

# Artsci Alumni | Issue 1

Hi! You're reading the very first issue of our official alumni newsletter. It is our hope that these new communications will bring our close-knit community even closer, as we catch you up on stories of unique experiences, amazing initiatives, and hard work being carried out by Artscis all over the world. We encourage you not only to enjoy these newsletters as they come through, but to get involved yourself and send us your current stories and news items, so that we can share them with your fellow alum and the greater Artsci and McMaster communities. In the meantime, enjoy Issue #1!

#### News

# Professor Louis Greenspan Memorial

We cordially invite you all to attend this Memorial Celebration, and hope to have a good showing of alumni to help commemorate Dr. Greenspan's immeasurable contributions to the Arts & Science Program. Whether you can attend or not, we're asking all Artsci alum to submit your fondest memories, life lessons, anecdotes, or stories relating to Dr. Greenspan. We will be compiling submissions for display at the memorial and for gifting to his family.

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# Alumni Experience Inquiry Voluneteers

Dr. Mat Savelli, set to teach ARTSSCI 3CU3 again this year, is recruiting alumni to speak to the course's theme: Idealism and Pragmatism in Life and the Workplace. The course will encourage students to move beyond the dichotomization of idealism and pragmatism to assess the complex ways in which these philosophies play out in everyday life, particularly within the world of work.









of Work Forum

Funded through a generous gift from Artsci alum Bruce Miyashita, this forum provides hands-on project management experience for current students and brings in speakers to interact with Artscis on topics regarding the modern world of work. That's where you come in! We need two enthusiastic mentors to join Bruce in leading the 2019 cohort. Email Blake Dillon at dillonb@mcmaster.ca to get involved.



### Follow us on Social Media!

As noted in Dr. Jean Wilson's 31 Aug. 2018 letter to alumni, we've hired a new Communications & Outreach Coordinator. Blake Dillon will be tasked with telling alumni stories to the broader world... but he has to hear of them before he can tell them! We encourage you to reach out to him if you have a fascinating job, work for an interesting company, participate in community initiatives, or have a story to share.



### Highlights



This past summer, Dr. Jean Wilson hosted a group of Artsci grads at her summer residence in Thunder Bay, Ontario. The group, which featured alum from a span of more than 15 years, all coincidentally live in the Thunder Bay area, but not everyone had met prior to the gathering. It was fun times for all, and likely something that will continue in upcoming summers. Attendees, from back to front and left to right, were Michael Wilson (1991 grad), Bill Harris (1993 grad), Ken Blonde (2007 grad), Jesse Hawkins (2006 grad), Don Kerr (1991 grad), Jean Wilson (Artsci Director and Lit prof), Chi Cheng (1993 grad), Melissa Mauro (1995 grad), and Emily Groot (2007 grad).

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After 35 years in the Commons Building (C-105), Arts & Science is now based in the new L.R. Wilson Hall on McMaster's Main Campus. If you're ever in Hamilton or the surrounding areas, our doors are always

open to alumni. Drop in, say hello, meet the team, chat with some students, and check out the space. We'd love to see you!

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• We're looking for volunteers to speak at our new Milk & Cookies and Alumni series. Interested alum would be asked to come in and speak to current Artsci students over milk & cookies. Talks would focus on what you've been up to since graduating, and any life lessons that you've learned along the way. If you're interested in participating, email our new Communications & Outreach Coordinator Blake Dillon at dillonb@mcmaster.ca.

• Dr. Michael B. Wilson (1991) penned a thoughtful letter to you, his fellow Artsci grads. It reads: "How scattered around the globe we are... I guess around 60 people over 35 years would make more than 2,000 individual McMaster Artsci graduates — sufficient to populate a small town. For any of those in Northwestern Ontario, in addition to our small group of self-identified Artsci alumni in Thunder Bay, feel free to contact me. As well, anyone traveling across the country by land looking for a place to bunk should also feel welcome to contact me. I'm just outside Thunder Bay on Lake Superior and often have space and sometimes have time. Otherwise and in general, hello to all!" Michael can be reached at michael.b.wilson@ontario.ca.



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