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## FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

Those eagle-eyed among you will note a refreshed look for the CARS newsletter. Continuing in the fine (recent) tradition of physicians editing a newsletter that historically has mostly been about current affairs and politics, I am delighted to take the rein from Luke Pike (Newfoundland & St. John's 2007) with this, my first issue of the CARS newsletter as editor.

We have an all-new CARS Executive as well, and have spent the last half year getting to know each other and locating the bylaws in various basements and shoeboxes around the country (see our President's letter for more details). My sincere thanks to Mark Schaan (Prairies and New 2002) for his leadership as President over these past few years and to Katie Sheehan (Prairies and Merton 2002) for her guidance in putting together this newsletter. You will note that Steve Aylward describes this process as 'cat-herding'; as a proud born-and-raised Albertan I would prefer 'cattle-herding' or something to that effect, but the metaphor is ultimately the same.

We are delighted to have two exciting features in this relaunch of the CARS newsletter. First, in addition to the traditional 'letter from Oxford' we also have a letter from a Scholar who has recently gone down from Oxford (those of us who went through this process some years ago will likely recall it as a heady, confusing, exciting time, and I think the author has captured it beautifully). We are also thrilled to have a letter written by several scholars who went up to Oxford 50 years ago, reflecting on their time in Oxford and what it has meant for them.

We then feature interviews from two Vancouver-area politicians: MP Jonathan Wilkinson and MLA (and current BC Liberal party leader) Andrew Wilkinson. They generously answered a series of questions about current affairs, what brought them into politics, and a few questions from the Vanity Fair Proust questionnaire thrown in for good measure.

Finally, we hope to see you at the Sailing Dinner in Ottawa on September 22, 2018. More information is available below, but if you can't wait that long to scroll down, you can [sign up here](#).

Barrel-racing, cat-herding, and/or sheep-wrangling references aside, it has been a delight to edit this newsletter and to bring together submissions from such interesting and varied contributors. I look forward to hearing from anyone who is interested in contributing to the newsletter in the future, and I hope you enjoy reading this edition.

Sincerely,



Braden O'Neill, Alberta & University College 2011

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear CARS Members,

At the CARS annual general meeting held on September 23, 2017, a concern was raised that the Constitution & By-laws of CARS had gone missing. We struck a committee to investigate and I am pleased to announce that we have found the CARS Constitution, which remains intact as adopted in 1951, except for a minor amendment in 1995. The Constitution lists the objects of the association to include “promoting social intercourse among Rhodes Scholars in Canada”. I think it is safe to say the document has stood the test of time.

This has been an eventful year for the Rhodes Community in Canada. With the election of Andrew Wilkinson (Prairies & Magdalen, 1980) as Leader of the BC Liberal Party and Ches Crosbie (NL & Balliol, 1976) as Leader of the PC Party in Newfoundland and Labrador, we now have Rhodies in opposition from coast to coast. Andrew’s election as Leader is bittersweet for the Canadian Rhodes community, since his new role will be a full time affair that will not leave time for moonlighting as Secretary of the Rhodes Trust in Canada. On behalf of all of our members, I wish to thank Andrew for all the hard work and dedication he has poured into his time as Secretary. I first met Andrew at my own sailing dinner in 2009. I have experienced first hand the high calibre of the selection process he oversaw from the fact that many of those who made it through are among my closest friends. The role of Secretary will be ably filled by Richard Pan (Ontario & Balliol, 1998), who has been in charge of the selection committee for Quebec. I have no doubt that the ranks of CARS will continue to be populated with top notch scholars and leaders under Richard’s tenure as Secretary.

With the departure of Mark Schaan (Manitoba & New College, 2002) as CARS president, our new executive has been hard at work to build on all of his success in strengthening the Rhodes network in Canada. The 2017 Sailing Dinner featured an engaging reflection on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rhodes Women, including a reflection from the Hon. Eileen Gillese (Alberta & Wadham, 1977), who was part of the very first co-ed Rhodes class. Since then, we have held regional meet-ups in Vancouver, Edmonton, Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, and St. John’s. This newsletter marks a relaunch and redesign under the dedicated cat-herding of our newsletter editor, Braden O’Neill (Alberta & Univ, 2011). A number of us also had the opportunity to meet up in San Francisco in April for the 2018 North American Oxford Reunion, where the Warden provided us and the American Association of Rhodes Scholars with an update on the impressive range of activities ongoing at Rhodes House, as well as the much-improved financial status of the Trust.

We are in full swing preparing for the 2018 Sailing Dinner in Ottawa on Saturday, September 22, 2018. We are currently considering a number of exciting proposals for presenters on the Saturday

evening. Please let us know if you have a suggestion for a speaker or someone to give a toast. We are committed to presenting toasts that reflect the diversity of our community.

I hope to see you in Ottawa or at another event soon. Until then, enjoy the newsletter!

Best,



*Stephen Aylward*

Stephen Aylward (NL & St. Hilda's, 2009)

*The Canadian Association of Rhodes Scholars cordially invites you to attend*

## **Sailing Dinner 2018**



**Saturday September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018**

**Ottawa, Ontario**

Reception at 6.00pm

Dinner at 7.00pm

**Royal Canadian Air Force Officers' Mess**

**Ottawa, Ontario**

The Canadian Association of Rhodes Scholars cordially invites you to the 2018 Sailing Dinner in Ottawa. All current and past Rhodes Scholars and their guests/partners are most welcome to attend. This annual dinner provides an opportunity to meet the 2018 Rhodes Scholars-Elect and help send them off to Oxford in style.

The dinner will be held on Saturday, September 22nd 2018 in the Dining Room of the Royal Canadian Air Force Officers' Mess in downtown Ottawa, just a short walk from Parliament Hill. The cash-bar reception will take place in the Astra Lounge of the RCAF Officers' Mess at 6:00 pm, and dinner will follow at 7:00 pm upstairs in the Dining Room.

The price for the reception and dinner (including wine with dinner) for CARS members and their guest/partner is \$70 (early bird rate - buy your ticket before September 1) or \$90 (regular rate). A discount price of \$50 is available for those who have gone down within the past four years. The price of your ticket includes your annual CARS membership dues.

Note that the cost for any Scholars currently in residence and on stipend will be borne by the Association. The cost of the departing scholars will be borne by the Rhodes Trust.

Dress for the dinner is business attire.

Can't make it this year? You can still use our Eventbrite page to pay your 2018-2019 CARS membership dues.

Sign up here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2018-canadian-rhodes-sailing-dinner-tickets-46687343100>



Rhodes Scholars at a regional meet-up in Toronto, February 2018  
(photo credit: Sumit Sen)

## LETTER FROM OXFORD

I began my Oxford journey this fall the same year Rhodes House was celebrating 40 years of women's inclusion in the scholarship. This anniversary—which provides an opportunity to pause and reflect on the incredible women that have passed through this house—was celebrated while allegations of sexual assault against powerful men— including a former scholar – dominated the media landscape.

Much of my first year at Oxford has been picturesque. I have spent long hours engrossed in enriching conversations in pubs or over tea, sitting in libraries on rainy, winter days, or riding my bike home along the river, often thinking to myself just how lucky I am to be here. Not a day goes by without me remembering what a privilege it is to be afforded two years to reflect and ruminate on past, present, and future pursuits. But my year here has also been also spent reckoning with who is not, and has not been here. Though I walk into Rhodes House today and see a more diverse array of portraits hanging on the wall, I also see portraits of colonizers responsible for mass exploitation and a former head of state accused by multiple women of sexual assault.

A progressive Rhodes House is more than simply increasing the demographic composition of scholars or a portrait diversification project. Rather, it's about taking responsibility for the injustices that have been and continue to be committed with the Rhodes name and title. It's about recognizing the role the scholarship has played in helping individuals acquire positions of power who exploited that privilege.

With my first year in Oxford coming to a close, I have reflected on all of the incredible people I have come to know—the expressive entertainers, the interesting introverts, the affectionate altruists. I have watched how all these qualities coexist and create idiosyncratic individuals who together, constitute my Canadian home away from home. But part of occupying a place within this new family requires acknowledging who does not get a chance to try.

As I navigate my way through Oxford—from Turl Street to South Parks Road—I realize I have found my place within my new home. But until others to can also find their place within this quirky yet powerful city, we have much work to do.



Mélissa Godin (British Columbia & Jesus 2017)



## DEEPENING MY UNDERSTANDING OF CANADA THROUGH STORIES AND MOVEMENT

### My Next Step

Joanna Klimczak (Québec & Pembroke 2015) recently came down from Oxford where she completed her Master's Degree in Public Policy.

It felt like a pause in time where I could experiment with new ideas, explore different people, deeply think, listen, and let my mind and soul wonder in ways they hadn't before. This, all among brilliant thinkers and often too in quiet solitude, was my Oxford experience as a Rhodes Scholar. And upon coming down recently, I think it's safe to say that I wanted to take it all with me. Here's the reason why and some thought on my daunting attempt.

I'm passionate about bridging my technical background in economics, the political sciences and business with the everyday realities facing Canadians across this varied land. The opportunities to take action in that regard are endless. At the same time, while I'm used to diving right in to building cases as well as organizations and making recommendations, I'm reminded of the importance listening to grassroots stakeholders has for informing strong evidence-based social innovation and public policy. This takes me back to some of those quintessential Oxford activities: exploring different people, ideas and their stories. I believe they have an instrumental role to play on the ground, right here at home.

As a result and my next step, later this year I plan to embark on a several month journey across Canada with the intention to deepen my understanding of the fabric that is our country. I'm aiming to better acquaint myself with our land and its people by travelling and meeting them, hearing their stories, and getting a more thorough insight into the opportunities and challenges they face. So as to in turn inform potential business innovation, public policy and my taking action as it relates.

Additionally along the way, I intend on sharing the many insights and life experiences I learn about with the broader community, using writing and my formal training in dance as tools to do so, hopefully in a fashion that's as close to reality as possible.

Of course as I say this, like any composition, the journey will evolve and develop as I go. Thus if this project sparks any thoughts, suggestions, constructive criticisms, ideas for collaboration, please do get in touch. Moreover, if any Scholar would be interested in connecting in person when I'm in your neighborhood please reach out as well. I would love to meet you and exchange stories.



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## 1968, 50 YEARS ON

Six of the ten members of the class of 1968—Bruce Amos, Robert Calderisi, John Finley, Richard French, Frederick Grossberg, and Andrew Sancton—put together some reminiscences for our fiftieth anniversary reunion in Ottawa this September. The times they were a-changin' in 1968. In the months leading up to our sailing from Montreal on an ocean liner called *Empress of England*, Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy were assassinated, the war raged in Viet Nam, riots flared in American inner cities, the Soviets invaded Czechoslovakia, and three American astronauts were preparing to fly around the moon. Once we arrived in Oxford, some of us were as impressed by the long hair and hippie garb of the undergraduates as by the dreaming spires and emerald lawns. "You say you want a revolution," the Beatles were singing.

Some things hadn't changed, though. Bruce remembers his straw mattress, mould on the walls, and studying in his gloves and wool hat. Fred delighted in his oft-repeated trek to the bathroom: down two flights of stone stairs, outside, and back in. Like Andy, he was privileged to have one of the few male scouts left in Oxford, and he concurs with John that "The smell of Magdalen breakfast kippers and Brussels sprouts for dinner are still unfortunately vivid." February brought interminable grey skies until one morning 1/8" of snow made us feel more at home.

Protest was in the air. Robert recalls seeing Christopher Hitchens address a student demonstration on the front steps of the Clarendon Building while Lady Wheare, wife of the rector of Exeter, sat at the back of the crowd in a folding chair reading Kenneth Clark's *Civilisation* in silent protest against the protest. By January, Andy recalls, central Oxford looked like a police state as hundreds of bobbies protected the Town Hall where Enoch Powell, foreshadowing Trump's anti-immigration policies, was addressing Oxford Conservatives. A few months earlier, Robert had joined more than 100,000 protesters, including Bill Clinton (Arkansas and University 1968), at an anti-Vietnam demonstration in London.

We also went to London to hear the London Philharmonic and Gordon Lightfoot and to catch *Hair* and *The Magic Flute*. In Oxford some of us listened to "Hey Jude," "All Along the Watchtower," "Born to Be Wild," and the latest from Dr. John the Night Tripper, Aretha, and the Stones. Jack Nicholson was great in *Easy Rider*, and we cracked up at Rowan and Martin's *Laugh-In* and, of course, Monty Python.

"Oh yes," recalls John, "there was an academic side of our lives too." John was set loose, virtually unsupervised, in an experimental physics lab. Rick frequented the Bodleian where he looked up the books he wanted in huge, ancient volumes with the entries pasted in. Several of us sat at the feet of visiting eminences like Noam Chomsky, Pierre Boulez, and Northrop Frye. At the height of his popularity, Justin Trudeau's father spoke to a packed house in London.

Hockey and rowing provided necessary relief from academic rigors. Andy rowed for Queen's first College Eight and recalls "My idea of Oxford paradise was sitting in front of an electric fire reading a book sipping my afternoon tea just after my post-rowing shower." John rowed for Magdalen

and played hockey along with Bruce, Rick, Robert, and Andy. Bruce was the leading scorer for our side in an 18-1 loss at a tournament in Austria; a few months later we prevailed against Cambridge 3-2.

We made great friends. Fred got his first taste of spirituality from a undergraduate who lived downstairs from him at Magdalen, a British Sufi who had transformed his rooms into a Bedouin tent. Robert's best friend at St. Peters was an eloquent Yorkshireman who was Captain of Boats and had perfected the art of downing a pint of bitter in 2.3 seconds. We all had a lot of respect for the American Rhodes Scholars including Bill Clinton and Bob Reich. Andy recalls, "They carried immense burdens because of their citizenship. Whenever two or three were gathered together they were discussing the draft and the war. Almost all of them—even the married ones—expected to get drafted."

May finally came. John recalls, "Spring was heavenly, with the Magdalen choir at the top of the tower on May Day amid sounds of protest in the streets."

The times they were a-changin'.

Fred Grossberg (Ontario & Magdalen 1968)

Bruce Amos (Ontario & Balliol 1968)

## A CONVERSATION WITH JONATHAN WILKINSON, MP



Jonathan Wilkinson was elected Member of Parliament for North Vancouver on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Shortly thereafter he was named Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

Prior to entering politics, Jonathan spent the previous 20 years in the Clean Technology sector holding leadership positions with a number of companies dedicated to the development of green technologies. He was CEO of QuestAir Technologies and BioteQ Environmental Technologies and was Senior Vice President of Business Development with Nexterra. Previously, Jonathan was employed at Bain & Company, a leading global management consultancy.

Prior to joining Bain, Jonathan worked in public service as a constitutional negotiator, an advisor to a provincial Premier and as a federal-provincial relations specialist.

Jonathan holds an MA in International Relations from McGill University, an MA in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics from Oxford University - where he attended as a Rhodes scholar – and a BA from the University of Saskatchewan.

Jonathan has been an active volunteer in his community, participating as a board member for several charitable and industry organisations including the United Way of the Lower Mainland, the B.C. Technology Industries Association, Fuel Cells Canada, the BC Power Technology Alliance, the BC Chapter of the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters Association and the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation. Many weekends Jonathan can be found on the field as a coach for the North Shore Girls Soccer Association. He lives in North Vancouver with his wife Tara and their two teenaged daughters.

*What coaxed you away from the relative comfort of the private sector to the vagaries of public life?*

As many Rhodes Scholars, I have always had a strong interest in public policy and in furthering a “public good”. However, until quite recently, I was pretty happy as a CEO in the environmental technology space – doing things that made business sense but that also had an important social imperative.

I left the “relative comfort” of the private sector to enter public life for two main reasons:

Firstly, I was personally very unhappy with the direction Canada was heading under the Harper Government – for several reasons. I would often talk about this displeasure with friends.

One day, one good friend of mine said, “I agree with you, but I’ve heard you say the same thing ten times before. At the end of the day, what are you prepared to do about it?”

I reflected on that question for some time. If I felt strongly about issues as to where our country and our world are headed and I personally was not willing to step forward to do something about it, how strongly did I then actually hold my beliefs? If I was not willing to step forward, how could I expect anyone else to do so? This was the initial genesis of what led me to enter public life.

Secondly, I have teenaged daughters. Having spent 20 years as a CEO in the environmental technology sector I am quite familiar with the impacts that unchecked climate change will have on the world my children and their children would inhabit.

If we are to have a significant impact on the type of world that our kids will be living in, action and thoughtful planning is required now. I entered the public realm very much so that I could be directly and actively engaged in this conversation.

*What is one major objective you would like to accomplish while in office?*

I would love to see the matter of addressing climate change become what I would term a “sticky issue” – meaning an issue on which all major political parties in Canada largely agree on the need for action and on overall objectives. There could - and no doubt would - still be differences in terms how different parties envisage how best to achieve these objectives. However, all would share a view that climate change is a major problem that requires thoughtful, substantive and timely action.

*If you could snap your fingers and change one thing about Canada's response to climate change, what would it be?*

This question is not entirely clear to me. It could be referring to how government responds to the climate issue or to how the Canadian public has responded.

With regard to the government, given the chance, I would go back in time to change the manner in which successive Canadian governments have addressed this critical issue. Canadian governments have, for too long, set climate targets with no real plan as to how required reductions would be achieved.

With regard to public discourse, I would hope to see better alignment amongst those of us in Canada who care deeply about the climate issue. Many folks of very good intent have been critical of the plans and associated timelines of the current government on this file.

If I could snap my fingers to change things, I would likely ask for a better way/better forums to explain/discuss the processes and timelines associated with making an effective transition to a lower carbon future. Many who desire to move in this direction, desire to do so very rapidly. For those of us who have worked in alternative energy, it is apparent as to why the transition will take time and significant effort. This has, however, not always been apparent for some folks who should be natural allies.

*What is the quality you most respect in a leader?*

Personal integrity – a leader who says what they think and is true to what they say they believe. A leader who leads by example and is willing to be judged on the consistency that exists between their words and their actions.

*Which living person do you most admire?*

It would likely be my father. He is a person who has never cared very much about money. His life has always been focused in part, of course, on his family. However, his life has also been very much focused on making the communities in which he has lived or with which he has been associated, better.

In his interactions with others, my father has always been honest, forthright, caring and engaged. He has never been a cynic. He is someone who has believed in and acted upon the possibility of altruism pretty much every day of his life.

*If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?*

As is likely the case with many "Rhodies" I find it difficult to "turn off" my thinking brain. I sometimes think I might be better off personally (I know my wife would certainly agree with this) if I could find a way to be a bit less task focused and goal oriented.

*Who are your favourite writers?*

One of the casualties of my current job is that I have very little time to read anything other than briefing documents and materials relevant to my work with Environment and Climate Change Canada.

These days, when I read anything beyond work documents, it is typically non-fiction.

However, my favourite fiction writers would likely be writers like Tolkien - which I loved as a young adult and which I read to my children as young teenagers – and Victor Hugo.

*What is your favourite memory of your time at Oxford?*

Playing on the Oxford Blues Ice Hockey Team with many Canadian friends (and, as one of the worst players on the team, scoring a goal in the Oxford-Cambridge Ice Hockey Blues Hockey in my final year!).

*Is there something you learned in Oxford that you wouldn't have learned elsewhere?*

How to think. Oxford – and its tutorial system - challenged me in ways I had never been challenged before. Oxford really taught me how to think and how to analyze problems.

*If you could go back in time and tell yourself something in the moment you first walked into your room in your Oxford college, what would it be?*

Don't be quite so shy. Don't work quite so hard. Have more fun.

*How has the Rhodes network helped you in your career?*

Some of my very best friends are other Rhodes Scholars I met at Oxford. Throughout my career these folks have been not only very good friends but have often acted as a sounding board when I have faced major personal and career challenges and choices.

I would also say that, when I made the decision three years ago to enter the public realm, many in the Rhodes network were very supportive - both morally and financially.

## A CONVERSATION WITH ANDREW WILKINSON, MLA



Andrew Wilkinson was re-elected MLA for the riding of Vancouver-Quilchena on May 9, 2017. He is currently the Leader of British Columbia's Official Opposition.

Andrew Wilkinson previously served as British Columbia's Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Minister of Advanced Education and Minister of Technology, Innovation and Citizens' Services. He is a former deputy minister of the British Columbia Ministry of Economic Development, where he had responsibility for economic issues, trade and tourism. He also served as deputy minister for Intergovernmental Relations in the Premier's Office for two years.

Prior to his election as MLA, Wilkinson worked as a lawyer in the Vancouver offices of a major national law firm. Prior to being called to the bar, Wilkinson was educated and licensed as a physician. He lived and worked as a doctor in Campbell River, Lillooet, and Dease Lake. He holds degrees from the University of Alberta, Dalhousie University, and Oxford University, where he attended as a Rhodes Scholar.

He has also served as president of the BC Civil Liberties Association, president of the BC Mountaineering Club, and president of the BC Liberal Party.



*In your career you have worked in both the private and public sectors, and have now moved into the political realm. What are the main differences between politics and your previous work?*

Politics differs from most other lines of work in that the timelines are very short, the risk of failure is very high, and the rewards are limited – unless you enjoy working doggedly towards a better future for other people than yourself. The profile of politics means loss of privacy, endless scrutiny, unfair treatment on social media, and a complete lack of empathy from much of the public. But I still enjoy it very much, and strongly recommend it to others – a bit like the navy, there's no life like it! As a senior servant once told me, it gives you the chance to stop filling potholes and instead to pave the whole road.

*What is the most important issue facing British Columbia over the next decade?*

Like all of Canada, BC needs to make the transition to a much more knowledge based economy, while preserving our quality of life, and not leaving anyone behind. This is a fundamental challenge for all of Canada, as we have relied for many years on our competitive advantages of natural resources and the rule of law – and compared with competing nations, those advantages are much less significant than they were even 20 years ago.

*What is the quality you most respect in a leader?*

The combined ability to take in and process large amounts of information, and remain positive, forward looking and energetic at the same time – this is not easy when dealing with information overload, too much email, and many calls upon your time and attention.

*Which living person do you most admire?*

Angela Merkel is a remarkable Chancellor – she has kept the middle ground, steered Germany into ongoing leadership and prosperity, and is somehow still popular – a rare combination!

*If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?*

To be less impatient – I tend to want things done immediately, or at least the same day, and get frustrated when others do not see the need for quick action.

*Who are your favourite writers?*

John English as a biographer of Canadian leaders, Doris Lessing as a writer of both fiction and essays, and Margaret McMillan as an historian.

*What is your favourite memory of your time at Oxford?*

Going to the MCR after dinner to hear the wisdom of the universe roll out of the minds of inexperienced but generally smart graduate students – and to laugh at much of it!

*Is there something you learned in Oxford that you wouldn't have learned elsewhere?*

That you can learn a lot by keeping quiet and listening to people much smarter than yourself – and then turn it into a 3000 word essay in less than three hours!

*If you could go back in time and tell yourself something in the moment you first walked into your room in your Oxford college, what would it be?*

Be very thankful that Magdalen had a flat rate monthly heating charge – and to get back out onto the streets of Oxford and bump into your pals more often, as they will form your views more than your course work.

*How has the Rhodes network helped you in your career?*

The Rhodes community is enormously helpful in being able to find a definitive but reasonable view on almost anything with a couple of texts, emails or phone calls. Be sure to maintain your friendships, as they are one of your most valuable assets.

## CANADIAN RHODES SCHOLARS OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS TO OXFORD GRADUATE STUDENTS

Since 1957, the Canadian Rhodes Scholars Foundation (CRSF) has funded postgraduate study in Canada for Oxford graduates. Our 'scholars in reverse' are elected on the same criteria as Rhodes Scholars. To date, 104 scholars have pursued studies in fields as diverse as: medicine, law, political science, history (recently including two in diaspora studies), geography, music, philosophy, psychology, engineering, linguistics, classics, biology, physics and chemistry. They have studied in many Canadian universities, including: McGill, Toronto, UBC, Dalhousie, Laval, U de Montreal, Queen's, York, Western, Alberta and Simon Fraser.

In 2012, the Newsletter published my advice that the Foundation would not solicit contributions during the initial phase of the Rhodes Trust Appeal. As that phase of their appeal has concluded, successfully, we renew our invitation to you to help continue the important CRSF work. We have managed to fund new scholars in a number of the intervening years with income from our Endowment Trust. To ensure we can elect at least one scholar every year (which is essential to maintain visibility in Oxford), we need to supplement income from the Endowment Trust through this renewed appeal to our supporters. We stress that we do not solicit your donations in place of your support for our joint major interest, the Rhodes Trust but, hopefully, as supplementary to those contributions to our mother organisation.

The CRSF was founded in 1956, by the Canadian Association of Rhodes Scholars (CARS), as urged by Ralph Henson, who donated generously to funding of the early scholars. At his death, he provided a considerable bequest to the Foundation, which enabled the creation of the CRSF as an entity, entirely independent of CARS. We are fortunate, still, to have on our Board, one of the founding members and former president, H. Ian Macdonald. Until last year, we depended on the Rhodes Trust to organise our annual promotional campaign and selection process, in Oxford. Last year, we assumed responsibility for those activities and are grateful to the Trust for continuing to house our Oxford operations.

In addition, in mutual agreement with the Rhodes Trust, we rebranded the scholarship to eliminate any confusion between Canadian Rhodes Scholars and CRSF Scholars, studying in Canada. Now, the scholarship is known as the Oxford-Canada Scholarship, which elects Oxford-Canada Scholars. We had considered such an initiative at various times in the past but hesitated, concerned it might destroy much of the good recognition enjoyed by the scholarship, in Oxford. In the event, the rebranding has been a great success, as we received more than twice the number of fully qualified applications, last year, as in the previous year, which, already, had set a record for number and quality.

We encourage you to visit our site: [oxford-canada.org](http://oxford-canada.org). There you will find: information on current scholars; a note on the CRSF History; our Board, who represent a broad spectrum of years, disciplines and provinces of election; terms of the scholarship and information on how to apply. There is a URL, which provides access to a fully secure portal for electronic donations,

hosted by Canada Helps. Anyone who would prefer to donate by cheque through the post would be welcome to send a donation to the CRSF, at 1913 Highridge Avenue, Ottawa, ON. We are a fully qualified Charity under Canadian Tax law. We hope you would be prepared to be listed as a friend of the CRSF, whether or not you yet are in a position to donate (but even gifts of \$10 or \$20 dollars would be most welcome). In addition to receiving periodic updates on Foundation activities, friends might wish to help welcome new scholars to Canada and, especially, we would be grateful to scholars, still in Oxford, to help spread the word about the scholarship. Please share your e-mail and postal address with Hugh Porteous, our Secretary-treasurer, at the postal address just listed or by e-mail at [enquiries@Oxford-Canada.org](mailto:enquiries@Oxford-Canada.org).

In closing, I would like to note that, with the exception of the Australians, who have elected a couple of scholars in reverse, Canada is the only jurisdiction which consistently has demonstrated its concrete gratitude in this way for our experiences in Oxford. I hope you will help us to continue this important work.

Hugh Porteous (Saskatchewan & Balliol 1972)

## RICHARD PAN APPOINTED NATIONAL SECRETARY AND CHAIR OF THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS IN CANADA



Dear fellow Canadian Scholars,

I am delighted to write to you in my new role as National Secretary and Chair of Rhodes Scholarships in Canada (RSC).

First of all, I want to thank Andrew Wilkinson (Prairies & Magdalen 1980) for his exemplary work as National Secretary and Arthur Scace (Ontario & Corpus Christi 1961) for his tireless work to support the Scholarships and the Rhodes community in Canada. I also want to thank the exemplary group of Regional Secretaries who devote so much time and care to select new Scholars each year. I am grateful that Glenn Janes (Newfoundland & Queens 1996), Josie Marks (New Brunswick & Pembroke 2004), Brian Rolfes (Prairies & Wadham 1989), Gino Bruni (Prairies & Jesus 2010) shall continue their roles in Newfoundland, Maritimes, Ontario and Prairies regions respectively, while we welcome Catherine Ouimet (Quebec & Magdalen, 2005) in Quebec and Yaa-Hemaa Obiri-Yeboah (British Columbia & St John's 2003) in British Columbia. We thank Kate Ballem Chase (British Columbia & Worcester 2001) for her contributions as BC Regional Secretary and wish her well in her future endeavours.

I am pleased to welcome Pamela Chang as our new Director of Canada Engagement and Support for the RSC, taking over from Deborah Moore, who has been instrumental in helping us through our first year and to whom we wish the best of luck as she expands her executive coaching activities. Pamela joins us with a Masters in Arts and Business and most recently worked in the Development Office at the Art Gallery of Ontario. In addition to supporting the governance activities of the RSC, Pamela will oversee the Trust's Canadian annual giving initiatives and work closely with the Canadian Association of Rhodes Scholars (CARS) and Rhodes House to promote and support our Canadian community. Pamela can be reached at [pamela.chang@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk](mailto:pamela.chang@rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk). Tillie Shuster will continue to work with Rhodes House but will focus on raising funds to support expansion to new geographies, a key Trust priority.

I hope to connect with all of you in the coming weeks and months to receive your feedback and ideas as we work together to build the community here in Canada, with Rhodes House and our fellow Scholars worldwide.

With best wishes

Richard Pan (Ontario & Balliol 1998)  
National Secretary and Chair, Rhodes Scholarships in Canada

## ELIZABETH KISS APPOINTED WARDEN AND CEO OF THE RHODES TRUST



Dr Elizabeth Kiss (pronounced “quiche”) comes to the Rhodes Trust after serving for twelve years as president of Agnes Scott College. She received her B.A. in philosophy, magna cum laude from Davidson College, and she became its first female Rhodes Scholar, going on to receive a BPhil and DPhil in philosophy from Oxford. After Oxford she taught at Randolph-Macon and Deep Springs Colleges and then for eight years at Princeton University, as well as holding research fellowships at Harvard and at Melbourne University in Australia. Her research focuses on moral and political philosophy and she has published on moral education, human rights, ethnic conflict and nationalism as well as feminist theory and justice.

From 1997 to 2006, Elizabeth served as the founding director of Duke University’s Kenan Institute for Ethics, building a university wide interdisciplinary centre focused on promoting moral reflection and commitment in personal, professional, organisational and civic life. The Institute remains one of the country’s most active and respected university ethics centres. In 2006, she became president of Agnes Scott College, a liberal arts college for women in Atlanta. During her tenure, Agnes Scott broke enrolment records and gained national recognition for diversity, success at graduating low-income students and environmental sustainability. In 2015, Agnes Scott launched a signature programme, SUMMIT, providing every student with a core curriculum focused on global learning and leadership development. Accolades for SUMMIT include a #2 Most Innovative School ranking by US News and the American Council of Education’s Award for Institutional Transformation. In December, the Chronicle of Higher Education named Elizabeth to its 2017 list of U.S. higher education’s most influential people.

Elizabeth has held many leadership roles in local and national organisations, including the Climate Leadership Network, the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, and the Women’s College Coalition. The former Vice Chair of the Davidson Board of Trustees, she is a current trustee of Duke University.

She has always remained strongly connected with the Rhodes Community, having mentored Rhodes applicants for over 25 years and serving for 19 years on Rhodes selection committees, including six years as State Secretary in North Carolina.

Elizabeth will be the first female Warden of Rhodes House, a notable achievement that comes just after the remarkable 40th Anniversary of Rhodes Women which was celebrated across the globe and which culminated in an impactful convening in Oxford last September.

On her appointment, Elizabeth commented: 'I am thrilled and deeply honoured to be given this opportunity to join Rhodes House at such an exciting time in its history. Now more than ever, we need knowledgeable and courageous leaders from all walks of life who stand up for the world. Thanks to its bold vision and dynamism, the Rhodes Trust is uniquely positioned to serve this need. I look forward to building on the remarkable accomplishments of our current Warden, Charles Conn, and working to continue to expand the number and geographic reach of the Rhodes Scholarships, deepen the lifelong connections among Rhodes Scholars past and present, and enhance our impact through global partnerships including those with The Mandela Rhodes Foundation, the Atlantic Institute, and the Schmidt Science Fellows. It will be a joy to return to Oxford and my husband Jeff and I look forward to getting to know the current Scholars, the University community, and Senior Scholars all across the globe.'

The Trustees would also like to express their deep gratitude to Warden Charles Conn, who has achieved many important milestones during his tenure. He has brought the Trust fully into the 21st century and secured its position as the world's pre-eminent postgraduate scholarship programme. There will be other moments to reflect on the highlights during his tenure, and as previously announced, Charles will continue to serve the Trust two days a week with a focus on strategic partnerships, most notably the Atlantic Institute and the Schmidt Science Fellows, and international expansion. Charles commented: "I am extremely pleased that Elizabeth Kiss will be the next Warden of Rhodes House. I have known Elizabeth for more than thirty years and have always thought very highly of her abilities and accomplishments, including the wonderful leadership programme she introduced at Agnes Scott. I am confident that she will build on the recent strategic transformation of the Trust, as well as adding her own creative ideas and inspirational leadership to this role."



## SCHOLARS IN THE NEWS

**Prof Jennifer Welch (Prairies & Brasenose 1980)** was appointed [Canada Research Chair with a joint appointment in the Department of Political Science and the new Max Bell School of Public Policy](#). She will also serve as director of the Centre for International Peace and Security Studies.

**Billy Rae Belcourt (Prairies & Wadham 2016)** has [won the Griffin Poetry Prize](#) (the world's largest prize for a first edition single collection of poetry) for his collection of poetry entitled ["This Wound is a World"](#).

**Ches Crosbie (Newfoundland & Balliol 1976)** was elected leader of the Progressive Conservative party of Newfoundland and Labrador and Leader of the Official Opposition.

**Andrew Wilkinson (Prairies & Magdalen 1980)** was elected leader of the British Columbia Liberals and Leader of the Official Opposition.

*(Editor's note: The above elections mean we now have Rhodes Scholars in opposition from coast to coast...)*

**Kate Harris (Ontario & Hertford 2006)** has published her first book, [Lands of Lost Borders: Out of Bounds on the Silk Road](#), already [widely critically acclaimed](#).

**Diana Fu (Manitoba and Linacre 2006)** published [Mobilizing Without the Masses: Control and Contention in China](#), which was awarded the [Gregory Luebbert Prize for Best Book in Comparative Politics from the American Political Science Association](#)

**Eric Hoskins (Ontario & Balliol 1986)**, former Ontario Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, has been [appointed by the federal government as chair of an advisory council to develop a national pharmacare strategy](#).

**Nav Persaud (Ontario & University College 2004)**, along with other faculty members from the University of Toronto, has [called for the Canadian government to sue Purdue Pharma for their role in the opioid crisis](#).

**Justice Eileen Gillese (Alberta & Wadham 1977)** is [leading a two year inquiry into](#) the murder of long-term care residents by nurse Elizabeth Wettlaufer in Ontario.

The Hill Times notes that **Hon. Chrystia Freeland (Prairies & St Antony's 1991)**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has ["hired another Rhodes Scholar"](#) in **Joseph Singh (Ontario & St Johns 2014)** joining **Laurence Deschamps-Laporte (Quebec & Magdalen 2011)**.

## IN MEMORIAM

### MICHAEL B. WALKER

Québec & Merton 1961 (1 June 1939 19 November 2017)

Michael had a distinguished career in teaching university Physics and his research area was in theoretical solid-state physics. In 1977, he won the Herzberg Medal for outstanding research by a Canadian physicist under 40.

### JIM MIDWINTER

British Columbia & Exeter 1951 (27 September 1929 – 1 March 2017)

Jim studied PPE as a Rhodes Scholar and afterwards started his career as the Trade Commissioner Service of the Canadian Government. Following this he spent 10 years working abroad in places such as Guatemala, India and Chile. His career developed through many roles including being Senior Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet during the dynamic and often raucous Pierre Trudeau years. Later on he became the Canadian Ambassador to Venezuela and the Dominican Republic.

### ARTHUR WESLEY CRAGG

Alberta & Oriel 1964 (18 January 1941 – 26 August 2017)

After gaining a DPhil in Philosophy at Oxford in 1967, Arthur had a long career in academia. He first worked as Professor of Philosophy at Laurentian University and then Professor of Business Ethics at the Schulich School of Business at York University. During these roles he shaped the Canadian philosophical discussion on ethics and brought ethics into business. In 2006, he founded the Canadian Business Ethics Research Network which promoted business ethics initiative across all work sectors.

### PROFESSOR ANTHONY KING

Ontario & Magdalen 1956 (17 November 1934 - 12 January 2017)

Political scientist, author and professor of government at Essex University who became a popular television commentator on UK election nights. He published many articles and books such as *A Self-portrait* (1974) and *Who Governs Britain?* (2015).

## THOMAS WILLIAM HARPUR

Ontario & Oriel 1951 (14 April 1929 – 2 January 2017)

Thomas was born in Toronto, Canada in 1929 to an evangelical family. He was an author, broadcaster, columnist and theologian, and graduated from Oxford in 1954. Afterwards he studied theology and was a tutor in Greek at Wycliffe College, University of Toronto. Thomas also became a priest at St Margaret in-the-Pines Anglican Church in Scarborough, 1957, for seven years and then left to teach Theology at Toronto University. In 1971, he became the religion editor at the Toronto Star and undertook extensive travelling to 20 countries. During this time he met prominent religious figures Mother Teresa and the Dalai Lama. He was also the first journalist to do a 161km trek from Nazareth to Bethlehem despite the risks of floods and guerrilla terrorists. He is known for advocating the Christ myth theory – the idea that Jesus did not historically exist but is an allegorical character to help people live better lives. Thomas authored a number of books including *For Christ's Sake* (1993) and *The Pagan Christ* (2004). Furthermore, he had his own radio show, *Harpur's Heaven and Hell* and wrote articles for the Postmedia network and a column for the Sun Media.

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