FOR THE COMMON GOOD
STM Political Studies major
Deena Kapacila
Deena Kapacila knew she wanted to delve into political studies while still in high school, growing up in Prince Albert.

The 22-year-old STM student will graduate this spring with her bachelor’s degree in Political Studies, after five years in university, one of them serving as Vice-President of Operations and Finance for the University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union.

Getting the chance to put into practice some of the lessons she learned while exploring the field of political studies has been very rewarding for her.

“I’ve always been really interested in politics,” Kapacila said. “Allowing me to get politically engaged through the USSU has been a really good opportunity. I learned so much. I would encourage other people – especially young women – to get involved!”

Kapacila credits professors in the St. Thomas More College (STM) political studies department with the support and encouragement that motivated her to pursue the field. She was deeply influenced in particular by the courses she has taken with both Dr. Bohdan Kordan and Dr. Charles Smith. Kapacila plans to continue her studies, first aiming for a master’s degree under the guidance of Dr. Charles Smith with a focus on the labour movement, and then on to law school.

She is the first woman in her family to attend university and is influenced by her blue-collar background.

“I want to do work on the side of unions, working for the little guy,” she said. “The law allows us to create incremental change and solidly change. Conventions can be great, but when you make something into law, especially when it involves protections for people – like making sure workers get home safe – it is more effective than anything else.”

By the time she completes her next two degrees, Kapacila will have been at U of S for almost a decade.

“I know all the good study spots at this point,” she said with a laugh.

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"The bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and yet notwithstanding, go out to meet it." – Thucydides

As a philosopher, professor Carl Still may very well have pondered the reality of this historian’s words as he agreed to a one-year appointment as interim president of St. Thomas More College (STM) at the University of Saskatchewan (USask). Still has a lengthy history with the college both as member of the faculty and senior administrator, so acceptance of this role bore no caveat as to the responsibility involved.

“We are so pleased that Dr. Still has agreed to step into this position while the Standing Committee continues in the search for STM’s next president,” said Bev Hanson, vice-chair of the STM Board of Governors and chair of the Standing Committee for the Appointment of the President. President Emeritus Terrence Downey oversaw the transition process before his retirement at the end of June.

Well-known and respected at STM and at USask, Still joined the philosophy department at STM in 1995 and later served as department head, followed by the role of dean of STM from 2006-2016. Still received his bachelor’s (honours) from the University of South Carolina and his master’s and PhD from the University of Toronto. He teaches and publishes on the history of western philosophy.

“My fall classes were scheduled and teaching plans were in place before this opportunity was presented,” said Still. “I instead find myself reacquainting with members of our senior administration and moving forward on identified plans for the year ahead.”

Still said the college is moving forward with a number of initiatives in the 2018/19 academic year.

“We’re continuing full speed ahead in pursuing the goals of our Strategic Plan: optimizing the student experience, advancing Indigenization within our college community, fostering a culture of discovery, and building a sustainable future. All of these aspirations arise out of our educational mission as a Catholic college and at the same time are well aligned with the strategic directions of the University of Saskatchewan.”

“I am both humbled and excited to have this opportunity to lead St. Thomas More College during this time of renewal and growth in the college’s more than 80-year history on campus.”

Dr. Still’s official installation took place November 3, 2018. See page 25 for more photos.
“Every generation is confronted with its challenges, and all we can do is stand up and be counted!”

By Paul Sinkewicz

FOR THE COMMON GOOD

New Political Studies Department

By Dr. Bohdan Korda, Dr. Charles Smith, Dr. David McGrane, and Ms. Zorbas and David York

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“The central question of politics is always about ethics,” Kordan said. “It’s always about, not just simply the political good, but the moral good. So you’re teaching both undergraduate and graduate students always with the view that the question about politics as the pursuit of moral good is first and foremost.”

Kordan believes the education students of political studies receive at STM equips them to think critically and act appropriately when the time comes to act as a check to a policy or a leader. He said if history shows him anything, it’s that there will always eventually be a clarion call to step up to make your voice heard.

“When you see injustice, call it an injustice. When you see a wrong, call it a wrong. And for those that suffer, make sure that their suffering does not go unnoticed.”

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STM at a Glance

- **FACULTY** (Tenure, tenure-stream, term, sessional): 250+
- **ARTS & SCIENCE COURSE OPTIONS** (open to all U of S students): 5200+
- **STUDENTS** (registered in courses through STM): 1000+ weekly served
- **CHOICES @ STM**
  - $185,000 in STM Scholarships & Bursaries annually
  - 10,000+ STM Alumni (approx. since 1936)
  - 5200+ STUDENTS (registered in courses through STM)
  - 18 AREAS OF STUDY
  - 250+ ARTS & SCIENCE COURSE OPTIONS (open to all U of S students)

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**2018 FALL CONVOCATION**

Thirty-seven STM students graduated at the University of Saskatchewan’s Fall Convocation on October 27 at TCU Place. Following the official ceremony, STM hosted a luncheon to recognize our graduates’ achievement.

In addition to celebrating the academic success of our newest graduates, STM also presented the Fr. Henry Carr Award to Jenna Wanner. The Fr. Henry Carr Award recognizes graduating students who have shown leadership and enriched the student community of St. Thomas More College. Ms. Wanner was an active participant in campus ministry programming as well as a member of the Newman Centre throughout her four years of study. Graduating with high honours in archaeology, Jenna is a great example of the value of formal academic achievement combined with the co-curricular learning that is fostered at STM.

As part of STM’s graduation luncheon, Interim President Dr. Carl Still addressed the graduates, family members, faculty, and staff in attendance.

“Take a moment today to think back to when you started university three, four – maybe more – years ago. How much have you changed since then? You’ve been transformed during that time by everything you have learned, the relationships you have formed, the experiences you have had. University really is a privileged place in which to learn and grow, and you’ve had the great privilege of receiving an education in the arts and sciences,” said Still.

Madeleine Blais-Dahlem also spoke at the event offering a formal welcome to the newest members of the STM Newman Alumni Association.

“If STM gave you what it gave me, over 5 decades ago, when I walked through those beautiful mosaic doors that are now on display in the new wing, you are prepared for what life has to offer.”

Dahlem further encouraged the graduates to be open to life’s journey, “you might find yourself excelling in surprising and unexpected domains, far from where you are now. Be ready for that. Go for it.”

This Fall convocation marks the end of an era as the University will move its graduation events to the newly constructed Merlis Belsher Place in June 2019.

**CONGRATULATIONS 2018 STM FALL GRADUATES!**

Cody Bugler; Eric Bumphrey; Halle Cocks; Moreira da Silva; Edna Dale; Julian Digal; Joannah Jessica; Celeste Eylepaise; Dallas Fiddler; Tony Golub; Joshua Gramlich; Logan Huey; Sylvia Istofo; Zachary Khan-Dobson; Dariin Kostur; Jesse Kraus; Blake Lins; Ali Mehdis; Jasmin Ogren; Mana Olenick; Nam Pham; Richard Rothenburger; Sandrianne Salazar; Susan Shacter; Beverly Singer; Edwin Smith; Kathleen Brianna Spenst; Larissa Tress; Britton Trotter; Jenna Wanner; Caitlin Zacharias; Dakota Zirk; Janelle Zwaarch

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**2018 St. Thomas More RED MASS**

The Red Mass was introduced in England in 1310, during the reign of Edward I. It is celebrated now, as it was then, to invoke the inspiration of the Holy Spirit on behalf of those involved in the administration of justice.

**NOVEMBER 19, 2018**

**GUEST SPEAKER Dr. Peter Stoicheff**

President, University of Saskatchewan

Each fall STM collaborates with members of the St. Thomas More Lawyers’ Guild, and the wider legal community, to celebrate Red Mass. The St. Thomas More Lawyers’ Guild of Saskatchewan was incorporated in June 2002 by a group of local Catholic lawyers. The Guild seeks to foreground integrity and the highest ethical standards in the practice of law, as well as the administration of justice, as exemplified by its namesake St. Thomas More.

This year the Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Very Reverend Bishop Mark Hagemoen. Following Mass, a banquet and program was held at Choices - STM’s cafeteria.

Each year members of the Lawyers’ Guild generously purchase tickets for students who are currently enrolled in the College of Law or considering enrollment. Students greatly appreciate this kind gesture. They enjoy the presentation and the opportunity to network with the legal community.

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**2018 St. Thomas More RED MASS**

**Mr. Chris Donald**

President, University of Saskatchewan

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**Photos: Paul Sinkewicz**
Reid Optimistic About Role
Faith Can Play
“Today, faith in the public square has undergone some really major shifts,” he said. “It’s easy to end up with a very pessimistic point of view when we look at the declining weekly church attendance … and the emergence of a post-modern, liberal perspective that characterizes the public administration, governance, domestic and foreign policy.

But Reid said the true nature of Canadian beliefs is that more than 50 per cent of people are either religiously committed, or privately faithful. At 22 per cent, the religiously committed are equally educated compared to the other segments of society polled, and tend to be socially conservative on moral issues, but much more liberal on social issues, like helping the poor. Reid challenged laypeople of faith to take a greater role in leading Canadian society back toward faith in the future, particularly on issues of life, marriage and family. “It’s important for Catholic conservative on moral issues, but much more liberal on social issues, like helping the poor. Reid challenged laypeople of faith to take a greater role in leading Canadian society back toward faith in the future, particularly on issues of life, marriage and family. “It’s important for Catholic

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“The big question is, what is the future of religion? Where is all this heading?”
The STM Distinguished Alumni awards are presented annually to both a female and 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.

The STM Alumni Association pleased to announce this year’s recipients, Rhonda Gough & Trevor Herriot. Both are exemplary individuals whose dedication and life-work reflect the values and benefits of the education received through the high-quality learning experience offered at STM. This award recognizes the truly outstanding achievements of these STM graduates whose endeavours have distinguished them in both their chosen profession, and community.

Distinguished Alumni Award
Past recipients:

1992 – J. Frank Roy & Mary Louis Long
1993 – Alphonse Gerwing & Marikay Falby
1994 – Bernard & Mae Daly
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 Bellerf & Dr. Lois Brockman
2005 – Dr. Walter Podlak & Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald
2006 – Peter Zakreski & Elaine Shein
2007 – Not awarded
2008 – Bill Zerebesky & Sr. Kay Macdonald, NDS
2009 – Dr. Douglas Schmeiser & MJ DeCoteau
2010 – Art Battiste & Barbara Berscheid
2011 – Dr. Mary Jo Leddy & Justice Peter Dielschneider
2012 – Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie & Sr. Teresita Kambeitz
2013 – Dr. W. (Earle) DeCoteau & Geralyn (Gen) Hall
2014 – Margaret Sanche & Otto Lang
2015 – Sister Irene Poelzer & Dr. Jim Dosman
2016 – Madeline Bliss-Dahlern & Dennis Guerending
2017 – Eloise Opheim and Dr. Michael Duggan

Nominations are now open for the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Awards.

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

Nomination forms for the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Awards can be found under the Alumni tab on the STM website or by contacting Karen Massett, Director of Development at kmassett@stmcollege.ca. Nominations must be received by April 30, 2019.

STM DISTINGUISHED ALUMNA 2018 Rhonda Gough

Rhonda Gough (nee Red) was born in Wakaw, and lived there until 1964, when she moved to Saskatoon. After graduating from Holy Cross High School, she enrolled at St. Thomas More College in 1971 and went on to earn her B.A. She subsequently earned a B.Ed. and M.Ed. in psychology.

Rhonda, along with husband Brent, raised four daughters (Rachel, Gillian, Hillary and Margot) while significantly contributing to the Saskatoon community and St. Thomas More College. Rhonda’s daughters share her values of being outstanding women who are well educated, engaged in service and justice for the community, and supportive of those less fortunate.

Like their mother, these women show strong social consciences and willingness to engage in action as they emulate her example. Margot is a research officer at the Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit; Hillary is the city councilor for Ward 2 for the City of Saskatoon; Gillian is a lawyer at Hnatyshyn Gough in Saskatoon and a lecturer in Law at the University of Saskatchewan and Rachel is a family physician at the Student Health Centre, at the University of Newfoundland.

Ms. Gough has held leadership roles with Saskatoon Family Services, as well as the United Way, the Canadian Cancer Society, Saskatchewan Communities for Children and Canadian Counseling Association. Her commitment to social issues has immeasurably strengthened the Saskatoon Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Deserving of the recognition as Distinguished Alumna for 2018, Rhonda Gough demonstrates in an exemplary way the values and actions for which STM stands – educating whole persons – both women and men - for service of others, Rhonda’s integration of roles of wife and mother, professional and leader, volunteer and friend, stand out, and has indeed made a difference.

STM DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS 2018 Trevor Herriot

Trevor Herriot has used the skills he developed while earning his undergraduate and honours degrees at STM to their best purpose, achieving success as a writer, naturalist, columnist, blogger, and radio commentator.

He is an activist and advocate for the preservation of nature and the honouring of those who have made our prairie home what it is today.

As an example, his first book, River in a Dry Land, laments modern society’s “severed union with nature” and recounts Cree and Metis legends spanning generations along with recent experiences of Russians, Finns, Jews, Scots and English who settled along the Qu’Appelle River valley.

Herriot has won numerous literary accolades and he is constantly in the public eye and has greatly influenced public conservation and preservation policy.

Trevor describes himself as a prairie naturalist, activist, and writer living on the northern edge of the Great Plains in Regina. His writing has appeared in the Globe & Mail and Canadian Geographic, as well as several anthologies. He has also written two radio documentaries for CBC Ideas and is a regular guest on CBC Radio Saskatchewan’s Blue Sky.

River in a Dry Land: A Prairie Passage, won the Dranie-Taylor Biography Prize, the Canadian Booksellers’ Association’s Libris Award for Best First-Time Author, the Saskatchewan Book of the Year Award and the Regina Book Awards, and was shortlisted for the Governor General’s Award for English-language non-fiction in 2000.

His second book, Grass, Sky, Song: Promises and Peril in the World of Grassland Birds, was shortlisted for the Governor General’s Award in the 2009.

The Road is How: A Prairie Pilgrimage through Nature, Desire, and Soul was nominated for three Saskatchewan Book Awards, and Grass, Sky, Song: Promises and Peril in the World of Grassland Birds was a Globe & Mail Top 100 book, listed by Quill and Quire on its 2009 list of 15 books that matter, and shortlisted for the Writer’s Trust Non-Fiction Prize, the Governor General’s Award for Non-fiction, and the William Saroyan International Prize for Writing (non-fiction).

Trevor and his wife, Karen, have four children. He posts regularly on his grassland blog, Grass Notes, at trevorherriot.blogspot.com.

Still a prolific advocate for our prairie landscape, Trevor’s sixth book, Islands of Grass, was published in late 2017. It has won two 2018 Saskatchewan Book Awards.

The citation from the judges in its University of Saskatchewan Non-Fiction Award, ecogniz Trevor’s skills social initiative. “Trevor Herriot and Bami- mir Gjergj’s collaborative work is not only a lyrical exploration of the beauty of the Saskatchewan grasslands, but also a ridiculously-meanhearted call to action.”
The Thomas More medal was established “to recognize and honour persons, groups of persons, and organizations who have combined personal qualities of care, integrity and faith with significant contributions to community and public life.” (STM Medical Criteria) This year’s recipients of the St. Thomas More Medal are shining examples of such faithful service. It is therefore my distinct pleasure to announce this year’s Medal recipients – Dr. Terry and Mrs. Margaret Downey.

Three words come to mind when we ponder Terry and Margaret’s many contributions, not only to St. Thomas More College, but also to the wider Catholic community and the broader landscape of Canadian Catholic higher education: 1) partners; 2) educators; 3) disciples.

Partners: Terry and Margaret, first and foremost, are partners. They are partners in life – as parents of 11 and grandparents of many, many more! – and partners in service. We have seen this, first hand, during their time in Saskatoon. While Terry served as our College president, we know that he was able to be effective in this role because of his partnership with Margaret, who offered steady encouragement and bountiful hospitality. While Terry focused his public service on the needs of the College, Margaret quickly involved herself in the needs of the wider community, serving at St. Anne’s Senior Citizen’s Village, the Irene and Les Dubé Centre for Mental Health, and Holy Spirit Parish.

Educators: Terry and Margaret have shared the vocation of teaching. They are both skilled educators in their fields – Margaret as a teacher of French and music and Terry in the discipline of Political Studies. In them, students have encountered educators who care for them as whole persons – mind, body and soul. In this, they have both embodied the Basilian charism we seek to live out here at STM.

Disciples: In the 10th chapter of Luke’s gospel, we hear that Jesus sent out the disciples, two by two, to care for the needs of the people. Now, disciples are interesting creatures. They nurture a close relationship with Jesus, they hear his call, and they are willing to be sent wherever they can best meet the needs of the people, whether this is Waterloo or Calgary or Saskatoon! Terry and Margaret are shining examples of discipleship. They were willing to uproot themselves and their family to follow God’s call to build up St. Mary’s University in Calgary. Then, when by rights they should have been enjoying retirement, they accepted the call to accompany our STM community for seven years, through a time of transition that absolutely needed they kind of shepherding that they were able to offer.

Terry and Margaret, we will be ever grateful for the witness you have offered the STM Community. You have embodied for us the importance of teamwork, the vision of Catholic education, and what it means to truly be followers of Christ.

ANTIQUE ON DISPLAY IN THE SHANNON LIBRARY

Building on the Old World theme of the newly renovated Shannon Library, Director Dr. Donna Brockmeyer is borrowing on permanent loan a series of antiquities from the Museum of Antiquities, University of Saskatchewan. Among the pieces, there is:

- Constantine the Great, a plaster replica of a marble and alabaster original held at the Louvre, Paris and dated to 350 AD. The upward-turned eyes with unnatural emphasis on the iris and pupil suggest a spiritual gaze, one not of this world. During the reign of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great (AD 306–337), the practice of Christianity and other religions became legal in the Roman Empire. Historians remain uncertain about Constantine’s reasons for favoring Christianity. There is no consensus if he adopted his mother Helena’s Christianity, or converted from a vision he reportedly had from God. However, Constantine’s decision to cease the persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire was a turning point for early Christianity, sometimes referred to as the Triumph of the Church. He is revered as a saint in some churches and as a Christian monarch in others.

- Two panels called the “Peasant” and “Mower” are replicas from the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. They were donated to the University by Friends of Dr. David Farmer, a Professor of History for St. Thomas More College, who passed away in 1994.

- A Grottesque, which is also a replica from the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris, which was donated to the University by Dale and Cathy Gunther. Cathy worked in the Museum of Antiquities for many years and taught Latin.

- A small statue of Charlemagne, c. 774–814, also known as Charles the Great. He was a medieval emperor who ruled much of Western Europe from 768 to 814. During his term as emperor, he sought to unite the Germanic peoples into one Kingdom and convert his subjects to Christianity.

- Six pieces of Lewis Chessmen, are replica pieces which date to 1150 – 1200 AD, discovered in Scotland. They were donated to the Museum of Antiquities by Sharon Wright and her mother Lyla Wright.

- Six coins from Rome, Athens, Antioch and other places, with varying dates some before the time of Christ, donated by Dr. Alan Reese.
STM JUST YOUTH

The YMCA of Saskatoon recently honoured a group of St. Thomas More College students for their work in community outreach. “YMCA Peace Week offers us the opportunity to explore peace and to try to make the world a better place in which to live,” said one student. The St. Thomas More Peace Week was named for its efforts to promote peace and build community. The students were recognized for their efforts to promote peace and build community, and were awarded the YMCA Peace Medal. "My story – there were current students there, as well as graduates from the 1950's! It was packed with fun and really great people. It is an interesting time to work in Catholic Higher Education. The Catholic Church is in a moment of being called to more transparency and more accountability. It will be interesting to see what that looks like. Pope Francis certainly has been speaking to peoples’ hearts, within and without the Catholic Church. Pope Francis certainly has been speaking to peoples’ hearts, within and without the Catholic Church. Pope Francis certainly has been speaking to peoples’ hearts, within and without the Catholic Church.

MORE News: What stands out as a highlight for you?

MM: Wow, too many to say just one. It was a real joy to celebrate Newman’s 90th with a Coffeehouse in 2016. That really encapsulated our community and our story – there were current students there, as well as graduates from the 1950's! And everything in between. It was packed with fun and really great people.

MORE News: Speaking of life-changing, tell us about the change over the years you’ve seen at STM?

MM: First off, the building has changed so much! The renovations have been really something to behold. But the changes over the years with students have a lot to do with time. When I started, many students were taking 5 full time classes, and that was it. Now, students take anywhere from 1-6 classes per term, some on-line, as well as full or part-time work. Some of our students are married and some are parents. There is a range of ages for university students today that wasn’t seen as much in 1998. And a lot of students we see in the STM chapel these days are international students from all over the world. I’m so happy that they find STM to be a welcoming place to call home while they are here.

MORE News: What’s your favourite thing about being part of STM Campus Ministry?

MM: Working with students. They have incredible energy. Working in Campus Ministry is like an eight month spring, and by the time May rolls around each year, it’s time for a well-deserved break. But it isn’t too long after that, that we all begin missing the students!

MORE News: What about the next 20 years look like?

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FALL RECRUITMENT
by Linda Huard

Fall is a very busy time as STM’s Recruitment Officer! With my third recruitment travel season well under-way, I am thankful that there is still so much to discover about Saskatchewan and the people who live here. The fall recruitment circuit takes me to Saskatchewan’s biggest cities, as well as small towns in rural commu-nities and each place has its own charm. Whether I’m an-tiquing outside of Davidson, visiting the trading post in La Ronge, buying a drink from the quaint coffee shop in Esterhazy, viewing art in Spiritwood’s Main Street Gallery, or popping in to Slobodian Pharmacy in Por-cupine Plain, I’m constantly discovering the treasures of our students’ home communities.

While these excursions are certainly a delightful ben-efit of my job, helping students discover possibilities and providing them guidance into the world of univer-sity remains the most exciting part of my work. Since the beginning of the school year, I have spoken with well over 1,000 high school students. Each comes to my booth or presentation with their own perception of university, varying ideas about what they’d like to do, and differing levels of curiosity, excitement, or trep-idation making each day on the road interesting and rewarding.

I may be the one introducing students to St. Thomas More College, but the stories I share are influenced by everyone who makes up our wonderful community. Thank you to everyone who supports my efforts to spread awareness about who we are, what we do, and why we do it.

NEWMAN PLAYERS https://stmcollege.ca/newmanplayers/

The Doctor in Wonderland by Don Zolidis, directed by Richard Medernach

March 14, 15, 16 at 7:00 pm - Fr. O’Donnell Auditorium.

Wonderland is no longer just in the mind of Alice. In Don Zolidis’ new parody, Dr. What and his com-ppanion Cara crash into Wonderland. When the two are separated they meet all the usual suspects, mainly the Queen of Hearts, who is ready to chop off the heads of anyone who crosses her. It’s up to the time-traveling duo to escape and get their phone booth fixed before it’s off with their heads!

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A wonderful concert of hit songs from movie soundtracks. Congratulations Director Kristen Raney and the talented Newman Sounds ensemble!

Spring Concert March 29 & 30 at 7:30 pm - Fr. O’Donnell Auditorium  Watch for concert announcements!

ST. THOMAS MORE COLLEGE STUDENT’S UNION (STMSU) EXECUTIVE

2018-2019 STMSU EXECUTIVE:
Kagen Newman - STMSU President - Environmental Earth Science major
Zaid Mir - VP Operations and Finance - Philosophy major
Brittany Marche-Shears - VP Academic - Psychology major
Taylor Spock - VP Communications - Psychology major
Rowan Hollinger - 1st Yr Rep
Emily Sinkewicz - Member at Large - CMRS major

St. Thomas More College Students’ Union (STMSU) is composed of an Executive team and members-at-large, serving as a voice for STM stu-dents and their views to the college and the greater campus community. All STM students are welcome to become involved, attend social functions, and access the free exam file (where previously used exams are stored). For more information or to join as a member at large, email vpcommunications@stmsu.ca or drop by the STMSU office in the student lounge.

Check out other STM clubs, what they are all about, and how you can become part of the experience! stmcollege.ca under StudyHere
The Rise of Princelings in China: Career Advantages and Collective Elite Reproduction

Dr. Tony Zhang is exploring how power and influence are transferred from one generation to another in modern China. At stake are educational and social opportunities for the scions of the ruling class, with advancement and the keys to the Middle Kingdom the ultimate prize.

“I’m looking at how these elites achieved their current status. How they redefined their privilege. And how the state, the Chinese Communist Party, systematically and institutionally ensures the success of this group of individuals,” Zhang said.

Factionalism (It’s Not What You Know, It’s Who You Know) and meritocracy (The Cream Will Always Rise to the Top) are two distinct ways of explaining the process. When it comes to China, both aphorisms may be true, according to his research.

Zhang, Assistant Professor of Sociology, at St. Thomas More College recently authored The Rise of Princelings in China: Career Advantages and Collective Elite Reproduction. His paper won a research grant from the Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation and will be published in an upcoming edition of the Journal of East Asian Studies. It was also named Best Student Paper in its category by the Canadian Sociological Association in 2017.

Zhang shared his findings on Oct. 31 as part of the Chelsea Seminars - a new monthly lecture series designed to share research across disciplines.

Princelings has become a common term used to identify the children of first- and second-generation communist party leaders in China. The communist party came to power after the Second World War under the leadership of Mao Zedong. His colleagues and contemporaries enjoyed status and privilege that benefited their children and grandchildren. Still, one-a-place state, the country has nevertheless gone through a series of reforms that have made it a major player in the world economy. Since capitalism does not suffer fools gladly, the evidence is that Chinese princelings are highly competent managers.

How the Chinese government selects elites has become an area of debate the past few decades as the rest of the world tries to understand the dynamics at play in this economically powerful, but highly secretive country.

“I hope that my research will contribute something to this debate by using the latest evidence in the past five years,” he said. “Both arguments are plausible, and I think that the evidence is that Chinese princelings are highly competent managers.

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SHRC INSIGHT DEVELOPMENT GRANTS RECIPIENTS:

DR.CHARLES SMITH (Political Studies)
Free to Express Yourself Off-Duty?: Workplace Discipline in the Age of Social Media
$48,981

DR. COURTNEY KONSCHUH (History)
Intercultural Exchange in the Germanic Migration Period Kent, England $21,875

DR. ZACHARY YUZWA (History)
Old Words, New World: Reading the Past and Writing the Other in the Latin Literature of New France $50,166

GRANT RECIPIENT: DR. SARAH KNUDSON awarded a Canadian Home Economics Foundation grant for her project Talking about Food: Exploring Personal Experiences with Food. Her research aims to examine how personal experiences with food can influence food-related attitudes and behaviors.

Dr. Zhang was awarded the Chiang Ching Kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (CCKF) Research Grant (16,000 US Dollars) for his project on Chinese princelings.

Engaged Learning and Study Abroad

Each summer, the Engaged Learning Office strives to offer unique education abroad experiences that help students understand the complexity and beauty of our world and the many cultures therein. This past summer, the office was able to offer that experience not only to our own students, but also to two youth leaders from the Dominican Republic.

Now in its second year, the Panama Field School teaches students about the history of the Spanish language through a combination of classroom learning and lived experience. After three weeks in the classroom, students travel to Santa Fe, a small community in Panama where it is home to one of the largest cooperatives in Central America, La Cooperativa La Esperanza de los Campesinos. There, students stay with host families and learn the history of the cooperative, which was founded in 1969 by Fr. Jesús Gállego, a Colombian priest who disappeared from the community in 1971. Students develop a deeper understanding of how Spanish dialects have evolved by hearing those dialects in day-to-day conversation.

With the success of the first field school in summer 2017, the Engaged Learning Office expanded the program to deepen students’ experiences. As a result, STM was able to offer a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to La Federación de Campesinos-Hacia El Progreso, a federation of small-holdings farmers that STM has worked with for five years through other education abroad initiatives. Laura Gonzalez and Yovann Hernandez, both youth leaders from remote walk-in communities in the Dominican mountains, joined the STM cohort in Panama through the financial and logistical support of the Engaged Learning Office. Because of the Dominicans’ participation, STM students were able to hear multiple dialects of Spanish on the Field School and deepen their understanding of the language.

For Gonzalez and Hernandez, it was their first time on a plane, their first time in a different country, and their first experience of a new culture through travel. Alongside STM students, they learned about the revolutionary history of the Panamanian cooperative, its inspiring beginnings, and its current successes. They were given the chance to see the Santa Fe community on June 9, when cooperative co-founder Jacinto Peña announced that after disappearing 47 years ago, Fr. Gállego’s remains had finally been identified. They returned to the Dominican Republic near the end of June, with a collection of new experiences, new friends, and a whole host of ideas to bring back to their own organization in the Dominican Republic.

STM FACULTY RECENT PUBLICATIONS

SHARON WRIGHT published an article in History Compass, “Medieval English peasant women and their historians: A historical with a future?”


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MONICA HWANG – work on mastery among Canada’s ethnic groups has been published. The article is entitled “Mastery and minorities: sense of personal control among ethno-racial groups” published in Canadian Ethnic Studies 2018. Vol 50. Issue 1.


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PAULETTE HUNTER – recently published articles –


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CHRIS DANIELS accepted the permanent position of Executive Chef and Food Services Manager at STM this fall. Chris was the Chef at STM in 2017-2018 and previously worked with Little Grouse on the Prairie restaurant in Saskatoon. Originally from Vancouver, Daniels has worked in the restaurant industry with various organizations throughout British Columbia and developed a specialty for international dishes as well as typical Canadian selections, including a focus on healthy options using organic and sustainably grown produce.

Watch for a new menu to be launched January 2019, with new a-la-carte options and international cuisine in addition to the popular lunch buffet! Join us for breakfast and lunch - times and menus available on stmcollege.ca. STM catering options are still available - details and contact information also on the college website: stmcollege.ca

Welcome Chris!

NEW FACES at STM

MARIE KOOP joined the college as STM’s Controller effective September 4, 2018. Marie holds an undergraduate degree in Accounting from the Edwards School of Business (2009) and a Masters in Professional Accounting (MPACC) in 2010 from the University of Saskatchewan. Marie also received her Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) designation in 2010. Since then, Marie has been working in public accounting practice, industry and, most recently, at the University of Saskatchewan as a lecturer in the MPACC program. Marie has industry experience as an assistant controller at Hitachi-Mitsubishi Canada in Saskatchewan. Marie is also very familiar with STM. In her undergraduate days on campus she frequented STM by studying at STM’s library and also for attending services in our chapel.

LAURA MITCHELL joined the STM family this fall as Academic Administrative Assistant in the Dean’s office. Laura received her BA in Classical, Medieval and Renaissance Studies (CMRS) from the University of Saskatchewan and she has an MA and PhD from the Centre for Medieval Studies, University of Toronto. She’s worked a number of different roles in academia, including as a sessional lecturer at STM. Most recently she worked on the Digital Tools for Manuscript Study project at the University of Toronto (https://digitaltoolssms.library.utoronto.ca/). She’s excited to be back in her hometown of Saskatoon and back at STM.

PAUL SINKEWICZ joined STM this fall, to provide support for Marketing and Communications initiatives at the college. As Marketing and Communications coordinator, Paul will assist in all areas, from website news, event calendar and Alumni pages, poster and other design assignments, and as a journalist, to provide special attention working with faculty to investigate and share stories of their achievements, course initiatives, and research. His work is seen in this publication.

Paul has a BA from U of R (Campion) and Journalism Cert, Langara College, Vancouver. He was a journalist for the PA Herald and StarPhoenix for over a decade and continues in freelance roles. Most recently in the role of Director of Marketing and Communications for the YMCA, Paul continues to serve as Executive Director for the Saskatoon Youth Orchestra.

JARRID PHILLIPS is the new chef at St. Thomas More College. Born in Vancouver, British Columbia he has resided in Saskatoon for the last 7 years. While in Saskatoon, Phillips has worked in several great restaurants this city may or may not be known for. His Saskatoon culinary journey has included Calories Bistro, Leydaz Café, Ayden Kitchen and Bar and most recently Sticks and Stones.

“I’d like to say I have a dominant focus with a certain style or type of cuisine, but I cannot. Many people love to travel around the world and experience culture first hand, sadly I’m terrified of heights and flying, so I like to travel the world through the food I cook. So, in short, I’d say my culinary interests are globally inspired” says Jarrid.

New faces at STM

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In the News
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ASHLEY SMITH, Chair, St. Thomas More College Board of Governors, was recognized at the Lexpert Zenith Awards at the Rising Stars Awards Gala honoring Canada’s leading lawyers under 40.
Ms. Smith serves as in-house counsel for the Saskatoon Police Service.

New Book Published
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Lesya Sabada's initiative was featured in a StarPhoenix article this fall. Congratulations Lesya!

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Dr. Lesya Sabada (Religious Studies) has been very busy in 2018 with several international presentations promoting peacebuilding, religion and environmental topics, in addition to teaching online RLST courses offered through STM.

February, 2018 – Presentation at United Nations mandated University for Peace in San Jose, Costa Rica

Topics – Peacebuilding and Environmental Ethics

April, 2018 – Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal

Talks on Nonviolence and also on Religion and Environmental Ethics

June, 2018 – Visited the Kingdom of Tonga to see firsthand the effects of Cyclone Gita which hit this country in February 2018. This visit was preparation for the SAPREJ (Sustainable Alternatives for Poverty Reduction and Ecological Justice) conference on climate change at the University of Suva, Fiji. Convened the first ever gathering of Christians and non-Christians who spoke about how their faith was responding to the ecological crisis in the South Pacific.

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