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Free Public Lectures

2024–2025

Held in Rm. 1A1, Ewart Angus Centre,
McMaster Medical Centre,
1200 Main St. W., Hamilton, L8N 3Z5

Saturday, 7:30pm, Sept. 7, 2024

From Bench to Bedside: Translating Basic Science Discoveries to Patients with Brain Cancer — Part 2

by Sheila Singh

Continuing research in the Sheila Singh Lab at McMaster University has made strides to explain what drives the growth of tumours and, through that understanding, to propose more effective individualized treatments for resistant forms of cancer. In this sequel to her talk in March 2023 about childhood brain cancers, Dr. Singh explains changes to traditional understanding of adult brain tumours and the ramifications of recent research.

Dr. Sheila Singh is a professor of surgery and biochemistry and Director of the Centre for Discovery in Cancer Research (CDCR) at McMaster, pediatric neurosurgeon at McMaster Children's Hospital, and Division Head of Neurosurgery at Hamilton Health Sciences.

Saturday, 7:30pm, Oct. 5, 2024

Climate Change in Literature, Science and Art: A Story of Hamilton Harbour and Other Shared Waters

by Chris McLaughlin

Climate change is an existential threat that demands the most complex collective action ever required of humanity. Mobilizing social change is a greater challenge than the technological change that many suggest is necessary to course correct. This talk sketches the science of climate change and how literature and the arts will help shape the ideas and narratives critical to social change, with special reference to Hamilton Harbour and its evolving relationship with the community that surrounds it.

Dr. Chris McLaughlin has been executive director of the Bay Area Restoration Council in Hamilton since 2011, is an adjunct professor in McMaster's School of Earth, Environment & Society, and teaches environmental policy in the Arts & Science program. He is the Canadian Co-Chair of both the IJC's Great Lakes Water Quality Board and the Advisory Board of the Global Center for Climate Change and Transboundary Waters.

Saturday, 7:30pm, Nov. 2, 2024

**Talking Trees: A Carpentry
of Wood and Word**

by John Terpstra

Most artists have to find the balance between their creative calling and putting food on the table. The painter whose work you admire on a gallery wall may wait on tables at a diner five mornings a week. For the lucky ones, vocation and job may become a kind of call and response, where one flows through and enriches the other in unexpected ways.

John Terpstra maintains the difficult balance as a (mostly retired) cabinetmaker and carpenter. He is the author of many books of poetry and creative non-fiction, in which trees make a regular appearance. His work has won or been nominated for numerous local and national awards.

Saturday, 7:30pm, Nov. 30, 2024

**Supercrawl and the Creative Industry
in Hamilton — The Evolution**

by Tim Potocic

The creative industry in Hamilton has evolved as the city has cycled through awareness of the importance of culture on both the economy and the well-being of its citizens. This talk takes an inside look at changes in the arts in Hamilton over the last two decades in relation to music. A prime example is Hamilton's free music and arts festival, Supercrawl, plus music-based event spaces and other festivals and opportunities for emerging talent.

Tim Potocic is owner and president of Hamilton's Sonic Unyon Records, which was the organizing force behind Supercrawl. A long-time member and current chair of the Canadian Independent Music Association (CIMA), he has received awards both as a Hamilton Citizen of the Year and Entrepreneur of the Year.

**(Please note that there are two talks in
November and none in December.)**

Saturday, 7:30pm, Jan. 11, 2025

**Visiting Qausuittuq National Park in
the Canadian Arctic**

by Marlis Butcher

Marlis Butcher and her team were the first visitors to one of Canada's most remote national parks—Qausuittuq—located on Bathurst Island in the high Arctic. In this presentation, Ms. Butcher takes her audience along with her, virtually, on the group's expedition, experiencing what it's like to travel in Nunavut, visit Inuit communities, and discover one of the major objectives of Qausuittuq National Park: preserving the habitat of the endangered Perry Caribou.

Marlis Butcher is an environmental conservationist, author, and photographer. She is a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and of The Explorers Club, an international organization promoting field exploration.

Saturday, 7:30pm, Feb. 15, 2025

**Overcoming Orthographic Oddities in
English**

by Anna Moro

The mismatch between English spelling and pronunciation makes learning to read in English challenging, for both those who grow up speaking English and those who learn English as an additional language. The first half of this talk reviews some of the numerous reasons that gave rise to the complex orthography (spelling) of modern English. Then, after a brief journey through the linguistic history of English, Dr. Moro will present lessons learned over the past decade with regard to teaching reading and writing from an innovative, university-bridging program for English-language learners at McMaster University.

Dr. Anna Moro is Associate Professor of Linguistics, Associate Director of the ARiEAL Research Centre, and founding Director of the English Language Development (MELD) program, all at McMaster. She has led numerous initiatives for undergraduate students and has been recognized for her teaching and education mentorship.

Saturday, 7:30pm, Mar. 1, 2025

The Picture of Aging in Canada: What Does the Evidence Show?

by Parminder Raina

The age structure of Canada's population is shifting higher, consistent with a global trend, as people live longer and birthrates decline. People over 100 years old are in fact the fastest growing age group in the country. Health researchers are interested in asking what can be done at individual and societal levels to add to the number of healthy years and improve the quality of living for older adults.

The Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) is a major national study that, starting in 2010, follows approximately 50,000 adult volunteers aged between 45 and 85 over an approximately 20-year period.

Dr. Parminder Raina, a professor in the Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence, and Impact at McMaster University, and lead principal investigator of the CLSA, describes some of its important findings.

Saturday, 7:30pm, April 5, 2025

Rebalancing the Story of Canadian Art

by Sarah Milroy

Through her work at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Executive Director and Chief Curator Sarah Milroy has found new ways to think about the legendary icons of Canadian art and expanded the narrative of Canadian and Indigenous art today. Ms. Milroy will take us through those changes and invite us to think with her about what it means to be the "Home to the Art of Canada".

Before joining the McMichael, Sarah Milroy served as editor and publisher of *Canadian Art* magazine and, from 2000 to 2011, as chief art critic of the *Globe and Mail* newspaper. She was appointed a Member of the Order of Canada in 2020.

Information about the **Annual General Meeting** and an **HPO-HAALSA music talk** will be emailed to those on our e-Contacts list and posted on the HAALSA website when available.

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The Hamilton Association, one of the oldest non-profit cultural organizations in Canada, has encouraged the advancement of knowledge in the community through free public lectures and support for local arts and science for more than 150 years, and also sponsors the following awards for teens in the Hamilton area.

The Maitland Banting Silver Quill and Young Poet Awards

- awards of up to \$250 each for short fiction and poetry by teenage entrants in the Hamilton Public Library's Power of the Pen competition. Entry information at: <https://teens.hpl.ca/power-pen>

Young Musician Award

- a \$250 award for musicianship, interpretation, and excellence in performance. Administered by the Dundas Valley Orchestra, this award includes the opportunity to perform at a DVO concert. Entry information at: <https://dundasvalleyorchestra.ca>

da Vinci Science Fair Award

- one or more awards of up to \$250 for students competing in the Bay Area Science and Engineering Fair. Entry information at: <https://www.basef.ca>

Information about past award winners can be found in the Awards section on the HAALSA website.

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