

**Faculty, Staff & Student Awards & Honours
Governing Council Meeting Dec. 16**

Faculty Awards

Michelle Alfano, a researcher at university advancement, is the winner of the 2010 F.G. Bressani Literary Prize of the Italian Cultural Centre in the short fiction category for *Made Up of Arias*. The biennial prize, named after the Jesuit priest, Father Francesco Giuseppe Bressani, the first Italian missionary to Canada, was instituted to stimulate and enhance the literary production of works by Canadian authors of Italian origin or ancestry to add to the richness of the Italian immigrant experience. Alfano received the award Nov. 30 at the museum of the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver.

Professor Christian Campbell of English is the winner of the 2010 Aldeburgh First Collection Prize for his poetry collection *Running the Dusk*. The collection was cited by one of the judges as a “bravura performance,” describing his poetry as “energetic, fluid and musical and full of loss, hope and imagination.” Launched in 1989 to coincide with the first Aldeburgh Poetry Festival, the prize is one of the most influential and established poetry prizes in the U.K. *Running the Dusk* was also a finalist for the 2005 Cave Canem Prize and the U.K.’s 2010 Forward Poetry Prize for the Best First Book.

Professor Jing Ming Chen of geography is one of four outstanding professionals to win the 2010 Chinese Professionals Association of Canada (CPAC) Professional Achievement Award, recognizing and celebrating the achievements of professionals who immigrated to Canada and achieved outstanding status in their professions. Chen received the award Nov. 13 at the CPAC awards gala at Hilton Suites Toronto. CPAC was founded in 1992 with the objective of serving and representing the interests of immigrant professionals. The association now has a national membership of 25,700 and is the largest of its kind in Canada.

Rosa Ciantar of language studies and **Julie Waters** of sociology are this year’s winners of the U of T Mississauga Staff Service Awards. Ciantar was praised for her intense passion for her work and for the students she helps and was described as “terrific, talented and self-sacrificing.” Waters was cited as having infinite patience and doing whatever she can for students who are struggling and in crisis. **Professor Alexandra Gillespie**, who specializes in medieval English, is the winner of the faculty Teaching Excellence Award while **Lisa Robertson** of biology received the teaching assistant Teaching Excellence Award. Gillespie is known among her students as a highly accessible professor who lends her own books, organizes hands-on tours of the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library and creates “hundreds of ‘Eureka!’ moments” during her classes. Robertson was cited as the “perfect example of an outstanding teaching assistant, whose passion is not only in research but in teaching as well.” **Professor Mohan Matthen** of philosophy was recognized with the Research Excellence Award and praised as a prolific and well-regarded researcher.

Professor Angela Colantonio of occupational science and occupational therapy is the recipient of the 2010 Research Award of the Brain Injury Association of Canada, given to an individual, group or organization for outstanding contributions in research to advance the cause of acquired brain injury in Canada. Colantonio was chosen for her efforts and leadership on a number of research fronts including traumatic brain injuries in the construction industry, homelessness and acquired brain injury and women and traumatic brain injury. Colantonio received the award during the association's annual meeting Sept. 30 to Oct. 2 in Regina.

Professor Denis Daneman, chair of pediatrics, is the winner of the International Society for Pediatric and Adolescent Diabetes Prize for Achievement, the society's highest honour. The prize is awarded to an individual who has made outstanding contributions in the areas of science, education or advocacy that have had a major impact on childhood and adolescent diabetes. Daneman received the award Oct. 29 during the society's annual meeting in Buenos Aires.

Professor Beatrix Dart, associate dean (executive programs) and executive director, Initiative for Women in Business at the Rotman School of Management, and **Heather-Anne Irwin**, an adjunct professor of finance, founding president of Women in Capital Markets and executive director of the Canadian Securities Institute Research Foundation, have been named to the International Alliance for Women's World of Difference 100 Awards list for 2010, recognizing women whose efforts have advanced the economic empowerment of women locally, regionally or worldwide whether they are well known or "unsung heroines." Dart joined the list in the education category while Irwin was named to the not-for-profit/NGO category. The list was announced Oct. 25 at an awards luncheon held in Toronto.

Professor Richard Greene of English at U of T Mississauga is the winner of the Governor General's Literary Award for poetry (English language) for his book *Boxing the Compass*. His book was selected from 171 submitted English poetry titles to receive the \$25,000 prize. In addition to the cash award, Greene and the other winners received specially bound copies of their work, created by Montreal bookbinder Lise Dubois. The awards, Canada's oldest and most prestigious awards for English- and French-language Canadian literature, were presented by Governor General David Johnson Nov. 25 during a ceremony at Rideau Hall.

Michael Herman, arts and science at the School of Continuing Studies, **Ken McGoogan**, creative writing, **Tim Rudkins**, business and professional studies, **Ron Walters**, languages and translation (Latin), and **Marijke Wertheim**, English language program, are the this year's School of Continuing Studies Excellence in Teaching Award recipients. Described as "outstanding instructors [who] have far surpassed students' expectations and inspired continuous learning," the winners were honoured Dec. 7 during the school's annual awards ceremony.

Professor Joel Kamnitzer of mathematics is this year's winner of the Andre Aisenstadt Prize in Mathematics, awarded by the Centre de recherches mathématiques to recognize talented young Canadian mathematicians who are no more than seven years from their PhDs. The prize is given for research achievement in pure and applied mathematics. As laureate, Kamnitzer will be invited to deliver a lecture at the centre and prepare a brief description of his work for publication in the CRM Bulletin. Kamnitzer will receive the award at ceremony to be held at the centre Feb. 18.

Professor Ulrich Krull, vice-principal (research) at the University of Toronto Mississauga, is the winner of the inaugural Outstanding Contributor Award from the School of Continuing Studies, recognizing individuals who have publicly demonstrated a commitment to SCS' vision – to be the benchmark of excellence in continuing education. Cited as a “distinguished community builder and a champion of lifelong learning,” Krull is being honoured for helping SCS shape and develop the Pathways to Employment for Internationally Trained Professionals in Biotechnology bridging program at UTM. Krull will receive the award Dec. 7 at the school's awards ceremony.

Professor Gary Latham, Secretary of State Professor of Organizational Effectiveness, has been elected a fellow of the National Academy of Human Resources, the organization's highest honour. Founded in 1992, the academy conducts programs to improve the performance of the profession and supports human resources research. Fellows are recognized by their peers for sustained achievements in -- and contributions to -- their organizations, the human resources profession and society at large.

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Cathy Riggall, vice-president (business affairs), has been selected as a recipient of the prestigious 2010 Canada's Most Powerful Women: Top 100™ Awards in the public sector leaders category. The award is Canada's most recognizable award for the country's highest achieving female leaders in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. A longtime volunteer for the YWCA Toronto, she has served as president, member of the board of YWCA Canada and chair of the annual Women of Distinction Awards luncheon, among other positions.

Professor Andre Simpson of physical and environmental sciences has been elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry for outstanding contributions to the advancement of chemical science. With headquarters London, U.K., the society is one of the largest organizations in the world dedicated to the advancement of chemical sciences. Supported by a worldwide network of more than 46,000 members and an international publishing business, the society's activities span education, conferences, science policy and the promotion of chemistry to the public.

Professor Sabine Stanley of physics is the 2010 winner of the William Gilbert Award, given by the geomagnetism and paleomagnetism section of the American Geophysical Union in recognition of outstanding and unselfish work in magnetism of Earth materials and of the Earth and planets. The prize is given annually and in even years (including this year) is restricted to young scientists (either less than 36 years old or less than five years from PhD graduation). Stanley was nominated for important theoretical contributions to our understanding of planetary magnetism. Stanley received the award at the section's business meeting and reception Dec. 14 during the AGU fall meeting in San Francisco.

Philosophy professor Evan Thompson's book *Mind in Life* has been selected to receive the 2010 Edwin Ballard Prize awarded by the Center for Advanced Research in Phenomenology for an outstanding book on phenomenology. The prize was announced Nov. 5 during the Society of Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy's meeting in Montreal. The centre was founded in 1971 and was initially concerned with preserving the papers of phenomenologists who had taught in North America. Today the centre uses all means to foster, extend and deepen phenomenology and kindred continental thought in philosophy, the social sciences and humanities wherever it can.

Dr. Lynn Tomkins, an associate in the Faculty of Dentistry, has been elected president of the Ontario Dental Association (ODA) for 2010-2011. Tomkins is a member of numerous professional dental organizations, including the American Dental Association and the International College of Dentists, and has been an active volunteer with the ODA since she served as a student member of the board of governors and as a member of the student services committee in the late 1970s .

Munk School of Global Affairs

The **Citizen Lab** is the winner of the Canadian Journalists for Free Expression's Vox Libera Award, given annually to a Canadian or Canadian organization that has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the principles of free expression and has made an important and sustained contribution at home or abroad to those same principles. The Citizen Lab was selected for its dedication to free expression and access to information online. World leaders in the field of "hacktivism," the lab's members focus their research on documenting cases of Internet espionage and censorship around the world, reinforcing the idea that the Internet should remain a safe public domain. The award was presented at a gala in Toronto Nov. 25.

Student Awards

Rachel Bigenwald, Lindsay MacKenzie, Ines Menjak, Roseanne St. Bernard and Nigel Tan are the winners of the Peters-Boyd Academy's Golden Stethoscope Awards, created in 2001 as a means of recognizing excellence, defined broadly, among year three medical students at the Peters-Boyd Academy of the Faculty of Medicine. The awards are presented to a maximum of five students after completion of year three of their academic studies who exemplify a combination of academic achievement in the third-year clerkship as well as attributes of a humane and compassionate clinician who also contributes to the betterment of his or her academy, university and/or community.

Lea Tufford, a PhD candidate in the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, is the recipient of the 2011 Society for Social Work and Research (SSWR) Doctoral Award, recognizing a doctoral student whose proposed dissertation research reflects innovative ideas and rigorous methodologies related to social work research, policy or practice. Winners of the award are considered exemplars of excellence in doctoral level social work research. Tufford will receive special recognition at SSWR's annual conference Jan. 12 to 16 in Tampa, Fla., for her dissertation proposal entitled Clinician Mandatory Reporting and Maintenance of the Therapeutic Alliance.