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THE FACULTY OF ARTS PRESENTS

ARTS CELEBRATING ARTS

September 19, 2014
11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Marshall McLuhan Hall
Second Floor
Fort Garry Campus, University of Manitoba
PROGRAM

11:45 a.m.  Welcome  Dr. Lori Wilkinson, Master of Ceremonies

Lunch

Greetings  
Dr. Joanne Keselman, Vice President Academic  
Dr. Jeffery Taylor, Dean of Arts

Celebrated Alumni Remarks  
Ms. Anna Rothney  
Mr. Ashish Modha

Presentation of Awards
Anna Rothney

Anna Rothney is the Secretary to Manitoba’s Priorities and Planning Committee of Cabinet, which serves as the provincial government’s central strategic planning and policy-making body. An economist by background, Ms. Rothney serves as a member of the Premier’s senior staff team.

As Secretary, Ms. Rothney supports the Priorities and Planning Committee in leading government’s efforts around skills and job creation, infrastructure and economic growth, improving health care and education, and efficient delivery of public services for families.

Ms. Rothney previously held senior positions with the government’s Executive Council, Treasury Board Secretariat and the former Community and Economic Development Committee of Cabinet.

The Winnipeg Free Press noted Ms. Rothney in “The Power 30”, an annual look at the movers and shakers reshaping Manitoba’s landscape (January 4, 2014). The article read “Rothney is a long-time Selinger loyalist, and the woman who has her finger on the pulse of everything the provincial government does, from intergovernmental affairs to budgeting to purely political endeavors.

As chair of the Priorities and Planning committee of the provincial cabinet, Rothney is an important liaison between Selinger and key opinion-leading ministers. Simply put, Rothney is the most trusted advisor in the premier’s office.”

Ms. Rothney studied at the University of Manitoba, where she completed a B.A. and M.A. specializing in Economics.
Ash Modha

Ashish Modha was born in Jinja, Uganda. At 4 years old he made a life-altering trip to Canada with his family following the Ugandan Asian Exodus as decreed by then-dictator of the country, Idi Amin. Making his way to his new home in Winnipeg, Mr. Modha would soon display the entrepreneurial spirit that would form his career path and come to shape the rest of his life. Later, he cultivated a fascination and distinct interest in fashion, which would ultimately form a larger part of his affinity for design across a wide spectrum of disciplines and applications, not just clothing.

In 1986, still in grade 12, Mr. Modha, along with a few of his friends, would take the first step in realizing his dreams when he established Dimensions 100, Inc., the parent company of Mondetta Clothing. As the company grew, Mr. Modha concurrently attended the University of Manitoba and worked at his fledgling company, graduating with a B.A. in Economics from the Faculty of Arts. By then Mondetta Clothing had become a resounding success. Essentially the only job and the only life he has ever known, Mr. Modha lives and breathes the company; it has become imprinted in his DNA.

In his role, Mr. Modha has had the opportunity to delineate, cultivate and articulate the organization’s approach to design. He encourages his team of designers, in all departments, to draw on all aspects of life, of human experience when searching for inspiration and to not only look at clothing as the starting point when contemplating design. By engaging in an unrelenting exploration of art, architecture, and aesthetics in the everyday, Mr. Modha believes the company as a whole can refine the process by which it shapes and hones its various brands and programs.

In addition to his work at Mondetta, Mr. Modha has also engaged in a number of community and non-profit endeavours and organizations including the board of directors for the Health Sciences Foundation, the Bank of Canada Blue Ribbon panel, the Royal Bank Young Advisory Council, and the Premier’s Economic Advisory Council, during which time he also chaired an image task force and the Minister’s Trade Advisory Council.
STUDENTS

UNIVERSITY GOLD MEDAL FOR THE HIGHEST STANDING IN ARTS

Rachel Burlock  (English, Film, Theatre)

MEDALS FOR THE HIGHEST STANDING IN THE BACHELOR OF ARTS PROGRAMS

Teresa Beukens  (Linguistics) - Advanced Degree Program

Gwen Muirhead  (French, Spanish, Italian) - General Degree Program

Lisa Semchuk  (Anthropology) - Honours Degree
DEAN’S HONOUR ROLL SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

These students have achieved an exceptional GPA of 4.25 while taking a minimum course load of 9 credit hours during each term.

Brayden Adair
Nicole Allard
Nicolas Allarie
Sumaya Bauer
Teresa Beukens
Elena Bilevicius
Andrew Bresch
Rachel Burlock
Matthew Chambers
Krista Clendenning
Matthew Cook
Samantha Crang
Steven Csincsa
Patrick Durham
Nathan Dyck
Tamara Edkins
Laura Enns
Jenna Ferchoff
Eric Fleming
Janique Fortier
Cheris Gilbertson
Allison Graham
Brenna Henrikson
Alex Holt
Nadia Ibrahim
Richard Jones
Sydney Kingston
Lisa Kuilman A
Ilison Kvern
Amy Langridge
Carter Liebzeit
Raina Loxley
Dawn MacGregor
Charmaine Manalang
Megan McManes
Melanie Moeller
Gwen Muirhead
Kimvy Ngo
Imalka Nimalgoda
Tamara Paetkau
David Parker
Corey Petsnik
Abigail Raney
Ella Rockar
Diana Sader
Francesca Silla
Ana Siqueira Cabral
Constancia Smart-Carvalho
Jordana Sommer
Dena Stitz
Brianne Suss
Carmen Tse
Alexander Walker
Breann Whitby
Anthony Wightman
Dong-In Won
Andrew Wu
ACADEMIC ALL CANADIANS

Academic All-Canadians are student-athletes who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average on at least 18 credit hours from September 1 to August 31. The athlete must be a member of a Bison varsity team(s) and have used a year of eligibility for that sport. The Faculty of Arts is proud to recognize the achievements of our Bison student-athletes.

Hannah Anderson (Political Studies) – Track
Lee Christensen (undeclared) – Hockey
David Ferrier (Psychology) – Football
Christiane Fischer (Political Studies/History) – Basketball
Amy Gelhorn (undeclared) – Track
Daniel Grant (Theatre) – Curling
Matthew Hallock (Psychology) – Football
Mitchell Harrison (History) – Football
Thomas Miles (Psychology) – Football
Benjamin Paterson (Economics) – Track
Dillon Perron (Anthropology) – Swimming
Shandra Ready (undeclared) - Track
Melissa Richards (Psychology) – Track
Jeremy Schappert (Psychology) – Hockey
Clayton Scheller (undeclared) – Track

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS’ SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Danielle Krahn (Political Studies) won “Best Undergraduate Essay” at the Prairie Political Studies Association conference with her essay entitled “Immigration Policy and the Live-In Caregiver Program: The Racialization of Feminized Work in Canada’s Labour Market”.

Christopher Nowell (Political Studies) won “Best Undergraduate Essay” at the Prairie Political Studies Association conference with his essay entitled “From St. Vital to Meech Lake”.

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GRADUATE STUDENTS’ SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Akosua Bonsu (Global Political Economy) received the 2014 YMCA-YWCA Young Woman of Distinction Award. Okosua has been volunteering since age 12 with organizations such as Operation Christmas Child, Christmas Cheer Board, and Siloam Mission, as well as year-round commitments at the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg. Fluent in English, French, and her native language, Twi, she has always been driven to help others while learning more about the relations between foreign countries. Akosua has participated in development missions in the past, serving as the 2011 Africa Pavilion Female Youth ambassador to Ghana and Nigeria.

Alison Cox (Psychology) received the Raymond F. Currie Graduate Fellowship.

Daniel Elves (History) received the Association of Manitoba Archives Thesis of Distinction Award as well as the William Gordon Dodds Award in Archival Studies.

Daniel Guezen (French) received the C.D. Howe Memorial Foundation Fellowship in Creative Writing and Oral Culture. Daniel is a young poet who will develop a body of work to document and appreciate French- and English-language works by Manitobans as an exploration of memory and identify as presented in art.

Khashayar Hamidzadeh (Linguistics) received one of the first scholarships from the prestigious Sir Gordon Wu Graduate Student Scholarship.

Ross McCallum (Psychology) was awarded the Council of Canadian Departments of Psychology (CCDP) Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award.

Michael Minor (English, Film, & Theatre) received the C.D. Howe Memorial Fellowship in Creative Writing and Oral Culture.
Katelin Neufeld (Psychology) received the Raymond F. Currie Graduate Fellowship.

Sean Patterson (History) received the W.L. Morton Award for 2012-2013.

Kristin Reynolds (Psychology) received the Vineberg Prize (Outstanding Graduate Student Paper).

Brenda Stoessel (Psychology) received the Department of Psychology Graduate Student STAR award. This award recognizes a student in Psychology who has excelled in research, teaching and service.

Sarah Story (History) received the Hugh A. Taylor Award Prize for Excellence in Archival Studies.

Karen Sharma (MPA student, Department of Political Studies) was the winner of the Silver Prize in the National Student Thought Leadership Awards at the Institute of Public Administration Canada's 2013 conference for her paper "Mea Maxima Culpa: The Political Apology as an Instrument of Public Policy in Canada."

Jesse Stewart (Linguistics) published a book entitled Stories and tradiciones from Pijal: Told in Media Lengua (North Charleston: CreateSpace). It is a collection of narrations from the community of Pijal, Ecuador, where he has been doing his fieldwork for a number of years.
SUPPORT STAFF

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

Lawrence Mitchell (Psychology) received the University of Manitoba's Service Award for Excellence,
Laurie Morris (Philosophy) received the University of Manitoba's Service Award for Excellence.

SERVICE IN ARTS ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

Support staff are recognized for anniversaries of service in the Faculty of Arts in 10 year increments.

Betty McGregor (Economics) – 30 years
Elizabeth Ross (Dean’s Office) - 10 years

TEAM AWARDS

Support staff within the Faculty of Arts make a valuable contribution to the Faculty and the University. While single individuals are often worthy of praise, our support staff often work in teams and we like to recognize these teams for their exceptional service to the faculty members and students and other support staff that they support. This year we are recognizing Arts General Office and the Arts Budget Office.

Tammy Evason  
Mary Harder  
Elisabeth Ross  
Lauren Feldman  
Micheal Glucki  
Linda Gregoire  
Vickie Jolicoeur  

Michelle Paragg Louizos  
Diane Novotny  
Janet Sealey  
Greg Sobie  
Nancy Swaine  
Luana Tavener  
Vicky Warkentin
Jonathan Ball (English, Film, & Theatre) received the John Hirsch Award for Most Promising Manitoba Writer.

Magda Blackmore (German & Slavic Studies) received a University of Manitoba 2013 Outreach Award for her significant outreach activities with the Polish-Canadian community. Magda increases access and visibility for the Polish program by attending numerous community and fundraising events. She organized the Central and East European Lecture Series, and has worked in partnership with the Polish Consulate, the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and the Ogniwo Polish Museum Society to bring world-class speakers to the University of Manitoba.

Diana Brydon (English, Film, & Theatre) was named “Distinguished Professor” at the University of Manitoba. This honour recognizes Diana’s distinguished contributions to the University of Manitoba for outstanding distinction in research and scholarship or in creative professional activity and a significant record in teaching. This title is limited to twenty “Distinguished Professor” at one time throughout the entire University.

David Churchill (History) received a University of Manitoba Outreach Award, for being actively engaged in the LGBTTQ community and the Art community in Winnipeg for many years. David co-led the LGBTTQ oral history initiative, a project that resulted in over 100 oral histories being stored in the University of Manitoba Archives and Special Collections. He is also the coordinator of the Little Queer School House, an initiative to share LGBTTQ histories outside of academic settings. In the Winnipeg Art community, David is co-founder and co-curator of the “Hole in the Wall Gallery,” a public gallery which has garnered a great deal of support and press attention.

Elizabeth Comack (Sociology) received the Alexander Kennedy Isbister Award for Non-Fiction for "Indians Wear Red": Colonialism, Resistance and Aboriginal Street Gangs by Elizabeth Comack, Lawrence Deane, Larry Morrissette & Jim Silver, published by Fernwood Publishing.
Radhika Desai (Political Studies) received the Distinguished Achievement Award in World Political Economy of the Twenty-first Century, World Association for Political Economy, 2012 for her article ‘Consumption Demand in Marx and in the Current Crisis’, Review of Political Economy.

Susan Frohlick (Anthropology) received a UM/UMFA Merit Award in the Combination category.

Jila Ghomeshi (Linguistics) received the National Achievement Award from the Canadian Linguistics Association at this year’s Congress, which was held May 24-26 at Brock University in St. Catherines, Ontario. The National Achievement Awards are presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of linguistics and who have earned distinction for themselves and the Canadian linguistics community. Jila is recognized for her effective communication about language and her engagement with the broader community on the social significance of language and language choices.

Alexandra Heberger (German & Slavic Studies) received a UM/UMFA Merit Award in the Teaching category.

Karin James (German & Slavic Studies) received a Students’ Teacher Recognition Award nominated by Alexander Pawlowsky (Major in German Studies) as his most influential and outstanding University Teacher.

Christopher Johnson (English, Film, & Theatre) received a UM/UMFA Merit Award in the Service category.

Hee-Jung Serenity Joo (English, Film, & Theatre) received an Rh Award. This award is given to academics who are in the early stages of their careers and who display exceptional innovation, leadership and promise in their respective fields.

Esyllt Jones (History) with Adele Perry received a University of Manitoba Outreach Award, for her significant outreach activities, especially through her published work “A People’s Citizenship Guide” and the public events and panel discussions held across the country to encourage Canadians to engage in critical conversations about Canada’s past and its relationship to public policy and debate.
Joanne Keselman (Vice President Academic & Provost/Psychology) received the Women’s Executive Network’s (WXN) 2013 Canada’s Most Powerful Women: Top 100 Awards. These awards celebrate and highlight the professional achievements of women across the country in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. The list of the top 100 Canada women of influence was published in the National Post and the Financial Post Magazine.

Royce Koop (Political Studies) received a UM/UMFA Merit Award in the Service category.

Peter Kulchyski (Native Studies) received a UM/UMFA Merit Award in the Research, Scholarly Work and Creative Activities category.

Maria Medved (Psychology) received the Department of Psychology Teaching Award.

Janine Montgomery (Psychology) received a University of Manitoba Outreach Award for her significant contributions to the local community, particularly in the area of Autism and Autism Spectrum Disorders. Montgomery regularly speaks to community agencies, non-profit groups, and schools in Manitoba to increase awareness of autism and communicate ways to improve outcomes for families and individuals. She has also created a number of programs and groups, helping autistic students and parents of autistic children understand and cope with the diagnosis.

Robert O’Kell (English, Film, & Theatre) received a UM/UMFA Merit Award in the Research, Scholarly Work and Creative Activities category.

Adele Perry (History) received the 2014 Hilda Neatby prize for the best article in English on women’s history, awarded by the Canadian Committee on the History of Women at the Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting. Adelle also received (with Eyllt Jones) a University of Manitoba Outreach Award for her significant outreach especially through her published work “A People’s Citizenship Guide” and the public events and panel discussions held across the country to encourage Canadians to engage in critical conversations about Canada’s past and its relationship to public policy and debate.
Susan Prentice (Sociology) was awarded a prize from Winnipeg’s francophone feminist group, Réseau action femmes, (called Prix Réseau) for their ‘community’ category. Award criteria were outstanding contributions by women to francophone community development, in the fields of culture, education, community, politics or health and social services.

Wayne Simpson (Economics) was presented with the Mike McCracken award for Economic Statistics from the Canadian Economics Association. The award recognizes both theoretical and applied contributions to the development or use of official economic statistics. Professor Simpson was recognized for his important contribution for the development and preservation of original panel data related to the Manitoba Basic Annual Income Experiment (Mincome) and also for their contributions to the analysis of the Mincome data.

Emőke J.E. Szathmáry (Anthropology) was awarded Professor Emeritus status.

Jennifer Theule (Psychology) received a Students’ Teacher Recognition Award nominated by Michelle Ward as her most influential and outstanding University Teacher. Jennifer was Michelle’s Honours thesis advisor.
ARTS EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS

The Faculty of Arts is the largest faculty at the University of Manitoba and approximately 30% of all of the university's undergraduate student credit hours are taught by Faculty of Arts faculty members. Professors and Instructors in the Faculty of Arts engage others in the excitement of learning, motivating others to challenge themselves beyond their current thinking and stimulating others towards critical thinking and analysis. Following a nomination and selection procedure, the Faculty of Arts is pleased to award Excellence in Teaching Awards to the following:

Alexandra Heberger (German & Slavic Studies)  
Established Faculty Category

Hee-Jung Serenity Joo (English, Film, & Theatre)  
Probationary Faculty Category

Belinda Kleinhans (German & Slavic Studies)  
Sessional Category

Brenda Stoesz (Psychology) - Graduate Student Category

Julia Gamble (Anthropology) - Graduate Student Category

Thank you to:

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