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#### The Association

The Windsor University Retirees' Association-WURA (Faculty,Librarian, Administrator) at Windsor was formed in 1990, to give a unified voice to retirees; to provide a bridge for communication with the University; to encourage social contact among the retirees; and to open a few doors through which retirees could continue to contribute to the University of Windsor.

Thus the Association is meant to fill what could otherwise be a void in the lives of retirees – possible isolation from the University and from their former colleagues; and possible lack of understanding of vital pension and health issues that affect them directly.

There are only two meetings of the full membership per year: in the spring and the fall. An informal social committee arranges several other events per year – dinners, plays, picnics, and so on –all of which are paid for by those who take part. The Association encourages smaller special interest groups to form as occasion and their interests warrant. Because of extreme economy of operation, dues have been kept at the level of \$25 per year. This includes four issues of The Retirees' Newsletter

Officers of the Association are:

President: Datta Pillay Vice-President: Robert Pinto

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Kai Hildebrandt, Alfie Morgan, David Palmer, Roger

Lauzon

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FALL GENERAL MEETING FREED ORMAN COMMONS HALL Thursday, November 19, 2015, at 3.00 p.m.

## **Meeting Agenda**

- 1. Approval of Minutes Spring Meeting
- 2. Business Arising from Minutes
- 3. Correspondence
- 4. President' Report Dr. Datta Pillay
- 5. Treasurer's Report Dr. Norman King
- 6. Committee Reports:
  - a) Joint Consultative Com Dr. Datta Pillay
  - b) Bursary Fund Com Dr. Wilf Innerd /
    Dr. Donald Laing/Dr. S. Cameron
  - c) Pension & Benefits Dr. Barbara Thomas
  - d) Social Committee Prof. David Palmer
  - f) Nominating Com Report Dr. Ihor Stebelsky
- 7. Remarks Dr. Alan Wildeman President, UW
- 8. Remarks Dr. Douglas Kneale Provost
- 9. Remarks Dr. Michael Siu VP Research
- 10. Remarks Dr. Anne Forrest President, WUFA
- 11. Remarks Ms Rita LaCivita / Ms Cheryl Paglione HR
- 12. Remarks Ms Marion Doll Director Student Awards

#### 13. Other Business

#### 14. Adjournment

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## **UW 104th Convocation**

The University of Windsor will conferred degrees on more than 800 graduating students during two sessions of its 104th Convocation ceremonies at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, in the St. Denis Centre.

**Reid Bigland**, president of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles Canada, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree and will address Convocation at the 10 a.m. session.

**Gordon Giffin**, 19th US Ambassador to Canada, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree and will address Convocation at the 3 p.m. session.

## **Provost Announces Administrative Appointments**

Provost Douglas Kneale announced several appointments of academic administrators.

Katherine Quinsey will take on the position of acting dean of the Faculty of Education, from January 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017. A professor of English, she has served three terms as head of the Department of English Language, Literature and Creative Writing, and shorter stints as associate dean of the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences and acting assistant provost for inter-faculty programs.

Political science professor **Lydia Miljan** has begun a term as assistant provost for inter-faculty programs, and will continue in the role through June 2017. She will continue to serve as chair of the Arts and Sciences program, which she has since 2008.

**Charles Macdonald** will hold the position of acting dean of the Faculty of Science through June 2016. Dr. Macdonald had been associate dean of science for graduate studies before accepting the current appointment September 1.

Dr. Kneale expressed thanks to all three for taking on these responsibilities, and called on colleagues across campus to lend them support in their new leadership roles.

## Meet the Provost in Odette Building

Douglas Kneale looks forward to talking with faculty, staff and students during "Meet the Provost," on Mondays, once a month from 12:30 to 2 p.m., in the Odette Building's first-floor Michael Zin BComm Meeting Room.

The event, held each month at locations across campus, is an opportunity to share ideas, suggestions, success stories, and challenges with Dr. Kneale one-on-one.

## The Stephen and Vicki Adams Welcome Centre

A unique building on the northeast corner of Wyandotte and Patricia that will serve as a gateway to the main campus was officially opened on October

The Stephen and Vicki Adams Welcome Centre houses the offices of Student Admissions and Recruitment, Alumni Affairs and Donor Communications, the University Campaign, Public Affairs and Communications, and Alumni and Donor Records

UWindsor President and Vice-Chancellor Alan Wildeman said that placing the names of Stephen and Vicki Adams on this important new building recognizes their exceptional gift of \$2 million to the University. It includes support for the Welcome Centre, a scholarship fund and an art collection that is on display throughout the new building.

"Through their scholarship fund, Stephen and Vicki are helping future generations of students. Their generosity has also helped the University of Windsor create a new and very special Welcome Centre – The Stephen and Vicki Adams Welcome Centre," said Dr. Wildeman.

"The University of Windsor has meant so much to us," said Stephen Adams. "We are also proud to be able to recognize those who made our success at this institution possible – my father Thomas Adams, my uncle Jack Adams, and Prof. Walter White."

At the grand opening, Dr. Wildeman also announced the release of "Steve and Vicki Adams, Our Story," a book detailing the Adams' connection to both the University and city.

## Donation by Royal Bank of Canada to Support Student Entrepreneurs

An \$800,000 donation by the Royal Bank of Canada Foundation, announced will support programs in the Entrepreneurship Practice and Innovation Centre (EPICentre) to help students and recent graduates start and grow new business ventures.

EPICentre supports Windsor-Essex youth—postsecondary students and recent graduates—by providing opportunities for students and faculty to connect with businesses and other partners in order to encourage development of new technologies and products.

The investment will support the RBC EPIC Founders Program, an intensive 12-week opportunity that gives up to 12 young entrepreneurs \$6,000 each in funds to

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develop their business idea. At the end of the session, participants have an opportunity to showcase their work to mentors, supporters, and potential investors during Demo Day, where the team with the most viable business idea will receive the \$3,500 RBC Top Founder Award to help them take their business to the next level.



## **Royal Recognition for Uwindsor Professors**

Two members of the UWindsor faculty have received recognition from the Royal Society of Canada, its president Graham Bell announced.

History Professor Emeritus Leslie Howsam will be inducted as a Fellow of the Royal Society and Law Professor Reem Bahdi will join the College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists in an awards ceremony November 27 in Victoria. BC.

The society cited Dr. Howsam's international reputation as Canada's foremost scholar in the interdisciplinary and transnational study of the history of the book. It cited her meticulous and ground-breaking scholarship, focussed on 19th- and early-20th-century Britain, using archival and digital sources to recover the practices of authorship, publishing and reading of books and periodicals.

She is one of 87 new fellows elected this year by their peers in recognition of outstanding scholarly, scientific and artistic achievement.

Professor Bahdi is one of 48 incoming members to the college representing the emerging generation of scholarly, scientific and artistic leadership in Canada. A human rights scholar and international development innovator, she is the only Palestinian-Canadian law professor, and has spearheaded reforms to the Palestinian justice system and promoted human dignity through judicial education in the West Bank.

Dr. Bell praised the new cohort of outstanding scholars: "By promoting and recognizing these leading intellectuals and researchers, the Royal Society of Canada continues to be on the forefront of significant advances for the betterment of Canada and the world."

## Uwindsor President Announces First of 50 New Faculty Hires

UWindsor president Alan Wildeman today announced the first wave of a three-year faculty hiring initiative that will see up to 50 new faculty positions established at the University.

"The principles in allocating them were simple," says Dr. Wildeman. "The new positions must support our Strategic Mandate Agreement, and they must pursue the highest quality people who are scholars and who are committed to teaching in a diverse and internationalized campus."

Eighteen tenure-track assistant professor positions across six faculties have been approved in the first round of hiring, through a consultative process led by provost Douglas Kneale, with the deans of the faculties and their respective programs.

"Investing in faculty in this way is also investing in our students. We are looking for outstanding teachers, researchers, scholars, creators, and practitioners with a diverse range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary engagement," says Dr. Kneale.

"From face-to-face lecture hall to mobile device, from lab to clinic to performance, I want people who are making a noise in their fields, who value innovative and effective teaching and learning, who will be successful in mentoring our undergraduate and graduate students, and whose work will attract external funding to support their programs of research and creativity."

Kneale says the hiring of 50 new professors is both a hugely transformative moment for the University and an investment in the future of the entire community.

## **Search On For The Following Positions**

Dean, Faculty of Law

**Dean, Odette School of Business** 

Dean, Faculty of Education

Dean, University Library

Dean, Faculty of Science

Details of job descriptions can be found on the university website

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## **University Seeking Associate Vice-president,** Student Experience

The University of Windsor invites applications for associate vice-president, student experience.

Reporting to the provost, this position works to foster and enhance the student experience, and will play a critical role in providing strategic leadership and overall direction for the development and delivery of a range of student services.

Find a full description and details on how to apply for this five-year term renewable opportunity on the website of the provost.

Windsor Biology Professor Jan Ciborowski Heads a Team Monitoring the Health of Wetlands on the Coasts of the Great Lakes.

A multimillion dollar grant will allow UWindsor researchers to continue closely monitoring the health of the Great Lakes coastal wetlands and collaborating with scientists based around them.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency granted \$10 million to the Great Lakes Coastal Wetlands Monitoring Program. The program's Canadian arm, headed by UWindsor biology professor Jan Ciborowski, will receive \$1.9 million, with half staying at UWindsor. This is a second five-year commitment from the agency through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

"What is most amazing is the size of this collaboration," says Dr. Ciborowski. "There are 50 lead scientists working together to collect and interpret data from across the whole Great Lakes-information that doesn't just sit on our computers, but is shared and used by municipal, state and provincial agencies in a way that was previously unimaginable."

Windsor is the only Canadian university in the project and joins other Canadian members, Bird Studies Canada and the Canadian Wildlife Service. The massive project, led by professor Donald Uzarski of Central Michigan University, includes contributions from North American based scientists, researchers, institutions and agencies that border the lakes.

#### **President's Career Awards**

There will be five President Career Awards created. These awards are being put in place to assist the University in its need to enhance diversity among the professoriate. The

Awards will be available to academic units where is there is serious under-representation of a designated group. Specifically, the awards will be available to current or former graduate students from that designated group, who have demonstrated potential to apply competitively for an available faculty position where the serious underrepresentation exists. The identification of possible recipients of these awards and the nature of the award will be done on a case by case basis through the relevant academic unit and Dean and the Provost's office.

## **University Retirees' /Reunion Dinner** Thursday, December 3, 2015, 6.00 p.m. **Ambassador Auditorium**

Windsor University Retirees' Association is a regular sponsor of the event each year.

Dr. Ricardo Aroca, Chemistry and Biochemistry Lynette Authier, Office of the Registrar Vera Barker, Great Lakes Institute Ann Broderick, Alumni Affairs & Donor Communication Dr. Michael Charette, Economics Bernard Collins, Information Technology Services (Telecommunications)

Patricia Cousins, Student Awards & Financial Aid

Beverly Dalley, Leddy Library

Robin Dobson, Finance

Anne Dube, Centre for Smart Community Innovation Richard Dumala, Information Technology Services

Diana Dupuis, Kinesiology

Karen Franklin, Leddy Library

Dr. Charlene Gannage, Sociology, Anthropology & Criminology

Joanne Gibbs, Student Affairs

Prof. Debra Gignac, Faculty of Nursing

François Gratton, Facility Services

Eugene Hirt, Finance

Dr. Cecil Houston, Political Science

Dr. Leslie Howsam, History

Michael Johns, Facility Services

Richard Lanspeary, Advising Centre

Prof. Patricia McKay, Faculty of Nursing

Anju Mathur, Leddy Library

Heather Murray, Leddy Library

Patrick Nantais, Distribution Services

Peggy Nickerson, Information Technology Services

Dr. Sandra Paivio, Psychology

Bonnie Petric, Food Services

Elizabeth Pinnegar, Facility Services

Dr. Francis Rieger, Odette School of Business

Florencia Roberto, Leddy Library

Robert Sofalvi, Centre for Teaching and Learning

Ann Sovan, Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry

Dr. Christina Simmons, History

Marjorie Stephens, Leddy Library

Susan Stricker, Food Services

Dr. Sylvia Voelker, Psychology

Mary Wheeler, Centre for English Language Development

## **ASSOCIATION NEWS**

#### **CURAC 13th Annual Conference and AGM**

Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, May 20-22, 2015 Report by Ihor Stebelsky, Past President, WURA

The conference was meticulously organized by George Brandie, Eleanor Rogers and Geraldine Thomas. They put together an excellent program with top-notch speakers. On Wednesday evening I attended the Reception that inaugurated the conference. At the reception with my interlocutors I broached the subject of the Ontario Provincial Government initiatives regarding university pensions. It was observed that three universities, namely University of Toronto,

Guelph and Queen's, are interested in pooling their pension funds in order to gain greater bang for their investment buck. Other universities, however, are cautious about joining a group that has higher unfunded pension liabilities or about pooling their pension fund into a larger group only to lose their voice on investment policy.

Thursday activities involved excellent presentations on health of seniors followed by insightful questions and answers. The first morning presentation was:

"Toward a National Seniors' Strategy" by Dr. Chris Simpson, MD, FRCPC, RACC, FHRS, President, Canadian Medical Association, and Professor of Medicine & Chief of Cardiology, Queen's University.

Dr. Simpson began by describing the ageing population of Canada and the chronic health issues such population faces. The second presentation was:

"Senior Health and Mental Health: It's Time to be Bold for the Old" by Dr. Ken Le Clair, MD, FRCPC, Professor of Psychiatry and Chair of the Division of Geriatric Psychiatry, Queen's University, and Clinical Director, Providence Care.

The third presentation was: "A Public Health Perspective on Elder Care" by Dr. Erica Weir, Assistant Professor, Departments of Medicine and Public Health Sciences, Queen's University, and Public Health Physician, Geriatrics.

Dr. Weir provided a historic overview of health care development from Community Medicine in the past through Population Health at present to Public Health in the future. She outlined the legal frameworks, institutional structures and the services they offered, the shortcomings in community engagement and representations. She emphasized the need for promoting age-friendly communities and home care.

In the afternoon, the last presentation was:

"What is natural? Living downwind of the Alberta oil sands" by Dr. John Smol, OC, PhD, LLD., FRSC, Professor of Biology, Queen's University, Canada Research Chair in Environmental Change, 3M Teaching Fellow, Editor, Environmental Reviews.

Dr. Smol posited human impact on the environment and described some techniques for assessing environmental change. Then he focused on the Alberta oil sands, the debate over PAHs in the

environment and the lack of their pre-project monitoring. Then he outlined his use of lake bed deposits as

This presentation was followed by a nutrition break and then the CURAC Annual General Meeting. I participated as the official delegate from WURA.

The Nominations Committee (Kenneth Craig, Michel Tousignant, Beverley Stefureak and John Stager) presented its nominees for the renewal of the CURAC Board. The first list was for directors/officers:

- 1. Director and President 2015-17: Kenneth Craig (UBC, Psychology)
- 2. Director and Vice-President, 2015-17: David Swayne (Guelph, Computer Science)

The second list was for Directors for 2015-17:

- 1. Linda Kealey (University of New Brunswick, History),
- 2. Geraldine Thomas (St. Mary's University, Classics)
- 3. Fred Fletcher (York, Communication Studies and Political Science)
- 4. Mary Johnston (McMaster University, Health Sciences).

There were no additional nominations from the floor. For each list it was moved that the candidates be declared as elected in their positions by acclamation.

The above will join the Board members whose term is 2014-16:

Treasurer: Jim Boyd (Simon Fraser University, Accounting); and Directors Kohur (Gowri) GowriSankaran (McGill), Beverley D. Stefureak (Lakehead), Michel Tousignant (Université du Québec à Montréal), and Ed Unrau (Manitoba).

The following Directors were retired: George Brandie (Queen's), and Sandra Pyke, President (York).

The Banquet Featured Speaker was Mr. Jim Leech, Chancellor, Queen's University, Former President and CEO, Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. Co-author of "The Third Rail: Confronting Our Pension Failures" (2013), Mr. Leech mentioned his background and then drew on the main points of his book. He spoke of differing attitudes regarding pensions and benefits depending on the situation of the group. He described changes over time in demographics, savings, and returns on investments and their implications for pensions in the future. He discussed the merits of Defined Benefit, Defined Contribution and Hybrid plans. He offered examples from Netherlands in risk and reward sharing. He advised the removal of pensions from collective bargaining whose objectives are usually too short-term.

The conference was well attended. According to the circulated roster of attendees, 74 persons were registered. Their distribution by their university affiliation or residence by province, however, was not balanced. Of the attendees, one-half, or 37, were from Queen's; the remaining 37 were from other institutions.

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## WURA Members Achievements - Update & Corrections

## **Professor J Anthony Blair**

Senior Fellow, Centre for Research in Reasoning, Argumentation and Rhetoric;

Co-Editor of Informal Logic; Professor Emeritus Department of Philosophy, University of Windsor

Appointed Distinguished University Professor - 2002 Anthony Blair and Ralph Johnson published the first edition of Logical Self-Defense and founded the Journal of Informal Logic

Head, Department of Philosophy - Eight years

## Dr. Akira Kobasigawa

Dr. Kobasigawa has been involved in joint work with Julie Hakim-Larson, professor of the Department of Psychology. They were invited to participate in the Oral History Project initiated by the Society for Research in Child Development. Dr. Kobasigawa also presented his recent work to the Japanese Psychological Association. I thought that the members of WURA might be interested.

## WURA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations Organizing Committee

Professor David Palmer Chair

**Dr. Mary Lou Drake** 

Dr. Alfie Morgan

Mr. Roger Lauzon

Dr. Gordon Olafson

Dr. Ihor Stebelsky

Dr. Datta Pillay Ex Officio
Ms Mary Ann-Rennie Consultant

The Committee working as a team did an excellent job and the actual was a great success with over 125 people attending the reception.

Professor Palmer acting as Master of Ceremonies welcomed the gathering to take their seats and invited the President of WURA Dr. Datta Pillay to give his address. During his presentation ,he paid tribute to the last surviving Founding member Dr. Bill Phillips who just passed away a week before. As a mark of respect members were asked to rise for a moment.

Dr. Pillay invited Dr. Douglas Kneale, Provost who

brought greetings from the University.

Next Dr. Pillay invited Dr. Stan Cunningham, Past President of WURA to present his remarks. Following him Dr. Kate McCrone also a Past President was invited to present her remarks.

Dr. Anne Forrest, President of WUFA brought greetings from the Faculty Association.

Presentations were made to recognize the exceptional service of a few members of the Committee. The Chair of the Organizing Committee, Professor David Palmer was presented with a plaque in recognition his outstanding service.

Ms Mary Ann-Rennie, University Events Manager was recognized for her outstanding advice and contributions, with a plaque and a bouquet of flowers.

Mr Stephen Karamatos, System Analyst, School of Computer Science was recognized for his assistance with the publication - A Tribute to Retirees - with a plaque.

#### Friend of WURA Award

WURA has the tradition of recognizing outstanding service, assistance and support to the Retirees Association, by giving a certificate Friend of WURA AWARD.

This year the award was presented to the President of the University, Dr. Alan Wildeman for his exceptional support and help to the retirees association since his arrival in July 2008.

Before presenting the certificate, the Dr. Debra Henderson, the lady behind the successful President was presented a bouquet of flowers.

On receiving the certificate, Dr. Alan Wildeman presented his concluding remarks to the gathering and congratulated the Windsor University Retirees Association for all their contributions in building the university over the years.

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#### In Memoriam

**Dr. Mordechay Schlesinger** passed away on September 30, 2015. Dr. Schlesinger, born in Budapest, Hungary, obtained his MSc and PhD from the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, After a NASA Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh, he joined the faculty at the University of Western Ontario in 1965. In 1968, Dr. Schlesinger was recruited to the University of Windsor, and he stayed here since then serving as Head of Department from 1983-1993, and retired in 1997. Dr. Schlesinger continued to be an extremely productive member of the Department until his passing, continuing his research supervision, teaching, and writing. His passion for and delight in physics research was infectious, and has inspired many a student.

His research interests were wide ranging encompassing both theory and experiment. He has close to 250 peer reviewed publications, written 8 books, in addition to book chapters, conference proceedings, technical reports and 6 patents.

**Dr. Madugula Murthy** passed away on August 31, 2015. Dr. Madugula commenced working at the University of Windsor in 1969 as a postdoctorate fellow in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, received an appointment as a visiting assistant professor in 1971, associate professor in 1979, and professor in 1984, a position he held until retiring in 2004 and taking up a position as professor emeritus. A memorial service was held at 11 a.m. Saturday, September 12, at the Bharatiya Temple, 6850 North Adams Road in Troy, Michigan.

## Dr. Mohamed Razaul Haque

Passed away on Thursday September 17, 2015 at 79 years of age. Husband of the late Sophie. Survived by his Sister and several nieces and nephews living in India. Razaul is a retired Professor from the University of Windsor where he taught business. Paying respects at the Windsor Islamic Centre. Prayer Service Friday September 18, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Interment to follow Windsor Memorial Gardens.

Dr.Carl William Querbach, 84, passed away on Tuesday August 18, 2015 following a brief illness. He leaves his wife and best friend of 40 years, Carol Querbach (Armstrong), his sister Roxie and sister-in-law April Howie. Born in Birmingham Alabama, Carl was raised on Detroit's west side before coming to Windsor. He was the quintessential Renaissance Man with multiple undergraduate and graduate degrees in theology and classical studies,

and a PhD from the University of Michigan. Upon retirement, he resurrected one of his life's passions, completing a BFA in visual art. He was a lifelong teacher through positions at Lutheran Colleges in Baltimore and St. Louis, a long career as a Classics professor at the University of Windsor, his seminars on rugs, coins and stamps, and his own Fiesta Bridge Club. Carl was an antique enthusiast, a coin and stamp collector, an avid reader and movie watcher, and a wonderful cook.

Dr.Henry David Janzen passed away on Monday, September 21, 2015 at Innisfree House, Kitchener, Ontario, just two months after being diagnosed with cancer. He was in his 84th year. Dearly loved husband of Mary (Harder). Beloved father of Catherine Matheson (Brent) of Cambridge, and Paul of Missoula, MT, USA. Beloved and loving grandpa of Lauren and Joshua Matheson. Henry grew up in Kingsville, Ontario and enjoyed a teaching career, first in the elementary and secondary schools in Windsor. Ontario, and then, after earning a Ph.D. at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI, in the Department of English at the University of Windsor, from which he retired in 1998 as Professor Emeritus. He and Mary moved to Cambridge in 2006 to be close to their loved ones. Cremation has taken place.

**Dr.Ezio Marzotto** passed away on September 23, 2015 in North Vancouver BC. During his working life, Esio completed electronics education, then Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees at Wayne State University, focussing on Industrial Engineering, Communications and Education. Esio became the founding Director of the Media Centre at the University of Windsor where he later was Head of the Communication Studies Department and Professor until his retirement in 1997. Esio's expertise was in video production, the use of technology in education, and organizational administration. Based on his expertise, he joined the technical team at the 1976 Montreal Olympics and he was appointed to develop a Centre for Educational Technology at the first university in Oman, 1986-88.

Esio was a leader in many service organizations, and became a Windsor Rotarian in 1978, transferring to Lions Gate North Vancouver Rotary in 1999. Esio was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012 for community involvement.

Esio bore his final illness (pancreatic cancer) with stoical courage, patience, pragmatism, dignity, some humour and even academic curiosity.

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## In Memoriam - continued

## Dr. William Gregory Phillips

Passed away on September 30, 2015- Professor, author, economist, advisor and "special envoy".received University degrees from the University of Toronto (Hons. BA-1944; MA-1947; and Ph.D-1953). Served as reporter at the Montreal Gazette in the early 1940's. Served in the Canadian Army 1944-1945. Began teaching at the Assumption College (as it was then known in 1950) and served as a University of Windsor professor, Department Head (Economics and Political Science) and University Dean of several faculties until retirement in 1987. Conferred with status as Professor Emeritus by the University of Windsor. Authored books and articles related to his field of economics. Active within his community especially during the 1950's and 1960's and served as President of the Greater Windsor Foundation. Served as special personal economic advisor to Zambian President Kenneth K. Kaunda 1966-1991 (arranged by request of the Zambian President with Canadian Prime Ministers Pearson, Trudeau and Mulroney through the Canadian International Development Agency (C.I.D.A.). Devoted spouse of Helen Margaret (nee Ryan) throughout a marriage which began in August 1950. Loving father of Douglas (Nancy), Gerard, Mary Josephine Kander (Leonard) and John (Vicki). Grandfather to ten grandchildren including Krista, Melissa, Mark, Robert, Jeremy, Carrie (Darren), Joseph, Andrew (Heather), Spencer, and Marnie; Great-grandfather to Mya and Charlotte. William "Bill" lived life with joy in his heart; humour in his thoughts and with the profound desire to serve by teaching those who would be our leaders today and into the future.. If you so desire, donations to the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation and the Canadian Mental Health Association would be appreciated.

**Dr Martha Lee** Passed away on August 1, 2015 She commenced her employment with the University of Windsor in 1992 in the Political Science Department, she was promoted to Professor on July 1, 2010.On September 1, 2005, Dr. Lee was appointed to the position of the Stephen Jarislowsky Chair in Religions and Conflict in the Centre for Religion & Culture at the Assumption University, a position she held until August 31, 2010. She held the position of Associate Dean, Academic & Student Affairs, in the Faculty of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences from September 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011, and the position of Acting Dean of Faculty of Education & Academic Development from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012. Dr. Lee was appointed Assistant Provost, Inter-Faculty Programs, on July 1, 2012, a position she held until her passing.

## WURA CELEBRATES 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY ON OCTOBER 8, THURSDAY 2015 IN THE FREED ORMAN COMMONS WITH AN OPEN HOUSE RECEPTION



UWindsor president Alan Wildeman converses with WURA president Datta Pillay and retired drama professor Bathsheba Garnett.

The Windsor University Retirees Association (WURA) celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding with an open-house reception Thursday, October 8, in Assumption Hall's Freed-Orman Commons.

Founded in 1990, the association promotes and advances the interests of retired senior administrators, faculty and librarians. Through ongoing interaction with the university administration, faculty association and parallel retirees' organizations in universities across Canada, it advocates in areas of pension and health benefits as well as other issues of interest to retirees.

Dozens of members, their spouses and friends turned out to look back on a quarter-century of working to maintain social contact and finding ways to continue contributing to campus life.

A special edition of the WURA NEWS with pictures and speeches of the Significant Event will be published in the next issue

WURA CHRISTMAS LUNCH DECEMBER 16, 2015, 11.30 A.M. KATZMAN LOUNGE, VANIER HALL