

The O'Brien Foundation News

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# O'BRIEN FOUNDATION ALUMNI ATTENDING RECEPTION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE JULY 26, 2017

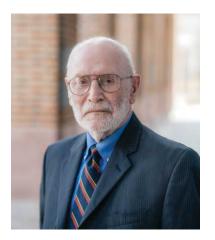


Front Row. Left to Right. Olivia Beaudry (2017), Maria Davis (2017), Dr. Jill Watson (1992), Dr. W. Barry Miller (1977), Dr. David Ogilvie (1976), His Honour Ronald Vienneau, Lieutenant Governor Jocelyn Roy Vienneau, Dr. David Miller (1978), Dr. Jillian Hudgins (2007)

Second Row. Roxann Guerrette (2016), Daneck Lang-Ouellette (2017), Dr. Terry Montague (1975), Emily Thomas (2017), Trevor Bringloe (2013), Teresa Devor Hall (2016), Dr. Jason Hall (2015). Dr. Phil Parker (1981), Dr. Baukje (Bo) Miedema (1991)

Third Row. Basile Roussel (2017), Alexander Maxan (2017)

# Dr. Andrew Garrod received an Honourary Doctorate from the Universary of New Brunswick Saint John on May 19, 2017. Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*.



### Dr. Andrew Garrod (1978)

*Professor of Education Emeritus Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire BA and MA Oxford University; EdM and EdD Harvard University* 

"In my two careers as high school English teacher and as university education professor, I have sought, first of all, to understand my students -- their intellectual abilities and interests, their ways of knowing, and their emotional needs. I have sought, also, through teaching about psychological development, power, and educational practice to connect the content of my courses to fundamental questions of identity, value, and self-understanding -- and to do all this with as much rigor and zest as I know how."

A graduate of Oxford University, Andrew served for 16 years as a high school teacher in Saint John where he had a tremendous impact on his students through Shakespearean productions that were recognized both provincially and nationally. That impact would lead some of his students to establish a scholarship in his name here at The University of New Brunswick. He served as Artistic Director of the Saint John Arts Council Opera Group between 1968 and 1978, and taught as a lecturer at UNB Fredericton and Saint John during much of that period. Andrew received an O'Brien Fellowship in 1978.

Upon leaving Saint John, Andrew completed his graduate studies at Harvard University - his Master of Education in 1976 and Doctorate degree in human development and psychology in 1982. He became Chair of the Education Department and Director of Teacher Education at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire where he taught for 25 years. During that time, he was celebrated as a scholar and distinguished teacher, receiving Dartmouth College's Distinguished Teaching Award twice before retiring in 2010 and being named Professor Emeritus of Education.

He co- founded a non-profit organization in 2004 called Youth Bridge Global with the goal of using drama and art to bridge cultural divides, connect youth across cultures, and provide educational opportunities to under-resourced regions of the world.

## THE O'BRIEN FOUNDATION CONGRATULATIONS Luke and Lillian!



**Luke MacNeill (2015)** *PhD in Psychology University of New Brunswick Saint John*. Her Honour Jocelyn Roy Vienneau Lieutenant Governor presented the Fellowships to both Luke and his wife Lillian (2016).



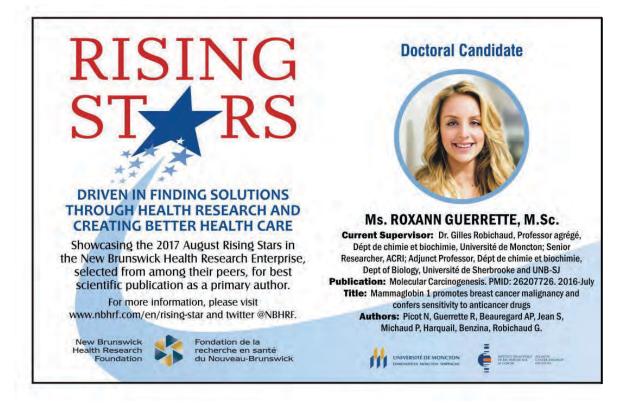
**Lillian MacNeill (2016)** *PhD is in Psychology at the University of New Brunswick Saint John* 



Liam Marlowe MacNeill July 8, 2017

This is such an exciting story. It's a family affair. Luke receives the Fellowship one year and Lillian the next. Liam arrives the following year. They are all planning to attend the Reception in 2018.

## THE O'BRIEN FOUNDATION CONGRATULATIONS ROXANN GUERRETTE (2016)



## **THE O'BRIEN FOUNDATION** New Selection Committee Member

## Dr. Krista Wilkins



## Associate Dean of Nursing University of New Brunswick

2010	Doctorate of Philosophy in Cancer Control, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba
2005	Masters of Nursing (Cancer Nursing focus), University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba
2002	Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia Graduated with Distinction, Dean's List 1999-2002
1997	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Psychology, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia Graduated with First Class Honours, Dean's List 1995-1997

#### **Areas of Academic Interest**

Cancer survivorship, social-ecological models, population health, nursing research, health promotion and wellness, communication, mixed methods, duty to accommodate, teaching and learning.

### Lorna Calder Johnson



### Lorna Calder Johnson (1991) MBA, MES, BScF Principal and Owner, CalderJohnsonConsulting Inc. Toronto, Ontario

**Calder, Lorna J.**, Deer Island, New Brunswick; Master of Public and Private Management/ Environmental Studies, Yale University.

Lorna is currently living in Toronto, providing advisory and market development services to late-stage Fintech start-ups and traditional corporations undergoing digital transformations through her company, CalderJohnson Consulting Inc. Her clients include European companies

such as Unwire.com, the pre-eminent Scandinavian mobile payment innovator, and Barrick Gold, where she helped them develop the cloud-based Hadoop consolidated data platform supporting the Digitization Program.

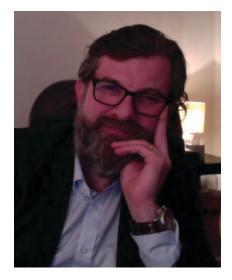
Lorna was Senior Vice President, Product Services and Innovation with Interac Association / Acxsys Corporation from 2012-2015, overseeing all products and services including ATM and Point-of-Sales Services, Interac Debit cards, Interac e-Transfer and Interac Flash mobile payments.

Previously, she spent 17 years in Australia as a Senior Executive with National Australia Bank, St. George Bank (Westpac) and AXA Wealth management and as a Management Consultant with Booz & Co. She also served on the Board of BPay Pty Ltd., Australia's pre-eminent digital bill payment service.

Lorna is dedicated to lifelong learning, and is currently enrolled in the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Business Directors Education Program (DEP), graduating in September and attaining her ICD.D with the Canadian Institute of Corporate Directors in October of this year.

She is an active member of the Rotary Club of Toronto, and is Chair of the Club's Environment Committee. She is also a member of Le Cercle Toastmasters, where she has begun the journey towards her Competent Communicator (Français) to complement her English CC designation. She is married to Cliff Johnson, who has opened up Café-de Melbourne, an Australia-themed espresso bar in the heart of Toronto, so she never has to search for good coffee.

### Dr. Edward Steen (1995)



### Steen, Edward M.,

Saint John, New Brunswick; Doctoral Studies in Clinical Psychology, New York University.

**Dr. Edward Steen** is a clinical psychologist in private practice in New York City. A lot of his work has to do with the treatment of addictions. Over the many years that he has been practicing he found himself drawn to certain strains of thought about the mind, about human functioning, systems theory, the "ecology" of the human mind, or fundamental interconnectedness, and about evolutionary aspects of how the mind was "designed" to function. These are all fairly hot topics these days but in his work, he has have found a way to weave disparate ideas, some from others and some his own, into an interesting framework, since quite a few of his clients have strongly urged him to start writing a book or

something about his general framework and how he works in therapy. He put this aside for a while, but the suggestions to start writing have kept coming.

Just a couple of weeks ago, he started gathering some of the thoughts that have struck a chord with his clients, and, since he is quite busy with work and life, he suggests it might be slow going, but he certainly feels it would be nice to try to re-enter a more intellectual persona after a long time away from that.

In addition to his private practice, he has worked and trained at a number of hospitals and clinics. He has taught and supervised graduate and medical students, and until recently, was the program coordinator of an outpatient addictions clinic in the Bronx.

Edward (Ted) said he enjoys hearing about O'Brien Foundation news, and all these years later *"I still consider it a real honor to have been recognized by the foundation"*. He has an office located on Park Avenue in New York City.

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### Dr. Gary Foster (1997)



### **Dr. Gary Foster** Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario

**Gary Foster** is from the village of Blacks Harbour in southwestern New Brunswick. He discovered his love for philosophy while studying theology. Gary completed his doctoral studies in philosophy at the University of Waterloo in 2002 and then taught on contract at both Wilfrid Laurier University and Dalhousie University until 2012. He has been teaching full-time (tenure-track) at Wilfrid Laurier University since then and received tenure on July 1st of this year. His research and teaching areas are Existentialism, Philosophy of Sex and Love, and Moral Psychology.

Gary's recent research has focused on the relation between love and personal identity. He has written several articles which have been published in academic journals including the *European Journal of Philosophy, Symposium: Canadian* 

*Journal of Continental Philosophy, Philosophical Psychology, and Ethical Theory and Moral Practice*. He has recently edited a textbook titled **Desire, Love, and Identity,** Oxford University Press, Canada, 2017. In addition to teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses he has supervised the work of several students in Laurier's MA program in philosophy.

Gary has presented his research at numerous academic conferences in Canada and abroad including the conference on *Love and the Good* in Pardubice, Czech Republic, *Reasons of Love* in Leuven, Belgium, *Global Conference on the Erotic* in Oxford, UK, and the *Society for the Philosophy of Sex and Love* in San Francisco and Boston. He has also recently served on the Wilfrid Laurier University Senate. Gary returns to New Brunswick yearly to visit family and to be near the ocean.

## **THE O'BRIEN FOUNDATION** Something New to Consider



Established in 1971, **The Leonard and Kathleen O'Brien Humanitarian Trust** provides postgraduate fellowships for deserving students who wish to pursue advanced study or research in any academic, artistic, or professional field at any recognized university or research establishment. The fellowships are administered by a Committee known as The O'Brien Foundation.

**The Honourable J. Leonard O'Brien** was a life-long resident of Nelson-Miramichi who made distinguished contributions to the forest industry and the public service of New Brunswick. Mr. O'Brien was a lumber merchant, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, 1925-1930, Member of Parliament 1940-45, and Lieutenant Governor of New Brunswick, 1958-65.

**Kathleen (O'Leary) O'Brien** was born in Richibucto and attended Mount Saint Vincent's College in Halifax before graduating in Nursing from the Roosevelt Hospital School in New York. Her extensive charitable work was recognized by Pope Paul VI in 1963 when Mrs. O'Brien was made a Dame of Magistral Grace of the Order of Malta. She died in 1971 and Mr. O'Brien in 1973.

**As a final memorial** to himself and his wife, Mr. O'Brien made two bequests which reflect their deep concern for the natural resources of New Brunswick and for the education of its people.

- The first bequest was the grant of Beaubear's Island to the Crown as a national Historic Park to be preserved "in its primeval state where citizens of New Brunswick and others may relax and enjoy peace, quiet and solitude in the place where the first settlers sought the same."
- The second bequest provided for the establishment of the O'Brien Foundation to grant fellowships to students, scholars, and artists wishing to pursue postgraduate study and research.

**O'Brien Foundation** fellowships are awarded through an annual competition. In our forty-two years of operation, from 1975 to 2017, the O'Brien Foundation received 2,340 applications and granted 321 fellowships. In 2017, the sixth fellowship was presented by the O'Brien Foundation Alumni. The first five Alumni Fellowships were valued at \$5,000.00. This past year we increased this award to \$10,000.00. In 2017 we actually awarded more money for Fellowships than any other year. This was a total of \$60,000.00.

To date members of the alumni have donated more than \$42,600.00 since the Alumni Fellowship Award was established. Alumni members have been invited to contribute toward providing this additional award to deserving candidates that might not receive funding due to limited funding of the foundation.

The total value of the awards granted thus far is \$1,637,000.00.

# We gratefully acknowledge the support of our Alumni & Friends

The O'Brien Foundation is a humanitarian trust operated exclusively for educational purposes. Donations are welcome from any persons or organizations wishing to assist promising students and artists to develop their knowledge and skills through advanced study.

#### Donations to the O'Brien Foundation qualify for tax receipts.

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