Beyond the Books

STMSU President, Jenna Casey
The STMSU is the governing Student Body at STM College. Comprised of an executive council, as well as multiple Students at Large, the STMSU is dedicated to acting as a voice on behalf of the student population on both internal and external matters. To contact us, please email (exec@stmsu.ca), phone (306-966-8905) or stop by RM 102.
Beyond the Books

Perhaps you’ve just started at University, and you’re already missing the carefree socializing and extracurriculars of high school. Perhaps you’ve two years deep into university life and are just now exiting the haze of books and assignments and that overwhelming feeling that can sometimes come from being a student, and you’re ready to get back to your newly reintroduced some fun into your life. Or, perhaps, you’ve been here for almost 10 years, and you’ve forgotten what other people look like. You just need a break from non-stop studying, researching and deadlines. You want to try something new. At STM, we’ve got something for everyone!

ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE STUDENTS’ UNION (STMSU):
The ST. Thomas More College Students’ Union (STMSU) is here for you! They are the conduit between students and administration—let them know what’s on your mind.

All students who self-declare (through PAWS registration system) as STM students automatically become members of STMSU. STMSU strives to serve STM students through many political, social, cultural, and recreational activities in general, making College life fun!

The STMSU can help you through exam jitters and stress—physical and mental—by joining Newman Players. Putting on a variety of productions throughout the year, Newman Players is the place to be to be lit of ideas and costumes. Newman Players’ productions are well-received on campus and the community beyond if you are interested in getting on stage and being part of one of their productions, please keep your eyes peeled for information about upcoming auditions. If the stage isn’t for you, but you still love the rush and hustle of theatre life; there is a spot for you! Newman Players is always looking for people who are interested in directing, costume design, wardrobe alterations, lighting, sound, etc. If you have previous knowledge in any of these areas—or are interested in learning—please let them know! They would love to have you on board.

For additional information about Newman Players, please contact Artistic Director and Management Richard Medernach at richmederh@stmsu.ca or call 306.966.8900.

NEWMAN CENTRE:
The Catholic student club on campus seeking to fulfill the social and spiritual needs of its members through coffeehouses, retreats, eucharistic masses, suppers, dances, and other various events. Everyone is welcome, regardless of religious affiliation.

Are you interested in connecting with other people in this faith-based group? The relaxed environment of this club is great for those who want to socialize, reaffirm their faith, and for those who want to get to know other like-minded people on campus. Open to people of all religious backgrounds, Newman Centre is a welcoming place to be.

For more information, please contact Newman Centre at ncreception@stmsu.ca.

USUSA:
The University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Students Association (USUSA), with associations Canada-wide under the Canadian Ukrainian Students' Union umbrella, was first established on our campus in the '60s. The Association was founded in 2011. The student association now has a membership of 30+ U of S students.

If you are interested in submitting your work, purchasing advertising space, please contact inmediass@stmsu.ca.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:
A Catholic, fraternal organization, that encourages Catholic men—eighteen and older—to take part in charity, community service, and the protection of human dignity by joining the College council at STM. The council holds monthly meetings, arranges social events for members, and participates in community service initiatives.

If you’re a male Catholic student who’s interested in community service, charity, volunteer efforts and community, get in touch with The Knights of Columbus.

For more information, please contact Dean Schmidt at dschmidt@stmsu.ca.

For more information on STM clubs, check out their FB page: https://www.facebook.com/StudentsUofS/ or kristen.raney@gmail.com or 306.231.7284. It this year’s guest lecturer, spoke on “Catholicism and Communication: The Sinners’ Community, Synesthesia, and the Soul.” This was followed by the next day by a seminar on “A Catholic Theory of Communication.” Both events were well attended.

As the term draws to a close, we look forward to our students finishing their courses and exams with success. Then, it’s Christmas and New Year! The rhythm of academic life at STM continues!

Dean’s Message

As we near the end of the Fall 2017 term, a brief look back:

The anxiety we felt over the 2017-18 provincial budget cut has been pacified, somewhat, by the better-than-expected enrolment this year so far—not quite so much as to reverse all the cuts we imposed on ourselves, but perhaps enough to avoid running deficits.

We said good-bye to Darrel McLaughlin, our Associate Dean for Research. He completed his term and embark on an administrative leave for the next year. Four other people also retired in June after long service to the College: Pat Kelly, Cheryl Souloufre, Chris Foley, and Dorothy Abernethy. In Darrell’s place, Prof. Tammy Marche has been appoint- ed as Associate Dean.

We started the term with a great faculty-staff retreat at Queen’s House at the end of August with a daylong deliberation on Indigenous educational issues. As the University of Saskatchewan has made indigenization a central theme of its current strategic plan, we, as a Catholic College within the University, are bound to respond in similar fashion and rise to the challenge that the Truth and Reconciliation Commission made to us in its report. Indigenization is an important goal in our own Strategic Plan, and we have addressed the issues in several ways throughout this term, such as participating in Indigenous Voices Course.

The North Building Project is now complete and our College is free of construction noise for the first time in more than a year. The renovated and expanded library space looks beautiful, and the northern entrance presents a truly modern façade. We hope that the mock-up will bring in more people to STM to experience our hospitality.

Teaching and research at the College are progressing. As usual, I send condolences to those who have passed away. There are many nominations for teaching excellence awards. I congratulate all of those who won such awards in my report to the Corporation last month. This month also brought news of several nominations for teaching excellence awards both from STM students and the USU. Good luck to all the nominees.

The 29th Keenam Lecture was a grand success this year. On November 2nd, Dr. Eric McLuhan, Thomas More College Faculty Department Heads

St. Thomas More College Faculty Department Heads

ENGLISH
Sarah Poune

HISTORY
Sharon Wright

LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND HUMANITIES STUDIES
Philosophy
Manisarn Jenkins (Acting)

RELIGION & CULTURE
Mary Ann Beavis

ECONOMICS
Anna Kinma

POLITICAL STUDIES
David McGrane

PSYCHOLOGY
Sarah Knudsen

SOCIOLGY
Gerald Farthing

Jenkins (Acting)

Sarah Powrie

Sharon Wright

Maricarmen

Kathleen Foley

(Acting)

(Acting)

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Uncovering History
by Jacque Berg

It was a warm day in Southern Iraq, where Tina Greenfield was working on an archaeological project, when she received word that there was a posting for a faculty position in her specialty at St. Thomas More College (STM) at the University of Saskatchewan. Specializing in Near Eastern Archaeology, it is common for the network in this unique field to share potential opportunities. There are only two Canadian University programs in this area - Toronto and Saskatoon. So, after a whirlwind of interviews and decision-making, while her husband was conducting archaeological fieldwork in Israel at the same time, she decided to take the plunge and apply. To our benefit, she was offered the position.

After finishing her Iraq fieldwork and then doing an additional 5 weeks of fieldwork in Israel, Tina barely had time for a brief return to see her family (husband and children) in Winnipeg before beginning the teaching term at STM this Fall.

Dr. Greenfield is an archaeologist whose interests lie in the earliest empires of the ancient world. She received her PhD from the University of Cambridge in the UK with a specific interest in Near Eastern Archaeology. She has worked on archaeological sites in Canada, Serbia, Romania, Israel, Iraq, Kurdistan, southern Iraq, Turkey, and South Africa.

While working at STM, she remains a co-director of the Near Eastern and Biblical Archaeology Lab at the University of Manitoba, and is also a Visiting Research Scholar at the University of Cambridge.

During the past three years, Dr. Greenfield has taught archaeology as part of a US State Department program in Erbil and also with the British Museum projects in Iraq. She is currently part of three international archaeological teams working in Iraq (British Museum, Boston University and Munich University) which include new research-oriented excavations and documentation of cultural heritage damage.

Dr. Greenfield has never been to Saskatoon prior to her August drive from Winnipeg, so she was not quite sure what to expect. She has been impressed.

“I love it. The food, people and most especially, the enthusiastic students. I cannot believe the number of students interested in archaeology at this University!” She is also impressed with our wide array of offerings and facilities on campus, stating “The U of M Museum of Antiquities is a gem - close to that of Cambridge in the UK.”

“The atmosphere on campus has been collaborative and positive since my arrival,” Tina Greenfield says. She credits STM Professor Chris Foley (now retired) for his work in building this foundation. “There is a good relationship between Archaeology and St. Thomas More College with support to expand the department.”

Dr. Greenfield sees STM as a great fit for her area of study - melding the study of religion and archaeology.

“My dream is to have students travel with me to work on an archaeological excavation in Israel. It will help them understand the connection between the ancient and modern; to see that historically known sites from the bible have relevance to our modern lives.”

Tina recently shared exciting news about a mysterious city being uncovered in Iraqi Kurdistan by a team from the British Museum, including Dr. Greenfield. The city is thought to have been founded by Alexander the Great. This news has spread quickly across the world.

Welcome Tina! We are very pleased have you as part of the STM family.
In the summer of 2017, STM sent a cohort of 11 students to Panama as part of a new study abroad program. Students spent May learning about the history of the Spanish language in Latin America with Dr. Allison Smith, and in June travelled with Engaged Learning Coordinator Caitlin Ward and Program Assistant Cooper Muirhead to Santa Fé in the Veragua province of Panama. There, students stayed with host families in the community for two weeks, learning about the history and contemporary realities of cooperativism in Central America through STM’s partner institution, La Cooperativa La Esperanza de Los Campesinos, or, The Hope of the Peasant Farmers Cooperative.

The field study was timed so that students arrived in Santa Fé the day before the town’s annual celebration commemorating the disappearance of Father Jesús Hector Gallego Herrera, the Colombian priest who co-founded the cooperative in 1969 and was kidnapped by the government in 1971. Students spent their first few days in Santa Fé participating in community meetings about the past and future of this vibrant cooperative, as well as joining a caminata (memorial procession) in honour of Father Gallego.

With a solid grounding in the cooperative’s rich and sometimes difficult history, students then learned about the cooperative’s contemporary work. The cohort visited an organic finca (small farm holding), which operates under pre-industrial principles of mixed agriculture. Students work. The cohort visited an organic finca (small farm holding), which operates under pre-industrial principles of mixed agriculture. Students also met with cooperative members in more remote areas such as the Quebradas, and the Indigenous community of Guabal. In Santa Fé, they toured the cooperative’s holdings, including a coffee finca, the walk-in community of Las Quebradas, and the Indigenous community of Guabal. In Santa Fé, they toured the cooperative’s holdings, including a coffee finca, the walk-in community of Las Quebradas, and the Indigenous community of Guabal.

The field study culminated in a final celebration with the students, the families who hosted them, and the cooperative staff. With the field study’s first year a success, cooperative director Luis Rodriguez invited STM on the spot to bring a new cohort of students to Santa Fé in the summer of 2018.

For more information on STM Study Abroad programs, please contact: Caitlin Ward, Engaged Learning Coordinator  www.stmcollege.ca/csl

STM Faculty Research Excellence

STM Faculty continue to be very active in research and successful in obtaining funding for their research projects. Internal and external research funding makes it possible for the hiring of research assistants and Graduate Teaching-Research Fellows, which aid faculty in their research as well as mentoring students in their future academic careers.

STM Internal Research Grant recipients from April 2017:

STM SEED GRANTS
STM Seed grants support faculty in the development of research projects, those likely to result in publication without major funding access; assistance for travel to present papers at conferences.

Dr. Anna Klimina (Economics)

“Ideas of Economic Democracy in Russian pre-1929 socialist thought”

Dr. Sarah Knudson (Sociology)

“Urban Dating Scenes: How Indigenous communities bring tradition to support forming meaningful intimate relationships for people living with disabilities”

Dr. Pierre-François Noppen (Philosophy)

“Suffering and Negativity: Adorno on the Foundation of Normativity (Second Part)”

STM PUBLICATION GRANTS

The STM Publications Fund is designed to encourage and support scholarly and creative work at St. Thomas More College. The Research Committee (or “the Committee”) is responsible for the allocation of monies from the Publications Fund. Within the limits of available resources, the Committee considers requests to assist in the defraying of costs associated with the preparation and publishing of scholarly works.

Dr. Paulette Hunter (Psychology) (Recently accepted for publication in BMC Genomics)

“Did online publishers ‘get it right’? Using a naturalistic search strategy to review cognitive health promotion content on Internet webpages.”

Dr. Anna Klimina (Economics)

“Women’s Economics in Late Imperial Russia” & “Evolution of Soviet Economic Ideas and Reform Proposals through the Lens of Women Economists”

STM DISTINCTIVE AREAS RESEARCH AWARD (DARA) GRANTS
STM DARA supports faculty research that further develops the STM distinctive program areas. These program areas include: Catholic Studies, Social Justice and the Common Good, Ukrainian Studies, Philosophy, Jewish Christian Origins, CMRS, and Community Service Learning.

Dr. Tracy Carr and Dr. Brian Charters (Psychology)


Dr. Kylene-Anne Hingston (English)

“Reading Disability, Reading Culture: The Double Advantage of Using Disability Studies (DS) to Teach Introductory Literature”

Show your appreciation by nominating them for a St. Thomas More College Teaching Excellence Award

Nomination Forms are available in the STM Main Office Room 155
For more information email: jlp@stmcollege.ca

STM at a Glance

STM at a Glance (Fall 2017) stmcollege.ca

240 ARTS & SCIENCE COURSE OPTIONS (open to all U of S students)

79 FACULTY
(Tenure, tenure-stream, term, sessional)

5000 + STUDENTS
(approx. full and part-time)

205 Aboriginal students
(self-declared)

69 International students
(self-declared)

163 other provinces & territories students (self-declared)

$180,000 in STM Scholarships & Bursaries annually

10,000 STM Alumni
(approx. since 1936)

113,600 STMCOLLEGE.CA Website visits (Sept. 2016 - Nov. 2017)

1500 weekly DINERS

CHOICES @ STM
January 25, 2018  7:30 p.m. STM College

The Very Reverend Stanley John McKay received a 1997 National Aboriginal Achievement Award in the category of heritage and spirituality for his efforts in finding a balance that respects the best of Aboriginal and Christian teachings.

The evening began with a meal for 30 people (including Rev. McKay and his partner) and then a sit down in a circle for a dialogue led by Rev. McKay on covenant as reconciliation.

Representatives from St. Andrew’s College, the Treaty Commissioner’s Office, and the RC Diocesan Reconciliation Circle participated. The event was held at St. Mary’s Church, where the Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish meets.

http://saskatoondiocese.com/parish/our-lady-guadalupe-saskatoon

The Leslie & Irene Dubé CHAIR FOR CATHOLIC STUDIES
Lecture Series & Events

Stanley John McKay

Without the work of Stanley John McKay and many others, Canada’s Aboriginal peoples might never have heard the two simple words they had waited hundreds of years to hear from a Christian Church: we’re sorry. It happened in 1986 at the 31st General Council of the United Church of Canada, the country’s largest Protestant church. An apology to Aboriginal peoples was issued, thanks to the work of Reverend McKay and his partners on the National Native Council of the United Church. Six years later, Reverend McKay became Moderator, the highest spiritual position possible in the United Church hierarchy. The prefix “Very Reverend” has been part of his name ever since.

By becoming the first Aboriginal person to lead the United Church, serving from 1992-94, Reverend McKay had again made history. First ordained in 1971, this Cree from the Fisher River Reserve in Manitoba, has been at the forefront in joining Aboriginal spirituality with the teachings of Christ. He believes profoundly that the beliefs of the Carpenter’s son and those his people traditionally held, are not all together different.

President Donald Trump and Pope Francis are a study in contrasts. September’s lecture featured 4 STM faculty, each addressing either the Trump or Pope Francis phenomenon and their impact on the people of today. Donald Trump has continually shocked political observers and average citizens (called “the base”) in his bizarre declarations in policy proposals. Pope Francis has also surprised many observers with the forthright manner with which he has dealt with sensitive political subjects.

This evening explored the differing worldviews of Trump and Francis in an attempt to understand what each man is attempting to accomplish given the context of our current political and economic structures.

Guest Panel included: Dr. Mary Ann Beavis (Religion and Culture), Dr. Terrence Donnelly (President of STM), Dr. Chris Hrynkow (Religion and Culture), Dr. David McGrane (Political Studies).
The STM Distinguished Alumni Award is awarded annually to both a female and a male graduate of St. Thomas More College whose lifetime accomplishments and achievements have been outstanding, who have made a significant contribution to their community, and who have continued to celebrate their relationship with St. Thomas More College since their graduation.

The STMNA is pleased to announce year’s recipients, Eloise Opheim and Dr. Michael Duggan. Both are exemplars of individuals whose dedication and life work reflect the values and benefits of the education received through the high-quality learning experience offered at STM.

**Distinguished Alumni Award**

**Past recipients:**
- 1999 - Kenneth Schmitz & Margaret Dutli
- 1997 - Margaret Mahoney & Herman Rolfe
- 1995 - Grant & Vivian Maxwell
- 1996 - Ted & Danielle Fortosky
- 1997 - Margaret Mahoney & Herman Rolfe
- 1998 - Kevin & Dorothy Murphy
- 1999 - Kenneth Schmitz & Margaret Dutli
- 2000 - Not awarded
- 2001 - Dr. Tom Holloy and Mildred Kerr
- 2002 - Dr. Michael Krochak & Betty Farrell
- 2003 - Henry Kloppenburg & Kay Feehan
- 2004 - Joseph Bellefleur & Dr. Lois Brockman
- 2005 - Dr. Walter Podlucz & Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald
- 2006 - Peter Zakreski & Elaine Shein
- 2007 - Not awarded
- 2008 - Bill Zerebesky & Sr. Kay Macdonald, NDS
- 2009 - Dr. Douglas Schneider & MJ DeCoteau
- 2010 - Art Battiste & Barbara Benschard
- 2011 - Dr. Mary Jo Lelly & Justice Peter Dielschnieder
- 2012 - Archbishop Sylvain Lavare & Sr. Teresa Kambetz
- 2013 - Dr. W. (Earle) DeCoteau & Geralyn (Geri) Hall
- 2014 - Margaret Sanchez & Otto Lang
- 2015 - Sister Irene Poelzer & Dr. Jim Dosman
- 2016 - Madeleine Blais-Dahlem & Dennis Gruending
- 2017 - Eloise Opheim and Dr. Michael Duggan

**Nomination forms for the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Awards.**

Ensure STM graduates are recognized! Nominate an STM Alumna and/or Alumnus whose conviction and dedication continue to have a meaningful impact on our community!

Nomination forms for the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Awards can be found under the Alumni tab on the STM website at http://stmcollege.ca/alumni/distinguished-alumina.php or by contacting Karen Massett, Director of Development at kmasset@stmcollege.ca

Nominations must be received by August 30, 2018.

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**Henry Remai is GIVING BACK**

**by Karen Massett**

Through a generous pledge of $30,000, Henry Remai has established 2 new STM bursaries and also contributed to an endowed Chair at STM! Annual tuition and fees for Arts & Sciences students are currently more than $6,000. These new bursaries will provide vital funding for the educational journey of each deserving STM recipient.

The Henry Remai Aboriginal Student Bursary: An annual donation of $4,000 will provide one to four bursaries ranging from $1,000 to $4,000 to STM Indigenous students. Recognizing the value of providing support to first year students at STM, preference for this award will be given to continuing students who have participated as a mentor in programs for new Aboriginal students. Henry has also generously provided funding for the STM Endowed Basilian Chair in Indigenous Spirituality and Reconciliation. This Chair was established in 2016 by an initial endowment through the munificence of the Basilian Fathers who founded St. Thomas More College and left this generous legacy. Henry’s support will assist STM to encourage and foster awareness and appreciation of Indigenous spirituality and advance reconciliation.

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**The Henry Remai Emergency Student Bursary:** An annual donation of $2,000 will provide emergency funding for students who are in acute need of financial support and as a result are at imminent risk of withdrawal from university.

Henry Remai attended elementary and high school in Carrot River. He began his university studies in 1958 at the University of Saskatchewan receiving a B.A., and B.Ed., and then a Masters of Education from the University of Alberta.

Henry’s inspiring career devoted to teaching mathematics at Holy Cross High School spanned 26 years. During this time, for his dedication to students and significant contributions to mathematics education, he was recognized with two prestigious awards: The Prime Minister’s Award for Teaching Excellence in the area of Mathematics, and the Master Teaching Award from the Saskatchewan Mathematics Society.

Thank you, Henry. STM is extremely grateful for this generous gift and very proud to recognize this support from an accomplished educator whose countless contributions to students, our community and our province reflect the values that we hope to instill in the students who attend STM.

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**STM Distinguished Alumna 2017**

**Eloise Opheim**

by Karen Massett

Raised in Vancosy, Eloise married her high school sweetheart, Ken Opheim. After both their sons had graduated high school, Eloise decided to further her own education, and she arrived on campus at St. Thomas More College in 1991. Returning to school at the age of 41 presented many challenges, but she soon excelled at her studies. She has many fond memories of her time at STM and especially treasures the support and guidance she received from Father Ron Griffin and Dr. John Thompson.

“...in the beginning, I chose STM because it was a smaller college, a more intimate college and because of its support of social justice, caring for one another, and moral leadership.”

Following her graduation from STM, Eloise received a scholarship from McGill University to pursue a Masters of Management degree.

Eloise developed a strong conviction for educating parents on the prevention of drug use among teens while raising her sons. Her passion for this important cause remained steadfast while studying at STM; she established a new organization, the “Parents’ Resource Institute for Drug Education” - a national non-profit organization for the prevention of teen drug use, which became known as PRIDE CANADA, PRIDE CANADA became a resource for youth, parents, educators, physicians, counsellors and other concerned citizens, providing them with information on commonly abused drugs, and helping them organize parent-peer groups, parent-school teams, and community action groups.

Armed with a powerful message, an experienced board of directors, and honorary patrons such as Mr. Peter Mansbridge, Mr. Roy Romanow, and the Honorable Jean Chretien (to name a few), PRIDE CANADA soon flourished, and Executive Director Eloise (still a full-time student at STM) travelled the world for “Teen Drug Prevention” speaking engagements. Referring to wide-spread impact of PRIDE CANADA, Eloise remarks, “Over the next 20 years, parents from Halifox to Vancouver to Iqaluit and the NWT, from small towns and big cities, came by the thousands to our annual national ‘Youth and Drug’ conferences, and returned home to start a Parent Movement in their own community.”

For her passionate commitment to youth drug prevention, Eloise was appointed to the Order of Canada in 1991. Additionally, she has been honoured with the Saskatchewan Citizen of the Year Award, the YWCA’s Woman of the Year Award, Saskatchewan’s Order of Merit Award, and the Queen’s Jubilee Award and she was also featured in Flare Magazine as one of 10 Canadian women who have contributed to making the world a better place! More recently, Eloise co-founded the organization “Drug Free Kids Canada,” a registered charity whose goal is to inspire and support parents to ensure that all young people are able to live their lives free of alcohol or drug abuse.

Reflecting now on her life path, Eloise notes, “I am so grateful to be a graduate of St. Thomas More College, whose faculty helped to equip me with the intellectual and personal tools that I needed for achievement of my future goals, which was to mobilize a parent movement across Canada to prevent drug use among Canadian teens.”

One could say that her educational journey came full circle, when many years into her career she was invited back to the College to deliver the convocation address at an STM graduation event.

Eloise’s 25 years of dedicated commitment to the prevention of drug use among teens has profoundly impacted our local, national and international communities. The STMNA proudly recognizes Eloise Opheim as the 2017 St. Thomas More Distinguished Alumna.

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Of his time at STM and the inspiration for his donation Henry notes:

“I have very fond memories of the time I spent at St. Thomas More. The positive Catholic environment was very supporting for a kid from rural Sask. My most fervent wish is that students will avail themselves of the many resources offered at STM. The fellowship there can lead to life-long friendships.”

by Karen Massett
Dr. Michael Duggan is Professor of Religious Studies and the Catholic Women’s League Chair for Catholic Studies at St. Mary’s University in Calgary. He is a native of Calgary and alumnus of St. Thomas More College who has devoted his life to education in the tradition of Vatican II with particular concern for social justice and interfaith dialogue.

Dr. Duggan’s academic credentials include a B.A. with a major in Philosophy, magna cum laude from the University of Saskatchewan, a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology, magna cum laude, from the Pontifical Gregorian University, a Licentiate in Sacred Scripture, magna cum laude from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome and a PhD in biblical studies, with distinction, from the Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

St. Thomas More College provided a foundation for his education. He arrived here in the fall of 1966, less than a year after the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council. He had just graduated from St. Mary’s Boys High School, Calgary, which was located across the street from a synagogue. The Hebrew inscriptions on the building and gathering of the community for morning prayers there tweaked his desire to someday learn the language and understand Judaism.

STM introduced him to formal studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences and afforded him the opportunity to process his life experiences in dialogue with the likes of Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Augustine and Thomas Aquinas. Here he learned to think critically in a world that was awakening to the great movements on behalf of civil rights, feminism, justice, peace and liberation across the globe. STM prepared him to venture further into that world by moving to Rome, learning the various ancient and modern languages required for biblical studies, and in the process, becoming aware both of how little he understood and also of how rich was the heritage of humanism in the diverse cultures of East and West. Working in a brewery and in a federal prison at this time afforded him the opportunity to process his life experiences in dialogue with the likes of Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Augustine and Thomas Aquinas.

In successive decades, while teaching and studying full time, he engaged life on the margins by working with Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity in Washington, D.C., Mexico, Cuba and Haiti. He travelled to Sierra Leone to learn from social workers caring for widows in refugee camps and repatriating child soldiers to their villages in Sierra Leone. At home, he served on the board of Fresh Start, an addiction recovery centre in Calgary.

At St. Mary’s University, Dr. Michael Duggan has taught the full range of courses in religious studies including biblical exegesis, Christian theology and world religions. In the field of biblical research, Dr. Duggan specializes in early Judaism and Christian origins, with particular interests in the Jewish roots of Christianity and social justice in the bible. He continues to write and lecture widely on the Second Vatican Council, Catholic Social Teaching and interfaith dialogue in the wake of Nostra Aetate, now with a focus on Pope Francis.

Dr. Duggan is known for his commitment to interfaith collaboration both among the Abrahamic traditions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) and also dialogue between these and the great traditions of the East, particularly Hinduism and Buddhism. He partners with the Calgary chapter of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and is an active member of the newly formed Calgary Interfaith Council. He works closely with Rabbi Shaul Osadchey of the Beth Tzedec congregation to provide opportunities for Christians and Jews to study Scripture together. Dr. Duggan is an active member of five learned societies: The Catholic Biblical Association of America, the Society of Biblical Literature, the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, the Society for the Study of the Old Testament, and the Society for the Study of Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature. Currently, he is an associate editor of the Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Yearbook (De Gruyter, Berlin/Boston). From 2007 until 2017, he served as an associate editor of the Catholic Biblical Quarterly.

In the Lent term (January to March) of 2017, Dr. Duggan was elected as a Lady Margaret Beaumont visiting scholar at St. John’s College in the University of Cambridge where he furthered his research on Jewish studies of the Persian, Greek and Roman eras.

Dr. Michael Duggan is a superb scholar, an exceptional teacher and renowned social justice advocate. His record of outstanding contributions to Catholic higher education in this country will be well beyond, and his remarkably diverse contributions to the Catholic community and society are an inspiration; he is a worthy recipient indeed of the St. Thomas More College Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2017.
In a call to educators, Pope Francis speaks of the challenge of “humanizing” the next generation. (from an address to Italian school teachers and educators, May 16, 2014)

“Education,” he says, “cannot be neutral. It is either positive or negative; either it enriches or it impoverishes; either it enables a person to grow or it lessens, even corrupts…. The mission of [educators] is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. … And this occurs through a rich path made up of many ingredients. This is why there are so many subjects — because development is the result of different elements that act together and stimulate intelligence, knowledge, the emotions, the body, and so on.”

“If something is true, it is good and beautiful. If it is beautiful, it is good and true. If it is good, it is true and it is beautiful. And together, these elements enable us to grow and help us to love life…. True education enables us to love life and opens us to the fullness of life.”
AVA IN ITALY

Ava MacLean, in her fourth year as a Newman executive member, was invited to be the Canadian delegate at the International Movement of Catholic Students meeting in Italy at the end of August. This indeed is a great honour.

Ava travelled to the Canadian Catholic Students Association (CCSA) conference in PEI last October where she was elected to be the Western Canadian representative. In January she was elected to serve as CCSA President for 2017. This past summer, Ava was selected to go to Italy, representing our Canadian student movement, CCSA, and North America at Study Session on Immigration.

What a great example of how local and regional involvement can lead to national and international opportunities for students!

For more information on how to get involved with the Newman Centre Club, please contact Michael Maclean - mmaclean@stmcollege.ca

FALL RECRUITMENT

Fall is a very busy time for STM’s Recruitment Officer! For 2017, in addition to local and provincial travel to meet with students and counsellors sharing the offerings of STM, Linda Huard has also served as Chair of the provincial organization - Saskatchewan University and Technical Institute Liaisons (SUTIL) — the organization made up of Saskatchewan post-secondary institutions that facilitates Saskatchewan student recruitment travel. To ensure support during very busy times, STM students Jessica Froelich and Makenzie Corea are also serving as STM ambassadors, assisting in recruitment initiatives. Thank you!

FALL 2017 NUMBERS:

Total Recruitment Events attended - representing STM with display or presentation: 70+

Number of Schools (student contact): 196

Number of Students entering our draws > 1,250

GRAND OPENING OF STM’S NORTH BUILDING RENEWAL PROJECT

St. Thomas More College (STM), University of Saskatchewan, officially celebrated the completion of a new $5 million renewal and expansion to its current facilities September 15, 2017 in the new student lounge area. The North Building Renewal Project includes major additions and renewal to STM’s research library; increased facility energy efficiency; supporting environmental protection; an expansion of the cafeteria, along with additional student-centered space featuring a new lounge and student services hub; plus installation of a five-story elevator to ensure accessibility throughout the College to the public.

The Grand Opening programme special guests included Kevin Doherty, Minister of Advanced Education; University of Saskatchewan President, Peter Stoicheff; Peta Bonham-Smith, Dean, Arts and Science, University of Saskatchewan; STM President Terrence Downey; STM Board Chair Ashley Smith and Lyndon Linklater of the Office of the Treaty Commissioner. Many addressed the improvements to STM and their benefit to the University campus community as a whole – enhancing experiences for U of S students and faculty in their study, research and leisure.

Greetings were delivered on behalf of The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development stating, “This once-in-a-generation investment by the Government of Canada ensures students, professors and researchers will work in state-of-the-art facilities that advance the country’s best research. They will collaborate in specially designed spaces that support lifelong learning and skills training.”

This new development is on the opposite side of the STM campus from the major building addition that was completed in 2013. With this project, space is added to the current main floor of the STM Library, bringing all the collections to one floor and enabling expansion of the cafeteria. STM president, Dr. Terrence Downey, addressed the ability to better serve the students as key over the obvious improvements to aesthetics, “this new addition enhances access for undergraduate and graduate students to the unique collections in STM’s library while also providing additional research and study space.”

A 50-year-old air handling unit, cold winter drafts and lack of an elevator to serve all floors, posed mounting challenges for the College. CFO and Director of Administration, Derrin Raffey prioritized these issues in designing the renewal project. “We knew that to increase our energy efficiency and solve environmental challenges we needed to replace the aging air handling unit and construct a new north entrance foyer,” said Raffey. “Building an elevator to serve all floors of the College and provide access for all persons has also been a long-time goal which will be welcomed by all.”

The new student lounge and student services hub provide meaningful new student-centered space at STM. Student group offices and a new student center hub reception area for the College created space for student advisors that will be front and center at the College and allow for easier access to Student Services.
STM is profoundly grateful to receive a bequest from the estate of Mr. Wallace Bean. Wallace and Sophia, both long-time friends of the College, shared a deep commitment to the Catholic intellectual tradition of St. Thomas More College.

The bequest to St. Thomas More College from the estate of Wallace Bean is in recognition of and support for the ongoing Catholic Intellectual Tradition of St. Thomas More College. It is given with heartfelt gratitude to Fr. J. Hanrahan, CSSB, a past STM President, for his involvement with the Charismatic Movement in Saskatchewan and in particular for his friendship and support to Sophia Bean, the Leader of the People of the Love of God Prayer Group. The prayer group met weekly for over 37 years mostly in the basement of St. Paul’s Cathedral. Wally Bean was the quiet gatekeeper for Sophia answering numerous telephone calls and taking prayer requests from local people and folks across the country and elsewhere.

A Gift for the Future through a bequest in your will, a life insurance policy, or a gift of annuity or charitable remainder trust can help secure STM’s financial health for the future, and help mitigate taxes on your estate.

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What will your legacy? Have you considered that giving back to St. Thomas More College is a way to create a lasting legacy?

Reflect on your past
Renew your commitment
Create your legacy

By giving back to STM through a Planned Gift you are contributing to the long-term well-being of the College and the students who attend STM. You can designate your gift to support the project or programs most important to you.

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STM - MEETING PLACE AND HOME

The John and JoAnne Benesh family have fond memories and a strong affiliation to STM — it is where they met and where all six of their children have studied.

John and JoAnne Benesh and their family

Back row: Daniel - Presently in STM Arts/Gov; Science; Raphael - studied French and Native studies.

Middle row: Gabriel - Studied Music Education. He is a strong member in STM — it is where they met and where all six of their children have studied.

Seated front: Micah - STM Math 3rd yr.; Aiden-(Daniel’s son.) Grade 3, St. Matthew’s; Arielle - Just graduated from STM - MEETING PLACE AND HOME

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I encourage other Alumni to be in touch to share stories of how your time at STM impacted both your academic journey and your life journey. If you are interested, please contact the Development Office through kmasset@stmcollege.ca
A travelling exhibit created by the Canadian War Museum made its way to Saskatoon and the STM Art Gallery on the University of Saskatchewan campus. The display features photographs from the National Library and Archives of Canada as well as period artefacts from a private collection. On November 3, an opening reception was held, which featured a guest speaker from the Canadian War Museum, Dr. Peter MacLeod, Director of Research, who spoke about the origin and genesis of the exhibit. Dr. Bohdan Kordan delivered remarks on the impact of internment and remembrance. This was followed by a selection of short readings — first-person accounts of the internment experience — presented by students from the University of Saskatchewan Ukrainian Students Association.

Hosted by the Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage (PCUH) in cooperation with the STM Art Gallery, the exhibit is supported by a travel grant from the Canadian First World War Internment Recognition Fund. The exhibition will run from November 2, 2017 – January 15, 2018.
Verna completed a Bachelor of Arts and Science degree in 1963, followed by a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta in 1964. She went on to earn a Doctor of Philosophy in Home Economics Education from Iowa State University in 1973. Verna worked with the University of Saskatchewan, Youth and Adult Education Extension. In Alberta she taught at junior and senior high schools in Westlock, Pincher Creek and Lethbridge, at the college level she taught at Montana State University and University of Guelph.

STM Professor Emeritus - Tom Deutscher, BA, MA, PhD

Our beloved colleague, Dr. Tom Deutscher, who served 36 years at STM, passed away on June 7, 2017. He was loved and respected by faculty, staff and students. The STM family celebrated Tom’s life and service to the College and community with a memorial service at STM on October 10, 2017.

Except from 2014 Retirement Tribute: Professor Tom Deutscher joined the STM Department of History in 1977. While moving up the academic ranks from Sessional Lecturer to full professor, he continued to publish on the political economy of Russia and Eastern Europe, particularly the conflict in the former Soviet Union and the rise of nationalism in the former Yugoslavia and the Balkans.

Verna joined the staff at the University of Alberta in 1966 in the Clothing and Textiles division of the School of Household Economics, serving as head of the Division before transferring to the Department of Secondary Education in 1977. Over the course of her career, Verna remained actively engaged in her professional career organizations and St Charles College, and retired from the University as Professor Emerita in 1995 after 29 years of service.

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Giving back at Christmas: “Mankind is a great, an immense family... This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas.”

Pope John Paul XXIII

by Karen Massett

At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus. The Christmas spirit is the Christ spirit; it makes our hearts glow in love and friendship and inspires us to thoughtful acts of kindness.

Have you noticed that as you grow older your Christmas list gets shorter because the things you treasure cannot be bought? The dichotomy of the spirit of Christmas giving and the materialism of today’s society often creates a tug-of-war in our hearts. Giving back to the College, and the students who attend STM, is a great antidote to this conundrum!

As a Catholic college we are called to share in Christ’s service to the people of God. Living out the Catholic intellectual tradition as a Catholic liberal arts college is a gift to the Church. Our search for truth and knowledge is a gift of the Spirit which allows us to shed new light on contemporary questions. Thus, the work of our College is not an end in itself, but a means to find application for the good of humanity.

STM is now home to over 5,000 students. We remain committed to the Catholic intellectual tradition, our rich heritage of faith, social justice, and the pastoral care of students, all of which embolden us to engage the future. This Christmas we ask for your support to help ensure a bright future for St. Thomas More College. Why not let STM help you with your Christmas shopping? Let the kindness of giving back either personally, or in the name of someone on your list, provide you with an easy and meaningful solution to your Christmas list.

Whatever your connection to STM, please consider how the College has touched your life and helped shape the person you are today. By making a donation to one of STM’s Christmas causes, you can be confident that your generous gift, in the spirit of giving back, will help ensure that future generations of students may also be challenged and transformed by their STM experience.

Donate before December 31 to receive an official tax receipt for 2017.

This Christmas you can help by supporting the College through funding initiatives such as:

**BURSARIES AND SCHOLARSHIPS:**
Average Tuition costs and fees are now over $6,000 for Arts & Science students!
Each year STM offers much needed bursaries and scholarships. Give back by providing vital funding to our students!

- $1,000 - $5,000 - The St. Thomas More College Basilian Scholar Award
  This new award was created to honour the Congregation of St. Basil who founded STM and subsequently supported the College over 75 years. The goal of this award is to present five students with $1,000 each ($5,000 annually).

- $25,000 - $50,000 - Create an Endowed Scholarship in your name, or in honour of a loved one. You determine the award criteria. As long as the interest generated is used to fund the award ($1,000-$2,000 annually), the capital remains intact. An endowed award will create a legacy and provide financial support to future generations of STM students in perpetuity!

**STM BUILDING FUND:**
- $500 - $1,000,000 - North Building Renewal Project
The College has completed a 6,000 square foot renovation, featuring an expansive new student-centered space and renewal and expansion of the Shannon Library and the cafeteria. Additionally, the new north entrance provides a much-needed recognizable face to the College.
Give back to the renewed student experience at STM!

**STM ENDEDOWED CHAIRS:**
- $500 - $25,000 - The Basilian Chair in Indigenous Spirituality and Reconciliation
This Chair is the first in Canadian history at a Catholic institution. Give back to foster awareness and appreciation of Indigenous spirituality and to advance reconciliation! We continue to grow this endowment.

- $500 - $5,000 - The Les and Irene Dubé Chair in Catholic Studies
This Chair serves as intellectual leadership for STM and the broader Catholic community. Give back to support scholarship and research related to Catholic teaching and tradition! We continue to grow this endowment.

We hope you will consider a Christmas gift to STM this year; your donation can be directed toward any aspect of the College that is close to your heart. STM is thankful for all donations; any amount you contribute is greatly appreciated!

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