

# ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY

SPRING CONVOCATION 2023



FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE & HUMANITIES

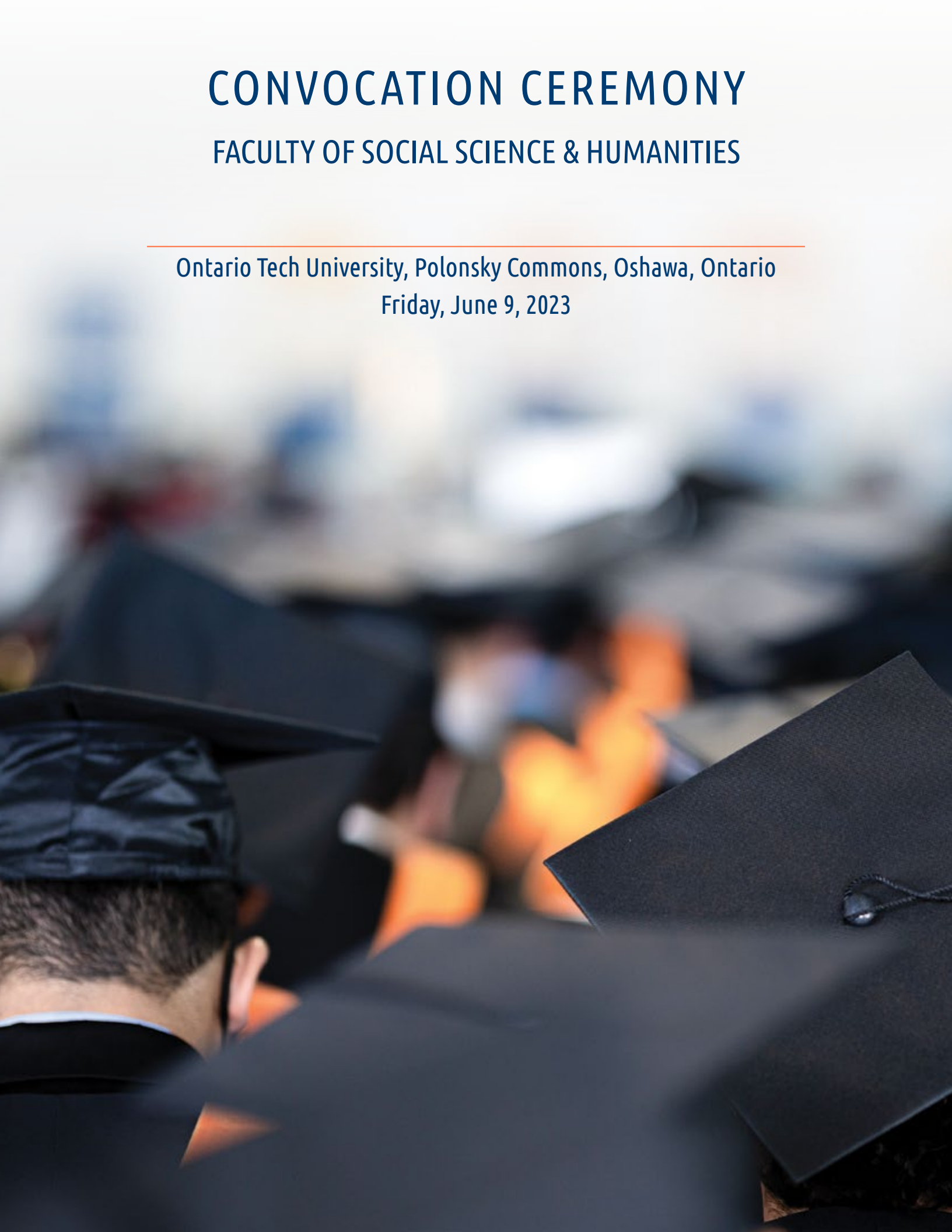


# CONVOCATION CEREMONY

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE & HUMANITIES

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Ontario Tech University, Polonsky Commons, Oshawa, Ontario  
Friday, June 9, 2023







**CONGRATULATIONS  
GRADUATES!**



TODAY WE CELEBRATE  
OUR STUDENTS—THEIR  
SUCCESS AT ONTARIO  
TECH, AS WELL AS THE  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
THEY WILL ACHIEVE IN  
THE FUTURE.

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**We can all take great pride in this moment.**

After all, each of us—family and friends, professors, academic advisors, members of the board—have helped to ensure the academic success of our students. We're proud of our students and we know they're well equipped to meet the challenges of today and the future.

Following the ceremony, please join us for a reception located at Shawenjigewining Hall.



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Congratulations Class of 2023! The entire Ontario Tech community shares immense pride in your success. Your years of hard work and dedication crystallize on this single day as a rewarding and symbolic life moment to share with classmates, family and friends.



**...YOUR UNIVERSITY FAMILY WILL CONTINUE TO BE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU IN THE YEARS AHEAD AS YOU ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS.**

The degree you receive today embodies your innovative skills and your flexibility to take on unique challenges and signifies to the world your ability to adapt to technological change.

What's more, you've earned your degree while navigating through various challenges and adjustments to daily routines over the last few years. You've been unwavering in your resilience and have dug deep to maintain your determination and sharpen your creativity.

Without question, all of these experiences will forever speak volumes about your personal depth and character. As you embark along new paths and search for new rewards, keep your purpose in mind, along with the nuggets of wisdom you take from your time at Ontario Tech. And remember, your university family will continue to be here to support you in the years ahead as you achieve great things.

On behalf of the entire Ontario Tech community, I again salute you on all your accomplishments.

Sincerely,  
Mitch Frazer, Chancellor

## 2022-2023 Members of the Board of Governors

Mitch Frazer, *Chancellor*  
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Steven Murphy, *President and Vice-Chancellor*  
Eric Agius

Ahmad Barari  
Carla Carmichael  
Kevin Chan  
Ran Hao  
Kori Kingsbury  
Thorsten Koseck

Matthew Mackenzie  
Dale MacMillan  
Michael Rencheck  
Joshua Sankarlal  
Kim Slade  
Trevin Stratton

Dwight Thompson  
Roger Thompson  
Jim Wilson



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

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Class of 2023, congratulations on achieving this special milestone today! We are honoured to celebrate with you as you join our Ontario Tech alumni community and prepare for the next chapters of your journey.

The skills and knowledge you have acquired at Ontario Tech will serve you well in the future, whether in your professional life, your continued academic studies, or in the volunteer activities you engage in that make a positive impact on your community.



**WE ARE HONOURED TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU AS YOU JOIN OUR ONTARIO TECH ALUMNI COMMUNITY...**

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Savour the moment as you cross the Convocation stage. The degree you now hold recognizes and serves as a reward for all of your hard work, discipline, and commitment to your studies. Your degree also signals that you are prepared to lead and solve pressing problems through your proven capacity to develop and activate brilliant and creative ideas.

One of the things I'm most excited about, and that I believe truly makes Ontario Tech a top destination for students, is our focus on the ethical application of technology to build better communities and protect our planet. As a university we've made it our priority to ensure 'tech with a conscience' is woven into our teaching and learning practices, granting our students opportunities to participate in exciting projects, many of which are firsts of their kind.

Whether it's getting involved in the development of Canada's first electric vehicle, participating in hackathons to tackle nationwide challenges such as food insecurity, or incorporating virtual reality technology into surgical simulation and training, Ontario Tech students stand out among the rest for their academic knowledge, the hands-on experiences they've gained, and the accessible, impactful solutions they develop to make our world a better place. Having been immersed in Ontario Tech's culture of entrepreneurship and social innovation throughout their academic journey, our graduates emerge from the university ready to achieve great things.

On behalf of our entire university community, congratulations again on a job well done, and best wishes for continued success.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Steven Murphy  
President and Vice-Chancellor





## MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST AND VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC

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As we celebrate you on your special graduation day, I'd like to offer my sincere congratulations and share how proud the university's entire Academic Team—the deans, professors, lecturers, lab technicians, teaching assistants, advisors, and academic support units—are of you today.

We are honoured to stand alongside you on this joyous occasion and reflect on your dedication, vision and tenacity, all of which have helped you succeed in your academic journey and personal growth. You've inspired us with your hard work on innovative projects and research collaborations, and with your efforts to connect with one another and build a caring community. Cherish these memories, knowing that your university experiences will set you apart and serve you well throughout your career.

Now that you are part of our Ontario Tech alumni community, we hope you stay connected and share with us the exciting things that come next for you. We will always be here to support you, and we look forward to learning about your future personal and professional achievements.



WE ARE HONOURED TO STAND ALONGSIDE  
YOU ON THIS JOYOUS OCCASION AND  
REFLECT ON YOUR DEDICATION, VISION  
AND TENACITY...

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Once again, congratulations on reaching this milestone, and best wishes for your future!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Livingston".

Sincerely,  
Dr. Lori A. Livingston  
Provost and Vice-President, Academic





## OUR MOTTO

# COGITANDO ET AGENDO DUCEMUS

By thinking and doing,  
we shall lead.

## ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

### Processional

### Indigenous Honour Song

### National Anthem

### Opening of Convocation

Dr. Lori A. Livingston,  
Provost and Vice-President, Academic

### Chancellor's Address

Mr. Mitch Frazer, Chancellor

### President's Address

Dr. Steven Murphy, President and  
Vice-Chancellor

### Conferral of the Honorary Degree

Mr. Mitch Frazer, Chancellor

### Honorary Doctorate Address

The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson  
and Mr. John Ralston Saul

### Conferral of Degrees

Mr. Mitch Frazer, Chancellor

### Alumni Association Address

Muhammad Mahad, Class of 2016  
and Class of 2021

### Closing of Convocation

Dr. Lori A. Livingston,  
Provost and Vice-President, Academic

### Recessional

### Reception

## CEREMONY NOTES

As a courtesy, audience members are asked to remain in their seat throughout the convocation ceremony and until the Academic Procession has left the ceremony. The audience should rise, if they are able, for the Processional, the Honour Song, the National Anthem and the Recessional. Please silence electronic devices for the duration of the ceremony. Guests wishing to take photos during the ceremony are asked to do so from their seat. A professional photographer will photograph each graduate and provide a complimentary proof following the ceremony.



[View and share the convocation ceremony webcast with friends and family here.](#)

If you need first-aid assistance please visit the Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT) tent. A lost and found station is located in the cafeteria in the Business and IT Building.



# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson | Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*

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In recognition of her remarkable work as a role model and champion of inclusion and diversity, and for her dedication to public service and educating Canadians about national issues that reflect our values of integrity and respect, the university proudly confers upon the

Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Madame Clarkson arrived in Canada from Hong Kong with her family in 1942 and made the incredible journey from penniless child refugee to accomplished broadcaster, journalist, and distinguished public servant in a multi-faceted lifetime.

As Canada's 26th Governor General (from 1999 to 2005), she demonstrated her passion for Canada's North by establishing the Governor General's Northern Medal, for outstanding contributions to the understanding and development of the North.



**MADAME CLARKSON IS AMONG CANADA'S MOST DECORATED CITIZENS, RECEIVING SUCH ACCOLADES AS FRANCE'S GRAND CROSS OF THE ORDER OF PLEIADES, AND GERMANY'S COMMANDER'S CROSS OF THE ORDER OF MERIT.**

Upon leaving the viceregal office, with her husband John Ralston Saul, she co-founded the Institute for Canadian Citizenship (ICC) which helps new citizens feel involved and included in Canadian life. In addition to its special citizenship ceremonies, the ICC gives new citizens an opportunity to access and enjoy over 1,700 cultural institutions across the country, free for one year, under its Canoo program.

At age 26, she began her CBC broadcast career, headlining the program *Take 30*. Then in 1975, she was part of a team that launched CBC's public affairs show *The Fifth Estate*, before going on to host and produce CBC's first cultural program, *Adrienne Clarkson Presents*.

In the 1980s, she was Board Chair of the Canadian Museum of History, helping create a Canadian War Museum and negotiate the return of sacred objects to Indigenous Peoples.

In March 2007, Madame Clarkson became Colonel-in-Chief of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, the first Canadian to be Colonel-in-Chief of a Canadian regiment. As Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian Forces when she was Governor General, she developed a close tie with the Armed Forces and enjoys the connection with this small but proud and effective force today through her Regiment.

The University of Toronto's Massey College established the Clarkson Laureateship for Public Service Award in her honour. She also founded the Clarkson Cup (Canada's championship trophy for women's hockey).

Madame Clarkson is among Canada's most decorated citizens, receiving such accolades as France's Grand Cross of the Order of Pleiades, and Germany's Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit. Her many honorary fellowships include the Royal Society of Canada, the Royal Conservatory of Music, and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

Her official titles include membership in the King's Privy Council for Canada, Companion of the Order of Canada, Commander of the Order of Military Merit, Commander of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces, and the Canadian Forces Decoration.

A bestselling author, she holds bachelor's and master's degrees in English Literature from the University of Toronto, and after three years at the Sorbonne, she acquired a diploma in the French language. She has previously received 32 honorary doctorates from universities in Canada and abroad.

# HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

Mr. John Ralston Saul | Doctor of Laws, honoris causa



In recognition of his award-winning contributions to Canadian literature, his philosophies on social justice, interdisciplinary study, freedom of expression, and championing of Indigenous rights, the university proudly confers upon Mr. John Ralston Saul the

honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Widely acclaimed as one of Canada's leading thinkers, Mr. Saul is an award-winning essayist and novelist. His 14 works have been translated into 28 languages in 37 countries. His philosophical works—*Voltaire's Bastards*, *The Doubter's Companion*, *The Unconscious Civilization* and *On Equilibrium*—have impacted political thought across the world.

Mr. Saul has written extensively about Canada. In *A Fair Country* and *The Comeback* he argues that modern Canada is profoundly shaped by Indigenous ideas. He is also the general editor of the 'Extraordinary Canadians' biographical series to which he contributed his own biography

of the two founders of Canadian democracy: Louis-Hippolyte LaFontaine and Robert Baldwin. In fact, the year 2023 marks Canada's 175th anniversary of continuous democracy, dating back to when LaFontaine and Baldwin won responsible government from the British government in 1848.

In the mid-1970s, Mr. Saul was the assistant to the first Chair of Petro-Canada, helping establish the national oil company. He is Co-Chair of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship, President Emeritus of PEN International, Founder and Honorary Chair of Français pour l'avenir/French for the Future, and sits on the International Advisory Board for the Common Action Forum.

Over the years, Mr. Saul has lectured extensively around the world. He is a Companion in the Order of Canada and the Order of Ontario as well as an Officer in Germany's Order of Merit and a Chevalier in the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres of France. His many literary awards include Chile's Pablo Neruda Medal, South Korea's Manhae Grand Prize for Literature, Italy's Premio Lettarario Internazionale and the Governor General's Literary Award for Non-Fiction.

Mr. Saul earned his bachelor's degree at McGill University and PhD at King's College, University of London. He holds 21 honorary degrees from universities across the globe.

## HONORARY DEGREES

Honorary degrees recognize individuals who have accomplished extraordinary achievements and remarkable service. These individuals have demonstrated a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge in one or more field; provided outstanding service to the greater society through non-academic achievements and/or public service; or made noteworthy contributions in areas relevant to the mission of the university and/or local community.

### **DOCTOR OF LAWS, HONORIS CAUSA (LLD)**

Awarded for outstanding achievement in social science in the broadest sense, or significant community contributions at the local, national or international levels.

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### DOCTOR OF LAWS, HONORIS CAUSA

The Right Honourable  
Adrienne Clarkson

John Ralston Saul

### DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY, FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

Christina Connors

Thesis Title: Toward  
Assessing and the  
Protective Efficacy of  
Canadians' Interrogation  
Rights: Misinformation and  
Caution Comprehension

Elizabeth Elliott

Thesis Title: What Lies  
Beneath: An Examination of  
the Underlying Components  
of Deception Detection

Jeffrey Daniel George Kaplan

Thesis Title: Development  
of the Interview and  
Interrogation Assessment  
Instrument

Lillian Arminda Rodriguez  
Steen

Thesis Title: Examining  
Interview Ground Rules  
in Formal Interviews with  
Children

Danielle Rumschik

Thesis Title: An Analysis  
of Face Matching Accuracy  
and Related Variables:  
A Meta-Analysis and Two  
Follow-Up Studies

Mark Duane Snow

Thesis Title: Negative  
Emotion and Eyewitness  
Memory

### MASTER OF ARTS, CRIMINOLOGY

Beverly Margaret Allison

Samantha Lynn Chopik

Shahrukh Kabir

Rozita Mehrabi

Phillip Nguyen

Tristan Simonetta

Naila Sohrat Tasbiha

Shannon Nicole Wilson

### MASTER OF SCIENCE, FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

Carina Madureira Cardoso

Cassandre Dion Lariviere  
Governor General's Gold  
Medal

Outstanding Thesis Award

Ana Karen Espinosa Becerra

Alexandra Grave

Jingyuan Li

Katrina-Ray Claudia Marie  
Villeneuve

### BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS), COMMUNICATION AND DIGITAL MEDIA STUDIES

Isaac Osemhen Ohiole  
Akhigbe

Alicia Asquith ★

Evan James Boerstra

Alexandre Bracq

Celine Gabrielle Charlebois

Megan Shi Min Torrible  
Chesney

Samantha Rose Christie

Kelsey Cluett ★

Aidan Kevin Cowling-  
Mcdonnell

Ava Marie D'Alessio

Jayson Dimaano ★

Karen Aida Edwards  
Almendaras ★

Caroline Fitzpatrick

Dionnedra Hall ★★

Allyssa Jean Harman

Jenny Hawkins

Stavros Karanis

Hennock Lulseged

Niyamat Malhotra

Joshua Mark Malsi

Karl Junior Mbuyi Wa Kalondji

Shaun David McLeod ★

Shayne Daniel Pierce ★

Emma Louise Pritt

Michael David Radford

Sujay Rambajue ★

Ayesha Raziq

Reev Imanuel Eric Robinson

Julia Nicole Sandy

Alexandra Nicole Sanita

Paula Rose Sillers

Jack Sliter

Natalia Sarah Annette  
Snow ★★

Tamara Tammy Talhouk

Samuel Saleem Tannous ★

Meghan Rose Tetford ★

Naima Tourabi

Veronica Ada Trask ★★

Steven James Tsoukas

Mairyn Rena Tsoutouras ★★

Pheiruse Umutoni

Kevon Aldane Watson

Olivia Cassidy Wild ★★

Brittany Nicole Woodcock ★

Andrew Oscar Yue

### BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS), CRIMINOLOGY AND JUSTICE

Maaida Ali

Mir Ali ★★

Syed Shoaib Ali

Shamiah Abbigale Allison

Justine Rianne San Pedro  
Alvarado ★★

Bradley John David Astill ★

Roheel Awan ★

Kaenat Aziz

Ezana Bahta

Adriel Reiji Hizon Bajao

Kitana Khadeja Baksh ★

Leon Barnes ★

Evan James Bartley ★

Shayne Battler

Madison Rebecca Bernier ★

Joel Bobby

Alexandra Georgia  
Bouyoukos ★

Isaiah Anthony  
Briones-Skeete

Avery Dawn Brockerville ★★

Gavin Richard Browne

Charlotte Songlin Burgess ★★

Angel Cheng

Jada Chung ★

Nicholas Arnold Clarke

Kyle John Allan Cormier ★★

Carli De Vos ★★

Jenna Madison Dempsey ★

Stephanie Alissa Deriet ★

Owen William Duguay ★

Zafir Khalil Eshak

Brooke Fallon

Aleya Nicole Fass-Wood

Taylor Mackenzie Ferguson ★

Brandon Michael Fernandes

Dawson Charles Earl Fjarlie ★

Dalyssa Fleurgin

Daniel W. Froggett ★

Christopher Anthony Galati

Ryan George Jayasinghe

Nicholas Angelo  
Giovannelli ★

Sarah Haiyaat ★★

Gabriella Maria Marina Hall-  
Ufford

Shiyan Hassan

Yusif Tarek Hassanein

Jessie Lorrae Hayes ★

Connor Shayne Heard

Elijah Anthony Hernandez

Alana Howie

Reanna Nicole Irvine

Annabel Iyesogie Iyawe ★  
Adil Jabbar ★  
Molly Ann Jane Jansen  
Zarah Javaid  
Joyce Jeon  
Billy Jian  
Eryn Lorraine Johnston  
Jonathon Patrick Jordan  
Rafsan Kabir  
Anniqa Kassam  
Madelaine Andrea Keels  
Rayan Khan  
Daniel Lokesh Kisoorn  
Keon Robert Charles  
Kostyshyn  
Mithunraj Krishnamoorthy  
Sabeesan Kulendren  
Sineka Kumanan  
Ceo Faith Lam  
Robert James Lee ★  
Pierre-Luc Lurette  
Bobby Lomas Maharaj  
Maryam-Bibi Malam ★  
Isaac Omar Malloo  
Czarine Angela Bisarra  
Mamasig  
Laksan Manoharan  
Zoe Elisha Jeanne March  
Jillian Erin May ★  
Kaytisha Angela Mayers  
Melissa Mazari  
Olivia Rio Mazzotta ★★  
Charlotte Ann McBain  
Megan Alexandra  
McClellan ★  
Cole Robert Gordon McColl  
Josh Bradley Mcdermid  
Nolan Stewart Mcintosh  
Olivia Grace McIntyre ★  
Sunzala Mehraban  
Christopher Lawrence Merry  
Jack Mo ★  
Hussien Abdirizack Mohamed  
Navdeep Singh Moondi  
Arajenthira Narenthira ★  
Thashnika Nava

Nathan Kiyoshi Nekoda ★  
Abishek Nimaes  
Cynthia Christina Nimri ★  
Sayed Samirulla Noor Agha  
Kamren Maliq Norde  
Yasmin Obaidi  
David Brown Okoroafor  
Amy Magdalene Onoriode  
Nathaniel Oppong  
Aayesha Saidaltaf Patel ★★  
Abhi Hirenkumar Patel ★  
Nidhi Patel  
Jayden Robert Robindra  
Persaud  
Prabhkiran Pooni  
Prathipa Prakash ★  
Abinaya Rajaganapathy  
Jasminy Rajendran  
Neshanth Ranjit  
Nadiya Rasheed  
Rohini Rayna Reid  
Tyler David Austin Reid ★  
Cheyenne Jacqueline Rendell  
Jadelle Aveca Sa-De  
Richards ★  
Bianca Ravina Roopchand ★  
Makayla Riley Rudder  
Hanan Abdulrahim Seif Salim  
Santhoskumar Santhakumar  
Hannah Noelle Sealy  
Julia Nicole Shepherd  
Myles Torin Simpson  
Jasmine Singh ★★  
Yathus Sooriyakumar  
Januya Sritharan  
Nicholas Kyriakos Edward  
Stathopoulos  
Gracie Lynne Steckroat ★  
Izabella Marie  
Sutherland ★★  
David Keir Sutton ★  
Noah Ryan Joseph Sylvain  
Nicholas Alexander Tetford  
Relakshika  
Thanabalasingham  
Yasmi Thayanithi ★

Rosanth Thevathasan  
Seantrice Alika Thompson  
Genevieve Iris Thornton  
Sasha Alexandra Fyffe  
Wattam ★★  
Brandon Anthony Welsh-  
Battiste  
Aprille Whyne  
Homing Jordan Williams ★  
Omar Ateiba Williams  
Andrew Keith Zovak ★

**BACHELOR OF ARTS  
(HONOURS), FORENSIC  
PSYCHOLOGY**

Riley Erin Adams  
Maria Carinez Adlawan  
Warda Saud Alam  
Juana Nashanda Amador ★★  
Kelontae Jayden Ansine  
Elisabeth Marie Ashley ★★  
Kajol Bagga  
Raquel Marie Moniz Bilhete  
Alyssa Christine Black-Hill  
Jonathan Broslaw Kahane ★  
Melissa Shawn Cahill  
Aidan Ford Christian Campbell  
Hayley Marie  
Ciccarelli-Swartzman ★  
Kathleen Cleaver  
Lindsay Collin-Rooney ★★  
Faculty Medal  
Governor General's Silver  
Medal  
Michael Salvatore Cosentino  
Bryanna Sylvia  
Costello-Contreras  
Caitlyn Lena Mae Cote ★★  
Jake Andrew Cullum  
Tadiwanashe Chloe Palesa  
Danha  
Samantha Anne Dillen  
Jenna Catherine Diotte  
Amanda Danielle Edwards  
Amanda Marie Ewaskiw  
Nailah Facey  
Christopher Aquino Fajardo  
Alireza Fakhraey

Benjamin Adam Fearon  
Emily Rose Fintelman ★  
Sanchia Francis  
Ivory Gallagher  
Tian Han ★★  
Brianna Lynn Hughes ★★  
Melissa Anne Hunt ★★  
Renee James  
Cerrissia Noella Joseph  
Hanna Jung ★★  
Jeffrey Thomas Kong ★★  
Michelle Malan  
MacDonald ★★  
Bailey Ann MacIntyre  
Gaganjit Mahl  
Iwona Malanowska  
Melissa Christine Marois-St.  
Aubyn  
Jasmine Elizabeth Drolet  
Marshall  
Aasma Rafiq Marwat ★  
Claudia Lynn McArthur  
Jacynthe Finelina Elin  
McDonald Spence ★★  
Taryn Brigid McEvoy  
Samantha Siobhan  
McGunnigle ★  
Melissa Marie McKnight  
Sahana Jade Miller  
Jasmine Elizabeth Murphy  
Robyn Ming-Yan Mutiger  
MairiElle Heming Nicholson  
Nikita Geraldine JoElla  
Noseworthy  
Jeffry Ocampo  
Noghayin Osayande  
Jinisha Patel  
Michael Perry  
Alexis Ann Pommells-Costa ★  
Sarah Jeanette Preston  
Brienne Koleen Quezon ★  
Sahar Rizvi ★  
Chantal Ruzsa  
Guinevere Jade De Vera  
Santos  
Chi Chung Sin ★  
Hareis Sivalingam

Sydney Deanne  
Spyksma ★★  
Hannah Dwyer Dawn  
Stanutz ★  
Luke Stefanovic  
Nicholas James Jack  
Stevenson  
Denish Subramaniam  
Sarah Swerid  
Aima Ahmed Syed  
Allison Rebecca  
Thompson ★★  
Brianna Thompson  
Danielle Mary Titterton ★  
Vivian Unnah  
Brooke Julieanne Vial  
Vidhyashree Vijayakumar  
Jessica Marie Wilkie ★  
Terry Anisa Williams  
Veronica Sarah Zilavec

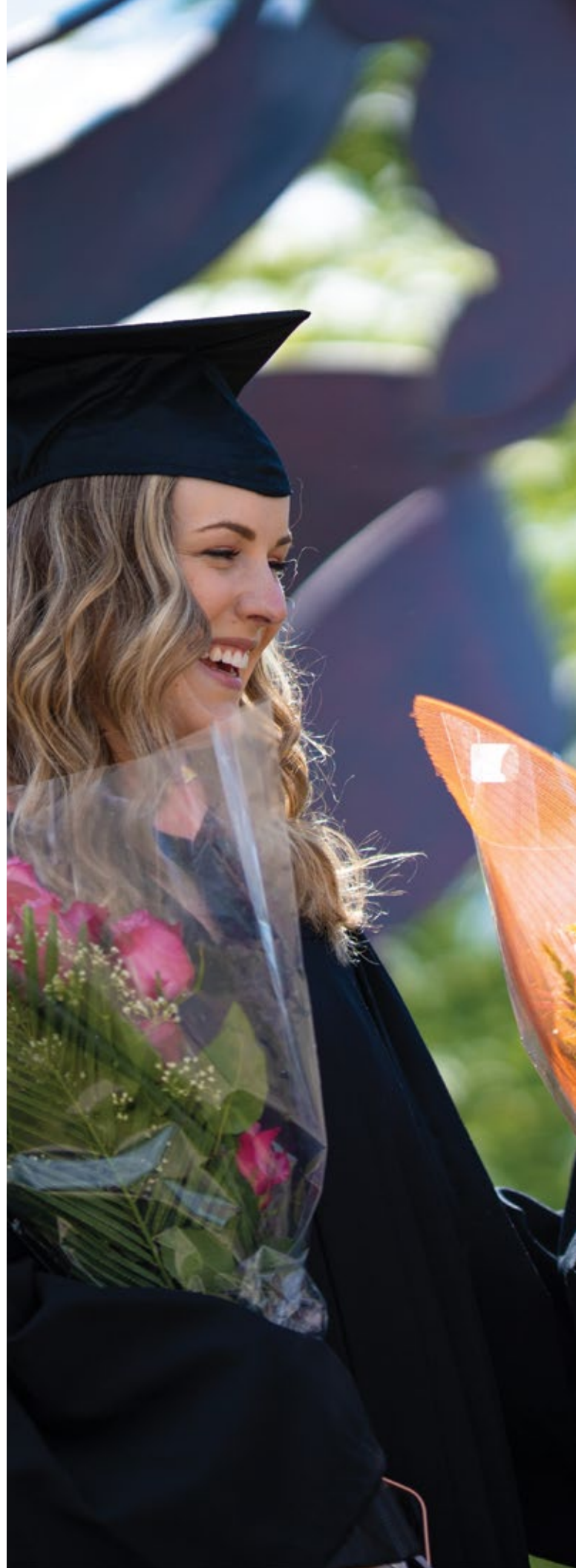
**BACHELOR OF ARTS  
(HONOURS), LEGAL  
STUDIES**

Maria Lisa Addorisio ★★  
Jo-Anne Christina Alexander  
Waseel Ashoor  
Maria Fernanda Ayala  
Marroquin  
Bailey Bliss Brown  
Samantha Angel Brown ★★  
Terel Anthony Daley ★  
Frank Fernandes ★★  
Joia Frank  
Khushi Naveen Gajeeban ★★  
Amanda Kaitlyn Garcia ★★  
Mena Haqdad ★  
Janet Heeringa  
Erin Elizabeth Humphries ★★  
Joshua Christian Huppe  
Ellie Jamieson ★★  
Luvdeep Singh Jawanda  
Sarah Kelly Elizabeth  
Johnstone ★★  
Kanjana Jothymuruganandan  
Noah James Lane ★★

Navneet Kaur Maan  
Samantha Leigh Mason  
Amy Lynn Miller ★★  
Nicole Franciolis Miranda  
Jimenez  
Aliabbas Abdusalleh  
Mohammad  
Sonia Naseer  
Caitlin Rae ★  
Ragini Rasalingam  
Lauren Alexandra Reid ★★  
Rebecca Breanne Rodley ★★  
De'Anna Rolle ★  
Emily Avery Stanisz  
Alexis Jennifer Stevenson  
Daphannie Marie Chantelle  
Tremblay  
Arrabe Vigneswaran  
Ramla Yakub ★  
Dana Yurchi

**BACHELOR OF ARTS  
(HONOURS), POLITICAL  
SCIENCE**

Holly Bhagratie  
Michael Joseph Bullion ★★  
Michael Ryan Di Iorio ★★  
Hafsa Pirzada  
Madumitha Rajaruban  
Katherhan Sivakumar ★  
James Gerald Sprung ★  
Tenzin Wangmo  
Rida Warsi







## FACULTY MEDALS

Faculty medals are awarded annually by each faculty to the student graduating from an undergraduate program who has achieved the highest cumulative GPA in the courses required for their degree, as approved by the dean of the faculty.

### **FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**Isabella Victoria Smith**

Bachelor of Information Technology (Honours),  
Technology Management

### **FACULTY OF EDUCATION**

**Sarah Megan Landry**

Bachelor of Education

### **FACULTY OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE**

**Philip Elijah Anisimov**

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours),  
Mechanical Engineering, Co-operative Education

### **FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**Claire Elizabeth Knowles**

Bachelor of Health Sciences (Honours),  
Medical Laboratory Science

### **FACULTY OF SCIENCE**

**David Allen Powers**

Bachelor of Science (Honours),  
Computer Science

### **FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AND HUMANITIES**

**Lindsay Collin-Rooney**

Bachelor of Arts (Honours),  
Forensic Psychology

## DISTINCTIONS

### **With Highest Distinction:**

Undergraduate students who have achieved a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.8 or higher for the courses required for their degree.

**With Distinction:** Undergraduate students who have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.79 for the courses required for their degree.

## OUTSTANDING THESIS AWARDS

Outstanding Thesis Awards recognize a student graduating from a thesis-based master's program and a student from a thesis-based doctoral program whose thesis has made, or is expected to make, a significant contribution to their field of study.

### **2023 OUTSTANDING MASTER'S THESIS AWARD RECIPIENT**

**Cassandra Dion Lariviere**

Thesis Title: The Effects of Rapport Building on Information Disclosure in Virtual Interviews  
Master of Science in Forensic Psychology

### **2023 OUTSTANDING DOCTORAL THESIS AWARD RECIPIENT**

**Martin Magill**

Thesis Title: Opportunities for the Deep Neural Network Method of Solving Partial Differential Equations in the Computational Study of Biomolecules Driven Through Periodic Geometries  
Doctor of Philosophy in Modelling and Computational Science



# GOVERNOR GENERAL'S ACADEMIC MEDALS

The Governor General's Academic Medal was first awarded in 1873 by the Earl of Dufferin, and has since become one of the most prestigious awards a student in a Canadian educational institution can receive. The Governor General of Canada continues the tradition of encouraging scholarship across the nation and recognizing outstanding students.

## Gold Medal

The Gold Medal is awarded annually to the student graduating from a graduate-level program who has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average (GPA) in the courses required for the degree, as approved by the Admissions and Scholarship Committee.

## 2023 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENT

**Cassandre Dion Lariviere**

Master of Science, Forensic Psychology

## Silver Medal

The Silver Medal is awarded annually to the student graduating from an undergraduate program who has achieved the highest cumulative grade point average (GPA) in the courses required for the degree as approved by the Admissions and Scholarship Committee.

## 2023 GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SILVER MEDAL RECIPIENT

**Lindsay Collin-Rooney**

Bachelor of Arts (Honours),  
Forensic Psychology

# AWARDS FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE

The university recognizes instructors who have demonstrated excellence in teaching. These awards distinguish those who have significantly enhanced the quality of learning for students through innovation and commitment, by fostering new instructional practices and learning activities, and through engagement in the scholarship of teaching and learning.

## TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

**Wendy Barber, PhD,**

Faculty of Education

## EARLY CAREER TEACHING AWARD

**Amanda McEachern Gaudet, MBA,**

Faculty of Business and Information Technology

## LEARNING REIMAGINED AWARD

**Alison Mann, PhD,**

Faculty of Education

## OPENNESS IN EDUCATION AWARD

**Ami Mamolo, PhD,**

Faculty of Education

## TEACHING ASSISTANT EXCELLENCE AWARD

**Andrew Putman,**

Faculty of Health Sciences

## TIM MCTIERNAN STUDENT MENTORSHIP AWARD

**Robyn Ruttenburg-Rozen, PhD,**

Faculty of Education

## STUDENT CHOICE AWARDS

**Gavin Ball,**

Faculty of Business and Information Technology

**Meaghan Charest-Finn, PhD,**

Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

**Timothy Macneill, PhD,**

Faculty of Social Science and Humanities

**Syed Qadri, MD, PhD,**

Faculty of Health Sciences

**Ana Vakiloroyaei, PhD,**

Faculty of Science



# ABOUT ONTARIO TECH UNIVERSITY

Modern and forwarding-thinking, Ontario Tech University advances the discovery and application of knowledge to accelerate economic growth, regional development and social innovation. We inspire and equip our students and graduates to make a positive impact in a tech-focused world.

We believe it's not only about developing the next tech breakthrough. Understanding and integrating the social and ethical implications of technology are our key differentiator.

We adapt to the ever-changing educational landscape by experimenting with the most effective ways to deliver flexible and dynamic learning, giving more choices to more people. We provide learner-centred educational options by offering a range of credentials, experiential learning opportunities and sparking entrepreneurship activities.

Our students enjoy a stimulating campus life experience that includes hundreds of clubs, cultural and community events, recreational opportunities and a growing varsity athletics program featuring basketball, badminton, curling, dance, golf, hockey, rowing, soccer, and women's lacrosse.

In addition to excellence in teaching, we offer our students experiential learning opportunities through internships, co-ops, practicums, research projects and more. In fact, 85 per cent of upper-year undergraduate students participate in experiential learning.

We collaborate with industry, community, government and academic organizations, bringing them together with our researchers and students to uncover innovative solutions for our partners' most pressing problems. Home to more than 80 specialized research laboratories and facilities, we're committed to attracting passionate and capable scholars to our high-tech campus.



***The university is proud to acknowledge the lands and people of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, which is covered under the Williams Treaties. We are situated on the Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas, a branch of the greater Anishinaabeg Nation, which includes Algonquin, Ojibway, Odawa and Pottawatomi.***



# THE UNIVERSITY COAT OF ARMS



The Coat of Arms was granted to the university on July 15, 2009 by Claire Boudreau, Chief Herald of Canada under the authority of the Governor General of Canada. The Coat of Arms offers a graphic representation of important facets of the university, as well as its history, values and achievements.

It highlights the university's ties to the regional, national and worldwide communities from which the university draws its mission and purpose. The university reserves the use of the Coat of Arms for commemorative and ceremonial purposes.

The Coat of Arms consists of a shield, a crest, supporters and a motto. The shield, at the centre of the arms, contains three elements: an open book, a canoe and a division line.

The open book denotes an institute of higher education. The inverted canoe alludes to intellectual exploration and signifies the university's location in Oshawa, which means portage or carrying place. The division line represents energy, innovation and community.

Atop the crest a falcon perches with its head facing forward to see the world as it is and to find ways to make a difference. The falcon, a symbol of leadership and persistence, holds a thunderbolt with flames at the top and bottom. Lightning bolts crossed behind the falcon emphasize the importance of technology. Thoroughbred horses flank the shield to reference Windfields Farm, which was located directly north of the university, and famed for breeding champion racehorses. As an official symbol of Canada, the horses also represent excellence, energy and agility. They stand on a mound of grass set with trillium flowers as a reference to Ontario. The university motto, *Cogitando et Agendo Ducemus*, means by thinking and doing, we shall lead.





## THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The mace symbolizes the authority, independence and responsibility of the university as a protector, creator and facilitator of knowledge. It is carried before the President and Vice-Chancellor, and the Chancellor in the Academic Procession and rests on its stand throughout the ceremony.

The mace was unveiled at Convocation in 2007. Designed and crafted by Beth Alber, Associate Dean, Faculty of Design at OCAD University in Toronto, Ontario, it consists of a strong handle of carved cherry wood, an elegant and hardy tree native to southern Ontario. Rings of polished quartz and sodalite, in the university's colours, top the wood. The handle supports a crown of silver in the form of an abstracted flower bud, which is intended to be a reminder of our unending responsibility to nurture, protect and celebrate academic achievement among students, faculty and staff. The surfaces of the petals are etched with the microscopic imprint of a poplar leaf, as a symbol of hope and endurance. The mace is supported by a base of Belmont Rose granite from a quarry in the Kawartha Lakes region, representing the foundation of knowledge and our interdependence with the surrounding community.

# GONFALONS

The gonfalon, a flag that hangs from a crosspiece or frame, originated in the medieval republics of Italy as an ensign of state or office. Universities from around the world have adopted gonfalons and they use them during Convocation ceremonies to symbolize the different academic areas within the university. The eight gonfalons displayed at the university's Convocation ceremonies represent the university and its seven faculties. Gonfalon carriers march at the head of their faculty during the procession, followed by the students who will graduate from each of the faculties during the ceremony.



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Faculty of Health Sciences

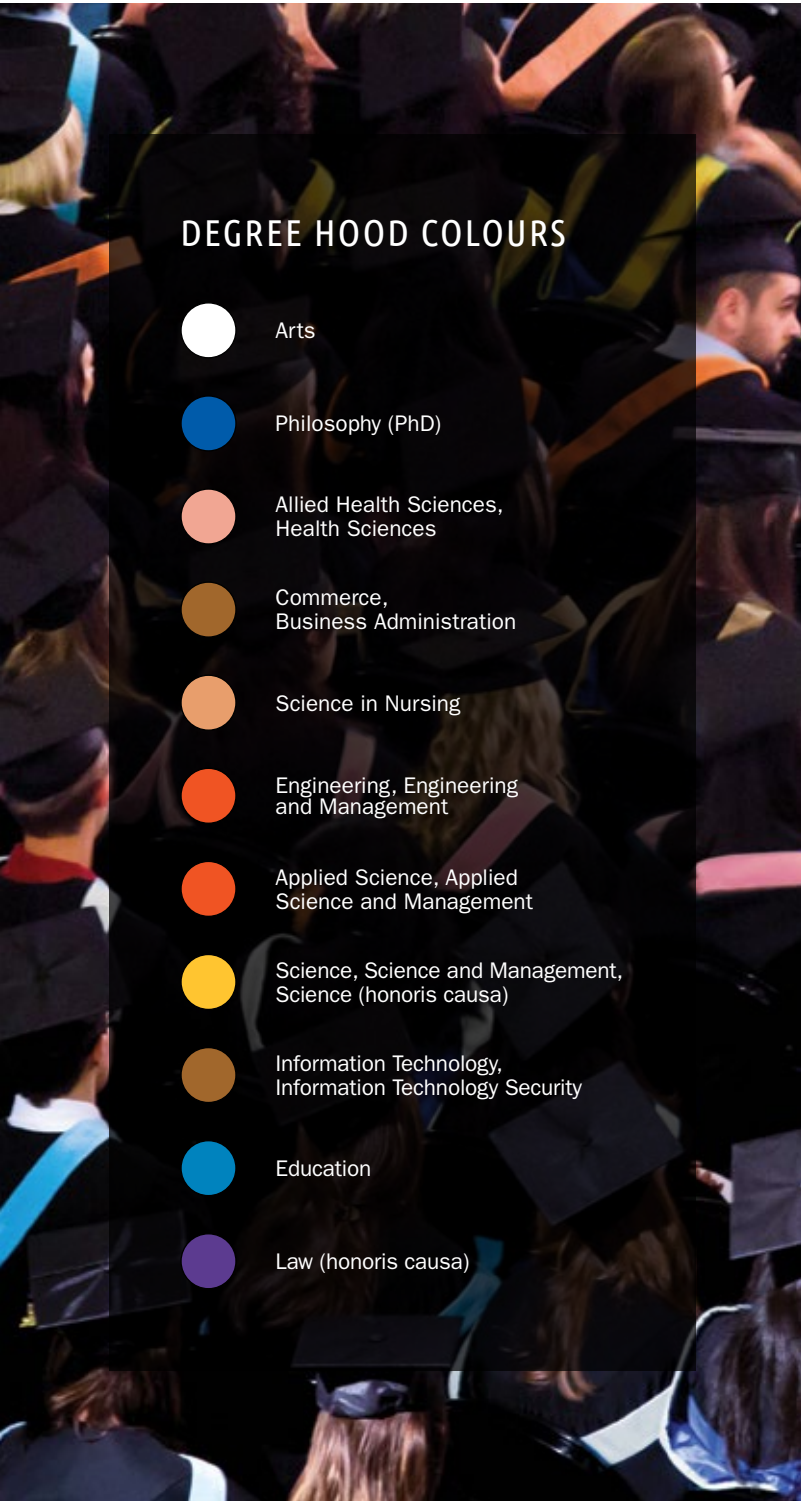


Faculty of Science



Faculty of Social Science and Humanities





## DEGREE HOOD COLOURS

- Arts
- Philosophy (PhD)
- Allied Health Sciences, Health Sciences
- Commerce, Business Administration
- Science in Nursing
- Engineering, Engineering and Management
- Applied Science, Applied Science and Management
- Science, Science and Management, Science (honoris causa)
- Information Technology, Information Technology Security
- Education
- Law (honoris causa)

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

The colourful academic dress worn in the Convocation ceremony was introduced more than 600 years ago. At the university, all graduates wear a gown, with a cap and hood. The gowns of bachelor's and master's graduates are black. The gowns of doctoral graduates are dark blue and trimmed in light blue. Mortarboards are worn by bachelor's and master's graduates, and velvet bonnets are worn by doctoral graduates. The hoods of bachelor's and master's graduates are black and the hoods of the doctoral graduates are dark blue. All degree hoods have an inside lining of royal blue as the colour of the university. The colour of the velvet trim on the hoods is distinctive of the degree that has been earned by the graduate. Graduate diploma recipients wear a black bachelor's gown.

The Chancellor and President and Vice-Chancellor wear gowns that are distinctive of the positions they hold in the university community. University governors who participate in the Convocation ceremony wear a gown and sash distinctive of the Board of Governors. University officers, faculty and staff who participate in the Convocation ceremony wear the academic dress distinctive of the institution from which they graduated and the degree they received. If the institution's colours are not available, participants will wear a black gown.

# MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Congratulations, class of 2023! You've persevered through lectures, labs, deadlines and even a global pandemic, and today, we celebrate all of your achievements. On behalf of the Alumni Association, welcome to our alumni family! Having endured unprecedented circumstances to complete your education, we cannot wait to see how you shape the future and become leaders of tomorrow!

Convocation isn't the end of your relationship with the university; it's only the beginning. We're committed to helping you succeed throughout your life, whether it's through alumni benefits or career development opportunities. I encourage you to visit our Alumni website ([alumni.ontariotechu.ca](http://alumni.ontariotechu.ca)) and social media channels to learn about everything available to you in your new role as #OTAlumni. From a wide variety of in-person and virtual programs to events and other services, the Alumni Association Council and Alumni Office are here to help.



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Alumni are the university's greatest ambassadors. You join our network of more than 26,500 graduates across our country and around the world. I hope you will join me in staying connected with our university and fellow alumni by sharing your experiences and accomplishments and by participating in alumni events. We are extremely proud of you and cannot wait to hear about everything you accomplish on your journey.

Congratulations, you did it!



**Muhammad Mahad**  
Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, Class of 2016  
Faculty of Energy Systems and Nuclear Science, Class of 2020  
Chair,  
Alumni Association Council



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