

TRENT CENTRE FOR AGING & SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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**Looking back at TCAS's first decade...
and looking forward to the new
University-Integrated Seniors' Village**

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Director’s Letter



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I thoroughly enjoyed watching the new YouTube series honouring the life of Trent’s founding President, Professor Thomas H. B. Symons ([Thomas H. B. Symons Video Series](#)). Though I did not have the pleasure of meeting Prof. Symons, some of Trent’s founding values captured by this series especially resonated with me. Today, many of those themes are exemplified within the Trent Centre for Aging & Society (TCAS). For example, collaboration with local Indigenous communities...community-based research partnerships...presenting world class research in an accessible, practical manner...research that effects grass roots change...and a student-centred approach, among others. And, as our shared vision for a University Integrated Seniors’ Village to be built on Trent’s Symons Campus becomes a reality in the months and years to come, these themes are today exemplified more than ever before. While we enter the second decade of what, since 2010, has evolved to become TCAS, I feel that it is incredibly important to reflect upon and celebrate the formal and informal milestones that we, as a collective, have achieved. This edition of the newsletter has been designed around the theme “looking back”, as we, at the same time, look forward into the second decade of our Centre, with the new long-term care home as the crowning jewel of this vision for the future. Featuring fond farewells to core founding members Sylvia Dick and Dr. Beryl Cable-Williams, a feature article on the history of TCAS by Dr. Jim Struthers, and a comprehensive timeline that traces TCAS’ first decade, we invite you to join us in reflecting upon our accomplishments...and in looking forward upon our members’ recent achievements. Compiling this “look back” has been a humbling experience for me – I am honoured and proud to work with a group of researchers, students, and community members who are excited about age studies and who share these values that align so well with those that our university was built upon.

Dr. Elizabeth Russell
 Director, Trent Centre for Aging & Society



Trent University, in collaboration with peopleCare Communities, to bring a 224-bed long-term care home to the Trent University campus

We are excited to share that Trent University, in collaboration with peopleCare Communities, will bring a 224-bed long-term care home to the Trent University campus. In addition to the construction of the long-term care home, Trent and peopleCare Communities will facilitate research on aging and the long-term care sector, as well as provide hands-on and simulated clinical learning for nursing, social work and kinesiology students.

“An intergenerational vision of students and older people, spending together on Trent's beautiful campus, is one that is incredibly special and uniquely fitting to Trent. Integrating TCAS' record of excellence in age studies research with peopleCare Communities aligns with Trent's commitment to engaged, community-based research and partnerships. We look forward to supporting a new generation of teaching and research that will mutually benefit our local citizens and Trent community members alike.” – TCAS Director, Dr. Elizabeth Russell

Explore the links on this page to learn more about this exciting new initiative that will inspire teaching, research, and community building for decades to come!



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Ontario Morning from CBC Radio with Julianne Hazlewood



[Listen to the Interview \(30:07-35:51\)](#)



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A Farewell to Sylvia Dick: TCAS's Longest Standing Member

When you think about TCAS, what words come to mind? Interdisciplinary. Collaboration. Innovation. Sylvia Dick. Although her time at the Centre has come to an end, we wanted to celebrate and reflect on Sylvia's dedication and work over the last five years. As she embarks on her newly expanded position as the Lady Eaton College Assistant, we are thrilled to continue to have her as a colleague at Trent.

Sylvia has been the TCAS Coordinator since the Centre was founded in 2015, managing the day-to-day activities of the Centre and helping to ensure that everything runs smoothly. Helping set up and move the Centre's physical location, as well as her daily roles of membership coordination, communications and marketing, accounts and finances, event planning, and HR, Sylvia has been an invaluable fixture for the TCAS community.

One of Sylvia's fondest memories was the volunteer and membership appreciation event that we held at the Silver Bean Café in Summer 2019. "It was a way to celebrate our members and thank those who helped out at the TrentAging2019 conference. After a busy year and successful conference, I was able to kick back with a great group of people on a beautiful summer day. Kayaking along the Otonabee and snapping pictures of smiling faces and the scenery was very enjoyable and it helped me really appreciate the satisfaction of a job well done with some of the best colleagues/volunteers I have ever had the pleasure of working with. It marked a meaningful milestone for my career and role at the Centre."

Over her five years, Sylvia has supported three directors, Dr. Mark Skinner, Dr. Sally Chivers, and Dr. Elizabeth Russell.

"Sylvia has been at the center of everything great that has happened at TCAS. We wouldn't have been able to do all the things we've done without her unwavering professionalism and support." - Dr. Mark Skinner

***"Sylvia embodies all that is wonderful about Trent...We have benefited immensely from her many talents and I am grateful that we will continue to be able to work with her in her new full-time role at Lady Eaton College."
- Dr. Sally Chivers***

In reflecting on the past five years, Sylvia shared: "There is a spirit at TCAS that has suited me well and I count myself very lucky to have been a part of it. Our members and collaborators bring a strong sense of respect, expertise, and joy to this work we all find so important. This same earnest and cooperative spirit is reflected in everything TCAS does and helps a relatively small centre achieve great things. I will miss it!"

Thanking Sylvia for her years at TCAS, current Director Dr. Elizabeth Russell states: "Since its inception, TCAS has benefitted enormously from Sylvia's professionalism, skills and abilities, and community building talent. Our members and supporters will miss her welcoming smile. On behalf of the TCAS membership and supporters, and myself, thank you Sylvia for your work and dedication to the success of TCAS over the last five years!"



Sylvia at the 2019 TCAS Member's Day at the Silver Bean Café

Celebrating Retiring TCAS Executive Member, Dr. Beryl Cable-Williams

Dr. Beryl Cable-Williams, Faculty in the Trent/Fleming School of Nursing has been a long-standing member of TCAS. She was an original member of the Trent Aging Studies Collaborative in 2010 and has been an Executive member of the Trent Centre for Aging & Society since its formal establishment in 2013. TCAS is honoured to celebrate Beryl's career and wishes her a well in her retirement. Please read on for an interview with Beryl, as she looks back on her early career and shares her aspirations for retirement and beyond.

Q: I see you studied at Queen's, Dalhousie, and University of Alberta. Where are you from originally and when did you start teaching for the Trent/Fleming School of Nursing?

I grew up just outside Peterborough and went to high school at Crestwood Secondary, then Trent for 2 years in Psych before there was a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) program here. After a summer job in a long-term care home, I realized that I should be in a nursing program. In the 'old days', you could be what we now call a PSW without any training – just had to show up on time and be willing to get your hands dirty! I went to Queen's and finished of a BA with a minor in Psych while I did a BScN.

I worked in long-term care homes and Public Health in south western Ontario, Northumberland County, and Kingston before heading off to the Maritimes (travelling related to my husband's career). While in Halifax, I did my Master of Nursing (MN) at Dalhousie before returning to Ontario in 1995. I worked for a few years in community health education, long-term care, and hospice/palliative care before starting with Fleming College as they prepared for the collaboration with Trent in the BScN program. I was fortunate to be able to complete my PhD with the U of A, being creative in finding time to fulfil the residency requirements that were in place at the time.

Q: Tell me about the initial development of NURS-ECON-SOCI 2015H – Critical Perspectives on Aging. How did it come to fruition? Do you have any reflections after many years coordinating the course?

Many members of TCAS shared an interest of mine in providing every student in the university with an opportunity to consider what it would mean for them to live and work in an aging society. I was willing to lead and the Dean of Nursing was supportive of giving an elective course a home in Nursing. A number of members of the TCAS executive volunteered to develop modules to represent their disciplinary perspective on aging. It was our hope to have the course broadly cross-listed to encourage students from all disciplines to register. It was quite a surprise when well over 100 students registered in each offering of the course so far. The course is broadly accessible as it has always been fully online and until recently had no prerequisite. Currently, the only prerequisite is the completion of first year credits to demonstrate potential to succeed in an academically demanding course. (To be honest, it seemed as if the accessibility of the course was attractive to a considerable number of students who were just looking for a credit to graduate!)

Q: Tell me about the significance of aging studies in your field of nursing. What has changed and what do you predict will change in the years ahead?

We all live and work in an aging society which make aging studies significant to all of us. I tell nursing students that given the demographics of the population and risk factors for many conditions that lead to the need for nursing care, the 'core business of nursing is care of older adults'.

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Celebrating Retiring TCAS Executive Member, Dr. Beryl Cable-Williams, continued...

This involves health and social care, not just medical care related to common disease processes and conditions. The Trent/Fleming School of Nursing lives a holistic philosophy of relational care, not a purely biomedical approach that is often associated with nursing.

Q: What excited you as you look ahead to retirement and beyond?

To be honest, right now the most exciting part of thinking about retirement is not having to find ways to facilitate excellent learning opportunities in the context of COVID-related limitations. However, I am also beginning to think about the time I will have to focus on things I am already invested in – grandchildren, choirs, band, hiking, cycling, and exploring new things that I can't even name yet.



Dr. Beryl Cable Williams

The Stephen Katz Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies: Celebrating Three Years

In November 2020, TCAS held a week-long social media campaign to honour the first three years of the Stephen Katz Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies Project.

Launched in 2017, the Katz Program honours the celebrated career of Dr. Stephen Katz, critical aging studies visionary and founding executive member of the Trent Centre for Aging & Society (TCAS). The program has brought world-class critical aging studies scholars to Trent, including Dr. Ulla Kribernegg (University of Graz, Austria); Dr. Amanda Grenier (University of Toronto); and Dr. Kim Sawchuk (Concordia University).

While TCAS paused the program in 2020, we wanted to look back with fondness on the last three years.

“The Katz program is a yearly touchstone for scholars, students, and community members interested in aging studies to gather at Trent to both engage in critical dialogue and to enjoy the community created by this program. Though 2020 was not the year to gather, it is a wonderful time to reflect upon the important contributions that the program has made and will continue to make in the study and understanding of critical age studies.”

- Dr. Elizabeth Russell

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The Stephen Katz Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies Program: Celebrating Three Years

Launched in 2017, the Stephen Katz Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies Program honours the celebrated career of a critical aging studies visionary and founding member of the Trent Centre for Aging & Society (TCAS). Dr. Katz has been described as one of the leading thinkers in the gerontology field and is internationally renowned for his significant theoretical and methodological contributions to the global sociology of aging. The program has brought world-class critical aging studies scholars to Trent, including Dr. Ulla Kribernegg (2017), University of Graz, Austria; Dr. Amanda Grenier (2018), University of Toronto; and Dr. Kim Sawchuk (2019), Concordia University.



Mark Skinner, Amanda Grenier, Sally Oliver & Stephen Katz

"This lecture series is something phenomenal in that it gives attention to social and interdisciplinary issues in aging, which is rare in the field. And it gives people the opportunity to think about new ideas and topics in aging that might not be seen in the mainstream."

Dr. Amanda Grenier, University of Toronto



Mark Skinner & Stephen Katz

"I was so pleased to see how each visiting scholar filled the lecture hall, and how in our meetings and lunches with them, we all became part of the exciting few days they created for us. I could not imagine a more meaningful legacy for what I have accomplished at Trent and I look forward to helping resume the program in the future."

Dr. Stephen Katz, TCAS founding executive member

To watch an overview of the Stephen Katz program, please follow the link: <https://bit.ly/2T6SS9e>



Kim Sawchuk & students in CSAS 5000

"The guest lecturers are engaging, personable and offer a great collaboration opportunity to discuss research interests and new ideas on a more personal level. As a student of CSAS 5000, we were given further opportunity to interact with these guest lecturers on a more personal level, where I developed a deeper appreciation for the cultural and societal impacts and perspectives on aging."

Linnea Velace, TCAS Community Associate



Kim Sawchuk

"Trent is unique: nourished by local community, yet international in perspective. In 1994 the community of researchers I met at Images of Ageing, including Stephen Katz, encouraged me to write critically about the commodification of the ageing subject, and our bodies."

Dr. Kim Sawchuk, Concordia University

"Stephen's contribution in his field and to the founding of TCAS cannot be overstated. The goal of the program is to expose our students and the broader community to some of the best minds working in critical aging studies in the world. It's this kind of interaction that we've been fortunate to have over the last three years that helps expand the discipline and move people to think about aging in new ways."

Dr. Mark Skinner, TCAS past Director

"The Katz program has been a yearly touchstone for scholars, students, and community members interested in current issues in age studies to gather at Trent University to both engage in critical dialogue and to enjoy the sense of community that this program has created. Though 2020 is not the year to gather, it is a wonderful time to reflect upon the important contributions that the Katz program has made and will continue to make in the study and understanding of critical age studies."

Dr. Elizabeth McCrillis, TCAS Director



Ulla Kribernegg

"One of my personal highlights was the invitation to present a public lecture to open the program, but also to honor Professor Stephen Katz, whom I have always admired as a most outstanding, brilliant intellectual and generous mentor in the field of Aging Studies...I wanted to show how important Stephen's work is in Austria – and what impact he has had in building an interdisciplinary, international community of Aging Studies scholars."

Dr. Ulla Kribernegg, University of Graz

To watch Dr. Kribernegg discuss being the inaugural Katz lecturer, please follow the link: <https://bit.ly/2T6cW6g>



To support The Stephen Katz Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies Program, please visit:

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The Trent Centre for Aging & Society: A Brief Personal History

By: Dr. Jim Struthers

Professor Emeritus, Trent University



Dr. Jim Struthers

A little more than ten years ago I, along with eight other faculty colleagues at Trent, received a brief email from Stephen Katz putting forward a “timely idea.” Why not “get together for a meeting about common interests in aging studies...and perhaps sketch out some thoughts about aging studies as a research area at Trent.” His suggestion could not have arrived at a better time for me. For the previous 15 years, I had shifted my primary areas of historical research from unemployment, poverty, and social assistance in the formation of Canada’s welfare state to focus on social policies around aging, specifically, the development of state old age pensions in the two decades following the end of World War I, the creation of a culture of “retirement” in the post-World War II era, the transformation of poorhouses into old age homes and nursing homes during the same time period, and the gendered politics of home care as an alternative policy response.

This last topic linked me to a new multidisciplinary collaborative research team led by Janet Fast and Norah Keating at the University of Alberta that explored the “hidden costs and invisible contributions of caregiving.”

Within this project, which spanned from 2002 to 2008, I was the only historian. Part of my work focused on the origins of the Veterans Independence Program (VIP), to date Canada’s only (and still highly successful) national homecare policy, and research on the VIP led me to discover the records of the Canadian Association on Gerontology, 36 cubic feet of material temporarily housed in a storage closet in Ottawa and facing possible destruction as the CAG was about to move. Through the help of Barry McPherson, then CAG president, and Trent University archivists Bernadine Dodge and Jodi Aoki, we were able to arrange the transfer and professional accession of this invaluable historical record (six metres of textual records and other material stored in 25 archival boxes covering the years 1971-2003) to Trent, where it is now the anchor point of our Canadian Aging Studies Archives aimed at fostering historical research on Canada’s response to population aging.

By the time Stephen’s email arrived in early 2010 my sense of isolation as an historian interested in aging had reached something of a boiling point. After returning from a two-day historical conference at Brock University on “The Sixties – Canadian Style,” I gave a talk entitled “Where Have All the Seniors Gone? What Happened to Old Age as a Research Topic in Canadian History?” at Traill College.

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TCAS: A Brief Personal History, continued...

The Sixties conference was an excellent event, I pointed out, but of the 40 papers being presented, not one focused on old age. There was also a publishers' display table featuring a spate of new monographs and anthologies on the Sixties. None of these books had either an article or even an index reference on "senior citizens," pensions, retirement, or aging.

Yet the 1960s in Canada produced a swath of social programs and innovations focused on aging, including the Québec and Canada Pension Plans; the Guaranteed Income Supplement, a recommendation emerging out of the Senate Committee on Aging, which would cut the poverty rate of older Canadians by more than half; the provincial licensing and inspection of nursing homes; an explosion of income-assisted social housing for seniors; and the creation of advocacy organizations such as the Canadian Association of Retired Persons and Canadian Pensioners Concerned. Seniors, it might be argued, were among the biggest political actors and focal points of that decade yet they merited not a word at this conference. Canadian historians, whose specialty was the significance of time passing, seemed to have had very little to say about old age.

Nor was there much evidence of change in the near future. Of the 131 PhDs completed on "Canada since 1867" between 1999 and 2010, that were listed in the Canadian Historical Association's register of doctoral dissertations in Canadian history, only one focused on old age. Of the 85 PhDs listed as "in progress" between 2000 and 2010, none were on the topic of aging. My recent check of this register shows that over the past ten years, little has changed.

The invitation for my November 2010 talk at Traill came from Stephen Katz and Mark Skinner, key organizers of the newly formed Trent Aging Studies Collaborative, which had emerged out of Stephen's earlier January 2010 email. I may not have found many like-minded historians interested in critical perspectives on aging, but by 2010 I had now an interdisciplinary support group at Trent in sociology, psychology, geography, literature, and nursing, a team which would expand significantly within the next

three years through the creation of the Trent Centre for Aging & Society as a strategic university research backed by a three year SSHRC aid to small universities program grant in 2013.



And the rest, as they say, is history.



Drs. Mark Skinner, Elizabeth Russell, Sally Chivers, May Chazan, Peri Ballantyne, Beryl Cable-Williams, Jim Struthers and Barb Marshall, 2018

A TCAS Timeline: 2010-2021

In this installment of the TCAS Newsletter, we thought we would be reflexive, and look back at the milestones of TCAS since its beginning. Join us in remembering how TCAS has evolved over the past decade or so.

2010	Dr. Stephen Katz convened the Trent Aging Studies Collaborative (TASC) – a multidisciplinary group of faculty at Trent with common interests in aging studies. Original members included Drs. Suzanne Bailey (English), Peri Ballantyne (Sociology), Beryl Cable-Williams (Nursing), Sally Chivers (Canadian Studies/English), Stephen Katz (Sociology), Barb Marshall (Sociology), Kevin Peters (Psychology), Mark Skinner (Geography) and Jim Struthers (Canadian Studies/History)	
October 2010	TASC hosts Dr. W. Andrew Achenbaum, a world renowned historian of aging, as its first visiting scholar and guest lecturer	
June 2012	TASC publishes ‘Report on Centres of Aging, Gerontology and Geriatrics: Canadian Universities’ after surveying 30 major research centres at Canadian Universities	
October 2012	Dr. Stephen Katz proposes the Trent Centre for Aging & Society (TCAS) to Trent University’s Office of Research	
September 2013	The Centre receives Aid to Small Universities Grant	
October 2013	TCAS proposal is approved and the Centre is established. Dr. Mark Skinner is the first Director and the original TASC forms the Executive Committee.	
	 A photograph of two men, Dr. Stephen Katz and Dr. Neil Emery, standing together in a formal setting, likely at the announcement of TCAS. They are both wearing suits and ties.	Dr. Stephen Katz and Dr. Neil Emery after announcement of establishment of TCAS
January 2014	TCAS welcomes its first new Faculty Member, Ann MacLeod (Trent University) and first Fellow, Dr. Gavin Andrews (McMaster University)	
February 2014	TCAS hires Sylvia Dick as Administrative Coordinator	
	 A photograph of Sylvia Dick, the Administrative Coordinator, standing outdoors in a park-like setting. She is wearing a dark, sleeveless dress and a hat.	Sylvia Dick

September 2014

TCAS welcomes its first Community Associate Member, Dawn Berry Merriam (Merriam & Associates, Peterborough)

November 2014

Aging & Society Seminar Series – “Sexuality, Intimacy and Gendered Subjectivity in Couples with Alzheimer’s Disease: Some Early Reflections” by Dr. Linn Sandberg (Stockholm University, Sweden)

January 2015

TCAS welcomes its first Research Associate Member, Sarah Cullingham (Age-Friendly Peterborough)

TCAS forms a research partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding with York University (York University Centre for Aging Research and Education)



Dr. Mark Skinner and Dr. Harvey Skinner, Dean, Faculty of Health, York University, celebrating the TCAS and York University MOU

May 2015

TCAS moves from Dr. Mark Skinner’s lab in Trent’s Environmental Science Building to its first official location in Blackburn Hall

July 2015

Executive Member, Dr. Jim Struthers, retires from Trent University

August 2015

TCAS forms a research partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding with McMaster University (The Gilbrea Centre for Studies in Aging)

September 2015

Dr. May Chazan (Gender & Women’s Studies) joins TCAS Executive Committee

TCAS graciously accepts donation of painting from Patricia Stamp

Critical Perspectives on Aging Course (NURS-ECON-SOCI 2015H) launches



Art by Patricia Stamp, in TCAS’s current location Bata Library Suite 404



Dr. Mark Skinner and Dr. May Chazan at TCAS Open House, celebrating the new office location in Blackburn Hall

October 2015

TCAS welcomes its first Graduate Associate Member, Melissa Baldwin (Trent University)



TCAS's first Graduate Associate Member, Melissa Baldwin

January 2016

TCAS Partners with Trent's Athletic Centre and co-hosts the 2016 Walk for Alzheimer's

February 2016

TCAS hires Justin Sutton as Administrative and Communications Assistant

March 2016

TCAS hosts Suds N' Speakers at the Trend (Traill College)



Dr. Mark Skinner addressing the crowd at the Walk for Alzheimer's

TCAS's Executive Member, Dr. Barb Marshall presenting at the Suds N' Speakers event



TCAS hosts Dr. Rachel Winterton (La Trobe University, Australia) as first visiting scholar

April 2016

Aging & Society Seminar Series – "Exploring the Nexus between Rural Citizenship and Retirement Migration: Reflections from the Australian Context" by Dr. Rachel Winterton

Aging & Society Seminar Series – "Resisting Invisibility, Mobilizing for Change: Feminist Perspectives on Aging, Activism, and Being Remembered" by Dr. Áine Ní Léime (NUI Galway, Ireland)



Dr. Rachel Winterton at the Aging & Society Seminar Series



Dr. Áine Ní Léime at the Aging & Society Seminar Series

August 2016

TCAS hosts first visiting graduate student Ieva Stončikaitė (University of Lleida, Spain)



Ieva Stončikaitė, Dr. Suzanne Bailey and Dr. Mark Skinner

October 2016

TCAS Hosts Seniors' Summit "Designing Health Housing and Innovating Communities"

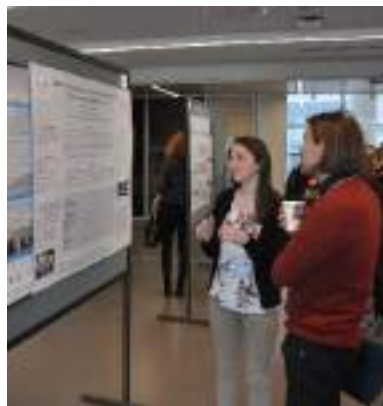
January 2017

TCAS welcomes its first Undergraduate Associate Member Laura Christie (Trent University)

March 2017

TCAS co-hosts "Futures of Aging" conference with Gilbrea Centre for Studies in Aging

TCAS hosts visiting graduate students Julia Velten (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Germany) and Niklas Petersen (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Germany)



TCAS Graduate Associate (now Coordinator), Amber Colibaba, showing Niklas Petersen her poster at the Futures of Aging Conference at McMaster University

May 2017

TCAS hosts Walk for Alzheimer's

August 2017

First annual TCAS member's event at the Mount Community Centre in Peterborough

September 2017

M.A. program launched – Collaborative Specialization in Aging Studies, with core course CSAS 5000H: Foundations in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies, created and taught by Dr. Stephen Katz

TCAS hosts visiting scholar Hanna Varjakoski (University of Turku, Finland)



Walk for Alzheimer's 2017



Students in CSAS 5000H on a field trip to Fairhaven long-term care

Aging & Society Seminar Series – “Walking each other home: Weaving end-of-life supports into a community garden” by Dr. Pauline Marsh (University of Tasmania, Australia)

October 2017

TCAS launches the Stephen Katz Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies Program (Katz Program), launched by donations by the Katz family, and invites Ulla Kreibnernegg (University of Graz, Austria) as first visiting scholar and speaker

TCAS hosts book launch of *Care Home Stories* Edited by Dr. Sally Chivers and Dr. Ulla Kriebnernegg, also featuring chapter by executive member Dr. Jim Struthers

TCAS hosts Seniors’ Summit “Grey Matters: Healthy Minds for Healthy Aging”



Dr. Ulla Kreibnernegg, Dr. Stephen Katz and Dr. Mark Skinner



Dr. Pauline Marsh’s Aging & Society Seminar Series

Aging & Society Seminar Series – “Voluntarism, Community Development and Aging in BC’s Northern Interior: Prospects for Place Integration” by Dr. Neil Hanlon (University of Northern British Columbia)

November 2017

Aging & Society Seminar Series – “Aging in a post-aging, post-queer world” by Dr. Jane Traies and Dr. Doreen Fumia (Ryerson University)

January 2018

Dr. Elizabeth Russell joins TCAS Executive Committee



Dr. Neil Hanlon’s Aging & Society Seminar Series

February 2018

TCAS co-hosts with Correctional Service Canada the “No Place to Call Home: The Challenges of Reintegrating Senior Parolees in the Community and Long-term Care Facilities” Symposium

The 2018 “No Place to Call Home” Symposium



March 2018

Aging & Society Seminar Series – “Creative Teamwork: Developing Rapid, Site-switching Ethnography” by Dr. Hugh Armstrong (Carleton University), Dr. Pat Armstrong (York University), Dr. Jacqueline Choiniere (York University), Dr. Tamara Daly (York University), Dr. Ruth Lowndes (York University), Dr. James Struthers (Trent University)

May 2018

TCAS hosts book launch: Exercising Choice in Long-Term Residential Care

Founding TCAS Executive Member, Dr. Stephen Katz retires from Trent University



Dr. Barb Marshall and Dr. Stephen Katz at his retirement celebration

June 2018

Amber Colibaba graduates as first student with Collaborative Specialization in Aging Studies

July 2018

Sally Chivers becomes new Director of TCAS

August 2018

TCAS Members Event & Visiting Scholars Welcome held in Lakefield

Trent University joins Age-friendly Global Network

September 2018

TCAS hosts Visiting Scholar Dr. Outi Hakola (University of Helsinki, Finland)



TCAS Graduate Members An Kosurko and Amber Colibaba at Convocation

October 2018

TCAS receives SSHRC Institutional Grant

The Katz Program hosts Dr. Amanda Grenier (University of Toronto) as its second visiting scholar and speaker

TCAS hosts Summit on Aging “Dementia Dialogues: Living Life Fully”



Dr. Sally Chivers



Dr. Mark Skinner, Dr. Amanda Grenier, Dr. Sally Chivers and Dr. Stephen Katz

TCAS moves to newly renovated Bata Library, Suite 404

November 2018

Aging & Society Seminar Series – “Managing Health and Wellbeing in Advanced Age” by Dr. Janine Wiles (University of Auckland, New Zealand)

TCAS hosts ENAS director Dr. Ulla Kribernegg for conference co-chairs meeting

TCAS hosts visiting scholar Dr. Lin Yuzhen (Dorothy) (Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China)

February 2019

Aging & Society Seminar Series – “Constructing Good Death in End-of-Life Documentaries” by Dr. Outi Hakola (University of Helsinki, Finland)

TCAS hosts intergenerational coffee house

March 2019

TCAS co-sponsors Margaret Laurence lecture “The Charlottetown Declaration on the Right to Care” – Pat Armstrong (York University)



Dr. Mark Skinner, Dr. Sally Chivers, Justin Sutton and Sylvia Dick in the newly built TCAS location in Bata Library



Dr. Lin Yuzhen (Dorothy), TCAS visiting scholar from China

April 2019

TCAS hosts Early Career Professional Development Workshop

TCAS hosts “TrentAging2019: Power, Critique, Imagination” joint conference of the European and North American Networks on Aging Studies (first time meeting in Canada)

May 2019

TCAS co-sponsors Trent Housing Colloquium “Millennials + Older Adults = No Place Like Home(Share): Insights from an Intergenerational Housing Project in Toronto” by Dr. Raza Mirza

August 2019

TCAS hosts Visiting Scholar Maricel Oro-Piqueras (University of Lleida, Spain)

TCAS member’s event at the Silver Bean Café



TCAS Executive member (now Director) Dr. Elizabeth Russell and graduate student members at the Early Career Professional Development Workshop



TCAS Members paddling down the Otonabee River at the 2019 members’

September 2019

Aging & Society Seminar Series – “Informing Care: Tracing tensions in everyday information work in dementia care” by Dr. Nicole Dalmer (McMaster University)

October 2019

The Katz Program hosts Dr. Kim Sawchuk (Concordia University) as its third visiting scholar and speaker

Dr. Nadine Changfoot joins TCAS Executive Committee



Dr. Kim Sawchuk with students in CSAS 5000



Dr. Sally Chivers, Dr. Stephen Katz, Dr. Kim Sawchuk and Dr. Mark Skinner

TCAS co-presents “I’m still here: Precarity, Aging and Life with Art” panel for Precarious2: Peterborough Artswork Festival, with Dr. Susan Braedley, Shelley King, Janna Klostermann and Shannon McKenzie held at the Theatre on King

Trent Board of Governors approves vision for University Integrated Seniors’ Village

November 2019

Trent hosts Communalizing Care Writing Workshop, an extension of Dr. Sally Chivers’ research project, “Challenging the ‘Nursing Home Specter’ in the Age of Austerity”

TCAS hosts first Journal Club

Aging & Society Seminar Series – “Aging & the Language of Intervention: How we make sense of living beyond the bounds of age” by Dr. Kristen Ellison (Trent University)

January 2020



Dr. Mark Skinner on CHEX News discussing the University Integrated Seniors’ Village

TCAS makes Trent’s Top 10 2019 Highlights



Dr. Kristen Ellison’s Aging & Society Seminar Series



TCAS Journal Club 2019

March 2020 COVID-19 pandemic closes Trent University campuses and TCAS office

April 2020 TCAS Launches [Aging Studies in Action video](#)



Still from Aging Studies in Action Video

May 2020 Dr. Elizabeth Russell becomes Director of TCAS
TCAS participates in first ever virtual Walk for Alzheimer's



Current TCAS Director, Dr. Elizabeth Russell

Dr. Mark Skinner and Dr. Sally Chivers represent TCAS as part of Trent Talks in ["Aging Together and Apart"](#)

September 2020 TCAS launches [Aging During COVID-19 video series](#)

January 2021 Sylvia Dick leaves Administrative Coordinator Position to pursue other employment at Trent University



TCAS Administrative Coordinator, Amber Colibaba

TCAS hires Amber Colibaba as Administrative Coordinator

March 2021 Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha, announced that peopleCare Communities was awarded the necessary licenses to build a new 225-bed [long-term care home at Trent](#) through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care

New at TCAS: Welcome to Six New Members

Undergraduate Associate Members



Aarzo Nathani is in her fourth year at Trent in the Department of Psychology. She is currently finishing her honours thesis under the supervision of TCAS Director, Dr. Elizabeth Russell and is a research assistant for the Rural Aging Research Program (Dr. Mark Skinner, Dr. Elizabeth Russell & Amber Colibaba)



Jazmine Raine is currently a Research Assistant to TCAS Executive Member, Dr. Nadine Changfoot. Jazmine has an interest (academic and otherwise) in the ways that aging intersects with race, disability and mental health and taking arts-based approaches to mitigating neoliberal conceptions of successful aging.

Faculty Members



Dr. Liana Brown joins TCAS as Faculty Member from the Department of Psychology at Trent University. She is a psychologist who uses an experimental approach to examine questions relevant to motor skill learning and control.

Post-Doctoral Fellow Members



Megan Graham joins TCAS as a Post-Doctoral Fellow on the Digital Aging project. She is a medical anthropologist and her research focuses on social determinants of health and aging, biomedicalization of the aging body and the ethopolitics of care for older adults. Her current research looks at the shifting social practices and ethical landscapes of 'resident-focused care' during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Research Associate Members



Janna Klostermann is a new Research Associate Member, but she is also a long-term care scholar and storyteller/artist. As a PhD Candidate at Carleton University, she conducted team-based ethnographic research in three Ontario-based long-term care facilities and conducted life history research with women in different generational cohorts.

Community Associate Members



Jayne Culbert coordinates Age-friendly Peterborough, a collaborative that empowers and enables communities in the City of Peterborough, Peterborough County, Curve Lake and Hiawatha First Nations to support healthy aging. Through her role at AFP, she facilitates conversations and connects senior sector service providers and the community.

New at TCAS: Dr. Mark Skinner publishes new Rural Gerontology Book

In January 2021, TCAS Executive Member Dr. Mark Skinner, along with his colleagues Dr. Rachel Winterton (La Trobe University) and Dr. Kieran Walsh (NUI Galway) published *Rural Gerontology: Towards Critical Perspectives on Rural Ageing* – the first foundation of knowledge about the intellectual traditions, contemporary scope and future prospects for the interdisciplinary field of rural gerontology.

For TCAS, the book showcases the leadership in rural aging studies in its membership. Contributions to the book by its 14 (!!) TCAS members and visiting scholars cover a range of rural aging themes such as health and healthcare, rural community development, aging in place and place attachment, rural women, aging and retirement, gerontechnology and older voluntarism and active citizenship.

To celebrate the book launch, check out some of the TCAS contributing authors (and some special guests) with their copy of the book!



An Kosurko in Helsinki, Finland



Amber Colibaba



Dr. Gavin Andrews and his dog, Nick



Laura Poulin and her sons Eli and Myles

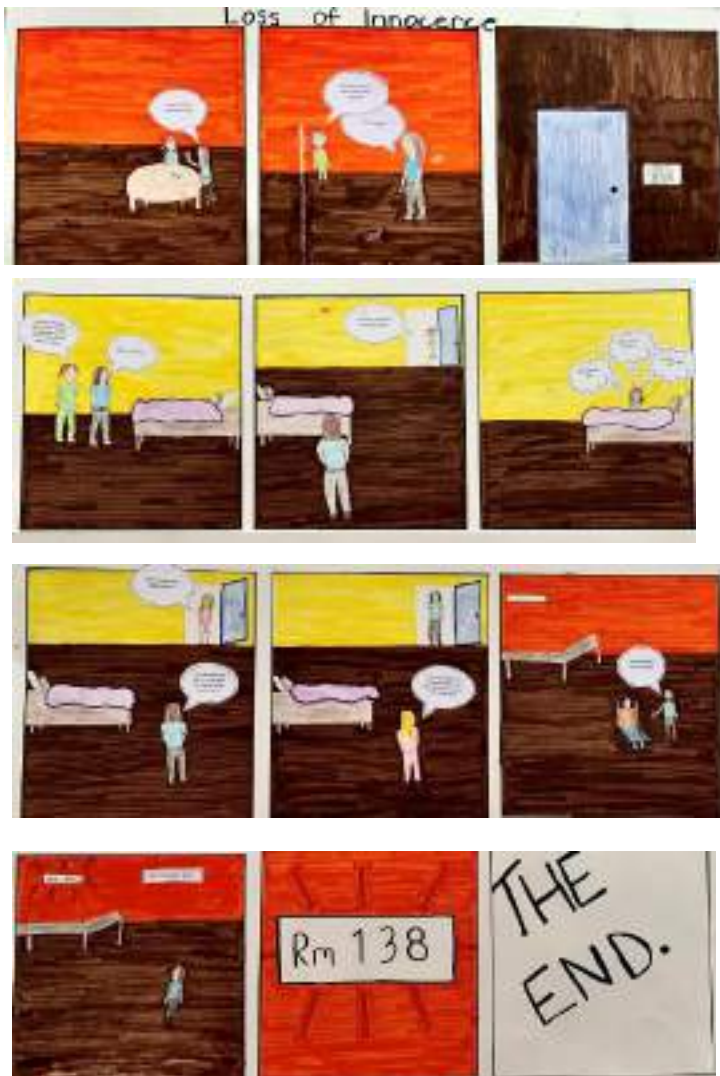


Dr. Neil Hanlon

New at TCAS

New Health and Humanities Course

TCAS Executive Member Dr. Sally Chivers created a new course at Trent (Health Humanities UNIV-2002H) that invites students to shine a light on how the arts influence and are influenced by our cultural review on health and wellness. Students created [creative expressions](#) of critical thinking about the intersections between health, aging and everyday life. One project, The Memories Fade Away, by Caitlynn Pollard features a [video](#) as a new way of looking at dementia. A second student project, Loss of innocence, by Zaryn Duffy, shows a comic illustrating the story about how they began to lose innocence and experience death.



[Loss of Innocence, by Zaryn Duffy](#)

ReFrame Film Festival 2021

Sponsorship

We were honoured to sponsor a film at the 2021 ReFrame Film Festival! This year, we sponsored [Call Me Human](#), a film by Kim O'Bamsawin that showed an intimate portrait of Innu poet Joséphine Bacon.



Amber Colibaba as new Administrative Coordinator

In January, TCAS welcomed Amber Colibaba as she transitioned from her role as Special Projects Coordinator into part-time Administrative Coordinator for TCAS. Amber has been a TCAS member since 2016, was the first graduate of the Collaborative Specialization in Aging Studies and is excited to take on this new role and opportunity within the Centre. What you may not know about Amber is that she continues to work full-time for Dr. Mark Skinner and Dr. Elizabeth Russell as the Research Coordinator for their Rural Aging Research Program. [Read more](#) about Amber's journey from Trent undergraduate student to her current research role.



Amber Colibaba

New Collaboration Between TCAS & Trent Students for Literacy

TCAS and Trent Students for Literacy collaborated to recruit volunteers for a program connecting interested individuals with residents at Riverview Manor Long-term Care Residence in Peterborough. With the help of volunteers, Trent Students for Literacy launched a successful program. Three days a week, volunteers prepared activities for the residents, including Bingo, paint nights, reading sessions and games.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Safiya at safiyakhaki@trentu.ca



“Connections I made in the Centre are so valuable to me not only because it enriched the way I think about aging but also it directly impacted my career path... the knowledge I gained from both the graduate course in aging studies with Dr. Katz and being a part of TCAS is something I've tried to bring forward in my work as I think about a future career in librarianship. TCAS is unique in both its creativity and interdisciplinarity, and I've tried to bring both those elements to my own work as a new Library and Information Science student.”
- Sandy Robinson

From all of us at TCAS, congratulations Sandy and we wish you the best of luck in this new adventure!

Sandy Robinson starts new Master's Program at Western University

Congratulations to TCAS Community Associate Member, Sandy Robinson, on beginning her Masters of Library and Information Science at Western University! In reflecting about her connection to TCAS and her new program, she states: “While I've always loved libraries, it was actually chatting with and the work of fellow TCAS member Dr. Nicole Dalmer (when she was doing a postdoc at Trent) that first got me curious about Library and Information Science as a discipline and reignited my interest in librarianship as a profession.”



Sandy Robinson

TCAS in the News

TCAS Director, Dr. Elizabeth Russell was featured in [Trent Magazine's Fall 2020 Edition](#) (p. 33&34). She was also interviewed by the [Peterborough Examiner](#) in January 2021 on isolation in older adults during COVID-19.



TCAS Fellow Dr. Kristi Allain was featured in [Trent News](#), celebrating her career researching questions of sport, aging and national identity in January 2021.



TCAS Fellow, Dr. Rachel Herron's research on elder care violence featured in the [Brandon Sun](#) in November 2020

BU prof leads study on elder care violence

By [Name] | [Date]



Abbeyfield House Society acquires site in Lakefield for unique seniors housing concept

By [Name] | [Date]



Interact with TCAS!

Rural age-friendly communities in the 2020s: Insights from Trent University
October 2020

Member Feature: Dr. Elizabeth Russell



[Watch Presentation](#)

Imaging Aging Project: Exploring Death Friendliness
October 2020

Member Feature: Dr. Sally Chivers



[Watch Video](#)

Digital Technologies and the Shaping of Aging Futures: A Critical Research Agenda

November 2020

Member Feature: Dr. Barb Marshall



[Watch Presentation](#)

John Richards Centre Oration – Equitable access for rural ageing population: International perspectives

October 2020

Member Feature: Dr. Mark Skinner



[Watch Discussion](#)

A Critical Exploration of Creativity and Dementia at the Intersection of Embodiment, Relationality, and Citizenship

October 2020

Member Feature: Dr. Pia Kontos



[Watch Presentation](#)

The Early Career Researcher Journey
December 2020

Member Feature: Dr. Nicole Dalmer



[Watch Presentation](#)

Virtual Graduate & Professional Expo: Trent University Collaborative Specialization in Aging

October 2020

Member Feature: Amber Colibaba, Dr. Stephen Katz, Sandy Robinson



[Watch Video](#)

Aging & Ageism in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Digital Symposium

November 2020

Member Feature: Rachel Bar, Dr. Stephen Katz, Dr. Elizabeth Russell



[Watch Symposium Presentations](#)

Maple Leaf & Eagle Conference 2020
December 2020

Member Feature: Dr. Sally Chivers



[Watch Keynote Presentation](#)

Member Update: Dawn Berry Merriam

By: Dawn Berry Merriam

Queen's University study

[Making Heritage Community Centres Accessible for an Aging Population in Peterborough, Ontario](#). This report examined the elements of heritage, accessibility, and aging within the context of Peterborough using example sites of heritage community centres that have begun to integrate accessibility. Dawn was a participant in the research and was able to reflect on the history of accessibility in Peterborough.

Queen's University study: A Needs Assessment and Evaluation for Education fulfilling the Public Inquiry into the Safety and Security of Residents in the Long-Term Care Homes System

The purpose of this study is to gather perspectives on the needs of Long-Term Care and Coroner professionals and their experiences of a series of educational opportunities as a means of answering the calls of the Long-Term Care inquiry. The intent is to better understand the perspectives, experiences, and needs of LTC and Coroner staff in responding to the call of the Long-Term Care Inquiry. Dawn was interviewed and provided context for change in the long-term care system.

Housing is Fundamental

Each year the United Way of Peterborough completes a comprehensive study on housing affordability in our community. [Housing is Fundamental](#) documents the changing complexities of housing affordability. As one of the contributors to the report Dawn has been able to raise issues around long-term care and the unprecedented problems and deaths that have occurred during the pandemic.

As Chair of Age-Friendly Peterborough's Building Relationships Working Group

A major project undertaken this year was a study on social isolation. The Working Group's Social Isolation Task Force has been working on a four-part project to prevent and address social isolation among seniors and their caregivers during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. The overall aim of the research is to understand "how the pandemic has impacted the health and social well-being of older adults." The goal of this study is to prevent and mitigate the negative impacts of social isolation not only in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, but in everyday life and post-pandemic. (Featured in the [Trent Centre for Aging & Society video series](#)).

The project includes:

- Analysis of documents and interviews with seniors, family, and formal caregivers
- Promising practices identified to investigate how communities within the greater Peterborough area and beyond are mitigating negative effects of social isolation among community dwelling older adults
- Review of the greater Peterborough area current health and housing availability for seniors and our future need
- Recommendations for future projects to promote healthy aging, to provide innovative housing solutions, and to mitigate social isolation



Dawn Berry Merriam

Member Update: Dr. Nadine Changfoot

By: Dr. Nadine Changfoot

Aging Vitalities visits Make/Shift by Alexis Bulman at Artspace

In October, Aging Vitalities storytellers visited Artspace to view Alexis Bulman's exhibit [Make/Shift](#) which comprised two parts: a series of sculptures from drywall titled "Remodel" and a video installation titled "Tending to." Bulman took a disability perspective to her work to explore the limits of her own embodied capacity as well as to make it as accessible as possible for disabled and differently abled folks.

After Hannah Keating's curatorial tour through the exhibit, Alice opened the discussion followed by Angela, Anne, Charmaine and Ann. It was such an important and powerful discussion over who is excluded from arts venues, while appreciating Bulman's amazing art within. The discussion made clear that curators, galleries, educators need to lead discussions about accessibility in ways that address more than ableism to also address white privilege, colonization and systemic racism in our institutions. The teaching included that for galleries and by extension arts and educational institutions to be truly welcoming, decolonization, Indigenization and anti-racism need to be integrated into curatorial and educational practices. It was very moving and rewarding for me to witness and be part of the social change enacted by Alice, Angela, Anne, Charmaine and Ann.

TCAS sponsored the workshop component of the exhibit and featured it in our [Fall 2020 newsletter](#).

Agefying and Disrupting Time

Nadine Changfoot's dance performance piece, "Agefy and Disrupting Time" with long time collaborators Mary Anne Ansley, Andrea Dodsworth, and Mark Julson is featured in the juried national art exhibit, "[Learning, Teaching and Transformation](#)," that is part of the *Canadian Journal for the Study of Adult Education*. This piece encourages audiences to sense and embrace the desirability, diversity and divergent futures of aging/disabled persons.

Time Travel at Au Contraire Film Festival, Montréal, in partnership with What Connects Us/ Ce qui nous lie, A Dementia Investment Community Project

Nadine Changfoot's short film *Time Travel* (2018) screened December 17 at Au Contraire Film Festival in Montréal. Au Contraire strives to erase stigma and dispel myths surrounding mental illness. In partnership with the Public Health Canada project "What Connects us – Ce qui nous lie, A Dementia Investments Community Project," a panel comprising members of the Montréal Museum of Fine Art, the Montréal Alzheimer Society, Au Contraire Film Festival, and founder of Les Arts et La Ville discussed Dr. Changfoot's film which shares of her relationship with her late father who lived with dementia and is oriented toward troubling stigma surrounding dementia and welcoming in dementia into daily, brave and heartening conversations.



Alexis Bulman, *Remodel* (install), 2020.

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