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## President's Report Autumn 2017

This year's CSHPS conference was one of the most engaging and may have been the largest ever held. Our hosts at Ryerson University and the Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities did a great job, but the real work for CSHPS was done closer to home, by our own Program Committee, Delia Gavrus (Chair), Robert Brain and François Claveau, and our Local Arrangements Coordinator, Jennifer Hubbard. Thank you Delia, Bob and François, and Jennifer, for doing so much to make the meeting a resounding success!

Among the highlights at this year's meeting were our International Speaker, Simon Schaffer, who delivered a fascinating paper on "The Silent Trade: Measurement and Materiality in Cultures of Knowledge," and our Stillman Drake Lecturer, Gordon McOuat, who revealed the important place that India has in twentieth century biology in "J.B.S. Haldane's Passage to India: Cosmopolitanism and the Reconfiguration of Knowledge." Both of these papers, in their own ways, were emblematic of the great shifts taking place in the history and philosophy of science, which are in every sense becoming more and more global in their outlook and practice.

Planning is already well under way for the 2018 meeting, to be held at the University of Regina. The call for papers will come out later this fall and I encourage all CSHPS members to consider submitting an abstract. The CSHPS meetings always attract historians and

philosophers of science working at all levels—from graduate students presenting their first conference paper to senior scholars at the pinnacle of their profession, and it is a friendly meeting. Anyone who has experienced Saskatchewan hospitality knows that we can expect the 2018 meeting to be a most welcoming and lively conference.

On a different note, some of you already know that the Canadian Philosophical Association has decided not to participate in Congress in Regina and will instead hold its 2018 annual meeting in Montreal. At this point the CPA considers this "an experiment" and plans to return to Congress in 2019 in Vancouver. But as CSHPS members know, experiments can have significant unintended consequences. Given the limited travel funds available to most of us, very limited in the case of graduate students, philosophers of science will be pressed into choosing to attend either the Regina or the Montreal meeting. For many, many years the CPA and CSHPS meetings have overlapped at Congress to avoid precisely such problems and to encourage joint sessions, attendance at both meetings and the countless other interactions that can make Congress so worthwhile. I would very strongly encourage all CPA members in CSHPS to let the CPA leadership know your views and concerns, whatever they may be, on this matter.

Ernie Hamm  
President, CSHPS

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## Editors' Message

Welcome to the summer 2017 issue of Communiqué, the inaugural issue of incoming co-editor Jaipreet Virdi. In this issue you'll find the meeting minutes and reports from the 2017 Annual General Meeting, an announcement about the Maggie Osler Memorial Scholarship and several job postings. We're looking forward to continuing the Career Corner and launching new initiatives that better serves the all-digital format of Communiqué--so keep yourselves posted for announcements and updates! Don't forget to send in your professional updates for the next issue.

Happy reading!  
*Jaipreet and Vincent*

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# SCHPS/GSHPS

## 2017 Annual General Meeting

Société Canadienne d'histoire et de philosophie des sciences  
 Canadian Society for the History and Philosophy of Science

### AGENDA

#### Ryerson University, 29 May 2017

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Minutes of Last Meeting
3. 2018 Meeting at University of Regina
4. President's Report
5. Hadden Prize Award
6. Constitutional Review
7. Secretary's Report & Treasurer's Report
8. Programme Committee Report
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13. Other Business

\*\*Please note that the minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting can be found in Communiqué 94 on the CSHPS website at [www.cshps.ca](http://www.cshps.ca)\*\*

### CSHPS Annual General Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Julie Clauss, Jagdish Hatiangadi, Margaret Schabas, Lesley Cormack, Jessey Wright, Sheldon Richmond, Jennifer Hubbard, Anthony Nairn, Tara Abraham, Allan Olley, Kristen Schranz, Melissa Charenko, Conor Burns, Delia Gavrus, Andrew Ede, Vincent Guillen, Paul Patton, Kathleen Okruhlik, Mark Solovey, Ian Stewart, François Claveau, Michelle Hoffman, Mike Thicke, Agnes Bolinska, Eleanor Louson, Isaac Record, Andrea C. Valente, Erich Weidenhammer, Pauline Launay, Sandra Menenteau, Doreen Fraser, Greg Good, Drew Danielle Belsky, Ernie Hamm.

CSHPS President Ernie Hamm calls meeting to order (12:05 pm)

#### **1. Approval of Agenda:**

Kathleen Okruhlik MOVES to approve; Lesley Cormack: Second; Approval of agenda PASSES.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes of 2016 AGM**

Lesley Cormack MOVES to approve; Tara Abraham: Second; Approval of 2016 AGM minutes PASSES

#### **3. 2018 Meeting at University of Regina**

Yvonne Petry, local arrangements coordinator for the 2018 Meeting at University of Regina, provided a brief power point promo presentation about the meeting.

#### **4. President's Report [Ernie Hamm]**

Ernie (EH) thanks Yvonne for presentation on U Regina; next specifically thanks past President Lesley Cormack, members of the Programme Committee (especially Chair, Delia Gavrus), Jennifer Hubbard (Local Arrangements Coordinator for current meeting), Conor Burns (Sec-Treas and local arrangements help), and Sarah Jane Irvine (student helper)

EH next brings up some issues for HPS/STS stemming from the recent presentation of Canada's Fundamental Science Review (aka, "The Naylor Report"),

convened in 2016 and submitted to the Government of Canada on 10 April 2017. [Note: details about the Review's expert panel, the Report itself, and an executive summary may be found here: <http://www.sciencereview.ca/eic/site/059.nsf/eng/home>]

- o The upshot of the Report is a call for increased funding to and coordination between the various agencies (NSRC, SSHRC, CIHR ad CFI)

- o Thanks to Lesley Cormack and others who made submissions to the Expert Panel

- o A major question is what impact these recommendations will have for funding HPS/STS related research; HPS/STS research will always need advocates with funding bodies (funding bodies never quite sure what to do with these projects, especially if they do not have immediately obvious policy implications; mentions example of CIHR and issues in funding humanistic studies of medicine)

- o EH asks for any questions about Naylor Report. There are none.

## 5. Presentation of Hadden Prize [EH]

EH presents Hadden Prize to Kristine Palmieri (University of Chicago) for her paper, "Max Müller's Objection to Darwin on Language: Beyond Science versus Religion." For her prize, Kristine has chosen to receive Baker and Gibbs, ed., *Life Forms in the Thinking of the Long Eighteenth Century*.

## 6. Constitutional review [EH]

Every five years, the CSHPS constitution is subject to a review by committee, some of whose members will come from the CSHPS Executive. EH asks for additional volunteers. Nobody volunteers. EH says CSHPS exec will be in touch with people to find another member for the review committee.

## 7. Secretary & Treasurer Reports [Conor Burns; cf. Reports]

Conor [CB] reports that everything is good in terms of membership numbers and finances. Mentions that at 2016 AGM, CSHPS passed a motion to increase the conference registration fee by \$5 (to help offset costs

of printing meeting programmes); this was not implemented for 2017, but will be in place for 2018.

Jennifer Hubbard MOVES to approve the Secretary's Report; Mark Solovey: Second; Motion PASSES.

Ernie Hamm MOVES to approve the Treasurer's Report; Delia Gavrus: Second; Motion PASSES.

## 8. Programme Committee Report [Delia Gavrus, cf. Report]

## 9. Nominating Committee Report [Tara Abraham, cf. Report & Addendum]

Tara Abraham [TA] reports that there are three remaining vacancies to be filled (one additional Programme Committee member; Nominating Committee member; Website/Listserv manager). Asks for volunteers/nominations from the floor.

Allan Olley volunteers to be Website/Listserv Manager.

Delia Gavrus volunteers for Nominating Committee.

Unanimous assent from the membership present for both, so Allan and Delia will be added to these positions.

There remains one vacancy on the Programme Committee.

Ernie Hamm MOVES to approve the Nominating Committee Report, with Alan and Delia's names now added; Jennifer Hubbard: Second; Motion PASSES unanimously.

## 10. Communiqué Report [Vincent Guillen; cf. Report]

Vincent [VG] reminds the audience that Communiqué is now fully electronic; Jaipreet Virdi will take on role of co-editor as Ellie Louson steps down. VG thanks Ellie for all her work.

## 11. Social Media & Website/Listserv Reports [El-

## lie Louson & Isaac Record; cf. Reports]

Ellie [EL] mentions that live tweeting has been going well, lots of interest and activity there; she suggests changing the Society's Facebook group to a "page" that is open, as not much activity is happening with the group. Some discussion follows; there seems to be general assent to this idea.

Isaac [IR] asks to get in touch soon for any changes to be made to website/listserv; will coordinate with Allan Olley as Allan takes over this position.

## 12. IUHPST (International Union for History and Philosophy of Science and Technology) [Lesley Cormack]

Lesley [LC] gives a brief description of this organization for those who may not know about it, mainly as a call for CSHPS members to get involved. Some of what LC had to say:

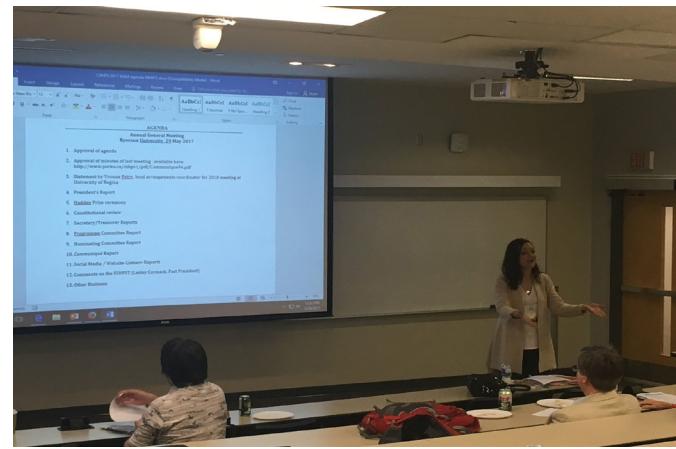
- o IUHPST contains two division, one for HST, the other "Methodology, Logic, and Philosophy of Science and Technology"; these divisions alternate meetings every two years; IUHPST belongs to the United Nations ICSU (International Council of Scientific Unions), who contact us every year for information on work our members have been doing. Lesley thanks everybody who has gotten back to her promptly with this information.

- o LC mentions an upcoming merger of the ICSU with its sister body CIPSH (International Council for Philosophy and the Human Sciences), something for us to be alert to.

- o Next meeting of IUHPST will be in Rio de Janeiro, 23-9 July 2017.

- o Most important parts of the IUHPST are its constituent disciplinary commissions, which interact regularly and are good forums for CSHPS members to be involved in.

Last, LC mentions that IUHPST had provided a strong endorsement of the Central European University to support it as legislation by the Government of Hungary threatened its continuing existence.



*Delia Gavrus thanking the Program Committee and CSHPS Executive. Photo by Ellie Louson.*

## 13. Other business

Kristine Palmieri reminds everyone that the upcoming HSS meeting will be in Toronto.

No other business.

## 14. Meeting Adjourned

Kathleen Okruhlik MOVES to adjourn meeting; Isaac Record: Second; PASSES; meeting adjourned.



*Ernie Hamm congratulating Kristine Palmieri (Chicago) on receiving the Hadden Prize for her paper, "Friedrich Max Muller's Objection to Darwin on Language Beyond Science and Religion," Photo by Ellie Louson.*

## 2017 Secretary's Report

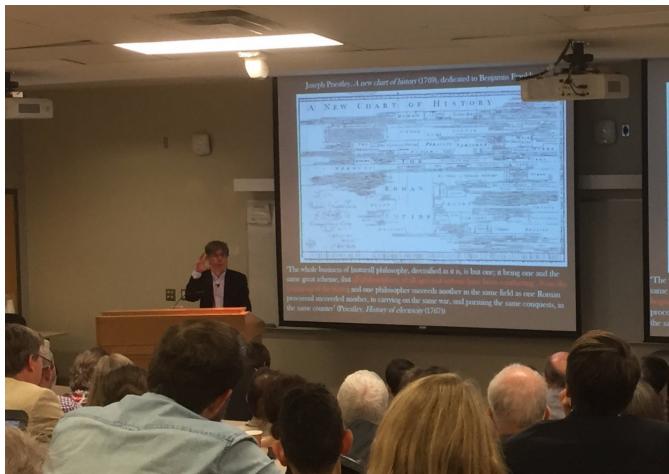
Here's the breakdown on our memberships for 2017 as of 25 May 2017.

Membership category	Number
Regular	75
Student/Retired/Underemployed	74
Regular + Affiliated CSHPM	2
Student/Retired + CSHPM	3
CSHPM Affiliated	27
Honorary	1
Total	182

Total membership numbers from previous years with location of meeting: 2016 – 185 (Calgary); 2015 – 128 (Ottawa); 2014 – 149 (Brock); 2013 – 155 (Victoria); 2012 – 161 (Laurier/Waterloo); 2011 – 146 (UNB); 2010 – 147 (Concordia); 2009 – 120 (Carleton); 2008 – 139 (UBC); 2007 – 103 (Saskatchewan).

We again received from CFHSS a “Funding for International Activities” grant in the amount of \$1000 that will help cover international speaker costs, and an “Aid for Interdisciplinary Sessions” grant to help fund our joint session with CSHM. Many thanks to those who donated to our Student Travel Fund.

Respectfully,  
*Conor Burns*  
 Secretary-Treasurer



Simon Schaffer delivering the CSHPS keynote, “The Silent Trade: Measurement & Materiality in Cultures of Knowledge.” Photo by [Dan Falk](#).

## 2017 Treasurer's Report

Financial Statement June 2016-May 2017  
Ryerson University

<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>39,750.48</u>
<u>Credits</u>	
<u>Membership dues</u>	<u>5314.04</u>
<u>Includes donations to Student Travel Fund (</u>	<u>195.00)</u>
<u>CFHSS (Congress reimburse 2016)</u>	<u>1094.88</u>
<u>CFHSS Funding for International Activities grant</u>	<u>1000.00</u>
<u>CFHSS Aid for Interdisciplinary Sessions grant</u>	<u>1000.00</u>
<u>Total credits</u>	<u>+ 8408.92</u>
<u>Debits</u>	
<u>Travel reimbursements, Calgary (students &amp; Sec Treas)</u>	<u>2627.62</u>
<u>AGM food &amp; beverage (Calgary)</u>	<u>434.35</u>
<u>Distinguished international speaker travel reimburse/ honorarium</u>	<u>1176.11</u>
<u>Interdisciplinary session travel reimbursements for speakers</u>	<u>1000.00</u>
<u>Drake speaker travel reimburse</u>	<u>595.93</u>
<u>Drake dinner</u>	<u>108.12</u>
<u>Honoraria for student helpers during meeting</u>	<u>600.00</u>
<u>CFHSS Dues</u>	<u>1632.15</u>
<u>Web domain name fee</u>	<u>63.14</u>
<u>Total Debits</u>	<u>- 8,237.42</u>
<u>Net</u>	<u>39,921.98</u>

### **5-Year Running Balance**

May	2012	27,008.87
May	2013	29,941.64
May	2014	31,961.12
May	2015	35,852.43
May	2016	39,750.48

Respectfully,

*Conor Burns*  
Secretary-Treasurer

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## **2017 CSHPS Programme Committee Report**

May 23rd, 2017

### *Programme Committee*

Delia Gavrus (University of Winnipeg),  
Chair François Claveau (Université de Sherbrooke)  
Robert Brain (University of British Columbia)

### *Local Arrangements*

Jennifer Hubbard (Ryerson University)

### **Programme**

For the 2017 CSHPS annual meeting in Toronto, the Programme Committee received 129 individual abstracts and 15 panel submissions (of 3 or 4 papers each). Although we budgeted for 4 concurrent sessions over the course of 3 full days, we were not able to accommodate all deserving submissions. After several cancellations, the final programme includes a total of 150 presentations scheduled in 47 sessions. One session was jointly organized (by the two chairs of the societies) with the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine (CSHM). The Programme also includes the Drake lecture, which will be given by Gordon McOuat (University of King's College), and the International Keynote lecture by Simon Schaffer (University of Cambridge). We applied for and received funding from Congress for the international speaker and for the joint session, both of which are open to the public.

In terms of scheduling, the committee put together 3 and 4 paper sessions. We tried to run most of the 4-paper sessions concurrently, in order to ac-

commodate audience members' movement between panels. The session time-slots and scheduling of the keynote lectures were maintained from last year.

The Programme Committee is pleased with the wide range of scholarship that is represented in the programme. Using the lists of history/philosophy of science societies and listservs created last year, we reached out to a broad audience with our call for papers. We also emailed posters to academic departments across Canada. As a result, we think the programme displays a nice balance between history and philosophy, covers a very wide range of topics and time-periods, and includes speakers at different stages in their academic careers and from all over the world. Given the theme of Congress this year – The Next 150: On Indigenous Lands – we are particularly pleased that we have sessions dedicated to Indigenous histories and Canadian history of science.

### **Hadden Prize**

The Program Committee received 10 excellent submissions for the Hadden Prize. The Prize was awarded to Kristine Palmieri (University of Chicago) for her paper entitled "Friedrich Max Müller's Objection to Darwin on Language: Beyond Science versus Religion."

The members of the Program Committee would like to express their gratitude to CSHPS President Ernie Hamm (York University) and former President Lesley Cormack (University of Alberta) for their invaluable help and advice; to Jennifer Hubbard (Ryerson University) for her outstanding work with local arrangements; to Conor Burns, Treasurer (Ryerson University) for ably handling all the correspondence related to registration and membership; to Eleanor Louson (York University) and Vincent Guillin (UQAM) for their help and input; to Isaac Record (Michigan State) for updating the CSHPS website; and to Donna LeLièvre, Congress Administrative Officer & Registrar (Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences) for her assistance. We also thank all speakers, chairs, session organizers, and CSHPS members for their continued support of our society and for participating in the annual meeting.

*Delia Gavrus*  
Chair CSHPS 2017 Program Committee

## Nominating Committee Report

Annual General Meeting  
Ryerson University, May 2017

We have sought and obtained the agreement of the following members of the society to stand for election to the following positions at this Annual General Meeting.

1st Vice President:  
Alan Richardson (UBC) to 2019

2nd Vice President: Tara Abraham (Guleph) to 2019  
(nomination by the Executive Committee)

Program Committee:  
François Claveau (Sherbrooke), *chair*, 2nd term  
to 2018  
Andrew Ede (Alberta) to 2018  
VACANT to 2018

Local Arrangements:  
Yvonne Petry (Regina) to 2018

Advisory Board:  
Carla Nappi (UBC) to 2019  
Jeffrey Wiglesworth (Red Deer College) to 2019

Nominating Committee:  
VACANT to 2020

Communiqué Co-Editor:  
Jaipreet Virdee to 2020

Website/Listerv Manager  
VACANT to 2020

**For information only:**  
The following members will continue in the offices they currently occupy, as per the terms of their previous election.

President:  
Ernie Hamm (York) to 2019

Past President:

Lesley Cormack (Alberta) to 2019

Advisory Board:  
Aryn Martin (York) to 2018  
Laurence Monnais (Université de Montréal) to 2018  
Gordon McOuat (King's College) to 2019  
Eric Desjardins (Western) to 2019

Secretary-Treasurer:  
Conor Burns (Ryerson) to 2018

Nominating Committee:  
Pierre-Olivier Méthot (Université Laval) to 2018

Communiqué Editor:  
Vincent Philippe Guillain (UQÀM) to 2019  
(2nd term)

Respectfully submitted,  
*Tara Abraham*  
*Pierre-Olivier Méthot*

## Nominating Committee Report Addendum

Annual General Meeting  
Ryerson University, May 2017

During the 2017 Annual General Meeting, Delia Gavrus volunteered for the vacant Nominating Committee position, and Allan Olley volunteered for the vacant Website/Listerv Manager position. Both were elected by unanimous consent by members present at the meeting.

Subsequent to the AGM, Jennifer Hubbard volunteered for the remaining vacancy on the Programme Committee, and will stand for official election at the 2018 Annual General Meeting.

## 2017 Communiqué Report

Following the decision made at the last AGM, 2017 has seen Communiqué become fully electronic, with two digital versions of the summer/winter issues be-

ing distributed via email and posted on the CSHPS website. Paper copies of the conference program and abstracts, which used to be included in the Spring issue, will now be made available at registration during the annual conference.

Such a change was timely, both because it drastically reduces printing costs (only one paper copy is needed for the CSHPS archives) and because it proves an efficient way of dealing with last minute additions, corrections, etc.

In terms of content, Ellie and I have tried to enrich the pages of Communiqué with interviews of colleagues, reports of conferences, etc., in addition to the traditional staple of institutional and individual announcements it contains. In the future, efforts will be made to reach a wider circle of members and give more visibility to their achievements and projects.

Finally, we are glad to announce that Jaipreet Virdi (Brock) will be the new co-editor of Communiqué for a first term, running to 2020. Both personally and on behalf of CSHPS, I would also like to express my thanks to Eleanor Louson for her outstanding contribution to the management and transformation of Communiqué during her term as co-editor: most of what has been achieved in the last three years is due to her sense of initiative and dedication.

Respectfully,  
*Vincent Guillen*  
 on behalf of the Communiqué co-editors

## CSHPS Social Media Report

May 20th, 2017

Our Twitter account [@CSHPSnews](https://twitter.com/CSHPSnews) is active and its reach continues to trickle upwards. We have 178 followers (up 55 from last year) with good interactions and engagement from the HPS community (individuals, institutions, and conferences). I try to tweet out notices from the listserv weekly, as well as any relevant news and events that I see in our Twitter feed.

Live-tweeting took off during the 2016 conference, with 17 faculty and grad students using the [#CSHPS](https://twitter.com/hashtag/CSHPS) hashtag to send ~170 tweets about presentations, the conference schedule, and our events (the AGM and keynotes) including some great pictures. These tweets can be found on the Twitter website by searching for [#CSHPS](https://twitter.com/hashtag/CSHPS). I expect that our members will maintain or increase this engagement at the 2017 conference using the same [#CSHPS](https://twitter.com/hashtag/CSHPS) hashtag. The programme includes a notice about live-tweeting and how speakers can opt out of being live-tweeted or photographed by asking their session chair to make an announcement.

The [Facebook group](https://www.facebook.com/groups/CSHPS/) has 67 members but is not nearly as active; it's not as good a venue for posting individual notices week to week. I post our CSHPS news and updates, which amounts to a post every few months. There is very little member engagement in this group but we do have some interactions with other societies and relevant conferences. One important exception is that posts increase leading up to our conference, including logistical notices and questions from members. Because the group is fairly inactive and mainly used for one-way communication, we should consider converting it to a Facebook "page" for CSHPS which anyone can "like" to follow our news, rather than a "group" that members need to join.

Respectfully,

*Ellie Louson*  
 Social Media Coordinator

## Announcements

Jamil Ragep (Canada Research Chair in the History of Science in Islamic Societies, McGill University) informs us that McGill has granted permanent centre status to the McGill Centre for Islam and Science. For information on the Centre, please see: <http://www.islam-and-science.org/about/>

## Job Openings / Ouvertures de poste

### Assistant Lecturer in the Physical Sciences. York University, Division of Natural Science, Faculty of Science

The Division of Natural Science invites applications for a tenure-track, alternate stream (teaching-focused) Assistant Lecturer appointment to commence July 1, 2018.

The Division of Natural Science is a unit within the Department of Science & Technology Studies in the Faculty of Science that specializes in developing and delivering high quality undergraduate general education science courses to non-science university students. We are seeking candidates with a PhD in a Physical Science to teach Natural Science courses, with a strong preference for those also able to teach courses in the Department of Chemistry. The applicant must be interested in a teaching-focused position, and should have experience teaching science to university-level non-science students.

The candidate should demonstrate excellence or the promise of excellence in teaching; a dedication to using sound pedagogical techniques (including evidence-based strategies); and a strong interest in pedagogical development. Experience with different delivery formats (e.g., lecture, blended, online), teaching classes of varying sizes, and effective utilization of undergraduate laboratories are assets. Pedagogical innovation in high priority areas such as experiential education and technology enhanced learning is an asset.

For further information regarding the Division of Natural Science please see [natsci.info.yorku.ca](http://natsci.info.yorku.ca); for the Department of Chemistry, see [chemistry.info.yorku.ca](http://chemistry.info.yorku.ca). Inquiries regarding the position should be sent to Julie Clark, Director of the Division of Natural Science, at [jclarkj@yorku.ca](mailto:jclarkj@yorku.ca)

All positions at York University are subject to budgetary approval. York University is an Affirmative Action

(AA) employer and strongly values diversity, including gender and sexual diversity, within its community. The AA Program, which applies to Aboriginal people, visible minorities, people with disabilities, and women, can be found at [www.yorku.ca/acadjobs](http://www.yorku.ca/acadjobs) or by calling the AA office at 416-736-5713. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and permanent residents will be given priority.

Deadline of receipt of complete applications is December 4, 2017. Applicants must arrange for three signed letters of reference to be sent directly to the address below. Complete applications will also include: a curriculum vitae, a teaching dossier (including a statement of teaching philosophy), and a summary of publications (if applicable), and a summary of relevant activities sent to Chair, Natural Science Search Committee, Division of Natural Science, 218 Bethune College, York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M3J 1P3, Email: [stsadmin@yorku.ca](mailto:stsadmin@yorku.ca). Applicants wishing to self-identify can do so by downloading, completing and submitting the form found at: <http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/>

### Assistant Professor, Science and Technology Studies. York University, Department of Science and Technology Studies, Faculty of Science

The Department of Science & Technology Studies (STS) at York University invites applications for a tenure-stream appointment in STS at the Assistant Professor level, to commence July 1, 2018.

We are seeking candidates with teaching and research strengths in contemporary issues in STS preferably in one or more of the following topics: big data; environment and climate change; genomics and genomic technologies; science & technology policy and politics; and science & technology in the Global South. The successful candidate will teach undergraduate courses in our STS program, as well as in our Natural Science curriculum (a General Education program for non-Science majors). The candidate must be suitable for prompt appointment to the Faculty of Graduate

Studies to facilitate teaching and supervision in the Graduate Program in STS.

Candidates must have a PhD in STS, or in a related field, and will show excellence or promise of excellence in teaching and in their scholarly research and publications. Pedagogical innovation in high priority areas such as experiential education and technology enhanced learning is an asset. Demonstrated commitment to program development, community engagement, or professional leadership are valued assets.

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The deadline for receipt of completed applications is December 4, 2017. Complete applications include a letter of application with an up-to-date curriculum vitae, a statement of research and teaching interests, three current letters of reference (at least one letter should address teaching), and teaching evaluations. Inquiries regarding the position should be addressed to Prof Kenton Kroker at [stschair@yorku.ca](mailto:stschair@yorku.ca). Applications are to be sent to STS Search Committee, Department of Science and Technology Studies, 218 Norman Bethune College, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M3J 1P3, Email: [stsadmin@yorku.ca](mailto:stsadmin@yorku.ca). Applicants wishing to self-identify can do so by downloading, completing and submitting the form found at: <http://acadjobs.info.yorku.ca/>.

## Funding Opportunities/ Offre de financement

## Hewton and Griffin Funding Awards to Support Archival Research in 2018

The Friends of the Archives at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), dedicated to the history of Canadian psychiatry, mental health and addiction, have established two endowment funds. These funds annually provide funding in memory of their late colleagues, Ms. E.M. (Lil) Hewton and Dr. J.D.M. (Jack) Griffin, O.C.

The purpose of these funding awards is to provide financial assistance to students, and others not necessarily associated with an academic institution, who propose to undertake archival research on an aspect of the history of mental health or addiction in Canada. The FOCA board at its discretion may approve awards to a maximum of \$2,500 each.

There is no application form. Candidates are invited to submit a letter of intent not exceeding 500 words, together with a budget and résumé, not later than November 30, 2017. These research awards are conditional on the recipients agreeing to submit progress reports within one year, and a final report including a financial synopsis within two years of receiving their financial allocation.

For examples of archival research projects (formerly "Bursaries") previously awarded, please refer to that feature as included in the SPRING editions of our past years' Newsletters, indexed at: [http://www.camh.ca/en/education/about/services/camh\\_library/Pages/guide\\_friends\\_archives.aspx](http://www.camh.ca/en/education/about/services/camh_library/Pages/guide_friends_archives.aspx)

To apply for a 2018 award, please submit an application by the November 30, 2017 deadline to:

Sydney Jones – President, Friends of the Archives  
CAMH, 1001 Queen Street West

Toronto, Ontario M6J 1H4

Please note that electronic submissions are preferred:

John.Court@camh.ca



### **Maggie Osler Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship has been created in the name of Dr. Margaret "Maggie" J. Osler to honour her work and her 35-year contribution to the Department of History. It is given annually to the highest-achieving student in areas of Maggie's intellectual, teaching and research interests.

After graduating from Swarthmore College in 1963, Maggie went on to study under Richard S. Westfall in the Department and Philosophy of Science at Indiana University, where she obtained her Ph.D. in 1968. In 1975, she found her permanent academic home in Calgary. Among the many subjects that she studied, seventeenth-century French natural philosopher Pierre Gassendi remained at the core of her scholarship. She is remembered by her colleagues and students as an internationally known scholar devoted to excellence in the course of her teaching, actively involved in academic life until her death on September 15, 2010.

Award details: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/registrar/node/18504>

You can contribute to the scholarship online or contact:  
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## Conferences /Calls for Papers Conférences / Appels à contributions

### John Austin Society Conference Series

The John Austin Society for the History of Medicine and Science at Queen's University has an excellent list of speakers for its regular 5-30 pm meetings on the third Thursdays of months during the academic year. Visitors are welcome. For details please see: [http://post.queensu.ca/~forsdyke/john\\_austin\\_society.htm](http://post.queensu.ca/~forsdyke/john_austin_society.htm)

### Philosophy of machine learning: knowledge and causality

Workshop Date and Location:  
March 17-18, 2018; University of California, Irvine.

The recent rapid development in machine learning has opened up unprecedented possibilities in analyzing and predicting diverse phenomena. However, there has been a shortage of philosophical reflections on the nature of this practice from both philosophical and machine learning communities. This workshop aims to bring together philosophers of science, statisticians, and machine learning practitioners to share insights from different communities. The purpose is to introduce workshop participants to a diverse collection of perspectives and methodologies in the hope of engendering further interdisciplinary thinking.

Submission deadline: January 15th, 2018  
Notification date: February 15th, 2018

Length and format: we accept abstracts that are less than 2 pages long. Please prepare your submissions for blind review (i.e., prepare a title page with contact information; remove author's name and affiliated institution from the body of the content.)

How to submit: please email pdf files to [philmachinelearning18@gmail.com](mailto:philmachinelearning18@gmail.com)

Website: [philmachinelearning.wordpress.com](http://philmachinelearning.wordpress.com)

## Science Teaching in Pre-modern Contexts

Workshop Date and Location:  
May 24-26, 2018; McGill University, Montreal.

This workshop will be the last in a series of workshops dealing with the general theme of science teaching in Islam (<http://www.islam-and-science.org/projects/>). It is part of our ongoing collaborative project entitled “Science teaching in pre-modern and modern Islamic societies: pedagogical approaches in religious, institutional, and geographical contexts” funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, with additional funding from 3 partner institutions: The Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (Berlin), University of California (Berkeley), and Medeniyet University (Istanbul).

For further information, please contact Dr. Sally Ragep: [sally.ragep@mcgill.ca](mailto:sally.ragep@mcgill.ca)

## Notices / Nouvelles

J. J. MacIntosh (Department of Philosophy, University of Calgary) attended the ANZAMEMS (Australia and New Zealand Association for Medieval and Early Modern Studies) conference in Wellington, February, 2017, and gave a paper (“Conflict and Change in the Notion of Demonstration”) in a session with Catherine Abou-Nemeh (Victoria University, Wellington) and Peter Anstey (University of Sydney). As might be expected the papers by Abou-Nemeh (“Opening the King’s Body: Autopsy and Anatomy in Early Modern Paris”) and Anstey (“John Locke on Measurement”) were excellent. The mathematician and logician, John Crossley (Monash), whom some members of CSHPS may know, was also there and read an interesting paper on, effectively, the history of mathematics and of music: “A sense of proportion: Jacobus de Ispania and the problem of semitones.” It was a pleasure to interact with all three.

## Hypatia Petition

Ari Belenkiy has a petition in favour of commemorat-

ing Hypatia of Alexandria on the date of the vernal equinox.

The first female astronomer, Hypatia of Alexandria, lived as a saint and died as a martyr of Science. In the latter role she precedes Galileo and Giordano Bruno. I propose remembering Hypatia annually on the day of the vernal equinox, since her last days were dedicated to finding the exact time for it. By Alexandria local time, the vernal equinox in the years 2016-2050 falls on the same date as in 415 – March 20 – the ideal date in our era to commemorate the first female astronomer.

<https://www.change.org/p/canada-s-parliament-commemorating-the-first-female-astronomer-hypatia-of-alexandria>

## Reminders from the Website & Listserv Manager

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