Senior College Notification: September, 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 Wednesday talks are getting an early start this year. If you plan to attend, please be sure to register.

September 11; Douglas Gibson: Great Scots (Canada’s fiction writers and their links to Scotland)
https://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/event/sc-talks-great-scots--september-11-2019

Additional talks will follow on September 18 and September 25.

2. Senior College Book Club for Fellows and External Fellows. Organized by David Milne, this will meet once a month at 256 McCaul Street to discuss books that participants will have read in advance. Advanced registration is necessary. Information is available at https://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/events/book-club

The inaugural meeting is on Thursday, September 5 (2-4 pm) for discussion of the book Yuval Noah Harari - Sapiens: a brief history of humankind

The following meeting will be on Tuesday, October 1, when the group discusses Bill McKibbon - Falter: has the human game begun to play itself out?

To register for September 5 and October 1
https://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/event/fellows-and-external-fellows-only/

3. The 2018 issue of the Senior College Annual is now available; it lists honours and publications of our membership. You can access it here: https://seniorcollege.utoronto.ca/publications/senior-scholars-annual/

4. Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario: You may be aware of a proposal from HEQCO to claw back pension earnings from retirees also receiving a salary. UTFA and OCUFA has both made submissions to this body arguing against various proposals for "renewal" and cost containment advanced by the government. Now OCUFA thinks the organization should be wrapped up. You can see its argument on the front page of the website at www.ocufa.on.ca. Click on the August 20 report: "Without a president, a mandate, or the trust of sector stakeholders, now is the time to shut down HEQCO."

5. UTSC Oral History Project: Christine Berkowitz of the UTSC Department of Historical and Cultural Studies/History is looking for individuals who have been associated with the Scarborough Campus to be interviewed. Contact her at chris.berkowitz@utoronto.ca.