

# CIRCLE

## FALL 2017

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA  
AUGUSTANA CAMPUS  
ALUMNI MAGAZINE



CLC alumni Clarence Servold and wife Marjorie discover his 1947 yearbook at this year's Annual Dean's Alumni Brunch. See page 8 for more photos of Alumni Weekend 2017

# CIRCLE

AUGUSTANA CAMPUS ALUMNI MAGAZINE

## PROJECT COORDINATION, EDITING & DESIGN

Trina Harrison - Alumni & Special Events Coordinator  
trina.harrison@ualberta.ca

Tia Lalani - Communications Coordinator  
tlalani@ualberta.ca

Tanya Pattullo - Graphic Designer  
tanya.pattullo@ualberta.ca

## PRINTING

McCallum Printing Group Inc.

Publications mail agreement no: 400100904  
RETURN UNDELIVERABLE ITEMS TO  
Alumni Office, Augustana Campus  
University of Alberta  
4901 46 Ave  
Camrose, AB T4V 2R3  
Toll free: 1 800 661 8714 (US & Canada only)  
Telephone: 780 679 1105

For information and inquiries, please contact:  
Alumni & Special Events Coordinator  
780 679 1105 or augalum@ualberta.ca

CIRCLE is the University of Alberta's Augustana Faculty Alumni magazine. The views expressed in this magazine are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the views of the University of Alberta's Augustana Faculty.

Contents copyright 2017 by the University of Alberta's Augustana Faculty. Content may not be reprinted or reproduced without permission from the University of Alberta's Augustana Faculty.

## CONTENTS

Dean's Message	1
Life at Augustana	2
Alumni Profiles	3
Alumni Events	7
Photo Gallery: Alumni Weekend 2017	8
Alumni Awards	10
Augustana Outreach	11
Research and Teaching	13
Augustana in the Community	14
Second Thought	16
Augustana Milestones	17
Alumni Giving	18
Faculty & Staff News	23
Class Notes / In Memoriam	25



BECOME A FAN

## FIND US ON FACEBOOK!

You can find the most current information on Augustana events and announcements on our website or on the Augustana Facebook pages!

U of A Augustana & Augustana Alumni [www.ualberta.ca/augustana](http://www.ualberta.ca/augustana)

# TELL US A STORY

## NOMINATE AN AUGUSTANA GRAD FOR AN **ALUMNI AWARD**

Nominations now being accepted for 2019

Award criteria and nomination forms at:  
[ualberta.ca/alumni/awards](http://ualberta.ca/alumni/awards)

[alumni.awards@ualberta.ca](mailto:alumni.awards@ualberta.ca)  
(780) 492-7723 | 1-800-661-2593

You do not have to be an alumnus to submit a nomination.

# MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Over the last several years, my Circle messages have each had a theme: in 2014-15 it was change; in 2015-16 it was transition; last year it was ambition. This year it seems appropriate to choose distinction.

Following two years of study and a second two years of implementation planning, the Augustana Faculty this year launched a new academic calendar, a first-year seminar initiative, and a Pathways Program. All are distinctive, perhaps even unique. More important, they have been designed to enhance the learning opportunities for all of our students.

After much debate about naming our new calendar, we settled on the simplest of descriptors—the Augustana Calendar. This calendar sets a new rhythm for the academic year. Both the fall and winter term now begin with a three-week block during which students take only one class. Both instructors and students have no competing academic obligations during this time. So they are free to delve deeply, work intensively, travel widely, and experiment creatively. One of my favourite examples was a block course in September at the Miquelon Lake Research Station, where environmental science students undertook research projects under the guidance of Professors Glen Hvenegaard and Glynnis Hood. Students literally worked day and night (some projects required after dark observation and data collection). They slept at the research station, cooked their meals together, and benefited from the almost continuous guidance of Glen and Glynnis.

During the September block, all first-year students were enrolled in new first-year seminars. Many other liberal arts campuses have previously demonstrated that FYS courses are a “high impact practice,” in that they help students make a positive adjustment to university and raise both retention rates and grade point averages. Augustana’s unique twist on the FYS was to allow students to focus exclusively for three weeks on this class. With no seminar larger than 22 participants, each student received personal attention, was challenged to be an active and engaged learner, was able to form close relationships with peers, and was challenged to work on thinking, writing, and research skills essential to university success (for more information on the Augustana Calendar, see page 2).

The Pathways program initiative, which was developed



with generous donor support, was inspired by our interest in linking students—specifically those from rural and Indigenous communities—back to their home communities, positioning them to make meaningful contributions through research internships with community-based organizations. Looking ahead, this is an initiative that we hope many alumni will be inspired to help support (for more information, see page 20).

Our work this year has also been aided by the addition of seven new faculty members. They are an amazing group of young scholars, and I am particularly proud and grateful that in each instance following a national search Augustana was able to land its first-choice candidate.

As for me, the job of Dean and Executive Officer at Augustana continues to be the most satisfying position I have ever held. Many of you, through your generous support of Augustana, have helped solidify that conclusion. I am grateful for that, but most appreciative of your loyalty to this wonderful institution.

Warm regards,  
Dean Allen Berger

## A LIVING LABORATORY: AUGUSTANA'S NEW CALENDAR

*By Karsten Mündel, Associate Dean Academic, Associate Professor of Global and Development Studies, and Director of Learning-Advising-Beyond*

Augustana Campus has started things a little differently this year by embarking on two exciting new initiatives as part of our effort to be “a living laboratory for teaching and learning innovation, to the benefit of the entire university” (*For the Public Good*, U of A's Strategic plan).



*In professor Roxanne Harde's women and environmental literature class, students observed falcons and visited their farm, where they house falcons, hawks, and small owls.*

engaging and rigorous. Here's a quick update on the new rhythms so far.

## FIRST YEAR SEMINARS

Our First Year Seminar courses are small, intensive, discussion-based, and focused on one specific topic looked at from broad and interdisciplinary perspectives in order to introduce students to the type of learning that they should anticipate during University studies. The topics of these courses were as diverse as sports media, zombies, cyborgs, and cryptozoology, and also incorporated student orientation into the course structures themselves so that new students were oriented to both the academic and social aspects of university in the first days of their arrival on campus.

The assessment process in place to measure students' achievement of course learning objectives (with an emphasis on academic skills

acquisition) in FYS shows that students rose to the challenge and demonstrated to themselves and to the faculty that they are capable of producing great work.

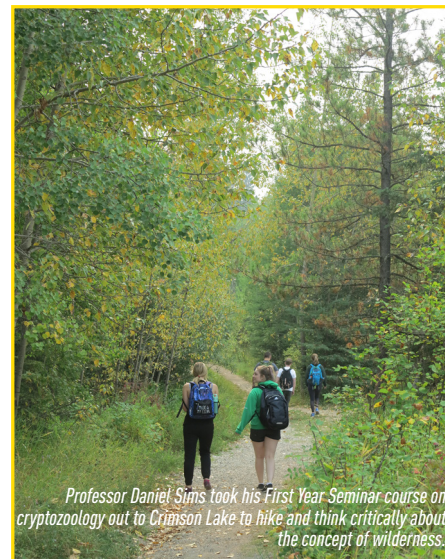
These courses were also an opportunity for our faculty to stretch out of the narrow confines of their disciplines; many developed new approaches to teaching. A number of FYS instructors have indicated that their participation in the FYS course has encouraged them to be more student-centred in how they teach the rest of their courses.

## THE AUGUSTANA CALENDAR

Augustana's returning students have also completed their first three-week session in which they took courses including field studies in environmental science and ecology, women and environmental literature, existentialism, topics in geometry, and a collaborative history research seminar. Some of these courses, such as the field studies course at our Miquelon Research Station, were an obvious fit for the three-week terms. Students were able to put on their hip waders and work on undergraduate research projects while living out at the research station for the duration of the session.

Other courses, such as the women and environmental literature course, have been less obvious fits for this compressed schedule, but still worked exceptionally well. This course involved two field trips to complement the literary theory and literature the students were exposed to in class—trips facilitated by the three-week schedule—including a visit to a farm committed to environmental principles and witnessing falcons being flown by Albertan falconers at a local conservation area, to connect book-learning in the classroom to real-world experiences.

As a faculty, we look forward to continuing to grow into the new academic rhythms and to creating new and meaningful learning opportunities for our students.



*Professor Daniel Sims took his First Year Seminar course on cryptozoology out to Crimson Lake to hike and think critically about the concept of wilderness.*

“University developed my character and gave me grit. My professors challenged me with ‘tough love’ to dig deeper, work harder, and find my own answers. I learned to get comfortable with being uncomfortable, which has been helpful in every aspect of my work today.”

Profile by Pam Chamberlain

Whenever Joelle Johnson attended a music festival, wedding, or corporate event, she wondered, “Where did the inspiration for this come from?” As she pondered the myriad details that go into a function, she wondered what it might be like to be the one in charge of it all.

Joelle had known that she wanted to run her own business someday, which led her to enrol in Augustana’s management program. She gradually gravitated toward becoming a wedding planner—a role that would allow her to make the most of her outgoing personality and provide her with an avenue to express her creativity.

Now a certified wedding planner, Joelle owns *Hitched by Joelle* based in Edmonton. She works with couples over the course of many months to plan one of the biggest days of their lives. “I cannot put into words what an honour it is to have couples invite me along for the ride.”

Joelle credits Augustana with providing her with the tools necessary to run her own company. She chose Augustana because of the small-campus dynamic. “It was like having a second family because we would have coffee with our professors and hang out by the fireplaces in the forum.”

The management program gave her a strong foundation in commerce. “I received a fundamental understanding of how business works, which gave me the courage and know-how to start this venture,” she says.



**JOELLE JOHNSON**  
B Management '15

However, it wasn’t just academics that set her on her path. She also learned skills like teamwork and communication. “University developed my character and gave me grit. My professors—Bill Foster, Neil Hepburn, Yvonne Becker, and Morton Asfeldt—challenged me with ‘tough love’ to dig deeper, work harder, and find my own answers. I learned to get comfortable with being uncomfortable, which has been helpful in every aspect of my work today.”

Joelle feels fortunate. She is not only running her own business, but she is doing so in a field she is passionate about. “I’ve been able to build a career for myself that plays up my strengths and will always bring new challenges,” she reflects. “I’ve definitely found my niche.”



**DANIELLE FOSTEY**  
BA Sociology '10

“I took the long way to get to Augustana!” Danielle Fostey says with a smile. Eagerly on her way to law school, Danielle went to Calgary for her first year of university, but wasn’t happy there. “I didn’t feel I could connect with any of the professors, and the classes were huge,” she recalls. Danielle transferred to Camrose for her second year. “It was the best decision I ever made.”

As a Métis student, Danielle was grateful that Augustana’s Aboriginal Students Office connected her with other Aboriginal students and with cultural resources, and provided a way to give back to the community. She participated in the Aboriginal Student Mentor program, helping first-year Indigenous students make

“Some cases are emotionally challenging, but they offer me opportunities to have the greatest impact. I try to make the court experience less scary for victims and to get them good results.”

---

Profile by Pam Chamberlain

a successful transition to university life. “At Augustana, I was accepted for who I was, and the support I received as a Métis student was extremely helpful.”

In 2010, Danielle graduated with Distinction and went on to law school at Queens. Now a Crown Prosecutor in Fort McMurray, Danielle’s role is to prosecute charges that are laid by police after a crime has been committed. “My job is to be fair and to do what is in the public interest, so each file I look at requires me to think about not only what is legally important but what is fair and just.”

“Some cases are emotionally challenging,” Danielle says, “but they offer me opportunities to have the greatest impact. I try to make the court experience less scary for victims and to get them good results.”

Danielle considers her Métis heritage to be an asset in her career. “I understand colonial dynamics and the social issues facing Aboriginal people, both victims and accused. I am mindful of the history that brings them to the criminal justice system.”

Augustana was the foundation. “I cannot say enough about how much I grew as a person,” she reflects. “I learned so much from the people on campus—not only the professors who gave me a well-rounded education and taught me to think critically—but also people in student services who make Augustana such a welcoming place. Choosing Augustana was the best choice I ever made.”

“My professors cared about me on a personal level and cared about my success. My senior-level liberal-arts classes challenged my ingrained assumptions and gave me a broader perspective of the world.”

---

Profile by Pam Chamberlain

Simon Irving grew up in Calgary and chose Augustana for the opportunity to earn a U of A degree while playing ACAC basketball. While Simon embraced the role of point guard and captain of the Vikings men’s team, it was his Augustana education that shaped his career.

“My professors cared about me on a personal level and cared about my success,” Simon says. “My senior-level liberal-arts classes challenged my ingrained assumptions and gave me a broader perspective of the world.” In a directed reading with professor Dittmar Mündel, Simon’s project focused on hydraulic fracturing, and he helped organize a conference that turned into the annual Spirit of the Land gathering, now in its sixth year.

Upon graduation, Simon sought an international graduate program that would prepare him to work in the environmental sector.

“I’m impressed with the way Augustana prepared me for grad school. I’d learned critical thinking, communication skills, and the ability to look at the world through different lenses—skills I was able to apply in my program.” In 2015, Simon earned an MSc (Honours) in business and economics from Uppsala University in Sweden, focusing on sustainable management.

Now back in Calgary, Simon works in the environmental sector as a program coordinator for the Alberta Ecotrust Foundation. The heart of his work is supporting the people and projects that address Alberta’s most pressing environmental issues. “I love that I wake



**SIMON IRVING**  
B Management '13

up every day knowing my work aligns with my values,” he says. “We are working to create a different future and a better world.”

Simon is also a board member for a new Camrose-based not-for-profit organization founded by a group of Augustana alumni. Newo Global Energy provides responsible energy options such as solar installations, and it also offers education, encourages energy literacy, and promotes community building.

“My involvement with Newo keeps me tied to the Camrose community, which I love.”

“Augustana opened my eyes to world,” he says. “Now, I am privileged to do meaningful work that allows me to live out my values and make a difference. I’m immensely grateful.”



## MEGAN PATENAUDE

BA Psychology '16

In a third-year criminology class at Augustana, professor Geraint Osborne invited two Wetaskiwin probation officers to talk about their vocation. Upon hearing their presentation, one of the students, Megan Patenaude, knew she had found her career path.

Today, Megan is a correctional service worker—better known as a probation officer—working for the Alberta government in Westlock. Megan supervises offenders and meets with them regularly to ensure that people are adhering to the conditions of their probation. She also refers them to counsellors or agencies as needed.

“The most rewarding part of the job is to see clients take the help

“The most rewarding part of the job is to see clients take the help we are offering and make changes in their lives.”

---

Profile by Pam Chamberlain

we are offering and make changes in their lives,” reflects Megan.

For example, one of Megan’s clients, who was once addicted to heroin, is now in a methadone program and hasn’t failed a drug test in over a year. Megan says, “Although her success is due to decisions she’s made herself, I’ve played a part in helping her to maintain this healthier lifestyle by connecting her with the supports she needs to stay clean.”

There are challenges, though. Small towns such as Westlock often lack the necessary resources and agencies to provide much-needed help. However, Megan is committed to working in rural communities. “Because I am from Sexsmith, which is a very small town, I am used to a rural setting.”

Small classes and Augustana’s neighbourly atmosphere were also what first drew Megan to Camrose. “Being on a small campus felt like home. In my classes, I could be myself and I never felt lost in a crowd.”

Megan remembers how Augustana helped her on her career: “The community service-learning components of classes were especially helpful because they allowed me to gain experience in the field, which helped me get my position after graduation. The professors—like Dr. Osborne—were amazing. They knew me and cared about me as an individual. They helped me tailor my studies to prepare me for my chosen field, and they helped me make the connections I needed to take me where I wanted to go in life.”



The Augustana Alumni Office hosts a variety of events throughout the year, from the kid-friendly to the academic, the formal to the festive. Here's a recap of some of our favourite events over the last year, and a quick peek at what's to come! Contact the alumni office to register or for more information: [aualum@ualberta.ca](mailto:aualum@ualberta.ca) or (780) 679-1626.

### AUGUST 26: ALUMNI DAY OF SERVICE AT MIQUELON LAKE

UAlberta and Augustana alumni joined at this volunteer event to help put the finishing touches on the Augustana Miquelon Lake Research Station. Look out for details on next year's Summer of Service event!



### OCTOBER 24: LUTHER MOVIE & PANEL

2017 was the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and Augustana commemorated it with a free showing of the movie *Luther*, followed by a panel discussion that included Augustana professors and members of the local clergy. To learn more about Luther, the Reformation, and the events centered around it here on campus, check out history professor Geoff Dipple's Second Thought on page 16.

### NOVEMBER 20: AUTHOR VISIT—SHARI NARINE ('84)

Augustana alumna and award-winning journalist Shari Narine stopped by to sign copies of her new novel, *Oil Change at Rath's Garage*, and chat with current students!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JANUARY 25: ALUMNI CAREER MIXER

### FEBRUARY 9-11: VIKINGS HOCKEY ALUMNI WEEKEND



### FEBRUARY: LUNCH & LEARN - THE WORKFORCE EXPERIENCES OF EMPLOYEES LIVING WITH A CHRONIC ILLNESS WITH AUGUSTANA PROFESSOR REBECCA PURC-STEPHENSON

### MARCH: LUNCH & LEARN - THE FUTURE OF FAITH-BASED EDUCATION IN ALBERTA WITH AUGUSTANA PROFESSOR CLARK BANACK

### MARCH: LUNCH & LEARN - THE CANNABIS CONUNDRUM WITH AUGUSTANA PROFESSORS GERAINT OSBORNE AND TIM PARKER

Keep an eye on the Augustana Website ([www.ualberta.ca/augustana](http://www.ualberta.ca/augustana)) for more info and upcoming Lunch & Learns.

### MARCH: EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Don't miss this annual event which includes crafts, cookies, clowns, and a chocolate hunt around campus. And be sure to register early because it sells out every year!

### APRIL: LAST LECTURE

Last year, professor Yvonne Becker presented "'Nevertheless, she persisted': Lessons in Perseverance". Who will Augustana choose for this year's lecture?

### APRIL: SPRING SOIREE

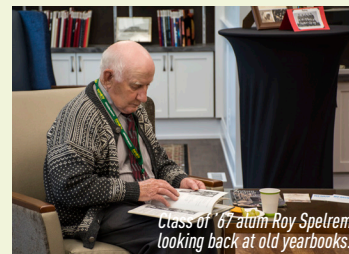
At Augustana's annual Spring Soiree, Dean Allen Berger delivers his Report to the Community. Mingle with alumni, faculty, students, and community members to share student achievement, celebrate community partnership, and visit our lovely campus.



*The class of 1987 in the Oktoberfest spirit!*



*Alumni weekend guests enjoying Oktoberfest.*



*Class of '67 alum Roy Spelrem looking back at old yearbooks.*



*The class of 1957 gathered for a group photo at Oktoberfest*



*A couple enjoying a sweet serenade...of polka music!*



*Current students, staff, and faculty also participated in the festivities.*



*Student ambassadors helped alumni weekend to run smoothly!*



*Clarence and Magorie Servold check out an old yearbook over brunch.*



*Guests enjoy the Bean's Annual Alumni Brunch.*



*Guests enjoy this year's Alumni Donor Reception in celebration of our alumni donors.*



*Class of 1947.*

Photos - Credit: Sarah Munter

Every fall, we host an Alumni Weekend to welcome our over 9,000 alumni back to Augustana. Whether you graduated from Camrose Lutheran College, Augustana University College, or the University of Alberta's Augustana Campus, you will find something for you!

Next year's Alumni Weekend will be held September 20 to 23, 2018. Host a class get-together to reconnect with old friends or reach out to a favourite professor! This year, we'll be celebrating the anniversary classes of '98 (20 years), '88 (30 years), '78 (40 years), '68 (50 years), '58 (60 years), and '48 (70 years)! If you're interested in celebrating your anniversary year, please contact Trina Harrison at the alumni office at [augalum@ualberta.ca](mailto:augalum@ualberta.ca) or 780.679.1105.



Guests enjoy this year's Alumni Donor Reception in celebration of our alumni donors



Guests enjoy this year's Alumni Donor Reception in celebration of our alumni donors



Class of 1957.



Alumni look back at the Class of 1967 gathering



Guests enjoy this year's Alumni Donor Reception in celebration of our alumni donors.



Class of '67 alumni Dennis Hoveland and Craig Erickson reminiscence.



Alumni fill their plates at the Dean's Brunch.



**Alumni  
Weekend**

SEPTEMBER 22 - 25, 2017

Photos - Credit: Sarah Munter

## AUGUSTANA 2017 ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS



### ALUMNI ENTRANCE AWARD

**Caitlyn Antos**

Caitlyn, from Killam AB, is in her first year at Augustana pursuing a major in biology with a minor in chemistry. She chose Augustana for its small class sizes and proximity to home, following in the path of her mother

who attended in '93/'94 to study psychology. When asked about her favourite part of Augustana thus far, Caitlyn said "The close relationships I've been able to form because it's such a small and friendly campus...plus the unlimited chocolate milk!"

*The Augustana Alumni Entrance Award is presented to one student each year, based on Grade 11 and/or Grade 12 final marks. The eligible student will be entering the first year of an undergraduate degree program at Augustana Faculty and must be a descendant of an Augustana/Camrose Lutheran College alumna/us.*



### ALUMNI LEADERSHIP AWARD

**Sydney Martin**

A third year BSc student, Sydney hopes to become a pediatrician. At Augustana, she works as an ambassador with the Campus Visits program, which hosts prospective student tours and offers volunteers at a number of events on campus. She is also a student athletic trainer

with the women's volleyball team. Sydney is grateful for the experience the leadership award will provide her: "This award will help me fund a trip to Costa Rica where I will get first-hand research experience—an opportunity that truly is once in a lifetime."

*The Augustana Alumni Leadership Award is given to a student with satisfactory academic standing continuing in an undergraduate degree at Augustana Faculty. Selection is based on demonstrated leadership and volunteerism on campus.*

## THANK YOU TO OUR 2017 ALUMNI AWARD DONORS

Mrs Doris Anderson, Ms Heather Bourque, Mr David & Mrs Norma Cooke, Mrs Mary Ann Ferner, Mr Wes & Mrs Trina Harrison, Mrs Jo-Anna Wohlgemuth, and other anonymous donors.

For more information on how you can support Augustana's Alumni Awards, please contact the Development Office at (780) 679-1131 or [bree.urkow@ualberta.ca](mailto:bree.urkow@ualberta.ca).

You, our Alumni, have been very generous in your support of Augustana students—we can't thank you enough!

## AUGUSTANA EXPANDS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Augustana Extended Education (AEE), the professional development provider at U of A - Augustana Campus, has launched their 2017-18 program calendar, including new and returning open-enrolment short courses, workshops, and certificate programs. Since its creation just two years ago, AEE has provided advanced education and training to over 250 elected officials, municipal administrators, NGO staff, economic development officers, rural planners, and small businesses, from across 55 rural Alberta communities.

One of the new offerings includes Advanced Municipal Leadership, a certificate program developed and delivered by Doug Griffiths, former Minister of Municipal Affairs and best selling author of *13 Ways to Kill Your Community*. A series of one-day short course modules, it is designed to assist elected officials and municipal administrators in six core areas: Roles & Responsibilities, Strategic Leadership, Communication & Engagement, Planning & Action, Municipal Collaboration, and Change Management.

"The upcoming municipal election means a lot of new elected officials and administrators are dealing with a new Municipal Government Act," says Doug Griffiths. "There are many immediate changes ahead, and these courses will help municipal leaders identify and address the challenges, and develop some new strategies to prepare for them."

AEE's flagship program, Sustainability and the Certificate in Rural Sustainability, will be offered in both Camrose and Athabasca, AB, to increase accessibility and meet high demand. A new course, titled Biosphere 101, will be offered to examine current issues in the Beaver Hills Biosphere and how stakeholders can facilitate strategies for sustainable biosphere development.

To find out more about Augustana Extended Education, or to enroll in one or more courses, visit [ualberta.ca/Augustana/AEE](http://ualberta.ca/Augustana/AEE).

**250** ELECTED OFFICIALS, MUNICIPAL  
ADMINISTRATORS, AND COMMUNITY  
LEADERS FROM

**55** RURAL ALBERTA  
COMMUNITIES HAVE  
ATTENDED

..... **AEE**



### SUSTAINABILITY 101 PROGRAM TESTIMONIAL

"As elected officials, we always strive to make the best decisions we can for our communities. Sustainability 101 & the Certificate in Rural Sustainability help in that effort, by better equipping decision makers to act with sustainability in mind. I appreciated that the course materials included lessons learned from real Canadian rural communities."

-Sean McIntyre, Mayor of the Town of Sylvan Lake



AUGUSTANA CAMPUS

AUGUSTANA EXTENDED EDUCATION

## LOOKING TO HOST AN EVENT? AUGUSTANA'S GOT YOU COVERED!

Did you know that your old campus stomping grounds still have more to offer you? Bring your events or special occasions to Augustana, and come home for a visit!

Augustana is expanding its Conference Services to host more extra-curricular events. Weddings and reunions, meetings, conferences, plays, concerts, athletic events and training, and a number of other external events take place on campus every year in comfortable and flexible budget-friendly venues.

Don't forget that Augustana has more than just facility space! Food services can be booked for all kinds of events, from glitzy banquets in the dining hall to hot buffets served outside the chapel to simple sandwich and cookie tray campus catering. If you do choose to eat in the dining hall, the all-you-care-to-eat salad bar is still in place and, yes, Augustana still has chocolate milk on tap.

Feeling nostalgic? Or are you just in need

of a clean and simple place to sleep? Short-term dorm accommodations are available in the spring and summer when students are not living on campus. While the beds and mattresses have been upgraded, not everything in residence has changed—murals painted and signed by residents still cover the walls. Take a few minutes to visit your mural and find your name!

While May through August provide the most flexibility for booking events (and that's when the campus is at its most beautiful, isn't it?), Augustana facilities and food services are also available during the academic year as the academic schedule allows.

If you're planning an event and have any questions about bringing it home to Augustana, please feel free to visit our website at [uab.ca/augconfserv](http://uab.ca/augconfserv) for more information, or send us an email at [augconfserv@ualberta.ca](mailto:augconfserv@ualberta.ca). We look forward to having you back!



# TELL US A STORY



## NOMINATE A CLC, AUC, OR AUGUSTANA GRAD FOR A FACULTY ALUMNI AWARD

Nominations now being accepted for 2019

Award criteria, past recipients, and nomination forms at

<http://aug.ualberta.ca/alumniawards>

[augalum@ualberta.ca](mailto:augalum@ualberta.ca)  
(780) 679-1105 | 1-800-661-8714

You do not have to be an alumnus to submit a nomination.

## PROFESSOR ROXANNE HARDE RECEIVES FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR AWARD

You'd expect to hear the grittiness of Steve Earle's voice, or Emmylou Harris's sweeping notes wafting out of an old radio set to a Southern station on a hot summer's day—but blaring from the office of an academic?

Most definitely, if it's the office of Augustana professor Roxanne Harde, southern singer-songwriter aficionado and one of this year's recipients of the prestigious Fulbright Canada Visiting Research Chair program. Professor Harde will be taking her love for country to the heart of the music, spending four months at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee starting in January.

The project, "Still Searching: Southern Singer-Songwriters, American Dreams," recognizes contemporary singer-songwriters as the poets of our time, and their music as more than mere entertainment. Instead, their work offers political commentary, speaks about social injustice, calls for radical shifts in belief, and incites action and change. Songwriting, then, moves from passively observing how the world is to advocate for how it should be—conversations that professor Harde seeks to bring to light.

"This is where the culture works the hardest to criticize itself," says Harde.

Following themes of Southern Appalachian Christianity, homosexuality, immigration and racism, environmental justice, and violence, Harde will use the tools of cultural studies to unpack these songs,

both in terms of lyrics and sound.

For example, when REM, The Indigo Girls, and Mary Gauthier sing about sexuality, it's not just about relationships and broken hearts, according to Harde, but the freedom to express yourself sexually even if that conflicts with what is considered traditional and conservative Southern ideals. These songs from and about the American South are seeking a different kind of American Dream, and the songwriters who centre this project, says Harde, are often profoundly hopeful in their re-visioning of America.

The Fulbright offers her the chance to explore these connections in a place where a lot of this music began.

Working alongside Gertrude Conway Vanderbilt endowed professor Cecelia Tichi, who published *Reading Country Music: Steel Guitars, Opry Stars, and Honky-Tonk Bars* among other works on country music, Harde will spend time in the special and music collections at Vanderbilt and the American music archives at the University of Tennessee and Murfreesboro, will haunt the Bluebird Café where singers like Townes Van Zandt and Steve Earle still regularly perform, and perhaps most important of all, will write.

"I'm most excited about having the time to really get into the project."

For Harde, this time is invaluable. Alongside her teaching and research responsibilities, Harde is also the Associate

Dean of Research at Augustana and has published widely on everything from the embodied child in *The Hunger Games* Series to teaching and learning pedagogy, feminist theology, and Bruce Springsteen. Harde will be teaching a winter-term block course on "Writing the Body" before heading to Tennessee, where the sweet sounds of Southern country will be calling her name.

*The Fulbright Canada Visiting Scholar award is granted to exceptional and highly accomplished individuals to increase international engagement and encourage mutual understanding between Canada and the US. Fulbright award recipients include Nobel and Pulitzer Prize winners, heads of state, educators, artists, and various leaders of research and innovation.*



## UPDATE FROM THE CHESTER RONNING CENTRE

### Introducing Ian D. Wilson, PhD

**Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Director of the Chester Ronning Centre**

When Ian Wilson began his position as Associate Director of Programming at the Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life in June of 2016, he didn't realize that just one year later, he'd be stepping into the role of Director of the Centre.

The past few years have been a period of great accomplishment for Ian. As a father, husband, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Augustana, and as of July 1 2017, the Director of the Chester Ronning Centre, Ian has become an expert at balancing all aspects of his busy life. Originally from South Carolina, he and his family moved here from Edmonton in 2015, and just bought their first home here in Camrose. Ian can be spotted cycling on the local trails, and strolling around Camrose with his wife and two daughters on weekends.

As a researcher, Ian specializes in the Hebrew Bible and the histories and cultures of ancient Israel and the Near East. At Augustana, he teaches courses on the religions of the world, theories of religion, biblical studies, the ancient Near East, and related topics. His work, in research and in the classroom, has focused mainly on how communities remember and imagine themselves, and how different social memories and imaginaries interrelate with one another. Ian's first book, *Kingship and Memory in Ancient Judah* (Oxford University Press, 2017) explores these processes in the context of the Hebrew Bible, revealing how ancient



Judeans balanced and navigated various and even competing understandings of their monarchic past with their literature. His research has also appeared in peer-reviewed publications such as *Harvard Theological Review*, *Vetus Testamentum*, and *Zeitschrift für die alttestamentliche Wissenschaft*, and he co-edited the volume *History, Memory, Hebrew Scriptures: A Festschrift for Ehud Ben Zvi* (Eisenbrauns, 2015).

Based on input from colleagues and students, it is clear Ian is a highly talented teacher and scholar. One student wrote: "His careful attention to students and clear desire to guide each individual through descriptive feedback on assignments and individual meetings have motivated me to challenge myself and produce my proudest work." Going beyond campus, a professional reference stated: "Dr. Wilson is at the beginning of his career, but he has the potential to become one of the most prominent researchers of his generation in his field....There is no doubt in my mind that he will build a strong academic reputation for the Centre and over time put it on the world map, and bring scholars from all over the world to visit, talk, contribute to, and eventually serve as ambassadors for the Centre." One Ronning Centre Advisory Committee member wrote: "I think Ian exhibits all of the ideal qualities of a leader for the Centre. He is exceptionally organized and effective as



Professor Wilson at his joint book launch with colleague Joseph Wiehe, who also teaches religious studies.



a communicator, and in these early stages, he demonstrates incredible vision about all of the things the Centre could become, based on its existing foundation.”

Ian organized an impressive schedule of events for the Fall 2017 term. Highlights included:

- Your Faith on Feminism – a dialogue between two feminist theologians: Aruna Gnanadason, who worked for nearly twenty years for the World Council of Churches, and Ani Zonneveld, president and founder of the non-profit organization Muslims for Progressive Values
- Next Generation Thinking: Hopeful Economics for the 21st Century – the 6th annual Spirit of the Land Conference (co-hosted by the Augustana Aboriginal Students’ Office)
- From Zion to New York City: Religion, Violence, and the Practice and Theory of Peacebuilding – the 2nd annual Chester Ronning Lecture on Religion and Diplomacy with Atalia Omer, Associate Professor of Religion, Conflict, and Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame

The Ronning Centre also partnered with Augustana Alumni Office for multiple events:

- Justice for (W)all?: Judicial Interference in Religious Decisions and the Case of Wall v Judicial Committee of the Highwood Congregation of Jehovah’s Witnesses – a dialogue with Patrick Hart, civil litigation lawyer at Jackie, Handerek & Forester in Leduc
- Chester Ronning’s Mission, Then and Now: A coffee talk on Alumni Weekend – in conversation with the film ‘China Mission: The Chester Ronning Story’ (National Film Board of Canada, 1980), Wilson shared his thoughts on Ronning’s legacy and how that legacy is shaping work at the Centre that bears his name



Professor Wilson chatting with alumni after his Alumni Weekend coffee talk.

- Luther: Rebel, Genius,

Liberator? – a movie night and panel discussion with members of the local clergy

- Ecclesia semper reformanda est: The Reformation and the Tradition of the Reform – a dialogue with Geoff Dipple, Professor of History and Chair of Social Sciences at Augustana, and Brandon Alakas, Assistant Professor of English at Augustana

Working alongside Diane McCall (administrative assistant at the Centre), Ian has been busily preparing the upcoming 2017 Winter term’s schedule of events, including lectures by the following speakers:



- Jim Linville, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Lethbridge
- Christine Mitchell, Professor of Hebrew Scriptures, St. Andrew’s College and the University of Saskatchewan
- Clark Banack, Political Studies Lecturer at Augustana

Ian continues to explore strategies for advancing important conversations about religion and public life that are inclusive of the academy and the larger community, and that cross lines of religious, cultural, and political difference. For example, he is especially excited about the Centre’s new International Fellows Postdoctoral Scholar program, which will bring bright young scholars to Camrose to organize conferences and public workshops to address pressing issues in the public sphere concerning religion and religious communities.

More information on Ian, and the Centre’s work is available on the Ronning Centre website [ualberta.ca/augustana/ronning](http://ualberta.ca/augustana/ronning), and video recordings of events can be viewed on the Ronning Centre YouTube channel, [youtube.com/ronningcentre](http://youtube.com/ronningcentre).

## FIVE HUNDRED YEARS OF REFORMATION

By Geoffrey Dipple

For Canadian Protestants who like celebrations, 2017 has been a good year. Just as Canada 150 is winding down, we get to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. According to tradition, on October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed 95 theses to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg and with that act started the Reformation.

In many ways, the posting of the 95 theses seems an odd choice as an event to mark the beginning of the Reformation. To begin with, it may or may not have happened as many of us imagine it. There are no contemporary accounts of Luther posting his theses in this way, although we do know that he sent copies of them to his superiors in the church.



Alongside the lecture, English professor Brandon Alakas and his Research Assistant Day Bulger published a virtual exhibit on the Reformation in Alberta using sources from the Bruce Peel Special Collections library.

Furthermore, Luther did not set out to start a new church but to reform the existing one. As the first step in that process, the theses were hardly revolutionary and do not contain many of the central teachings for which Luther later became famous. They were written in dense ecclesiastical Latin and are, to be completely frank, rather tedious—unless you get excited by the intricacies of late medieval scholastic theology.

Much more exciting are Luther's famous writings from 1520, *The Address to the Christian Nobility, On the Freedom of a Christian, and The Babylonian Captivity of the Church*. In addition, while 1517 may be an important date for Lutherans, it is much less significant for other groups commonly identified as Protestant. For example, John Calvin, arguably as significant a figure in the history of Protestantism as Luther if not more so, was only eight years old when the theses were "posted."

No matter when we celebrate it, by most accounts the Protestant Reformation remains a momentous event in Western, and even world, history. Here, too, perspective is everything. For some the Reformation is connected to the recognition of the freedom of conscience, the rise of science, the birth of capitalism, and the beginnings of modern representative democracy. For others it is the beginning of excessive consumerism, with its needless squandering of the earth's resources; secularism; rampant individualism; and moral subjectivism—all of which have stood in the way of true enjoyment of the perceived benefits of the Reformation.

After many years of studying, teaching,



Augustana celebrated the anniversary of the Reformation with a showing of the movie *Luther* and panel discussion, as well as a Lunch & Learn with professors Geoffrey Dipple and Brandon Alakas.

and writing about history, especially the history of the Protestant Reformation, I have become very suspicious of grand theories that trace most of subsequent history to a single event. So, while I think the Reformation was a very important historical event, I am unconvinced that it changed the world as profoundly as either its champions or its detractors claim.

But I still think there are things we can learn from this event. For example, the age that succeeds the Reformation is often referred to as the Age of Religious wars, when Europe tore itself apart in conflicts, largely along religious lines, that were as brutal as the Syrian civil war is today. Yet in the midst of that destruction, communities of different faiths found ways to live together and laid the groundwork for modern notions of religious toleration. In a world in which religious violence seems only to escalate, perhaps their experiences are still relevant.

*Geoffrey Dipple, Professor of History, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta. This column originally appeared in the Camrose Booster on October 17, 2017.*

Congratulations to all of those faculty and staff members who have earned Long Service Awards this year! Below, you'll find photos and remarks from the Long Service Reception on October 27, 2017.

## 35 YEARS

### Chris Blades, Manager, Facilities & Operations

"Chris gets Augustana's mission. Whether through his service on the sustainability committee or his support of community service learning or his interest in the quality of the learning environment, Chris is a believer that students come first."



Dean Allen Berger (left) sharing a hug with Chris Blades.

### Petr Mirejovsky, Associate Professor, Social Sciences

"What is particularly impressive about Petr's teaching is the precision of his lectures, his quiet and respectful manner, and ever so subtle jokes and comments. He is one of the most patient individuals I have ever been around."



Rani Palo reminiscing on his time teaching over the last 35 years.

### Rani Palo, Associate Professor, Social Sciences

"Rani's true love is US history, and his other true love is teaching. The time and energy he invests in his teaching is gargantuan, and his training as a teacher shows clearly in the classroom—as a result, he is incredibly popular with his students."

## 25 YEARS

### Rob Ford, Supervisor, Residence Services

"Rob is best known for his commitment to creating a great student experience. Above all, he is an educator. If you want to understand the impact he has had, all you have to do is talk to alumni!"



Dean Allen Berger (left) presented Keith Harder with a gift.

### Keith Harder, Professor, Fine Arts and Humanities

"Keith's process as an artist is rooted in the history of painting: he painstakingly constructs his images in the manner of old masters, and prides himself on keen observation of life. In our disposable era, one of mass-produced and mass-consumed pictures, Keith has built a career and a life focused on paying attention."

### Bonnie Turnbull, Switchboard Clerk, External Relations

"Bonnie has always treated our campus visitors, guests, and new staff members with a friendly welcome, and rarely does a situation arise where she has not already developed a well-considered solution. She is a friendly and genuine individual, quick to share a story and a laugh."

## 20 YEARS

---

### **Jo-Anna Wohlgemuth, Administrative Assistant, Student & Residence Services**

“Doing a job well is very important to Jo-Anna, which she exemplifies by providing excellent customer service to students—in fact, most have found that she can answer almost any question they have. She has proven herself to be indispensable to the entire division, but above all, our students have benefitted from her work.”

### **Joy-Anne Murphy, Instructor, Music Conservatory, Fine Arts and Humanities**

“Joy-Anne has been an important figure in the musical landscape of Camrose for many years, including her stellar work as a voice instructor here at Augustana.”

### **Tom Tigchelaar, Maintenance Worker, Facilities & Operations**

“Tom has done amazing work as head of grounds keeping. With him in charge, I can honestly say that this campus has never looked as beautiful as it does today.”

### **Jordana Tigchelaar, Instructor, Social Sciences**

“Our PAC students at Augustana are the beneficiaries of Jordana’s strong teaching ability, as she meets every challenge with energy and skill. If a colleague, student, or coach has any questions about muscles, joints, or an exercise program, Jordana will have the answers.”

### **Jei Yin, Instructor, Music Conservatory, Fine Arts and Humanities**

“Jei has taught applied music (woodwinds) at Augustana since 1997. Aside from being an accomplished musician, Jei has been an excellent teacher—a number of his students have gone on to become teachers and performers.”



Tom and Jordana Tigchelaar celebrating their awards.



Jei Yin laughs with a colleague after the awards.

Photos – Credit: Sarah Munter

On April 26, 2017, Augustana bid farewell to the following staff and faculty members. With a goodbye reception where fond memories were shared and a send-off that included ringing our Centenary Bell Sculpture, we wish all of last year's retirees the best of luck in their future endeavours. Augustana is all the better for having had you here!



Yvonne Becker – 30 years of service



Paul Harland – 30 years of service



Margaret Anger – 29 years of service



Bonita Anderson – 12 years of service



Lois Larson – 41 years of service



Iris Galenza – 29 years of service



Monica Andersson – 40 years of service

Danny Morris – 35 years of service

\*Danny was unable to attend the celebration.

Photos – Credit: Saif Hossain

## CREATING PATHWAYS HOME

*By Sydney Tancowny*

Home to the Alberta Centre for Sustainable Rural Communities (ACSRC), Augustana Campus has a demonstrated commitment to and history of addressing many of the economic, demographic, and environmental challenges faced by both rural and Indigenous communities. This commitment has led to the recent creation of a professional development program for municipal leaders and elected officials. Now the Campus is adding an additional program to focus attention on a specific demographic challenge—the fact that Canadian rural and Indigenous communities are losing their most educated young people, the individuals they most need to ensure their future prosperity and health.

Throughout his tenure, Dean Allen Berger has noticed the ambivalence that many parents from rural and Indigenous communities feel when sending their children to university. “They know and believe in the importance of education, but they also sense that, having earned a university degree, their children may never come home again,” says Dean Berger. This ambivalence is not unfounded—it is estimated that at most, only 1 in 4 rural youth who leave their community will return to the same community within 10 years.

With 80% of its students coming from rural and Indigenous communities, Augustana Campus was well-positioned to help address this challenge. But resources were needed. Fortunately, one of Augustana’s alumni, Gordon Warnke (’76), stepped forward with a generous gift, partnering with Learning-Advising-Beyond (LAB) at Augustana to create the Pathways Program.

Open to Augustana students in their third or fourth year, the Pathways Program will provide an opportunity for those selected as Fellows to undertake a summer research project as an intern with a community organization, municipal agency, or not-for-profit in a rural or Indigenous community. In every placement, students will work with a community partner on evidence-informed projects that

support both their own academic learning and specific needs within the community. Students can also connect with faculty mentors from Augustana for additional assistance during their placements. The first Pathways Fellowships will begin in Summer 2018.

Raised in Wetaskiwin, AB and now working as a lawyer in New York City, Gordon Warnke holds a fond spot in his heart for both Alberta and his alma mater. “My education has been a life changer for me. Being at Augustana, which back in my day was Camrose Lutheran College, felt like a chance to expand your horizons beyond your own community. Yet, at the same time, coming from rural Alberta, you weren’t being overwhelmed by a dramatically different environment,” says Warnke. “As an adult, it has always seemed to me that we could encourage more students from rural and Indigenous areas to advance their education, and I wanted to help in that regard.”

To Warnke, rural and Indigenous students advancing their education should be viewed as a benefit to their home communities, rather than a risk. “I think it’s only through the combined aspects of education and local experience that you can develop ideas that best suit the community,” says Warnke.

Along with providing valuable research experience, the Pathways



*Augustana's new Pathways Program will create opportunities for rural and indigenous students to participate in summer internships within their home or similar communities.*



*Augustana alumnus Gordon Warnke (left: 1976, right: present)*



*Gordon Warnke grew up in Wetaskiwin, AB before attending Augustana (then Camrose Lutheran College)*

Program will likely help some students discover meaningful career possibilities back home. According to Dean Berger, "Every fellowship will be a resume-enhancing opportunity, but more than that, an opportunity for students to network locally and to assess both their interest in and the viability of a professional pathway back (either to their own community or to a similar locale)." Most job opportunities will continue to be in metropolitan areas, but through Pathways, Dean Berger emphasizes, "students may discover that, contrary to Thomas Wolfe, you can go home again. And you can build a meaningful life back home."

Augustana Campus invites expressions of interest from any alumni and friends

affiliated with rural and Indigenous organizations that may wish to make use of a Pathways Intern.

In addition, Augustana invites other alumni and friends to join Gordon Warnke in supporting the Pathways Program. We hope this will be of special interest to those who grew up in rural or Indigenous communities and today, regardless of where they live, maintain an interest in the future of these communities. Together, and through our students, we can have an enormous impact. Current funding from Mr Warnke and existing endowments will allow Augustana to run the Pathways Program for the next five years, with three to four Fellows each year. To increase that annual number and to extend beyond five years, Augustana

seeks additional gifts. Donations of any size will help strengthen the program; gifts of \$10,000 (the cost of a single fellowship) or multiples of \$10,000 will be recognized through named fellowships. Professor Lars Hallstrom, Director of the ACSRC, invites us all to imagine, "what if several years from now we could initiate a cycle, placing an Augustana Fellow in every qualifying rural and Indigenous community in Alberta at least once every five years?"

"Exposure to different ways of thinking through some of the best thought leadership around, not only in the country but in the world, gives students a different perspective and unique capacity to contribute to their own community," says Warnke. "I look at Augustana today and am proud to be associated with the Campus."

If you would like to support the Pathways Program, please contact:

Augustana Development Office

780-679-1558

[augdev@ualberta.ca](mailto:augdev@ualberta.ca)

For more information on becoming a community partner within the Pathways Program, please contact:

Jason Taylor, Director of Experiential Learning

780-679-1652

[jdtaylor@ualberta.ca](mailto:jdtaylor@ualberta.ca)

Or visit <http://aug.ualberta.ca/pathways>



## Secure Your Future with a Charitable Gift Annuity

If you are 65 years or older, would like a steady cash flow, and want to make a gift to the University of Alberta, you may wish to consider a charitable gift annuity. A charitable gift annuity allows residents of Canada to make a gift now, receive immediate tax savings, and earn a guaranteed income for the rest of your life.

To learn more about the investment that gives back, please contact us at the Augustana Development Office:  
780-679-1558 | [augdev@ualberta.ca](mailto:augdev@ualberta.ca)



**Kimberly Wiebe** has taken over for Mary-Anne Falk, Executive Assistant to the Dean for this coming year of 2017 as Mary-Anne will be on maternity leave. We wish you both well in your new tasks!

**Ian Wilson** has been hired as the Director of the Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life. Congratulations!



**Diane McGall** has joined the Ronning Centre for administrative support to the Centre. Welcome to Augustana.

**Shane Day** has been offered an 18-month secondment on the Information Services and Technology Solutions and Standards team on North Campus and his new role title as Strategy Execution & Research Analyst. Good luck with your new position!

**Greg Ryan**, Augustana's Athletic Director, along with 1988-89 UCalgary Dinos Volleyball team, was honoured with a Hall of Fame induction for their unprecedented season and National Championship victory.

**Corinne Williams**, Student & Residences Services and **Sandra Rein**, Associate Professor, Political Studies received the

Betty Ostenrud Award in April for "tirelessly giving to the students and the institution as a whole". Many best wishes for receiving this award!

**Joe Voytechek** received the ACAC Hall of Fame Award for his work in the Coaching Category. Joe coached the CLC Vikings and was the coach for the 1974-75 Championship team.



**Lindsay McIntyre**, Sessional in Studio Art at Augustana Campus has been added to the list of laureates this year in recognition of her filmmaking innovations and international accomplishments.

**Veronika Deliyannakis** has worked as Residence Coordinator at Augustana over the last three years and is moving on to other opportunities. We wish you well Veronika! Good luck!

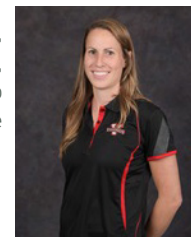
**Lilas Bielopotocky** was awarded a Campus Sustainability Leadership Award as the supervisor of Food Services at Augustana. As her nominator says, "If the kitchen is the heart of every home, Lilas' cafeteria is the heart of Augustana Campus." Lilas has provided healthy, locally sourced, and sustainable food options for the campus for nearly three decades. Her work goes beyond what is expected of her job and is far-reaching, impacting individuals beyond

Augustana Campus. Congratulations, Lilas!



**Kelly Lyons** has resigned from her role as Head Coach of Women's Basketball to pursue her PhD in England. We wish Kelly all the best in her venture.

A new Basketball Coach, **Robyn Fleckenstein**, has been hired to replace Kelly. Welcome to Augustana Campus!



**Brandon Alakas**, Assistant Professor, English, has been recognized with the Provost's Award for Early Achievement of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. Congratulations, Brandon!



Augustana celebrated at Big Valley Jamboree on August 3, 2017, with **Karsten Mundel**, Associate Dean, Academic, **Randal Nickel**, Executive Director of Student & Residence Services, and **Dean Allen Berger** participating in the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes campaign, which supports ending violence against women.



**Kendra Ferguson** is the new Fitness Centre Coordinator, covering a maternity leave for Jalene Johnson, at the Augustana Fitness Centre. She has four years experience from the University of Lethbridge Athletic Department and Fitness Centre. Augustana welcomes you Kendra!



**Ardelle Ries**, Associate Professor, Music was awarded the Alberta Kodály Association's Teacher Recognition Award at the 2017 Alberta Music Conference Awards Luncheon in Red Deer in October. Ardelle was thanked for her contribution to music education in Alberta.

**Lacey Fleming** has been hired to replace **Lucie Skretting** in the Financial Aid and Awards Office. Augustana welcomes you to your new role and we wish you well.

**Joyce McEachern**, Augustana's Systems and Process Analyst (first to the left) was

awarded the IT Excellence Award (Team) as part of the Academic Advisement Team who won for their work on Academic Advisement. The team is made up of Robin Cowan (Faculty of Arts), Kim Olson (Faculty of Arts), Joyce McEachern (Augustana), Carine Tuekam Kunche (Campus Saint-Jean), Barbara Peebles (IST), and Robin Wilson (IST). Congratulations on your award Joyce! Nancy Goebel, Head Librarian also thanked Joyce for her work with a UofA libraries program called the Personal Librarian which sends out a weekly email to International students and all first-year Aboriginal Students with tips on how to do research. Joyce's experience in PeopleSoft, University programs, and data manipulation in excel has allowed this program to be available.



**Stacy Lorenz**, Associate Professor, Physical Education and **Geraint Osborne**, Associate Professor, Sociology have received their full professorship. Congratulations!

Learning, Advising & Beyond is welcoming back **Erika Heiberg '12** as their new Academic Advisor. She just recently completed her Masters of Arts in Culture, Environment, and Sustainability at the University of Oslo in Norway and begun December 1, 2017.

1960

**Dr David Dahle '65** Professor Emeritus will be receiving an honorary degree from Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon for his contributions to seminary education (teaching undergraduate Greek). Congratulations Dave!



**Gary Vornbrock '65** was inducted into the Wall of Fame at Camrose Composite High School on November 17, 2017, for his work of teaching and his love of both science and education. He also received this award for his involvement with extracurricular curling program. He graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Science ('68) and Bachelor of Education ('76) and earned his Masters of Education in 1992. Many best wishes for your accomplishments!

1970

**Yvonne Becker '72**, Associate Professor, Social Sciences (retired) received an ACAC Hall of Fame Award for 2017 for her work in the Builder Category. We are very proud of your accomplishments. Congratulations!



**Leonard Greenwood '78** was inducted into the Camrose Composite High School Wall of Fame on November 17, 2017. He is a graduate of the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Arts ('89), as well as a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology ('96). A well-deserved accomplishment! Wishing you all the best!

1980

**Nancy Goebel '88** received the American Library Association Presidential Citation for Innovative International Library Projects in Chicago June 2017 on behalf of Augustana and her library staff, including Kara Blizzard, Tanya Pattullo, Kathy Gadacz-Gould, Tom Merklinger, Melanie Kuntz, and Mark Fulton. Congratulations all!



**Craig Wilson '89** received a Writers Guild of America Award for his documentary "Muhammad Ali: Remembering A Legend" which aired on CBS' "48 Hours" following Ali's death. Congratulations on this momentous award!

1990

**Rev David Lehmann '90** regional dean of the Upper Mackenzie in the Arctic, was elected bishop of the diocese of Caledonia by



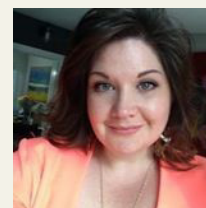
episcopal election on October 25, 2017. He is completing a doctorate of ministry from Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pa. David's other accomplishments include leading the Anglican parish of Fort Saskatchewan, Anglican Parishes of Cold Lake, Bonnyville, St. Paul & Ashmont and the Anglican Deh Cho Parish, Fort Smith. He also served as a naval officer in the Canadian Armed Forces from 1991 to 2010. Congratulations on your new position as a bishop of the Diocese of Caledonia.

**Lanette Prediger '99** has won a first-place spot as a Canadian Skeleton Championship. Dr Prediger splits her time between work as an urgent care doctor in Calgary and training. She will be competing at the World Championships in February. All the best in future races!



2000

**Lisa (Gunderson) Feng '01** started a new role as Associate Registrar and Director, Student Recruitment and Admissions in the Faculty of Arts & Science at the University of Toronto (Lisa formerly worked at the Augustana Campus Prospective Student Office). Her husband Patrick is working at UofT as well. Wishing you all the best in Toronto and your new jobs!



**Kerry Wheler '01** was awarded Jackrabbit coach of the year at the Yellowknife Ski Club. Kerry is also the Events Director of the ski club and a coordinator for the Yellowknife Music Festival.

## CLASS NOTES

"The ski team was such a positive part of my experience at Augustana and continues to be a central component of my life and community," Kerry explains. "Thanks to Morten for giving me a chance which has led to a lifelong enjoyment of the sport."

**Adam Belanger '03** has been named by the Camrose Police Service as the fourth recipient of the Top Cop award on March 18, 2017. He has volunteered 14 years and countless hours to coaching football with the Camrose Composite High School Trojans and many other football programs. Congratulations to a very deserving candidate for this award.



**Koren Lightning-Earle '04** is the new Indigenous Initiatives Liaison for the Law Society of Alberta.

**John Pattison-Williams '06** has successfully defended his doctoral dissertation for his PhD in Natural Resource Management. He hopes his work will have some influence on creating ways to assist the rural farmers and indigenous people in South India move out of poverty. Wishing you much success in your career!

**Erik Parkin '06** writes that since graduating from Augustana nine years ago he now owns and operates his business, InHome Physical Therapy & Massage. They are currently working throughout all of Edmonton and the surrounding communities as well as the Calgary and the surrounding communities. Erik is



proud of what he has built through using the tools that he gained while attending Augustana and would love the opportunity to show others what can be accomplished through the learning that takes place at an institution like Augustana. We are delighted to hear from Erik and the many accomplishments you have made. Wishing you all the best Erik!

**Jodi (Klippenstein) Desjardins '06** & Nicolas Desjardins' son Luc was born on April 26, 2017. The alumni office wishes you and your family all the best!

**Lucie Skretting '06** has accepted the position with the Registrar's Office at Augustana Campus. She is replacing **Iris Galenza** who will be retiring after 31 years of service to Augustana. Good luck to you both in your new roles!

**Jalene (Blades) Johnsen '06** and **Stephen Johnsen '09** welcomed a second son, Kace Emmerick. A brother for Keaton! Many best wishes to you and your family.



**Elizabeth Weninger '07** graduated from medical school in 2015 from UBC and did her residency through the U of A in family medicine. Elizabeth has done one locum in Grande Parie, and is currently in Hinton. She visited Augustana at the end of August, right before move-in day, and had this to say: "I couldn't believe that it had been 14 years since I moved in! It looks beautiful!"

**Vernon Saddleback '07** (centre front) was

elected Chief of Samson Cree Nation in May 2017. Chief Saddleback was presented his Head Dress at the Head Dress Ceremony on August 11, 2017, at Samson Cree Nation at Maskwacis. Congratulations Chief Vernon!

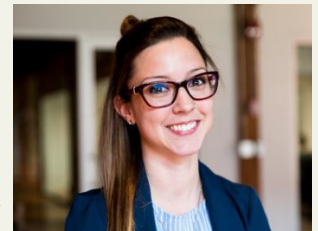


**Chris Cook '08** has played a role at The Roxy on Gateway with What It Is Productions' *The Aliens*, by Annie Baker. Photo: Chris W. Cook, Michael Vetsch, and Evan Hall.

## 2010

**Dr Charley (Switzer) Boyd '11** has graduated from the UofA in Medicine in 2015 and will be joining the Smith Clinic. Her general practice interests are women's health, care of the elderly, and breastfeeding medicine. Augustana Alumni wishes you good luck in your new practice in Camrose!

**Shay Barker '11** is the Program Manager with Startup Edmonton which is a co-working space and community hub for tech-enabled startups. Shay tells us that her role is focused on curriculum development, program facilitation, program expansion and development, facilitation, and the lead for a collaborative Micro Voucher



program. Shay is enjoying being back in the Edmonton scene and Augustana wishes you all the best in your new venture!

**Chantelle (Olson) Behrens '11 & Jeffrey Behrens '10** have another daughter, Victoria, a new sister for Elizabeth! Wishing you and your family all the best!

**Kelly Milne Henry '14 & Russell Ault '09** performed June 1 with Edmonton's professional choir, Pro Coro. Pictured here with **Augustana's Choir Director John Wiebe** (middle).



**Bettina (Alder) van Nieuwkerk '11** has joined Camrose County as the Agricultural Services Assistant Manager. Good luck in your new position.



**S a m a n t h a Christensen '12** has taken the position of Science Administrative Assistant at Augustana. Previously, she was teaching English at Augustana for a couple semesters along with

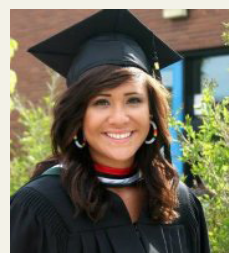
other duties.

**Lucas Hudec '13** has completed his Masters

of Arts in Higher Education Administration and Leadership from Royal Roads University. He has tailored his studies within the program to focus on areas such as enrollment management and student advising to benefit his work in the Prospective Student Office. Congratulations on your successful accomplishment!

**Alison Bortolon**

**'13** placed fourth in the Canadian Championships at the Panorama Mountain Resort by Invermere, BC on July 15 for downhill mountain biking. Alison belongs to Prairie



**Eagle Willier '14** has taken on a new job as an Outreach coordinator with the First Nations Technical Services Advisory Group Inc. with Youth Initiatives.

**Katherine Swamy '15** was voted in on Samson

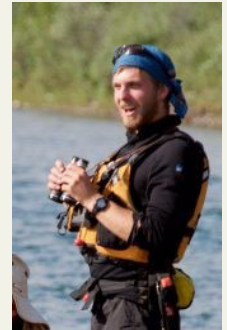


Cree Nation Council on May 23, 2017. She is currently completing a Master's Degree in Public Administration. Wishing you all the best in your future endeavours, Katherine!

**Louise Omeasoo '15** received the Esquao Award for her hard work and contributions for our youth and the impact she had at the University of Alberta.

**Cody Stokowski '15** is pursuing a post-graduate law degree in Australia and working for DLA Piper (a global law firm) in Brisbane. He is also planning to do a Masters degree in France.

**Hans Asfeldt '15** is a staff member of the North Saskatchewan Riverkeeper team, which hopes to "restore, preserve, and protect the quality and biodiversity of our watershed." Their work includes such things as preparing swim guides for information to



beach-goers throughout the prairie provinces, water quality monitoring, compiling a national archive of true stories about our waterbodies across the country, and connecting people with water and building a culture of watershed stewardship and ongoing advocacy. Keep up the good work Hans!

**Sarah McCrae '15** has been hired as our first ever Student Experience Coordinator – First Year Students.

**Brittany Johnson '15** has successfully defended her Master's thesis in the Faculty of Native Studies. Congratulations Brittany.

**Kalene Gould '16** has taken on a new job with

## CLASS NOTES

Firelight Group, a consulting group that works with First Nations communities, focussing on development negotiations and impact assessments. Kalene writes that she is excited to work for a company that values capacity building and inclusion. Way to go Kalene!



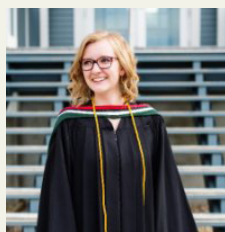
**Corbin Emslie '16** is working as a HR Business Support Analyst at Covenant Health. Way to go Corbin!

**Jennifer Ha '17** (recently returned from Washington DC where she spent the summer with the Alberta Smithsonian Internship Program) and **Geordie Nelson '16** (previously worked in chaplaincy this past year) have joined the Prospective Student Office as Student Recruiters in Fall 2017.



**Dariya Veenstra '17**

is the new museum coordinator at the Camrose Centennial Museum. She is hoping to make some changes in the museum buildings and rotating some of the artefacts. Her hope is to make the museum more interactive for younger children by including an area with things that can be touched and putting on demonstrations, such as blacksmithing. Good luck with your new job, Dariya!



**Deanna Funk '17** will be attending the University of Calgary Cumming School of Medicine starting in July 2017. Deanna married Ryan Fletcher '15 on July 4, 2017.

Augustana is wishing you all the best in your marriage and medical school!



**Allyson Wrubleski '17** received the Augustana 2016-17 Faculty Library Student Award for Library Research for her research on an examination of the factors that contribute to rural adolescent

girls' participation in physical activity. Way to go Allyson!

**Mickayla Sutherland '17** will be assisting as Student Engagement Coordinator until Angela Chytracek returns from maternity leave.

**Michael Watchorn '17 & Sarah (Monk) Watchorn '17** were married in 2017. Augustana Campus wishes you all the best!

## IN MEMORIAM

**Helen Eriksson '36** on October 26, 2017, of Edmonton AB

**Eva (Peterson) Russell '38** on August 29, 2017, of Salem OR

**Margaret (Reeds) Archer '40** on September 4, 2016, of Vancouver BC

**Grace (Olson) Urdal '41** on June 27, 2017, of Seattle WA

**Carman Byler '44** on December 8, 2016, of Calgary AB

**Rev Milton Rude '45** on January 15, 2017, of Camrose AB

**Ardis (Moe) Melsness '45** on January 22, 2017, of Saskatoon SK

**Ruth (Becklund) Curry '45** on June 7, 2017, of Hanna AB

**Marie (Lae) Atkinson '46** on May 1, 2015, of White Rock BC

**Rev Eric Schulze '46** on July 1, 2017, of Lynden WA

**Pastor Carl Edward Johnson '47** on March 29, 2017, of Surrey BC

**Ingvar "Kenneth" Mjelve '48** on May 4, 2017, of Wetaskiwin AB

**Marjorie (Rushfeldt) Kuziw '49** on October 6, 2016, of Edmonton AB

**Ronald Ervin Zucht '50** on February 14, 2017, of Olds AB

**Jean Ruth (Grue) Miller '50** on March 29, 2017, of Salmon Arm BC

**Harvey Propp '53** on November 24, 2016, of Calgary AB

**Glenn Sittler '53** on March 4, 1935, of Sherwood Park AB

**Diane (Lyseng) Shepherd '54** on August 1, 2017, of Sherwood Park AB

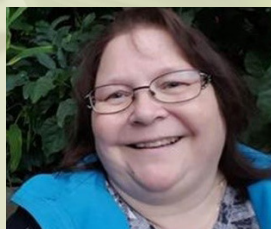
**Daniel Skaret '54** former Distinguished Alumni Recipient on December 6, 2016, of Saskatoon SK

## IN MEMORIAM

**Kenneth Edward Wold '54** on December 16, 2016, of Meeting Creek AB  
**Delores (Roose) Harrison '54** on November 3, 2017, of Kelowna BC  
**Allan Wayne Heiland '55** on October 7, 2016, of Whitehorse YT  
**Lars Emil Rude '55** on May 11, 2017, of Tofield AB  
**LeRoy E. Fjordbotten '56** on June 8, 2017, of Claresholm AB  
**Stewart Timmy Hitman '56** on March 4, 2017, of Wetaskiwin AB  
**Marjorie Olivia (Skaret) Freeman '58** on July 25, 2017, of Edmonton AB  
**Elaine Mavis (Simonson) Sutton '59** on August 17, 2017, of New Norway AB  
**Marion (Richardson) Daley '60** on June 1, 2017, of Mirror AB  
**Dr Stanley Olson '61** on March 29, 2017, of Edmonton AB  
**Sandra (Soderstrom) Leeson '65** on March 7, 2017, of Victoria BC  
**Jo Lynn (Gill) Lindberg '65** on July 24, 2017, of Longview WA  
**Albert Odland '67** on March 3, 2017, of Sherwood Park AB  
**Dr Allan Kuzyk '69** on December 4, 2016, of Victoria BC  
**Lenora Jeffels '72** on March 13, 2017, of Victoria BC  
**Dennis Andreassen '73** on October 5, 2015, of Edmonton AB  
**Lori (Lindseth) Ozment '74** on September 27, 2017, of Camrose AB  
**Eric Aloysius De Kock '77** on November 14, 2016, of Hardisty AB  
**Susan (Dillabaugh) Sheridan '85** on June 2, 2016, of Edmonton AB  
**Carol (Juba) Downing '87** on May 15, 2017, of Grande Prairie AB  
**Audrey Rayment '89** on March 14, 2017, of Camrose AB  
**Corey Favell '89** on March 17, 2017, of Olds AB  
**Brian Jay Rasmussen '90** on January 19, 2017, of Bashaw AB  
**Jennifer (Keohane) Vowles '92** on March 7, 2017, of Camrose AB  
**Annette Aubee '03** on January 3, 2017, of North Battleford SK formerly Camrose AB  
**Timothy Hague '04** on June 18, 2017, of Edmonton AB  
**Brady Mathias Imeson '12** on January 3, 2017, of Edmonton AB  
**Rashmi Bale '15** on August 5, 2017, of Calgary AB  
**Donna (Lohner) Strandquist** on May 24, 2017, of Camrose AB  
**Robert Andrew Hall** on May 23, 2017, of Edmonton AB  
**Archie Marzolf** former Board of Regents on October 7, 2017, of Edmonton AB



**Olaus Straumsnes** was born in Vradal, Telemark, Norway, in 1961 and passed away shortly before Christmas 2016 at the age of 55. Olaus was a trained cabinetmaker and boat builder. He came to Canada in 1985 to build the Viking ship constructed for Camrose Lutheran College's 75th anniversary now in the Bill Fowler Centre.



**Jennifer Vowles '92** of Camrose, AB and former staff employee from 1998 to 2012 with Augustana's Technology Learning Services. Jennifer will always be remembered for her thoughtful Christmas gifts to each Augustana/CLC staff member and her dedication to her job.



**Professor Philip Merklinger** of Camrose, AB was employed in Humanities and taught philosophy at Augustana Campus since August 1986, and passed away on June 19, 2017. Beloved by faculty, staff, and students alike, Phil was a gifted and inspiring teacher, revered not only for his intellect and his ability to make philosophy accessible and understandable to students but also for his kindness and generosity of spirit in and out of the classroom.



**Professor Orlando Olson** of Camrose, AB on July 26, 2017. Olson was a former Augustana faculty member, and designer/builder of Ole's Crossing built in 1975 (and replaced in 2009). Built completely by hand in just over a month, the wooden bridge stood as a testament to Olson's dedication and passionate spirit in his work and for his campus. He will be remembered fondly, and greatly missed.

RETURN UNDELIVERABLE ITEMS TO

University of Alberta

Augustana Campus

4901-46 Ave

Camrose, Alberta

Canada T4V 2R3

40010904