Welcome to the second edition of the McMaster Arts & Science alumni newsletter. This time around, various programs and highlights of recent graduates are featured, including 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 further with the wider Artsci community. Enjoy Issue 2!

Program Highlights

In line with McMaster University’s mandate to increase experiential learning in undergraduate studies, Arts & Science offers students a range of courses that take students outside the typical classroom setting. One such course is Urban Placemaking. Taught by Artsci grads Jackie Brown (2014) and Rosalind Pfaff (2013), this one-unit learning module explores the collaborative process of animating public and private spaces to strengthen the social and cultural fabric of cities.

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 & 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 course.
• 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 them further with the Artsci community!

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