



## 100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE AT SOLDIER'S TOWER ON NOVEMBER 11

On August 4, 1914 Great Britain declared war against Germany. There has been a lot written during the past 100 years and over the last months about WWI. I even heard one misguided broadcast which was “celebrating” the beginning of “The war to end all wars,” which it didn’t. The resulting divisions of territories at the end of the war set up many of the conflicts we are still enduring today. Margaret MacMillan’s two wonderful histories *Paris 1919* and *The War That Ended Peace* do an excellent job analyzing the lead up to and aftermath of the war.



Royal Flying Corps, tents on back campus with plane overhead (1918). Photo courtesy the Image Bank, Archives and Records Management, University of Toronto.

The President of U of T, Robert Falconer, was on a visit to Europe on the day war was declared. He was unable to find passage back until early September. He had not noticed any signs of the upcoming declaration, although war had been approaching for years. By the time he returned, students had already left for England. The first student to die was Trinity student R.E. Mackenzie Richards near Ypres, France on November 13, 1914. By the following spring nearly 500 undergraduates, 700 graduates and 70 faculty were on active service. Students were urged to join so much that parents complained of the pressure on their sons. Lester Pearson, a Vic student, joined a Canadian Officers Training Corps under the leadership of Vincent Massey, then a lecturer in history and dean of Burwash Hall. Women swelled the numbers at the medical school as men left to join up. At Vic, two years into the war, women outnumbered men, the reverse of the situation in 1914. These facts come from Martin Friedland’s *The University of Toronto, a History* (2002).

Research was carried on all over campus: in medicine to heal and save lives, in engineering, ironically, to improve munitions and explosives. Flight, a new skill, was being explored as well.

This year, I cannot help but think of Nathan Cirillo and Patrice Vincent as we approach Remembrance Day. These two members of the military killed on Canadian soil in the last few weeks will be on our minds as we commemorate the signing of the peace after WWI. The funeral of Corporal Cirillo enforced a loss by his family, and also his comrades, and all of us.

Please join the service of remembrance on November 11 at Soldiers’ Tower on Hart House Circle. The commemoration begins at 10:20am and will end at 11:00am. There is a reception after in the Great Hall of Hart House.

As long as there are men and women willing to risk their lives in defence of country and freedom, we must never forget the sacrifice made by so many.

Maureen Somerville  
president, SAA

### Exhibition of WWI text and image at Fisher Rare Book Library

There’s a wonderful exhibition in the main mezzanine of the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library: *Fierce imaginings: text and image in First World War literature*. This exhibition focuses on the words and images of the Great War, not only by those who served in it but also those writers born decades after 1918.

**A free tour of the exhibition will be given by the exhibit curator, Graham Bradshaw, on Thursday, December 4, at 6:00pm.** There’s no need to register, just meet in the main mezzanine of the Fisher Library. The Fisher is attached to Robarts Library on the south side. Hours are:

9am-5pm - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday  
9am-8pm - Thursday.

The exhibition runs until December 19, 2014. For more information, visit the Fisher website: <http://bit.ly/1E5Ny4W>

Earlier this year (January to May) the Fisher held another exhibition related to WWI: *‘We Will Do Our Share’: The University of Toronto and the Great War*. The exhibition included correspondence, diaries, official documents, photographs, posters, maps, and a wide range of publications and artifacts. A video of this exhibition can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/1zNBYwB>

Ihor Prociuk  
editor





## Senior Alumni Volunteer Opportunities

One of our objectives is to provide opportunities for senior alumni to serve the University. We hope you will try one of these opportunities.

### Recruiting participants for brain imaging research on Parkinson's disease



Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

We are looking for patients with Parkinson's disease and healthy volunteers for a brain imaging research project. This study involves magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and positron

emission tomography (PET).

#### Eligibility for patients:

- You have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease
- Be between the ages of 45 and 85 years old.
- No other history or indication of neurological or psychiatric illness.
- No metal implants or a cardiac pacemaker.

The eligibility for the PET study may depend on the results of any part of the screening process (screening session, MRI study).

#### Eligibility for healthy volunteers:

- Be between the ages of 45 and 85 years old.
- No history or indication of neurological or psychiatric illness.
- No metal implants or a cardiac pacemaker.

The eligibility for the PET study may depend on the results of any part of the screening process (screening session, MRI study).

For further information, please contact

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### Recruiting participants for brain imaging research

The Movement Disorders Unit at the Toronto Western Hospital is looking for healthy volunteers for a brain imaging study. This study involves Positron Emission Tomography (PET) imaging, and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).

#### Eligibility for healthy volunteers:

- Be between the ages of 50 and 80 years old.
- No history or indication of neurological or psychiatric illness.
- No metal implants or a cardiac pacemaker.

The eligibility for the PET study may depend on the results of any part of the screening process (screening session, MRI study).

For further information, please contact us at:

416-535-8501 ext. 30630 / leigh.christopher2@gmail.com

### Volunteers needed for clinical trials on memory-loss drug



Are you concerned about the possibility of memory loss as you grow older?

This A4 study is a landmark clinical trial to test whether a new investigational drug can slow memory loss associated with Alzheimer's disease.

A4 is a clinical study for people ages 65-85 with normal thinking and memory abilities.

For more information, visit <http://a4study.org/>

To find out if you are eligible, contact Joanne Lawrence at the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre:

(416) 480-6108 or joanne.lawrence@sunnybrook.ca.



## Events

### Woodsworth Alumni & Friends



Annual Saul Goldstein Memorial Lecture:  
*Ontario's Ring of Fire*

November 12, 2014, 4-7pm

Kruger Hall Commons, Woodsworth College

The Hon. Bob Rae is former Premier of Ontario and former leader of the federal Liberal Party. Mr. Rae is currently the chief negotiator for First Nations for the Ring of Fire project. Come and

hear how this project has the potential to drive economic development in Ontario and could be an economic shift for First Nations in the area. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/1u1ezEM> or phone 416-978-5301.

### Dunlap Institute for Astronomy & Astrophysics Astronomy on Tap T.O.

Wednesday, November 12th, 7:00 - 8:30pm

Supermarket Bar in Kensington Market



It'll be another fun night of astronomy talks and conversation over your favourite pint or cocktail. You'll hear short talks presented by U of T astronomers on a variety of fascinating topics. There are some great prizes and plenty of chances to talk to the astronomers and get all your cosmic questions answered. There's no cover. Everything gets started at 7pm with doors at 6:30pm. For more information, visit: <http://bit.ly/1t1xxhS>

## Treasurer position available on the SAA Executive

The Senior Alumni Association is looking to fill the position of **Treasurer** on our Executive Committee. The treasurer is one of the signing officers of the SAA. It is not an onerous position and can be rewarding and fulfilling. We do not need a CPA, but if you have had a bookkeeping, accounting or business background, please consider getting in touch with us and offering your services. The duties are shared with the Assistant Treasurer and our Administrative Assistant. For further information, contact our office at:

[senior.alumni@utoronto.ca](mailto:senior.alumni@utoronto.ca) / (416) 978-0544

Our Treasurer or President will be in touch with you.



## President's Corner



The Canadian Perspectives series is under way now, thanks to Kristine Thompson and her hard-working team of volunteers. These lectures are the original reason for the SAA's existence, and still are the largest project we present to our members. I urge all of you to attend. You can now sign up through our website, and opt for fewer lecture if you'd rather not take a whole series.

I'm the first SAA president from one of the "suburban" campuses of U of T. I've been heavily involved in the plan-

ning of the celebrations of UTSC's 50th anniversary, most of which have already taken place. An open house on October 6th was a great success, with clowns, candy floss, speeches by Bruce Kidd, the interim principal and vice-president, and Meric Gertler, president of U of T. Another event was a basketball game, first of the season, between U of T and Laval. It took place in the newly-opened PanAm centre at Scarborough. We won by a relatively narrow score. Alumni had been invited and we made lots of noise. The aquatic centre is an important venue, not just for the Pan American and ParaPan games, but for UTSC and its community as well. The building is teeming with community members and their children coming for swimming lessons, karate lessons, basketball, volleyball, indoor soccer, etc. There are two swimming pools, one Olympic with a diving pool and one that can be used more by the community and college.

This leads to the growth of all three campuses. Mississauga and Scarborough each have about 12,000 students, undergrad and graduate, and the buildings are only now catching up with the immense growth since the "double cohort" of the early 2000s. The St. George campus is also adding buildings to house its 50,000+ students. One of the latest, the Goldring Centre on Devonshire is just opening in November, and will foster athletic excellence in both U of T students and elite athletes from beyond the university. The Munk Centre has also grown its capacity as international relations becomes an increasingly important study.

Finally, I come back to your executive. We are on the lookout to increase our membership for specific tasks. We need a treasurer, an assistant secretary, and there are posts that will need filling in the future. If you are interested, contact me through the phone number or e-address in this newsletter and I will get back to you.

Don't forget to join the service at Soldiers' Tower on November 11 at 10:20am.

Maureen Somerville  
president, SAA

## "Quotable Quotes"

*A hero is one who knows how to hang on one minute longer.*

Novalis, German poet

## Feore best Lear I've ever seen!



On Wednesday, September 24, nine SAA members joined a Mary Morton Tour to Stratford to see King Lear. We were fortunate in the weather, which was sunny and pleasant. After a drive through the lovely countryside, we lunched at the Waterlot, where the food was delicious and the service excellent, and the setting as charming as usual.

King Lear is one of Shakespeare's later plays, written when he may have sensed his own waning vigour, and the part is usually played by an older actor than Colm Feore, so I wondered how he would tackle the role. He was amazing to watch playing the old king becoming increasingly more demanding and demented. The scene on the heath with his fool was wonderful, with the thunder and lightning matching the rage of the king. He's a hard character to sympathize with because he is blind to the mistakes he make. He's a true tragic hero whose pride leads to his destruction, but the final scene, when Lear carries Cordelia's body onto the stage and then dies himself, was heartbreaking as acted by Feore.

The rest of the cast did admirably well, in particular Stephen Ouimette as the fool who is the only character who speaks and sees the truth, and Scott Wentworth as Gloucester, who protests the treatment of Lear by his two older daughters, Goneril and Regan and is blinded and sent out alone for his loyalty. Edgar, his son who follows him and saves him from the elements and a desire to throw himself off a cliff was also well-portrayed by Evan Bullong.

All of the betrayals were there, the use of effects was stunning, the costumes were suited to the characters and the time. Antoni Cimolino directed the play with finesse and flair, the fights were scary, and above all, Colm Feore was magnificent as Lear himself!

Maureen Somerville  
events chair

*Note: One of the holdings of the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library is William Shakespeare's First Folio: Mr. William Shakespeares Comedies, Histories, & Tragdies. Published according to the True Originall Copies. Published in 1623, it is the first collected edition of Shakespeare's plays and presented (in print for the first time) eighteen works, including Macbeth, Antony and Cleopatra, Twelfth Night, and As You Like It. This is the only copy of the First Folio in Canada.*

*To listen to the Fisher's Director, Anne Dondertman, discuss the Fisher's copy of the First Folio, go to: <http://go.utlib.ca/folio>*

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## Tours help students navigate the 3rd largest library system among peer North American institutions



One of my other volunteer activities at the University is scheduling a dedicated group of volunteers who conduct tours of the Robarts Library. I also enjoy conducting tours so I jump in quite regularly.

To new students (both at the undergraduate and graduate levels), The UofT Library system can be quite intimidating. It's the third largest library system among peer institutions in North America. The holdings of our

libraries is staggering. There are 44 libraries across three campuses. Here is just a small sample of statistics (rounded off for readability) from the 2012-2013 annual Library report:

bookform	11,860,000 (including about 1,440,000 digital books. About 183,000 new items are added annually)
microform	5,600,000
cartographic	302,000
sound recording	51,000
journal titles	150,000
film and videos	50,000

And if that isn't enough, UofT participates in an interlibrary system which allows students to ask for material from other libraries throughout of the world. During 2012-13, library patrons borrowed (or requested copies of) nearly 7,300 items from other libraries but our Library reciprocated by lending nearly 28,700 items to students and researchers worldwide.

It's no wonder that students can use a little "guidance".

Every weekday during September, the volunteer guides take groups of students on a walking tour of the Robarts library. During the rest of the academic year, some professors will request a tour for their class.

During the one-hour tour, the volunteers point out the most important services and features (although it would probably take two hours to really do the Robarts justice). All of Robarts has wireless connectivity. For those who don't have laptops (or just don't want to carry them around) there are over 300 computers that students can use to search the library catalogue, access their email and the Internet and work on their assignments. Each of the stack floors (9-13) has photocopiers (some that also have scanning capabilities) and 12 group-study rooms where students can talk at normal volumes without disturbing others. Overall, Robarts has nearly 5,000 quiet study carrels, many with a desk lamp and power outlet. Robarts also holds a large video and film collection, a reference library (with truly helpful reference librarians), 3 specialty libraries, a cafeteria,

19 scanners, a large format map scanner, 1 colour, and 3 black and white laser printers—even a small exhibit space that changes every few months. Even with all this technology, you can still find wall-mounted, lead-pencil-sharpeners (on the 9th and 10th floor). Robarts Library also houses the office for services for persons with disabilities.

Overall, the Library system offered over 3,000 instruction sessions to over 44,000 participants in 2012-13.

### Become a Robarts tour volunteer

If you haven't been in Robarts since you graduated, you probably won't recognize the place. If you'd like to help students find their way around Robarts, you can easily become a volunteer tour guide. Don't worry. We'll provide all the training you need. And there are a few perks. You'll get limited book borrowing privileges and access to some online resources. Contact me at [ihor.prociuk@utoronto.ca](mailto:ihor.prociuk@utoronto.ca) for more information.

If you want to see all the statistics regarding UofT libraries, visit: <http://bit.ly/1E61KuM>

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## SAA scholarships support students

Part of the proceeds from our Canadian Perspectives lecture series are used to provide scholarships for U of T students. This year there were three recipients.

Victoria Partosa is a third year student completing an environmental studies major, a women and gender studies minor, and a human geography minor. She will graduate in June 2015, and hopes to pursue higher education in environmental policy. Her goal is to develop a career seeking solutions to pressing environmental issues, particularly climate change mitigation and renewable energy alternatives.

Committed to life-long learning, Dabbie Lau is a third year part-time adult student in the East Asian studies program. She sometimes finds juggling work, school, and family a challenge. In 2011, she participated in the summer abroad program to the University of Hong Kong.

Samantha Mahabir is a graduate student in the cell and systems biology program at U of T. She is conducting research in Robert Gerlai's lab looking at the effect of developmental alcohol exposure on social behavior, neurochemistry, and apoptosis in zebrafish. She aspires to become a scientist and professor in the field of behavioral neuroscience.

## We'd like to hear about your volunteer experience!



We know that we have some of the greatest volunteers at U of T. Last year they provided nearly 1,200 hours in 10 projects! Many of our volunteers have been helping out for many years and very often volunteer with other organizations beyond the university.

...We'd like to hear about your volunteer experience and we're sure your experience will inspire others. Contact me at [ihor.prociuk@utoronto.ca](mailto:ihor.prociuk@utoronto.ca) for more information.