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2015-16 Scholarship Program Update – Greg Smith

Through the ongoing and generous support of LGAC friends and donors like you, our scholarship program continues to thrive. It is really at the heart of what we do as an organization and as co-chair of the selection committee it is an annual pleasure to be exposed to the fascinating, original, timely and imaginative work that Canadian graduate students are pursuing in London. My colleagues on the Scholarship Committee – Maureen Simpson (co-Chair), Selena Beattie, Sylvia Berg, Norman Hillmer and Yohanna Locheur—donate their time, energy, good judgement and range of experience to the adjudication process and ensure that the high standards of academic merit are balanced with a likely ‘good fit’ for significant engagement within the social life at Goodenough College. We are especially pleased that the Named Scholarship Program has now allowed us to add a personalized touch to each of the winning scholarships, connecting long-time friends of the LGAC and alumni with this year’s cohort of LGAC Scholars, if only in name. Our two Honour Only winners will be guaranteed residential spots on the College, but are fortunate to have received very substantial external awards which can support their living costs while in London.

In the 2015-16 competition we received roughly 60 applications, again from students across the country. Seven exceptional files emerged from the pool, five of whom were eligible for scholarship support. As with last year, our highest ranked francophone candidate was not among the first round of candidates who were offered and accepted an award and so we were unable to award a Molson Foundation Scholarship. The Committee welcomes any member support in spreading the word of our Molson Foundation Scholarship among francophone communities in any part of Canada. Please direct any interested students to our website.

Some of our seven winners now settling in to life on Mecklenburgh Square are leading the way with their research into areas of pressing concern for our contemporary world, including research on human rights and refugees, diseases of the eye, neonatal health in the developing world. Others are applying their critical eye to our understanding of mental health or to the artistic links to the environment and to broad ecological issues. As usual, these scholars also stand out for their other talents, interests and abilities as poets, cooks, salsa dancers, squash ladder climbers, marathon runners, musicians, multi-lingual conversationalists and debaters, among many other qualities noted in their brief biographies below.



2015-15 Scholarship Winners (5 of 7) with Andrew Ritchie

l. to r. Ross Linden-Fraser, Marla Dobson, Andrea Blanchard, Amy Luo, Celine McGarvey

2015-16 LGAC Scholarship Winners

Dörte Bemme (Elizabeth Jane Magee Memorial Scholarship) completed a combined B.A./M.A. program in European Ethnology (Anthropology) and Modern German Literature at Humboldt University in Berlin. One term of that degree program she spent at McGill on foreign exchange, and she is now enrolled as a PhD candidate in the Departments of Anthropology and Social Studies of Medicine at McGill. Her area of research, “Global Mental Health” examines the tensions between biological and cultural conceptualizations of mental health. While in London, Bemme is working with scholars at King’s College London and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She hopes to contribute to the academic and cultural life on the Square, facilitated by her ability to speak English, German, French, and Russian.

Andrea Blanchard (Alan Hartley Memorial Scholarship) completed a BA (Hons) at the University of Winnipeg in International Development Studies and an MSc in Community Health Sciences at the University of Manitoba. She is now working towards a PhD at UCL’s Institute for Global Health where she will conduct research into maternal, neonatal and child health work with a particular focus on India. Blanchard will bring a wide range of talents and accomplishments from music, team and individual sport as well as cultural and community volunteerism to the College.

Marla Dobson (Honour Only) is a PhD candidate in the Department of Art at Queen’s University. She holds a BA Honours degree in History from Carleton University and a Masters of Museum Studies from the University of Toronto. During her time in London, Dobson is completing her research on the horse-drawn omnibus in Victorian visual culture. Her research will take her into the archives of the National Art Library, National Transport Museum, the Tate among other London-based resources. Dobson has an impressive record of both academic achievement and community service and outreach which she compliments with salsa dancing and other extracurricular sports. Her academic work is being supported by a Joseph-Armand Bombardier CGS Doctoral Fellowship and by a Queen’s University Bader Scholarship.

Ross Linden-Fraser (Jackman Foundation Scholarship) completed a BA (Western) and received the UWO Gold Medal in International Relations. While at Western, he was involved in many academic and extracurricular activities from theater to debating to Model UN to squash and fencing, among many other activities, and was active in student life. He is attend the LSE, pursuing an MSc in International Relations where he is investigating the relations between international institutions and perceptions of their effectiveness during moments of crisis.

Amy Luo (Neil Black Memorial Scholarship) pursued undergraduate studies at both Western and the University of Toronto where she completed a BSc in Pharmacy. She then embarked on a new path, following her passion for cultural production, and completed a second BA at U of T in Art History. She is now studying for an MA in History of Art at University College London where she is exploring the intersections of artistic practice and environmental and ecological issues. Luo was involved in U of T’s artistic community at Hart House and she hopes to finds ways to share her parallel interests in visual art and social justice with the Goodenough community.

Celine McGarvey (Ireneus Zuk Scholarship) obtained a BA at the University of Toronto in International Relations, and is pursuing an MSc at the Institute of the Americas at UCL. While at U of T, McGarvey developed her interests in Latin America and spent a term on exchange in Buenos Aries, Argentina. She has also worked as a refugee settlement worker in El Paso, Texas and in Toronto. Her studies in London will focus on migration and refugee work and policy issues related to transnational migration in the Americas. She hopes to draw on her experience on the Hart House Social Justice Committee in helping to organize similar events at Goodenough College.

Dr. Kaivon Pakzad-Vaezi (Honour Only) received his BSc from the University of Victoria. He then completed his medical training at UBC where he specialized in Ophthalmology. Dr. Pakzad-Vaezi is particularly interested in researching retinal disease including macular degeneration. He is pursuing a clinical fellowship at Moorfields Eye Hospital, University College London where he will develop his skills in treating retinal disorders and the possibilities for gene therapy in combatting blinding childhood diseases. Pakzad-Vaezi and his wife Nur hope to contribute to the artistic and cultural life of the College during his residency and their time on the Square.

LGAC Scholar Report – Andrea Blanchard

It is hard not to fall in love with this College on a Square. I've come to appreciate this place as a hidden gem in bustling central London, offering both respite amidst a busy academic schedule, as well as any sort of activity one could imagine. I feel privileged to have a comfortable and safe space in a room looking over the garden, from which I have easy access into this interesting and beautiful city. It has also been instrumental in the invaluable friendships that I have made so far in London – people from all continents I think but Antarctica. I know that these are friends I will keep.

The college offers a homey atmosphere as well, with good facilities and meals that are healthy and generous. The fall or “Michelmas” term has flown by full of events, so much so that I have had a hard time involving myself even in as many events as I would like. This is a wonderful problem to have. The term began in a flurry of Orientation events. A few which I enjoyed were tours of Goodenough and introductions to its great facilities, tours of notable churches, the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths, the National Gallery, as well as the Boat Party on the Thames, which did not disappoint and offered an amazing view of London.

Soon after arriving, we were invited to the Clubs and Societies Fair, where we could link to a number of ongoing activities. I have continued to be involved with the 8-part Goodenough College Choir after making the auditions, which meets weekly and is performing very soon at our own Winter Concert – I have been given a solo part on a Christmas carol and I do hope to do it justice. I am also making use of the music rooms more frequently as I continue with piano for my own purposes as well as practising songs for choir. I have also joined the PhD club, which has met for drinks to get to know each other. They often offer writing sessions, and as I get to that stage I am sure it will be a helpful event.

There is also a volunteer scheme to be a “Study Buddy” at a local inner-city school, which I have been part of for the last month. It has been enjoyable and rewarding, as we get to know the 9- year old children better and help with their reading and math skills. I have also been involved with the Christian society events, including a Lebanese dinner, chapel services, and a trip to the annual Advent Procession at St. Paul’s Cathedral last week, which was incredible. Christmas services are also planned, which I hope to attend. It was amazing to see how many other Canadian students are at Goodenough College, and I can say that I am a bit of an intriguing anomaly being from Winnipeg and not Toronto. Thanks to the relationship between the Canadian community and Goodenough College, we were honoured to have a reception at Canada House last month, hosted by High Commissioner Gordon Campbell and colleagues. I also hope to work with some fellow Canadians in the New Year on events such as s’more or bonfire nights, which we hope will recreate the feel of Canadian winter for our friends here.

Beyond the clubs and societies, there are so many events to choose from thanks to the initiative of the Council or other members. I have gone to a Music and Desserts concert, free Dining-in nights with British and Indian food themes, a German cultural week, and jazz nights that are offered every Sunday by resident musicians. I have also gone to two Port Talks so far, one with a survivor of the Holocaust sharing about those who protected Jews; this was powerful as my own grandmother aided her Aunt in Holland in successfully hiding three Jewish girls. The other talk was by the Director of the Victoria and Albert, which is my favourite museum, who then offered to give us a tour of the museum next week. Not to mention the Faculty Dinner and Winter Ball, both last week and which really felt like special and unique events to be cherished in memory for a long time. My friend and I have also been lucky to win the ballot for tickets in Goodenough’s Royal Albert Hall box to see a Christmas concert soon, which will feed my love for classical and holiday music.

Needless to say, most weeks go by with at least one or more events that give my life more balance, and that build on and expand my areas of interest and knowledge. This has been one of the most exciting starts to an academic year that I have ever had, and likely will ever have. I must thank the LGAC very greatly for giving me the opportunity of having not only a place to stay in London, but really to live and hopefully contribute in the community of this great College

Five Goodenough Alumni Elected to Parliament

In the October 19 federal election, seven Goodenough alumni ran for Parliament (to our knowledge) and five were elected. Prior to the election, four alumni were MPs. Two incumbents were re-elected (**David McGuinty** and **Lisa Raitt**), while two were defeated (**Jack Harris** and **John Williamson**). Three new alumni MPs were elected (**Andrew Leslie**, **Bill Morneau** and **Arif Varani**).

Bill Morneau was appointed as Minister of Finance. Coincidentally, **Lisa Raitt** was appointed as the Conservative Finance critic. **Andrew Leslie** was appointed Government Whip and **Arif Varani** was appointed as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship.

In addition, one new MP, **Catherine McKenna**, was elected in Ottawa Centre. She lived briefly at the College and her husband, **Scott Gilmore**, is an alumnus. Ms. McKenna was appointed as Minister of the Environment and Climate Change.

We congratulate all the candidates who ran and wish them well and, in particular, thank **Jack Harris** and **John Williamson** for their service to Canada as MPs.

Please see the table below for details.

2015 Election Results for LGAC Alumni / Candidates			
Candidate	Riding	Party	Election Result
Jack Harris*	St. John's East	NDP	Defeated
Andrew Leslie	Orléans	Liberal	Elected
David McGuinty*	Ottawa South	Liberal	Elected
Bill Morneau	Toronto Centre	Liberal	Elected
Lisa Raitt*	Milton	Conservative	Elected
Arif Virani	Parkdale – High Park	Liberal	Elected
John Williamson*	New Brunswick Southwest	Conservative	Defeated
* Incumbent			

LGAC Governor's Report – Maureen Simpson

The Fall has been as action packed as ever in London. The new Dean of Students, Alan McCormack has taken up his post and was on hand to greet both new and returning members. For the third year running, the College has won awards in the British National Student Housing Survey. As part of its 325th anniversary celebration, Barclays is making a video which will include a sequence on its historic links with Goodenough College which will further raise the College's profile.

Our scholars are all in residence, and settling to both their studies and college life.

Unfortunately I was only able to attend the Advisory Council meeting by teleconference but the activities and plans described for this academic year were impressive. A new strategic plan has been developed with a mission statement that focuses on: "developing future leaders by providing a welcoming residential community for outstanding international postgraduate students and their families, irrespective of background, where mutual understanding and respect are fostered and intellectual, cultural and social interactions are nurtured."

A goal I am sure we all approve of since Goodenough College has transformed the lives of many of us.

I look forward to returning to the College this spring and reporting further then.

A.G.S. (Tony) Griffin 1911-2015

Tony Griffin died in September at the age of 104. He was a Board Member of the London House Association of Canada (predecessor to the LGAC) from 1957 to 1985 and served as Vice-Chairman from 1971 to 1984. In this era, the LHAC Board functioned mainly as a fundraising and investment group, with a lesser focus on alumni activities. Most of the Board members, including Mr. Griffin, were non-alumni.

Tony Griffin had an eventful life and career, emigrating from England as a child, serving in the Canadian Navy in WWII as commander of a corvette and later a frigate, then working for the Wartime Prices and Trade Board and Department of External Affairs in Ottawa after the war. He became a merchant banker after meeting Sigmund Warburg and established an affiliated company, Triarch Corporation, in Toronto. Its success led to appointments to numerous corporate and philanthropic Boards, including Consumers Gas, Home Oil and Guardian Capital, the National Ballet, where he served as President, and St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, of which he was the Chairman for ten years.



In 1976, the LHAC was the beneficiary of a fortuitous donation of almost \$48,000, through the diligence of Tony Griffin. The Dollar-Sterling Trade Board (DSTB) had been established in 1948 with the sponsorship and support of the Canadian government to facilitate imports from Britain to Canada. Its head at the time was James S. Duncan, who later became Chairman of the LHAC (1956 to 1960). As the DSTB was being wound down, James Duncan and Tony Griffin arranged for the Board to be transformed into the Canada-British Scholarship Foundation, which funded scholarships for Canadians studying in Britain. The Foundation, in turn, decided to wind up its operations and was looking for an organization with similar objectives to be a home for its assets. Tony Griffin arranged for these assets to be transferred to the LHAC. This resulted in the largest single donation to the LHAC to that date and represented an increase in the LHAC's assets by almost one-third.

At the LGAC's 50th Anniversary Reception in 2001, the British High Commissioner, Sir Andrew Burns, recognized Tony's longstanding service to the LHAC and presented him with a Life Patron Award (see photo with Tony on the left). At the Reception, Tony recited a favourite poem, *Blocked Sterling*, a ribald tale (really) recalling the era of British foreign exchange controls.

Tony's wife Kathleen (Kitty) died in 2011. Coincidentally, she was the sister of the Hon. Walter L. Gordon, Canada's Minister of Finance from 1963 to 1965. Mr. Gordon was also a Director of the London House Association of Canada for thirteen years (1957 to 1970), which overlapped his term in politics. Messrs. Gordon and Griffin joined the LHAC Board at the same time and Mr. Gordon was also a non-alumnus Board member. Tony Griffin is survived by five children and forty grand and great-grandchildren. One of his sons, Scott, is the founder of the Griffin Poetry Prize.

Robert Douglas

THE LGAC ONLINE

We continue to expand the LGAC's presence online, which we hope will provide new means of keeping in touch with our members and helping them keep in touch with each other. In addition to our web site, our Facebook page and our LinkedIn group, the LGAC is now on Twitter. All members are invited to follow @lgacalumni for information on events and news from other members. We also invite members to tweet @lgacalumni so we can follow you.

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/LondonGoodenoughAssociationofCanada>

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IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Roberta Styran (LHAC Board member 1982- 1991)
Fred Donnelly

Paul Tisdall
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