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A recent alumna looks back:

Elenna Mosoff

I recently found myself walking through the St. George campus, overwhelmed with a sense of nostalgia and pride for my time spent there, particularly, at Woodsworth.

I believe that in life we have a number of formative experiences that shape who we are and who we continue to become. I recently completed my MFA in Professional Directing at Ohio University, traveled through Europe, worked in NYC. But upon returning to Toronto, I have come to believe that it was my years spent at Woodsworth that allowed me to gain the courage and skills to move forward with a career in the arts.



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The leadership skills I acquired during my time as a don in the college residence have been invaluable in becoming a theatre director. The don team - a group that was so different in sensibilities, personalities and style- truly taught me what it meant to be part of a team. This team mentality, combined with the sense of community we worked towards fostering in the building, even though I didn't know it, was a dress rehearsal for my work in the theatre.

Being an artist isn't easy, especially while paying school expenses. I had heard about work-study positions at Woodsworth, and was determined to get one. Once I did, I began to build relationships with the administrative staff. The staff I worked with weren't just interested in how useful I was in the office. They were interested in ME, in my work, in my goals. I'll never forget this: one week I had to take some time off because one of my shows was opening at Hart House. I felt so bad I was going to skip out on hours so I told them I'd make up the hours next week. They said: "Don't worry about it! We'll see you at the show!" And they were there. Opening night.

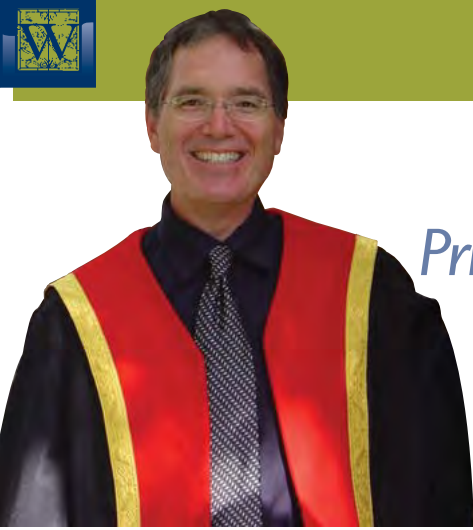
Now that I'm back in Toronto I plan to foster the team approach that I learned at Woodsworth, bringing together artists

from different disciplines to create a unique product. I believe that there needs to be an approach to theatre in Toronto that engages specific interest groups. I am currently experimenting with how pervasive gaming and theatre work together to create "Adventure Theatre" for a new generation of people who want a more active experience. One thing I am certain of is that wherever my experiments may take me, I can count on the community from Woodsworth to continually be part of my audience.

Elenna Mosoff graduated in 2006 with a Specialist degree in Comparative Religion and a Minor in English.

In 2012, she will launch ZED, a series of site-specific, participatory events loosely inspired by the Max Brooks novel, World War Z.

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Principals message

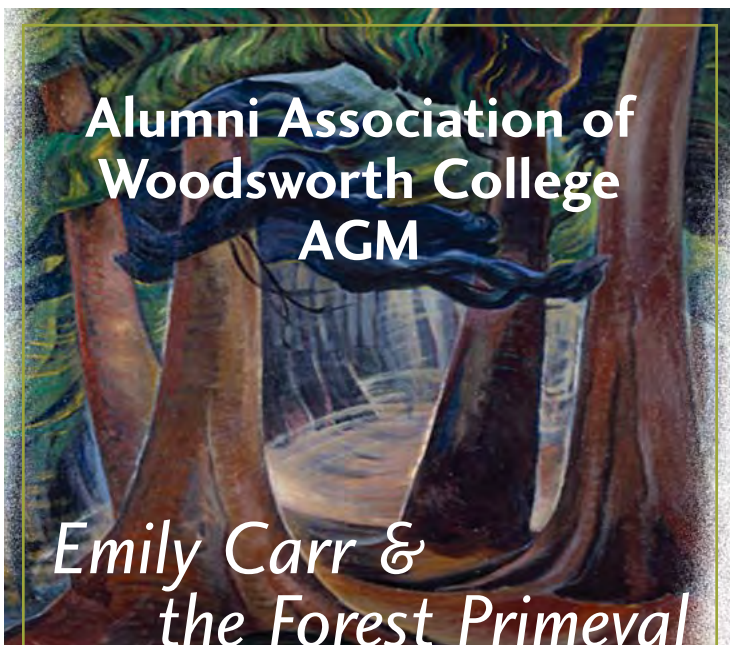
Shortly after you receive this newsletter, our students will be starting their exams.

It is always a challenging and exciting time of the year. Many of our students, approximately 700, will be graduating in June. Some will be continuing on with graduate school and others will embark on full-time work. We hope that their experiences at U of T and Woodsworth College have prepared them for the next steps in their lives.

Certainly this newsletter is full of examples of student experience and endeavour. Whether it is the high achieving scholarship winning students at our awards dinner; the hard-working students whose extra-curricular activities include mounting a very successful student fundraising event; or, our successful cricket team, our students have all shown a deep level of commitment to their studies, their college and their community. We hope that these efforts will bode well for exciting and successful lives and careers after graduation. We welcome them as Woodsworth Alumni.

College staff and faculty remain highly motivated to help all of our students reach their potential and I am gratified that some of their efforts are being recognized with awards and recognitions (see staff & faculty awards, pg 4). Woodsworth is very fortunate to have the right mix of successful, involved and dedicated students, faculty and staff. It is an exciting time at the college and I am pleased to be able to share some of our stories with you.

It would be my pleasure to hear from you. I am always available at the following email address: principal.woodsworth@utoronto.ca.



Alumni Association of Woodsworth College AGM

Emily Carr & the Forest Primeval

Join fellow alumni on Wednesday, May 25, for a brief business meeting to elect a new board of directors, to be followed by guest speaker Suzanne Tevlin, artist, art historian and writer.

Topic: Emily Carr & The Forest Primeval

See the Calendar of Events on page 3 for details.



WOODSWORTH C 2011 Annual Awards Dinner

The Great Hall at Hart House was full to capacity as Woodsworth celebrated its scholarship winning students and donors at this year's Annual Awards Dinner.

Hosted by Principal Joe Desloges, the evening brought together students and our donors who, through their generosity, provide the support to endow many of the awards presented. The program included former Principal John Browne who gave the grace; Angela Hildyard, vice-president, Human Resources and Equity and former principal of Woodsworth, who congratulated and recognized the students; and Annum Bohkari, president of the Woodsworth College Students' Association who thanked and recognized all the donors.

Scholarships presented included admission awards, in-course scholarships, and graduation awards.



The evening was capped off with the presentation of the Peter F. Bronfman Gold and Leadership Awards. This year there were two gold recipients, Adam McCauley and Madiha Naseem. The Leadership recipients were: Andrew Do, Trudy Ledsham, Carol Rodrigues and Emily Wright.

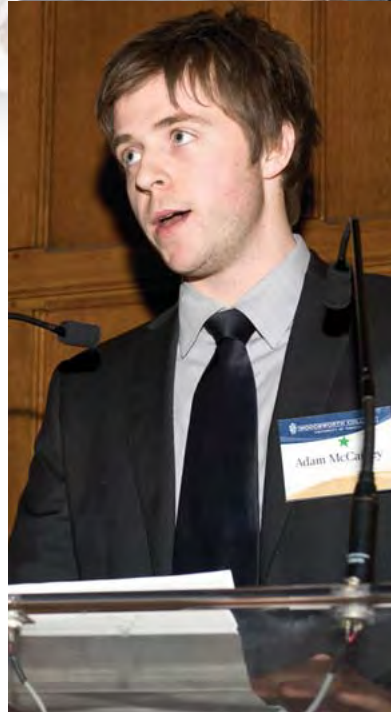
Below are excerpts from the brief remarks given by the Gold winners.

Madiha Naseem:

“After coming to Woodsworth for an orientation session, I walked out that day with a great lesson: yes, we are all different, but we are all united here by one goal: i.e. to get the best education, and graduate as more knowledgeable, skilled, enlightened, and better human beings.

Likewise, it is no surprise that a unique leader and philanthropist like Peter F. Bronfman found "hope and promise, courage and determination" at Woodsworth.

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The Peter F. Bronfman Leadership Scholarships were established to reflect this lifelong commitment to education. ”

Adam McCauley:

“If anything, hope is what brought us all here tonight - what inspired all of you to donate to Woodsworth, what inspired all of us to devote ourselves to our disciplines and studies.

The assembled personages here represent not only the creative pioneers of future medical advancements, or the future diplomats who seek to understand the opacity of politics in a time that demands ever-more clarity, but also an incredible network of supporters who have come together to empower this latest generation to be better, more responsible, more driven, more conscientious, and - dare I say - more ecologically sensitive, than their own. ”



Calendar of Events

APRIL



Put Your Best Foot Forward with: Denyse Burns, communication specialist and Tamara Glick, image consultant.



When:

Thursday, April 14, 2011, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Where:

Kruger Hall Commons, Woodsworth College
119 St. George Street

Cost:

\$15 (Registration Required)

Register: www.alumni.utoronto.ca/woodsworth
or call 416.978.5301 or
email: events.woodsworth@utoronto.ca

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When:

Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 6:00 p.m.

Where:

William Waters Lounge, Woodsworth College
Residence
321 Bloor St. West

FREE/RSVP Required

Register:

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or call 416.978.5301 or
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SPRING REUNION 2011



Woodsworth College Spring Reunion Breakfast & Panel Discussion:

Teaching the New Generation

Join three members of the Woodsworth College faculty for a panel discussion on the challenges of teaching in the digital age.

When:

Saturday, May 28, 2011 10 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Where:

William Waters Lounge, Woodsworth College
Residence
321 Bloor Street West

Cost:

ONLY \$10 / Continental breakfast included

Register: <https://springreunion.utoronto.ca/events>
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Focus on Josephine Mullally

Acting Dean of Students at Woodsworth College.

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Josephine studied at the University of Ottawa completing her undergraduate studies in Linguistics and English Literature with a focus on ESL courses, training to be an ESL instructor. She worked at that for some time both in Canada and Japan.

Upon returning to Toronto she completed her Master's degree at OISE in Comparative and International Development Education (CIDE). Josephine also completed her teacher's training at OISE whereupon she taught high school students in Japan for some time.

More recently she has worked in residences at the University of Ottawa and then with New College, U of T. Josephine recalls that "just at the time as I was finishing up at OISE, and getting ready to graduate, and the double cohort was happening, Chestnut Residence was also opening. I got the heads up that they needed new staff and I went to work there." She had the opportunity to step in for the Dean of Residence there, and ended up working at the Chestnut Residence for about ten and a half years.

In January, she assumed her current position and has deduced that Woodsworth is a really warm environment, where it is relaxed and collaborative - both things she's happy about.

Her experience with students has helped her prepare for her new role with an understanding that students "don't live their lives in different departments...they're just living their lives. Things that happen in your personal life affect your residence, or things that happen in residence affect your academics and so on. For students not in residence, things that happen at home, or with family or roommates likewise affect other things - all those things are integrated."

So what are her plans for Woodsworth while in her role as acting dean? Josephine says "there are already some great programs in existence - but I know that, for example, there's some desire to expand the mentoring program further. I would certainly like to maintain connections with student government, with WCSA, and the residence council."

BRIEFLY

Staff & Faculty Awards:

Cheryl Shook, Registrar of Woodsworth College is the recipient of the Chancellor's Award - Influential Leader for 2011. This prestigious award is presented by the University of Toronto Alumni Association to a member of the university community who demonstrates innovative leadership by motivating and influencing others. Some of the highlights of Cheryl's nomination included how she is held in high regard by her colleagues and students; her use of innovative techniques to motivate, mentor and inspire others to realize their potential; and how she has led groups that have made significant contributions to both the college and the university. Principal Joe Desloges said in his announcement, "Our warmest congratulations to



Cheryl and all the people she works with who make these things happen."

Also, recognized this year is Professor Anthony Doob of the Centre of Criminology & the undergraduate program in Criminology at Woodsworth College. He will receive the Carolyn Tuohy Impact on Public Policy Award.

Congratulations to our colleagues.

Congratulations to the Woodsworth Cricket Team!

The Woodsworth College intramural cricket team won the championship game over the Rotman School of Management. Congratulations to all the players on the Wolfpack team!



Rock the Runway:

Woodsworth students fundraiser for War Child Canada



For the fourth year, Woodsworth College students presented their successful fashion show fundraising event, Rock the Runway. This event began in 2007 with three Woodsworth College students, Heather McCann, Fatima Yusuf and Juliana White. The charity fashion show and reception raises funds and awareness for War Child Canada. With a volunteer team of over 150 people, Rock the Runway gives Woodsworth students the opportunity to participate in various ways, whether as a model, photographer, website developer, fundraiser, marketer, blogger, or general volunteer. The show's audience is often predominately Woodsworth College students.



Put your Best Foot forward

Developing your personal brand

Don't miss this chance to hone your communication skills, develop your personal brand statement, and get tips on creating your professional business wardrobe.

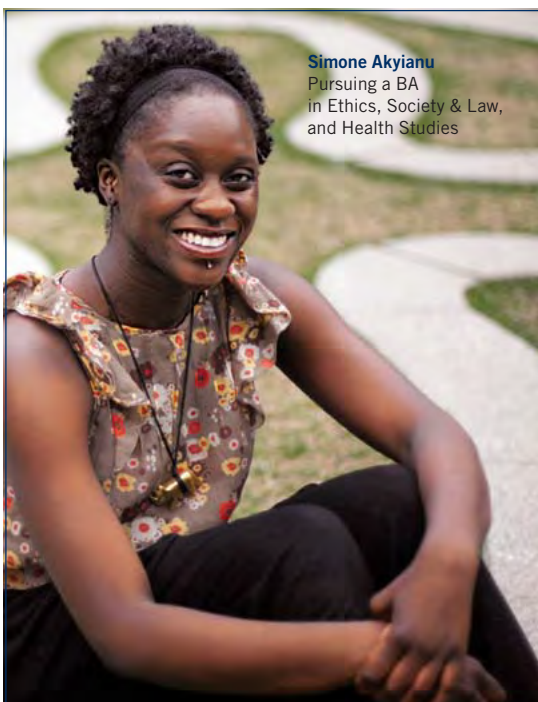
Join us on Thursday, April 14 at Kruger Hall Commons for this very informative event.

See the Calendar of Events on page 3 for event registration details.

This year 750 people attended the show, which was held at the Royal Ontario Museum. This project is truly community development at its finest.

Mentorship Program:

A series of mentorship lunches have been held at the College over the last few months. Dr. Rose Patten, Special Advisor to the President and CEO of BMO Financial Group, spoke about her experiences in business to a group of Woodsworth student studying in the commerce program. Dr. Patten gave the students much to think about as they plan for their future careers. Other Mentorship Luncheon events included Woodsworth alumni Michele Ferguson, Parole Officer, Nick Mintzas, Youth Probation Officer, Staff Sergeant Nick Lisi of the Durham Regional Police Services, who all spoke to students in the Criminology program and other social science programs. Teachers Anna Borges and Lori McKay, of the Toronto District School Board, spoke to students thinking about a career in teaching. These lunch time events are always popular and well attended. We are very grateful to these alumni for taking the time to come back to their alma mater to speak to, and inspire, our current students.



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

"Books, tuition, rent—now I can afford the basic necessities of being a student and a parent."

When you include U of T in your will, you're helping an exceptional student like Simone Akyianu. Thanks to a scholarship from one U of T donor, Simone can now plan for a career in public policy. Down the road, that could mean working for change in communities across Canada.

To find out more, contact michelle.osborne@utoronto.ca or 416-978-3846

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