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SELF, CULTURE AND SOCIETY

A Warm Hello to Founders Students, Fellows and Alumni!

Prof. Maria João Dodman, Interim Master



It is my pleasure to serve the Founders community as Interim Master for 2014-15. Over the summer, the Office of the Master has been busy preparing for Orientation and in joining efforts with other programs across campus in order to provide our incoming students with the most enriching first-year experience. Our office is also committed to our continuing students and, as in previous years, there will be a series of tailored events for all students. These events, both academic and social, provide opportunities for academic and personal growth, for establishing and strengthening connections with peers, fellows, Student Council and the whole Founders community. A new addition to Founders is Professor Monique Adriaen who has taken on the role of College Academic Life Coordinator. I welcome her and wish her all the best in this new capacity.

The priority for the college this year is to address engagement and participation because an engaged community is a successful community! Therefore, I look forward to the continued support and involvement of our fellows and affiliated

programs in developing strategies in this area. Also on the agenda this year is establishing stronger connections with our Alumni by working jointly with our Student Council.

I am pleased to re-launch a new version of the *Phoenix*. It offers a snapshot of our diverse and interesting community. I hope you will enjoy reading it. Lastly, I welcome the input from all members of the Founders community. Feel free to make an appointment or just stop by the office to say hello.

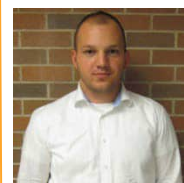
I wish you all the best for the academic year and I look forward to seeing you at Founders,

Maria João
216A Founders College



A Message from Founders College Student Council President

Emiljano Mance



Hello Founders Constituents, FCSC (Founders College Student Council) has a lot to offer you and many opportunities to make great friends! We provide you with

student space where you can hangout, play video games, take a nap, and study when the library is full. We offer multiple trips throughout the year at a discount price that you can attend, every year we go to Montreal in November and Blue Mountain in January. We also offer many smaller events throughout the year. We do our best to provide you with social activities where you can take a break from studying. We're your Kit Kat for York! FCSC is also looking forward to working with the Masters Office to promote more community engagement.

MEET *PHOENY* OUR NEW MASCOT



Meet our New College Life Academic Coordinator

Prof. Monique Adriaen



My name is Monique Adriaen and I am the new College Academic Life Coordinator (CALC) for Founders College. In this position, it is my pleasure to work diligently to support students in their

intellectual development while at Founders, to promote student engagement and participation in college activities and events, and to enhance the students' experience and make Founders College their "home away from home."

During this academic year, a series of workshops on various academic topics linked to student success, lectures and seminars related to the different programs and disciplines affiliated with Founders College, and an array of fun activities organized by student clubs will be offered. There are also various opportunities for students to develop their leadership skills through programs such as peer mentoring and participation in Student Council. My principal role will be as an advisor on academic life and I look forward to helping students succeed in their studies.

My office is FC 219. You are most welcome to drop by at any time. I can also be reached at fcacad@yorku.ca or at 416-736-2100 ext. 20724.

Welcome to Founders and best wishes for a successful academic year!

FLASHBACK—FOUNDERS PARTY IN THE 90'S



College Administrative Coordinator

Samira Malakpour

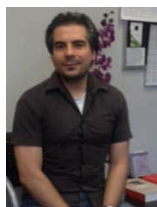


I am very excited that we were able to re-launch *The Phoenix* at Founders College this year. When I started in the college in 2008, I heard many good stories about this popular newsletter and it

remained in my mind that perhaps one day we could re-launch it. Founders College is a special place for many reasons and I am proud to be the College Administrative Coordinator of this rather unique community that has so much to offer. Over the years I have seen many students find their home here and make use of all the resources and facilities we provide. But I have also seen faculty members and staff feel at home here and take comfort in our community. We are diverse and dynamic, and I think that's one of the main reasons we are successful in maintaining our thriving community. In my role, I have tried to get to know the College and the community as best as I can in order to provide and/or implement good administrative practices in the Master's Office that benefit our students and community. We have an excellent array of events and workshops that we offer each year along with an engaging work/study program (referred to as College Life at York). The relationship between the Master's Office and our Student Council continues to prosper as we work together each year to improve College activities and the student experience. And amidst all the changes taking place in the university in recent years, it is very comforting to know that the College is still a place where we can build and connect in a more intimate way. I hope to be able to continue to update you on things as they progress on my end in future issues. For now, welcome back *The Phoenix*!

Events Assistant

Marco Sestito



Hello everyone, as you may know, I am the Events Assistant here at Founders but what you may not know is that in the myriad

of events that we organize each year there are a few that stand out as my favourites. All of our events bring their own energy and uniqueness, be it Fit at Founders, a book launch or a conference but my favourite events are those that allow me to interact with the students, faculty and staff that comprise our Founders Community. So, if I had to list my top three, they would be (in no particular order): Good Morning Founders, Orientation and our Annual Book Sale. Now that you know what my favourites are, I do hope to see you at one of these events in the near future.

Founders Orientation 2014

College Life and Academic Orientation took place at Founders on September 3rd and 4th. Over those two days, Founders College welcomed 327 new students! These students had an opportunity to learn about the College, to participate in Orientation events organized by the Office of the Master and our Student Council and to engage with College Fellows and faculty members of our affiliated programs. One of the aspects of academic orientation that students highlight in their evaluation of orientation is the opportunity to meet their professors and to know more about their programs and degree requirements. We thank all colleagues who took time to meet with our incoming students.



College Life and Academic Orientation is also about community building and

engagement. We thank all colleagues, students and the members of our Student Council who filled the hallways with positive energy, excitement and vitality!

5 REASONS WE ❤️ FOUNDERS

1. Founders is the first and founding college of York University! Since 1965 we have been running strong and we don't intend to stop.
2. We have some of the best student space available for study, lounging and recreation.
3. Fit at Founders! An amazing free fitness program we host for our students.
4. We are the only College with a library, the Nellie Langford Rowell Library.
5. Our new mascot Phoeny makes frequent appearances around the college.

FELLOWS NEWS AND UPDATES

Launch of the Inaugural Issue of *YOUR Review*, Fall 2014

By Prof. Kevin Reynolds

In association with York University's annual multidisciplinary Undergraduate Research Fair, *YOUR Review: York Online Undergraduate Research Review* is set to launch its inaugural issue in the fall of 2014. Intended to showcase undergraduate research, *YOUR Review* is a semi-annual, peer-reviewed e-journal offering an opportunity for York University students to prepare papers for publication. Articles are revised from top essays submitted for York University credit courses and accepted as poster presentations at the juried Undergraduate Research Fair, and are reviewed by an editorial board comprised of York University faculty members, librarians, and students. Copy-editing is provided by practicum students in an upper-year publishing course. Together, the Research Fair and its associated e-journal offer students an educational experience in researching, writing, preparing abstracts, designing and presenting poster sessions, and revising papers for publication – all components in the cycle of scholarly knowledge production and dissemination. For further information about *YOUR Review*, contact the editors Peggy Warren, Librarian, Education/Romance Languages and Literatures (pwarren@yorku.ca), or Founders College Fellow Dr. Kevin Reynolds, Italian Studies, Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics (reynol15@yorku.ca).

FLASHBACK – ORIENTATION 1995



Studying in Ávila, Spain SP2020 Intermediate Spanish Abroad By Prof. Shanna Lino



During the Summer Session of 2014, twelve York University students embarked on a higher learning adventure in Ávila, Spain, led by Spanish Professor Shanna Lino. Through the inaugural offering of "SP 2020 – Intermediate Spanish Abroad," students were able to build on classroom and online language instruction with one month of full immersion in one of Spain's most charismatic cities.

Known best for its fully enclosed medieval walls and as the birthplace of Saint Teresa, Ávila is the ideal host city for students seeking to experience Spanish life. With just under 60,000 inhabitants, Ávila is a charming city that is mostly free of tourists (and therefore of English and French speakers), and since it is located only 1.5 hours from Madrid, students have fast and easy access to the Spanish capital, whether for the purposes of international travel or weekend tourism within the country.

Classes were held twice weekly on the Keele campus during the month of May and four days per week in Spain during the month of June. By studying Spanish at the intermediate level in a course with an abroad component, our students were able to maximize their experiential learning opportunities.

Their full immersion included living side by side with local students, with whom they played soccer and enjoying the tapas and nightlife of this beautiful Castilian town. Class work was also without borders: students were given written assignments that, for example, require shopping (and perhaps even haggling) at the local fruit/vegetable and clothing markets, and oral/aural assignments that require interviewing locals.

Students may become eligible to enrol in SP 2000 (Intermediate Spanish) or SP 2020 (Intermediate Spanish Abroad) after having completed the introductory course, "SP 1000 – Elementary Spanish."

Given the great success of SP 2020 in Ávila during the summer of 2014, the Spanish Program plans to offer Intermediate Spanish Abroad on a regular basis and to eventually expand its list of destinations to include Latin American locations.

For further information, please contact Prof. Shanna Lino (slino@yorku.ca) or visit http://www.yorku.ca/laps/international/study_abroad_opportunities.html

Pluri-culture et écrits migratoires/ Pluri-Culture and Migrant Writings

By Prof. Robert Drummond



It sometimes seems as if "career news" is hard to come by when you're retired, but this year my colleague Betty Sabiston and I co-edited the proceedings of a conference Betty organized in 2013 called *Pluri-culture et écrits migratoires/ Pluri-Culture and Migrant Writings*. The bilingual book should be of interest to students of migration and of the literature it inspires, and it should be of extra interest to folks at Founders because it has a sizeable section on the work of our esteemed Fellow, Hédi Bouraoui. The book is available from the York Bookstore (where it will receive an official launch later this fall). Though the conference included social scientists and humanists, the bulk of those who submitted for

the proceedings were the literary scholars, and I am grateful to them for allowing a mere political scientist to engage with their interesting material.



In Fellows news, I should note that Vicky and I (who was a Founders Fellow before I was) celebrated our 34th wedding anniversary this summer, marked by a trip to Australia (in the spring here, winter there) where we spent a pleasant sojourn with colleague Carla Lipsig-Mummé and her

husband who were on leave in Melbourne. We also visited with David and Karen Boyd, friends from undergraduate days who were married in the Senate Chamber at Glendon in 1967. They have lived for the past 40 years or so in Australia, where David taught English and film at Newcastle University before they retired to Coff's Harbour to be near their first grandson.

As a political scientist, I was alternately fascinated and appalled by Australian politics (much as I often am by Canadian politics). I concluded that the style of discourse differs quite a bit between these two Commonwealth countries despite parliamentary similarities. Delicacy of language, it seems to me, is considered un-Australian, and if we think question period in the Commons is sometimes rough, we need a dose of Canberra to put us right. A comparative course on Canada and Australia might be of considerable interest (at least to an instructor) but I am happily beyond any plans to mount one.

Hispanic Caribbean Dialogues @ York: Migrating Borders, Memories, and Texts

By Prof. Emiro Martínez-Osorio



With support from Founders College, the Spanish and Portuguese Section from the

Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics organized Hispanic Caribbean Dialogues @ York: Migrating Borders, Memories, and Texts (October 7th 2013). This international colloquium aimed to combine research with teaching by giving undergraduate students the opportunity to interact directly with researchers and writers from Colombia, the United States and Canada. The colloquium consisted of three separate panels dealing with topics such as the politics of race at the border between Dominican Republic and Haiti, literary translations and film in Cuba, and the analysis and discussion of the legacy of slavery in the novel *La Ceiba de la Memoria* (2009). The presenters included Fernanda Macchi (Hispanic Studies, McGill University), Cesar A. Salgado (The University of Texas at Austin), Néstor Rodríguez (University of Toronto), Adriana Urrea (Universidad Javeriana, Colombia), Margaret Olsen (Macalester College, USA), María Constanza Guzmán (Hispanic Studies, Glendon College), Karen Connor (Social Anthropology, York University), Emiro Martínez-Osorio (York University), and Roberto Burgos Cantor (Writer Colombia).



In the picture above Colombian writer Roberto Burgos Cantor, winner of the Casa de las Américas Award for narrative (2007) signing books at the Schulich Executive Education Centre on October 7th, 2013.

year I am teaching a course on filming history, specifically films about the eighteenth-century agitation against slavery and the French Revolution. The eighteenth century is my period of specialization, and within that, histories from below, about ordinary people, their aspirations, agency and disappointments. My next book will be about outlaws in the Atlantic world of the eighteenth century: pirates, smugglers, highwaymen and women, maroons and the concept of social banditry. I am a relative newcomer to Founders College, having been a fellow of the college for the last two years or so. When I came to York I had an office in McLaughlin College; as a Graduate Director of Social and Political Thought I moved to Bethune, where I remained a fellow until the colleges were reorganized on a disciplinary basis. Founders is a great college to be in as a historian, and I have greatly enjoyed the collegiality of the second floor, and the espresso machine.



Prof. Walid El Khachab

After founding the Arabic Studies program at Concordia University in 2004, Walid El Khachab joined York University in 2007 and is currently

Associate Professor and Coordinator of Arabic Studies. In 2009, he was invited to become a fellow of Founders College. Since then he has yearly given frequent talks and papers and organized conferences, such as the Arab Canadian Studies Symposium, at the college.

Professor El Khachab has published more than 50 chapters in books and academic articles, in Montreal, Toronto, Cairo, Paris, and Istanbul, on Arabic cultures and Islam, particularly national identities and modernity and self-representation in cinema, literature and popular culture.

He is the co-director of ACANS, the Arab Canadian Studies Research Group, based at the University of Ottawa.

His Recent Publications Include:

"Expérience de la guerre et expertise en témoignage : médias, médiations, silences",

In Canadian Journal of Media Studies. Fall 2012. pp.89-114.

FEATURED FELLOWS



Prof. Nicholas Rogers

I have been at York a very long time, over forty years. I was hired as a social historian of Britain, and while I still teach British history, I have in the last twenty years taught more generally in the social history field: at the first year level in an introductory course of social and cultural history; at the graduate, on theory and method in social history. This

STUDENTS AND ALUMNI

"Sufis on Exile and Ghorba. Conceptualizing Displacement and Modern Subjectivity".

In *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*. Duke University Press. Vol. 30. No1. 2010. pp.58-68.

"The Other Europe: Veils, (In-)Visibility and Strangers in Western Culture".

In Savas Arslan, (eds) *Media, Culture and Identity in Europe*. Istanbul: Bahcesehir University Press. 2009. pp.87-94.

Prof. Priscila Uppal



Join us in congratulating Priscila Uppal, one of our very own professors and fellows on her recent recognition of being elected as a Fellow to

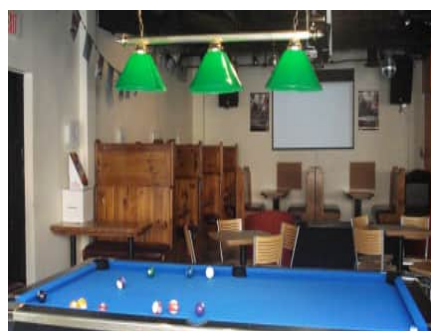
the Royal Society of Canada.

The Royal Society of Canada was "established in 1882 as the senior Canadian collegium of distinguished scholars, artists and scientists. It is Canada's National Academy."

With her BA Hons. '97 and PhD '04, Prof. Uppal has attained many accomplishments. Having authored ten poetry books, edited and contributed to a number of anthologies, written a successful play and a memoir, her work is not only reputable but excellent in execution. We at Founders College are delighted to have such an accomplished scholar and recognized author as a fellow.

Prof. Uppal will be inducted as an official fellow in the Royal Society of Canada's Academy of Arts and Humanities on Saturday November 22, 2014 in Quebec City. We wish her all the best!

FLASHBACK - COCK N' BULL PUB



Featured Students

Karandeep Lidder – History



After many years of dealing with disability and other health issues, resulting in the sidelining of my post-secondary education, I thought it was over for me. It was simply too late to start over, I assumed.

However, York made it easy for me to enroll and re-launch my undergraduate degree by transferring previous credits from an unfinished degree. Also, York's Counselling and Disability Services made the transition easier by helping me deal with lingering health issues as I began school again. In order to give back as a student, I began volunteering while an undergraduate as a Peer Mentor at Founders College. This transformative experience allowed me to help others adjust to life on campus and allowed me to 'pay it forward,' after receiving plenty of help myself from so many others.

In June of 2014 I graduated with my B.A. in History and am currently a Graduate Student pursuing my M.A. in History at York, for which I will be examining, from a transnational perspective, portrayals of addiction since the 19th century. Afterwards, I plan on going to law school, with high hopes of becoming a lawyer and academic. As a lawyer I'm eager to focus on the areas of immigration, criminal law and how the two intersect. In an academic capacity, I'd like to focus on how interactions and clashes between criminal justice systems and crime affect societal views and how such tensions are portrayed in cultures as well.

Kira Holness – Int'l Development Studies



When I first entered Founders College, I was nervous, excited and had no idea of what to expect upon my arrival. Would I like Founders? Would I make friends? Looking back now, I find it amusing that I even felt that way. I am proud to say I've spent weeks sleeping, cheering and learning in Founders, trying my best while on FCSC (shout out to Momma Jo) and

making friendships that will last a lifetime. With that, I have enjoyed my time as an International Development Studies major, and find the academic support for my program within the college to be second to none. I spent a year on Founders College Student Council, working to give constituents the best year possible. I've participated as an Orientation Leader for the past three years and have also tried my best to volunteer my time as much as possible for Academic Orientation, 'Making Connections' and have made it a large part of my university life to welcome new students into the YU family I found my own place in. These moments by far, have been the most rewarding experiences of my life.

This year, I am returning to Founders after leaving York for a year. I can honestly say now, it feels good to be home.

Featured Alumni

Richard Rizzo



My name is Richard Joseph Rizzo. I came to York University and Founders College in 1999. I lived in residence for 2 years before becoming a Don in Founders residence for 3 years. Even though my program at York was for a Bachelor of Fine Arts, I got lucky to live and be part of Founders College and residence. In my undergraduate degree, I worked at the old Cock and Bull pub located in Founders College. I was also a part of Founders College Student Council and elected as a Communication Officer and later as the Curator for the Arthur Haberman Art Gallery. I have always loved being a part of Founders College and so I participated in as many Founders community activities as I could, knowing that the experiences enriched my university experience in so many profound and positive ways. I later went to Waterloo University to get my Masters in Fine Arts (MFA) in 2006, and I was lucky to still have a connection at York working as contract faculty in the Social Science department. I have worked at York for the last 8 years in Social Science and now in the Fine Arts department as a painting Instructor. I have been teaching five different painting courses at York University and find teaching a great joy and a challenging endeavour. Teaching is a great passion of mine, as I like to learn from and share my knowledge with students.

In 2001 my mother was diagnosed with breast

cancer, and I decided to honour my mother and all women dealing with illness with my mural painted in Founders College, titled, "The Cycle of Life". I wanted to express my ideas as well as take a negative situation and transform it into a positive affirmation and a vehicle for the transmission of ideas.



The Cycle of Life by R. Rizzo 024E JCR Founders College

In 2013 I decided to return to York for further schooling in the Education Department by taking on a Bachelor of Education. I took this degree for a myriad of reasons, but mostly because I believe in lifelong learning, and subsequently while taking

my Bachelor of Education, I had found a great passion and am now in the process of applying for a PHD in Education at York. Education and community are big components of my life and Founders College has been instrumental in providing both. Beyond that my partner Veronica Ros, who is also a Founders alumna, and I are expecting our first child. We met at a Founders semi-formal 14 years ago, now that's how important Founders is to me!!!!

With respect to my artwork, in 2012 Bell Canada Corporate Collection purchased four of my paintings. Another painting was purchased from the Toronto International Design Show.

Currently, I am part of the Robert Kananaj Gallery, is a Toronto gallery that showcases a variety of modern art and supports many local and international artists. I have recently had a Painting Show in 2014 that was very successful at the Robert Kananaj gallery. I am now working on an upcoming exhibition in the fall of 2015 at

Georgian College Campus Gallery. My website is www.Richardrizzo.com and is hosted by York University. Recently Founders College and I have been in contact about creating a new mural that represents Founders College.

I have always had a strong connection and a passion for Founders, as it truly has enriched my University experience.



Hurricane Acrylic by R. Rizzo

Recent Events

Good Morning Founders

Sept 16th

Reframing Challenges – ACMAPS Event

Sept 17th

Prof. Bruce Powe Book Launch

Sept 18th

Homecoming Brunch

Sept 20th

Upcoming Events

Chit Chat with the Master (Bi-weekly)

Oct 7th

Applying to Graduate Studies Seminar

Oct 7th

Prof. Stefano Agnoletto Book Launch

Oct 14th

Prof. Esteva Morera Book Launch

Oct 15th

Faculty of Education Info Session

Oct 16th

Founders Open House

Oct 26th

Study Abroad Info Session

Nov 6th

Fit at Founders

Sept 23rd – Dec 3rd

Book Sale

March 2015

For a complete listing of all of our events and details please visit: www.yorku.ca/founders.



HOMECOMING GAME AND BRUNCH 2014



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Calling all students, alumni and fellows : we are accepting submissions for our winter issue. Please e-mail all submissions to founders@yorku.ca.

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