

## MASSEY COLLEGE QUADRANGLE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER 2015-2016

### MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER

Dear Quadranglers,

This has been quite the year! First let me thank all of you for your patience, good wishes and kindness when, at the very outset, I faced some health challenges that did not have me at my best. I was very touched by the cards, emails and good wishes I received and am now happy to report that everything is in good working order.

This year was one of change for me, Massey and the QS as well. We are so pleased to welcome nearly 40 new members to the Society. They bring with them enthusiasm and excitement and many have already contributed in a variety of ways, not the least of which was becoming a mentor for one or more of our Junior Fellows. The life and professional experiences of our Quadranglers are a source of knowledge and inspiration for the Junior Fellowship. The Book Club evenings, the QS Gala and the ongoing events of the Society are wonderful additions to the community spirit here at the College and I look forward to the coming year.

I also want to thank QS members for their generous donations last year; the choir and the Talisker Players thank you; and Junior Fellows who benefit from your generosity thank you. Your contributions are an essential part of the welcoming spirit of the Massey community. I look forward to any and all encounters with QS members this coming year.

Hugh Segal



## MESSAGE FROM KEN MCCARTER

As I look back over the past year for our Society, two things stand out. The first is our revamped mentoring program. With very helpful input from both Junior Fellows and Society members, the College put in place a system under which both Quadranglers and Junior Fellows indicate their interest in the mentoring program, and provide information about themselves. The College then matches based on this information. Although it is referred to as a “mentorship”, it is primarily social and not designed to be necessarily career-focused: the expectation is that the mentor would entertain the mentee to one meal at a place mutually selected, and the mentee would entertain the mentor to one meal at the College, the latter at the College’s expense.

The second thing that stands out is the High Table on November 21 in the presence of The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and a member of our Society, which was preceded by a reception in her honour. In her heartfelt remarks, she reminded us of the importance of bridging the academic and non-academic communities, as our Society does so brilliantly.

Looking ahead, you will read in this Newsletter about the lineup of fascinating books and presenters for the Book Club - with thanks to Ramsay Derry and the new Book Club coordinators, Charlie Foran and Mary Ladky. You will also read about a reinvigorated Opera Club with superb presenters arranged by coordinator Iain Scott, to whom sincere thanks are also due. One of the key benefits of Society membership is access to many College activities, and I would draw your attention in particular to a planned visit to see the copy of *Magna Carta* that will be in Toronto in the fall. It will be followed by a presentation at the College.

The Society could not operate without the devotion and hard work of the College staff, including in particular our liaison, Rose Brisson, for whom no amount of thanks could adequately capture my gratitude. The Master continues to provide his enthusiastic support and encouragement to our Society, and to me in particular, and for that I am deeply appreciative. And on the topic of thanks, I know that the College greatly values - and is grateful for - the financial contribution from members of our Society, which enables the College to do so much, particularly for the Junior Fellows.

I am always happy to hear from Society members with suggestions about activities and anything else that you would like to draw to my attention. Please do not hesitate to e-mail Rose at [rbrisson@masseycollege.ca](mailto:rbrisson@masseycollege.ca). She will ensure that I receive all messages.



Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth  
Dowdeswell, Massey  
Quadrangler



## MESSAGE FROM THE DON OF HALL



Dear Members of the Quadrangle Society,

My name is Thilo Schaefer and I am Massey College's Don of Hall for 2015-16. It should be of no surprise that this past year has once again been full of success for Massey's Junior Fellows. In addition to claiming many of Canada's most prestigious academic awards, events such as the Walter Gordon and Massey Grand Rounds Symposiums offered the Toronto community a small taste of the commitment to academic excellence and interdisciplinary spirit that guides this College.

Together with several members of the Quadrangle Society, we have worked towards strengthening Massey's internal support systems for mental health and cultivating a residential, social, and academic environment that is inclusive and accessible to all. Your extensive contributions towards Massey's bursary program each year make a profound impact on achieving this goal. As a result, the bursary program provides more opportunity than ever before for graduate students to experience life as a Massey College Junior Fellow regardless of their own financial situation.

Speaking from both personal experience and that of many of my peers, the Mentorship Program has been incredibly rewarding and has led to some very successful partnerships over the past several years. My Quadrangler mentor and I have shared several meals together and have had some wonderful conversations. Bravely, she has offered to take me out golfing—despite my hopeless inability, I'm sure it will be a very enjoyable afternoon for the both of us. Hearing about the interests and experiences of Quadranglers is always refreshing from academic life, and your enthusiasm in chatting with Junior Fellows is an integral part of what makes Massey so unique.

On behalf of the Junior Fellowship, I welcome all new Quadranglers to Massey and I encourage you to visit to the College at every opportunity. I look forward to making your acquaintance and also welcoming back all returning Quadranglers who have already come to know and love the Massey community. If you have any comments or suggestions please don't hesitate to contact me at [thilo.schaefer@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:thilo.schaefer@mail.utoronto.ca).

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Thilo Schaefer

## MASSEY TALKS

The Massey Talks Committee is pleased to announce its 7<sup>th</sup> year of spirited discussions. The committee is looking for pairs of interested speakers willing to share their knowledge with the Massey community on a chosen topic. Participation consists of a brief (15 minutes) talk followed by discussion led by an invited moderator(s) and a chance to take questions from the audience. Specific topics of conversation will be forthcoming although the committee welcomes members of the Quadrangle Society to drop us a line with suggestions, stories or general commentary that might be useful in provoking spirited debate and discussion.

We look forward to working with the Quadrangle Society and others to bring another year of thought-provoking conversation to the College fellowship.

If you are interested in participating, please contact

Kevin Chan at:  
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The dates for Massey Talks 2015/2016 are:

**September 30, 2015** "Service" in Partnership with the Community Service Committee

**October 23, 2015**

**November 19, 2015**

**January 21, 2016**

**February 10, 2016**

**March 1, 2016**

## JUNIOR FELLOW LECTURES

The Junior Fellow Lecture Series (JFLS) is a forum for interdisciplinary exchange and discussion held in the upper library after dinner at the college. At each session, three Junior Fellows studying in different departments will be invited to present their interpretation of a common theme. Previous themes have included "Relationships," "The Invisible," and "Checkmate." Each speaker has 12 minutes to present their ideas, followed by Q&A led by an invited moderator. Join us for an easygoing evening of convivial inquiry, unexpected connections, and subsidised alcohol!

**All sessions are scheduled to be held in the Upper Library at 7:45PM**

**Wednesday September 30, 2015**

**Tuesday Oct 6, 2015**

**Thursday Oct 22, 2015**

**Weds Nov 27, 2015**

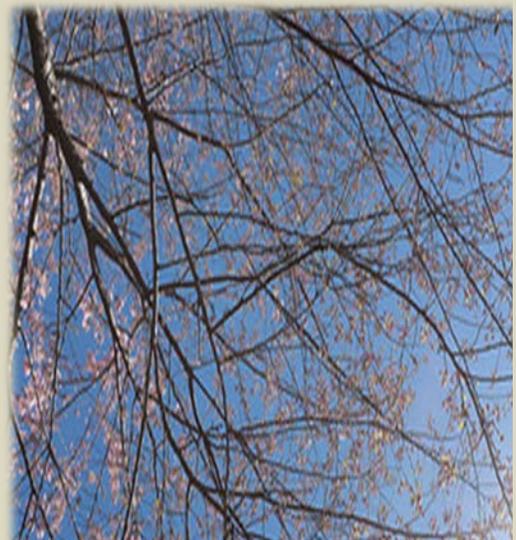
**Wednesday January 13, 2016**

**Monday January 25, 2016**

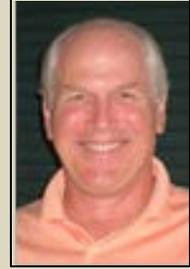
**Monday February 22, 2016**

**Thursday March 17, 2016 (St. Patrick's Day)**

**Springtime at Massey**



## OPERA CLUB with IAIN SCOTT



*Back by popular demand, Opera Club Nights with Iain Scott. All evenings will be held after dinner at 7:45 pm in the Upper Library.*

**Wednesday September 16th, 2015**

### "MEET THE OPERA CRITICS"

An evening with **ROBERT HARRIS** (Opera Critic for the Globe and Mail and long-time CBC Radio Classical Music producer) and **JOHN GILKS** (author of the daily opera blog OPERA RAMBLINGS - the indispensable guide to what is happening on the opera scene in Toronto).

**Thursday November 5th, 2015**

### "LINDA AND MICHAEL HUTCHEON'S NEW BOOK - FOUR LAST SONGS"

Senior Fellows Professor Linda Hutcheon and Dr Michael Hutcheon will discuss their recently-published book on the final operas of Giuseppe Verdi, Richard Strauss, Olivier Messiaen and Benjamin Britten.

**Tuesday December 15th, 2015**

### "THE CLASSICAL MUSIC RECORDING BUSINESS - TODAY AND TOMORROW"

The Director of Classics and Jazz for Universal Music Canada, (Decca, Deutsche Grammophon, etc.) **THOM McKERCHER** will discuss the seismic changes taking place in the CD and DVD recording and streaming industries.

**Tuesday January 12th, 2016**

### "WOTAN'S GRANDSON - SIEGFRIED, THE WALSUNG"

**Iain Scott** will give an introduction to Richard Wagner's music-drama "Siegfried" ... in anticipation of the Canadian Opera Company's seven performances (from 23rd January to 14 February).

**Tuesday February 16th, 2016**

### "THE STORY OF AGAINST THE GRAIN THEATRE"

**JOEL IVANY**, founder of the most innovative operatic theatre company in Canada, will discuss the unparalleled rise of this avant-garde theatrical organization.

**Tuesday, March 8th, 2016**

### "OPERA ATELIER - ITS RISE TO INTERNATIONAL ACCLAIM"

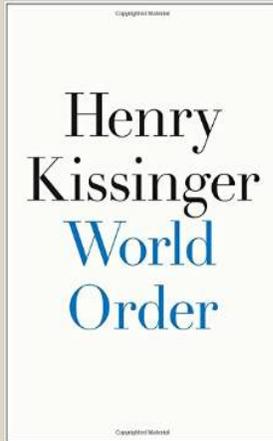
**MARSHALL PYNKOSKI**, co-founder of the world-renowned baroque opera company, will celebrate the 30th anniversary of this remarkable success story - and highlight its recent conquests of La Scala, Milan and the Royal Opera, Versailles.

**Wednesday April 13th, 2016**

### "THE ART OF THE VOICE TEACHER - AN EVENING WITH WENDY NIELSEN"

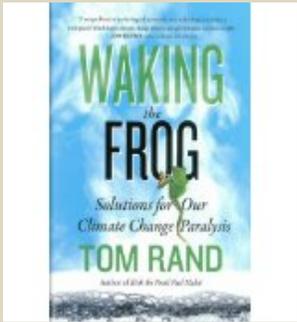
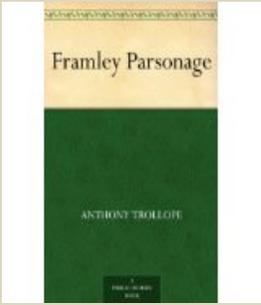
Wendy Nielsen, now retired after a spectacular international career, is Canada's pre-eminent and most sought-after voice teacher. She is Head of Voice Studies at the University of Toronto and is Head Vocal Consultant to the COC's Ensemble.





**MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015**  
***World Order* by Henry Kissinger,**  
**presented by Hugh Segal.**  
This book is a recent summing up by the Machiavelli, or if you prefer, the Talleyrand of our era. Master Hugh Segal will interpret this enigmatic figure.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015**  
***Framley Parsonage* by Anthony Trollope,**  
**presented by John Fraser.**  
This is the fourth book in Trollope’s Barsetshire series. Adam Gopnick writes in *The New Yorker* that ‘Trollope is trending’. Of course the Massey Book Club knew that – we’ve been investing in Trollope futures for ages. The Master Emeritus is our broker.



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015**  
***Waking the Frog* by Tom Rand.**  
**The author in conversation with John Godfrey.**  
Tom Rand’s book is about the psychology and the economics of climate change rather than the science. Senior Fellow John Godfrey is now Special Advisor on Climate Change to the government of Ontario.

**PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH UPDATES TO ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL. YOU WILL NOT KNOW WHAT YOU ARE MISSING IF WE CANNOT TELL YOU WHAT IS HAPPENING. CONTACT [SMORITZ@MASSEYCOLLEGE.CA](mailto:SMORITZ@MASSEYCOLLEGE.CA)**

## THE Q SOCIETY BOOK CLUB

Ramsay Derry has been the coordinator of the Book Club for 8 years and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for all of his work. This year, Ramsay will be leaving us – but not before initiating **Mary Ladky and Charlie Foran** in the subtle nuances of QS Book Club coordination. Massey College is indebted to Ramsay for his years of service to The Book Club and heartily welcomes Mary and Charlie.

The Book Club features seven sessions, which start at 7:45 p.m. in the Upper Library on Monday nights. QS Members coming to Book Club evenings are encouraged to join the College community for dinner. The set-up in the Upper Library uses the horseshoe pattern, which brings a greater sense of immediacy to the proceedings. With large numbers, this is important because it engenders debate and discussion. Coffee and tea are served in the Common Room with dessert sweets for everyone, including the Junior Fellows. Those not attending dinner usually come to the Common Room for coffee and sweets prior to the meeting.

Save the Date

### BOOK CLUB GALA

Monday, May 2, 2016

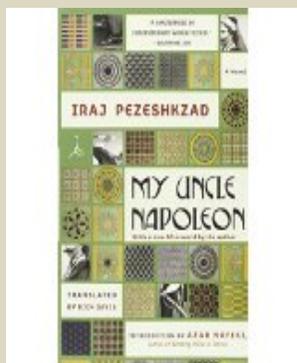
#### JOIN US FOR DINNER IN ONDAATJE HALL

The College is delighted for QS members to join us for dinner in Ondaatje Hall before events such as the Book Club and Opera Club evenings. If you do, please phone 416-978-2895 or email [porter@masseycolleg.ca](mailto:porter@masseycolleg.ca) before 2:00 pm to book seats. Try to arrive around 6:00 pm for a drink with other members and Junior and Senior Fellows in the Common Room. Dinner begins at 6:30 pm. A reminder to those joining us: dinner is preceded and concluded by the College's Latin dinner graces (addressed to an all-encompassing, non-specific Deity), said by the Don of Hall, the elected Junior Fellow leader of the College. The custom of the community is to stay standing at seats until the Don has read the opening Grace and to stand at the end of the meal for College announcements and concluding Grace.



THE SUN SETS ON MASSEY

2015 is the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Magna Carta. This historic document is coming to Canada and the Quadrangle Society is organizing an evening of discussion and debate as well as an opportunity to see the actual document on display at Fort York. The celebration of the Magna Carta will take place on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Tickets for the tour (transportation will be provided) followed by coffee, tea, sweets and discussion will be available, first come, first served, in mid-September. Time of the tour will be announced.

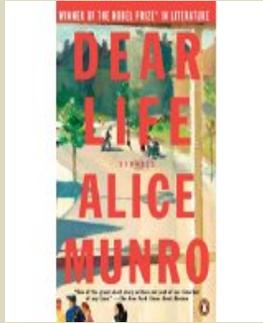


**MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016 \***

***My Uncle Napoleon* by Iraj Pezeshkzad, presented by Naomi Duguid**  
This Iranian popular comic novel of the 1970s was made into an equally popular TV series. An unusual view of Iranian Society. Quadrangle member Naomi Duguid has been visiting Iran frequently, preparing a new book on the food of the region.

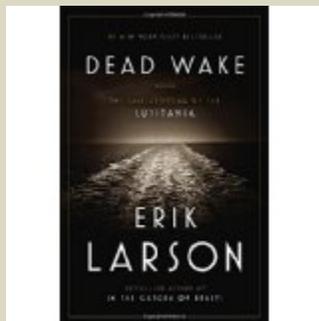
\*second Monday of the month

**IMPORTANT:** If you are paying your bills in person, please note that Tembeka Ndlovu is in House V:3. Her phone number is: 416-978-2892 and her email is: [tndlovu@masseycollege.ca](mailto:tndlovu@masseycollege.ca).



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016**  
*Dear Life* by Alice Munro presented by  
Charles Foran

**MONDAY, March 7, 2016**  
**TBD**



**MONDAY, April 6, 2016**  
*Dead Wake: the Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Eric Larson  
presented by Michael Marrus

**MONDAY, MAY 8, 2016**  
**TBD**

## MENTORSHIP

Quadrangle Society Members are an invaluable source of knowledge and experience which, when shared with our Junior Fellows, provide them with insight into their potential choices and futures. But more importantly, and because Massey is a residential College for graduate students in such varied disciplines, the College does not approach 'mentorship' in the traditional, career-related sense. The most successful pairings have frequently been those where QS Members and Junior Fellows have more in common outside their respective fields of study or profession. As one QS Member said, when asked about his experience as a 'mentor' this past year: "I'm not sure what I expected when first getting together with this graduate student who was studying in a field I knew nothing about, but we had music in common. What I can say for sure is that I learned far more from her than she did from me."

Massey encourages interested QS Members to fill out the form provided with this newsletter. Junior Fellows will be asked to submit the form as well and, early in October, you will be e-introduced to each other so that you might find a mutually convenient time to gather. A few hours during the academic year to experience the Massey fellowship, a hallmark of this College, could prove to be a rewarding and learning experience for you both.

As in the past, Massey will 'pick up the tab' should your Junior Fellow choose to host you for a meal in Ondaatje Hall.

Staff Appreciation April, 2015



Fellows Gaudy March, 2015



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## **AND FINALLY.....**

I would like to thank all Quadrangle Society Members for their efforts and enthusiasm this past year. Your attendance at many events, book launches, luncheons, dinners, Book Club evenings and your general presence at the College has been most important and encouraging and is appreciated by the Junior Fellowship. I have relied on many of you for advice and input and I value your patience and support in my first year as Master.

I also want to express my gratitude for your generous donations. If not for Quadrangle Society Members, so many of the 'little extras' that Massey Junior Fellows and visitors to the College enjoy daily would not be possible. Your financial support of the College has assisted us in so many ways. And now, at a time when much must be done relating to the physical structure of the buildings and the need, as identified by our Accessibility Committee, for improvements that will allow everyone to enjoy this community, your continued support is appreciated all the more.

Should you wish to nominate someone to the Quadrangle Society, you can do so at any time. Nominations are also accepted from other members of the Massey community including Junior Fellows. As QS Members, you understand the benefits and expectations of Society members and I trust your judgement and recommendations.

Quadranglers are part of an integral "town/gown" Society that has become a huge part of the fabric of Massey. Your presence, ideas and involvement are appreciated by the Junior Fellowship and most definitely by me.

Again, thank you for enriching the fellowship, life and spirit of Massey College.  
Hugh Segal



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