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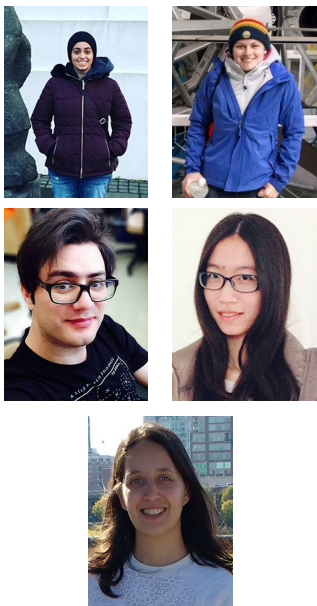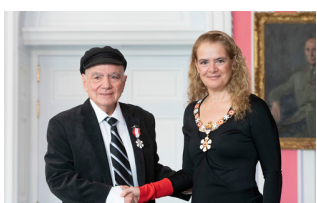# KUDOS REPORT

APRIL 2019

IMPACT RANKINGS
RANKED **26**TH GLOBALLY
YORK UNIVERSITY

Five emerging scholars have been chosen as the 2019 York Science Fellows and will join the Faculty of Science with postdoctoral fellowships:

- Meera Mehta, who will work with Professor Chris Caputo in the Department of Chemistry;
- Leo Yvonne Alcorn, who will work with Professor Adam Muzzin in the Department of Physics and Astronomy;
- Mohammad Naderi, who will work with Professor Raymond Kwong in the Department of Biology;
- Hanmeng Zhan, who has been collaborating with Professor Ada Chan in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics;
- and Mariana Bleker de Oliveira, who will work with Professor Sergey Krylov in the Department of Chemistry.

York University's writer-in-residence, Hédi Bouraoui, was formally invested as a member of the Order of Canada in recognition of his tremendous body of work and his advocacy for French-language literature.

Professors Michael Helm and Mark Jurdjevic have been awarded prestigious Guggenheim Fellowships in recognition of their artistic achievements and literary promise.

Psychology Professor Robert T. Muller and three students in the Trauma & Attachment Lab were recognized at the 36th annual meeting of the International Society for the Study of Trauma & Dissociation (ISSTD) with two distinct awards for their work in trauma research:

- Professor Robert T. Muller received the prestigious Written Media Award;
- Students Kristina Cordeiro, Laura Goldstein [not pictured] and Meghan Oliver won Top Research Poster.

York University has been ranked 26th in the world and 5th in Canada in the Times Higher Education Impact Ranking, which assesses universities based on the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

School of Arts, Media, Performance & Design alumnus Leighton Alexander Williams (BFA '14) was received the Emerging Artist Award as part of the Ontario Arts Council's Premier's Awards for Excellence in the Arts.

Geography PhD candidate Colin Sutherland has been named among the Top 25 Finalists in the 2019 SSHRC Storytellers Competition for his video examining wildfire management in national parks and the perception of wildfires as surprise disasters. The contest challenges students to explain in, under three minutes or 300 words, how their SSHRC-funded research is making a difference in the lives of Canadians.

Osgoode students Robel Sahlu, Lindsay Stitt and Adam Voorberg won first place in the International Academy of Dispute Resolution's International Law School Mediation Tournament in Athens, Greece.

The Schulich School of Business has launched the Master of Management in Artificial Intelligence (MMAI) degree program. The new program is specifically designed to meet the growing need for business leaders who combine experience with advanced AI technology and professional business skills.
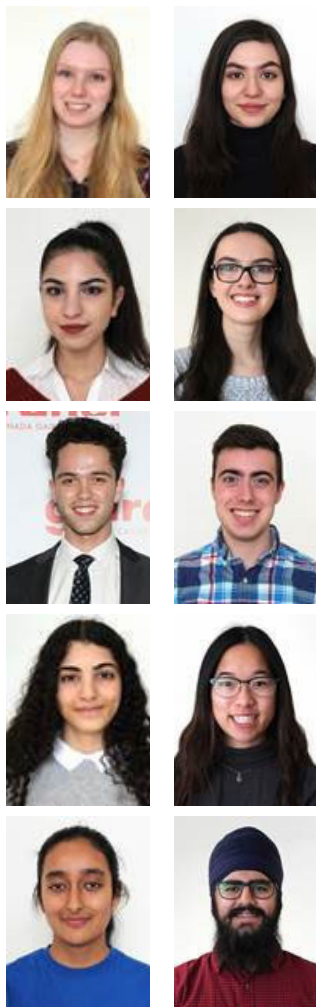

Psychology Professor Joel Katz has been recognized with a prestigious honour by the American Psychological Association (APA) for his contributions to pain research.

124 undergraduate students enrolled in programs in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies (LA&PS) were honoured at the eighth annual Celebration of Student Academic Excellence, which recognized achievements from the 2017-18 school year.

Schulich alumnus Ali El-Shayeb (iBBA '17), seven-time hackathon award winner and founder of start-up nugget.ai, was named a member of the Developer 30 Under 30 by Evoke, one of the largest developer conferences in Canada.

Ten first-year students from the Faculty of Science were chosen as the inaugural recipients of the York Science Scholars Award, which includes an entrance scholarship and a summer research placement:

- Annabelle Audet;
- Hila Akabari;
- Dayana Davoudi;
- Sophie Eisen;
- Jacob Fine;
- Pablo Gonzalez;
- Coral Hillel;
- Stephanie Lo
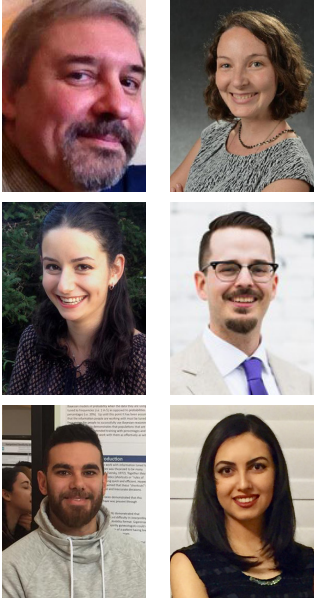- Davneet Parmar; and
- Sahib Madahar.

Kellog-Schulich alumnus Wilton Wong (EMBA '17) has been recognized among industry colleagues in Auto Remarketing's Under 40 list, which honours young people who are making an impact on Canada's auto industry.

Two Lassonde students have received the Nascent Co-Op and Internship Student of the Year award in recognition of their exceptional contribution to their respective co-op/internship employers and their involvement in the Lassonde community:

- Sonia Kodgule, third-year Mechanical Engineering student;
- and Brandon Loy, fourth-year Electrical Engineering student.

Psychology professor Christopher Green and nine of his students have received the Best Article award from the Canadian Psychological Association for their article on using innovative digital methods to discover incorrect statistical result reporting in journals. The students include:

- Sahir Abbas;
- Arlie Belliveau;
- Nataly Beribisky;
- Ian J. Davidson;
- Julian DiGiovanni;
- Crystal Heidari;
- Shane M. Martin; [Not pictured]
- Eric Oosenbrug; [Not pictured]
- and Linda M. Wainewright. [Not pictured]

York University announced its partnership with SHAD, a unique experiential learning program rooted in the STEM fields that provides exceptional high school students the opportunity to attend a month-long program in residence at host universities. York University has been designated a Canadian SHAD campus, and will host a 27-day enrichment program this summer, helping to foster youth interest in STEM and entrepreneurship.

Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies professor Caroline Shenaz Hossein has been recognized with an award from the International Association for Feminist Economics for her book *Politicized Microfinance: Money, Power and Violence in the Black Americas*. The book won the inaugural Suraj Mal and Shyama Devi Agarwal Book Prize, which recognizes texts that demonstrate new pathways in theory or analysis on gender and the economy.

Psychology professor Richard Murray has been awarded the 2019 Faculty Teaching Award from the Faculty of Graduate Studies in recognition of his innovative course design and dedication to enhancing student learning. Professor Murray is also a member of the Centre for Vision Research and a Core Faculty Member in Vision: Science to Applications (VISTA).

Graduate students Lina Deker, Iris Yusupov, and Kasey Coholan took first, second and third place, respectively, in the annual York University Three Minute Thesis competition, while Nataly Beribisky won the People's Choice Award. Deker advances to the provincial 3MT competition where she will represent York University.

York University President's Ambassadors Rana Nasrazadani and Aria Kamal were selected to represent the ridings of Beaches-East York and Barrie-Innisfil respectively in the House of Commons for Daughters Of The Vote 2019, a political leadership program for emerging young women leaders.

Schulich students Jaclyn Shapiro (MMgt '19) and Michelle Vacarciuc (MMgt '19) won first place in the annual Canada's Next Top Ad Executive competition, beating more than 180 teams from across the nation. The pair were also awarded the Market Research Award for providing the most insightful and innovative use of data for the competition.

Osgoode Professor Eric Tucker received the 2019 Sefton-Williams Award for Contributions to Labour Relations in recognition of his extensive work in occupational health and safety regulation. This marks the second year in a row the prize will go to a York faculty member.

Blade Filters, a startup company created by graduates of Innovation York's LaunchYU Accelerator program, won the 2019 Aird & Berlis StartupSource Market Entry Award, which includes both a $12,500 cash prize and an equal amount in StartupSource legal services.
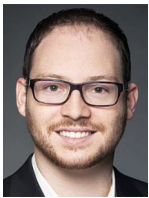
Rui Wang has been appointed Interim Vice-President of Research and Innovation, effective May 1, 2019 Dr. Wang will lead the continued intensification of research and innovation at the University while continuing to serve as the Deputy Provost responsible for planning York's permanent presence in Markham

Faculty of Education Dean and Professor Lyndon Martin has been appointed Vice-Provost Academic of York University and will begin his term on July 1, 2020.

Faculty of Health and Osgoode Professor Steven Hoffman, who also serves as director of the Global Strategy Lab and Scientific Director of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research's Institute of Population and Public Health, has been selected as chair of the International Network for AMR Social Science (INAMRSS), a newly launched international consortium that focuses on antimicrobial resistance research collaboration.

Disability advocate, lawyer and alumna Marian MacGregor (MA '13) has been appointed Executive Director of York University's Centre for Human Rights, Equity & Inclusion. This appointment marks her return to York, where she previously served as Interim Director of the Centre for Human Rights, Equity & Inclusion, as well as Director of Osgoode's Community and Legal Aid Services Program (CLASP).