

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: April 23, 2019

On April 11, the first students in the President's Student Leadership Program [were announced](#). Twenty seven students from across Manitoba, representing 18 disciplines and studying at the University of Manitoba, Red River College, University of Winnipeg and University College of the North, will participate in this unique leadership development program, designed to develop future leaders across various sectors.

The latest in the Visionary Conversations series was held on Thursday, April 11th at the Bannatyne Campus, on the topic: *Healthcare as a Human Right: How do we break down barriers for Queer Manitobans?* The panel session, facilitated by President Barnard, explored the 2SLGBTQ+ community's unique health care needs and barriers experienced while accessing and receiving care. The discussion also examined how the broader community can ensure all Manitobans, including those who identify as Queer (2SLGBTQ+), can break down barriers to ensure health care is delivered equitably as a human right. Panelists included:

- Dr. Fenton Litwiller, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management
- Dr. Deborah McPhail, Assistant Professor in Community Health Sciences, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences
- Dr. Tracey Peter, Professor and Associate Head of Sociology, Faculty of Arts
- Albert McLeod, Director, Two-Spirited People of Manitoba, and community activist
- Dr. Bryan Magwood, Executive Director of Our Own Health Centre, physician in pediatric emergency medicine, and Undergraduate Associate Dean, Max Rady College of Medicine
- Dr. Reece Malone, CEO and founder of Sexuality Consultants and Support Services Manitoba, Inc.

In late March, President Barnard hosted a reception in honour of the 2018/19 cohort of students in the Indigenous Circle of Empowerment student leadership development program and their achievements in the current academic year. The students in this program develop their leadership skills while connecting with their culture, undertaking volunteer work in the community and working on projects having impact.

On April 13, President Barnard attended the spring President's Reception for Retirees, held annually with the Retirees Association, to update retirees and their spouses/partners about recent notable happenings at the University of Manitoba.

For the past 60 years, the University of Manitoba Distinguished Alumni Awards have honoured trailblazers, innovators and visionaries—graduates whose outstanding accomplishments have inspired people close to home and around the world. This year's recipients have made an impact in the fields of finance, social advocacy, community leadership, and university education.

The 2019 Distinguished Alumni Awards Celebration of Excellence will be held the evening of Wednesday, May 8th in the Manitoba Room in UMSU University Centre where we will be celebrating and recognizing the accomplishments of the following five alumni. The 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients are:

- Lifetime Achievement – Dr. Hersh Shefrin BSc (Hons)/70
- Professional Achievement – Marcia Nozick BA/75 MCP/88
- Community Service – Gemma Dalayoan BEd/83 MEd/90
- Service to the University of Manitoba – Romel Dhalla BA/99 BComm (Hons)/04
- Outstanding Young Alumni – Lindy Norris BA/07 BComm (Hons)/09

This inspiring evening of celebration will feature live performances and a gala reception as we honour the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the University of Manitoba and global community. It is hoped all Board of Governors members are able to attend this inspiring event.

GENERAL

ACADEMIC MATTERS

- Dr. Janice Ristock, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), has been appointed as Vice-Chair of the U15 Academic Affairs Committee. The Committee advances collaborative initiatives and discusses ways to maximize the full benefits of cooperation among Provosts of the member institutions.
- Nancy Kang, women's & gender studies, was selected as the winner of the 2019 Northeast Modern Languages Association (NeMLA) Women's and Gender Studies Caucus Essay Award for her essay titled "*Sin Sexo: Auto-Historiography and Reproduction in Alicia Gaspar de Alba's Sor Juana's Second Dream*". Northeast Modern Languages Association (NeMLA) is based in the United States and has 2300 members worldwide - its annual conference has 400+ panels and had 1800 participants last year.
- The Faculty of Education has been awarded the first Canadian site of the National Writing Project. The National Writing Project, founded in 1974, is a network of sites attached to universities and colleges whose mission is to serve teachers at all levels by providing professional development and resources to assist in the teaching of writing and learning in schools and communities.
- Jacquie Dawson, music, conducted the Winnipeg Wind Ensemble's first performance of compositions exclusively by female composers. This performance also featured the Winnipeg Youth Wind Ensemble.
- Tracy Dahl, music, performed the role of Despina in *Così fan Tutti* for the Canadian Opera Company in Toronto. She was also invited to give Masterclasses at McGill University and the University of Toronto Opera School, and provide individual lessons for members of the Canadian Opera Ensemble.
- Since 2019 is the International Year of Indigenous Languages, on February 28th The Decolonizing Lens presented free screenings of the films *Retake* by Kristi Lane Sinclair, and *Edge of the Knife (Haida, Sgaawaay K'uuna)*, co-directed by Gwaii Edenshaw and Helen Haig-Brown. The screenings were followed by discussion with filmmaker Kristi Lane Sinclair and language advocate Elder May Courchene.
- Ruchira Nandasiri, human nutritional sciences, student, supervised by Usha Thiyam-Hollnader and Peter Eck won the 2019 American Oil Chemists' Society (AOCS) Lipid Oxidation and Quality (LOQ) Division Student Travel Award.

- Shona Grewar, Asper, student, was awarded with the Business Students' Association President of the Year award. The Canadian Association of Business Students (CABS) awards are given out based on member-initiated nominations and votes.
- The annual Career Development Centre's Celebrating Co-op event recognized Hilary Ransom, Asper, accounting student, with the Co-op Student of the Year 2018 award.
- Seven Asper students traded their beds for the snow, sleeping outside for five nights as part of the national 5 Days for the Homeless campaign, raising funds and awareness for underprivileged Winnipeggers by supporting Resource Assistance for Youth (RaY). The campaign raised over \$21,000.
- The University of Manitoba's Food Fight, a student competition, takes place during Discover Agriculture in the City, a one-day event held at The Forks to connect the urban public with local agriculture and food production. Products ranged from ketogenic cookies to congee to freeze-dried fruit biscuits. The winning product developed by Nicole Ellis, and Ming Li, human nutritional sciences, students, was a nacho-flavored roasted chickpea snack, which the judges described as "market-ready" and in tune with the protein trend.

RESEARCH MATTERS

- The University of Manitoba has been recognized for its ongoing research and initiatives that contribute to developments in clean water and sanitation, and was recently named the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) Hub for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6, which ensures the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation. Seventeen institutions from around the world have been designated as SDG Hubs for three-year renewable terms. The only Canadian institution on the list, the University of Manitoba was selected as the SDG Hub for Goal 6 – Clean Water and Sanitation on the basis of our research, innovation and scholarship in the field. As an SDG Hub, we will continue to advance research, analysis and policy for clean water and sanitation in our classrooms, on our campuses and in our communities. For more information on the SDG6 goals visit: <http://umanitoba.ca/research/sustainable-development-goal.html>
- The Honourable Kirsty Duncan, Minister of Science and Sport, visited the University of Manitoba on March 14 to announce seven UM projects receiving a total of \$1.1 million in support for state-of-the-art research labs and equipment through the Canada Foundation for Innovation's (CFI) John R. Evans Leaders Fund (JELF).

The seven projects are:

PI	Project Title	Awarded
Arsenio, Janilyn (Internal Medicine)	Single-cell Transcriptomics Analysis of the Immune System During Infection and Chronic Inflammation	\$156,834
Azad, Meghan (Pediatrics & Child Health/Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba) and Nickel, Nathan (Community Health Sciences)	Manitoba Interdisciplinary Lactation Center (MILC): A Provincial Infant Feeding Database and Human Milk Biorepository	\$165,464

Koksel, Filiz (Food & Human Nutritional Sciences)	Tailoring Quality During Processing of Protein Rich Plant-based Foods and Food Ingredients	\$160,000
McKinnon, Lyle (Medical Microbiology & Infectious Disease)	Enhancing Capacity for Cellular Phenotyping for HIV Prevention and Cure Research	\$155,942
Prehna, Gerd (Microbiology)	High-yield Protein Production Suite for Structural Biology	\$159,028
Stamps, Robert (Physics & Astronomy)	Desktop Supercomputers for the Design of Advanced Functional Materials	\$114,462
Urquia, Marcelo and Mahar, Alyson (Community Health Sciences)	Social Determinants of Health Digital Library	\$240,000

- Twenty-seven research projects led by fourteen investigators received a total of \$\$1,694,560 in grant funding from multiple sponsors. Those projects receiving more than \$25,000 are:

PI	Sponsor	Title	Awarded
Annakkage, Udaya (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	Mitacs Inc.	Dynamic system equivalents for transient stability studies	\$30,000
Brownell, Marni (Manitoba Centre for Health Policy (MCHP))	Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba Inc.	Leveraging linked administrative data to advance FASD research and inform evidence-based policy in Manitoba and beyond	\$60,000
Doupe, Malcolm (Manitoba Centre for Health Policy (MCHP))	Athabasca University	Improving pain assessment in nursing home residents with dementia	\$70,000
Gole, Aniruddha (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	Mitacs Inc.	Passive network synthesis approval for modeling multi-port frequency dependent network equivalents	\$45,000
Jayaraman, Raghavan (Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering)	NSERC - Engage	Recycling of cross-linked HDPE through rotomolding	\$25,000
Kazem Moussavi, Zahra (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	Mitacs Inc.	Investigating polysomnography parameters and screening for obstructive sleep apnea using breathing sound analysis during wakefulness	\$45,000
Koksel Ustundag, Havva (Food and Human Nutritional Sciences)	Research Manitoba	Tailoring quality during processing of protein rich plant-based foods and food ingredients	\$160,000
Kordi, Behzad (Electrical and Computer Engineering)	Mitacs Inc.	Development of an electromagnetic-transient (EMT) compatible model for power transmission line tower and tower-footing grounding system	\$40,000
MacDonald, Kelly (Internal Medicine)	University of Toronto	Setting the stage for a potential Varicella Zoster Virus (VZV) - based HIV vaccine	\$40,705
McGeough, Emma (Animal Science)	NSERC-SPG-P	Perennial forage grain for fall grazing of beef cattle	\$806,945
Mufti, Aftab (Civil Engineering)	NSERC-Engage	Real time structural health monitoring and performance assessments of bridges	\$25,000

Muthukumarana, Saman (Statistics)	NSERC-Engage	User behavior analytics and software development for assessing RaceRunner customers	\$25,000
Nyachoti, Charles (Martin) (Animal Science)	NSERC-CRD	Utilization of low crude protein diets and probiotics to support gut health and function in weaned piglets	\$178,393
Ripat, Jacqueline (Occupational Therapy)	Canadian Paraplegic Association (Manitoba) Inc.	Estimating a winter outdoor obstacle course	\$42,401
Svecova, Dagmar (Civil Engineering)	NSERC-Engage	Innovative culvert rehabilitation technique	\$25,000

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- The second Annual Sustainability Night was hosted in March, with a total of 170 tickets sold for the event. The evening featured five PechaKucha presentations which highlighted the presenter's passions or project as they relate to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and a panel discussion around the UM's recent UNAI Sustainable Development Goal Hub designation for SDG 6, (see page 3). The first ever Sustainability Awards were presented during the event, with 18 nominations received between three awards categories. A sub-committee of the University of Manitoba Sustainability Committee selected the following award recipients: Chantal Delaquis (Undergraduate Student Sustainability Award) and UMEARTH (Student Group Sustainability Award). The third category, Graduate Student Sustainability, was not awarded in 2019 because the self-nomination submitted did not meet the criteria for receiving the award.
- In March, the Office of Sustainability enhanced the Student Compost Initiative Program by distributing green, decaled compost bins to each student group enrolled, replacing the previous small, black bins being used. These new bins have informational signage, a lock top lid to prevent odor and nuisance, wheels and a handle for easy travel, and are similar in style to the current landfill and recycling bins used around campus. This undertaking ensures all compost bins on campus are the same to eliminate confusion and decrease contamination rates.
- The Operations and Maintenance team has commenced preparations to prevent a potential flood from the rising Red River in 2019. The City of Winnipeg contacted the university in early March, and provided some preliminary data on flood projections, estimating the risk of a 2009 flood event. Staff continue to monitor the condition of the outfalls around campus to ensure that flood protection measures are in place and are not anticipating any negative impacts on campus from the Red River levels this year.
- The Legal Office has been working with a contracts specialist hired by Shared Health to review various agreements as part of health system restructuring. In addition to the various affiliation agreements with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA), it also includes the joint offers of employment made to geographic full time (GFT) physicians, and postgraduate learners such as residents and fellows.

- The Legal Office developed Guides as educational tools to help community members understand conflicts of interest within the context of intimate or sexual relationships. These Guides are not policy, but provide further information, including illustrative examples, recommendations, and “best-foot-forward” practices. The adoption of these Guides is consistent with what other institutions have been undertaking or contemplating throughout Canada. For example, among the U15, McGill, Concordia, University of British Columbia, University of Victoria and Dalhousie have all developed guidelines on intimate relationship to provide clarity on the interpretation of University policy (i.e. Conflict of Interest policy).
- In February, the revised draft Respectful Work and Learning Environment policies and procedures were submitted to collective bargaining units for their comments. The revisions were based on feedback collected from University community consultations including UMSU and the Our Turn campaign. Additional consideration was given to ensure legislative requirements were met and the importance of aligning our policies with best practices across Canada.
- In February, a staff member from the Office of Human Rights and Conflict Management (OHRCM) was appointed to sit on the City of Winnipeg’s first Human Rights Committee of Council. The focus of the newly created committee will be on equity, inclusion, peace, and human rights. The work will also support in establishing Winnipeg as an international leader in human rights and the progress made through the City’s Journey of Reconciliation.
- Following up on a Town Hall presentation to IST in September 2018, the OHRCM delivered a 3.5-hour RWLE and Conflict Management workshop to all of the management and staff.
- Bargaining with the UM’s largest bargaining unit AESES, representing over 2600 full and part-time administrative, computer and technical staff, began in April. Bargaining will follow the interest-based model similar to the 2015 round, in which the focus is on understanding each other’s interests and jointly discussing solutions.
- Learning and Organizational Development has launched a new equity, diversity & inclusion workshop entitled EDI 2.0. This interactive workshop provides participants with the opportunity to explore new ways of making a positive difference in our community and ways of creating an inclusive culture.
- The new password standard rollout to staff and students was completed in February and April respectively. Enforcing an up-to-date password standard mitigates unauthorized access to UM’s computing resources and improves security. Changing passwords on a regular basis lowers the risk of long-term unauthorized access.

EXTERNAL MATTERS

- Significant gifts and activities in the last reporting period include:
 - A \$500,000 gift was received from Lloyd Dyck and the Kali Dyck Foundation in support of a research project in eating disorders.
 - MLT Aikins LLP has supported renovations to create a smart classroom in the Faculty of Law with a generous gift of \$250,000.

- The late Shirley M. Weber [BScHEc/1948] and C. (Dick) Richard Godbehere generously left a bequest of life insurance proceeds, valued at more than \$206,000, to establish a bursary at the University of Manitoba.
- The campaign has exceeded its planned giving target for 2018/2019 by 2.9% and increased the number of planned gifts by 21 % over the previous fiscal year.
- The Donor Relations' Front and Centre Campaign goal remains on track as we work to ascertain the level of support available from the province.
- External Relations participated in 134 donor calls in March 2019.
- Nominations for the Board of Governors alumni representative position were open from February 15 to March 15. Eleven candidates are seeking election, including incumbent and board chair, Jeff Lieberman. Two of the eleven candidates seeking election ran unsuccessfully in 2018. The election period will be from April 15 to May 15, with the successful candidate announced the following week.
- The Next Generation Web Experience continues to move towards an Initial Site Build later this year. Detailed launch plans will be complete over the next month for the Initial Site Build.
- The Conversation Canada, an independent source of news and views from the academic and research community, provides researchers a venue to showcase their work and have it seen and published by news organizations and readers across the globe. Over the past six months External Relations staff have presented to faculties to encourage participation in this opportunity to promote UM research through a global network of news organizations. This has resulted in eighteen articles being posted since September 2018, with global readership exceeding 360,000 – a three-fold increase over the previous six months. 27 faculty authors have published over the past year, with 11 new authors joining in the past three months alone.
- The creative exploration stage of the Branding Initiative is underway based on the brand strategy and platform. This includes a new expression for the university's visual identity. Early concepts have been shared with a small group of key stakeholders and further consultations, refinement and launch planning will continue throughout the spring.
- Since January 2019: the President, Vice President (External), President's Campaign Team Chair and the Director of Government Relations have participated in approximately seven meetings with the provincial government. Ministers, Deputy Minister of Education and Training, Assistant Deputy Minister, Post-Secondary and Workforce Development and Special Assistants were engaged to discuss the Province's commitment to the Front and Centre Campaign.
- On March 7, 2019, the Provincial Government released the 2019 budget, which included a 0.9% decrease to post-secondary operating grants. We have since then been informed by Education and Training that the UM will receive a 1% decrease to the operating grant.
- External Relations is hosting two out of town alumni events in April; Ottawa on April 10th and Toronto on April 25th. The Ottawa event will feature three of the 2018 3MT student finalists

presenting on their research, while the Toronto event will feature a facilitated panel of alumni who will speak to their experiences and perspectives on leadership. President Barnard and John Kearsley, Vice-President (External), will be attending the Toronto event, while Tracy Bowman, Director, Outreach & Engagement, and Stephanie Levene, Associate Vice-President, Alumni & Donor Relations, will be attending the Ottawa event on behalf of the University of Manitoba.

- The Seniors Alumni Learning for Life Program spring session was launched on April 10th with an amazing line up of UM researchers including Dr. Hersh Shefrin, the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, as a presenter taking advantage of his time in Winnipeg for the Celebration of Excellence event in May.
- On Sunday, April 28th, a special appreciation brunch will be held to celebrate the tremendous service Chancellor Harvey Secter and Sandra Secter have made to the University of Manitoba over the past 9 years. The event will be held from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at The Gates in Headingly, MB. Invitations have been sent and we hope to see great representation from the Board of Governors.
- On June 14th, we will be celebrating a very special Front and Centre Campaign Milestone announcement as well as celebrate and recognize a gift from Dr. Stu Clark to the I.H. Asper School of Business. This will be a significant announcement that will affect the entire university and campaign you will not want to miss.