

**Faculty, Staff & Student Awards & Honours  
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**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 Warren Chan** is the recipient of the 2009 International Dennis Gabor Award of the NOVOFER Foundation for Technical and Intellectual Creation, recognizing young researchers who have made a significant contribution to scientific fields inspired by the achievements of Gabor (e.g., optics, laser technology, medical imaging). A Canada Research Chair in bionanotechnology, Chan's research focuses on the use of quantum dots to improve cancer diagnosis and treatment. Chan received the award Dec. 17 at a ceremony held in the parliament of the Hungarian Republic.

**Professor Alister Cumming**, director of the Modern Language Centre at OISE, received an honorary degree from the University of Copenhagen. Queen Margrethe II of Denmark presided over the ceremony Nov. 12. Cumming, well known for his work on second language acquisition, was praised by Professor Jens Erik Mogensen of the University of Copenhagen who wrote that his "expertise is extremely relevant to the recently established Centre for Internationalization and Parallel Language Use at the University of Copenhagen. Awarding Alister Cumming an honorary doctore will not only mean the recognition of a distinguished scholar but will also strengthen the already existing close ties between the Danish research community and Alister Cumming."

**Professor Michael Fehlings** of surgery has been selected to receive the 2009 Olivecrona Award, given by the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, for his important contributions in spinal cord injury research. Established in 1976, this award is presented annually to acknowledge an outstanding neurosurgeon or scientist who contributed with excellence to the neurosurgical field, based on development of microneurosurgical techniques, pedagogical skills or scientific contributions. Fehlings received the award Dec. 4 at the Olivecrona symposium where he has been invited to give the Olivecrona lecture.

**Professor Patrick Gullane** of otolaryngology-head and neck surgery has been elected an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England by the college council. One of the college's highest honours, honorary fellowship is given to a limited number of individuals of outstanding academic merit or other outstanding contributions to the profession. Those who receive this accolade are usually internationally recognized figures in their specialty. The number of medically qualified honorary fellows at any one time, according to the standing rule, shall not

exceed 150 and those not medically qualified shall not exceed 30. Gullane will be admitted as a fellow in a ceremony to be held in London in mid-January.

**Professor Emeritus Charles Hanly** of philosophy, president-elect of the International Psychoanalytical Association (IPA) since 2007, took office as president of the association Aug. 1 during the IPA congress in Chicago. Hanly, who taught philosophy at U of T until 1995, has a full-time psychoanalytic practice and is a training and supervising analyst in the Canadian Institute of Psychoanalysis. The IPA has more than 12,000 members and will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2010 with a number of national and local scientific events. The festivities will culminate internationally at the 2011 IPA congress, to be held in Mexico City and chaired by Hanly.

**Professor Wayne Hindmarsh**, former dean of pharmacy, has been recognized by *Pharmacy Practice* with its Lifetime Service Award, an honour in its Commitment to Care and Service Awards program. The award is given to a person who has made a significant impact on the profession of pharmacy, either as a pharmacist or as an advocate for the profession. In a profile of Hindmarsh in the November issue of *Pharmacy Practice*, his efforts to advance the role of the pharmacist were noted. The Commitment to Care and Service Awards recognize pharmacists, pharmacy owners and managers, pharmacy teams, front shop personnel and collaborative teams for their innovative contributions to pharmacy practice.

**Professor Ray Jayawardhana** of astronomy and astrophysics is the recipient of the 2009 Steacie Prize, one of Canada's most prestigious honours for rising stars in science and engineering. The prize, with a value of \$10,000, is awarded annually in recognition of exceptional contributions by a scientist or engineer aged 40 or younger. Holder of the Canada Research Chair in observational astrophysics, Jayawardhana explores the origin and diversity of planetary systems and the formation of stars and brown dwarfs.

**Professor Armand Keating** of medicine has been elected to the position of vice-president of the American Society of Hematology (ASH), the society announced Nov. 1. With more than 15,000 members worldwide, ASH is the world's largest professional society concerned with the causes and treatments of blood disorders. The mission of the society is to further the understanding, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of disorders affecting the blood, bone marrow and the immunologic, hemostatic and vascular systems by promoting research, clinical care, education, training and advocacy in hematology.

**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 is to encourage communication and collaboration between young investigators and those more established and to provide productive interchange

**Professor Michael Luke** of physics has been elected a fellow of the American Physical Society, a distinct honour signifying recognition by his peers. Members of the society elected to fellowship have contributed to the advancement of physics by independent, original research or

have rendered some other special service to the cause of the sciences. Luke was cited for seminal contributions to the phenomenological understanding of heavy quark decays, providing experimentalists with the tools needed to make precision measurements of several fundamental parameters in the Standard Model. He is the 14th U of T faculty member to be named a fellow since 1995.

**Professor Henry Mann**, dean of pharmacy, is the 2009 winner of the Paul F. Parker Award, given annually to a past resident of the University of Kentucky pharmacy residency program or to an individual intimately associated with the success of the program. The award recognizes an individual who has displayed sustained contribution to the profession in practice, teaching or research; a commitment to high ideals and excellence in his or her chosen field; leadership and innovation; and a passion to encourage the personal and professional growth of others. Mann received the award during the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists' mid-year clinical meeting Dec. 6 to 10 in Las Vegas.

**Dr. Pauline Pariser** of family and community medicine is 2009 Family Physician of the Year for the Toronto region (region 5). The Ontario College of Family Physicians recognizes the outstanding dedication of family physicians to their patients, their community, their profession and the college by awarding seven family physicians -- one from each region of the province -- the title of Family Physician of the Year. Pariser was recognized during the annual scientific meeting Nov. 26 to 28 in Toronto.

**Professor Steven Scott** of geology has been selected to receive the Australian Academy of Science 2010 Haddon Forrester King Medal. The medal recognizes the contributions of the late Haddon King to the application of the geological and related sciences to the search for mineral deposits in Australia. It is given to a scientist for original and sustained contributions to earth and related sciences, particularly the discovery, evaluation and exploitation of mineral deposits. Scott was also named the Dr. Werner Petersen Foundation's first-ever Excellence Professor at a ceremony in Kiel, Germany, in November.

**Professor Peter Singer** of medicine has been elected a member of the Academy of Sciences for the Developing World (TWAS). Singer was elected one of five associate members. Only those scientists who have attained the highest international standards and have made significant contributions to the advancement of science can be nominated as fellows or associate fellows. Cited as one of the world's leading bioethicists and global health scholars, Singer has pioneered policy and ethical approaches to the application of life sciences to global health. The five new associate fellows and 45 new fellows will be inducted at the general meeting next year.

**Professor Paul Stevens** of English is the winner of the 2009 Irene Samuel Memorial Prize for *Early Modern Nationalism and Milton's England* (U of T Press). The prize, which he shares with co-editor David Loewenstein of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, is awarded by the Milton Society of America for the best collection of essays published on Milton in 2008, the 400th anniversary of Milton's birth. According to *The Review of English Studies*, Britain's premier journal in literary studies, the volume "sets the standard for the most compelling, judicious conversation on the subject [of Milton and nationalism]."

### **American Association for the Advancement of Science**

Four U of T professors from the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering have been elected fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the largest international organization dedicated to advancing science or its applications on a global basis. Professors **Will Cluett** of chemical engineering and applied chemistry, **Bryan Karney** of Civil Engineering, **Javad Mostaghimi** of mechanical and industrial engineering and **Edward Sargent** of electrical and computer engineering are among the 48 fellows elected to AAAS' Engineering Section, more than for any other single institution.

Currently chair of the Division of Engineering Science, Cluett is cited for his distinguished contributions to process control and design and to undergraduate engineering education through curriculum design and innovation. Karney, associate-dean (cross-disciplinary programs) and director of the Division of Environmental Engineering and Energy Systems, was elected to fellowship for his distinguished contributions to engineering education and to the study of transient analysis in water supply systems.

Mostaghimi, University of Toronto Distinguished Professor in Plasma Engineering and co-founder of the Centre for Advanced Coating Technologies, is cited for his distinguished contributions to thermal plasma processing, particularly the development of mathematical models of plasma sources and thermal spray coating formation. A Canada Research Chair in nanotechnology, Sargent was elected an AAAS fellow for distinguished contributions to the development of solar cells and light sensors based on solution-processed semiconductors.

### **Order of Canada**

Six faculty members are among the 57 new appointments to the Order of Canada, this country's highest civilian honour for outstanding lifetime achievement, announced Dec. 30 by Governor General Michaëlle Jean. Professor **James Orbinski** of the Dalla Lana School of Public Health and a senior fellow at the Munk Centre for International Studies was named an officer of the order, the second-highest rank after companion, as was Professor **Mel Cappe**, who teaches part-time in the School of Public Policy and Governance. Professor Emeritus **Bernard Goldman** of surgery, Professor **Patrick Gullane** of otolaryngology, **Jeffrey Lozon**, an adjunct faculty member in health policy, management and evaluation, and **Patricia Parr** of the Faculty of Music were named members of the order.

Orbinski, international president of Médecins Sans Frontières/ Doctors Without Borders (MSF) from 1998 to 2001, is cited for his contributions as a physician who has worked to improve healthcare access and delivery in developing countries and as an advocate for those who have been silenced by war, genocide and mass starvation. Cited for his contributions to the federal public service, Cappe was recognized most notably for his service as a deputy minister, as a clerk of the Privy Council and as secretary to the Cabinet.

Goldman's citation praised him for his contributions to the field of cardiac surgery as well as to the advancement of cardiac care in Ontario. Recognized internationally as a leader in the field of head and neck surgery, Gullane is lauded for his contributions to the field of otolaryngology and as an inspiration to many young surgeons.

Lozon, president and CEO of St. Michael's Hospital from 2000 to 2009, is cited for his innovative and sustained leadership in healthcare management and for having advanced patient care, particularly at St. Michael's Hospital. A pianist, teacher and composer, Parr is praised for her contributions as a pianist and as one of Canada's finest chamber musicians, notably with the Amici Chamber Ensemble.

## Student Awards

**Janice Ting**, a PhD student in ecology and evolutionary biology, has been awarded a national fellowship from the L'Oréal-UNESCO program for Women in Science. The awards recognize excellence and enable exceptional Canadian female scientists to pursue and expand their individual research projects. The mentorship fellowship will enable Ting to pursue her research into the effects of immature matings on the Australian redback spider. She will also participate in a mentoring program, sharing her experience and passion for science with girls aged six to 17 at summer camps and workshops.

## Varsity Blues

**The Varsity Blues rowing team** had six outstanding performances, reaching the podium six times at the 2009 Ontario University Athletics (OUA) championships Oct. 24 in St. Catharines, Ont. **Michael Braithwaite** led the way claiming OUA gold in the men's single. Braithwaite earned his second medal of the day with teammate **Mike Harowicz** winning the silver medal. **Elise Mackie** and **Lindsay Tetreault** garnered gold in the women's double while the women's four of Mackie, Tetreault, **Kalyna Kardash**, **Caro Kronlachner** and coxswain **Kathleen Romatowski** won silver. **Lauren Brown** and **Christina Malinas** picked up two bronze medals, placing third in the women's lightweight double before joining Romatowski and **Kate and Jenn Sauks** to boast bronze in the women's lightweight four.

Braithwaite was named the oarsman of the year at the Canadian University Rowing Association championships (CURC) Oct. 31 – Nov. 1 at the Olympic rowing basin at Ile Notre-Dame in Montreal, Que. He claimed the gold medal in the men's open single, five boat lengths ahead of the second-place boat from Trent. He was unanimously voted the oarsman of the year by all head coaches of all universities competing at CURC.

Braithwaite was recognized by rowing's national governing body at the 29th annual Rowing Canada awards program Dec. 5 in Vancouver, B.C. He was presented with the Hanlan Keller Award for his achievements as a promising, developing rower. Rowing Canada also awarded Braithwaite the international achievement award for his bronze-medal performance at the 2009 Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron/International Rowing Federation (FISA) world championship regatta in the Czech Republic last summer. In addition, he was recognized among 2009 national champions for his first-place finish in the men's heavyweight single at the 2009 Canadian under-23 championships.

**The Varsity Blues men's basketball team** defeated the Cape Breton Capers 76-68 to earn the 35th annual Jack Donohue tournament title Oct. 25 in Ottawa, Ont. Third-year centre **Andrew Wasik** was named the tournament's most valuable player. Despite sitting out the last game due to injury, fifth-year guard **Rob Paris** was named a tournament all-star.

**Varsity Blues women's lacrosse head coach Todd Pepper** has been recognized as the 2009 OUA coach of the year for the second time in three years after guiding the Blues to an undefeated regular season record and top spot in the OUA standings. Head coach since the team's inception in 1994, Pepper's teams have won two OUA gold medals, two silver medals and seven bronze medals; 2009 marks the fifth time that Pepper has received coach of the year recognition, previously winning this honour in 1999, 2002, 2004 and 2007.

The **Varsity Blues women's lacrosse team** claimed the OUA bronze medal with a 16-10 win over the Queen's Gaels Nov.1 at McMaster University. Toronto's dynamic all-star trio of **Taryn Greider, Jen Held** and **Yoko Murphy** each played a vital role for the Blues in the final game of the 2009 season. Held led the team with six points, three goals and three assists, while Murphy, the 2009 OUA most valuable player, and Greider each tallied four goals in the win.

**Dene Ringuette** of the **Varsity Blues wrestling team** won a gold medal and was named the 2009 McMaster Invitational most valuable player Oct. 31 in Hamilton, Ont. With the win, Ringuette remains undefeated after two tournaments this season.

**Megan Brown** of the **Varsity Blues women's cross-country team** earned the women's individual title and was named the 2009 most valuable runner at the OUA cross-country championships Oct.31 in St. Catharines, Ont. She was named OUA athlete of the week for the period ending Nov. 1 and OUA athlete of the week for the period ending Nov. 8.

Brown claimed back-to-back Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) gold medals and her third individual title in four years, leading the University of Toronto women's cross-country team to a silver medal finish at the CIS championships. She also placed second at the 2009 Canadian cross-country championships Nov. 28 in Guelph, Ont. The silver medal performance deems Brown eligible to represent Canada at the **International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)** world cross-country championship March 28 in Bydgoszcz, Poland.

The No. 1 **Varsity Blues men's soccer team** fell to the McMaster Marauders 1-0 (5-4 sudden death penalty kicks) in the OUA championship game Nov. 8 at the Varsity Centre, earning the team OUA silver. For the fourth time in as many games at the OUA men's soccer championship, the game went into overtime and was decided by penalty kicks.

**The Varsity Blues swimming team** placed second at the 2009 Campbell division championship Nov. 14-15 at Guelph Marlin Aquatic Club. The Blues finished atop the men's standings with 884.5 points. Despite being plagued by injury and illness, the U of T women's team managed to place second with 794 points. The Blues combined for an overall team score of 1678.5 – good for a second-place finish. The McMaster Marauders took the title, finishing the day with 1738 points.

Varsity Blues swimming **head coach Byron MacDonald** will now need a second mantle to hold his out-of-competition awards. MacDonald won a Gemini Award for best sports analyst through his coverage of swimming for the Canadian Broadcast Corporation (CBC) at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China. His first Gemini came in 2005, following the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece. Now in his 31st year as the Varsity Blues head coach, MacDonald has been a commentator for the CBC since 1984 and guided viewers not only through the Canadian races but through the historical achievements of eight-time gold-medallist Michael Phelps.

Led by 2008 Olympian, **Colin Russell**, the Varsity Blues men's swimming team finished ahead of the 2008-09 CIS gold and silver medallists, the UBC Thunderbirds and the Calgary Dinos, to capture the men's title at the third annual University Challenge Cup Nov. 26 at Varsity Pool. In women's action, the Blues finished fourth in the team standings,

Varsity Blues swimmer **Zach Chetrat** broke the 200m butterfly meet record at the 2009 Canada Cup short course swimming competition (Nov. 27-29) at the Etobicoke Olympium. He

finished the race with a time of 1:57.60 to eclipse the previous meet standard of 1:57.63 set by Stefan Hirniak of Victoria, B.C. last year.

**Varsity Blues badminton team** captain **Shilin Cheung** was named the player of the year as the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) announced 2009 badminton major award winners and all-stars. First-year standout **Michelle Li** was named the 2009 rookie of the year as U of T swept the women's major awards. Cheung was also named an OUA all-star for the second consecutive season. Li also garners an all-star nod in her first intercollegiate season. **Melissa Hill** earns her 10th OUA all-star recognition while **Jesse Assing** (Bethany, Ont.) picks up his second consecutive all-star nod on the men's side.

The Varsity Blues badminton team earned the bronze medal at the 2009 OUA championship on Saturday, Nov. 21 at York University, handily defeated the host York Lions 10-3 in the bronze-medal match.

**The Varsity Blues men's water polo team** capped off an undefeated season and defended its OUA championship with a convincing 14-4 win over their rival Carleton Ravens Nov. 29 at McMaster University's Ivor Wynne Centre Pool. The win marks Toronto's sixth provincial title since 2002 and their fifth in the last six years -- the only blemish came in 2007 when the team failed to reach the championship's final.

**The Varsity Blues women's water polo team** fell just shy of a second consecutive gold medal, losing 6-5 to rivals the Carleton Ravens to claim the silver medal at the 2009 OUA championship Nov. 28 at McMaster's Ivor Wynne Centre Pool.

**The Varsity Blues track and field team** hosted the Sharon Anderson Invitational on Saturday, Jan. 9 at the Athletic Centre Field House. The Blues earned five top-three finishes at the event that honours the late Sharon Anderson -- a sprinter and outstanding leader who, after graduating from the Faculty of Physical Education and Health, became an administrator and coach for the Toronto Track Club. **Sarah Boyle** led the way for the Blues with a gold-medal performance in the women's high jump. The Varsity Blues **men's 4x200m relay team** also garnered a gold medal. **Jason Wurster** placed second in the men's pole vault while rounding out the podium finishes was **Gareh Murray-Johnson** who placed third in the men's 60m hurdles.