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Past Principal's Plan for the Future

*M*ariel O'Neill-Karch
became principal of Woodsworth
College, January 1, 2002.

However, her relationship with Woodsworth and the University started many years prior to that when Mariel was an undergraduate student at St. Michael's College. At that time she took a position as a clerk/typist in the Division of Extension, which was later to become Woodsworth College – this, at age 17, was her first job at the University.

Mariel became a faculty member in the Department of French where she conducted research and taught in her area of speciality: Quebec literature and Franco-Ontarian Theatre and Semiotics. She also held positions in the Faculty of Arts and Science and served for one year as the Acting Principal of St. Michael's College.

Mariel and her husband, Professor Pierre Karch, formerly of the Department of French at Glendon College, York University, were very generous to the University during her tenure here. Together they established an award at Woodsworth, supported the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, Hart House and St. Michael's College. So giving was something that became a natural pattern for them. It has also set an example for other academics.

Although not sure whether a planned gift was something they wanted to pursue when the idea was first presented to Mariel and Pierre, over time they warmed to the opportunity that this form of

giving presents. First and foremost they realized that this was a chance to do something lasting for the College, which appealed to both of them. One of Mariel and Pierre's objectives, when contemplating the kind of support the College needed, was to ensure that the College would be able to attract top students. The admission scholarship that has been established in their names supports this goal.

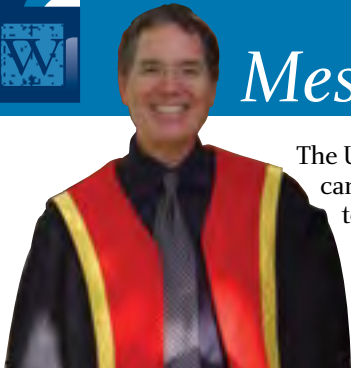
Mariel feels that there are other benefits that accrue when choosing to give to the College: she hopes that students who have received scholarships and awards will understand the impact that philanthropy has had on them and that they will one day be able to do the same for others; as well, Mariel and Pierre have developed friendships with other donors through attendance at the Woodsworth College Awards Dinner

and the Legacy Luncheons. These occasions present opportunities to come together with like minded people who support the College and who, through their planned gifts, know that their support will continue in perpetuity.

Mariel and Pierre's planned gift will be added to the admission award they established in their names at Woodsworth. They have also made provisions for St. Michael's College and the Department of French. Mariel shared this favourite quote from Sir Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give". This aptly represents Mariel and Pierre's ethos in giving, and the College will remain forever grateful to them both.

*"We
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by what
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Sir Winston Churchill



Message from the Principal

The University has just announced a major fundraising campaign. This campaign will not only present the University with opportunities to foster and gain support from many of its donors, it will also be a time to celebrate the University's excellence in all spheres of scholarship and teaching. Some of the themes of the campaign will be to enhance and increase the number of scholarships and bursaries that will support students at the University.

Woodsworth College will fully participate in this important campaign theme. We have established other priorities as well that we feel are very important ones for the College at this point in its history. Additional areas for which we will be seeking support for are: funding for the new Woodsworth-One Program (*more on this below*); increased support for our access programs, such as the Millie Rotman Shine Academic Bridging Program and our Facilitated Transfer Program (*in cooperation with Seneca College*); increased support to give more students the opportunity to take part in the International Study Abroad Program; and to increase undergraduate awards for students studying in our interdisciplinary academic programs – Criminology, and Employment Relations.

The college has brought together a dedicated and committed group of individuals to help it reach its goals. If you are interested in additional information about the campaign please contact Barbara Track, Executive Director: Advancement, Alumni & Communications (*contact information below*). I know that she would be pleased to speak with you about all the opportunities for supporting the College and its students and what the campaign can provide.

As mentioned above, the College is embarking on a new first year initiative, Woodsworth-One. This program will be piloted in the 2012-2013 academic year. Woodsworth-One will offer students a fully integrated First Year experience, combining two half-credit interdisciplinary seminars and a wide range of co-curricular activities, including guest lectures, academic skills support, student leadership events, and field trips, all designed to complement students' other courses. In 2012-13, the program's major theme will be "Order and Disorder," bringing together studies in Criminology, Sociology, Political Science, Philosophy, and History. We are all very excited to be able to offer this opportunity for students and we hope that there will be great interest and a positive response from students as they contemplate their first year studies here at Woodsworth College.

As always, it would be my pleasure to hear from you. I can be reached at principal.woodsworth@utoronto.ca, or 416-946-0556. Barbara Track can be reached at barbara.track@utoronto.ca, or 416-978-4197



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Science Abroad Student Researches at CERN

Aysha Abdel-Aziz, an undergraduate Physics student, spent this past summer near Geneva contributing to our understanding of the origins of the universe while simultaneously earning a third-year research credit.

Abdel-Aziz worked with Professors Pekka Sinervo and William Trischuk, at the Large Hadron Collider at CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research. Her placement at CERN was through Woodsworth College's Science Abroad program which enables students to complete a full-year course while obtaining real-world lab experience overseas.

"I learned to work in a group on a project with various inter-related aspects," said Abdel-Aziz of her research for the RD42 collaboration, a group that is investigating and developing diamond detectors as a replacement for the silicon detectors currently used for particle tracking at the Large Hadron Collider.



"While diamond strip detectors are more radiation resilient than silicon, the signal is much lower," explained Abdel-Aziz. "It is very important to reduce the noise and interference that can obscure the signal. I worked on identifying and correcting for common mode interference. This improved our ability to see which strip the particle travelled through, which is less obvious in diamond than in silicon due to the low signal."

Aside from working with the analytical code, Abdel-Aziz also took part in conducting "test beam experiments" using the SPS (super proton synchrotron) at CERN; setting up the experiment, collecting the data, monitoring the real-time plots in the control room as data was collected, and analyzing the data afterwards.

"There's nothing like the excitement of being there when the accelerators are running," said Trischuk. "You need to run the analysis program within 12 to 16 hours of the data being collected; there's nothing like that pressure to get you motivated."

For Abdel-Aziz, the most rewarding part of the experience was making a contribution to the research being done. "I felt that the work I was doing not only helped me learn and develop problem-solving skills but also contributed to a real physics project," she said.

Sinervo affirmed that Abdel-Aziz had made a unique contribution to the project. "A project like this is successful if the student becomes an expert, even if on a small component," he said. "It provides the background from which to tackle the next question. This is how we build up expertise."

Of her future studies, Abdel-Aziz is now unsure, "I used to be quite certain that I wanted to pursue theoretical physics," she said. My experience at CERN made me consider experimental physics, at CERN in particular, very seriously." Science Abroad has received funding assistance from the Arts & Science Curriculum Renewal Initiatives Fund.

Sarah Witol is the Summer Abroad Programs manager at Woodsworth College
www.summerabroad.utoronto.ca

Calendar of Events

Woodsworth alumni café afternoon & evening series

next 3 café's

Evening session

Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Waters Lounge, Woodsworth College Residence,
321 Bloor Street West

Speaker: Bart Testa,
Senior Lecturer, Cinema Studies Institute, University of Toronto

Lyrical Form in Films - Notes and Illustrations

The talk will examine the movie "The Tree of Life."
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.

(see "Calendar of Events" for registration details)

Evening session

Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Waters Lounge, Woodsworth College Residence,
321 Bloor Street West

Speakers:
Professors Linda & Michael Hutcheon,
*Prof. Linda Hutcheon is University Professor of English and Comparative
Literature and Prof. Michael Hutcheon is Professor of Medicine, both at
University of Toronto*

Aging and Creativity: The Lessons of the (Operatic) Masters

Prof. Linda Hutcheon and Prof. Michael Hutcheon are a married
couple who have brought their very different professional
expertise together with a shared love of opera—itsself, arguably,
a multi-disciplinary art form. The result has been collaborative
interdisciplinary work on medicine, culture, and music drama.

(see "Calendar of Events" for registration details)

Afternoon session

Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 2-4 p.m.
Waters Lounge, Woodsworth College Residence,
321 Bloor Street West

Speaker: Nancy Riley,
PhD, University of Toronto

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 down-
town Toronto law firm, she returned to academia to pursue studies
in musicology. 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.

(see "Calendar of Events" for registration details)

JANUARY



Woodsworth Alumni Café #4

Topic: Lyrical Form in Films -
Notes and Illustrations
Speaker: Bart Testa, Senior Lecturer,
Cinema Studies Institute, University of Toronto

When: Tuesday, January 17, 2012
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Cost: \$10 Alumni, \$12 Guests
Light refreshments will be served (Registration required)

Register: www.alumni.utoronto.ca/woodsworth
or email: events.woodsworth@utoronto.ca
Phone: 416-978-5301

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Woodsworth Plus Event

Topic: Netiquette – Beyond your Personal Brand
Sponsored by the Alumni Association of Woodsworth College
Learn the basics of networking and business
etiquette with guest host Coleen Clarke.

When: Tuesday, January 24, 2012 6:00 p.m.

Where: Kruger Hall Commons, Woodsworth College,
119 St. George St.

FREE EVENT

Light refreshments will be served (Registration required)

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FEBRUARY

Woodsworth College Awards Dinner

by invitation only

When: Thursday, February 9, 2012

Where: Great Hall, Hart House,
reception at 6:00 p.m., dinner and awards
presentation at 7:00 p.m.



Woodsworth Alumni Café #5

Topic: Aging and Creativity: The Lessons of the
(Operatic) Masters

Speakers: Professors Linda & Michael Hutcheon,

When: Tuesday, February 21, 2012
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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

Cost: \$10 Alumni, \$12 Guests
Light refreshments will be served (Registration required)

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MARCH



Woodsworth Alumni Café #6 Afternoon Edition

Topic: From Live Music to Digital: How our
listening expectations and rituals have radically
changed in the last hundred years
Speaker: Dr. Nancy Riley

When: Tuesday, March 6, 2012, 2-4 p.m.

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

Cost: \$10 Alumni, \$12 Guests
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You Are Welcome at Woodsworth

by Candice Stoliker, Assistant to the Dean of Students

In the world of academia and student services, September is a busy and exciting time. It is a time to start fresh and new. For the second year, to help with all the “newness”, the Office of the Dean of Students organized a ‘Welcome Booth’.

Students, staff and alumni generously offered their time to answer questions, provide directions, and offer some sound, seasoned advice. Whether it was words of wisdom, quick directions, or a simple smile, the students who took advantage of the Booth were grateful and at times surprised to have their inquiries readily answered.

The Office of the Dean of Students would like to thank all the volunteers who made this year’s Welcome Booth possible, and would like to thank all the students who came by to make use of the information provided. We wish all students, staff, and faculty an amazing year and look forward to working with our college community members to make that possible.



Residence move-in

by David Kim, Acting Dean of Students

This fall, for the first time, the Woodsworth College community welcomed over 200 new residents by hosting a reception in Kruger Hall Commons. The students had the chance to meet the Residence Life Staff team and to hear from their very own Woodsworth College Students’ Association about all the terrific plans they had for the year ahead. The volunteers played a large part in the smooth operation of the day along with the office staff, porters, Residence Council members, and don team. The combined efforts of all these individuals demonstrated the level of spirit of the student body here at Woodsworth.

Once again, WCSA organized an incredibly successful and engaging orientation week for our first-year students. Also, this year, to provide a more holistic orientation to the College and University life – WOLF Week, Woodsworth Orientation for Life after Frosh, was offered with sessions covering health and wellness, academics, and how to get involved. Everyone was well looked after and ready to start their first academic year at Woodsworth and U of T.

BRIEFLY



Saul Goldstein Memorial Lecture

The third Annual Saul Goldstein Memorial Lecture this year was delivered by Professor Faye Mishna, Dean of the Factor/Inwentash

Faculty of Social Work and the Margaret and Wallace McCain Family Chair in Child and Family. Her presentation was on a very current and important topic, Cyber Bullying. Mishna is a specialist in children’s mental health and an authority on bullying over the Internet. She defines bullying as “intentionally and repetitively hurting someone and causing distress through the use of power.” Because the Internet “enables the threat to be sent everywhere and by anyone who accesses the material, the repetition with cyber bullying is greater.” The presentation provided much food for thought.

Staff appointments

David Kim was appointed Acting Dean of Students for the fall term. Having been the assistant to the Dean for over two years, David has transitioned into this leadership role very easily and with great success. Having recently completed his Masters in Higher Education, he is now pursuing his Ph D in the same area.

Candice Stoliker has come back to Woodsworth after completing her MA in Counselling at McGill to work with David Kim for a six-month term, as the Assistant to the Dean of Students. Candice has put her experience as a Woodsworth student and don to great use in providing excellent guidance and support to the current students in their planning and programming for the fall.

Fall Convocation:

Joined by students from New College and OISE/UT, over 150 Woodsworth students graduated on Wednesday, November 9th. Professor Ken Bartlett, whose research interests are the relations between England and

Italy in the Renaissance, gave the Convocation address. Bartlett, a highly regarded teacher who has received numerous teaching awards, was most engaging and interesting for the students and their guests. Staff Sergeant Nick Lisi, WDW 01, was one of the Esquires and the Acting Dean of Students, David Kim, read names. Following the ceremony, the students, families and friends celebrated at the College.

Senior’s Reception

A lively group of students came together on October 31st to celebrate their contributions to the life of the college and to recognize a number of their cohort for their academic achievements. Principal Joe Desloges congratulated the group on their continued interest



in pursuing their goal of a university education. As varied as the students are, so are their areas of study including the humanities, the pure sciences and social sciences.

Arbor Awards

This year Celeste Francis Esteves, currently president of the AAWC; Lucinda Williams, currently vice-president of the AAWC and chair of the Events Committee and Khalid Ahmed, director-at-large and member of the Events Committee received this prestigious University recognition for their ongoing support and promotion of the Alumni Association of Woodsworth College. We are proud of their commitment to the College and thank them for serving the 25,000 current alumni of Woodsworth and for working very diligently to provide programming of interest for all. Congratulations to all three!



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

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