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President's Message

On October 15th, Merne and I returned after a few days in the lovely little city of Savannah, GA. It was founded in 1733 by one Captain James Oglethorpe at the behest of King George III. Like many early east coast cities, it was located about 15 miles (24 Km) from the Atlantic to discourage seagoing raiders, and just south of the existing colony of South Carolina. Plantation owners there, petitioned the king to establish his 13th colony of Georgia, as a buffer between their holdings and Spanish pirates based in Florida. Oglethorpe must have been struck by the resemblance of the swamp grass flats, dotted by live oak trees, to the plains of east Africa known as the savannah. It is a more pleasant name than "Swamp".

The weather was hot and humid even in mid-October. As evidence, I post photos of Merne's hair in Savannah and Saskatoon (my locks didn't change much):



Savannah



Saskatoon

I could hire her out as a hygrometer!

The southeastern United States is known as the "stroke belt". I finished my training there and spent a sabbatical year in Charleston, SC. On every occasion, we were impressed by the large number of very large people. As diabetes and hypertension are both root causes of stroke and related to obesity, it's difficult to escape the connection. I suspect that climate has a lot to do with this. Average sized humans, exercising minimally, need about 2,000 calories per day to maintain body weight. Walking burns about 100 calories per mile (1.6 Km). So, if you walk 10,000 steps per day, you log about 5 miles and burn an extra 500 calories. Of course, it's very easy to erase that deficit by eating more calories. Traditional meals in the South emphasize fat. Barbecued ribs, brisket, hush puppies,

and gumbo are good examples. We even found a store that sold deep fried peanuts! If you eat 500 more calories per day than you burn, you will gain one pound each week. Moreover, the hot, humid climate discourages activity. Even veteran walkers like us were hard pressed to accumulate 10,000 steps per day. Also, we saw very few people biking and only a few early morning runners. Finally, we found the public transportation system, while adequate, did not lend itself to tourists. Our hotel concierge was dumfounded when we asked for directions to tourist destinations by bus.

All in all, Savannah is a wonderful place to visit, but I would not recommend living there. Our cool, dry climate is likely much healthier, if somewhat less comfortable.

In closing, on behalf of the Board, I wish all members a happy and healthy Holiday Season. We look forward to 2019.

Thomas W. Wilson

University President's Holiday Reception

President Peter Stoicheff invites members of the USRA to a Holiday Reception on **Thursday, November 29, 2018**, at the President's Residence, 101 President's Place. The President's office staff will be available to greet guests beginning at 2:00 pm, and the reception will end at 4:00 pm.

Please RSVP to Jen, preferably by email at jennifer.adams@usask.ca, or call 306-966-6613. Please note that regrettably they will be unable to accept RSVP's beyond Thursday, November 22. Please advise of any food allergies or restrictions.

Parking is available along the south side of President's Place roadway. Additional

parking is available on residential streets south of College Drive, or pay parking is available in Health Sciences Parkade on Clinic Place.

Duff Spafford Honoured at Alumni Book Collection Opening

By Merry Beazely & Judith Rice Henderson

A reception on September 21, 2018 in the Murray Library's first floor Link Gallery opened public access to the ***Duff Spafford Alumni Book Collection***, formerly displayed in locked bookcases in the Retirees Lounge, MacKinnon Building. Professor Emeritus Michael Hayden encouraged the USRA Board to arrange the Collection's move to Murray Library. Now, in keeping with the vision of its founder, the books can be read in the Library. Students passing through the reception in the Link can see some of them on open shelves outside the Dean's Office (first floor). Others can be read in Archives and Special Collections (third floor).



L to R Murray Spafford (Duff's Grandson), Peter Ricci (Son-in-Law), Mrs. Peter Spafford (Daughter-in-Law), Sarah Spafford-Ricci (Daughter) and Shirley (Duff's Wife).
Photo credit: David Bindle

One of the speakers at the reception honouring the late Professor Spafford (1936-2014) was Professor Emeritus Bob Calder. Spafford had enlisted him, with

Cheryl Avery and Melana Soroka, to serve on a committee to expand and make available Spafford's own collection of books by U of S alumni. Calder observed that the collection now "has been relocated to where it always should have been, the Murray Library, where those who read and study, can be made aware that U of S graduates have contributed richly to the literary history of Canada. It should in particular remind students that authorship and publication – some of it award-winning – is within their reach. Duff, I think, would be especially pleased by this, and also that many of the Collection's books are written by alumni who are also retirees of the University." He noted that Professor Emeritus David Carpenter, having become an alumnus by receiving an Honorary D.Litt. from the University last spring, has now donated many of his excellent publications to the collection.

The reception's host, Dean of the University Library Melissa Just, indicated her delight that the Collection has found a permanent home and warmly welcomed the Spafford family and friends. She added that she is "also proud that the Library will ensure that Duff's collection and legacy will grow as we continue to identify new works and authors to add to the collection."

Among other speakers was Spafford's daughter, Sarah Spafford-Ricci, who introduced Duff's immediate family, all proud U of S alumni. Recalling her father's "generous spirit . . . belief in lifelong learning . . . amazing judgement and . . . natural desire to investigate and learn about almost everything," she explained, "The idea for this collection came not just from his admiration at the writing of books by U of S attendees, but his interest in their personal stories and what this said about

the transformative effects of a good education."

USRA Members Honoured by the U of S Alumni Association

On September 20, the Alumni Association recognized extraordinary alumni for their contributions to the community, their professions, and the university with the 2018 Alumni Achievement Awards. Two of the recipients are long-time members of the USRA and we extend our sincere congratulations to them, with thanks and acknowledgements to the Green and White, U of S Alumni magazine Fall 2018 for sharing these commentaries and photos.

David Christensen, BSA'58



David is internationally recognized for his research in dairy nutrition and feed development. His research has involved cattle mineral nutrition, forage and other feed evaluation. David has also demonstrated strong support for and interest in international development, working in Uganda in the early 1970s to develop a graduate program, teach undergraduates, establish an analytical nutrition laboratory and advise on government dairy policy. He received the Order of Canada in 2002 and was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2011. As professor emeritus, he continues to teach, supervise and consult

for several companies and organizations. He and his wife recently established the Christensen Family Award Fund for Animal Science. For more information on David, please see

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ag4SxU5NeNw>. *Photo credit: Leslie-Ann Schlosser.*

Patricia Lawson, BA'50, BEd'53



Pat Lawson was the most distinguished female athlete in Canada during the 1950s with an unmatched athletic legacy. As a student-athlete, she represented the university on 13 teams over four years including basketball, swimming, tennis, and track and field. Pat was a member of the Canadian women's basketball team at the 1959 Pan American Games, a seven-time member of the Saskatchewan amateur golf team, and claimed Canadian titles in basketball, speed skating and golf. It's a good thing there is no limit to the number of Halls of Fame one can be in, because Pat would've exceeded that number a long time ago. She earned her inductions in the University of Saskatchewan Athletic Wall of Fame, the Saskatoon Sports Hall of Fame and the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame to name a few. For more information on Pat, please see

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g89iFQUei3A>. *Photo credit: Studio 10 Productions.*

2018 AGM

This was held on October 1, 2018. Seventeen members attended. The highlights are:

- We are in excellent shape financially, primarily due to the funds brought from USNARA when the merger occurred.
- Bryan Harvey has assumed the presidency of CURAC, due to the resignation of the previous president.
- Lunch speakers have been arranged several months in advance, allowing members who do not use e-mail to find out about them via the newsletter.
- We now have a permanent contact in the Vice-President University Relations office. This will further our efforts to pursue some initiatives with the University.
- The slate proposed at the meeting (see the August newsletter) was elected by acclamation.

Minutes and reports are available on the USRA website (<https://usra.usask.ca>) under About USRA/Annual General Meetings.

USRA Annual Awards

Our annual awards banquet, which immediately followed the AGM, saw the presentation of seven awards.

Honorary Life

Michael Hayden

Michael received his B.A. and M.A. from John Carroll University. After study at Loyola University and the Sorbonne he received his Ph.D. in 1963. He taught at the University of Detroit (1961-1966) and the U of S (1966-2001), specializing in early modern French, social and religious history. From 1988 to 1992 he and Ron Marken pioneered the teaching of live interactive

university courses via television throughout Saskatchewan. At various times he was chair of the History Department, the Arts



Michael Hayden and Tom Wilson

and Science and Council Budget Committees and Treasurer of the Faculty Association. He received the Master Teacher Award in 2000 and the Faculty Association Academic Freedom Award in 2005. Hayden held Canada Council and SSHRC grants throughout his career. He published many articles and nine books, three of which appeared after his retirement. Two of these three were nominated for Saskatchewan Book Awards and one received the Shea Prize from the American Catholic Historical Association. He served on the boards of Friendship Inn and Interval House and was a founding member of the Saskatoon Food Bank. He was a member of the Executive of the USRA for nine years, working to increase membership and develop better relations with university administrators.

Continuing Contribution

Ian C. Nelson

(Collection, Library)

Librarian Emeritus Ian C. Nelson, former Head of Collection and Assistant Director of Collections and Budget, also became active in theatre as a bilingual actor, director,

dramaturg, playwright, and adjudicator long before his 1998 University retirement. The 1996 recipient of the Janet Laine-Green Lifetime Achievement Award, he was the 2014 inductee into the Theatre Saskatchewan Hall of Fame for contributions to the development of English and French theatre in Saskatchewan. In 2014 Ian received the SATAward for playwriting for his French play *La Chambre blanche*. Ian served active terms on the



Judith Henderson and Ian Nelson

boards of Saskatoon Gateway Players, La Troupe du Jour (he founded the professional company's precursor, Unithéâtre, on campus), D.D.F./Theatre Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Council of Cultural Organisations, the Cultural Advisory Committee and the Saskatchewan Playwrights Centre. Ian has also served on juries for the Saskatchewan Arts Board. He adjudicates spoken word and musical theatre for the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association (SMFA's "Art of Adjudicating" DVD). In addition to acting and directing at La Troupe du Jour, Ian has been animateur of Le Cercle des écrivains since 2001. He is well-known in the Fransaskois community for his playwriting and publications of flash-fiction micronouvelles. He is a member of the founding board of the online journal *À ciel ouvert*. A Fringe volunteer from its

beginning, he is their semi-official website reviewer.

Rose Olfert

(Agricultural & Resource Economics, College of Agriculture & Bioresources; Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy) Rose's research and teaching interests are in regional economics, rural development and the role of public policy. Although most of her rural development work focuses on North America she has also worked with



Bryan Harvey and Rose Olfert

other international collaborators in Australia, Chile, Peru and the Netherlands. Her research and publications focus on the spatial location and re-location of economic activity, including their determinants and impacts. She has published on off-farm employment, occupational segregation, urbanization trends and rural community evolution, cities as engines of growth, location choices of professionals, State Trading Enterprise impacts on International trade, co-ops and credit unions, the changing role of distance, migration patterns, equalization payments and commuting patterns and their determinants. Her most recent research was focused on the distinction between people-based and place-based public policy and the conditions under which place-based

policy may be appropriate. Within the province she is perhaps best known for her work with co-author Jack Stabler on the continuing evolution of Saskatchewan rural and urban communities.

Prime of Life Achievement

Bob Calder

(English, College of Arts & Science) Professor Emeritus Bob Calder, B.A., M.A. (Sask) Ph.D. (Leeds), and Distinguished Researcher (Sask 2005) has been Head of English and of Music and Associate Dean, Arts and Science, and served the provincial writing community as President of the Sage Hill Writing Experience and of the Saskatchewan Writers' Guild. He won a Governor General's award for the second book of his two books on W. Somerset Maugham, *Willie: The Life* (1989). His recognition by SWG, besides manuscript awards, includes (2004) 2 award



Judith Henderson and Bob Calder

nominations for *A Richer Dust: Family, Memory, and the Second World War* and 2 awards for *Beware the British Serpent: The Role of British Propaganda in the U.S., 1929-1945*. His commissioned history of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, *Rider Pride* (1984), and history of a Spaniard enslaved by the Maya who aided their struggle

against the Conquistadores, A Hero for the Americas: The Legend of Gonzalo Guerrero (2018), show his diverse interests. In 2010 and 2011 he helped to found Saskatoon's Word on the Street Festival, to create the Kloppenburg Award for Literary Excellence, and to establish our University's Master of Fine Arts in Writing program. He was recognized as an Alumnus of Influence in 2009 and invested into the Saskatchewan Order of Merit in May 2018.

J. R. (Jim) Miller

(History, College of Arts & Science)
Jim received a B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. (History) from the University of Toronto. Formerly the Canada Research Chair in Native-Newcomer Relations, he is now Professor Emeritus of History. A specialist in historical and contemporary issues related



Jim Miller and Ken Smith

to Aboriginal peoples, his research and publications have focused on policy issues. Major works include a survey of Native-newcomer history, Skyscrapers Hide the Heavens; Shingwauk's Vision: A History of Native Residential Schools; Compact, Contract, Covenant: A History of Aboriginal Treaty-Making; and, most recently, a study of the emergence of a reconciliation movement: Residential Schools and Reconciliation: Canada Confronts Its

History. His scholarly work has been recognized in numerous ways: Distinguished Researcher Award of the University of Saskatchewan (1997), Fellowship in the Royal Society of Canada (1998), the Gold Medal for Achievement Research of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (2010), Saskatchewan Order of Merit (2013), the Killam Prize for the Humanities awarded by The Canada Council (2014), and selection as an Officer of the Order of Canada (2014). Miller lives in Saskatoon with his wife and colleague, Dr. Lesley Biggs.

Vernon J. Racz

(Saskatchewan Feed Testing Laboratory; Prairie Feed Resource Centre, College of Agriculture & Bioresources)
Vern began his career as a Livestock Specialist with the provincial extension service. He moved to the University where he served as a Nutritionist, Director of the Saskatchewan Feed Testing Laboratory and Executive Director of the Prairie Feed Resource Centre. After retiring as Executive Director (PFRC), he continued, part time as a Research Scientist until Dec 2014 helping to restructure the PFRC into the Feeds Innovation Institute. Vern's major



Bryan Harvey and Vernon Racz

contributions are in the development of feed products from Saskatchewan feed

grains and by-products including by-products of biofuel production. This has created markets for our products and the feeding systems to utilize them nationally and internationally, contributing millions of dollars to the economy. Vern has written numerous publications on feedstuff utilization and delivered numerous lectures around the world. He is a forensic agrologist and farms near Foam Lake. Vern served in an advisory capacity to Feed Commodity Groups and companies in Southeast Asia, the Middle East, Europe and North and South America. Vern has been acknowledged for his work by many producer groups and in April 2018 was inducted into the Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Henry Woolf

(Drama, College of Arts & Science)

Dr. Henry Woolf has been an actor, director, teacher and a writer, for over 60 years. He



Henry Woolf and Moira Day

has worked with top chaps like Orson Welles, Laurence Olivier, Peter O'Toole, Harold Pinter and many more. In 1957, he persuaded Harold Pinter to write his first play, "The Room" and directed and acted in it himself. However, it has to be said that teaching drama at the University of Saskatchewan for fourteen years was easily

the most enjoyable phase of his career. "The students kept me young", he has always said. In 1994 he received the Master Teacher Award in recognition of his excellence in that area. He retired as Head of the Drama Department in 1997. In 1990, Henry took over as Artistic Director of the Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Festival, another favourite job, leaving in the year 2000. "The great thing about acting", he says, "is that you never have to retire until they start throwing eggs". The eggs have not yet been projected at his stage. Henry is Professor Emeritus of Drama and received an honorary Doctor of Laws Degree in 2001; he was inducted into the Saskatchewan Order of Merit in 2015.

Saskatoon Seniors for Continued Learning and Other Non-Credit Courses

The College of Arts and Science is offering three programs of non-credit courses for Winter 2019 (January – March) that seniors can access without University admission: courses and weekend immersions in languages for adults (16+); workshops and classes in fine arts for adults (16+); and eight Saskatoon Seniors for Continued Learning (SSCL) lecture courses (age 55+).

The SSCL course topics have just been announced, and the brief, online only, registration period on Amilia (accessed through sscl.usask.ca) for this popular seniors program runs November 26, 12:05 pm, to December 4, 5 pm. Registration assistance will be available at the Frances Morrison Library computer lab, 311-23rd St. E., on November 26 from 11 am – 2 pm. Seniors not yet members of SSCL must join (\$5 annual membership fee) before registering. Prompt payment of the \$55

course fee is required to complete registration. For the latest on all three A&S programs, see:

<https://artsandscience.usask.ca//noncredit/>

Program Manager Art Battiste (Battiste@sasktel.net) is also interested in hearing proposals of SSCL course topics from retired University instructors who would like to teach in the upcoming Spring 2019 term (mid-March to early May). He will begin recruiting instructors in late November, hoping to staff at least eight Spring courses by mid-January. A simple Instructor Proposal template calls for “name/creds, a 200-word synopsis of the proposed course, and a brief statement of methodology/pedagogy...simple,” he says. The honorarium for teaching a 2-hour class each week for eight weeks is “\$1200 paid for each course, at the end of the term.”

Registration has already begun for Arts and Science’s Conversational Language Program classes for adults and may be possible up to the second class in each course. They are offered in the late afternoon, evening, or on the weekend from January 14 to March 30 (no classes on the February 18 holiday). The languages taught are Cree, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, and Spanish, many at a variety of skill levels. The tuition fee charged includes a manual in some classes. Immersion weekends in Spanish (February 1-3) and French (February 15-17) are also available.

Only a few seats are left in the November and December 2018 weekend workshops for adults offered through the Community Arts Program. They include aspects of working with glass, felting, etching, and photo editing. But registration will also be open soon for the Winter 2019 ten-week studio art classes that run January 14 to

March 25. Grandparents, take a peek also at the Saturday classes for kids 6-15.

Saskatoon Seniors Continued Learning classes are beginning weekday mornings or afternoons in the Arts Building Room 217 in early January 2019. There are no classes on Monday, February 18, Family Day. They require no prerequisites, textbooks, homework, or exams. The topics for the coming SSCL term are:

- Course 1 (European History) — **The Third Reich: Of Storm and Seduction**, by Dr. Clay Burlingham, Sessional Instructor in History, Mon. Jan. 7 – Mar. 4, 9:30-11:30, Arts 217
- Course 2 (Religious Studies) – **Biblical Wisdom Literature**, by Mr. Carmen Bellamy, B.A. S.T.M., Mon. Jan. 7 – Mar. 4, 1:30-3:30, Arts 217
- Course 3 (Social and Cultural History) — **Germany After the First World War: A Country Divided**, by Dr. Sylvi Johansen, Sessional Instructor in History, Tues. Jan. 8 – Feb. 26, 9:30 – 11:30, Arts 217
- Course 4 (Art History) — **Art and the Public: The Social Construction of Art**, by Mr. Marcus Miller, Director, Gordon Snelgrove Gallery, and Instructor, Fine Arts, Tues. Jan. 8-Feb. 26, 1:30-3:30, Arts 217
- Course 5 (History of Medicine) – **Unpacking the History of Western Medicine, Health, and Culture, Ms. Karissa Patton**, B.A., M.A. (Lethbridge), Doctoral Candidate (U of S), Wed. Jan. 9 – Feb. 27, 9:30 – 11:30, Arts 217
- Course 6 (Political Economy) — **The Economics and Ethics of Government Taxation and Public Debt**, by Mr. Alfons Boving, J.D., M.A., Sessional Instructor in Economics, Wed. Jan. 16 (note start date) - Mar. 6, 1:30 - 3:30, Arts 217

- Course 7 (Medical History) – **Medical Ethics in the Past and Present: From Human Experimentation to Clinical Trials**, by Dr. Fedir Razumenko, MA (Kiev), MA (Groningen and Udine), PhD (Sask), Thurs. Jan. 10 – Feb. 28, 1:30 – 3:30, Arts 217
- Course 8 (Literature) — **The History of the Mystery**, by Mr. Brian Cotts, B.A., M.A., Sessional Instructor in English, Fri. Jan. 11 – Mar. 1, 1:30 – 3:30, Arts 217

Access to University Services for Retired Faculty and Staff

The USRA Executive, led by the Engagement Committee, has been working to clarify the rights of retired employees to University services, especially ICT and Library services. This effort continues, but one of our Board members, Rick Bunt, has obtained the following current list of services that University policy establishes for all staff and faculty retirees. Professor Emeritus Bunt formerly served as Head of Computer Science, Associate Dean of Arts and Science, and Chief Information Officer and Associate Vice-President of Information and Communications Technology.

All Retirees (staff and faculty) are entitled to

- Email
- On-campus Wireless (and Eduroam access when roaming)
- PAWS:
 - Public channels such as Connection Point, Facilities request, etc.
 - Employee tab as past employee

- My Employee channel as past employee
- Email and Calendar (Exchange role)
- Library access and privileges as follows:
 - 150 item limit
 - Extended loan
 - 10 item hold limit
 - \$30.00 fine limit
 - Free access to ILL (Interlibrary Loan)
 - Access to U of S Library online materials from a Library computer. No remote access to online resources.
 - Learning Commons computers
 - Pay for print available at logon public computers
 - Access to public MicroScanner at the Murray Library

Emeritus faculty have the same privileges as “all retirees” along with some additional privileges, namely:

- File storage
- VPN (Virtual Private Network)
- Wiki
- Full access to U of S Library online materials (NSID and password authentication required)

With respect to Library services, while the licensing agreements for online sources generally apply only to current students, faculty, and staff, the *Emeriti* are counted

among current academic employees. They may continue to volunteer their expertise to the University, especially for research projects and graduate student supervision. The title of Professor, Librarian, or Archivist Emeritus (or Emerita for females, in English at least) is an honour bestowed by the University to a senior academic, following an application usually made before retirement. For the criteria and process see:

http://www.usask.ca/vpfaculty/appointments/Emeriti%20Professor_Librarian.php

Donna Canevari de Paredes, Head of the Murray Library, and her colleagues have responded generously and efficiently to the USRA Executive's description of difficulties that retirees can face when using the Library. The librarians immediately provided to USRA "a direct feed from Human Resources" on University rules that exclude retirees other than Emeriti from remote IT access to Library resources: "Due to licensing agreements, the University Library is not able to provide your patron type with off-campus access to most subscribed electronic databases and resources. Many electronic resources are accessible in the library for all walk-in patrons. If you are on campus, come visit us at one of our seven branches and access these resources on one of the library computers."

Donna has explained that "all retirees have Interlibrary Loan privileges. Additionally, Emeriti also have the same reciprocal borrowing privileges within the COPPUL group of Western Canada university libraries as employed faculty." According to the COPPUL website (<https://coppul.ca/>), this Consortium of Prairie and Pacific University Libraries "comprises 22 university libraries located in Manitoba,

Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, plus 17 affiliate members that participate in e-resource licensing only." See COPPUL website for additional information.

Donna later wrote of the Library's revisions to its University of Saskatchewan website, "specifically regarding use of our resources by Emeriti, we have also recently added information on off-campus services available. It was something we had previously provided, as asked, but now we are making sure that it is public and clear that Emeriti not living in Saskatoon can have materials mailed out."

The eagerness of the librarians to support retirees in their use of the University Library resources has been gratifying. See now on their website the detailed explanations and advice on library use and privileges for different groups of patrons in separate links:

For Retirees in general, as well as licensed health-care practitioners, practicing veterinarians, and professional engineers: <https://library.usask.ca/use-the-library/services/retirees.php#Borrowing>

For Emeriti: <https://library.usask.ca/use-the-library/services/emeriti.php#Borrowing>

For Alumni: <https://library.usask.ca/use-the-library/services/alumni.php#Borrowing>

The same "Use the Library" section has helpful information to enhance accessibility for the disabled.

Members No Longer with Us

Since publication of the August 2018 newsletter, USRA has learned of the deaths of the following seven members. The names of all but two, Ilse Guenther and Deanna Rose Turetski, were remembered

among nineteen USRA Ordinary and Associate Members who were honoured with a moment of silence at the October 1, 2018, AGM. We extend our sympathies to their families. Surviving spouses of deceased Life Members remain members of the Association.

- John Arnold **Bright**, November 14, 1940 - April 13, 2018, survived by his wife Rosemary
- Ilse **Guenther**, August 26, 1919 - October 9, 2018, predeceased by her husband Herbert
- Elizabeth (Betty) Jean **Klein**, August 10, 1932 - May 17, 2018, predeceased by her husband Howard
- Erika **McCallum**, d. April 28, 2016, age 91, predeceased in 1964 by her first husband Bob McConnell and in 1997 by her second husband, Professor Ken J. McCallum, former department head in Chemistry and dean of Graduate Studies
- Eleanor Isabelle (Spence) **Melsom**, February 12, 1924 – February 6, 2018, predeceased by her husband Donald in 1987
- Earle A. **Ripley**, June 29, 1933 – September 1, 2018, survived by his wife Jean
- Deanna Rose **Turetski**, September 27, 1944 - August 24, 2018

For notices in memoriam of former employees of the University, as well as current students, employees, and others honoured when the flag on the Thorvaldson Building is flown at half-mast, please see U of S In Memoriam (<http://www.usask.ca/secretariat/documents/flag-at-half-mast.php>), maintained by the University Secretary.

Dates of Future Events

Vice President Merry Beazely, with much appreciated assistance from President Tom and Board member Rick, has arranged the following events through May 2019.

If you and/or your partner are planning to attend any of these events, please be sure to book at least a week in advance of the event by email (ss.usra@usask.ca) or telephone voice mail (306-966-6618). Space is often limited, especially for luncheons at Manos on 8th Street. If you book and find that you cannot attend, please contact USRA to free your seat in case we are maintaining a waiting list.

We hope to see you at some of these events.

Monday, November 19, 2018 – Noon Luncheon at Manos on 8th St.

Ken Pontikes, Murray Scarf and Jim Blackburn, Proud NCI Alumni, will present: "A Hidden Gem: The Nutana Collegiate Memorial Art Gallery"

See the August newsletter for details.

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at Manos

Dr. Norman Zlotkin: "Indigenous People of Canada and the Colonial Legacy"

Attendees are asked to view the Youtube link to "Babakiueria", a 30 minute Australian film, prior to the presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUMpPgMGCe8>. Norman was previously Associate Dean Academic and Research Director of the Native Law Centre. He is currently serving as Sessional Lecturer in the College of Law, teaching Aboriginal Law and Policy in Canada.

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Dr. Ali Rajput: "Islam and Saskatchewan" (title may change)

Dr. Rajput is Professor Emeritus and Distinguished Professor of Neurology at the U of S. A member of USRA, Prime of Life awardee and Honorary Degree recipient, Ali is also a Mullah, well respected in our Muslim community.

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at Manos
Troy Harkot: "Adventures in Data World"

Troy is the U of S Director of Assessment and Analytics. The role of his unit is to safeguard and protect the university's data while providing flexibility to support the broad range of academic, research and administrative activities.

Monday, April 17, 2019 at Manos
Meet Dr. Melissa Just: "Turning the Page with the New Dean of the University Library"

Dr. Just joined the Library as Dean in February 2017 and is leading the University Library master planning project in order to continue enhancing the services available in the seven library branches at the U of S.

Monday, May 13, 2019 at Manos
Drs. Jane Richardson and Linda Suveges: "Genealogy Detectives"

Dr. Richardson retired from the Saskatoon Health Region as Coordinator of Clinical Pharmacy Services and Clinical Assistant Professor with the College of Pharmacy and Nutrition. Dr. Suveges is Professor Emeritus of Pharmacy. Jane and Linda have developed a keen interest and knowledge of the study of families and tracing lineages and history.

Remembrance Day

The USRA was represented at the University's 90th Remembrance Day service at the Memorial Gates. Our secretary, Jackie Huck, laid a wreath after the service.



In the past the service has been organized by the University chaplains, but this year it was organized by the President's Office.

Do You Know Anyone Who Deserves an Honorary Degree?

The Honorary Degrees Committee is always looking for candidates who may be deserving of an honorary degree from the University. If you know of anyone you feel is deserving, please forward their name to us so that we may investigate and possibly recommend them to the University.

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