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Ontario & Merton 2002

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Early morning studying outside the King's
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From the Editor

Dear Readers,

It has been an exciting year to be part of the Rhodes community in Canada and internationally. As most of you know, this year marks the [110th anniversary of the Rhodes Scholarship and events are being held in Oxford](#) in September to celebrate. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

The Canadian Association of Rhodes Scholars (CARS) also marked this anniversary by hosting our own reunion weekend in Toronto in May 2013. On page 6, Mark Schaan (Manitoba & New 2002), President of CARS, reflects on this event – the first of its kind to be organized by the Association. You can find photos, by **Jeeshan Chowdhury (Alberta & Hertford 2006)**, from the event on pages 9 to 12. By all accounts, it was a great success and we were extremely pleased that so many were able to attend!

Our next event is our annual Sailing Dinner and biennial General Meeting, to be held in Ottawa on September 28th 2013. Invitations were emailed by Rhodes House last month and further details can be found on page 22-23. The Sailing Dinner provides members and their guests with the opportunity to meet the 2013 Rhodes Scholars-Elect and send them off to Oxford in style. All are also welcome to attend the General Meeting and participate in discussion about the Association. A slate of executive membership will be proposed and this year we will be adding several Members-At-Large. If you are interested in getting involved with the Association in any capacity, please email Mark Schaan at mschaan@sympatico.ca. You can register by calling Mark at 613-327-5463 before September 12th or online, until September 24th, at: <http://canadianrhodessailingdinner2013.eventbrite.ca>

I enjoy editing the newsletter because I learn so much about the vibrant Rhodes community in Canada. We are privileged to have glimpses into the professional and personal lives of our members and celebrate their achievements. If there is anything that you would like included in the newsletter, please let me know. Submissions of tributes, news, articles, and photos (and pretty much anything else that can be published) are most welcome!

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Sincerely,



Katie Sheehan, Ontario & Merton 2002

From the President of CARS
Mark Schaan, Manitoba & New 2002

It was an experiment in the spirit of *Field of Dreams* – build it and they will come. There had been a sense for some time that the Rhodes community was eager to have more opportunities to be together. While our annual Sailing Dinner has been bringing together new Scholars with those who have come down before them (both recently and much less so) for many years, the executive of the Canadian Association of Rhodes Scholars (CARS) sensed a desire for a more in-depth conversation. Thus the Scholars' Reunion Weekend, which took place in Toronto from May 3rd-5th 2013, was born. What resulted was more than the Executive could even have imagined – fresh ideas on the big issues facing the planet; new friends and reconnection of old mates; incredible hospitality from many friends of the Association; and an increasing number of people commenting on a rejuvenation of the Rhodes community in Canada.

A common thread across the weekend was connections. The opportunity to catch up and network began in style at the Toronto offices of McKinsey & Company, kindly hosted by the firm and **Brian Rolfes (Prairies & Wadham 1989)**. The crowd was boisterous and clearly enjoyed the opportunity to hear about the unique experiences each individual has embarked upon since their Oxford days. Even more meaningful, perhaps, was Scholars meeting other Scholars for the first time – making connections and creating a new Rhodes community. Conversations certainly continued well past when we had to make a polite exit from the exquisite McKinsey & Co. offices!

One of the premises behind the weekend was that astounding and audacious thinking occurs when Rhodes Scholars engage with each other. Saturday was proof positive, as a very full day of dialogue

occurred. **Ilse Treurnicht (South Africa & Balliol 1979)**, who has inspired similar collaboration in the world of entrepreneurship, played host at MaRS, providing Scholars with a stimulating space to pontificate and ponder.

With panels dedicated to the cultural legacy of Cecil Rhodes, the sustainability of health systems, Canada's role in the world, and the implications of big data for our society and economy, Scholars pondered, prodded, and provoked to get at the nub of the issues facing us as a country, a society, and a globe. In addition, Scholars were treated to a tour de force from **Bob Rae (Ontario & Balliol 1969)**, who grounded the day with his perspective on fighting the world's fight. Special thanks to **Mark Abley (Saskatchewan & St. John's 1979)**, **John Allemang (Ontario & Wadham 1974)**, **David Goldbloom (Nova Scotia & Exeter 1975)**, **Prabhat Jha (Manitoba & Magdalen 1987)**, **Jeeshan Chowdhury (Alberta & Hertford 2006)**, **Brett House (Ontario & University 1994)**, **Wocjiec Gryc (Ontario & Trinity 2008)**, **Alexandra Conliffe (Quebec & Hertford 2004)**, **Randy Boissonnault (Prairies & Corpus Christi 1994)**, and **Blair McMurren (Alberta & St. John's 1996)**, as well as special guests Tim McGuire, Matthew Kronby, Raisa Deber, and Colin McKay who animated the day with their clear and illuminating thinking.

The day concluded at the home of **Ilse Treurnicht (South Africa & Balliol 1979)** and **David Naylor (Ontario & Hertford 1979)**, where conviviality reigned supreme. Scholars took advantage of the glorious weather and the lovely lawns to further the conversation and push the boundaries of thinking that the day had inspired.

The weekend ended with class brunches across the city, allowing Scholars to continue the conversation and connection with others in their class cohort.

This reunion proved many things – that if you build it, they will come; that the conversation amongst Scholars is only beginning; that profound and exceptional thinking occurs when committed and clever people get together; and that the Rhodes community in Canada is blooming. Whether you recall the spires with nostalgia or simply wish to think about the issues that matter to our globe, we welcome your continue participation, both in the Association and in the broader community.

On behalf of an exceptional Executive that really brought the weekend together, I want to thank you for the fond memories I have of our weekend in Toronto and for the inspiration I walked away with about the way forward.



Mark Schaan, Manitoba & New 2002

**Friday Night Reception, hosted by the Toronto
offices of McKinsey & Company**



Francois Tanguay-Renaud (Quebec & Balliol 2002) and
Richard Rempel (Saskatchewan & Worcester 1959)

Saturday Conference at MaRS



Welcoming Words by CARS President, Mark Schaan (Manitoba & New 2002)



Scholars – Thoughtful and Engaged



Canada's Place in the World Panel Discussion

moderated by Alexandra Conliffe (Quebec & Hertford 2004) with Brett House (Ontario & University 2004) and Randy Boissonnault (Prairies & Corpus Christi 1994)



Joelle Faulkner (Ontario & Wadham 2005) speaking with The Honorable Bob Rae (Ontario & Balliol 1969), who gave the keynote address entitled *Fighting the World's Fight*

**Saturday Night Reception and Dinner at the
University of Toronto President's Residence**



This wonderful evening was hosted by David Naylor (Ontario & Hertford 1979) and Ilse Treurnicht (South Africa-at-Large & Balliol 1979)



The Kids' Table with Scholars from 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, and 2008

Honours, Appointments and Awards

Andrew Wilkinson (Prairies & Magdalen 1980) was [elected to the British Columbia Legislature](#) on May 14th 2013 and appointed Minister of Technology on June 7th 2013.

Aaron Marsaw (Ontario & St. John's 1996), George Cooper (Nova Scotia & University), H. Ian MacDonald (Ontario & Balliol 1952), James McConica (Saskatchewan & Exeter 1951), Colin McMillan (New Brunswick & Oriel 1964), and Denis Stairs (Nova Scotia & Exeter 1961) were awarded the [Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal](#) in 2012.

Robert Hutcheon (Saskatchewan & Exeter 1967) was appointed Vice-President of the [Canadian Council of Churches](#) for 2012-2015.

H. Ian MacDonald (Ontario & Balliol 1952) has established the [H. Ian MacDonald Visiting Economist](#) position in the Ministry of Finance, Government of Ontario.

George Cooper (Nova Scotia & University 1965) was awarded the Officer First Class of the [Royal Order of the Polar Star of Sweden](#) in 2012.

George Coulombe (Quebec & Balliol 1969) received a [Lexpert Zenith Award](#) for "Leadership Through Change" in 2012. This is awarded "by the legal directory Lexpert to recognize annually the work of lawyers who are Canadian leaders in the legal profession".

Kimberly Strong (Newfoundland & St. John's 1986) was appointed Director of the new [School of the Environment](#) at the University of Toronto, effective July 1, 2013.

Mark Schaan (Prairies & New 2002) participated in the [Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference](#) in June 2012, spending time on a case study in Northern Quebec and Nunavut.

David Jones (Alberta & Balliol 1970) received the [Distinguished Service Award](#) from the Law Society of Alberta and the Canadian Bar Association for service to legal scholarship.

David Goldbloom (Nova Scotia & Exeter 1975) was elected as a Distinguished Fellow of the [Canadian Psychiatric Association](#); elected as Chair-Board of Governors of the [Stratford Festival](#); and appointed as Chair-Board of Directors of the [Mental Health Commission of Canada](#).

Daniel Promislow (British Columbia & Merton 1986) was appointed Professor, [Department of Pathology](#) at the University of Washington.

Graham Flack (Nova Scotia & University 1988) has been [Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet](#) (Plans and Consultations and Intergovernmental Affairs) at the Privy Council Office in Ottawa since January 2013.

Francois Tanguay-Renaud (Quebec & Balliol 2002) was named Director of the [Jack & Mae Nathanson Centre on Transnational Human Rights, Crime and Security](#) at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University.

Michael Urban (Manitoba & Balliol 2007) was a [Cadieux-Léger Fellow](#) at Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada in 2012-13.

John Page (Nova Scotia & Magdalen 1969) was awarded the title of [Distinguished Professor](#) at the University of Manitoba in 2008.

Henry Kloppenburg (Saskatchewan & Exeter 1968) was appointed Officer of the Order of Malta *pro Merito Melitensi* in February 2011.

Karl Hansen (Ontario & Merton 1990) is now Director of the [Trust for Sustainable Living](#) and is involved with numerous ecological and environmental groups.

Doug House (Newfoundland & Jesus 1965) recently completed five years as Chair of the [Strategic Partnership Council](#) (Business, Labour and Government). He is now an Honorary Research Professor at Memorial University until May 2016.

Peter Russell (Ontario & Oriel 1955) was appointed [Principal of Senior College](#), University of Toronto. This is the University's youngest college for its oldest scholars (according to Peter!).

Ralph Osterwoldt (British Columbia & St. Anne's 1980) was posted to Canada's Permanent Mission to the World Trade Organization and the United Nations and will be living in Geneva, Switzerland and working on trade and sustainable development issues.

Salim Yusif (India & St. John's 1976) was appointed [President-Elect of the World Heart Federation](#) for the period from 2013-2015. He was also recognized as the [second most often cited scientist in the world](#) in 2012.

Scholars in Print

Robert Calderisi (Quebec & St. Peter's 1968) published "[Earthly Mission: The Catholic Church and World Development](#)".

Mark Abley (Saskatchewan & St. John's 1975) published a new book entitled "[Conversations with a Dead Man: The Legacy of Duncan Campbell Scott](#)".

Robert McGill (Ontario & Wadham 1999) recently published "[Once We Had A Country](#)", a novel, and a work of non-fiction, "[The Treacherous Imagination: Intimacy, Ethics, and Autobiographical Fiction](#)".

J. Edward Chamberin (British Columbia & St. Edmund Hall 1964) published a new book "[Island: How Islands Transform the World](#)".

Steven Clarkson (Ontario & New 1959) co-authored, with his student Matto Mildenberger, "[Dependent America?: How Canada and Mexico Construct US Power](#)". Another of his books, "[Does North America Exist?: Governing the Continent After NAFTA and 9/11](#)", was awarded the American Political Science Association Seymour Martin Lipsett Prize.

John Adams (New Brunswick & St Peter's 1965) published "[The Government of Canada and Cyber: Security Begins at Home](#)" in the University of Calgary Journal of Military and Strategic Studies (Issue 14(2)) and a book review, "Capital Soldiers: The History of the Cameron Highlanders of Canada", in On Track Magazine (Winter 2012).

John McArthur (British Columbia & Brasenose 1998) published "[Own the Goals: What the Millennium Development Goals Have Accomplished](#)" in the journal Foreign Affairs (Vol 92, No 2 (March/April). pp. 152-162).

Scholars in the News

It has been an exciting start to 2013 for **Chrystia Freeland (Prairies & St. Antony's 1991)**. In March, she [won the Lionel Gelber Prize](#) for her book "Plutocrats: The Rise of the New Global Super-Rich and the Fall of Everyone Else". In July, it was announced that she would [seek the Liberal nomination](#) for the riding of Toronto Centre, vacated by **Bob Rae (Ontario & Balliol 1969)**.

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Chrystia Freeland has won the 2013 Lionel Gelber Prize for her book *Plutocrats*, an examination of the world's wealthiest citizens.

"Plutocrats took the prize for its immediacy and authority about the future — the world that we must comprehend and hope to manage in radically new circumstances," said jury chair William Thorsell in a

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It's official: Chrystia Freeland to vie for Liberal nomination in Toronto Centre

by Kady O'Malley Posted: July 30, 2013 8:36 AM | Last Updated: July 30, 2013 11:44 AM

In a release that employs the phrase "middle class" no fewer than six times in seven paragraphs, "celebrated author and journalist" Chrystia Freeland has officially announced her intention to "join the race" to carry the big red banner in the upcoming — but as yet still uncalled — by-election in Toronto Centre.

UPDATE I confess that it slipped right past me, but eagle-eyed editor Chris Carter has spotted a truly unfortunate typo in the original release: namely, the misidentification of her (recent) former employer as "Thomas Reuters" and not "Thomson-Reuters."

According to today's release, her campaign will be co-chaired by four "notable" local Liberals, including two who had heretofore been

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Celebrations

David Carey (British Columbia & Exeter 1929) will be 100 years young on November 4th 2013. He is Canada's oldest living Rhodes Scholar. He has been inducted into the US National Tennis Hall of Fame.

Danielle Fontaine (Quebec & St. John's 1981) was awarded her MFA from Queens University of Charlotte in May 2013.

Akosua Matthews (Manitoba & Green 2008) graduated from the University of Toronto-Faculty of Law in June 2013.

John Adams (New Brunswick & St Peter's 1965) retired from the Federal Public Service in April 2013.

Dara MacDonald (Nova Scotia & St. Antony's 2008) was awarded her Masters of Public Administration in Economic and Political Development from Columbia University.

Eliana Coldham-Close (Alberta & St. Catherine's 2003) and **David Close (Tasmania & Worcester 2001)** welcomed their son, Benjamin Wilkes Close, to their family. He was born on August 15th 2013.

Heather Morrison (PEI & St. Catherine's 1991) gave birth to her fourth child, Laurent David Morrison Bader, on March 21st 2013.

Alan Morinis (Ontario & Magdalen 1972) became a first-time grandfather on April 7th 2013 with the birth of his granddaughter Violet.

David Philip Jones (Alberta & Balliol 1970) is also celebrating the birth his first grandchild, a girl. He is Chancellor of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada and organized a successful conference for chancellors from across the Canadian Church in January 2013.

In Memoriam

Frederic J. Arsenault (New Brunswick & Keble 1963)



1943-2013

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Frederic J. Arsenault, 69, of Moncton, beloved husband for 45 years of Teréz Rétfalvi, on Thursday March 14, 2013 at the Dr. Georges-L.-Dumont University Hospital Centre. Born on June 10th 1943 in Mont Carmel, Prince Edward Island, he was the son of the late Georges Arsenault and Edna Richard of Mont Carmel.

For his wife Teréz, the two qualities which stood out during all of his private and professional life were his generosity and "a heart in the right place".

A graduate of Université Saint Joseph (now Université de Moncton), of Oxford University as a Rhodes scholar with a Masters (Philosophy, political science and economics) and of the École nationale

d'administration of Paris, Frederic put his talents in the public service of New Brunswick and Canada and also as an independent consultant.

At the beginning of his career, he was notably the secretary of the Maritime Union Study Commission.

Loyal, discreet and self-effacing, Frederic was a good listener with an analytical mind, had a phenomenal memory, a huge network of contacts combined with a great knowledge of the political life of New Brunswick, all of which made him a wise and much appreciated advisor.

As a trusted advisor to Richard Hatfield, Frederic introduced and guided him in the realities of the Acadians and francophones of this province. In 1970, newly-elected Premier Hatfield appointed Frederic his principal secretary (executive assistant). After his return from studies in France in 1974, Frederic became a senior administrator of the Regional Economic Development Corporation and later Deputy Minister of Governmental Reform and of Supply and Services. The Premier would also entrust him with several sensitive and complicated files for their resolution.

Afterwards, Frederic became a Commissioner of the CRTC (Canadian Radio and Television Commission) in Ottawa and then postings with ACOA (Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency) and Heritage Canada in Moncton.

During the last few years, Frederic was an independent consultant in the field of regional economic development and the knowledge and communications sector (Intelligent communities). He was the executive director of the New Brunswick Electoral Boundaries and Representation Commission (2005-2006); a member of the City of Moncton Bilingual Commercial Signage Committee, vice president of the Moncton West PC Association (Hon. Sue Stultz), a member of the Board of the Memramcook Institute and the Chair of the Arsenault Family Association.

Besides his mother and his wife, he is survived by two sisters: Zita (Edmond Gallant) and Bernice (Louis Arsenault) of Mont Carmel; three sisters-in-law: Andr ea Nelson (Philip) of Saint John, Maria R tfalvi

(Daniel Albert) of Cocagne, Augusztá Rétfalvi of Montréal, and two brothers-in-law: Stephen Rétfalvi (Lorraine) of Montréal and Laszlo Rétfalvi (Lisa) of Ottawa.

He will also be sadly missed by eighteen nephews and nieces, as well as nine grandnephews and grandnieces.

In loving memory of Frederic, a donation may be made to the Université de Moncton scholarship Fund, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of New Brunswick, the Acadian Scholarship Fund of Prince Edward Island or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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*The Canadian Association of Rhodes Scholars cordially
invites you to attend Canadian Sailing Dinner and
Biennial General Meeting*

Saturday September 28th 2013 in Ottawa, Ontario

All current and past Rhodes Scholars and their guests/partners are most welcome to attend, meet the 2013 Rhodes Scholars-Elect, and help send them off to Oxford in style. Dress for the dinner is business attire.

5.30pm – Biennial General Meeting

6.30pm – Reception with cash bar

7.30pm – Dinner with wine and port

In additional to the usual festivities, we hope that the 2003, 1993, 1983, 1973, 1963, 1953, and 1943 matriculation years will take the opportunity to celebrate their 10th, 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 70th reunions!

Please register and pay online at:

<http://canadianrhodessailingdinner2013.eventbrite.ca>

The Biennial General Meeting of the Canadian Association of Rhodes Scholars (CARS) will be held prior to the Sailing Dinner at 5:30pm in the Fountain Room at the National Arts Centre. All are welcome to attend and participate in discussion about the Association. A slate of executive membership will be proposed and this year we will be adding several Members-At-Large. If you are interested in getting involved with the Association in any capacity, please email Mark Schaan at mschaan@sympatico.ca or call him at 613-327-5463.

Please pass along this invitation to any other Scholars (Canadian or otherwise) who may be in Canada during this time.

If you would prefer to pay by cheque, you can register for the Sailing Dinner by phoning Mark Schaan at 613-327-5463 before September 12th 2013. Our Treasurer would be grateful for advance payment payable to the Canadian Association of Rhodes Scholars sent to:

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We look forward to seeing you in September!



*Everyone had a great time at the Canadian
Association of Rhodes Scholars Reunion
Weekend!*