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Bertrand Russell



Bertrand Arthur William Russell (1872 – 1970) was a British philosopher, logician, essayist and social critic best known for his work in mathematical logic and analytic philosophy. His most influential contributions include his defense of logicism (the view that mathematics is in some important sense reducible to logic), his refining of the predicate calculus introduced by Gottlob Frege (which still forms the

basis of most contemporary logic), his defense of neutral monism (the view that the world consists of just one type of substance that is neither exclusively mental nor exclusively physical), and his theories of definite descriptions and logical atomism.

Along with G.E. Moore, Russell is generally recognized as one of the founders of modern analytic philosophy. Along with Kurt Gödel, he is regularly credited with being one of the most important logicians of the twentieth century.

Over the course of his long career, Russell made significant contributions, not just to logic and philosophy, but to a broad range of subjects including education, history, political theory and religious studies. In addition, many of his writings on a variety of topics in both the sciences and the humanities have influenced generations of general readers.

A life marked by controversy-including dismissals from both Trinity College, Cambridge, and City College, New York, Russell was awarded the Order of Merit in 1949 and the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1950. Noted for his many spirited anti-war and anti-nuclear protests, Russell remained a prominent public figure until his death at the age of 97.

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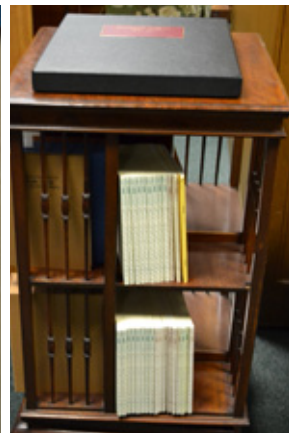
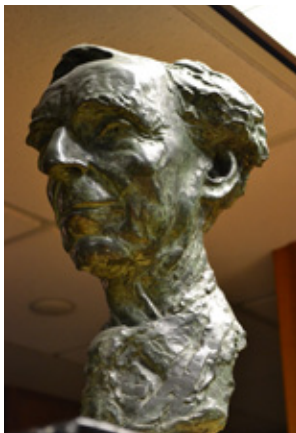
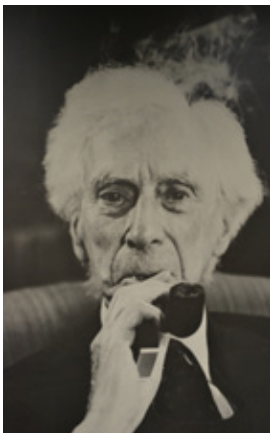
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McMaster University is Home to the Largest Bertrand Russell Archival Collection in the World.



In 1968, Bertrand Russell decided to auction off his papers and other artifacts to raise money for his peace initiatives. McMaster University was right there and as luck would have it, acquired the collections and is now home to the largest collection of Bertrand Russell archives in the world. His papers richly document hundred years of political activity from the Victorian era of Russell's grandfather and two term Prime Minister Lord John Russell to the political mayhem and disruptive

times of the 1960s. At McMaster, the archives were preserved and are made available to scholars worldwide. The repository contains over 250,000 original documents supported by Russell's own library, a supporting library of secondary literature. There is primary resource materials consisting of about 2 miles or 120,000 rare and research related books. His entire 'mind' can be found in these archives' and it is as insightful and provocative as he was in life to those who knew him.



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Chinese University Confers Honorary Doctorate on McMaster University Professor

On June 28, 2011 at 3 pm an honorary doctorate degree was conferred upon a McMaster University professor in China. The person being honored was Dr. Man Wah Luke Chan (Professor of Finance and Business Economics, DeGroote School of Business and Associate Vice President of International Affairs, McMaster University) by the Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU). But this was far from just another ordinary event, both for Dr. Chan and for BLCU. For BLCU, this was the first ever doctoral degree that they had ever conferred upon anyone in 49 years. In China, the decision to grant an honorary degree is not an internal matter within the institution but requires the approval of the State Council Academic Degrees Committee and is subjected to some very rigid and stringent criteria. An honorary doctorate from a university is a very special distinction, usually reserved for those who have a long record of service and progressive values to higher education, research and promoting cultural understanding and bringing communities of different people together.

BLCU was first established in 1962 and designated as Beijing Language Institute later in 2002 to become the Beijing Language and Cultural University. BLCU is affectionately called the “Little United Nations” as it is the only university of its kind in China that promotes Chinese culture and language all over the world and receives over 14,000 international students. Since its foundation, BLCU has been an important academic base for language and cultural research and forms the cradle for international talents in China.

Dr. Luke Chan is Professor of Finance and Business Economics

at McMaster’s School of Business. He is one of the pioneers in management education and management training in China. Due to his experience and business expertise there is considerable demand for him from multinational companies such as IBM Canada, IBM China, Schneider Electric, Hoechst Investment Co. Ltd., Northern Telecom and many governmental and non-governmental agencies. Dr. Chan’s recent publications include: “Sunzi on the Art of War and Its General Application to Business”; “Chinese Military Art-Its Applications in Society (Zhongguo Junshi Yi Shu),” co-editor; “Human Resource Planning and Management” (with Zheng Shaolian); and “Multinational Corporations in China” (with Xu Kangning). Dr. Chan also has nine Honorary Professorships from universities in China.

As for Dr. Luke Chan, he said, “this for me is a great honor and symbolizes what I have been able to achieve in promoting Canada-China relationships.” The Award Ceremony was followed by dinner at the Summer Palace at Yun-Ming Yuun Park and at the Beijing Fenghelou Cultural Development Center restaurant. There were approximately 60 high profile invited guests including Dr. Lingtan Kong from the University of Science and Technology Beijing (USTB) who is the 76th descendant of Confucius. Dr. Chan was further honored by an oil portrait of himself by artist Zhang Yum (who painted the famous painting of Mao in Tiananmen Square) which was presented to him at the reception by the artist’s family.

Honorary degrees are symbolic moments of institution building. When well chosen, they serve to bring the university community together through the celebration of shared goals and values.



Left to Right: Dr. Luke Chan, Ms. Ivy Lerner-Frank, representative from the Canadian Embassy, Dr. Lingtai Kong and Mrs. Raphael Chan



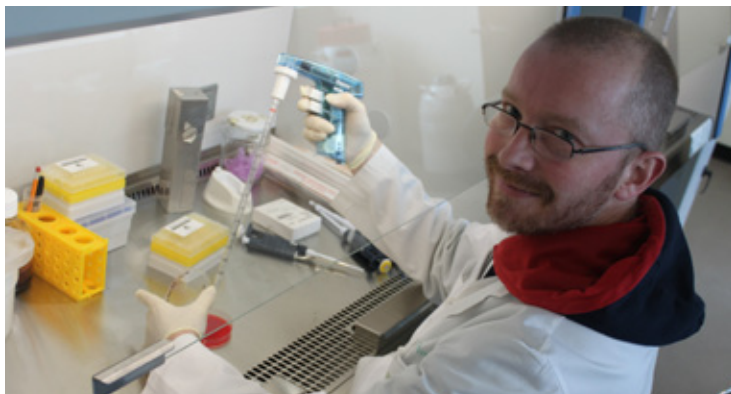
Dr. Luke Chan receiving his honorary doctorate from Dr. Cui Xiliangi, BLCU President



Portrait of Dr. Luke Chan presented to him by Zhang Shen, son of the artist Zhang Yum



A Global Impact: Institute for Infectious Disease Research Forms International Collaborations Impacting the World's Health by Chantal Vaan Ray



Dr. Tim Gilberger, Associate Professor of Pathology and Molecular Medicine, McMaster University

Take a breath. In that brief moment, a child in sub-Sahara Africa has died from malaria; a woman in Uganda succumbed to Hepatitis B; a new superbug emerged and now threatens the world's already strained antibiotic supply.

Through the Michael G. DeGrootte Institute for Infectious Disease Research (IIDR), investigators are working to make these threats a thing of the past.

Situated in the Michael G. DeGrootte Centre for Learning and Discovery, the IIDR constitutes a multidisciplinary team of 38 investigators and 400 trainees who are conducting research that impacts the world's health.

"Infectious diseases are global in scope and the IIDR is committed to undertaking research that has international impact and benefit," says its scientific director, Gerry Wright. "In particular, diseases that disproportionately impact the developing world are areas where the expertise and experience of the IIDR can, and does, have impact."

Tim O'Shea, who is an IIDR member conducting clinical work and medical education in Uganda, stresses the importance of international collaboration. "Because resources are short, there are many unanswered questions in the area of tropical medicine, so from an intellectual point of view it is extremely stimulating," he says.

IIDR member Mark Loeb, from the Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine, also conducts international fieldwork that has an impact. Through a National Institutes of Health grant, Loeb is studying genetic markers associated with severe cases of Dengue disease throughout South America and Asia.

IIDR member Tim Gilberger, an associate member of Pathology and Molecular Medicine, also has connections around the globe. While his

work on the molecular mechanisms of pathogenesis of malaria parasite pathogens is centered mostly in Africa, he collaborates with researchers from Germany, India, Singapore, and the US to better understand the disease that claims one million people annually.

Not only does the IIDR benefit its researchers but also its collaborators. Obiora Ejim, for example, a professor of chemical pathology at Enugu State University of Science and Technology in Nigeria, has collaborated with the IIDR since 2007 when he began providing soil samples for Xiaodong Wang, a technician in Wright's lab. Ejim has also provided plant samples used to treat malaria and most recently has provided 10 samples taken from human surgical wounds, which are resistant to all available antibiotics, and which he obtained from the Enugu State University of Science and Technology teaching hospital. "We don't have the facilities or the man-power in Nigeria to be able to conduct the type of research that is done at McMaster," he says. "At the IIDR, we have the power to zoom in and concentrate on ideas."

The IIDR's new Centre for Microbial Chemical Biology also supports international collaborations. Its five labs serve researchers locally, nationally and internationally and provides a focal point for transdisciplinary research, bridging life and physical sciences. In fact, in 2010, the labs supported interactions with Mount Sinai's Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute, the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and the University of Edinburgh.

"Since its establishment in 2007, the institute has made a significant impact in the way infectious diseases are tackled," says Wright. "The advent of rapid and affordable international travel now means that we are truly a global village when it comes to infectious diseases. Through successful collaborations, we will continue to make an international impact on a grand scale."



Dr. Obiora Elim, Professor of Chemical Pathology at Enugu State University of Science & Technology, Nigeria

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Department of Philosophy at McMaster

The Department of Philosophy at McMaster University, is a vibrant, research-oriented department offering courses of study leading to B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. The faculty bring a wide range of expertise and teaching strengths include both continental and analytical perspectives, legal and political philosophy and ethics as well as epistemology and metaphysics, and strength in the history of philosophy from ancient through modern to twentieth-century thought.

In May 11-15, 2011, the Department of Philosophy hosted a conference titled, "The Nature of Law: Contemporary Perspectives." The conference had two phases, first from May 11-13, for graduate presentations and then the nature of law presentation from May 13-15. The conference attracted the participations from some of the biggest names from the analytical jurisprudence who were present. It was a very impressive collection of legal scholars all under one roof and brought together by a single institution.

In what has been hailed as assembling "probably the strongest legal philosophy cohort in Canada and one of the best ones in North America," Osgoode Hall Law School and the departments of philosophy at McMaster University and York University have recently joined forces to facilitate academic collaborations in the field of legal philosophy.



OLPP Founders - From Left to Right, Dr. Michael Giudice (York), Dr. Wil Waluchow (McMaster) and Dr. François Tanguay-Renaud (Osgoode)

Hence, the Ontario Legal Philosophy Partnership (OLPP) was formed. OLPP celebrated its founding with a launch reception held on the evening of Friday, May 13 in the Great Hall of McMaster's University Club. This is the brainchild of three internationally recognized legal philosophy professors who will be the partnership's administrators: François Tanguay-Renaud (Osgoode); Michael Giudice (York Philosophy); and Wil Waluchow (McMaster Philosophy), who is Senator William McMaster Chair in Constitutional Studies.

Summer English Language Program

This summer marked the 8th year for the Summer English Language Program at McMaster University. This year, four different programs were offered to the participants: An English as a Second Language program for High school students and University students; an English Teachers Training program for English teachers who teach English as a Foreign Language in their home countries; Student Services Management Training program for senior management personals from a Chinese University; and A Medical Training Program in Problem-Based-Training for Doctors from overseas. Through July and August, the Summer ESL programs attracted students from China, South Korea, Japan, Saudi Arabia and Russia.

Guangzhou Bayi Experimental School was a new addition to our English as a Second Language program in 2011. The principal of Guangzhou Bayi Experimental School reported a very positive feedback from his students and their parents after the students returned home safely. The Summer English Language program for students combined a high quality English Language

development course with an intercultural experience, living and learning in Canada. The classroom activities integrated listening, reading, speaking and writing skills from beginners' level to advanced level. In addition to classroom instruction, students enjoyed activities in small groups led by McMaster University graduate students from the Department of English and Cultural Studies. These activities were educational and fun. By getting to know the different aspects of Canadian life, the students also improved their English skills.

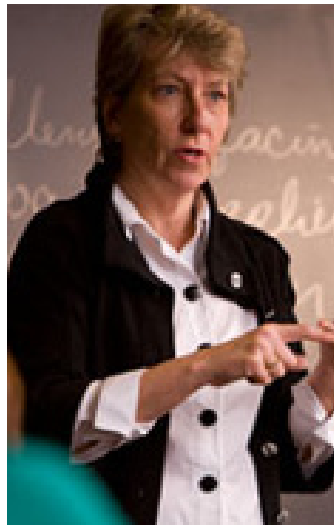
The Office of International Affairs first launched this program in the summer of 2004. This program was initiated as part of a long term recruiting effort for undergraduate and graduate programs and to promote the name of McMaster University overseas. The 2011 Summer English Language program was a huge success by the positive feedback from our teachers, students and their parents. A bigger and better program is projected for 2012.



Why are Women Across the Globe Joining Unions at an Increasing Rate?

This project was started in 2008-2012 by Principal Investigator Dr. Charlotte Yates, Professor of Labour Studies and Political Science and Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences.

Since 1995, there has been a dramatic increase in women's membership in labour unions across the corners of the globe, from Uganda to Great Britain, South Africa, Australia and Canada. Although rates of women union members are lower than men, in countries where union membership has increased or stabilized, it tends to be due to the number of women union members. A surprising range of countries report that increases in female union membership are the major contributing factor to stabilizing union memberships. This growth in female union membership has occurred against a backdrop of stagnation or significant drops since 1995 in national union memberships across many countries. Once a pillar of postwar economic and policy development, unions have seen the scope of their political-



Dr. Charlotte Yates, Professor of Labour Studies and Political Science and Dean, Faculty of Social Science

economic influence narrow as memberships decline, changes to the global economy hollow out workplaces and generate labour market restructuring, and governments re-draft legislative frameworks that once secured unions their power. Simultaneously, women's participation in the labour force has increased worldwide. This project is designed to explain this global change in women's union membership, its implications for the future of unions and their engagement in politics and civil society.

Building on this, this project proposes to undertake three related threads of research (1) Research on women's increased membership in unions offers competing explanations for why women are joining unions; (2) Over the last ten years, unions from a host of different countries have converged in their response to membership decline by engaging in expanded recruitment efforts, often targeting particular populations such as youth or private service sector workers (who also disproportionately tend to be women and racialized minorities); (3) As many unions around the world face similar challenges, unions increasingly borrow renewal strategies from other national labour movements, hoping that there might be 'best practices' that they can implement and therefore accelerate the process of renewal.

This study will examine how international strategic learning amongst unions takes place, compare the implementation of organizing strategies in different national contexts and assess the relative success of 'borrowed' strategies in recruiting women.

Migration and Refugee Studies

Dr. Mirna Carranza, Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, School of Social Work, does research on immigrant and refugee families and their process of acculturation as family units. Her Canadian interests include issues of grief, ambiguous losses, war and torture, identity processes, transnational relationships and their impact on parenting practices, successful settlement processes and mental health. Her international research focuses on social justice issues, particularly on forced migration, gender violence, children's and women's rights in Central America.

Current research projects include:

- Forced Migration:

Children and women trafficking within
Central America--Nicaragua Experience

- Salvadorian Communities:

Family Acculturation

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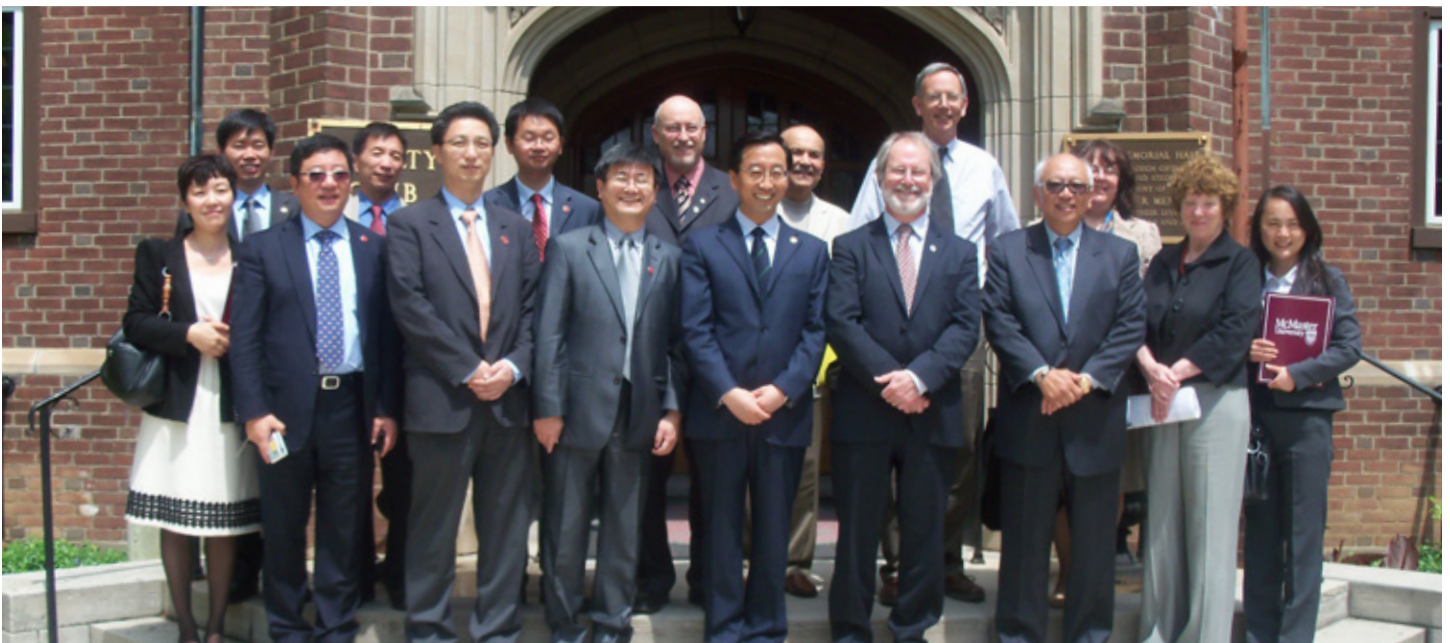
Dr. Rachel Zhou, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Social Sciences, School of Social Work, is interested in understanding how globalization processes (not limited to economic globalization) have affected people in local and transnational settings, and how social work as a profession and discipline has responded to the changing contexts of these issues. Previous research examined the illness experiences of people living with HIV/AIDS in China through the lens of social justice and local-global connections. Current research interests include globalization, immigration, transnationalism; HIV/AIDS, illness narratives, global health; social/health policy; civil society, international social work; culture, gender, sexuality; and knowledge production/dissemination.

Current research projects include:

- HIV/AIDS in the context of international migration and global interdependence. Understanding the vulnerability to HIV of Chinese and Indian immigrant communities in Canada.
- Care, aging and globalization Transnational care-giving experiences of Chinese seniors in Canada.

Shanghai Jiao Tong University Presidential Visit to McMaster University

Dr. Zhang Jie, President of Shanghai Jiao Tong University visited McMaster on May 25, 2011 with a nine member delegation from Shanghai. They spent the day at McMaster and met with Drs. Luke Chan, Suzanne Crosta, Naresh Agarwal, William Scarth, Andrea Bauman, David Wilkinson and Alison Sekular. They also attended a lunch hosted by McMaster President Patrick Deane. The Shanghai delegation consisted of President Zhang Jie and Drs. Gao Hong, Jiang Hong, Jin Tuo, Li Guojie, Liu Yingzheng, Lu Wei, Zhang Weimin and Ms. Xie Ting. After lunch the delegation visited the McMaster Museum of Art and the Bertrand Russel Archives.



A nine member Presidential delegation from Shanghai Jiao Tong visiting McMaster University, May 25, 2011

International Research & Development Forum: The Role of Research Intensive Universities

McMaster University was the first Canadian University to have a two-day Forum for industry, private sector, government and academic leaders. The event took place on September 12-13, 2011 and was held at LIUNA Station at 360 James Street North Hamilton Ontario, Canada.

Research universities must position themselves to seize the opportunities and respond to the challenges related to internationalization and globalization. They must increase their international vision and capitalize on their strong foundation of research to compete with growing and emerging markets. In this global economy, their role in economic development is critical and is being put to use in domestic markets, but how do they leverage this activity to compete effectively on the global stage? And how do they increase their market share of international R&D projects and help their country to meet their human resource needs in a knowledge-based society?

More than 200 individuals from industry, academia and government attended our International Research and Development Forum. Delegates came from over 15 countries from the Middle East, Europe, South and North American and Asia and all the BRICS Countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa). As McMaster University and Hamilton welcomed the world the event by all accounts was a success. High profile attendants and speakers included Paul Martin, former Prime Minister of Canada, and Kevin Lynch, Vice Chair, BMO Financial Group. Proceedings from the Forum will be published. For more information please see: http://www.mcmaster.ca/research/International_Forum_on_RandD/index.html



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