

## Artsci Alumni | Issue 2 Welcome to the second edition of the McMaster Arts & Science alumni newsletter.

This time around, we have program highlights and news of grads making headlines for award-winning literature, important research, creative design, and local advocacy. As always, we encourage you to connect with us and share your stories so we can, in turn, share them with the wider Artsci community. Enjoy Issue 2!

**Newsmakers** 



# **Artsci Alum Wins GG** Award

Literary Award. One of Canadian literature's most significant honours, the prize is awarded annually to Canadian authors who display literary excellence in a series of categories ranging from fiction and nonfiction to poetry and young people's literature. READ MORE

Sarah Henstra (1996) has won a Governor General's



# 'Weed Deck' With cannabis now legal across Canada,

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unique deck of cards to help Canadians make informed decisions about cannabis use. "The Weed Deck" is a comprehensive and practical guide for both new and experienced users. READ MORE

Ben Barrett-Forrest (2014) has developed a







## of a Hospital Matthew Noble Wohlgemut (1998) is leading the charge against a Hamilton Health Sciences

decision to move the obstetrics and surgical units out of West Lincoln Memorial Hospital in

Grimsby, Ontario. This decision, it is believed, could effectively close the hospital. READ MORE



### This past summer, Saad Syed (2016) was one of 11 McMaster University researchers to receive a Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship,

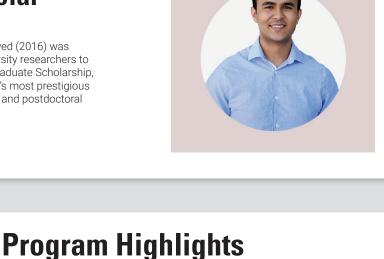
**Vanier Scholar** 

**Artsci Grad Named** 

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Arun Lakra, a Calgary-based writer and ophthalmologist, is the author of *Sequence*, this year's Common Reading Program selection. The Arts & Science Program joined with McMaster's Socrates Project to bring the author to campus 6-8 November for a workshop and play reading with Artsci students, followed by an engaging career talk in LRW-3038 (the new C-105!).

**Notices, Reminders, and Events** 

• Special thanks to Anna D'Angela (2013), Rebekah Pullen (2013), Nathan Cupido (2016), Mack Gillies (2017), Varun Puri (2017), and Sarah Sandor (2018), who participated in the enthusiastically received Milk & Cookies &

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them further with the Artsci community!

### Grad Studies event for current students last month. • If you are willing to participate in similar Milk & Cookies events, please contact Artsci Director Jean Wilson at



- wilsonj@mcmaster.ca. A reminder also to contact Mat Savelli at savellm@mcmaster.ca by 30 Nov. if you'd be willing to serve as an in-class co-facilitator and/or as an interviewee for this year's Alumni Experience Inquiry • Please visit the Alumni in the News section of the Artsci website. There, we post links to articles about or
- referencing our grads. Recent posts include stories by or featuring Helen Kang (2002), Lisa Austin (1994), Kate Parizeau (2001), and Vivian Tam (2014). · Please send in news items as well as notice of your awards or distinctions (we'll add the latter to our list of Alumni Honours on the website).

· As noted above, if you have interesting stories, we encourage you to share them with us so that we can share







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