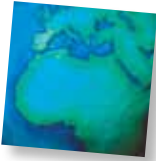


## AROUND THE WORLD

### ■ Discover your Mac Adventure



We're going places we've never been before! We invite you to join fellow McMaster alumni, friends, faculty and staff as we expand our program with an irresistible line-up of river cruises, educational excursions and active adventures.

**Journey to India** November 29-December 10, 2010  
**Legends of the Nile** January 11-22, 2011  
**Swiss Winter Escapade** February 21-28, 2011  
**Explore Guatemala** March 5-13, 2011  
**Cruise the Panama Canal** March 6-17, 2011  
**Cruise Lesser Antilles: Leeward/Windward Iss** March 22-29, 2011  
**Holy Land** March 26-April 7, 2011  
**The Masters Golf Tournament** April 9-12, 2011  
**Tuscany: Cortona & Florence** April 26-May 5, 2011  
**Grand Canyon** May 19-28, 2011  
**Ireland: A Literary Expedition** June 7-16, 2011  
**McMaster Stratford Shakespearean Seminar Series** July, 2011  
**Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice** July 16-24, 2011  
**Northwest Passage** August 15-29, 2011  
**Paris and the Villages & Vineyards** September 8-18, 2011  
**Waterways of Russia** September 13-23, 2011  
**Spain: Andalucia** September 19-28, 2011  
**Island Life in Greece & Turkey** September 26-October 4, 2011  
**Grand Journey Around the World** October 1-26, 2011

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### ■ Southwest Line Dancing



The Wild West is coming to Hamilton! Heat up November with an evening of Line Dance Instruction. No dance experience or partner is necessary, our instructor is sure to get everyone on their feet and kicking to the country beat.

After you dance up an appetite, savour the taste of America's Southwest culture with Tex-Mex appetizers and mouthwatering margaritas!

*Space is limited to 40 people. Register today to avoid disappointment.*

**Tuesday, November 23, 2010**

The Great Hall, Alumni Memorial Hall  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$15 per person

### ■ Holiday Wine Dinner



Joie de vivre! What better way to celebrate the season than with the tantalizing tastes of France. Imagine the pleasant countryside, picturesque vineyards and charming towns of France as Bill MacKenzie guides us

through the art of pairing French wine with delectable, seasonal ingredients. The evening will include a four-course dinner menu prepared by one of McMaster's finest chefs, with each course paired with a wine from different regions of France. Bon appétit!

*Space is limited to 50 people. Register today to avoid disappointment.*

**Thursday, December 2, 2010**

Dining Room, Alumni Memorial Hall  
Reception: 6:30 p.m.  
Dinner Presentation: 7:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$80 per person

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## MAC READS BOOK CLUB

### ■ Mac Reads: Alumni Book Club



Please join us for *Mac Reads*, McMaster Alumni Association's book club. This interactive program is a great opportunity to read thought-provoking books, meet new people and learn from some of McMaster's most engaging professors and alumni!

Location: Alumni House (formerly President's Residence),  
McMaster University

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$5 per person (includes light refreshments)

*You may purchase your book club selections at Titles Bookstore on campus for a discounted price. Please visit the bookstore or call Robin at Titles to place your order at 905.525.9140 ext. 22894*

### ■ December Man (L'homme de décembre)

With Colleen Murphy, author and McMaster University  
Writer-in-Residence – **Tuesday, September 28, 2010**

In the aftermath of the 1989 Montreal Massacre, Benoît and Kathleen do everything they can to help their beloved son cope with his guilt and rage. Using humour and the humdrum of everyday life, Murphy intuitively moves backwards in time to the fateful day when Jean, the only ray of hope in this working-class family, escaped the massacre...or thought he did. This searing drama on courage, heroism and despair explores the long private shadow that public violence casts.

Join Colleen for a discussion surrounding *December Man* (*L'homme de décembre*), a compelling family drama.

■ **Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*** – With Dr. John Ferns and Gillian Ferns – **Monday, November 29, 2010**

Set the stage for the season with a special evening featuring the perfect holiday book selection.

Just at a time when Britain was experiencing a nostalgic interest in its forgotten Christmas traditions came Dickens' book, which popularized the phrase 'Merry Christmas', and introduced the character of Scrooge, whose name (along with the phrase 'Bah! Humbug') has become a by-word for a miserly kill-joy.

Join Dr. Ferns and Gillian Ferns for this festive evening and fascinating book discussion.

## McMASTER ALUMNI EVENT SERIES

### FALL 2010 PROGRAM LISTING

Albert Lager Lecture Series  
Theatre Aquarius Exclusives  
Around The World  
Mac Reads Book Club

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## ALBERT LAGER LECTURE SERIES

### ■ Creative Reactions to the End of the World: Galileo, Shakespeare, van Gogh – Bill Harris



Modern-day astronomy has seen a flood of amazing findings including the discoveries of hundreds of planets around nearby stars; the expanding universe; and giant black holes at the centers of galaxies.

This talk will explore how we got here from Galileo's time 400 years ago, and especially how writers, artists, and thinkers have reacted to these universe-changing events in different ways over the course of history – a story of exhilaration, fear, awe, and most of all, beauty.

After a postdoctoral fellowship at Yale University, Bill Harris joined McMaster University in 1976. He was elected to the Royal Society of Canada and held a Killam Research Fellowship. Contributions to professional community work have included serving as President of the Canadian Astronomical Society, chairing the Board of Directors and the Scientific Advisory Council of the Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope, the NSERC Grant Selection Committee for Space and Astronomy, and time allocation panels for the Hubble Space Telescope.

**Wednesday, September 15, 2010**

Parks Canada Discovery Centre, Hamilton Harbour  
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. FREE!

### ■ Languages of the World – George Thomas



There are some 6,000 languages scattered around the globe. When we consider this fascinating multiplicity, several big questions present themselves for our consideration: Can we see any universals

or at least widespread tendencies in the structures of human languages? What is the origin of human language and what might early language have been like? Does language really set us apart from other species? How did these languages spread around the world; where is the greatest diversity of languages to be found, and why are some languages dying out? Is diversity a good thing or is it an obstacle to human communication?

Professor Emeritus George Thomas is former Chair of the Department of Slavic Studies and Chair of the Department of Modern Languages. He has resided in the United Kingdom, Russia, Germany, Austria, the

Czech Republic, Croatia and Slovenia and has a good knowledge of Italy, France, Switzerland, Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, Slovakia, the United States, and South Africa, and the other countries of the world.

**Wednesday, October 6, 2010**

Parks Canada Discovery Centre, Hamilton Harbour  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. FREE!

### ■ Glory Bursts: The Battle of Stoney Creek – James Elliot



On a spring morning in 1813 the largest amphibious force in American history to that point – 6,000 troops aboard 140 vessels – stormed ashore near the mouth of the Niagara River, quickly routed the British garrison and captured Fort George. It was a textbook operation, the second consecutive American victory and a promising sign that events of 1813 would redress the military calamities of 1812. Journalist and author James Elliott has compellingly reconstructed one of the least understood actions of the War of 1812, in the novel *Strange Fatality*. James Elliott, author of the critically-acclaimed *Strange Fatality: The Battle of Stoney Creek*, details just how astonishingly close southwestern Ontario came to statehood.

James Elliott is a Canadian journalist and author with a keen and abiding interest in early North American history. He worked on several episodes of the CBC's Gemini Award-winning "Canada: A People's History" both as a consultant and a special-skills extra. He is also the author of the critically acclaimed "If Ponies Rode Men".

**Wednesday, October 20, 2010**

Parks Canada Discovery Centre, Hamilton Harbour  
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. FREE!

### ■ How to avoid Identity Theft – Milena Head



Identity theft refers to any impersonation or misappropriation of an individual's identity. It can take many forms, such as misusing personal information to open new credit card accounts, take out loans, fill out legal documents such as crime reports or leases, obtain passports, etc. Aided by the increase

in digitization and online information, identity theft is rapidly becoming a major worldwide problem for businesses, governments, and citizens. This talk will explore key issues of this phenomenon that is rapidly becoming "the crime of the century", focusing on what you can do to protect yourself and your family against these criminals.

Dr. Milena Head is a Professor of Information Systems at the DeGroote School of Business, McMaster University. She seeks to answer important questions such as: How do we build trust in a virtual environment? How do Canadians adapt to and adopt new technologies? She is an accomplished researcher that has published over 70 papers in respected academic journals, books and conferences.

**Wednesday, October 27, 2010**

Parks Canada Discovery Centre, Hamilton Harbour  
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. FREE!

### ■ Extending your warranty into the Golden Years – Kim Thompson



People are often confused with exercise and nutritional lifestyle choices. Should they exercise on land or in the water? Should they eat more carbohydrates or

less protein? New studies are released daily on the best nutrients or diets to follow. It is often the small changes we make to our lifestyle that have the longest lasting effect on our overall health. During this presentation, we will address 10 simple practices or lifestyle makeovers we can include into our daily living that will help extend your warranty into the golden years!

Kim Thompson is a personal trainer and pilates instructor who has been active in the fitness industry for the past 20 years. She has been involved with exercise programming for cardiac rehabilitation, breast cancer and osteoporosis as well as managing a fitness centre that caters to the general public. Kim volunteers for Osteoporosis Canada as the event planner and sponsorship chair.

**Thursday, November 18, 2010**

Parks Canada Discovery Centre, Hamilton Harbour  
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. FREE!

## THEATRE AQUARIUS EXCLUSIVES

### ■ Theatre Aquarius: Educating Rita – Featuring an exclusive talkback with members of the production



British playwright Willy Russell's hit, *Educating Rita*, like his blockbuster, *Shirley Valentine*, is a perennial theatrical gem that refuses to wane in popularity. Winner of the Best Comedy Award in London's West End, and made into a mega hit movie starring Julie Walters and Michael Caine, *Educating Rita* is a winner.

Rita crashes into Dr. Frank Bryant's life wanting an education, although she has no idea what it is that she's asking. Her brash sincerity earns the respect of the doctor who has previously resigned himself to a life of empty lectures and booze. As each begins to wake up to life in their own way, the story comes to a close as an inspiring tale of self discovery and of the power of choice that comes through education.

*Join us after the performance for a talkback featuring members of the production.*

**Tuesday, November 9, 2010**

Featuring Exclusive Talkback – after performance  
Performance: 8:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$40 per person, \$75 per pair

### ■ Theatre Aquarius Family Fun: A Christmas Carol – Featuring cocoa and candy canes for the whole family!



Theatre Aquarius will bring magic to the stage once again with their Holiday Family Musical – *A Christmas Carol: The Musical*

(music by Alan Menken and Lynn Ahrens, book by Mike Ockrent and Lynn Ahrens, based on the story by Charles Dickens). "*A Christmas Carol*" retains its emotional power and pure joy, thanks to the marvelously-told story by Ockrent and Ahrens, and the Menken/Ahrens score filled with beautiful melodies and emotional lyrics.

Bring the family out for a wonderful afternoon, featuring the magical performance of *A Christmas Carol: The Musical* and hot cocoa and candy canes during intermission.

**Sunday, December 5, 2010**

Performance: 2:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$75 per family (includes 2 adults, 2 children - \$20 extra for each additional child)