Senior College Notification : March, 2019

This is a summary of the activities at Senior College. Please visit our website http://www.seniorcollege.utoronto.ca to obtain fuller details, to register for events and keep abreast of our activities. You should be receiving email notices about each of our events as they occur with links for registration.

You can also send enquiries and information to Vennese Croasdaile at senior.college@utoronto.ca.

1. The weekly Wednesday talks have resumed. Each takes place in the Faculty Club in the afternoon, 2-4 pm. Come early, and have lunch with other members of Senior College. Watch your email for an announcement and registration form.

February 27: George Sawa and Alpharabi (Musical diversity)

March 6: Greig Henderson (Creating legal worlds: Culture of Argument)

March 13: Jeffrey Rosenthal (Puzzle of luck)

March 20: Derek Paul, Peter Russell, Tony Key (An ecological economy)

March 27: Michael Hutcheon (Lung transplantation)

2. The next limited-enrolment colloquium will occur on Thursday, March 28 at 2 pm., at the Senior College Centre, 256 McCaul Street. Participants, having read some literature in advance, will meet to discuss the selected topic. The topic is: "Is suicide ever justified?"

Registration is required.

3. Mark your calendar!

There will be an excursion to Osgoode Hall on Tuesday, March 19 open to Fellows. A mailing has just been sent out. Please register promptly as enrolment is restricted to 20.

The annual symposium will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019. The topic is "Thinking and feeling: how do they interact?"

This year's meeting of CURAC, the national retirees' association, will be at the University of Guelph from Wednesday, May 22 to Friday, May 24.

Stay tuned for further details.

4. Senior College Annual
Fellows and Members: have you sent a list your publications, achievements and honours for 2018 to headquarters for inclusion in the Senior College Annual? The deadline is March 31. Detailed information was sent out on January 21; contact Vennese Croasdaile at senior.college@utoronto.ca for a copy of the note.

5. The new Universities Pension Plan has been approved by the employees of the Universities of Toronto and Guelph and Queen’s University. A communication will be sent to retirees who will have an opportunity to register an objection. However, for this group, everything will continue exactly as before.

6. Visual Arts project: Request for photographic entries by Fellows/Members that display topics and images of general interest.

Those interested in photography can submit images on a memory stick and the images will be displayed as a sequence on the computer screen at the time of the Wednesday talks. Peter Alberti, who is coordinating the Visual Arts efforts, can be contacted at pwa@alberti.ca.

7. External events of interest

(a) Tuesday, March 5: 6-8 pm Goldring Centre, 100 Devonshire Place admission free

Presentation on optimizing nutrition through exercise https://kpe.utoronto.ca/academics-research/conferences-seminars-sympos

(b) Wednesday, March 6: 11:15 am - 1:10 pm Desautels Hall, Rotman, 105 St. George St. $32 + HST

Presentation by Carl Honore entitled "Bolder: making the most of our longer lives" (includes book) http://www.rotman.utoronto.ca/ProfessionalDevelopment/Events/UpcomingEvents/20190306CarlHonore

[A little frivolity this month. 54 is an interesting number in both official languages. It is written in English as "fifty-four" where the number of letters 5 and 4 in the two words indicate the two digits. In French, it is "cinquante quatre" where the number of letters 9 and 6 in the two words multiply to give 54. Numbers with the latter property have a name: fortuitous numbers. I do not know whether in English there are smaller fortuitous numbers than 84672 which is written "Eighty-four thousand, six hundred, seventy-two". The number of letters in the words are respectively 6, 4, 8, 3, 7, 7, 3. The product of all of these is 84672. Who comes up with this stuff?]