As the public consultation period on Western’s Open Space Strategy comes to a close this week, those heading up the project say they have received valuable feedback from the campus community and beyond.

Initiated following the approval of the Campus Master Plan in 2015, the Open Space Strategy aims to ensure the campus’ outdoor spaces continue to evolve following a comprehensive vision, providing a safe and beautiful campus. Consultations with the campus community began in January and wrapped earlier this week.

Mike McLean, Director (Facilities Planning & Design), said in multiple sessions with groups across campus, open community meetings and through online feedback, he’s heard several recurring themes.

“We’ve been happy and grateful for the engagement from the community on this strategy,” McLean said. “Through these consultations, we’ve been able to identify some areas that need to be better addressed and answer particular questions people have about how this plan will affect the evolution of our campus.”

The strategy proposes 10 areas of focus that will help transform campus in the coming years. Some could begin in the near future and others will be longer-term projects.

McLean said the university’s plans to enhance pedestrian safety on campus, by phasing out access for cars to the campus core, have generated some questions about parking – especially accessible parking for those with long-term or temporary physical disabilities.

“We’ve seen overwhelming support for moving vehicles to the periphery of campus and reducing cut-through traffic on university roads. But that support also comes with questions about accessible parking and community access to special events. We’re glad to have those conversations and reassure people that we are dedicated to providing an accessible campus with barrier-free parking where required,” McLean continued.

Cyclists are another group eager to share its thoughts on the strategy.

“We’ve put a lot of thought into enhancing our infrastructure for cyclists and that continues to evolve. We’ve heard from many who bike to campus regularly and their feedback has been extremely valuable,” McLean said.

It’s also clear the Western community values Western’s green spaces.

“We’ve received a lot of support for the idea of reclaiming some of the asphalt areas for added green space, adding to the tree canopy and improving existing outdoor gathering spots. Western has a long history of landscape stewardship and this document continues down that path to maintain and enhance our landscaped areas, woodlots and enrich our appreciation of the river,” he said.

Aside from addressing questions on specific areas of campus and particular pieces of infrastructure, McLean said the committee authoring the strategy is aware there is further work to do in incorporating some overarching themes.

“As the consultation period began we identified a few areas that require a greater presence in this document, including elements from Western’s new Mental Health and Wellness Strategic Plan and Indigenous Strategic Plan. As we revise the document, we are really trying to bring more focus on those elements,” McLean continued.

“We recognize Western’s beautiful campus is one of our most significant assets. This plan is required to ensure it continues to evolve in a way that best allows the campus community to thrive and attract the brightest students and faculty from across Canada and around the world. That is why we welcomed the community’s thoughts on this. They can only make it better.”
Weighing in on ‘The Fatness’

Bookmarks

Best Bets

Research

New chair sees health literacy as social justice issue

March 1, 2018

Western News

March 1, 2018

Western News
Commentary

Play your role in protecting our fair-dealing rights

BY SAMUEL E. TROSOW

The federal government is currently circulating the 2018 review of the Copyright Act. While there are some important policies that will be discussed, most I would argue the most important for the educational community is a fair-dealing reform. It is not likely to be the most contentious. Fair dealing is a user’s right under our copyright laws that gives users the right to make copies (personal performances) or to make copies without payment or permit. It is intended to fall in an element of balance between the rights of owners and users of works. It was very broad, but this changed with the Supreme Court decision in CCH Canadian Ltd. v. Law Society of Upper Canada. In that case, the unanimous court held that fair dealing could not be considered a defense to an action for copyright infringement if the dealing was not for a ‘non-commercial purpose, such as a work-related purpose, which is an integral and essential element of education.’ The court also emphasized the fact that fair dealing categories should be recognized the important role for dealing has played in the promotion of teaching, learning, scholarship and research.

Prior to 2004, fair-dealing rights were defined as limited to research, private study, criticism or review and news reporting. The current Copyright Act has given a broad and flexible interpretation of fair dealing and includes the following categories: education, research, criticism, review and news reporting. The court also emphasized that fair dealing and the 2012 amendments added the categories of ‘parody and satire’ and ‘information copying’. The court held that fair dealing as a users’ right, which is an integral and essential element of education should not be limited to the categories of research, private study, criticism or review and news reporting.

In addition to the fair-dealing categories, the US (where fair-dealing categories are open ended) and Canada have recently introduced 2012 amendments that added the category of ‘information copying’. In addition to fair-dealing categories, Canada’s Copyright Act also requires an analysis of the six fair-dealing categories. The court also emphasized that the fair-dealing categories should be recognized the important role for dealing has played in the promotion of teaching, learning, scholarship and research.

Our voices need to be heard in the current legislative review of the Copyright Act. Groups like the Canadian Association of University Teachers, the Canadian Association of Research Libraries, the Council of University Students and other groups have been very active in this area. They have been very vocal in their support for fair dealing.

Copyright in a digital age is a contentious issue. Copyright and related fair dealing rights are contentious. Fair dealing is the limiting. It is also likely to be the most contentious. Fair dealing has played a vital role in the promotion of teaching, learning, scholarship and research. It is important for all members of the educational community to recognize the important role fair dealing has played in the promotion of teaching, learning, scholarship and research. It is important for all members of the educational community to recognize the important role fair dealing has played in the promotion of teaching, learning, scholarship and research.

BY AGNIE BALOTT

Vasey Kapelos’ keen interest in politics was cultivated early by her parents, family members and three newspapers that her father devoured every day as he grew up in Toronto. The medium itself was a siren song for her; the force of politics that really interested me. I just loved the theatrics of it. It was a thrill.” Kapelos noted. Covering Alberta legislature, Kapelos broke news of the large squeeze package sent to Premier Alison Redford’s outgoing chief of staff in 2013, a story the left has used ever since as an example of the Premier’s economic mismanagement.

“I love reporting with a great passion, but hosting a political show just felt right from the beginning. And The West Block was a big challenge. Next job for me is just an extension of what I love doing the most,” said Kapelos.

“I needed to be put back on the road, put back in the field, and put back in the thick of it,” said Kapelos, who just helped in the #MeToo movement. There is a realization this stuff happens in politics. ‘‘We’re going to be doing just what I did as a reporter. It was a thrill,’’ Kapelos said.

Kapelos moved from the CBC’s Ottawa bureau to Toronto in 2016 and host of Global’s The West Block in 2017. Following the retirement of Tom Clark, she has travelled around the world with Global and has taken assignments that spanned coverage of the Olympics in 2010 and 2014, the 2014 FIFA World Cup, and the 2016 Winter Olympics. But the #MeToo movement has also been a significant focus of her work.

“I have a great interest in what is happening with the #MeToo movement. There is realization this stuff happens in politics. ‘This will be part of what I cover and part of my role will be being a voice of that and seeing how it translates and what happens next. We are getting a richer, more realistic picture of what is happening, but there is a necessary element that has to happen as well that will keep this thing going and of what happens next,’ Kapelos said.

“As we’ve seen with the presidential election, there is a great intersection between those two things. I’m looking forward to that and I’m really looking forward to a strong election coverage. I’m excited to be in a place that covers elections really well. There is something we’ve never seen before. Good reporting and good journalism in politics.”

Kapelos’ time at Western, she added, nurtured her interest and strengths in politics, but also pushed her to continue down that path. “A lot of the classes I was able to take at Western were political science, pretty much anything that interested me,” she said.

“I have always loved and am proud of all that I have done, and now I am looking at what I have done and what I have been really good at,” she explained. “I have always loved and am proud of all that I have done, and now I am looking at what I have done and what I have been really good at,” she explained.

Alumni named Power player by CBC

Vasey Kapelos, BASH (Political Science), credits her Western Experience with rounding her out as a person. “It set me up socially and with the skills I needed to expand my life,” she said. Kapelos began as host of CBC’s flagship daily political program, Power & Politics, in March.

TAKING A FLIGHT? LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US

Book online at: www.abbertontaxi.com or 1-800-205-4048

(416) 299-7373

POWER & POLITICS

SPECIAL TO WESTERN NEWS

BY SAMUEL E. TROSOW

A Korean Grill featuring personal table hot pots.

Lower Level UCC, across from
(at Wonderland) 519.641.7997

westernnews.ca

A Alumni named Power player by CBC

BY AGNIE BALOTT

Vasey Kapelos’ keen interest in politics was cultivated early by her parents, family members and three newspapers that her father devoured every day as he grew up in Toronto. The medium itself was a siren song for her; the force of politics that really interested me. I just loved the theatrics of it. It was a thrill.” Kapelos noted. Covering Alberta legislature, Kapelos broke news of the large squeeze package sent to Premier Alison Redford’s outgoing chief of staff in 2013, a story the left has used ever since as an example of the Premier’s economic mismanagement.

“I love reporting with a great passion, but hosting a political show just felt right from the beginning. And The West Block was a big challenge. Next job for me is just an extension of what I love doing the most,” said Kapelos.

“I needed to be put back on the road, put back in the field, and put back in the thick of it,” said Kapelos, who just helped in the #MeToo movement. There is a realization this stuff happens in politics. ‘‘We’re going to be doing just what I did as a reporter. It was a thrill,’’ Kapelos said.

Kapelos moved from the CBC’s Ottawa bureau to Toronto in 2016 and host of Global’s The West Block in 2017. Following the retirement of Tom Clark, she has travelled around the world with Global and has taken assignments that spanned coverage of the Olympics in 2010 and 2014, the 2014 FIFA World Cup, and the 2016 Winter Olympics. But the #MeToo movement has also been a significant focus of her work.

“I have a great interest in what is happening with the #MeToo movement. There is realization this stuff happens in politics. ‘This will be part of what I cover and part of my role will be being a voice of that and seeing how it translates and what happens next. We are getting a richer, more realistic picture of what is happening, but there is a necessary element that has to happen as well that will keep this thing going and of what happens next,’ Kapelos said.

“As we’ve seen with the presidential election, there is a great intersection between those two things. I’m looking forward to that and I’m really looking forward to a strong election coverage. I’m excited to be in a place that covers elections really well. There is something we’ve never seen before. Good reporting and good journalism in politics.”

Kapelos’ time at Western, she added, nurtured her interest and strengths in politics, but also pushed her to continue down that path. “A lot of the classes I was able to take at Western were political science, pretty much anything that interested me,” she said.

“I have always loved and am proud of all that I have done, and now I am looking at what I have done and what I have been really good at,” she explained. “I have always loved and am proud of all that I have done, and now I am looking at what I have done and what I have been really good at,” she explained.

Alumni named Power player by CBC

BY AGNIE BALOTT

Vasey Kapelos’ keen interest in politics was cultivated early by her parents, family members and three newspapers that her father devoured every day as he grew up in Toronto. The medium itself was a siren song for her; the force of politics that really interested me. I just loved the theatrics of it. It was a thrill.” Kapelos noted. Covering Alberta legislature, Kapelos broke news of the large squeeze package sent to Premier Alison Redford’s outgoing chief of staff in 2013, a story the left has used ever since as an example of the Premier’s economic mismanagement.

“I love reporting with a great passion, but hosting a political show just felt right from the beginning. And The West Block was a big challenge. Next job for me is just an extension of what I love doing the most,” said Kapelos.

“I needed to be put back on the road, put back in the field, and put back in the thick of it,” said Kapelos, who just helped in the #MeToo movement. There is a realization this stuff happens in politics. ‘‘We’re going to be doing just what I did as a reporter. It was a thrill,’’ Kapelos said.

Kapelos moved from the CBC’s Ottawa bureau to Toronto in 2016 and host of Global’s The West Block in 2017. Following the retirement of Tom Clark, she has travelled around the world with Global and has taken assignments that spanned coverage of the Olympics in 2010 and 2014, the 2014 FIFA World Cup, and the 2016 Winter Olympics. But the #MeToo movement has also been a significant focus of her work.

“I have a great interest in what is happening with the #MeToo movement. There is realization this stuff happens in politics. ‘This will be part of what I cover and part of my role will be being a voice of that and seeing how it translates and what happens next. We are getting a richer, more realistic picture of what is happening, but there is a necessary element that has to happen as well that will keep this thing going and of what happens next,’ Kapelos said.

“As we’ve seen with the presidential election, there is a great intersection between those two things. I’m looking forward to that and I’m really looking forward to a strong election coverage. I’m excited to be in a place that covers elections really well. There is something we’ve never seen before. Good reporting and good journalism in politics.”

Kapelos’ time at Western, she added, nurtured her interest and strengths in politics, but also pushed her to continue down that path. “A lot of the classes I was able to take at Western were political science, pretty much anything that interested me,” she said.

“I have always loved and am proud of all that I have done, and now I am looking at what I have done and what I have been really good at,” she explained. “I have always loved and am proud of all that I have done, and now I am looking at what I have done and what I have been really good at,” she explained.
Art helps document Indigenous suffering

BY ANIRUDDHO CHHOKROBORTY-HOQUE

For the estimated 150,000 Indigenous youth trapped in Canada’s residential schools, art was a salvation.

Under that system, Indigenous youth were removed from their families, isolated and often endured physical, mental and sexual abuse, hunger and disease. Many turned to art as a way of processing – and expressing – their pain. Not only was it a creative outlet but it helped preserve their culture. It was healing, too, however, much of this history had been lost to time.

Western English & Writing Studies professor Julia Emberley has begun documenting many of these creative works, which include photographs, stories and art. Focusing on experiences from the 19th and 20th Centuries, she is also conducting parallel archival research of Indigenous elder and community testimonies to document personal accounts of experiences in the residential schools.

Emberley is one of a handful of researchers in the world bringing these unexplored works to public and scholarly knowledge. Her work will help Canadians better understand Indigenous history, which she points out is not accurately represented in the public or in the education curriculum.

Historically, the Western colonial representation of Indigenous peoples as passive victims and the education curriculum, Emberley said. As an example, she cited her daughter’s high school history textbook which falsely mentions the role of Indigenous Peoples in the War of 1812.

Emberley’s research also highlights a 19th-Century problem that continues to affect 21st-Century Indigenous communities. According to the Canada 2016 Census, 7 per cent of all children and youth in the country identified as Indigenous, they account for nearly half of all foster children in the country.

Emberley believes the legacy of residential schools carries on in the education, health and economic inequality between Indigenous communities and other Canadians, and is directly connected to the separation of Indigenous children from their families, culture and communities now.

“Indigenous youth are finding their voice now and expressing it through flash dance mobs, spoken-word, hip hop, social media. It is important the current generation of Indigenous youth are expressing their challenges in their own words and in connection to the stories and histories of their communities,” Emberley said.

Emberley’s work highlights the belief of Indigenous communities in the healing power of stories, poems and dance when everything else has been taken away from them.

While reminders of a painful history, creative works by these 19th-Century ancestors are also a source of strength and inspiration for the future. The same tools that expressed their feelings about their experience in the residential schools are now being used by the current generation to highlight the challenges faced by Indigenous youth.

For example, in response to a history of violence against Indigenous women, performance artist Helen Knott, an activist and spoken-word poet from the Dene-Zaza and Nehiyawak of the Prophet River First Nation in British Columbia, launched *Your Eyes They Curve Around Me* to bring critical attention to violence against Indigenous women and girls.

“Indigenous youth are finding their voice now and expressing it through flash dance mobs, spoken-word, hip hop, social media. It is important the current generation of Indigenous youth are expressing their challenges in their own words and in connection to the stories and histories of their communities.”

Research

Make an informed decision about your Western pension.

This seminar will help faculty and staff within five years of retirement.

We will discuss:

- Differences between your current plan and our personalized wealth management approach
- RRIF basics and planning strategies
- Key pitfalls to avoid
- Current client portfolio illustration
- Critical questions that must be addressed as part of your wealth management plan

“Interviewed from Westen in 1997 and Mitch Orr and his team have managed my funds very well and indeed once time; he has made incredibly good recommendations; kept me very well informed over the last 20 years”

– Dr. Richard Butler Professor Emeritus Western

Hosted by:

Mitch Orr, HBA, CPA, CMA, CFP
Senior Wealth Advisor
Western Financial Management
519.660.3236
www.mchorn.com

Two sessions are available to suit your schedule:

Tuesday March 6, 2018
12:00 p.m. Lunch session
7:00 p.m. Evening session
Refreshments will be served

Windermere Manor
North Meeting Room
RSVP to Lela at 519.660.3261 as seating is limited.

The Orr Financial Management Group
ScootaMcGill: a division of Scotia Capital Inc.

I could have said to ‘zip’ – across Titan geography that has with a mass of a few hundred kilograms could enable it to zip – as much as an object and would have four pairs of stacked rotors that moon’s chemistry, geology – and potential for largest moon.

The copter buzz above the surface of Saturn’s plan that could see a drone-like quad - scientist, NASA is exploring a revolutionary project would take advantage sub-surface and atmospheric conditions. For many years, people thought to explore Titan’s blue ocean, cross small explore buoys that include mobility, durability, range and effective control.

‘There’s something very simple about having a dragonfly’ – Neish said. ‘It’s like landing on a London street and saying “you’ve seen the whole Earth.”’ Neish added with a smile.

The atmospheric conditions of Titan – with a brown haze of methane and nitrogen – focus high-resolution views and have made the moon’s surface as well as the Titan surface.

The atmosphere of Titan – with a brown haze of methane and nitrogen – focuses high-resolution views and have made the moon’s surface as well as the Titan surface. The atmosphere is made of Titans, all chemically different from Earth.

Titan is the only moon in our solar system with an atmosphere composed mostly of nitrogen and methane. It is also the reason why the Cassini-Huygens mission was sent to explore Titan.

Neish’s specialty is the geology of planetary surfaces, specifically understanding the processes that shape these surfaces. She is interested in Titan’s atmosphere, which is much denser than Earth’s atmosphere, and the interaction between the atmosphere and the surface.

Neish said, ‘Titan is like a strange, frozen sedimentary place which is an interesting world to study.’

For many years, people thought to explore Titan’s blue ocean, cross small explore buoys that include mobility, durability, range and effective control.

‘There’s something very simple about having a dragonfly’ – Neish said. ‘It’s like landing on a London street and saying “you’ve seen the whole Earth.”’ Neish added with a smile.

The atmospheric conditions of Titan – with a brown haze of methane and nitrogen – focuses high-resolution views and have made the moon’s surface as well as the Titan surface.

Titan is the only moon in our solar system with an atmosphere composed mostly of nitrogen and methane. It is also the reason why the Cassini-Huygens mission was sent to explore Titan.

Neish’s specialty is the geology of planetary surfaces, specifically understanding the processes that shape these surfaces. She is interested in Titan’s atmosphere, which is much denser than Earth’s atmosphere, and the interaction between the atmosphere and the surface.

Neish said, ‘Titan is like a strange, frozen sedimentary place which is an interesting world to study.’

For many years, people thought to explore Titan’s blue ocean, cross small explore buoys that include mobility, durability, range and effective control.

‘There’s something very simple about having a dragonfly’ – Neish said. ‘It’s like landing on a London street and saying “you’ve seen the whole Earth.”’ Neish added with a smile.

The atmospheric conditions of Titan – with a brown haze of methane and nitrogen – focuses high-resolution views and have made the moon’s surface as well as the Titan surface.

Titan is the only moon in our solar system with an atmosphere composed mostly of nitrogen and methane. It is also the reason why the Cassini-Huygens mission was sent to explore Titan.

Neish’s specialty is the geology of planetary surfaces, specifically understanding the processes that shape these surfaces. She is interested in Titan’s atmosphere, which is much denser than Earth’s atmosphere, and the interaction between the atmosphere and the surface.

Neish said, ‘Titan is like a strange, frozen sedimentary place which is an interesting world to study.’

For many years, people thought to explore Titan’s blue ocean, cross small explore buoys that include mobility, durability, range and effective control.

‘There’s something very simple about having a dragonfly’ – Neish said. ‘It’s like landing on a London street and saying “you’ve seen the whole Earth.”’ Neish added with a smile.

The atmospheric conditions of Titan – with a brown haze of methane and nitrogen – focuses high-resolution views and have made the moon’s surface as well as the Titan surface.

Titan is the only moon in our solar system with an atmosphere composed mostly of nitrogen and methane. It is also the reason why the Cassini-Huygens mission was sent to explore Titan.

Neish’s specialty is the geology of planetary surfaces, specifically understanding the processes that shape these surfaces. She is interested in Titan’s atmosphere, which is much denser than Earth’s atmosphere, and the interaction between the atmosphere and the surface.

Neish said, ‘Titan is like a strange, frozen sedimentary place which is an interesting world to study.’

For many years, people thought to explore Titan’s blue ocean, cross small explore buoys that include mobility, durability, range and effective control.

‘There’s something very simple about having a dragonfly’ – Neish said. ‘It’s like landing on a London street and saying “you’ve seen the whole Earth.”’ Neish added with a smile.

The atmospheric conditions of Titan – with a brown haze of methane and nitrogen – focuses high-resolution views and have made the moon’s surface as well as the Titan surface.
**Electoral attack ads become a double negative**

BY PAUL MANG

With a potential federal election just months away, political analysts say the ads we’ll see then will echo the campaign style used by Prime Minister Paul Martin in 2006.

Martin, who was then leader of the Liberal Party, launched a series of negative ads targeting the Conservative Party’s leader, Jean Chretien. The ads were successful, but they also had a negative effect on Martin’s own campaign. In the end, the Liberal Party lost the federal election.

In 2006, Martin’s ads were characterized by their focus on Chretien’s alleged political misdeeds. These ads were quite successful, helping to secure Martin’s re-election as Liberal leader. However, they also had a negative impact on Martin’s own reputation, as his perceived negativity translated to disinterest in his campaign.

In the 2006 federal election, Martin’s ads were said to have cost him the election. The Liberals, an example of a political party that uses negative ads, lost the election due to the perception of negativity in the ads.

The study by Western University professor Chris Alcantara suggests that negative ads can have a double negative effect. In his research, Alcantara found that negative ads do not necessarily lead to a positive outcome for the attacker. Instead, they often lead to a decrease in voters’ trust in the attacker.

“The problem with negative ads is that they can hurt both the attacker and the attacked,” Alcantara said. “If the attacker is perceived as negative, voters may become less likely to support them.”

Alcantara’s research also suggests that negative ads are more likely to be effective in closer races, where small changes in voter sentiment can make a big difference. However, in larger races, where the attacker has a strong lead, negative ads are less likely to have a significant impact.

Alcantara’s findings are supported by other research, which has shown that negative ads can be effective in certain circumstances, but that they are generally less effective than positive ads. Positive ads, which focus on the attacker’s strengths, are more likely to attract voters and help secure an election.

In conclusion, while negative ads may be effective in certain circumstances, they are generally less effective than positive ads. Political leaders should consider the potential negative impact of negative ads before using them in their campaigns.

**Senate seeks new Associate Vice-President (Student Experience)**

Western University has posted a call for nominations to fill the position of Associate Vice-President (Student Experience) at the Western campus. The call is available on the Western University website. The position is open until filled, and applications are accepted until March 14, 2019.

The position of Associate Vice-President (Student Experience) is a key leadership position at Western University. The Associate Vice-President (Student Experience) is responsible for overseeing the Student Experience portfolio, which includes the offices of the Dean of Students, the Office of the Ombudsperson, and the Centre for Student Success.

The position requires a strong leadership background and experience in student affairs. The ideal candidate will have a track record of success in student affairs, with a focus on student success and engagement. The candidate will also have a strong understanding of the challenges faced by today’s students, and a commitment to providing a high-quality student experience.

Applications are accepted until March 14, 2019, and will be considered on a rolling basis. The call for nominations is available on the Western University website.
Good troll, bad troll

Western researcher studies nuances of online commenting

When Chen recruited and interviewed avid trolls, he saw that trolls, too, were doing things with friends – to me at that time, it was a chance to engage in conversation with someone who was not necessarily a friend. But when Chen interviewed trolls, he didn’t find that they were necessarily better at socializing or engaging with others than people who had not been interviewed. The results were consistent across all types of trolls, and Chen found that trolls were often more engaged in online spaces than people who had not been interviewed.

Chen emphasized that trolls were people who gave unsolicited, offensive, abusive or provocative commentary in online spaces. Trolls were people who gave unsolicited, offensive, abusive or provocative commentary in online spaces. The media portrait of trolls is uniformly negative: trolls are anonymous, males who targeted females and well-known individuals. But not all trolling is bad, Chen said. Some trolls, he noted, are making a joke, but if you’re not able to smile at the joke, it is not a joke. What might be OK in a friendly context might be negative in another context.

Chen also found that trolls were often more engaged in online spaces than people who had not been interviewed. The results were consistent across all types of trolls, and Chen found that trolls were often more engaged in online spaces than people who had not been interviewed.

Chen emphasized that trolls were people who gave unsolicited, offensive, abusive or provocative commentary in online spaces. Trolls were people who gave unsolicited, offensive, abusive or provocative commentary in online spaces. The media portrait of trolls is uniformly negative: trolls are anonymous, males who targeted females and well-known individuals. But not all trolling is bad, Chen said. Some trolls, he noted, are making a joke, but if you’re not able to smile at the joke, it is not a joke. What might be OK in a friendly context might be negative in another context.

Chen also found that trolls were often more engaged in online spaces than people who had not been interviewed. The results were consistent across all types of trolls, and Chen found that trolls were often more engaged in online spaces than people who had not been interviewed.

Chen emphasized that trolls were people who gave unsolicited, offensive, abusive or provocative commentary in online spaces. Trolls were people who gave unsolicited, offensive, abusive or provocative commentary in online spaces. The media portrait of trolls is uniformly negative: trolls are anonymous, males who targeted females and well-known individuals. But not all trolling is bad, Chen said. Some trolls, he noted, are making a joke, but if you’re not able to smile at the joke, it is not a joke. What might be OK in a friendly context might be negative in another context.
Opera fundraiser floats cash to dragon boat team

Karen Shelstad, BMus’77, a member of London’s Rowbust Dragon Boat Racing Team, made up of local breast cancer survivors, will head to Hungary and Italy for competitions in July. Her husband, Western professor Brian Mcintosh, BMa’79, has organized an Opus Mar 8 to help raise money for the trip.

BY PAUL MAYNE

Karen Shelstad never thought she’d be in the game as a rower, much less be part of an international team. But that’s exactly how she found herself heading to Hungary and Italy for competitions in July. Shelstad will be part of a world-champion dragon boat racing team that proudly belongs at Western and Karen and I are very thankful for their generosity.”

Shelstad, who is the team’s captain, said she never thought she’d be in the world of dragon boat racing. “I never thought I’d have breast cancer.”

But she also never thought she’d be in the world of dragon boat racing. “I never thought I’d have breast cancer.”

Shelstad’s husband, Western professor Brian Mcintosh, BMa’79, has organized an Opus Mar 8 to help raise money for the trip.

Ticket info:

Vince McKenna, a sports medicine physician and exercise physiologist interested in helping women with breast cancer and treatment survivors, will be in attendance to answer questions about exercise and breast cancer. He will be joined by a panel of experts from the University of Western Ontario, the London Regional Cancer Program and the London Health Sciences Centre.

The event starts at 7 p.m. on March 8 at the Alumni Centre for Western University in London. Tickets are $100 per person or $150 per couple. For more information, please contact the Rowbust team at rowbust@gmail.com.

Competition to design resilient health systems

In the fourth year, the Health Care Design Challenge, a student competition run by the Health Studies Department and coordinated by the Faculty of Health Sciences, will focus on designing interventions to improve health care systems and patient outcomes. The challenge will provide students with an opportunity to apply their knowledge gained in the classroom to real-world situations. Each member of the winning team will receive a $200 scholarship.

The challenge will be open to students from all colleges and schools at Western. Each team must have at least five members, and all team members must be enrolled in at least one course in Health Studies.

Teams are encouraged to think about something different we could do” to improve health care systems and patient outcomes. The competition aims to provide students with an opportunity to apply their knowledge gained in the classroom to real-world situations.

The winners will be announced at the Health Care Design Challenge Awards Ceremony on April 25, 2018, at the Alumni Centre for Western University. The ceremony will feature keynote speakers and a panel discussion on the role of design in improving health care systems and patient outcomes.

Winners will receive a $200 scholarship, as well as recognition in the Health Care Design Challenge Awards Ceremony and on the Health Studies Department website.

The Health Care Design Challenge is open to all students enrolled in at least one course in Health Studies.

The challenge will be open to students from all colleges and schools at Western. Each team must have at least five members, and all team members must be enrolled in at least one course in Health Studies.

Teams are encouraged to think about something different we could do” to improve health care systems and patient outcomes. The competition aims to provide students with an opportunity to apply their knowledge gained in the classroom to real-world situations.

The winners will be announced at the Health Care Design Challenge Awards Ceremony on April 25, 2018, at the Alumni Centre for Western University. The ceremony will feature keynote speakers and a panel discussion on the role of design in improving health care systems and patient outcomes.

Winners will receive a $200 scholarship, as well as recognition in the Health Care Design Challenge Awards Ceremony and on the Health Studies Department website.
Conference brings campus together

Canadian journalist and digital media expert Jesse Brown was one of three keynote speakers at this year’s Western Staff & Leaders’ Conference, which took place during Reading Week. Known for his work as a journalist and media critic, Brown, an entrepreneur who runs the crowd-funded news site Canadaland, spoke about creating an environment that rewards experimentation in a country that is traditionally “wait and see.” This year’s conference, with additional addresses by Alberta firefighter Darby Allen and photographer Ami Vitale, featured stories and topics to inspire a courageous outlook and encourage compassion towards self and others.

Sun Life Financial is proud to be the preferred provider for the RIF Program for Western retirees

We look forward to welcoming future Western retirees into a program that offers many attractive benefits including:

- Ability to consolidate assets
- Very competitive fees
- Spousal eligibility
- Unlimited support from licensed Sun Life Retirement Consultants
- Familiar and new investment options
- Local support from Sun Life Advisors

We are here to help! For questions about the Sun Life Plan or your retirement options, contact one of the Sun Life Retirement Consultants toll free at 1-866-224-3906 (select option 1) any business day between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET.

Life’s brighter under the sun

Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada is a member of the Sun Life Financial group of companies. © Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, 2016.