

### New Members:

**Celeste York's** career has spanned both the K-12 and post secondary fields. She has served in a variety of settings as a classroom teacher, principal, supervisor, sessional lecturer, and director of education /CEO of a school division. Having formally retired, she is currently doing consulting work, as well as pursuing personal interests and supporting causes related to mentorship, brain research, prairie history, the arts, historic and heritage properties, sustainable communities and water security.

### Dr. Heather Phipps

successfully defended her PhD at McGill University on November 23, 2016. Her dissertation, *Children Speaking to Children: Multimodal Engagements with Contemporary Canadian Picture Books in French Classrooms* is an ethnographic study situated in a public primary school in urban Montreal. Her study highlights the ways in which children engage and respond to both the words and images in diverse Canadian literature, and how they reflect on their own lived experiences in relation to the picture books

### Annual General Meeting and Dinner

**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 12  
 Reception 5:00 p.m.  
 AGM 5:30 p.m.  
 Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
 Speaker 7:30

**WHERE:** University Club at the U. of R.

**SPEAKER:** Timothy Long, Head Curator, MacKenzie Art Gallery  
 Topic: "What a curator does and what inspired him"

**FEE:** Members \$25.00; Guests \$35

**RSVP** Linda Paul at <paulal@uregina.ca> or 306-585-0988  
 By Friday April 7

### Message from the URWC President

Alison Hayford

University of Regina Women has encountered some changes and challenges in the past year, and we need to think about our future and purpose. URWomen started out as a service organization, focused on helping wives of new faculty—few women were hired as faculty before the 1980s—adjust to Regina and to life as adjuncts of the University. Over time, membership broadened beyond faculty wives and the focus of the group shifted to social events. The main activities of URWomen in recent years have involved the various interest groups and two or three URWomen events in each year. The interest groups remain strong and 2016-17 saw the establishment of some new groups: a third book club, a cinema group, a cercle francais. The fall welcome back reception was well attended and as usual, URWomen served at the Fall Convocation reception and will serve again in June. But some problems have also arisen. For a number of years URWomen has shared a fall event with the Canadian Federation of University Women, with each group taking charge of organizing an event in alternate years. In the fall of 2016, CFUW decided to disband. While URWomen offered membership to CFUW members, none took us up on the offer. URWomen membership has remained fairly stable over several years, and we have been happy that several younger faculty and staff from

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**Linda Winkler** retired from the Dr. John Library.

**Dr. Anna-Leah King** is an Assistant Professor of Indigenous Education.

**Motions to be discussed at the AGM April 12:**

1. That the fee for membership in University of Regina Women be increased from \$20 to \$30.
2. That University of Regina Women amend the criteria for membership to include all alumnae (female graduates) of the University of Regina.

the University have joined the group. But stability also means that the group's membership is static, and only about half of what it was in earlier times. While the new interest groups have created a space for new members to participate, and some have been organized at times that better suit the needs of people still in the labour force, the fact remains that much of the membership consists of older women. Static membership numbers have some real consequences; for example, over the past few years, despite the generosity of our members we have not received enough donations to fully fund the URWomen bursary we award to an undergraduate woman each year. It is also true that the circumstances that shaped the creation of URWomen over 50 years ago are no longer the circumstances of women associated with the University today, which indicates that it is important to think about the group's purposes. Over the past few months, the URWomen Executive has discussed general issues around the purpose of the organization and its potential for rejuvenation. We plan to bring some specific issues and proposals to the membership for discussion. One question is whether the group should shift, at least in part, from a focus on social groups and events to some kind of broader service to the University and/or to the larger community. I will welcome any comments and suggestions from members about how URWomen should move forward.

**Membership**

As of March 2017, our membership consists of 56 paid members and three honorary members.

The fees are used to offset the cost of events, pay for materials, and add to the bursary if necessary.

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Membership Convenor  
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**URW Executive:**

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## Interest Groups

We have four new interest groups – a Walking Club #2 and Book Club#3 on weekends, a French conversation group and a Movie Night group. There's something for everyone!

### Walking Club #1

Join us on Tuesday mornings at 9.30 a.m. (or on a day and time of the group's choice), gathering in the parking lot at the Willow Restaurant. For more information, please contact Judith Conlan at 306-585-0239.

### Weekend Walking Club #2

This walking group will meet on Sunday for a walk in different locations chosen by the members. Contact Charlotte Baril at <[chbaril4@gmail.com](mailto:chbaril4@gmail.com)> or 306-546-2635

### Book Club #2

We meet at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. Members take turns hosting/co-hosting, and presenting the book we have read. Contact Tatiana at [tatiana.levit@uregina.ca](mailto:tatiana.levit@uregina.ca) or 306-337-8455.

### Book Club #3

This new club meets on Sunday 2 p.m. monthly. Contact person is Janet Listoe at [janet.listoe@uregina.ca](mailto:janet.listoe@uregina.ca) or 306-585-4596.

**Curling Club:** Curling starts in mid-October and beginners are welcome! We play Wednesday afternoons, starting at 1:15. A curling clinic is provided for new or rusty players. Experienced players are also welcomed with joy. Contact Linda Paul at 306-585-0988 or [paulal@uregina.ca](mailto:paulal@uregina.ca) (Oct.) for more information.

### Gourmet Cooking Club

This group of women meets monthly for dinner and lively conversation. Meals are planned to reflect either the cuisine of a particular culture or a special theme. Members work in pairs, each pair hosting one evening during the year. On all other evenings, they enjoy being guests. For information or to register interest in this group, contact Barbara de Vlieger at 306-586-2714 or by e-mail at [barbara.devlieger@uregina.ca](mailto:barbara.devlieger@uregina.ca) (This interest group is at capacity, but perhaps a second group could be formed if there is enough reason and a volunteer coordinator.

### Le Cercle Francais

This is a French language conversation club for members who wish to socialize in a friendly, French-speaking atmosphere. To join, contact Alison Hayford at [Alison.hayford@uregina.ca](mailto:Alison.hayford@uregina.ca) or 306-352-0253.

### Movie Night Club

We will meet once a month, possibly Tuesday evening, at a cinema (i.e. Rainbow Cinema), and then casually discuss it over coffee. Contact is Alison at [alison.hayford@uregina.ca](mailto:alison.hayford@uregina.ca) or 306-352-0253.

### Culinary Explorers

This group samples different Regina restaurants once each month. This event usually takes place at 6:15 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to Lise Lundlie, at 306-586-1085 or [llundlie@myaccess.ca](mailto:llundlie@myaccess.ca) at least 3 days before each restaurant outing takes place.

### Mixed Bridge Group

If you enjoy playing bridge, come out to the Mixed Bridge Group. This is open to both couples and pairs of ladies. The bridge group meets once a month in the homes of individual members. Contact Susan McLaren at 306-525-0058 or [susanmclaren2007@yahoo.ca](mailto:susanmclaren2007@yahoo.ca) for more information.

### Book Club #1

We meet at 7:00 a.m. on the third Monday of each month for great food, coffee and conversation. New members welcome. Convened by Sara Cryderman at [saracryderman@sasktel.net](mailto:saracryderman@sasktel.net) or 306-585-6503.

## University of Regina Women – Bursaries and Awards

The honoree for the **2016 bursary** was **Dr. Joan Roy**. She was a former high school teacher in Montreal and a Clinical Psychologist for school boards in Ontario and Manitoba before taking ten years off to be a full-time mom while maintaining a limited private practice. She joined the Psychology Department at the University of Regina in 1988, from which she retired in 2001. Joan has been an active member of U of R Women since her retirement and has held several positions on the executive including that of president in 2004 and 2005. Joan asked that the 2016 bursary be granted to a second-year female student in Psychology (Arts). That person was **Berkley Peterson**.

The honoree for the **2017 bursary** is **Samira (Samy) McCarthy**. She was Professor of English at Campion College, University of Regina, for 41 years, from 1968 until her retirement in 2009. Aside from teaching, she also served in administration at Campion, as Assistant Dean from 1995-2001, and Academic Dean from 2002-2009. Prior to joining the Campion faculty, she taught in secondary schools in the Philippines, in New York city, and in Regina, for a total of 5 years.

Born in the Philippines, she completed her undergraduate degrees at the Ateneo de Davao, a Jesuit college in her home town, and her graduate work at Fordham University in New York city. She has lived in Regina since 1966, and travels frequently to visit her 3 children and 7 grandchildren, in Montreal and in Sydney, N.S. She joined the Faculty Wives organization in 1966, as the UofR Women was then called, but ceased to be an active member after three years, as teaching and motherhood took most of her time. She rejoined as an active member in 2009, and now serves on the Executive of the organization.

It is not surprising that she has selected English as the discipline for the 2017 U of R Women's Bursary, as it is the study of literature for which she has been most passionate all her life. As per university policy, the bursary went to an undergraduate student with a minimum of 53 credit hours (2 years) completed.

Members who wish to make a donation toward the bursary for 2017 can do so by attending the Welcome Back event in September or by sending a cheque made out to the University of Regina and sent to the U of R Women's treasurer, **Catherine Arthur-MacDonald at 73 Culliton Crescent, Regina, S4S 4J5** **before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017.** The university will send you a tax-deductible receipt.

The URW Executive is open to recommendations for an honoree for 2018. The honoree should have been a member of URW for a number of years and made a contribution to our club in a special way. Please Send your nomination to Alison Hayford by November 20. Contact her at [Alison.Hayford@uregina.ca](mailto:Alison.Hayford@uregina.ca) or 306-352-0263.

Thanks to all of our members who have contributed to the University of Regina Women's bursaries. Your continued support is appreciated.