



PRESIDENT'S KUDOS REPORT

MAY 2019



Health professor [Mary Fox](#) was awarded a one-year Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Transitions in Care: Best & Wise Practices grant of \$100,000 to investigate how to improve transitional care for patients in rural communities.



Three York University [Lions football players](#) were selected in the 2019 Canadian Football League (CFL) entry draft:

- Nikola Kalinic was selected by the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in the second round, 10th overall;
- Jacob Janke was tabbed by the Saskatchewan Roughriders in the fourth round, 35th overall; and
- Colton Hunchak was selected by his hometown Calgary Stampeders in the eighth round, 73rd overall.



York University has been named one of [Canada's Greenest Employers](#) for the seventh consecutive year. The University has embarked on several environmentally friendly initiatives that alter the footprint of campus buildings, including five green roofs, a solar-powered electric vehicle charging station, and two LEED Gold certifications.

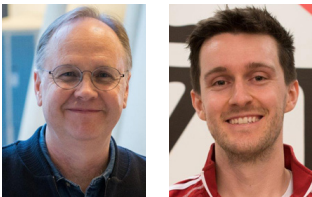


Glendon alumna [Chantal Hébert](#) (BA '76), a longtime Toronto Star columnist on federal politics, received the 2019 Charles Lynch Award for outstanding public affairs coverage, one of the highest honours in Canadian journalism.



A group of [three Schulich MBA students](#) won the grand prize at the Deloitte Data VizArt Student Challenge, a nationwide competition for visualization and data storytelling. Their winning project, "What is a Good Place to Call Home?," seeks to provide a decision support toolbox for new immigrant consulting. The group members are:

- Priyanka Luthra (MBA '19),
- Aldo Nurpissov (MBA '19),
- and Aleksei Rogatinskii (MBA '19).



The recipients of the [2018 President's Staff Recognition Awards](#) were announced. The Awards recognize and celebrate the excellence of our dedicated staff members and the impact they are making at the University and beyond:

- Jenny Pitt-Clark, communications coordinator, YFile editor, Strategic Communications, Communications & Public Affairs - The Ronald Kent Medal
- Maureen Barnes, director, Student Accessibility Services - The Deborah Hobson York Citizenship Award
- Cameron Rogers, director, Budgets and Planning, Office of Budgets and Planning, Finance - The President's Leadership Award
- Patricia Gagliardi-Ursua, executive assistant, Ancillary Services - The President's Voice of York Award
- Terry Wright, manager, Facilities, Health and Safety, and Technical Services, AMPD - The Phyllis Clark Campus Service Award
- Greg Langstaff, coordinator, YU START New Student Transition Program, Student Success Centre - The Gary Brewer Emerging Leader Award
- Office of Institutional Planning & Analysis (OIPA) - The Harriet Lewis Team Award for Service Excellence
 - Richard Smith, director, Institutional Research, Reporting and Analysis, OIPA;
 - Mark Conrad, director, Institutional Enrolment and Research Planning, OIPA;
 - Melissa Schiralli, administrative coordinator, OIPA;
 - Sonia Pettinella, senior advisor, Policy and Process, OIPA;
 - Sahar Sheikh, senior institutional analyst, OIPA;
 - Sylvia Lin, senior institutional analyst, OIPA;
 - Aziz Quadri, senior SAS technical advisor, OIPA;
 - Josephine Tang, SAS programmer, OIPA;
 - Iris An, senior financial analyst, OIPA;
 - Stephen Childs, senior institutional analyst, OIPA;
 - Patrick Cernea, business intelligence strategist, OIPA;
 - Mira Miller, Senior Institutional Analyst, OIPA;
 - Howard Ye, research data analyst, OIPA/Office of the Vice-President Research & Innovation.

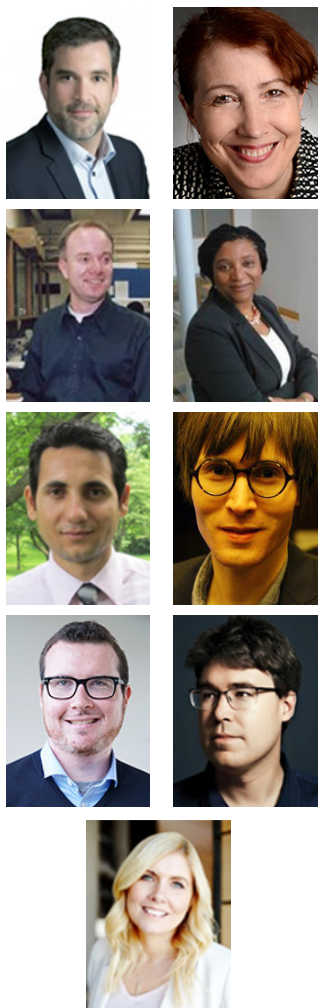


The [2018 York Research Leaders](#) were announced and recognized for leadership in their fields and a commitment to advancing innovative research projects across a variety of disciplines. This year's President's Research Awards recipients were:

- English professor Deanne Williams - the Research Excellence Award;
- Sociology professor Marcello Musto - the Emerging Research Leadership Award;
- Psychology professor Christine Till - the Emerging Research Leadership Award; and
- English professor Julia Creet - the Research Impact Award.

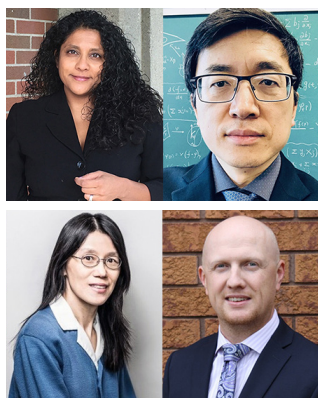


A multidisciplinary initiative co-led by Lassonde professor [Magdalena Krol](#) has received a \$4-million grant from the Ontario Research Fund to study the long term stability of used nuclear fuel containers for deep underground repositories.



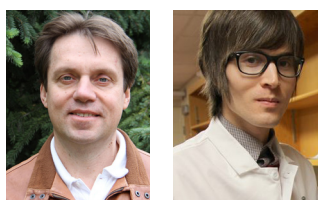
Nine outstanding researchers across the University will join the [York Research Chairs](#) program, York University's internal counterpart to the national Canada Research Chairs program. Researchers include:

- Benjamin L. Berger, Professor, Osgoode Hall Law School;
- Janine Marchessault, Professor, Cinema and Media Studies;
- Gary Sweeney, Professor, Biology;
- Uzo Anucha, Professor, Social Work;
- Hany Farag, Professor, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science;
- Ryan Hili, Professor, Chemistry;
- Brent Lyons, Professor, Organization Studies;
- John Moores, Professor, Earth and Space Science and Engineering; and
- Amy Muise, Professor, Psychology.



A team of York University researchers was awarded a [\\$1.89-million grant](#) from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council, the Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada, and community partners. The project, "Rebooting Infant Pain Assessment," will use machine learning to improve neonatal intensive care unit practice. The research group, a team of 16 individuals located across two countries and six sites, includes:

- Associate Vice-President, Research and psychology professor Rebecca Pillai Riddell, principal investigator;
- Science professor Steven Wang, co-principal investigator;
- Lassonde professor Aijun An, co-investigator; and
- Osgoode professor Ian Stedman, researcher.



Science professors [Sergey Krylov](#) and [Ryan Hili](#) have been awarded a grant of more than \$900,000 from the Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council of Canada to design new ways to automate key processes of drug development in order to facilitate quicker routes to clinical testing.



York University recognized the achievements of student-athletes and coaches at the [York Lions' 51st Annual Varsity Banquet](#), where award recipients were celebrated for their dedication and athletic excellence. Recipients included:

- Brittany Crew - Female Athlete of the Year;
- Pierce LePage - Male Athlete of the Year;
- Cadence Currie - Lions Legacy Award;
- Bailey Francis - Lions Legacy Award;
- Jenna Gray - Lions Legacy Award;
- Sara Vollmerhausen - Lions Legacy Award;
- Christy Ihunaegbo - Charles Saundercook Memorial Trophy;
- Erin McAleenan - Coach of the Year;
- DeAndrae Pierre - Male Rookie of the Year; and
- Kalifornia Mitchell - Female Rookie of the Year.



Art Gallery of York University (AGYU) interim director and curator [Emelie Chhangur](#) has been named a finalist for the 2019 Toronto Arts Foundation's Margo Bindhardt and Rita Davies Cultural Leadership Award, which recognizes individuals who have demonstrated creative leadership in the development of arts and culture in Toronto.



[Guggenheim Fellowships](#), which recognize individuals who have demonstrated exceptional capacity for productive scholarship or exceptional creative ability in the arts, were granted to two York faculty members:

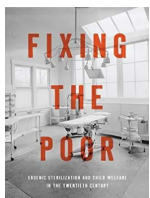
- Michael Helm, Associate Professor, Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies; and
- Mark Jurdjevic, Professor and Chair of the Department of History at Glendon Campus.



Osgoode alumnus [Scott Franks](#) (JD '16) has been named one of two recipients of the 2019-2020 CBA Viscount Bennett Fellowship for graduate legal studies, which he will use to pursue his LLM at Osgoode.



Faculty of Health Distinguished Research Professor [Joel Katz](#) was endorsed to become a Fellow of the Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology (Division 53) of the American Psychological Association (APA). He has been recognized with this prestigious honour for his extensive contributions to pain research.



History professor [Molly Ladd-Taylor](#)'s book, *Fixing the Poor*, has been shortlisted for the 2019 Wallace K. Ferguson Book award. This prestigious prize recognizes an outstanding scholarly book in a field other than Canadian history.



Nursing professor [Eva Peisachovich](#) was awarded the 2019 D2L Innovation Award in Teaching and Learning from the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. The award, created in partnership with Desire2Learn, recognizes educators who are redefining the learning experience of students through innovative practices.



Lassonde recognized six exceptional graduate students from the Department of Mechanical Engineering with their annual Excellence Awards for Graduate Research. The 2019 award recipients are:

- Hossein Abdoli, MASc;
- Mohammadmehdi Aghelinejad, PhD;
- Ahmed Elkholy, PhD;
- Yehia Ibrahim, MASc;
- Arezoo Khalili, PhD; and
- Shuzhe Wang, MASc.



Schulich alumnus [Naeem Farooqi](#) (BBA '08) was named to the 2019 Clean 50 Emerging Leaders list, which recognizes Canadians under 35 for their leadership in sustainability and environmentally responsible business practices.



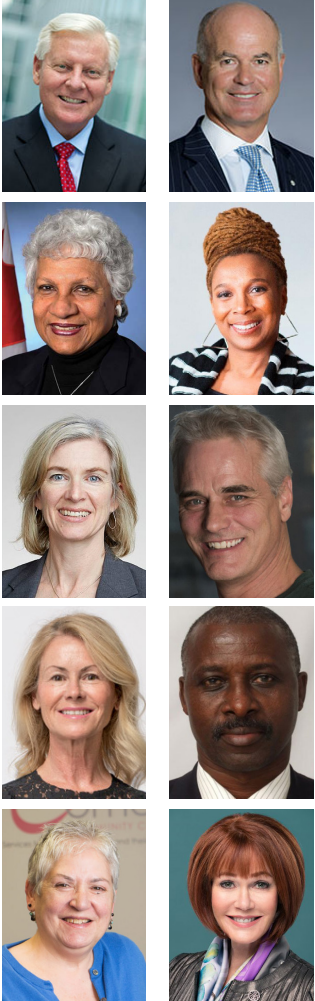
A group of five LA&PS students won the [Graduate Diploma in Professional Accounting](#) case competition, which offers participating students the opportunity to report on complex accounting cases and receive advice from industry professionals. The winning team consisted of students Zakir Bhatia, Charlene Lv, Arpita Haque Bhuiya, Jonathan Ishak, and Marianne Martinez.



York alumna [Jessica J. Lee](#) (PhD '16) has been named the winner of the 2019 RBC Taylor Emerging Writer Award, which provides recognition and assistance to a published Canadian author who is working on the first draft of a literary non-fiction writing project.

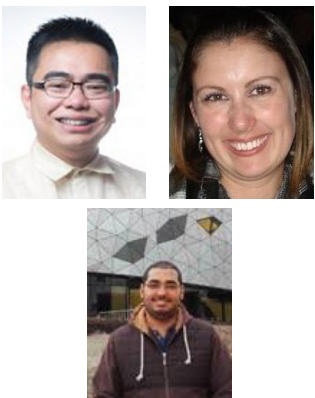


Faculty of Health Professor [Rebecca Pillai Riddell](#) has been awarded the prestigious 2019 Jeffrey Lawson Award for Advocacy in Children's Pain Relief. The award, which is presented by the American Pain Society, recognizes her advocacy efforts to improve management of pain in children.



At Spring Convocation, York will honour ten distinguished individuals with honorary degrees:

- Paul Alofs, award-winning innovator;
- Gregory Belton, business leader and philanthropist;
- Anne Cools, social and civil rights activist;
- Kimberle Crenshaw, civil rights advocate and scholar;
- Jennifer Doudna, human genomics researcher;
- Paul Gross, renowned actor, director and writer;
- Cheryl McEwen, philanthropist and entrepreneur
- Marangu Njogu, national development leader;
- Marcie Ponte, social service activist; and
- Lynn Posluns, brain health advocate.



The recipients of the 2019 President's University-Wide Teaching Awards were announced. The four recipients will be recognized at Spring Convocation for their teaching excellence:

- Professor Russ Patrick Alcedo of the School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design in the category of full-time tenured faculty with 10 or more years full-time teaching experience;
- Professor Nicolette Richardson of the Faculty of Health in the category of full-time faculty (tenured/tenure stream/CLA) with less than 10 years teaching experience;
- Professor Alistair Mapp of the Faculty of Health in the category of contract and adjunct faculty; [not pictured]
- Mohamed Abdelhamid of the Lassonde School of Engineering in the category of teaching assistants.

APPOINTMENTS



Professor [Mary Condon](#) has been appointed Dean of Osgoode Hall Law School, effective July 1, 2019. Professor Condon has served as Interim Dean since May 2018.



Alumna [Yemisi Dina](#) (MPPAL '12) has been appointed chief law librarian at Osgoode Hall Law School. Dina has served as interim chief law librarian since November 2017.



Osgoode Professor [Poonam Puri](#) has been appointed to the Board of Directors at Tethyan Resources.