Monday morning brings Mike Daley’s *Introduction to Folk Music* while Friday morning promises a multi-speaker series with urban planning experts Ken Greenberg and Paul Bedford.

On Friday afternoon Tim Nau entices with *The Medieval Present*. Monday afternoon is our popular Discussion Group where topics (chosen, researched and presented by members) can be timely or timeless.

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

*By Marilyn Linton*

A great poet once said that anyone who stops learning is old – be they 23 or 83. Whatever the age, we at Later Life Learning are connected by a love of learning that fuels our desire to attend class rain, snow or shine. Our members, people with an insatiable curiosity, share a unique learning experience -- one based at Innis College.

With our new Winter program upon us, we happily welcome returning members and warmly greet those who are new to LLL. It’s an exciting time to be at Innis: Our Fall courses quickly filled and offered members an exciting look at (and listen to) everything from great musical performances to the science of archeology, and America in the post-war era. This past Fall, LLL also joined Innis students in welcoming a new Principal, Charlie Keil -- a devoted fan of LLL!

This term’s offerings are sure to warm, no matter the weather.

Putting this all together requires enormous work from a significant number of volunteers busy behind the scenes brainstorming program ideas, readying the Town Hall for each lecture, and raising student scholarship funds. Dozens also work upfront in everything from registration to supporting speakers and pouring coffee. I thank them all for their continual commitment and hard work and, on behalf of the LLL Board of Directors, wish everyone a happy and healthy 2016.

See you at Innis!
LLL MEMBERS AROUND INNIS
[Clockwise from upper-left] 1 Barbara & Martin Buckspan with Yager Buckspan, 2 Ingrid Paquette, Mary Jane McKeen & David Greenglass, 3 Fran Brooks & Rose Rotenberg, 4 Speaker Peter Harris talking with an LLL member, 5 Monday morning coffee volunteers, 6 Phyllis & Joseph Nefsky, 7 Past Principal Janet Paterson receiving an honourary Town Hall seat from LLL at the 2015 AGM, 8 Speaker Rick Phillips, 9 Joan York & Peter Webb, 10 Kathy Freeman, Virginia Gies, Norma Weins & Pat Reynolds attending a book launch at Innis College
SPOTLIGHT ON PRINCIPAL CHARLIE KEIL

Remarks from Innis College’s Eighth Principal

One of the great pleasures of my first term as Innis College Principal was the opportunity it provided me to meet with members of the Later Life Learning community. I had many invigorating (and, oftentimes, humorous) conversations with members during coffee time, though I knew enough to not allow those conversations to intrude upon the business of learning. Once the lecture is set to begin, nothing else can compete! Meeting with the LLL Board and its enterprising President, Marilyn Linton, has encouraged me to believe that LLL and Innis College can work toward further strengthening our connections. As you know, based in part on feedback from LLL members, I have already been looking into how we might improve accessibility and wayfinding at Innis — improvements that will have a direct impact on your ability to enjoy your time at the College. Marilyn and I will continue to explore other possibilities for collaboration between LLL and Innis in the future. Enjoy the term.

Right: Principal Keil with LLL President, Marilyn Linton, at the Principal’s Installation Ceremony on October 13, 2015. Photography by Alice Xue.

Charlie Keil is a Professor in the History Department and past Director of the Cinema Studies Institute. He has been teaching at the University of Toronto for over 20 years. Professor Keil received his BA from the University of Toronto and his MA and PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Professor Keil is a scholar of early cinema, particularly the pivotal ‘transitional era’ of the 1910s, and has pioneered the study of the period in such books as Early American Cinema in Transition; American Cinema’s Transitional Era (co-edited with Shelley Stamp); and American Cinema of the 1910s (co-edited with Ben Singer). He has also published on documentary, contemporary cinema, authorship, and stardom.

Currently, Professor Keil is editing an anthology on D.W. Griffith, co-editing an anthology on editing and special effects, and completing research on a history of the origins of Hollywood.
A CONVERSATION WITH MARY JANE MCKEEN

Innis College student, Teodora Pasca, recently sat down with LLL Board Member, Mary Jane McKeen, to discuss her passion for lifelong learning, community engagement, and living life to the fullest.

[Teodora] How did you first get involved with LLL?
[Mary Jane] I had just retired, and I always enjoyed learning. A friend told me, “Put your name on the waiting list, and whatever course they offer — take it!” It was Astronomy, which I love. I really enjoyed it, and that was 8 years ago. Today, as Facilities Chair, I am responsible for organizing Town Hall for our lectures. I arrange seating. I am the liaison with AV. I arrive an hour before Town Hall opens to set up for the volunteers and the reserved seating before the members come in.

[T] Can you tell me more about your personal commitment to lifelong learning, and volunteering with LLL?
[MJ] The saying at home that I grew up with was, “There’s always enough for one more. There’s always something to learn.”

Community involvement began when I was really young. I volunteered at church. I volunteered at a school for the blind. Since I’ve retired, I’ve gotten even more involved. You know, my parents sacrificed a lot for my sister and I when we were young. So, when I retired it was really important to find a way to give back for that gift. Being involved in LLL is continuing a legacy that my parents left to my sister and I: Always give back. You’re never too busy to do those things.

Being the Facilities Chair is a big commitment, but I love it.

[T] What advice would you give Innis College students?
[MJ] Work hard, aim high, but keep your eyes and ears open as some of your greatest learning will not be from books!

[T] What would you say is your favourite part of the position?
[MJ] I think saying, “Good morning! How are you today?” — welcoming everyone. The other best part is the enthusiasm, the buzz of conversation, and that people are always eager, eager to learn. I’m amazed! Age is no barrier to learning [laughs].

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Teodora Pasca is a second year Innis College student studying Criminology and Ethics, Society & Law. Teodora is the Community Outreach Director on the Innis College Student Society, and she is a recipient of an LLL Scholarship.
HYEHWANG KIM
A second year Synthetic and Catalytic Chemistry student

“Chemistry has been my love for many years, and I plan on taking all the depth of knowledge and the Immense research opportunities that the University of Toronto has to become the world-class researcher I've always wanted to be.

With your support, I can further use the enormous research opportunities at this university, and study under incredibly talented professors.

I am truly honoured by your support in me. Thank you.”

MADELINE LAMANNA
A third year Psychology and Health Studies student

“Going to university is expensive; this award helps my family and I pay for my education. Also, this award is acknowledgment of my hard work and dedication to my studies.

My goals as a student can be fulfilled with the financial aid and motivation this award gives me.

I am very thankful to be chosen to receive this award. I would like to give my sincerest thanks to those people who have made it possible for me to receive this reward.”

LUCY LIU
A fourth year Life Sciences student

“This is my final year in university, and I just want to say thank you so much for this generous award, which helps to relieve some of my tuition burden allowing me to focus better in school.”
I will never forget what you have done for my undergraduate career. I'm applying for medical school this year, and hope to become a family doctor in the future. I also hope to volunteer for Doctors Without Borders someday.”

ALISHA STRANGES
A third year Women & Gender Studies, Sexual Diversity Studies, and Drama student

“Upon graduation, I hope to earn a Master's degree in Couple and Family Therapy, which I believe will equip me with the necessary skills to provide one-on-one counselling in any future roles as a teaching artist and youth program coordinator.

This scholarship helps me to maintain a dedicated focus on my schooling.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the tremendous support that this fund provides me.”

WAYS OF GIVING

Innis College is committed to offering tomorrow’s leaders a first-class education and student experience. The College takes great pride in its high academic standards, vibrant and interactive community, and supportive counselling and academic services—all of which play an integral role in preparing Innis students for their future. Your support ensures that Innis College will continue to provide opportunities for all students - no matter what their financial situation. Tuition alone does not cover the cost of educating a student; however, projects like the Annual Fund and the LLL scholarship program, provide critical funding needed to support the College’s top priorities including merit-based awards, need-based scholarships, special program and curriculum development, and the student experience.

Your gift, no matter what size, will make an impact on every student – current, future and past. There are many ways to demonstrate your support of Innis College and our students: LLL scholarships support nearly 30 students per year; an undesignated gift to the Annual Fund will be directed to the greatest priority at the College. You can also choose to leave a lasting legacy on Innis and its students through a gift by will, known as a bequest. »
For more information on bequests and planned giving and on other ways to make a gift to Innis College, please contact Ennis BLENTIC, Associate Director, Advancement at 416-978-3424 or ENNIS.BLENTIC@UTORONTO.CA.

MESSAGE BOARD

Thank you to the LLL members that gave so generously during our fall Week of Thanks and Appreciation. We raised $4000 in support of Innis College. We will be hosting our annual Week of Giving on Friday, March 11 and Monday, March 14.

All LLL members are invited to the many film screenings, book launches, and special events that are hosted by Innis College. A calendar of upcoming events is posted here: ALUMNI.INNIS.UTORONTO.CA/EVENTS

Check out an article showcasing LLL in the recently published Innis Alumni & Friends Magazine: ALUMNI.INNIS.UTORONTO.CA/MAGAZINE

LLL IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!
If you would like to be a volunteer please contact JUDITH at FRMESSAGES@ROGERS.COM.

Wondering if the University is closed due to inclement weather? Call the SNOW LINE at 416-978-SNOW (7669)

Share your comments and ideas for the LLL & Innis Bulletin by contacting 416-978-3424 or ALUMNI.INNIS@UTORONTO.CA.

LLL members, Kathy & Lorne Freeman (top) and Don & Merle McMurray (bottom), pose for portraits at a special “seat holders” reception celebrating their generous donations toward the Town Hall revitalization. Photography by Alice Xue.