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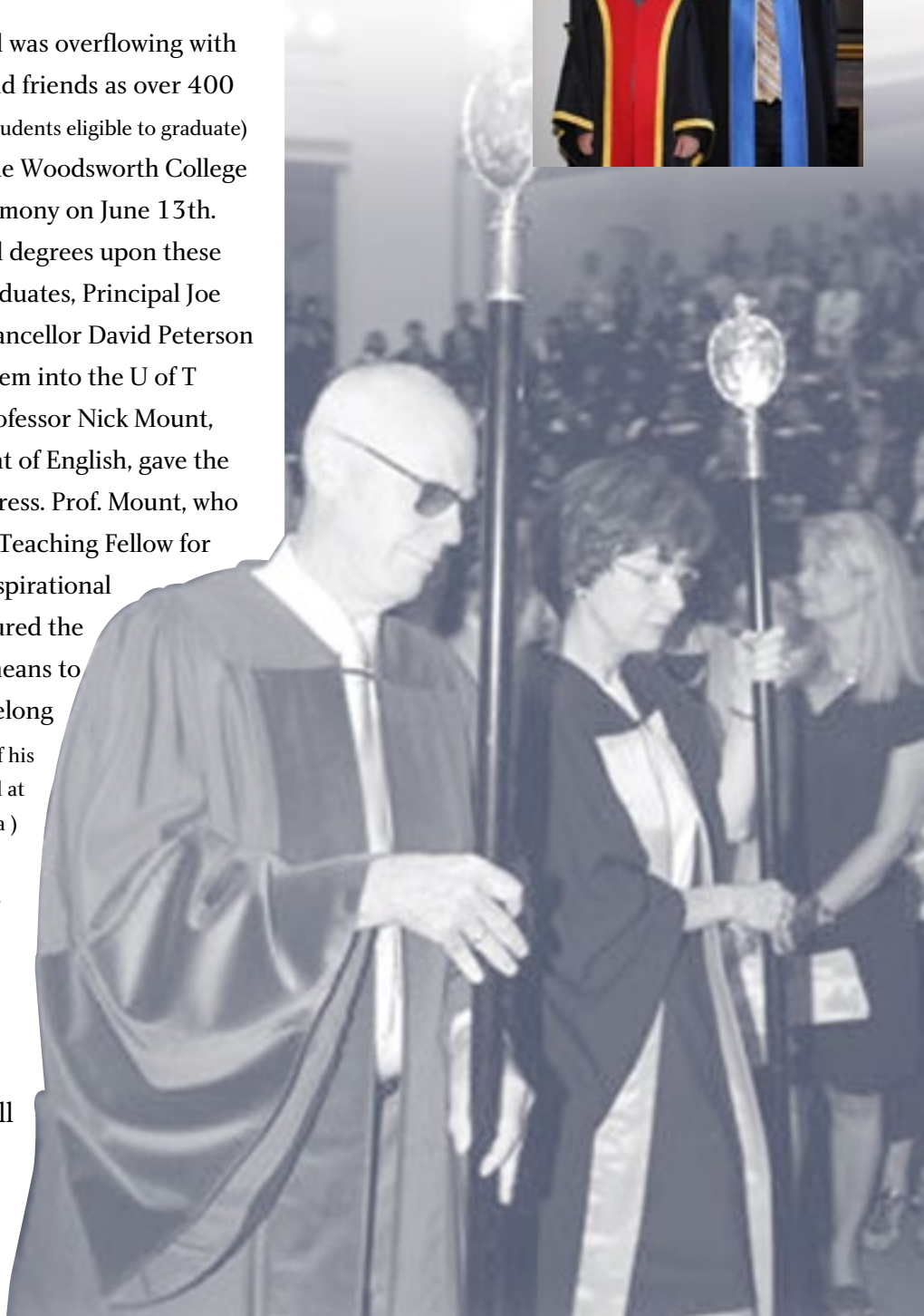


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Convocation Hall was overflowing with proud families and friends as over 400 students (of 745 students eligible to graduate) participated in the Woodsworth College convocation ceremony on June 13th. As they conferred degrees upon these newly minted graduates, Principal Joe Desloges and Chancellor David Peterson also welcomed them into the U of T alumni family. Professor Nick Mount, of the Department of English, gave the Convocation address. Prof. Mount, who is a 3M National Teaching Fellow for 2011, gave an inspirational speech that captured the spirit of what it means to learn and be a lifelong learner. (The text of his address can be found at www.wdw.utoronto.ca) A reception was held in the Peter F. Bronfman Courtyard. It was a wonderful afternoon of celebration for all who attended.





Message from the Principal



The College's motto is *Propositi Tenax*, in English, **firm or tenacious of purpose**. These words well describe how much, even when faced with obstacles, our students are committed to high achievement. The College is very proud of all its students and of their academic successes. Many of those who graduated this past June, for example, have plans for post-graduate studies. Amongst those who will further their education are Adam, a Peter F. Bronfman Gold Scholarship recipient, who will be attending Columbia University to do his Masters in Journalism; Trudy, who will be starting her Masters in English at U of T; and, Madiha, the second Bronfman Gold recipient this past year, who will be entering U of T Medical School.

With these examples in mind we start this academic year with renewed commitment to serve all of our new and returning students well so that they will not only have successful academic outcomes, but will also find within the walls of this College a home away from home, whether they live in residence or are commuter students.

Amongst the new initiatives that we are working on throughout this year will be the introduction of a first year program at the College – Woodsworth-One. This program will strive to create an academically strong and positive first year experience for students by offering small size seminar courses and the chance to participate in academic skills workshops, co-curricular activities, and other events. Designed with the idea of creating an engaging learning environment and fostering a sense of community, this program will build on the already existing strengths of the College.

I am pleased to welcome our new Vice-Principal, Professor Linda White. Professor White is from the department of Political Science and is affiliated with the School of Public Policy and Governance. She is a highly accomplished social scientist in research, teaching and administration and we are very pleased that she will join our already very strong team here at Woodsworth.



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Come to the Café! Woodsworth College Alumni Association is proud to present a series of expert-led discussions about topics of interest.

Join fellow alumni, students & friends at this informal gathering for enlightened & stimulating conversation!

1 **Lynn Slotkin**
Theatre Critic
Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.
Topic: **The Magic and Mystery of Theatre**

Lynn Slotkin publishes a monthly theatre newsletter called The Slotkin Letter which chronicles her theatre going in Toronto, New York, London and elsewhere. The Slotkin Letter is used as a resource for actors, directors, artistic directors and 'civilians' who are keenly interested in theatre everywhere. From 2000 to 2010 she was the Theatre Critic for CBC Radio One's afternoon show *HERE AND NOW*. Ms Slotkin sees on average 250 productions a year.

2 **William Trischuk**
Professor, Department of Physics, University of Toronto and Director of the Institute of Particle Physics

Tuesday, November 15, 6:30 p.m.

Topic: **Discovering the Terascale with the ATLAS experiment and the Large Hadron Collider** (Or, everything you always wanted to know about matter and anti matter!)

Professor Trischuk has been the director of the Institute of Particle Physics in Canada since 2004. In this capacity he coordinates community planning exercises, serves on review committees for Canadian experiments and organizes outreach efforts for particle physics in Canada. He is currently a member of the International Commission on Future Accelerators. Since 1996 he has been a member of the faculty at UofT and over the last years has been involved with the experiments in Cern, Switzerland that study the Large Hadron Collider.

3 **Bart Testa**
Senior Lecturer, Cinema Studies Institute, University of Toronto
Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 p.m.
Topic: **TBA**

Bart Testa teaches at the Cinema Studies Institute, Innis College. His courses cover a wide range but he is especially interested in Chinese films, European art cinema and the avant-garde film, having written two books, *Back and Forth: Early Cinema and the Avant-Garde* and *Spirit in the Landscape* on the subject, as well as articles and anthologized essays.

4 **Linda & Michael Hutcheon**
Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m.
Topic: **Aging and Creativity: The Lessons of the (Operatic) Masters**

Prof. Linda Hutcheon is University Professor of English and Comparative Literature and Prof. Michael Hutcheon is Professor of Medicine, both at University of Toronto. They are a married couple who have brought their very different professional expertise together with a shared love of opera—itself, arguably, a multi-disciplinary art form. The result has been collaborative interdisciplinary work on medicine, culture, and music drama.

Cost per session:
\$10 Alumni,
\$12 Guest, \$5 Students

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Calendar of Events

AGM/AAWC elections

A new slate of officers was introduced to the large gathering of alumni and friends on May 25th at the AAWC's Annual General Meeting. Celeste Francis Esteves, president of the board of directors, chaired the meeting. The following service awards were also presented:

Appreciation Award - presented to volunteers who have shown great commitment to Woodsworth College: **J. Barbara Rose** (for her work on the University in the Community Project); **Fatima Yusuf, Heather McCann & Juliana White** (for their work on the Rock the Runway fundraising event) and **Tia Chambers** (for her work with the Mature Students Association) Recognition Award – presented for continuous volunteer service, dedication and commitment to the AAWC: **Eniko Pittner** (for her service as member of the board of directors for seven years and chair of the events committee)

J. S. Woodsworth Award of Distinction - Awarded for extraordinary service to Woodsworth College and the AAWC: **Bernice Frieday** (board member for eleven years, secretary, vice-president, president, past president, and organizer of numerous special events)



Artist, art historian and writer Suzanne Tevlin was the guest speaker following the business portion of the evening. Her topic, *Emily Carr & the Forest Primeval*, was well received. A reception followed.

This year's executive and board of directors are:

Celeste Francis Esteves, president	Kahlid Ahmed	Chris Murumets
Lucinda Williams, vice-president	Ann Brumell	Karen Paul
Casey Mak, treasurer	Natalie Cohen	Denise Ryner
Kelly Downs, secretary	Arthur deSouza	Cindy Sinclair
Diane Luty, past president	Bobbie France	Elizabeth Trotter

College
series of

New!! Alumni Café Afternoon Edition

1 **Theresa Moritz**
Senior Lecturer, Woodsworth College
Tuesday, November 8, 2 – 4 p.m.
Topic: **Pride and Prejudice and Popularity: The Impact on Literature Studies of Jane Austen's Cult Status**

Theresa Moritz has been teaching literature as well as critical reading and writing skills at UofT since the 1990's. She has also published stories, poems and essays which have appeared in *Queen's Quarterly*, *Event*, *Dalhousie Review*, *Cistercian Studies* and many other journals. Books written in collaborations with A.F. Moritz include *The World's Most Dangerous Woman: A New Biography of Emma Goldman*, which was awarded the Joseph and Faye Tanenbaum Prize in Canadian Jewish History in 2003.

2 **Nancy Riley**
Tuesday, March 6, 2- 4 p.m.
Topic: **From Live Music to Digital: How our listening expectations and rituals have radically changed in the last hundred years**

Nancy Riley holds a PhD. in musicology from the University of Toronto. Formerly a partner with a corporate practice in a downtown Toronto law firm, she returned to academia to pursue studies in music. Dr. Riley's field of interest is music in society and her doctoral thesis is entitled *"The Place of Art and Music in Edwardian England: Issues of Class, Function and Taste."* Dr. Riley enjoys any opportunity to talk about music with other life-long learners.

SEPTEMBER



John Li. J. Edwards Lecture

Topic: **The Historical Origins of the Preventive State-or just how new is the new penology.**
Speaker: Lucia Zedner, Oxford University

When: Tuesday, September 20, 2011
4:30 p.m. Reception to follow

Where: Centre for Criminology & Sociolegal Studies, University of Toronto, 14 Queen's Park Crescent West

Cost: **FREE**

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OCTOBER



Woodsworth Alumni Café

Topic: **The Magic and Mystery of Theatre**
Speaker: Lynn Slotkin, Theatre Critic

When: Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

Where: William Waters Lounge, Woodsworth College Residence, 321 Bloor Street West

Cost: Alumni \$10, Guests \$12 (Registration required)

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NOVEMBER



Alumni Café: Afternoon Edition

Topic: **Pride and Prejudice and Popularity: The Impact on Literature Studies of Jane Austen's Cult Status**

Speaker: Theresa Moritz, Senior Lecturer, Woodsworth College

When: Tuesday, November 8, 2011, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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Fall Convocation November 9th

Saul Goldstein Memorial Lecture

Speaker: Professor Fay Mishna, Dean and Professor, at the Factor Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto

Prof. Mishna holds the Margaret and Wallace McCain Family Chair in Child and Family. Prior to joining the Faculty, she was Clinical Director of Integra, a children's mental health centre serving children and youth with learning disabilities. Her scholarly publications have focused on bullying, social work education, and clinical practice. For further information on the topic of this year's lecture, please visit www.wdw.utoronto.ca

When: Wednesday, November 16, 4:30 p.m.

Where: Kruger Hall Commons, 119 St. George Street

Cost: **FREE**

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Legacy LUNCH

The Woodsworth College Legacy Society Luncheon was held on June 15th attended by alumni and friends who support the College through their future commitments. Joe Desloges, principal, and Alex Waugh, chair of the Legacy Society, took the opportunity to thank these donors for their continued loyalty. The support of these donors ensures that future generations of students will have the financial support needed to complete their degrees.



BRIEFLY

New Colleagues

Professor Linda White has joined the College as Vice-Principal, Academic. She is responsible for managing the undergraduate programs affiliated with the Centre for Criminology and Sociolegal Studies and The Centre of Industrial Relations and Human Resources. Among her current research projects is a SSHRC funded project analyzing the adoption of universal early childhood education policies in liberal welfare states. She has published extensively on comparative social policy. We welcome Linda to the Woodsworth family.

Amanda Shantz will be joining Woodsworth during Lori Riznek's academic leave. She will be teaching courses in the College's undergraduate program in Employment Relations. Amanda graduated in 2008 with a PhD in Employment Relations and Human Resource Management from the Centre for Industrial Relations and Human Resources, University of Toronto. She also holds an MSc in Human Resource Management from the London School of Economics and a BA Honours in Sociology from McGill University. Since 2008, she has been teaching in London, England at the Kingston Business School and has also taught courses at Rotman School of Management, U of T. Dr. Shantz has a reputation for her excellence in teaching. We wish her all the best for her year of teaching at Woodsworth.



Sefton Lecture

The 28th Annual edition of this lecture featured guest speaker Dr. Leah Vosko, author and Canada Research

Chair in The Political Economy of Gender and Work, York University. Dr. Vosko's talk, entitled *Managing the Margins and Beyond: Gender, Citizenship and Precarious Employment*, concentrated on aspects of labour relations that deal with non-standard employment and how an increasing portion of workers are not protected or represented by organized labour. It was an interesting and stimulating talk and discussion. This lecture is co-sponsored by the Centre for Industrial Relations & Human Resources and Woodsworth College.

The evening also featured the presentation of two awards: The Morley Gunderson Prize in Industrial Relations was awarded to Mike Pedersen, Group Head

Wealth Management, Direct Channels and Corporate Shared Services, TD Bank Group; and the Sefton Award for Contributions to Labour Relations was presented to Andrew Jackson, Chief Economist and National Director of Social and Economic Policy, Canadian Labour Congress.

Put Your Best Foot Forward

On April 14th, alumni and friends of the College came together for an educational and fun evening in Kruger Hall Commons.



Denyse Burns, communications expert spoke to the group about developing a brand statement for oneself and how to make a good first impression. A fashion show followed, presented by Tamara Glick, who had wardrobe and styling suggestions for people entering the workforce. There was music provided by The Advocats during the

reception that followed. The event was organized by Natalie Cohen and Casey Mak, AAWC board members with Alumni Development Officer Stephanie Woodside's support.

Spring Reunion

As part of Spring Reunion events at the university, the College hosted a panel discussion featuring college faculty



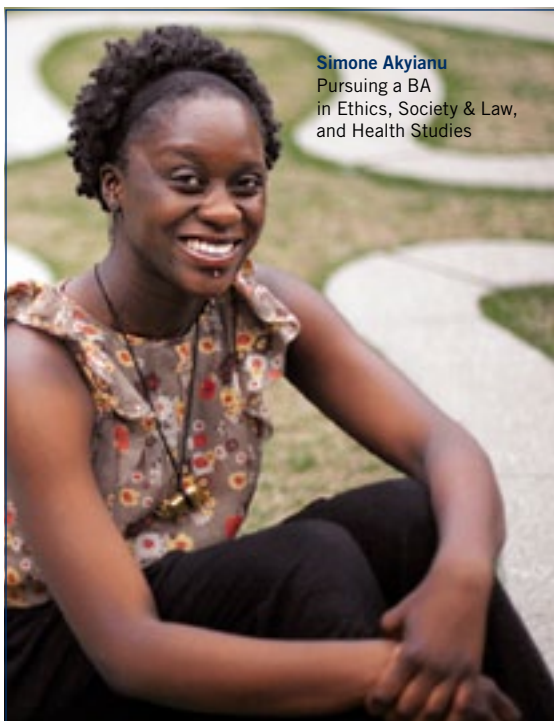
members, J. Barbara Rose, Tom Socknat and John Browne. The topic was *Meeting the Challenges of the Digital Age: Teaching the New Generation*. Following breakfast, the panel engaged in a lively discussion and took questions from the audience.

Student Volunteer Event

The second annual Student Volunteer Recognition Event was hosted by the Principal and the Dean of Students. This reception is held to thank and recognize all the time, energy and effort that Woodsworth student leaders put into a variety of activities throughout the academic year. There were about 50 students who came out to acknowledge one another and celebrate another excellent year.

Cressy Awards

This year the College was proud to have nine graduating students receive Cressy Awards. Individuals are honoured each spring at a ceremony that celebrates their outstanding extracurricular contributions to their college, faculty, the university as a whole, or the wider community. This year's winners were: Alexei Bezborodov, Andrew Do, Adam McCauley, Deborah Molnar, Madiha Nasseem, Amanda Pereira, Lynette Pretorius, Carol Rodrigues and Emily Wright. Congratulations to these new alumni on their academic, volunteer and community achievements!



Simone Akyianu
Pursuing a BA in Ethics, Society & Law, and Health Studies

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