



# PRESIDENT'S KUDOS REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2019



The [Royal Society of Canada](#) (RSC) has elected three York University professors to its ranks as Fellows, and three professors as new members to the College of New Scholars, Artists & Scientists:

- Patrick Cavanagh, Glendon (Fellow);
- Jonathan Edmondson, LA&PS (Fellow);
- Anna Hudson, AMPD (Fellow);
- Rebecca Pillai Riddell, Faculty of Health (College of New Scholars, Artists & Scientists);
- Marlis Schweitzer, AMPD (College of New Scholars, Artists & Scientists); and
- Zheng Hong (George) Zhu, Lassonde School of Engineering (College of New Scholars, Artists & Scientists).



[Sarah Cantrell](#), assistant vice-president institutional planning and analysis in the Office of Institutional Planning & Analysis at York University, has been elected the incoming Chair of the Board of Directors of the [Society for College & University Planning \(SCUP\)](#).



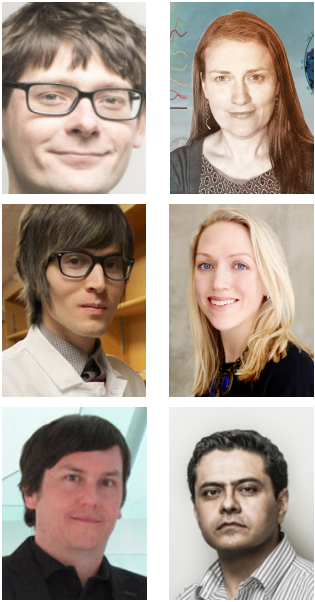
Lassonde School of Engineering postdoctoral researcher [Christina L. Smith](#) has been selected as one of 12 participating scientists on NASA's Juno Mission to Jupiter.



[Three professors](#) have earned York-Massey appointments for the 2019-20 academic year:

- Richard Hornsey, Lassonde School of Engineering (York-Massey Fellowship);
- Andrew Dawson, Glendon Campus (York-Massey Visiting Scholarship); and
- Dayna Nadine Scott, Osgoode Hall Law School (York-Massey Visiting Scholarship).





York University researchers will receive more than \$700,000 in provincial funding for research projects and equipment through the [Early Researcher Award \(ERA\) program](#) and the [Ontario Research Fund \(ORF\)](#). Four researchers will receive ORF grants, and two researchers will receive ERAs:

- John Gales, Department of Civil Engineering, Lassonde School of Engineering - \$118,135 in ORF grants
- Cora Young, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science - \$138,555 in ORF grants
- Ryan Hili, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science - \$114,626 in ORF grants
- Lyndsay Hayhurst, School of Kinesiology & Health Science, Faculty of Health - \$49,664 in ORF grants
- Doug Van Nort, Department of Music, School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design, Canada Research Chair in Digital Performance - \$140,000 ERA; and
- Pouya Rezai, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Lassonde School of Engineering - \$140,000 ERA.

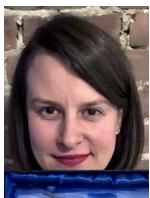


The federal government, through the [Consortium national de formation en santé \(CNFS\)](#), announced new funding of \$1 million over five years to Glendon Campus to improve training in French language health services.



[Ten students](#) were honoured with the Robert J. Tiffin Student Leadership Award in recognition of their contributions to the growth, development and vitality of the York community through various endeavours undertaken during their studies:

- Alexia Brown, FGS;
- Lauren Dick, LA&PS;
- Maddisyn Fisher; AMPD;
- Shir Grunebaum, Health;
- Shalyn Isaacs, Health;
- Tiffany Joseph, Lassonde;
- Althea Parala, Health;
- Nathaniel Penhearow, Health;
- Abdeali Hatim Saherwala, FES;
- and Iris Yusupov, FGS.



[Ela Veresiu](#), a Schulich School of Business assistant professor of marketing, recently received the 2019 Sidney J. Levy Award for her research paper titled “Beyond Acculturation: Multiculturalism and the Institutional Shaping of an Ethnic Consumer Subject” at the annual Consumer Culture Theory Consortium.



As a result of a new partnership, Innovation York and the School of Continuing Studies have introduced [an entrepreneurship stream for the Certificate in Machine Learning](#), which will provide students the opportunity to gain support for their existing or planned machine learning start-ups in the final course of the program.



Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies [Associate Professor Eve Haque](#) has been awarded a [Distinguished Visiting Fellowship](#) at the Graduate School of the City University of New York's (CUNY's) Advanced Research Collaborative (ARC) for the Fall 2019 term.



Atmospheric science [Professor Peter Taylor and graduate student Soudeh Afsharian's](#) paper "On the Potential Impact of Lake Erie Wind Farms on Water Temperatures and Mixed-Layer Depths: Some Preliminary 1-D Modeling Using COHERENS" was featured on the front cover of the *Journal of Geophysical Research's* March issue.



Professor and Chair of the Civil Engineering Department, [Dan Palermo](#) was recognized as one of the 2018 Outstanding Associate Editors for the Canadian Journal of Civil Engineering.



[Lions wrestlers Bailey Agard, Christelle Lans and Mary Adarkwa](#) all claimed a medal at the Ontario Cup event in Guelph, Ontario. The three podium performances also earned the team first place in the overall standings as they brought home the junior women's Ontario Cup title.



One renewed and five new [Canada Research Chairs \(CRCs\)](#) from York University were announced by the Government of Canada:

- Professor Mary Bunch, School of the Arts, Media, Performance & Design - Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Vision, Disability and the Arts;
- Professor Theodore J. Noseworthy, Schulich School of Business - Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Entrepreneurial Innovation and the Public Good (renewal);
- Professor Gillian Parekh, Faculty of Education - Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Inclusion, Disability and Education;
- Professor Nikolaus Troje, Faculty of Science - Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Reality Research;
- Professor Manus (Johnny) Rungtusanatham, Schulich School of Business - Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Supply Chain Management; and
- Professor Joel Zylberberg, Faculty of Science - Tier 2 Canada Research Chair in Computational Neuroscience.

# DARE U

Forty student researchers received the Dean's Award for Research Excellence (DARE), a program which provided students with \$5,000 in funding to work collaboratively with LA&PS faculty on a research project throughout the summer.



School of Continuing Studies students [Bavneet Singh Nagpal](#) and [Carina Matutina](#), together with their instructor [Dorjana Nano](#), earned the award for best paper at this year's Global Conference on Business Management and Economics (GCBME).



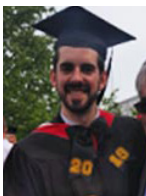
Schulich students [Abhishek Pandey](#) (MBA '20), [Raeanne Cardoza](#) (MMKG '19), [Naomi Huisman](#) (MMKG '19) and [Srikanth Raghava](#) (MBA '20) ranked third in the inaugural IE Global Innovation Challenge, hosted by IE Business School, in Madrid, Spain.



[Christopher McGoey](#) is the second place winner in the Insolvency Institute of Canada's 2019 Law Student Writing Awards Program.



Two Master of Business Analytics students, [Daniel Kur](#) (MBAN '20) and [Revthi Jayarajan Palangat](#) (MBAN '20), are the recipients for this year's Vector Scholarships in Artificial Intelligence (VSAI).



[Mitchell Palmer](#) received the Bergeron Medal, which is awarded annually to a top student graduating from the Lassonde School of Engineering in recognition of their academic and entrepreneurial achievements in the Bergeron Entrepreneurs in Science and Technology (BEST) program.



[Leeat Granek](#), an associate professor, will receive the Distinguished Early Career Contributions in Qualitative Inquiry Award at the annual American Psychological Association conference.

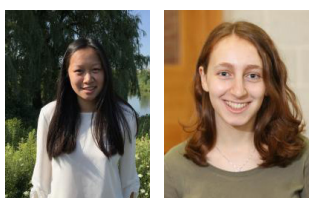


Long-serving staff member, Frances Chan, Director of Information Technology Services & Facilities for the Faculty of Environmental Studies was promoted to Lieutenant Commander (LCdr) with the Navy Reserve Division of HMCS YORK.



Seven faculty members from were recognized with Osgoode Hall Law School Teaching or Service Awards for the 2018-19 academic year:

- Osgoode Full-time Senior Faculty (10 years' or more teaching experience) Award - Professor Craig Scott;
- Osgoode Full-time Faculty (tenure/tenure stream with less than 10 years' teaching experience) Award - Professor Karen Drake;
- Osgoode Adjunct Faculty Award - Brad Ross and Sasha Baglay;
- Osgoode Professional Faculty Service Award - Professor Shelley Kierstead;
- Osgoode Professional Development Award - Adjunct Professor Leslie Macleod; and
- Osgoode Professional Development CLE Contribution Award - Patrick Case.



Two first-year students, [Kathryn Chin](#) and [Rivka Werner](#), were awarded Schulich Leader Scholarships to study at York University. The prestigious scholarships are awarded to select high school graduates with entrepreneurial talent who are enrolling in a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) program.



*Chemical & Engineering News* (C&EN), the weekly news magazine of the American Chemical Society (ACS), has named [Professor Cora Young](#) to its new Talented 12 list, which recognizes up-and-coming chemistry researchers and innovators who are tackling some of the world's most pressing issues.



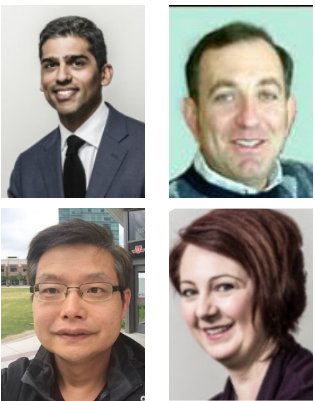
York University [Professor Joel Katz](#) has been recognized as a 'World Expert' in postoperative pain research by [Expertscape](#), an online database that works to objectively rank individuals and institutions by their expertise in more than 27,000 biomedical topics.



Touch MBA, an international website dedicated to helping students choose their Business School, has named [Schulich's MBA Program](#) and its specialization in Arts, Media & Entertainment Management one of the five best business school programs in North America for launching careers in the entertainment and media industries.



[Maria João Dodman](#), associate professor of Portuguese & Luso-Brazilian Studies, received the Insignia do Governo Regional dos Açores – Medal for Professional Merit, one of the most distinguished honours given by the government of the autonomous region of the Azores.



Innovation York announced the successful recipients of the third round of the National Research Council Canada's Industry Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP) [Artificial Intelligence Industry Partnership Fund](#). The following is a list of the successful projects and the partners:

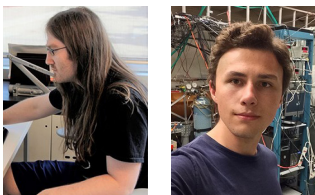
- Civica Infrastructure and Professor Usman Khan;
- Mine Design Engineering and Professor Usman Khan;
- ThisFish Inc and Professor Peter Khaiter;
- Mero Technologies and Professor Michael Chen; and
- IT Universe Ltd and Professors Melanie Baljko and Vassilios Tzerpos.



The [School of Human Resource Management \(HRM\)](#), in the Faculty of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies, brought home all four Canadian HR Reporter Reader's Choice Awards for best education in Canada for the second consecutive year.



An article analyzing the history of college campus-based surveys of sexual assault, written by [Professor Alexandra Rutherford](#), received an honourable mention in a best article prize competition from the Forum for the History of the Human Sciences.



Graduating students [Kevin Joseph](#) and [Neil McCall](#) received Faculty of Science gold and silver medals, respectively, for their outstanding academic achievements and contributions to undergraduate student life.



Faculty of Science [Professor Jianhong Wu](#), a Canada Research Chair in Industrial and Applied Mathematics, is the winner of the 2019 CAIMS-Fields Industrial Mathematics Prize for his exceptional research in industrial mathematics.



[Professors Colin Coates and Duncan Appleton](#) were recognized with the 2019 Principal's Teaching Excellence Awards for their innovation and commitment to enhancing the quality of teaching and learning at Glendon.

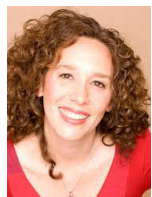


[Six Kellogg-Schulich Executive MBA students](#) took home the grand prize of \$5,000 for the original idea they pitched in their New Venture Design course:

- Steven DeCaire;
- Sarah Jane Flynn;
- Josefina Harlow;
- Shajahan Abdul Kader;
- Alan Sarhan; and
- Denis Tondereau.



[Christine Silversides](#), interim general counsel at York University, has been elected president of the Canadian Association of University Solicitors (CAUS).



Faculty of Environmental Studies alumna [Tzeporah Berman](#) is the recipient of the global Climate Breakthrough Project award, which includes \$2 Million (USD) in funding and expert resources, to develop new global and high impact climate campaign strategies.



This year, the [York University English Language Institute \(YUELI\)](#) is the only Canadian institution nominated in the Language Educator of the Year category at the PIONEER Awards, which celebrate innovation and achievement across the international education industry.



[Dr. Rui Wang](#), who is currently serving as interim vice-president research and innovation, was appointed dean of the Faculty of Science. Dr. Wang will begin his five-year term on January 1, 2020



[Professor Aleksander Czekanski](#), from the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the Lassonde School of Engineering at York University, has been appointed president-elect of the Canadian Engineering Education Association (CEEA).



[Heidi Matthews](#), assistant professor at Osgoode Hall Law School, will join the *German Law Journal's* editorial board, which is expanding in North America. The *German Law Journal* is an open-access, peer-reviewed publication for translational and interdisciplinary encounters with German, European and international law.



[Professor Zheng Hong \(George\) Zhu](#) of the Lassonde School of Engineering has accepted the role of inaugural director of the Research Commons, a role in which he will lead the creation of the Research Commons and help evolve its mission and mandate.



[Professor Faisal Bhabha](#) was appointed to the Advisory Board for the Centre for Free Expression at Ryerson University, a hub for public education, research and advocacy on free expression and the public's right to know. Professor Bhabha was also appointed National Co-Rapporteur on Human Rights to the International Academy of Comparative Law Thematic Congress on Diversity and Plurality in Law.