

Trent Honorary Graduates

2009

Doctor of Laws

Maude Barlow - For her outstanding leadership in citizen advocacy and for her international environmental work.

The Honourable Iona Campagnolo - For her distinguished contributions in public life and for her commitment to international humanitarian and environmental work.

Sarah Polley - For her award-winning and internationally-acclaimed achievements as an actor and film director.

Thomas R. Porter (Sakokwenionkwas) - For his contributions as an Indigenous cultural educator, Elder and Spiritual Leader.

Mary Pratt - For her internationally-acclaimed achievements in contemporary realist art.

2008

Doctor of Laws

Zacharias Kunuk – For his award-winning accomplishments in film production and for showcasing Canada’s Arctic to the world.

Hon. Flora MacDonald - For her distinguished contributions in public life and commitment to international humanitarian work.

Donnell Leahy & Natalie MacMaster - For their nationally-recognized musical achievements and role in the Peterborough area’s musical community.

Michael MacMillan – For his contributions as a highly successful entrepreneur and his volunteer activities and commitment to community.

Doctor of Letters

Hugh Anson-Cartwright - For his work to support and preserve Canadian literature.

2007

Doctor of Laws

Jim Balsillie – distinguished contributions to society as a highly successful entrepreneur, volunteer activities and commitment to community

Ron Fourney – outstanding leadership in DNA forensic science and distinguished contributions to the development of the Trent-Fleming Forensic Science Program

Margaret & Wallace McCain - significant contributions to the arts, education, charities, and business communities through their extraordinary career and volunteer activities

Rosemary Speirs – distinguished leadership in advancing the representation of women in Canada’s government and outstanding work to protect the natural environment

Doctor of Letters

Stuart McLean - distinguished contributions as an author, broadcaster and teacher

2006

Doctor of Laws

Charles Coffey - distinguished contributions to society through volunteer leadership

Roberta Jamieson - outstanding contributions to society in the field of dispute resolution and also for leadership in the Aboriginal community

Donald Tapscott - distinguished contributions to our understanding of the impacts of advances in information technology on people, workplaces and society

Doctor of Letters

Richard Wright - distinguished contributions to Canadian literature

2005

Doctor of Laws

Erica Cherney - Peterborough businesswoman, volunteer and honorary member and former chair of Trent University's Board of Governors

Jake Eberts - Canadian film producer and founder of Allied Filmmakers

Mary Simon - Canada's former Ambassador for Circumpolar Affairs and former Chancellor of Trent University

General Romeo Dallaire (Ret'd) - celebrated Canadian, known for his courageous and principled leadership as former head of the UN peacekeeping Force in Uganda and Rwanda

2004

Doctor of Laws

Hon. Rosalie Silberman Abella - jurisprudence, champion of human rights, justice & equality

Terence Dickinson - science writer & communicator in the field of astronomy

Doctor of Letters

Jean Murray Cole - author, historian, volunteer

Donald N. LePan - scholarly publishing in Canada

Alistair MacLeod - writer, teacher

Patricia Kathleen (P.K.) Page - writer, painter

2003

Doctor of Laws

Frank Augustyn - renowned dancer, teacher, artistic director

2002

Doctor of Laws

John de Pencier - public service, service to Trent

Doris McCarthy - renowned artist, teacher

David Morton - public service, Peterborough

John O'Leary - literacy advocate

2001

Doctor of Laws

James Orbinski - doctor and humanitarian

Ernie Coombs - actor and childrens' entertainer

2000

Doctor of Laws

Tom Jackson - humanitarian, actor, musician

Alanis Obomsawin - writer and film maker

1999

Doctor of Laws

Madeleine Parent - union and feminist worker

Chris Hadfield - astronaut

1998

Doctor of Laws

Mary Walsh - comedienne, actor, writer, director, political satirist

Ian Affleck - physicist

Dorothy Burnham - textile historian

Installation - Doctor of Laws

Matthew Coon Come - native leader, political activist

1997

Doctor of Letters

Michael Valpy - journalist

Doctor of Laws

Sylva Gelber - women's rights pioneer, social activist

1996

Doctor of Letters

Julie Johnson - children's author

Doctor of Laws

Bob Gainey - athlete

1995

Doctor of Letters

Dennis Beynon Lee - poet, literary editor

Doctor of Laws

Nancy Ruth - feminist, social activist, business woman

David William Schindler - environmental scientist

1994

Doctor of Laws

Ernest Benedict - native elder

Douglas Cardinal - Metis architect

Rosemarie Kuptana - Inuit leader

1993

Doctor of Laws

Inger Hansen - jurisprudence, women's issues

David Trevor Moore - public service, service to Trent

Walter George Pitman - public service, educator

1992

Doctor of Laws

John Kim Bell - Cdn. Native Arts Foundation, orchestra conductor

Jack Matthews - International Studies, educator

Julia Phelps - art historian, teacher

Bertha Wilson - jurisprudence, women's concerns

1991

Spring - Doctor of Letters

Clara Thomas - academe

Spring - Doctor of Laws

Gary Potts - native rights

T.E.W. Nind - academe, service to Trent

Morden Yolles - engineering

Fall - Doctor of Letters

Wayland Drew - author, teacher, environmental concerns

Fall - Doctor of Laws

Jon Grant - Peterborough businessman, environmental concerns, service to Trent

Stanley Rowe - ecologist

1990

Spring - Doctor of Letters

Dennis Dickens Sweeting - theatre, alumnus

Spring - Doctor of Laws

Kenneth Earl Kidd - academe

Martha Ann Kidd - heritage conservancy, Peterborough

Harold Barling Town - art

Ralph Ray Krueger - academe

Fall - Doctor of Letters

Scott Alexander Young - author

Fall - Doctor of Laws

Beth Appeldoorn - Canadian booktrade

Susan Sandler - Canadian booktrade

1989

Spring - Doctor of Letters

Raymond Murray Schafer - arts

Spring - Doctor of Laws

Edith Grace Firth - librarian
Geraldine Anne Kenney-Wallace - science
John Alexander Irving Young - engineering, Peterborough
Fall - Doctor of Letters (25th Anniversary)
Marion Golda Fry - academe, service to Trent
Richard Hay Sadleir - academe, service to Trent
S.G. Denis Smith - academe, service to Trent
Fall - Doctor of Laws (25th Anniversary)
Hugh Franklin Waddell - public service, service to Trent
Walter George Ward - public service, service to Trent

1988

Spring - Doctor of Laws
Edward Walter Scott - religion
Diane Lynn Dupuy - arts
August 1988 - Special Ceremony
Charles Evan Feinberg - (library benefactor) Posthumous LL.D.
Fall - Doctor of Laws
Douglas Campbell Sadler - natural science

1987

Spring - Doctor of Laws
Meyer Brownstone - public service
Pierre Juneau - public service
Sister Veronica O'Reilly - religious leader, Peterborough, alumni
Installation - Doctor of Laws
Alan Earp - academe, service to education
Fall - Doctor of Laws
William Dray - academe
Peter Gzowski - public service, broadcasting

1986

Spring - Doctor of Laws
William Fisher - business, Peterborough
Timothy Porteous - arts
Donald Rickerd - public service
Fall - Doctor of Laws

Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela - prisoner of conscience
Andrei Dimitrievich Sakharov - prisoner of conscience
Hon. Mr. Justice Walter Surma Tarnopolsky - human rights

1985

Spring - Doctor of Laws
F. Norman Jewison - arts
W.O. Mitchell - arts
Fall - Doctor of Laws
John Holmes - public service
Jack McClelland - arts, publishing

1984

Spring - Doctor of Laws
Thomas Berger - jurisprudence
Lois Wilson - religion
Fall - Doctor of Laws
George Connell - academe
George Ignatieff - academe
Ronald Watts - academe

1983

Spring - Doctor of Laws
Donald Chant - academe
Maureen Forrester - arts
Maxwell Ward - public service
Fall - Doctor of Laws
Tommy Douglas - public service
Joseph Jacobs - arts

1982

Spring - Doctor of Letters
Timothy Findley - arts, Peterborough area
Malcolm Mackenzie Ross - academe
Spring - Doctor of Laws

Beverly Northcott Smallman - scientist, service to Trent

Fall - Doctor of Laws

Karen Kain - arts

David Sutherland - local educational service

1981

Spring - Doctor of Laws

Peter Theodore Demos - academe, Peterborough

Trevor Lloyd - academe

Raymond Moriyama - architect

Fall - Doctor of Laws

David T. Suzuki - academe

1980

Spring - Doctor of Laws

Margaret Leonore MacKelvie - Peterborough service

William Belmont Common - jurisprudence

Spring - Doctor of Letters

Sir Alfred Ayer - academe

Fall - Doctor of Letters

Leo Yaffe - academe

Fall - Doctor of Laws

Bernard Danton Sandwell - service to Trent

1979

Spring - Doctor of Laws

Frederick Kenneth Hare - academe

Gordon Meredith Lightfoot - arts

Harry Reginald Williams - academe, Peterborough

Spring - Doctor of Letters

Mary Louise Northway - academe

Fall - Doctor of Laws

Frank Radford Crawley - arts

Arnold Cantwell Smith - public service

Fall - Doctor of Letters

Wilfred Cantwell Smith - academe

1978

Spring - Doctor of Laws

S. Robert Blair - public service

Francis Edward Paxton Whitehead - arts

Spring - Doctor of Letters

Eugene Alfred Forsey - Trent , public service

Fall - Doctor of Laws

Stanley Howard Knowles - public service

Fall - Doctor of Letters

A.J.M. Smith - academe

1977

Spring - Doctor of Laws

Celia Franca - arts

Spring - Doctor of Letters

Jose M. Valverde - Trent academe

Fall - Doctor of Laws

John Charles Polanyi - academe

Gordon Hamilton Southam - arts

Fall - Doctor of Letters

William Hugh Kenner - Peterborough , academe

1976

Spring - Doctor of Laws

Donald Olding Hebb - academe

William Reid - arts

Charles Stewart Almon Ritchie - public service

Spring - Doctor of Letters

Marie Tremaine - academe

1975

Spring - Doctor of Laws

William Herbert Cranston - public service

John Harry Ebbs - public service

Thomas Henry Bull Symons - service to Trent

Spring - Doctor of Letters

Gilles Vigneault - arts

Fall - Doctor of Laws

James Robbins Kidd - public service, academe

Fall - Doctor of Letters
Edith Margaret Fulton Fowke - arts

1974

Spring - Doctor of Letters
Harry Joseph Boyle - arts
Spring - Doctor of Laws
John Morgan Gray - arts
Ross Munro Matthews - Peterborough service
Fall - Doctor of Letters
Robertson Davies - arts

1973

Spring - Doctor of Letters
Kathleen Coburn - arts
Spring - Doctor of Laws
Harold Scott MacDonald Coxeter - academe
Winona Grace MacInnis - public service
Gilbert Ryle - academe
Fall - Doctor of Letters
Margaret Eleanor Atwood - arts
Fall - Doctor of Laws
Louis Rasminsky - public service

1972

Doctor of Laws
Hon. Therese F. Casgrain - public service
Hon. Mr. Justice Samuel Freedman - jurisprudence
Lady Mary Helen Ogilvie - service to Trent
William Augustus Ritchie - academe
Doctor of Letters
Margaret Laurence - arts

1971

Doctor of Laws
Gilbert Bagnani - service to Trent
George Parkin Grant - academe

Donald James LeRoy - academe, public service

Ronald James Thom - architect

Doctor of Letters

Alan Stewart Paton - civil liberties

1970

Doctor of Laws

Edward Hewlett Johnson - Biafra aid, mission

Fern Alma Rahmel - education

Doctor of Letters

James Alexander Corry - academe

Gratien Gelin - arts

1969

Doctor of Laws

Col. John Alexander Dewart - Peterborough service

Louis Fine - public service

Doris Eileen Lewis - librarian

Hon. John Howard Sissons - jurisprudence

Doctor of Letters

Morris Bishop - academe

1968

Doctor of Laws

Charles K. Fraser - service to Trent

Rev. Roger Guindon - academe

Wilfrid Bennett Lewis - academe

Hon. James Chalmers McRuer - jurisprudence

Doctor of Letters

Alexander Brady - academe

Floyd Sherman Chalmers - patron of the arts

1967

Doctor of Laws

Major James William Coldwell - public service

Edwin Mirvish - patron of the arts

Bora Laskin - jurisprudence

Doctor of Letters

Charles Allan Ashley - academe

Alex Colville - artist