MAPS Welcomes New Office Administrator

MAPS’ Board of Directors would like to welcome Terri Jones to the position of Office Administrator. Terri is no stranger to McMaster University, having worked on campus for close to 20 years, beginning part-time with the Program for Faculty Development in 1989. Following that, Terri moved on to become the Administrative Assistant to the Principal of McMaster Divinity College for eight years.

Her most recent assignment was in the administrative office of McMaster School of the Arts, where for nine years she organized music auditions and worked extensively with students and faculty from the Art, Art History and Theatre & Film disciplines. Her affection for students coupled with her knowledge of the University will serve to strengthen the support provided for part-time degree and certificate students at McMaster.

Terri’s attachment to McMaster goes beyond her position with MAPS, as not only did one of her daughters. Recently graduate from the Nursing Program, but she began her own part-time studies in Social Sciences last year. Welcome Terri!

Who Belongs to MAPS?

Undergraduate degree students enrolled in 17 units or less in an academic session are members of MAPS. All students enrolled in courses through the Centre for Continuing Education are also members of MAPS.

Please feel free to drop by the MAPS Office for information regarding University procedures and course availability, to use the printer and photocopier as well as the computers for SOLAR registration, to access personal, academic and financial information on MUGSI, or just to take a break!

MAPS Bursaries

Did you know that MAPS offers bursaries for the Fall and Winter terms as well as the Spring/Summer session? Dozens of students benefit from these each year, and we encourage you to apply if you are in financial need. Applications can be found in the MAPS office, the Office of Student Financial Aid & Scholarships, or online at: www.mcmaster.ca/maps/bursaries.htm

All part-time degree students as well as those in Continuing Education, are encouraged to apply.

DEADLINES:
November 28th, 2008 - Winter term
April 15th, 2009 - Spring/Summer term
On Thursday July 31st, several MAPS Board members, Staff and family were on hand under the tent with free tickets for food as Traces Steel Drum Band of Kitchener, ON provided calypso music, drawing in the crowds for the annual MAPS BBQ. Students were quick to thank the organizers for a time of refreshment, relaxation, and entertainment. We’re already looking forward to next summer’s event!

**MAPS Summer “Fun in the Sun” B.B.Q. a Huge Success!**

**McMaster’s New Dean of Social Sciences**

The previous Director of McMaster’s Labour Studies Program is the University’s new Dean of Social Sciences. Senate and the Board of Governors’ Executive Committee approved the appointment of Charlotte Yates in May. She assumed her new role when Susan Elliott’s term as Dean ended at the end of June.

Dr. Yates has been a member of Labour Studies and the Political Science department since arriving on campus in 1987. She is a full professor and has served as Assistant Director and Director of the Labour Studies Program. An author of two books and dozens of papers and articles on a variety of labour issues, Dr. Yates holds a PhD in Political Science from Carleton University and a Master’s from Queen’s University.

She has served on Senate, been a member of the Faculty of Social Sciences Tenure and Promotion Committee and has contributed to the greater community serving with organizations including the Coalition on Fair Income and Employment.

“McMaster is fortunate to be able to draw on Dr. Yates’ experience, expertise and leadership abilities as she assumes her new role,” says Ilene Busch-Vishniac, Provost and Vice-President Academic. “With renewed interest in liberal arts and a strong foundation thanks to the leadership of Dean Elliott, the Faculty of Social Sciences is well-positioned for future success.”

“I want to thank Dr. Elliott for her commitment to McMaster and the Faculty and wish her well as she continues her important work in the School of Geography and Earth Sciences.”

The Faculty of Social Sciences has a broad range of programs that span traditional disciplinary and inter-disciplinary lines, which combine research excellence with a commitment to innovative learning. These enable students to engage in an educational experience that incorporates excellence in research, communication and analytic skills grounded by academic inquiry and experiential learning.

with files from the McMaster Daily News

**Susan Elliot**

Dean of Social Sciences

**McMaster Association of Part-Time Students**

**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

MUSC

5:30 p.m.

For information regarding this meeting, as well as information on membership and voting, please contact Sam Minniti at x23884
Part-Time Student’s Husband Accepts Bachelor’s Degree Posthumously

Brian Forester could not have been prouder, or sadder, as he accepted the diploma. It was meant for his wife, Susan Farley. She had earned it under truly exceptional circumstances. She had persevered through the ravages of multiple sclerosis and related health problems, fighting through worsening symptoms to win the prize she had long sought: a university degree. She turned in her last assignment just two months ago. Her plan had been to accept the diploma herself, with her husband pushing her across the stage in a borrowed wheelchair.

Instead, her class graduated without her. She died five days before the ceremony. She was 47.

Susan had completed a bachelor’s degree in gerontology, never certain she would even get the chance to grow old herself. She loved elderly people, she loved helping and she had an insatiable love for learning. So strong was her desire to complete a degree that she fought her way back to school several times.

She had started at Queen’s University, studying science in the hope of becoming a doctor. Within months, she began fainting and was treated for stress. She lost her year. Then, while working at a summer job at a Muskoka bakery, she fell into a stack of pies. A doctor there wondered if it might be Multiple Sclerosis (MS). Susan returned to university, this time closer to her Stoney Creek home at McMaster, this time in music. She was a talented pianist, and whipped through her Grade 10 Conservatory studies in just two months to get ready. Soon afterward, she began to lose control of her fingers and legs, and could no longer play well enough to stay in the program. Tests confirmed it was indeed MS.

Still, she never complained, and never looked back, her family says. She was a doting aunt, a loving wife, daughter, sister, cousin and friend. She was a committed volunteer. “She was an amazing person,” Brian says. She returned to McMaster twice more, refusing to let fierce headaches or the creep of her other symptoms hold her back. Finally, after switching to gerontology four years ago, she began to win. She blossomed in her studies.

Last September, her ankles started to balloon, then her knees. In February, she started having trouble remembering. In March, her corneas swelled until she could barely see. Her computer screen still shows the nose prints from her leaning in to read. She lost more control of her fingers, and Brian took over the typing. She handed in her last assignment herself, perched on the small bench of her walker, with her husband pushing her down the hall.

Last month, when her symptoms forced her into hospital, she remained determined to get out. She waited for her marks, worried that her health problems had pulled down the quality of her work. Then, two days before she died, Brian brought news from McMaster. Not only had she passed, she was on the dean’s honour list.

“Her face just beamed,” he remembers through the tears. After the social sciences convocation at Hamilton Place, university president Peter George and chancellor Red Wilson privately presented Susan’s diploma.

In the printed convocation program, there are two special marks beside Susan Farley's name. One is for graduating with distinction. The other is for winning a prize for outstanding achievement.

(courtesy of The Hamilton Spectator, June 14, 2008)

Susan was the proud recipient of the following McMaster awards:

2007 The McMaster Retirees Association Prize
The Pioneer Group Inc. Prize
(for in-course students)

2008 The Pioneer Group Inc. Gerontology Prize
(for graduands)

MAPS’ Fall Series of Workshops

Essay Research Workshops

Exclusive workshop on how to fully use the research resources available at McMaster University facilitated by Donna Millard, MAPS Liaison Librarian.

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For registration please contact the MAPS Office at 905.525.9140, extension 22021.

Essay Writing Workshops

Exclusive workshops on how to effectively write essays at the university level. Facilitated by Sam Minniti, MAPS Executive Director.

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Remembering Martin Johns, former coordinator of part-time degree studies

On September 18, Martin Johns died in his 96th year, surrounded by a circle of love from family and friends. He had a rich, full and interesting life, spent caring about others. Martin was born to missionary parents in West China and as a young man developed an interest in Physics. His love of story telling led him to a career in teaching and for many years he served as a physics professor at McMaster University, remembered fondly by former students and colleagues. He was a member and supporter of Westdale United Church for about 70 years and served his church in many different capacities as long as he was able.

Martin was blessed with his 40 year marriage to the late Margaret Hilborn and then a marriage of more than 20 years to the late Elsie North. At age 90 he fell in love with his sweetheart – the very special Marian Thompson. He was pre-deceased by his brothers Harold and Edward, as well as his son Rob, daughter Kathy, and step-daughter Francis North. He is survived by his sister Ruth Vogt and brother Paul. Martin will be missed greatly by his children Beth Johns (Norris Turner), Ken Johns (Sharon), Elinor Johns, Donna Wilson (Joan Mann), Ron North (Janis), John North (Anne), Nancy Snider, Janice Sutherland (Dan) and Kathy Ross (Bob).

He was a loving grandfather to Doug, Alison (Hisashi), Pat, Sarah (Dave), Steve (Carla), Carol, Sheila, Heather, Brian, Rob, Mike, David, Andrew, Jack, Dan, Peter, Ron, Karen and Eric. He was also delighted with his great-grandchildren Oscar and Edie – the most beautiful babies in the world.

**EXAMINATION WARNING**

McMaster student photo ID cards are required at all examinations

If you are found writing without your student ID card, you may be forced to withdraw from your exam without completing it.

If you arrive without your ID card, temporary cards are available in the Ivor Wynne Centre, Room B120 or the Michael DeGroote Centre for Learning and Discovery, Room 1016. A $30 charge will be applied to your account and you will not be allowed extra time during the exam to compensate for any delay.

Cards are available now in Gilmour Hall, Room 108. Please remember to bring your McMaster photo ID to all exams!

Office of the Registrar (Examinations)
McMaster University Centre for Continuing Education launches new Public Relations Program

Everyone COMMUNICATES.

Not everyone is UNDERSTOOD.

Communication skills are increasingly vital at all levels of an organization, yet not everyone knows how to communicate strategically and effectively. Successfully engaging the public, investors and employees in business issues can help a brand weather controversy or continue to excel.

The Centre for Continuing Education (CCE), in association with the DeGroote School of Business, is excited to launch a new Public Relations program in September 2008. This Public Relations Certificate/Diploma program offers a variety of tactical and strategic courses to help students develop public relations skills and become strategic thinkers in the field of public relations.

According to Todd Rich, Program Manager, “the role of a public relations practitioner is not limited to writing newsletters, press releases and dealing with an organizational crisis. Rather, public relations is about conveying a message that fits an organization’s strategic goals. Successful organizations think about public relations and how best to communicate with customers, investors, employees, media and other key stakeholders.”

Courses are offered part-time and may be taken individually or as part of a McMaster Certificate or Diploma program. Classes are offered in the evening at McMaster’s Downtown Centre at 50 Main Street East in Hamilton. The course load is determined by the individual student who may choose to take up to three courses in each term.

The program is delivered by an impressive group of public relations practitioners, each with more than twenty years experience and well-established reputations. “Instructors were chosen from strong group of candidates based on the practical expertise they could offer students and their teaching skills. We are confident that the student experience in this program will meet or exceed the level of excellence our students have come to expect from McMaster’s Centre for Continuing Education,” says Lisa Boniface, Assistant Director, Certificate and Diploma Programs.

The Centre for Continuing Education recently earned a national award for excellence for its Addiction Education program and was named Hamilton’s best adult education provider by readers of the Hamilton Community News.

### About the Program:

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**Certificate in Public Relations Requirements**

Students will take introduction to Public Relations Practice + any five courses

**Diploma in Public Relations Management Requirements**

Students must take all six core courses + any three electives

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<td>Susan Quinn-Mullins Ph.D Director Corporate Reputation Management, Astrazenca Canada</td>
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<td>Joy Shikaze APR Consultant /Owner, MJS Communications</td>
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For more information, visit [www.mcmastercce.com/publicrelations](http://www.mcmastercce.com/publicrelations) or contact Todd Rich at richt@mcmaster.ca, or by phone 905.525.9140 x23128
Student Services User Fee Card For MAPS Students

Did you know that MAPS students are able to purchase a Student Services User Fee card, which will provide access to the following student services for the academic year?

**COST:** $25  
**VALID:** September 1st to August 31st

Please pick up an application in the MAPS Office, fill it out and take to the Student Affairs Business Office, Commons Building, Room 128, along with your payment. Acceptable forms of payment include: VISA, Mastercard, Cheque, Cash or Money Order.

Centre for Student Development
(Including the Office for Ability & Access) - McMaster University Student Centre, Room B107

The Centre for Student Development (CSD) provides counseling for personal, family and relationship problems, workshops and short courses to enhance personal and academic effectiveness, services for students with disabilities, assistance for students with concerns about marks, effective learning, study habits, exams, reading, note-taking and other academic skills, help for students who need to improve skills in researching and writing essays, help with English for students whose first language is not English, and a leadership certificate program.

http://csd.mcmaster.ca/

Career Services
Gilmour Hall, Room 110

Career Services offers assistance, programs and services to all McMaster students and alumni in every aspect of career planning, educational planning, and the employment search process. Their staff consists of experienced, knowledgeable professionals with an excellent track record for helping students to pursue their individual career and educational goals.

http://careers.mcmaster.ca/

Campus Health Service
McMaster University Student Centre, Room B101

Campus Health Service is staffed by family physicians, a sport medicine physician, a psychiatrist, registered nurses, a laboratory technician and administrative staff. Some of the services provided by the Campus Health Service are: medical assessment and treatment for illness and injury, annual health examinations, birth control counseling, counseling and treatment of depression, eating disorders, insomnia and other medical problems, allergy clinic, dispensing clinic, immunization clinic, counseling for any personal health concerns such as nutrition, weight control, sexuality issues, physical fitness, smoking and substance abuse (alcohol or drug), and physiotherapy.

http://www.mcmaster.ca/health/

MAPS Board of Directors Celebrates 30 Years, Elects Allan Wong as President

Elected by the 30th Board of Directors for the McMaster Association of Part-Time Students (MAPS), Allan Wong is the President for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Well known on campus as a Creation X chef with McMaster Hospitality Services, Wong served as Vice-President (Internal) for MAPS last year, and graduated in the fall of 2007 from the Centre for Continuing Education (CCE) with a Diploma in Management Studies.

Joining Wong as Officers on the Executive Committee are Min-Ju Evans, Vice-President (Internal), Candace Waterkamp, Vice-President (External), Elaine Marion, Treasurer, and Carole Armstrong as Executive Councilor.

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Directors: Hasnat Ahsan, Jeanette Button, Darlene Hayward, Jim Huff, Rose O’Connor, Cassandra Pohl, Eric Siu, Kate Pratas.
Dr. Peter Smith Becomes the Associate Vice-President (Academic)

McMaster’s new Associate Vice-President (Academic) brings 30 years of experience on campus as a Professor, Associate Dean and Acting Dean to his new role.

In April, Senate and the Board of Governors Executive approved the appointment of Dr. Peter Smith to the position. He succeeded Dr. Fred A. Hall, who last year agreed to serve a one-year extension to his second term while a search for his replacement was completed.

Smith arrived on campus as a student in 1978 from Brazil. He was in the first class receiving the B.Eng. Mgt. degree in Computer Engineering and Management. He completed his M.Eng. and Ph.D. in electrical engineering prior to joining McMaster’s Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering in 1987.

He is one of the world’s leading experts in radio frequency and microwave circuits, a subject on which he has co-authored more than 50 peer-reviewed publications.

He is a recipient of the R.A. Ross Medal from the Engineering Institute of Canada, has led the Microwave Acoustics Library at McMaster and is a member of the IEEE and Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario. In 2002, he was named Associate Dean (Academic) of Engineering. In 2007, he was appointed Acting Dean.

“He is an outstanding leader, researcher and educator. I’m very pleased McMaster will continue to be the beneficiary of his expertise and experience as he serves in his new role,” says Dr. Ilene Busch-Vishniac, Provost and Vice-President Academic.

“I am very grateful to Fred A. Hall, for his exemplary service to McMaster. His wisdom, sound judgment and exceptional leadership set high standards as we move forward.”

Smith’s term as Associate Vice-President (Academic) began July 1.

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New University Registrar!

Richard Levin
University Registrar

“I am pleased to announce the appointment of a new university registrar. Richard Levin joined McMaster at the end of September. Levin brings a broad range of experience and expertise to McMaster. Originally from Winnipeg, he graduated with a BA (honours) in Psychology from the University of Winnipeg in 1984 and earned his Masters in Psychology from York University in 1986.

His early career was with the Manitoba government’s department of Health and Education before moving to Ontario where he was a senior policy advisor in the ministries of Skills Development and Education and Training. His government work continued with an appointment to the province’s Education and Quality Accountability Office where he spent four years before moving west to become Director of student records and registrar at the University of Manitoba. He has spent the last six years as the vice-president, strategic enrolment management and registrar at The University of Ontario Institute of Technology. He has also been actively involved with registrars associations in both Canada and the United States.

Go Transit ID Pass

Members of MAPS who have a disability and are registered with the Centre for Student Development (CSD) are eligible to obtain a GO Student ID Pass, similar to members of the MSU. Students with the GO Transit ID Pass receive discounts of approximately 10% - 30% on the adult 10-ride ticket price and adult monthly pass. In order to obtain the GO Transit ID Pass, visit the All-Modes Commuting & Transportation (ACT) Office located in the Michael G. DeGroote Centre for Learning & Discovery (MDCL), Room 1117 with CSD documentation. For more information, visit http://act.mcmaster.ca/transit/GO%20Transit.htm.
2008 Federal Election and Part-Time Student Issues

All four local political party candidates were contacted for their views on relevant issues pertaining to education, particularly those of interest to part-time students, such as child care and tuition assistance.

The following responses were the only two received by MAPS. The views expressed are solely those of the candidates themselves and MAPS does not endorse a candidate nor political party.

Thank you for the opportunity to address the issues that are important to you in this election campaign. As I go around to the doorsteps of the riding and talk with people on the streets, it’s clear that the economy is weighing heavily on people’s minds. As people balancing careers and work while also working part-time towards higher education and new skills to bring to the workforce, you play a very important role in our economy.

In a time of rising prices and global economic uncertainty, government should be doing what it can to protect our standard of living. That’s exactly what Prime Minister Stephen Harper and our Conservative team are working to do. You’re working hard to achieve a better standard of living for yourself and your family and so we believe that government must help. Here are just a few of the ways the Conservative government has worked to improve access and affordability of childcare and post-secondary education for part-time students:

- As promised, we introduced the Universal Child Care Benefit in 2006 — providing all families with young children with $100 per month for each child under the age of six. This universal benefit allows parents to choose the child care option that best suits their families’ needs — whether that means formal child care or informal care through neighbours or relatives.

- In addition, we launched an initiative in 2007 to create up to 125,000 new child care spaces over a five year period.

- We created a new Textbook Tax Credit that provides a tax credit of $20 a month for part-time post-secondary students.

- We eliminated the Federal income tax on all income from scholarships, bursaries or fellowships.

- In the last federal budget, we announced the Canada Study Grant for high-need part-time students. This grant is awarded to part-time students who demonstrate financial need in excess of established loan amounts.

- We are investing an additional $800 million per year, beginning in 2008-09, for provinces and territories to strengthen the quality and competitiveness of Canada’s post-secondary education system.

I look forward to discussing the issues with you during the campaign.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact my campaign office at (905) 628-4218 or visit my website at www.votedavidsweet.ca

Sincerely,

David Sweet
Conservative, Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale

Part-time students are a group who would benefit greatly from an NDP government.

A decade of inadequate support for universities by Liberal and Conservative governments has resulted in relentless rises in university tuition across the country. A university education is becoming less affordable, and students are graduating with burdensome debt.

In June of this year the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, released a report showing that universities are receiving thousands of dollars less for each student on their campuses than they did two decades ago. The result is crowded classrooms, less contact with professors, and aging facilities - all factors contributing to a general decline in the calibre of education.

An NDP government will change all this, providing substantial badly needed funding for universities. The NDP has already demonstrated its commitment to the cause of higher education. The NDP has tabled the Canada Post Secondary Education Act that links reliable federal funding to provincial commitments to improve both quality and affordability for students.

The party has launched a Fix Student Aid Campaign calling for a lower student loan interest rate, national needs-based grants, a national ombudsperson, and protections against predatory collections agencies.

Earlier, when Jack Layton re wrote the 2005 Liberal budget, he stopped $4.6-billion in corporate tax giveaways and invested in regular people’s priorities instead — including $1.5-billion to reduce education and training costs.

Part-time students not only need support for their personal finances, and for ensuring their quality education, they also need access to high quality day care/early childhood education.

Just the other day (September 17) the NDP released a plan for working with the provinces in a careful, step-by-step fashion to build the affordable spaces Canadian families need. The commitment includes investing $1.45 billion dollars in the first year and as finances permit, a steady increase in the program until it is fully phased in.

The plan calls for an initial 150,000 spaces, with the longer term goal of a space for every child needing one.

In summary, part-time university students can look to the NDP to reduce tuitions, ensure high quality education, and launch a national child care program for their young children.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gordon Guyatt
NDP, Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale.