

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

**Keith Ambachtsheer**, an adjunct professor of finance and director of the Rotman International Centre for Pension Management, is the recipient of the 2010 Lillywhite Award of the Employee Benefit Research Institute, given in recognition of his outstanding lifetime contributions to Americans' economic security. In announcing the award March 8 the organization noted that Ambachtsheer's contributions to the retirement security of Americans and Canadians are equalled by few and that, over the decades, he has benefited millions of future retirees by helping fiduciaries enhance benefit security and hold plan expenses to the lowest possible level.

**Professor Adam Anderson** of psychology is the winner of the Young Investigator Award of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, recognizing outstanding contributions by scientists early in their careers. Anderson explores the psychological and neural underpinnings of emotions, from their facial and physiological expression to their interactions with cognitive processes such as attention and memory. Anderson will receive the award during the association's annual meeting in Montreal this month.

**Professor George Baird**, former dean of the John H. Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design, is the winner of the 2010 Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) Gold Medal, awarded in recognition of significant contribution to Canadian architecture and is the highest honour the profession in Canada can bestow. It recognizes an individual whose personal work has demonstrated exceptional excellence in the design and practice of architecture and/or whose work related to architecture has demonstrated exceptional excellence in research or education. As part of this recognition, Baird will speak at the president's dinner June 25 during RAIC-SAA (Saskatchewan Association of Architects) Festival of Architecture June 23 to 26 in Saskatoon.

**Professor Josiah Blackmore's** book *Moorings: Portuguese Expansion and the Writing of Africa* was selected by *Choice* magazine as one of the most outstanding academic titles of 2009. Among the first books to study Portuguese texts about Africa, *Moorings* brings an important but little-known body of European writings to bear on contemporary colonial thought. Cited for being attentive to history as well as the nuances of languages, Blackmore, a professor in Spanish and Portuguese, was lauded for establishing these key works in their proper place: foundational to western imperial discourse. More than 35,000 librarians and academics rely on *Choice* and Choice Reviews Online for collection development and scholarly research.

**University Professor Emeritus Edward Davison** and **Professor Alberto Leon-Garcia** of computer and electrical engineering will be honoured by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Canada for their contributions to their respective fields and to the profession. Davison is the winner of the 2010 Canada Outstanding Engineer Award, given to outstanding Canadian engineers recognized for their important contributions to electrical and electronics engineering. Leon-Garcia has been selected to receive the 2010 A.G.L. McNaughton

Gold Medal for outstanding Canadian engineers recognized for their exemplary contributions to the engineering profession. Davison and Leon-Garcia will receive their awards during the IEEE Canada awards banquet May 3.

**Andrew Dicks**, a senior lecturer in chemistry, has been selected by the Chemical Institute of Canada to receive the 2010 CIC Award for Chemical Education, given to a person who has made an outstanding contribution to education at the post-secondary level in the field of chemistry or chemical engineering. Dicks will receive the award June 1 during the Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition May 28 to June 2 in Toronto.

**Professor Scott Mabury** of chemistry has been selected to receive the Chemical Institute of Canada 2010 Environmental Division Research and Development Award for distinguished contributions to the field of environmental chemistry or environmental chemical engineering. The award will be presented June 1 during the Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition, Canada's largest annual event devoted to the science and practice of chemistry, to be held in Toronto May 28 to June 2.

**Professor Shelley Peterson** of curriculum, teaching and learning at OISE is the winner of this year's Arbuthnot Award, given in recognition of an outstanding college or university teacher of children's and young adults' literature by the International Reading Association. Peterson will receive the award April 28 during the association's annual conference in Chicago.

**Professor Paul Santerre**, director of Institute for Biomaterials & Biomedical Engineering, is the recipient of the Julia Levey 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 spin-off company, Interface Biologics Inc., which he co-founded in 2001. Santerre received the award March 25 during SCI Canada's annual awards ceremony in Toronto.

**Dr. Marla Shapiro** of family and community medicine is the winner of the Federation of Medical Women of Canada's 2010 May Cohen Award, given in recognition of her significant contribution to the promotion of women's health. The award will be presented during the federation's annual general meeting in September. The federation is a national organization committed to the professional, social and personal advancement of women physicians and to the promotion of the well-being of women both in the medical profession and in society at large.

**Professor David Soberman** of marketing at the Rotman School of Management is the winner of the best marketing case study in the ecch European Case Awards. The case, Ford Ka: The Market Research Problem (A) was co-written with Professors Markus Christen of INSEAD and Seh-Woong Chung of Singapore Management University. The awards have been presented annually by each since 1991 to provide formal recognition and exposure for successful case authors and their institutions and to raise the profile of the case method of teaching. The awards will be presented in London, U.K., in September.

**Professor Michael Taylor** of surgery is the recipient of the 2010 Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Medal in surgery. Taylor and colleagues recently published the award-winning work, entitled Multiple recurrent genetic events converge on control of histone lysine methylation in medulloblastoma, in *Nature Genetics*. Winning medallists usually present their winning papers at a meeting of the relevant national specialty society or other appropriate venue. In addition, the medallist will have the opportunity to participate in the visiting medallist program.

**University Professor Emeritus Endel Tulving**, one of the world's most influential cognitive psychologists, has been awarded the 2009 Pasteur-Weizmann/Servier International Prize, announced Nov. 26 as part of a Servier Institute colloquium on memory. The prize is awarded every three years to a top-level researcher, scientist or physician internationally renowned for their major contribution to a biomedical discovery leading to a therapeutic application. Tulving received the prize in recognition of his work on the neuropsychology of memory and was cited for his many ideas and discoveries that have influenced theories in this field.

**Professor Andrei Yudin** of chemistry is the recipient of the 2010 Merck Frosst Centre for Therapeutic Research Award, given to a scientist residing in Canada, not yet 40 years of age, who has made a distinguished contribution in the fields of organic chemistry or biochemistry. The award will be presented June 1 during the Canadian Chemistry Conference and Exhibition May 28 to June 2 in Toronto.

### **Student Awards**

**Jenny Hong** of Trinity College is this year's William R. Gardner Student Leadership Award winner. The Arts & Science Student Union annually awards a scholarship for a full-time undergraduate student enrolled in the Faculty of Arts & Science on the St. George campus who has a minimum GPA of 1.70 and is involved with extracurricular activities both on and off campus.

**Vincent Cheung**, a PhD candidate in computer and electrical engineering and owner of Shape Collage Inc. , has been named this year's Student Entrepreneur Ontario Champion by the national charitable organization Advancing Canadian Entrepreneurship and program supporter CIBC. Shape Collage Inc. is a digital media software company with an automatic photo collage-making software program.

### **Varsity Blues**

**The Varsity Blues women's squash team** earned their 11th consecutive medal as they defeated the McMaster Marauders in a thrilling bronze medal match at the 2010 Ontario University Athletics (OUA) championships Feb. 13 in Waterloo, Ont. Two performances were outstanding for the Blues: **Daniah Shamim's** 3-0 win and the two games won by **Rebeca Tristan Aldave**.

**The Varsity Blues men's fencing team** won a silver medal, while the **women's team** was awarded bronze at the 2010 OUA championships, which took place at Carleton University, Feb. 13-14. On the men's side, the top Varsity Blues were **Kamil Karbonowski** and **Kyle Chan**, who won silver and bronze respectively in the foil event. Toronto managed fourth place finishes in both the sabre and épée competitions.

On the women's side, **Kelly Doyle** led Toronto to a first-place finish in the sabre event with a silver medal performance. **Jodi Marr** was also a top performer for the Blues, finishing with a bronze medal in the foil competition. Toronto also placed second in the épée event, thanks in large part to a couple of strong finishes by **Joanne Ko** and **Amber Wavryk**.

**Varsity Blues skip Pat Janssen** guided his team to a silver medal at this year's OUA curling championships, hosted by the University of Waterloo Feb. 13-14. Janssen along with vice **Bill Francis**, second **Jonathan Braden** and lead **Matthew Hardman** were just shy of OUA gold, falling 9-8 in extra ends to the defending champions, the Western Mustangs.

**Colin Russell** and **Zack Chetrat** earned the **Varsity Blues swim team** its first two gold medals on day one, Feb. 18, of the 2010 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) swimming championships at Varsity Pool. Russell was the only male to repeat as champion on day one, winning the men's 200-metre freestyle, while Chetrat claimed gold in the 100-metre butterfly.

On day two Russell broke the CIS record in the men's 50-metre freestyle twice, once in the preliminaries before besting that time in the final to claim his second gold medal of the meet. Chetrat, winning the men's 400 freestyle, also claimed his second gold medal. The Varsity Blues 800-metre freestyle relay team of Chetrat, Russell, Cummings and **Curtis Samuel** upset the top-seeded Calgary Dinos in a thrilling come-from-behind victory.

The Varsity Blues men's swim team was unable to match Calgary's output on day three of the championships and finished the event in second place. Russell etched his name in the CIS record books once again and was named the CIS male swimmer of the year and Sprinter's Cup champion for the second consecutive year, while **Byron MacDonald** was named the men's **swimming coach of year** -- an award he last won in 1994.

**Wrestler Shujon Mazumder** was named the most outstanding wrestler as the Varsity Blues earned three medals at the 2010 OUA wrestling championships Feb. 20 in London, Ont. Mazumder won gold in the 54 kg weight class while **Dene Ringuette** picked up Toronto's other gold medal in the men's 76 kg category. Toronto's lone female wrestler at the meet, **Melissa Biscardi**, won the silver medal in the 48 kg event.

Mazumder became only the second Varsity Blue to win a CIS gold medal after defeating Regina's Steven Schneider in the final of the 54 kg at the 2010 CIS championships March 5-6 at the University of Calgary. Toronto's other wrestler competing at the meet, Ringuette, also reached the podium, earning a bronze medal in the 76 kg category. Mazumder was named the 2010 outstanding male wrestler.

**Hans Fischer** was named **Nordic ski coach of the year** as the Varsity Blues competed at the 2010 OUA Nordic skiing championships Feb. 20-21 in Orangeville, Ont. The Blues women finished fifth, while the men were sixth overall.

**The Varsity Blues women's volleyball team** swept the McMaster Marauders at OUA volleyball championship at McMaster's Burrigle Gym, winning the final Feb. 27. The win is Toronto's first OUA women's volleyball championship since 2004 and secured the conference bid to the 2010 Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) championship at the University of Alberta Mar. 5-7, where the team finished sixth.

**Varsity Blues track-and-field athlete Tory Merrill** capped an outstanding university career with a hard-earned bronze medal in the women's pentathlon on day one of the 2010 CIS track-and-field championships March 11 at the University of Windsor.

**Megan Brown** and **Mike Del Monte** claimed two medals each on day two. Brown won silver in both the women's 1,000 metres and 3,000 metres, while Del Monte garnered bronze in the men's 1,000 metres. Del Monte led the Blues 4 x 800 relay team of **Tyler Pettes, Stephen Douglas** and **Andrew Cruickshank** to a silver medal finish.

On day three and the final day of the championships **Jason Wurster** claimed gold in the pole vault competition. In the high jump competition **Sarah Boyle** claimed the gold medal while on the track, **Megan Brown** took the gold medal in the women's 1,500 metres and **Sarah Wells** took home bronze in the women's 600 metres. Wells then teamed up with fellow Blues **Alicia Brown, Athena McBean** and Merrill in the women's 4 x 400-metre relay and capped off the final day with a silver-medal performance.