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the Integrity of  
Academic Work

AGENDA

## Friday, November 2

### *Laurier Alcove*

12:00 Registration

### *Laurier Room*

- 13:15 Welcome: **Howard Pawley**, President of the Harry Crowe Foundation. Adjunct Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Windsor. Premier of Manitoba (1981-1988).
- 13:30 Keynote: **Academic Entrepreneurship and the Integrity of Science: Are they Reconcilable?**
- Speaker: **Sheldon Krinsky**, Professor of Urban & Environmental Policy, Tufts University. Author of *Science in the Private Interest: Has the Lure of Profits Corrupted Biomedical Research?* (2003)
- 14:30 Refreshment break
- 14:45 Plenary: **Our production-driven research culture: causes, problems and remedies.** Academic careers are increasingly measured by the volume of published research and the number and size of research grants, a trend with serious implications for scholars of quarks and Quixote, alike. How does the academy's system of rewards and punishment affect individual academics, their departments, their disciplines and the nature and quality of their work?
- Chair: **Victor M. Catano**, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Psychology, Saint Mary's University. Chair of CAUT's Academic Freedom & Tenure Committee.
- Speakers: **Harry W. Arthurs**, President Emeritus and University Professor Emeritus, York University.
- Mary Burgan**, Professor of English Emerita, Indiana University. Former General Secretary of the American Association of University Professors. Author of *What Ever Happened to the Faculty? Drift and Decision in Higher Education* (2006).
- Sir David Wallace**, Master of Churchill College and Director of the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences, University of Cambridge. Treasurer and Vice-President of the Royal Society.

### *Quebec Suite (1<sup>st</sup> Floor)*

17:00 Cash Bar Reception

## Saturday, November 3

### *Laurier Room*

- 09:00 Plenary: **Politico-science: governmental avoidance, abuse and manipulation of scientific research.** Political meddling in academic affairs is nothing new; however, as the financial and cultural stakes increase so too does the interference. Where does legitimate regulation end and unwarranted intrusion begin?
- Chair: **Howard Pawley**, President, Harry Crowe Foundation.
- Speakers: **Michele Brill-Edwards**, former Senior Physician in the Health Protection Branch, Health Canada.
- Kurt Gottfried**, Chair of the Board of Directors, Union of Concerned Scientists. Professor of Physics Emeritus, Cornell University.
- Barbara Neis**, Professor of Sociology, Memorial University of Newfoundland.
- 10:30 Refreshment break
- 10:45 Plenary: **Principles and interest: corporate pressures and sponsored research.** External research funding has become a fact of life in many academic departments and, although the infusion of resources is generally seen to be a good thing, the sources of funding for specific projects can raise serious concerns about conflict of interest, on the one hand and academic freedom, on the other. This has been particularly true for the pharmaceutical, tobacco, and resource extraction industries.
- Chair: **John Hoddinott**, Associate Dean (Teaching & Research), Augustana Campus and Professor of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta.
- Speakers: **Joanna Cohen**, Director of Research and Training, Ontario Tobacco Research Unit and Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences, University of Toronto. Associate Scientist, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.
- Arthur Schafer**, Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics, University of Manitoba.
- Seth Shulman**, Writer. Primary author of the Union of Concerned Scientists' report *Smoke, Mirrors & Hot Air: How ExxonMobil Uses Big Tobacco's Tactics to Manufacture Uncertainty on Climate Science* (2007).
- 12:15 Lunch (*on one's own*)

**Laurier Room**

- 13:45 Plenary: **Collegiality lost: when bad things happen to good scholars.** When science and research are compromised by special interests, it is not uncommon for some scholars to confront the problem directly. This is seldom done without costs. Who wins and who loses when academics push back?
- Chair: **Nancy F. Olivieri**, Professor of Pediatrics, University of Toronto, Senior Scientist, Division of Clinical Investigation & Human Physiology, Toronto General Research Institute, University Health Network
- Speakers: **Aubrey Blumsohn**, Consultant in Pathology, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals. Formerly Senior Lecturer in Metabolic Bone Medicine, University of Sheffield.
- Brenda Gallie**, Senior Scientist, Division of Applied Molecular Oncology, Ontario Cancer Institute. Professor of Molecular & Medical Genetics and of Medical Biophysics, University of Toronto. Vice President, Harry Crowe Foundation.
- David Healy**, Professor of Psychological Medicine, Cardiff University College of Medicine. Author of *Let Them Eat Prozac* (2003).
- 15:15 Refreshment break
- 15:30 Plenary: **Infiltrating the academy: the struggle for credibility.** Academic legitimacy is a valuable commodity for which certain groups have proven very willing to fight. Whether it is proponents of intelligent design challenging the teaching of biology, or think tanks applying a veneer of academic process to position their arguments in the public debate, ideologues have realized the value of appearing to be within, as opposed to outside, the academy.
- Chair: **Samuel E. Trosow**, Associate Professor of Law, University of Western Ontario. Visiting Scholar, CAUT.
- Speakers: **Brian Alters**, Tomlinson Chair in Science Education, McGill University. Director of the Evolution Education Research Centre. Co-author of *Defending Evolution in the Classroom: A Guide to the Evolution/Creation Controversy* (2001).
- Shadia B. Drury**, Canada Research Chair in Social Justice and Professor in the Departments of Political Science and Philosophy, University of Regina. Author of *Terror and Civilization: Christianity, Politics, and the Western Psyche* (2004).
- Donald Gutstein**, Senior Lecturer in the School of Communication, Simon Fraser University. Co-director of NewsWatch Canada. Author of the forthcoming *Not a Conspiracy Theory: How Business Uses Propaganda to Manipulate Us and What We Can Do About It*.

***Drawing Room***

17:00 Dinner (provided)

***Laurier Room***

19:00 Plenary: **Worlds in collision: outside politics inside the academy.** Despite a reputation for being an "ivory tower," Academia remains a principal site for cultural conflict within society precisely because it is one of the few sites where international politics, ethnic identity, and such philosophical notions as "justice" and "truth" are open for discussion. This is not, of course, a bad thing, but what happens when one concern begins to subordinate all others, or the contest of ideas gives way to the control of speech?

Chair: **Greg Allain**, Professor of Sociology, Université de Moncton.  
President, Canadian Association of University Teachers.

Speakers: **Marcus Harvey**, Professional Officer, Canadian Association of University Teachers.

**Kevin Mattson**, Connor Study Professor of Contemporary History, Ohio University. Co-editor of *Steal This University: The Rise of the Corporate University and the Academic Labor Movement* (2003).

**Blair Stonechild**, Professor of Indigenous Studies, First Nations University of Canada. Author of *The New Buffalo: The Struggle for Aboriginal Post-secondary Education in Canada* (2006).

21:00 Recess

## Sunday, November 4

### *Laurier Room*

- 09:00 Plenary: **Penelope's loom: unraveling the fabric of Academe.** Over the last thirty years, the composition and role of the professoriate has changed markedly in two fundamental ways. First, enormous numbers of contract academic staff have been substituted for tenured faculty. Second, much of the governance of academic institutions has fallen to a body of academic managers with a concomitant diminution of faculty responsibility and authority. What are the effects of managerialism, casualization, and outcomes-assessment on the academic community?
- Chair: **Arpi Hamalian**, Associate Professor of Education, Concordia University. Director, Harry Crowe Foundation.
- Speakers: **Rosemary Deem**, Professor of Education and Research Director, Faculty of Social Sciences and Law, University of Bristol. Co-author of *Knowledge, Higher Education and the New Managerialism: The Changing Management of UK Universities* (2007).
- Michael Higgins**, President & Vice Chancellor, St. Thomas University. Co-author of *Power and Peril: The Catholic Church at the Crossroads* (2003).
- James L. Turk**, Executive Director of the Canadian Association of University Teachers. Secretary, Harry Crowe Foundation.
- 11:00 Refreshment break
- 11:15 Keynote: **Academic integrity: moving forward**
- Speaker: **Jon Thompson**, Professor Emeritus of Mathematics, University of New Brunswick. Director, Harry Crowe Foundation. Co-author of *The Olivieri Report: The Complete Text of the Report of the Independent Inquiry Commissioned by the Canadian Association of University Teachers* (2001).
- 12:15 Adjournment