

PRESIDENT'S KUDOS REPORT

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LA&PS [Professor Linda Peake](#) was awarded \$2.5 million in funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council for an international research project on how rapid urbanization is affecting the lives of women living in poverty in the global south.



[Four graduate students](#) received Canada Graduate Scholarships in honour of Nelson Mandela for their research in areas he championed. Doctoral recipients receive funding of \$35,000 per year for three years, and master's recipients receive funding of \$17,500 over one year. Recipients of the scholarships are:



- Raghd Charabaty, MFA student, Department of Cinema and Media Studies
- Kyla Baird, PhD student, Department of Psychology
- Matthew Robertshaw, PhD student, Department of History
- Reena Shadaan, PhD student, Faculty of Environmental Studies



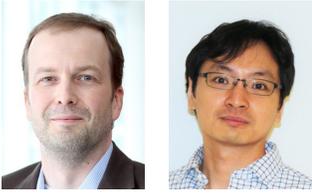
[Glendon researchers](#) Guy Proulx and Kristoffer Romero received \$240,000 in funding from the Centre for Aging and Brain Health Innovation to develop the North-South Brain Health Educational Course Initiative, a new course on cognitive impairment that seeks to make an impact in healthcare access for Franco-Ontarians.



Faculty of Environmental Studies PhD candidate [Mark Terry](#) launched the Youth Climate Report at the 23rd Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Germany. Terry's project includes nearly 300 videos on global climate change research produced by young people, and is designed to provide a voice for the communities of global youth and global science.



York University announced the official opening of [YSpace](#), a new innovation and entrepreneurship centre in Markham, with Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti and International Trade Minister Michael Chan on hand to view a showcase of innovative technologies and products from student entrepreneurs.



The Government of Canada appointed three Faculty of Science professors to [Canada Research Chair](#) positions. They will receive over \$2.9 million in total funding from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and the Canadian Foundation for Innovation. The chairholders are:

- Thomas Baumgartner, Professor in the Department of Chemistry
- Raymond Kwong, Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology
- Christopher Caputo, Professor in the Department of Chemistry



LA&PS [Professor Leah Vosko](#) was renewed as Canada Research Chair in the Political Economy of Gender and Work. She will receive \$1.4 million in funding from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.



York University's top academic student-athletes were honoured at the Department of Athletics & Recreation's annual [Academic All-Canadian Luncheon](#).



Glendon Communications student [Jigar Ganatra](#) won a sponsorship to attend the Canadian Conference on Student Leadership in Vancouver.



Health Professor Susan Murtha and LA&PS Professor Diane Woody created a [First Year Experience Toolkit](#) to support the success of new students as they transition to university.



Professor [Amro Zayed's](#) landmark study on the influence of neonicotinoids on honey bee health informed a global environmental policy debate, with the UK's Expert Committee on Pesticides referencing Zayed's *Science* article in their published assessment backing the ban on neonicotinoid pesticides across Europe.



Professor [Patrick Alcedo's](#) film, *A Piece of Paradise*, won two 2017 Reel Asian Awards: the National Bank Best First Feature Film Award and the Centennial Best Canadian Film Award.



Students Gurpreet Singh, Mathurayine Kandasamy, and Chelsea Gomes won first, second and third place, respectively, in the [#MyExperienceYU photo contest](#), which received more than 700 submissions that captured students' experiences of experiential education at York.



Dean of Science [Ray Jayawardhana](#) delivered the inaugural Distinguished Lecture on exoplanets for the Oxford Network for Planets in the Universe series at the University of Oxford.



Osgoode Professor [Jinyan Li](#) received the Canadian Tax Federation's prestigious 2017 Lifetime Contribution Award for her work in Canadian and international tax literature.



Recent graduate [Wardah Behzad](#) won the 2017 York Centre for Asian Research Undergraduate Essay Award for her essay on the analysis of experiences of women's oppression and agency in Pakistan.



Six professors were honoured by the [Royal Society of Canada](#) at the [Celebration of Excellence](#) in Winnipeg:



- Deanne Williams, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies (Inducted)
- Richard C. Hoffmann, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (Inducted)
- David McNab, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (Inducted)
- Marcel Martel, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (Inducted)
- Russell Belk, Schulich School of Business (Elected)
- Lesley A. Jacobs, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (Inducted)





Previously an adjunct professor at the Osgoode Hall Law School, [Raj Anand](#) was honoured with the 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers Ontario.



Postdoctoral research fellow [Lora Appel](#) received the 2017 Gerald R. Miller Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award from the National Communication Association.



Schulich School of Business graduate [Faghya Samra Shafiq](#) captured the prestigious Ontario Gold Medal awarded by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario (CPA Ontario) as the top writer of the Common Final Examination (CFE) in the province.



[Santiago Lopera and Nicole Tsinas](#) are members of the team that won first place in the Schulich regional of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Global Partnerships Case Competition.



IP Osgoode and Osgoode Hall Law School hosted a special symposium entitled 'Intellectual Property: Fuel for the Fire or Shelf Life of a Banana?' in honour of Professor [David Vaver](#).



LA&PS [Professor Jimmy Huang](#) has been selected as a Distinguished Member by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) for outstanding scientific contributions to computing.

APPOINTMENTS



Faculty of Health Professor [Rebecca Pillai Riddell](#) was appointed Associate Vice-President Research at York University.



Osgoode Professor [Poonam Puri](#) was appointed to the inaugural Board of Directors of the Canada Infrastructure Bank.



A member of the International Advisory Council at Schulich and executive director of Schulich's Career Development Centre, [Rob Hines](#) joined the advisory board of independent investment bank Origin Merchant Partners.



[Sheilah L. Martin](#), who was previously a visiting professor at Osgoode, was appointed the new justice to the Supreme Court of Canada.



Noted economist [Campbell Harvey](#) (MBA '83) joined investment manager firm Research Affiliates as a partner and senior advisor.



[Isaac Gould](#), who was a sessional lecturer at the Schulich School of Business, was appointed CEO of In-Common Laboratories, a laboratory diagnostic brokerage company.



[Monique Lafontaine](#), who graduated with a Master of Laws from York, has been appointed the Commissioner for Ontario of the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC).



Osgoode alumnus [Paul Boniferro](#) ('91) will be appointed Deputy Attorney General of Ontario effective January 3, 2018.