plastic resins, well before medical device production, leading to the creation of U of T's spinoff company, Interface Biologics Inc., which he co-founded in 2001. Santerre will receive the award March 25 during SCI Canada's annual awards ceremony in Toronto.

**Professor William Strange** of the Rotman School of Management is the winner of the North American Regional Science Council's Walter Isard Award for Scholarly Achievement. Named in honour of Isard, the primary founder of the field of regional science, was established in 1994 and pays tribute to regional scientists who have made significant theoretical and methodological contributions to the field of regional science throughout their careers. Strange received the award during the association's annual meeting in November in San Francisco.

**Professor Richard Weisel** of surgery is the eighth winner of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery Scientific Achievement Award. Established in 1994, the award honours individuals who have achieved scientific contributions in the field of thoracic surgery worthy of the highest recognition the association can bestow. Weisel is being recognized by the association for his pioneering work in myocyte culture and transplantation, his ability to elucidate the molecular events of myocardial ischemia-reperfusion injury and his efforts to embrace and bring molecular biology into clinical cardiac surgery practice. Weisel will receive the award during the annual meeting May 1 to 5 in Toronto.

## **U of T Mississauga**

**Theatre Erindale** has, for the fifth consecutive year, two productions selected for the Top Ten List of 2009 by the *Ontario Arts Review*. The winners were two linked productions: Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* in a gender-switched production directed by Mimi Mekler and its less familiar payback sequel, John Fletcher's *The Taming of the Tamer*, staged by Patrick Young, artistic director. *The Taming of the Shrew* was cited as superbly done and, the article announcing the winners continues, "Then, as icing, Patrick Young presented the Fletcher followup *The Taming of the Tamer* which was so delicious that even such a feminist as Gloria Steinem would hold it close to her (un-braed) bosom." The *Review* covered 184 events in 2009.

## **Order of Ontario**

Seven faculty members are among the 29 outstanding Ontarians named to the Order of Ontario, the province's highest honour, recognizing those who have made an outstanding contribution to society in Ontario and around the world.

Professor **Philip Berger** of family and community medicine is being honoured as a physician and leader in the fields of urban medicine, addiction, homelessness and HIV/AIDS care. An internationally renowned clinical oncologist, Professor **Helen Chan** of pediatrics is cited for her breakthrough treatment of retinoblastoma in children, a rare cancer of the eyes.

A leader in the field of food process engineering, Professor **Levente Diosady** of chemical engineering and applied chemistry is being recognized for his celebrated development of a technique to combat iodine deficiency and anemia that has benefitted millions around the world.

Professor **Kellie Leitch** of surgery is being recognized for her contributions as a pediatric orthopedic surgeon and a national voice for children's health in Canada. **Professor Samantha Nutt** of family and community medicine, executive director and co-founder of War Child Canada, has gained international recognition as a leader in humanitarian assistance to vulnerable populations in conflict zones.

A physician, scientist and internationally renowned humanitarian, Professor **James Orbinski** of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health and family and community medicine, a senior fellow at the Munk Centre for International Studies, is being celebrated as a founding member of Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders and other international organizations aimed at improving global health care.

Professor Emeritus **Mladen Vranic** of physiology, a physician-scientist and world leader in diabetes research, is lauded as a pioneer in the development of tracer methods that demonstrated the importance of exercise and of beneficial stresses in preventing the development of diabetes.

## **Council for the Advancement and Support of Education District II**

U of T brings home five awards, winning gold, silver and bronze and earning an honourable mention -- more than any other Canadian university in the district -- in the latest round of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education's District II Accolades award program. Leading the list with a gold award was the **Division of University Advancement's** affinity programs gatefold ads, winner in the advertising (special programs) category. Garnering silver were the **Rotman School of Management** for its Initiative for Women in Business brochure, Career Breakthroughs Start Here, in the visual design and print (multiple page publication) category; **Hart House Theatre** in photography for the photograph by Michel Mersereau used for

the poster advertising *King Lear*; and the *University of Toronto Magazine* for its website in the website: magazines category. The *University of Toronto Magazine* also won bronze in the best article category for Ms. Universe, a profile of astronaut Julie Payette as she prepared for her second voyage into space, written by Stacey Gibson. As well, an honourable mention went to **Spring Reunion 2009** in the alumni relations programming (events) category.

The awards, celebrating outstanding institutional accomplishments in the areas of print, multimedia, marketing, communications, events and program development, were presented at an awards gala during the CASE II annual conference Feb. 7 to 9 in Philadelphia, Pa.

### **Student Awards**

**Erin Fitzgerald**, a fourth-year student in international relations and political science, is the winner of a 2010 Rhodes Scholarship. Fitzgerald is one of two Ontarians and 11 Canadians to earn the prestigious scholarship for 2010. Established in 1903, the scholarships provide students with tuition and fees to the University of Oxford for two years and a stipend. The selection process is highly competitive and involves an application, references and an in-depth interview. Candidates are required to show evidence of academic excellence, leadership, community engagement and physical vitality in order to meet founder Cecil Rhodes' vision of developing outstanding leaders who would make a positive difference in the world. Fitzgerald is chair of U of T's G8 research group, a network that monitors and reports on the actions of the G7 and G8 organizations, a student representative on University Affairs Board and is also an internationally ranked karate athlete.

**Aaron Mills**, a student at the Faculty of Law, was selected to receive the 2009 University of Toronto's President's Award for Outstanding Native Student of the Year. "Aaron has been an extremely active member of the law school community," said Alexis Archbold, assistant dean (students) at law said at the award ceremony. "In particular, his efforts have made a very meaningful impact on the *Indigenous Law Journal* and Aboriginal Law Students Association." Jonathan Hamilton-Diabo, director of First Nations House, praised Mills' volunteer efforts and involvement at First Nations House despite a third-year JD course load. The award includes a \$4,000 scholarship and a plaque presented by President David Naylor, who spoke of the "serious crisis in aboriginal access to higher education, which is part of a greater problem of social justice for First Nations." Naylor encouraged Mills "to help us to continue to make progress in aboriginal issues."

### **Varsity Blues**

The **Varsity Blues fencing** team jumped into the second half of the 2009-10 season with a team competition at Carleton University in Ottawa. On Saturday Jan. 9, the men's sabre teams fought their way to the top. The Blues team consisting of **Akash Toprani, Curtis Wang, Sandeep Kempnavi** and **Bram Locknick** claimed the silver medal.

Varsity's men's foil team A, featuring **Kamil Karbonowski, Kyle Chan** and **Jason Qian**, as well as the women's épée team of **Joanne Ko, Amber Wavryk** and **Julia Barette** captured gold in their respective events.

Sunday was just as fast-paced as the women's sabre team, featuring **Alison Doyle, Jo Jo Leung, Kristina Han** and **Stefania Spano**, also walked away with a gold medal.

**The Varsity Blues track and field team** had an outstanding weekend at the 29th annual Can Am Classic hosted by the Windsor Lancers. The highlight of the weekend was Toronto's first-place finish in the men's 4 x 800-metre relay on Friday night, Jan. 15. The Blues quartet of **Stephen Douglas, Tyler Pettes, Ethan Davenport** and **Mike Del Monte** defeated the favoured Guelph Gryphons and Windsor Lancers to meet the CIS standard with a time of 7:42.23.

**Sarah Boyle** earned her second gold medal of the year in the women's high jump. Similarly, **Jason Wurster** earned a first place finish in the men's pole vault, while **Kristian Wilson** came in second. **Mike Trnkus** placed third in the men's 300-metre race.

**The Varsity Blues swim team** hosted more than 400 of the province's top swimmers at the 2009 Ontario Cup Jan. 16 and 17 at Varsity Pool. Leading the way was Varsity Blues reigning national champion **Zack Chetret** with a double-gold performance in both the 200-metre freestyle and 200-metre butterfly. **Andrea Jurenovskis** earned the gold medal in the 100-metre backstroke. **Martyn Forde** won the men's 100-metre freestyle, while **Curtis Samuel** took the 400 individual medley (IM).

Blues co-captain **Marco Monaco** earned three silver medals in the 100-metre and 200-metre breaststroke, as well as the 200-metre IM.

Another big highlight for the Blues was the effort of four swimmers who qualified for the CIS national championships, hosted by U of T, Feb. 18 to 20. Joining the 21 Blues that have already qualified are **Troy MacDonald** in the 50-metre butterfly, **Rebecca Sharpe** in the 100-metre backstroke, **George Soules** in the sprint freestyle and **Julia Boron** in the 200-metre freestyle.

**Zack Chetret** continues to impress this season with another gold medal performance, this time at the prestigious international swim meet in Uster, Switzerland Jan. 31. Co-captain **Cam Cummings** had one of the best meets of his career, picking up a pair of bronze medals in the backstroke events. **Andrea Jurenovskis** also picked up a bronze medal for the Blues in the 100-metre backstroke. She was one of the busiest swimmers at the event as she also reached the finals in the 200-metre backstroke as well as the 100-metre and 200-metre freestyle races.

Olympian **Colin Russell**'s record-breaking performance led the Varsity Blues men's swimming team to their seventh consecutive Ontario University Athletics (OUA) championship at the Eleanor Misener Aquatic Centre at Brock University Feb. 4 to 7. Named 2010 male swimmer of the meet, Russell set his third individual OUA record on day four in the men's 50-metre breaststroke, claiming gold. He set earlier records in both the men's 100-metre and 200-metre freestyle. Russell also finished first in the men's 50m freestyle.

The Blues team of Russell, **Mike Smerek, Cam Cummings** and **Marco Monaco** also established a new championship record, winning the men's 4 x 50-metre medley relay. Toronto men also claimed gold in the 4 x 100-metre freestyle relay as team members **Luke Hall, Martyn Forde, Steven Hibberd** and **Taylor Bond** posted the winning time.

**Zack Chetret** built on his success this season and defended his 2009 title, winning the men's 200-metre butterfly event and **Andy Townsend** was named the male rookie of the meet after winning a bronze medal in the men's 100-metre butterfly and a gold medal as part of the men's 4 x 200-metre freestyle relay team.

**Varsity Blues wrestler Dene Ringuette** earned a silver medal at the Western Open Feb. 6 at Thames Hall. The fourth-year bioengineering student placed second in the men's 76-kilogram

event, defeating Lakehead's Jamie Funk, Alberta's James Yurik and Keenan Miller of London-Western before falling to Montreal YMHA's Cleo Ncube in the gold medal final match.