

## **Faculty, Staff & Student Awards & Honours Governing Council Meeting Dec. 10**

### **Faculty & Staff Awards**

**Professor Susan Abbey** of psychiatry is the winner of the 2009 Prix d'excellence, given by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada to recognize fellows who have outstanding qualities and have made significant contributions as medical educators or provided outstanding service to their communities and the college. Presentation of the award will occur at an appropriate occasion either among peers or in the presence of a representative of the regional advisory committee or an official of the college with the intention of adding visibility to the recipient, the award and the college.

**Professor Cristina Amon**, dean of engineering, has been selected to receive the 2009 Heat Transfer Memorial Award of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), given in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of heat transfer. Amon is being honoured for pioneering contributions in concurrent thermal design, transient thermal management of portable electronics and hierarchical multi-scale modelling and for leadership in multidisciplinary engineering education and her outstanding service to the heat transfer community. Amon received the award during the ASME international mechanical engineering congress in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., Nov. 13 to 19.

**Professor Victor Blanchette** of pediatrics is the winner of the Canadian Paediatric Society's most prestigious honour, the Alan Ross Award, given in acknowledgement of his outstanding contributions to the care of children and youth. For more than four decades, Blanchette has been a committed clinician, educator, researcher and advocate in the field of pediatric hematology and oncology. He is cited as "an outstanding educator and mentor; trainees in pediatric hematology and oncology come from all over Canada -- and the world -- to learn from him." Blanchette received the award June 23 during the opening ceremonies of the society's annual conference in Ottawa.

**Professor Gustavo Bobonis** of economics is one of five winners of the 2009 Polanyi Prize, established in 1987 to honour the achievements of University Professor John Polanyi, winner of the 1986 Nobel Prize for chemistry. The five prizes are given annually to outstanding young Ontario university researchers who are in the early stages of careers in chemistry, physiology or medicine, literature, physics and economics, the five Nobel Prize categories. Bobonis is a specialist in development economics whose work on the American colonization of Puerto Rico is designed to explore the impact of colonization on current levels of educational and literacy attainment.

**Professor Suzanne Cadarette** of pharmacy has been selected to receive a Special Recognition Prize by the Institute of Aging and the Canadian Institute for Health

Research. She received the prize, given for being the highest ranking candidate in the field of aging in the recent CIHR Research Personnel Awards competitions, Oct. 24 during the annual conference of the Canadian Association of Gerontology in Winnipeg.

**Professor Clarence Chant**, a clinical pharmacy specialist, has been elected a fellow of two prestigious organizations. The board of fellows of the Canadian Society of Hospital Pharmacists named Chant a fellow for his contributions to the society and the leadership and commitment he has shown to the profession, while the regents of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy similarly recognized him for his excellence in the practice and science of clinical pharmacy.

**Professor George Elliott Clarke** of English received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the Royal Military College of Canada during convocation ceremonies Nov. 13. A poet, novelist, librettist, critic, scholar and professor, Clarke is cited as a “master wordsmith who has been widely applauded for his lush, lyrical and musical style of writing.” His work, it continues, “courageously tells the unforgettable stories of African Canadians, especially his Africadian ancestors, and in doing so, both entices and forces readers to confront some unpleasant truths about race and justice in Canadian Society.”

**Professor Elizabeth Edwards** of chemical engineering is this year’s recipient of the Synergy Award for Innovation in the category of partnership with a large company. The award, announced Oct. 19 in Ottawa by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, honours outstanding achievements of university-industry collaboration. Edwards was recognized for her highly successful partnership with Geosyntec, a multinational consulting firm that helps clients with new projects and complicated issues involving the environment, natural resources and civil infrastructure.

**Professors Greg Evans** of chemical engineering, **Nazir Kherani** of electrical and chemical engineering, **Javad Mostaghimi** of mechanical and industrial engineering and **Chul Park** of mechanical and industrial engineering have been selected to receive 2009 Ontario Professional Engineers Awards by the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers and Professional Engineers Ontario. Presented since 1947, the awards recognize outstanding individuals for engineering excellence and community service. The recipients were honoured at a gala Nov. 21 at the Toronto Congress Centre.

**University Professor Emeritus Ian Hacking**, renowned as one of the world’s leading scholars in the field of philosophy and history of science, is the winner of the prestigious Holberg International Memorial Prize for 2009. Established by the Norwegian parliament in 2003, the prize is valued at \$700,500 US and awarded for outstanding scholarly work in the arts and humanities, social sciences, law or theology. Hacking’s work spans the philosophy of science, the philosophy of language, the theory of probability and statistical inference and the socio-historical examination of the rise and fall of disciplines and theories. Hacking received the prize Nov. 25 in Oslo, Norway.

Saxophonist **Wallace Halladay**, an instructor in the Faculty of Music, is the winner of the 2009 Virginia Parker Prize, established in 1982 by Virginia Parker Moore for

performers of classical music under the age of 32 who demonstrate outstanding talent and musicianship. Halladay is cited as capturing “the qualities of the modern virtuosos, being at home in numerous styles, from the classical repertoire to the performance of contemporary music.” The \$25,000 prize, announced June 17, is administered by the Canada Council for the Arts.

**Professor Robert Harrison** of otolaryngology is this year’s recipient of the Noni MacDonald Award of the Canadian Paediatric Society for his article Noise-Induced Hearing Loss in Children: A “less than silent” environmental danger, which appeared in the May-June 2008 issue of *Paediatrics & Child Health*. The award goes to an author whose article has positively affected pediatric medicine – whether through raising awareness about an issue, presenting new scientific research or inspiring change. The award was presented June 26 during the society’s annual meeting June 23 to 27 in Ottawa.

**Professor Wayne Hindmarsh**, former dean of pharmacy, is the recipient of the Ontario Pharmacists’ Association’s 2009 Mortar and Pestle Award of Merit, recognizing the recipient’s commitment to advancing education and research in the field of pharmacy. In announcing the award the association noted that during his 11 years as dean, Hindmarsh helped steward the faculty through significant transformation, including the construction of the Leslie L. Dan Pharmacy Building, a state-of-the-art teaching and research facility. At the same time, it noted, his focus on students ensured that growth did not come at the expense of the student experience at the faculty.

**Professor Wayne Johnston** of surgery and cross-appointed to the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering is the recipient of the Society for Vascular Surgery’s Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest honour bestowed by the society in recognition of outstanding and sustained contributions to the profession and the society. Johnston is noted for his contributions in advancing academic vascular surgery, education and training and served as president of the society in 2007-08 and as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Vascular Surgery* from 1996 to 2003. Johnston received the award June 12 during the Vascular Annual Meeting in Denver, Colo.

**Professor Allan Kaplan** of psychiatry is this year’s winner of the Canadian Psychiatric Association’s J.M. Cleghorn Award for Excellence and Leadership in Clinical Research. First awarded in 2000, the award is dedicated to the memory of Dr. John Cleghorn, an early neuroendocrine researcher, and recognizes a CPA member for excellence in clinical psychiatric research or leadership in advancing clinical psychiatric research in Canada. Kaplan’s research has focused on eating disorders, nutrition, neuroendocrinology, genetics, antipsychotic medication treatment of anorexia nervosa as well as polymorphism in serotonin system genes. The award was presented during the association’s annual meeting Aug. 22 to 20 in St. John’s, Nfld.

**Professor John Kingdom** of obstetrics and gynecology has been elected president of the Perinatal Research Society for the 2010-2011 year. The society was established in 1969 to foster scientific interchange among people whose research interests are in the area of

perinatal medicine and developmental biology. Since its inception, the society's purpose has been to encourage communication and collaboration between young investigators and those more established and to provide productive interchange between scientists who share a common research interest in perinatal biology.

**Professor Eugenia Kumacheva** of chemistry has been selected by the Royal Society of Canada to promote the Women in Science, Engineering and Technology program, an opportunity offered to outstanding researchers and communicators who can present their research to a range of audiences. Kumacheva will travel to Japan to give research lectures with the goal to raise awareness of women in the natural, applied and health or medical sciences.

**Professor Jim Lai**, head of periodontics, has been promoted to the grade of commander of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in recognition of his community service and contributions to St. John Ambulance. Lai was promoted at the investiture ceremony held in June and presided over by David Onley, lieutenant-governor of Ontario. The order traces its origins to the Knights Hospitaller, who served the abbey of St. Mary's small hospital for sick pilgrims in Jerusalem in the 12th century during the Crusades. The order was brought into the Canadian honours system in 1995. The other orders in the Canadian honours system are the Order of Canada, the Order of Military Merit, the Order of Merit of the Police Forces and the Royal Victorian Order.

**Professor Gary Latham**, Secretary of State Professor of Organizational Effectiveness, has been selected to receive the James McKeen Cattell Fellow Award for 2009-2010, given by the Association for Psychological Science. The highest award conferred by APS, it recognizes APS members for a lifetime of outstanding contributions to the area of applied psychological research. Latham's research findings have set the standard for goal setting theory and influenced an entire generation of researchers interested in employee motivation in general and goal setting theory in particular. Latham will be recognized during the annual convention May 27 to 30, 2010, in Boston.

**Professor Ron Laxer** of pediatrics is the recipient of the American College of Rheumatology Distinguished Clinical Scholar Award, given to a rheumatologist who has made outstanding contributions in clinical medicine, clinical scholarship or education. Laxer received the award during the annual national scientific meeting Oct. 17 to 21 in Philadelphia, Pa. The college is an organization of and for physicians, health professionals and scientists that advances rheumatology through programs of education, research, advocacy and practice support.

**Myra Lefkowitz**, manager of health and well-being programs, is the winner of a Who's Who in Workplace Health Award, designed to honour individuals and organizations that have demonstrated leadership and innovation in workplace health. Lefkowitz was one of two winners in the employer category. Lefkowitz, her team and her colleagues throughout the university, along with the Family Services Association employee assistance program, are cited for having not only tackled all aspects of wellness but also influenced perspectives, from the individual to the institutional.

**Professor David Martell** of forestry is the recipient of the 2009 Award of Merit, given by the Canadian Operational Research Society to a present or past member of CORS in recognition of significant contributions to the profession of operational research. Martell was cited for his “outstanding contributions to the development and application of operational research in forest management in Canada and the world and for his many contributions to the Canadian Operational Research Society.” He received the award June 16 during the joint international meeting of CORS and the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences in Toronto.

**Professor John McComb**, head of oral pathology and oral medicine, is the recipient of a Distinguished Service Award of the Canadian Dental Association, recognizing individuals for outstanding service to the association and for their contributions to the dental profession. McComb’s specific contributions have included outstanding service at the academic, specialty, society and council level for more than 30 years. McComb received the award in March at the Pacific Dental Conference.

**Professor Eric Miller** of civil engineering is this year’s recipient of the Wilbur Smith Distinguished Transportation Educator Award of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), given to recognize a professor who has made an outstanding contribution to the transportation profession by relating academic studies to the actual practice of transportation. Miller, director of the U of T Cities Centre and developer of the “GTAModel” used by the municipal government to forecast regional travel demand, received the award during the institute’s annual meeting, held Aug. 9 to 12 in San Antonio, Tex.

**Professor Cheryl Misak**, vice-president and provost, has had her article Experience, Narrative and Ethical Deliberation in *Ethics* named one of the best 10 articles published in philosophy in 2008 by Philosopher’s Annual, an online listing of noteworthy articles in the field. “The Philosopher’s Annual has been recognizing the 10 best articles published in philosophy each year for 30 years now and this is the first time a U of T philosopher has been so honoured,” said Professor Donald Ainslie, chair of philosophy. Misak was also honoured by the University of Lethbridge as its 2009 Distinguished Alumna of the Year for her outstanding academic and professional achievements. Misak, internationally renowned for her academic excellence, received the award Oct. 17 during convocation ceremonies.

**Professor Hani Naguib** of mechanical and industrial engineering has been named a fellow of the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining, a prestigious grade for those with an established and enhanced reputation in materials, minerals and mining technology. Based in the U.K., the institute is a major international organization that promotes and develops all aspects of materials science and engineering. Naguib has developed a class of smart polymers with wide-reaching applications in sectors such as health care, transportation and construction.

**Professor Arnold Noyek** of otolaryngology and the Dalla Lana School of Public Health has been selected by the Ashoka Foundation as a senior fellow, an honour bestowed for his innovative work related to global health, peace and human rights. Each year Ashoka, a global organization that accelerates social change by identifying and investing in leading social entrepreneurs, recognizes a handful of individuals for their innovative solutions to society's most urgent problems.

**University Professor Richard Peltier** of physics has been selected by the Franklin Institute to receive the 2010 Bower Award and Prize for Achievement in Science, the first Canadian to receive the \$250,000 prize. The award recognizes Peltier for fundamental advances in the understanding of Earth systems and for demonstrating profound interconnections between surface climate variability and the internal properties of dynamics of the solid Earth. Peltier will receive the award during a ceremony April 29 in Philadelphia, Pa.

**Professor Kim Pressnail** of civil engineering is the winner of a Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation 2009 Excellence in Education Award for the Promotion of Sustainable Practices, recognizing outstanding educational contributions to sustainable practices in the fields of architecture, planning, landscape architecture, urban design, geography, engineering and environmental studies. Pressnail was honoured for his role in redesigning civil engineering's curriculum to integrate and emphasize sustainability concepts and for the development of a certificate program in building science at the School of Continuing Studies.

**Professor Stephen Rockel** of history is the winner of the Joel Gregory Prize of the Canadian Association of African Studies for the best book on African studies published by a Canadian, a Canadian landed immigrant or an African educated in Canada. His book, *Carriers of Culture: Labor on the Road in Nineteenth-Century East Africa*, is described as "a journey, a labour history of African initiative and adaption to modernity and a contribution to a history of Tanzania and East Africa that gives due attention to intersocietal linkages and networks." Rockel received the biennial prize during the association's meeting held at Queen's University in May.

**Professor Norman Rosenblum** of pediatrics is the recipient of the Paediatric Chairs of Canada 2009 Paediatric Academic Leadership-Clinical Investigator Award. Established in 2007, this award recognizes outstanding leadership in the development of environments that foster opportunities for child and youth health research. In awarding the prize to Rosenblum, the association recognized his long-standing and remarkable contributions locally, nationally and internationally in research mentorship, training and faculty development.

**Greeta Sheker**, director of the initiative for women in business, is a winner of the International Alliance for Women's (TIAW) 2009 World of Difference 100 Award, recognizing women whose efforts have advanced the economic empowerment of women locally, regionally or worldwide. Sheker is cited as an extraordinary champion for women in business through the initiative for women in business, now in its second year. It offers

eight programs and workshops for women in positions ranging from entry level to middle management to the board level. The awards were announced Oct. 10 in Toronto.

**Professor Murray Urowitz** of medicine is this year's winner of the Evelyn Hess Award, presented annually by the Lupus Foundation of America to a clinical or basic researcher whose body of work has advanced understanding of the pathophysiology, etiology, epidemiology, diagnosis or treatment of lupus. Urowitz received the award during the American College of Rheumatology national scientific meeting Oct. 17 to 21 in Philadelphia, Pa.

**Professor Catharine Whiteside**, dean of medicine, is the winner of the Canadian Medical Association's 2009 May Cohen Award for Women Mentors, presented annually to a female physician who has demonstrated outstanding mentoring abilities. "An exceptional teacher, scholar, clinician and administrator, Dr. Whiteside is an inspirational role model in medicine and her passion and dedication to mentoring colleagues is truly inspiring," CMA president Robert Quellet said in announcing the award. Whiteside received the award at a special ceremony Aug. 19 during the association's annual meeting in Saskatoon.

**Professor Bernard Zinman** of medicine is the 2009 recipient of the Canadian Diabetes Association Lifetime Achievement Award, given to a Canadian MD or PhD medical scientist who is recognized and nominated by his or her peers for long-standing contributions to the Canadian diabetes community and who is a leader in diabetes research. Zinman received the award Oct. 22 during the annual general meeting in Montreal. Zinman also received the Novartis Prize for Long-Standing Achievement in Diabetes, presented during the 2009 meeting Sept. 29 to Oct. 2 of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes in Vienna, Austria.

### **U of T Art Centre**

**Beaver Tales: Canadian Art and Design**, an exhibition at the U of T Art Centre in September to December 2008, is one of three exhibitions selected by the Ontario Association of Art Galleries to win an Exhibition of the Year award. The exhibition showcased both emerging and established designers and craft makers, alongside seminal artists who spearheaded the tradition of interpreting and celebrating Canadian countryside and wildlife in their artwork. The prize was presented at the Ontario Association of Art Galleries Awards ceremony held at Hart House Sept. 25.

### **Gerstein Science Information Centre**

**The Gerstein Reading Room** garnered an honourable mention in the William Greer Architectural Conservation and Craftsmanship category at the Heritable Toronto Awards, presented Oct. 13 at the historic Carlu. This category honours projects that have restored or adapted buildings or structures that have been in existence for 40 years or more. In addition to the quality of craftsmanship, appropriateness of materials and the use of sound conservation principles, the jury considered how well the project meets current needs while maintaining the integrity of the design. The renovations were executed under the supervision of Diamond and Schmitt Architects.

## **U of T Mississauga**

**The U of T Mississauga Library**, located in the Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre, is the winner of the 2009 Innovation Achievement Award of the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (CACUL) for its contributions to advancing academic librarianship and library development. Specifically, the award celebrates the library's efforts to create a positive learning environment in the Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre -- one that balances diverse student needs, promotes research and learning throughout the campus community and serves as a model for peer institutions. The prize was presented May 31 during CACUL's annual general meeting.

## **Sustainability Office**

**Rewire:** Reducing energy through behaviour change and culture shift, the sustainability office's innovative community-based social marketing campaign, is the winner of the national third prize in the Quality and Productivity Awards program competition of the Canadian Association of University Business Officers (CAUBO). Every day, university administrators display ingenuity and resourcefulness in the development and implementation of programs and processes in their institutions that improve the quality and reduce the cost of programs and services; it is these ideas that the award program recognizes. The awards were presented June 14 during CAUBO's annual conference in Ottawa.

## **Division of University Advancement**

**The University of Toronto Magazine**, redesigned last fall by Toronto's Underline Studio, is the winner of two National Magazine Awards: honourable mention for best magazine cover and for art direction for an entire issue for the autumn 2008 issue. The National Magazine Awards Foundation presented the annual awards June 5 at the Carlu in Toronto. The magazine has also received four design nominations from the Advertising and Design Club of Canada.

## **University of Toronto**

U of T was ranked No. 1 in two of the five programs surveyed by Toronto-based publisher Corporate Knights in its sixth annual Knight Schools: Designing Our Future: Sustainability in Education program. U of T won in the top 10 law programs category and OISE in the new category of teacher education programs. According to the survey "this is a sketch of what is going on in schools across Canada. It's a blueprint of how a variety of degrees are moulding minds and polishing their programs to incorporate the idea of sustainability." The original categories are business, law and public policy school; the two additions, industrial design and teacher education.

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

The results are in for two major annual national and international communications and development competitions and U of T communications staff won awards in both.



Topping U of T's presence in the Canadian Council for the Advancement in Education (CCAIE) prix d'excellence program, recognizing outstanding achievement in alumni affairs, public affairs, development and overall achievement, was the *University of Toronto Magazine*, winning gold, silver and bronze. The magazine garnered gold for best magazine, silver for best writing/article (English language) for Cynthia Macdonald's article Fear of Numbers in the autumn 2008 issue and bronze in the same category for Ms. University by Stacey Gibson in the winter 2009 issue. The office of the vice-president (research) took home silver for **Experience Research** in the best department or program site on the World Wide Web.

In the U.S.-based Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) circle of excellence program, perhaps advancement's most prestigious awards program, two U of T publications won silver medals. The inaugural issue of *Pulse* (fall/winter 2008), published twice a year by the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing for alumni and friends, won silver in the excellence in design (illustrations) category for Gérard Dubois' illustration for The Lighthouse School by Dean Sioban Nelson. The office of the vice-president (research) garnered the award in the individual institutional relations publications category for **Excellence, Innovation, Leadership: Research at the University of Toronto**, the office's annual report.

### **Order of Canada**

Three U of T faculty members -- Professors **Ian Clark** and **Roderick McInnes** and Professor Emeritus **George Beaton** -- are among the 60 new appointments to the Order of Canada, this country's highest civilian honour for lifetime achievement, announced July 1 by Governor General Michaëlle Jean.

Clark, a professor at the School of Public Policy and Governance, will become a member of the Order of Canada in recognition of his commitment to public service.

McInnes, a professor of pediatrics and molecular genetics, also named a member of the order, has made many important contributions to the understanding of the molecular basis of retinal and eye development and to the identification of genes and processes associated with inherited retinal degenerations.

Beaton, a triple graduate of the University of Toronto who taught in the Faculty of Medicine for more than four decades, will become an officer of the order for his contributions and leadership in the field of health care. Officer is the second-highest rank within the order.

### **Royal Society of Canada**

The University of Toronto has had a banner year in the number of faculty selected as fellows of the Royal Society of Canada and in those awarded medals from the prestigious organization. Three faculty members received medals while 11 were elected fellows of the society.

University Professor **Richard Bond** of the Canadian Institute for Theoretical Astrophysics is the winner of the Henry Marshall Tory Medal, recognizing outstanding research in astronomy, chemistry, mathematics or physics. One of the world's leading cosmologists, Bond is responsible for major new insights into dark matter, black holes and the structure and evolution of the universe.

Professor **Barth Netterfield** of astronomy and physics is the winner of the Rutherford Memorial Prize in physics, recognizing outstanding research in any branch of physics. Netterfield is an observational cosmologist. His research is in the construction and use of balloon borne telescopes, which can achieve many of the benefits of space-based telescopes.

Professor **Paul Young** of civil engineering, physics and geology is the winner of the Willet G. Miller Medal for outstanding research in any branch of earth sciences. He has pioneered many of the techniques used today in monitoring induced seismicity in the mining, petroleum and nuclear waste disposal industries.

Elected as fellows of the society are: Professors **Raymond Carlberg** of astronomy, a theorist and observational astronomer who is Canadian project director for Canada's contribution to the Thirty Metre Telescope, the largest ever built; **J.K. Chambers** of linguistics, an internationally recognized sociolinguist and the leading authority on Canadian English; and Anthony Doob of the Centre of Criminology, one of Canada's leading criminologists whose specialties are juvenile justice and the development of criminal justice policy in this country.

And: Professors **George Eleftheriades** of electrical and computer engineering, who is making seminal contributions to the new subject of metamaterials -- human-made materials that have electromagnetic properties not found in nature; **Andres Lozano** of the Faculty of Medicine who is developing novel surgical approaches to treat Parkinson's disease, depression and Alzheimer's disease; and **Robert Orr** of physics, U of T's team leader on the ATLAS project, a component of the renowned Large Hadron Collider.

Also: Professors **Robert Reisz** of biology, U of T Mississauga, a pioneering paleontologist who has conducted innovative work on various reptiles, fossilized embryos and the origin of the turtle; **Gregory Scholes** of chemistry, a solar energy expert who is conducting breakthrough work that could lead to building efficient organic solar cells; **Philip Sohm** of art, a distinguished scholar of Italian Renaissance and Baroque art; **Germaine Warkentin** of Victoria College English, an expert on Renaissance writing and early Canadian literature; and **Min Zhuo** of physiology, who recently led a team that uncovered a link between dopamine and the variation that causes the mental impairment known as Fragile X syndrome.

Founded in 1882, the Royal Society of Canada is the country's oldest and most prestigious scholarly organization.

### **Canadian Academy of Health Sciences**

Six U of T faculty members are among the 28 newly elected fellows of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS), considered one of the highest honours for members of the Canadian health sciences community. The election of Professors **Geoffrey Fernie** of surgery, **Kue Young** of public health sciences, **Sioban Nelson**, dean of nursing, and **Helene Polatajko** of occupational science and occupational therapy, along with Professors Emeriti **Mladen Vranic** of physiology and **Paul Walfish** of medicine, was announced Sept. 21 at the general meeting of the academy. Established in 2004, the academy is a member of the Council of Canadian Academies along with the Royal Society of Canada and the Canadian Academy of Engineering. Fellows are recognized by their peers nationally and internationally for their contributions to the

promotion of health sciences and have demonstrated leadership, creativity, distinctive competencies and commitment to advance academic health sciences.

### **OCUFA Awards**

**Professor Clare Hasenkampf**, director of the Centre for Teaching and Learning at U of T Scarborough, and law professor **Lorne Sossin** have been recognized for outstanding teaching by the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) this year.

Hasenkampf and Sossin are two of six educators from across Ontario to receive OCUFA Teaching and Academic Librarianship Awards for 2009.

The awards, presented by OCUFA since 1973, are designed to recognize and celebrate outstanding contributions to teaching or library activities within the Ontario university system. Recipients are nominated by a peer or administrator but each nomination requires letters of support from both colleagues and students. A selection committee comprised of Ontario university teachers who are also previous OCUFA teaching award winners makes the final decision.

OCUFA represents about 15,000 faculty and academic librarians from 24 post-secondary institutions across Ontario. The outstanding achievement awards were presented at a luncheon ceremony at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel Oct. 3.

### **Student Awards**

**Constantine Caravassilis**, a third-year doctor of musical arts student in the Faculty of Music, is this year's winner of the Karen Kieser Prize in Canadian Music for his work *Sappho de Mytelène* for mezzo-soprano, flute and piano. A performance of the winning composition is planned for the gamUT ensemble concert March 19. The prize is awarded each year to a graduate student in composition whose work is judged by a blue-ribbon jury as especially promising. The prize is named for Kieser, a distinguished triple graduate of the Faculty of Music and a former head of music at CBC radio.

**Alison Kemper**, a fourth-year doctoral student at the Rotman School of Management, has been selected as a winner of the 2009 Dissertation Proposal Award from the Center for Business Education at the Aspen Institute. This prestigious award, now in its third year, aims to identify innovative research in core business disciplines that considers the interdependence between business decision-making and a wider societal or environmental context. Kemper is undertaking trailblazing research to determine how firms and activists evaluate institutional change.

**Lan-chee Lam**, a third-year doctoral student in composition at the Faculty of Music, is the winner of the grand prix at the 2009 George Enescu International Composition Competition in Bucharest, Romania. Her orchestral work, *Mysterious Palace*, won the grand prix in the symphonic music category. The grand prix includes a cash prize of 10,000 euros and a premiere of the work at the 2011 George Enescu International Festival. Lam is currently studying with Chan Wing-Wah and Gary Kulesha. The U of T Wind Ensemble gave the world premiere of Lam's *Earth Dance*, which won the faculty's student composition competition last year.

**Kevin Lau's** latest composition, *Artemis*, premiered at the George Weston Recital Hall by the Toronto Philharmonia in its opening concert Sept. 24. Lau is a doctoral student at the Faculty of Music, studying with Professor Christos Hatzis. His music has been read and recorded by renowned artists such as Scott St. John and Lara Downes as well as eminent ensembles such as eighth blackbird, the Ensemble Contemporain de Montréal and the St. Lawrence String Quartet.

**Valerie Lopes**, a PhD candidate at OISE (and now a faculty member at Seneca College), is the recipient of the 2009 George L. Geis Dissertation Award for her dissertation entitled *The Efficacy of a Course Management System in Learning: Perceptions of Students and Faculty in One Ontario College*. Each year, the Canadian Society for the Study of Higher Education presents the award for the best dissertation published in Canadian higher education. The award was presented at the society's annual meeting May 26 during the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences at Carleton University in Ottawa.

**Magnus Mfofo-M'Carthy**, a PhD student at the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, is one of two outstanding graduate students to receive the Hilary M. Weston Scholarship for outstanding academic achievements in mental health studies at the graduate level. The \$7,500 scholarship will help him to continue his research on mental health services in multicultural communities. The Ontario government created the scholarship in honour of Hilary Weston, the province's 26th lieutenant-governor, to recognize students who have demonstrated academic excellence in the field of mental health.

**Alexander McGirr**, a medical student in psychiatry, is the winner of the Coordinators of Undergraduate Psychiatric Education Best Paper Award for Medical Students. Established in 2005, the award is designed to recognize a student in undergraduate medical training who demonstrates an enhanced level of understanding and interest in mental health. The title of McGirr's paper was *The Heritability of Depression: A Review of Genetic Epidemiology and Molecular Studies*.

**Jasmeet Sidhu**, a fourth-year Trinity College peace and conflict studies student who is also a Canadian journalist and social and international activist, has been named to *Glamour* magazine's top 10 college women. It's a title rarely given to a Canadian student and one that honours budding leaders in every field. The competition has been run by the magazine for 50 years and Martha Stewart won the award in 1961. The magazine competition recognizes the exceptional achievements and academic excellence of female college students. Women named to the list receive a cash award and a trip to New York City to meet with other winners as well as professionals in the respective fields.

## **Varsity Blues**

The Varsity Blues **women's rowing team** captured six gold medals as members of the Hanlon Boat Club at the Central Ontario Rowing Association (CORA) regatta, June 27,

at the Guelph Rowing Club. **Lauren Brown** and **Christina Malinas** blew their competition out of the water, with first-place finishes in the under 23 pair and under 23 lightweight double. **Elise Mackie** won the under 23 women's single category, while **Lindsay Tetreault** and **Kalyna Kardash** picked up the gold medal in the under 23 double. They were also joined by **Janette Mason** to win both the under 23 four and under 23 quad.

The team earned four medals at the 2009 Ontario Rowing championships July 25 and 26 in Welland, Ont. **Lauren Brown** and **Christina Malinas** paired up to win two medals, gold in the under 23 women's lightweight double and silver in the senior lightweight double event. **Elise Mackie** and **Lindsay Tetreault** earned a silver medal in the under 23 women's double event; **Caro Kronlachner** and Blues assistant coach **Meghan Jackson** finished with a bronze medal in the senior women's pair.

At the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta Aug. 2 to 9, **Lauren Brown** and **Christina Malinas** won the gold medal in the senior lightweight women's pair, while **Meghan Jackson** and **Caro Kronlachner** won the silver medal in the senior women's pair.

Varsity Blues swimmers **Colin Russell**, **Andrea Jurenovskis** and **Zsofi Balazs** medalled on day two of the Canadian senior national swimming championships July 8 to 12 in Montreal. Coming off a gold-medal performance in the men's 200m freestyle, Russell delivered his first sub-49 seconds time (48.92) to earn the bronze medal in the men's 100m freestyle. Jurenovskis and Balazs earned a silver medal in the 4 x 200-metre freestyle relay.

On the last two days of the championships **Sasha Theron** and **Andrea Jurenovskis** teamed up with Toronto Swim Club members Hilary Bell and Paige Schultz to earn a silver medal in the women's 4 x 100-metre freestyle relay. Similarly, first-year Blues swimmers **Nick Karpov** and **Andy Townsend** boasted silver in the men's 4 x 100-metre freestyle relay with Blues alumni Terrence Haynes and TSC swimmer Jeffrey Sudbury.

**Zack Chetrat** and **Curtis Samuel** each earned a pair of medals at the 2009 Canadian age group championships July 16 to 19 in Montreal. Chetrat won the silver medal in the boys' 200-metre butterfly and the bronze medal in the 100-metre butterfly. Samuel picked up the silver medal in the boys' 400-metre individual medley and also anchored the boy's 4 x 200-metre freestyle relay, earning a bronze medal.

**Heather Maitland** and **Stephanie Hassell** posted impressive results at the 2009 Fédération Internationale de Natation (FINA) 10-kilometre marathon swimming world cup, July 23, in Roberval, Que. Maitland earned the bronze medal in the women's 10km race with a time of 2:14.19.93, while Hassell finished fourth.

Varsity Blues rower **Michael Braithwaite** earned a bronze medal at the world rowing under 23 championships, July 23-26, in Racice, Czech Republic. After an exciting semifinal round, Braithwaite was the final competitor to qualify for the A final of the men's single sculls.

The **Varsity Blues tennis team** won the bronze medal at the inaugural University and College National Championships Aug. 20 to 22 at York University.

At the Canada Summer Games in Prince Edward Island, Varsity Blues **women's volleyball player Diane Burrows** and partner Caleigh Whittaker won the bronze medal in the women's beach volleyball competition. **Kate Ruediger**, a member of the Varsity Blues **track-and-field team** captured gold in the women's 400-metre, while **Laura Maessen** earned bronze in the women's high jump competition. Varsity Blues **swimmer Curtis Samuel** garnered bronze in the men's 200-metre butterfly competition.