FACULTY OF ARTS
Minutes of Meeting
September 27, 2016
Robert Vogel Council Room

Attendance: As per Faculty Appendix Book.

Documents: A-15-23 A-16-1 to A-16-6

Order
Dean Maioni introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.

Dean Maioni pointed out that this was her first Faculty meeting as dean and took the opportunity to thank Interim Dean Meadwell for his service over the last year. The Dean also thanked everyone for their encouragement and support since becoming the dean. Dean Maioni said that she has been busy these past couple of months meeting all the Chairs and Directors across the faculty as well as meeting the administrative/support staff and welcoming new and returning students to the Faculty of Arts.

Dean Maioni thanked the new Chairs and Directors of 2016-17 for taking on this task as well as thanking the new coordinating Chairs in the Arts Service Centres: Professors C. Le Bourdais (Sociology; Leacock 2 ASC), D. Davies (Philosophy; Leacock 1 ASC); J. Jouve-Martin (688 Sherbrooke ASC); and, T. Ponech (Arts-Ferrier ASC).

Resolution on the death of Professor Lucia Benaquisto
101.1 Professor Le Bourdais (Sociology) presented the following resolution:

“I rise today to announce with great sadness that on 23 June 2016 after a difficult and courageous 11-year battle against a rare form of cancer, Lucia Benaquisto, associate professor of sociology, passed away in Plattsburgh, New York.

Lucia Benaquisto was born in Schenectady, New York to an Italian immigrant family, the second of three daughters. Upon graduation from high school in 1971, she went to work for the State government. She then enrolled at SUNY Albany and graduated summa cum laude in 1980. Lucia undertook her graduate education in sociology at Harvard University from where she obtained her doctorate. Both Lucia Benaquisto and her husband, Steve Rytina, were appointed to tenure-track positions in McGill’s Department of Sociology in 1989.

In addition to publishing articles and holding research grants, Lucia was the co-author of the most successful Canadian text in social research methods with its fourth edition scheduled to appear this year.
In a department graced with good teachers, Lucia was among the best, able to move seamlessly between large lecture halls and small seminar rooms teaching deviance, social control, and criminology as well as research methods. She had a special talent for qualitative inquiry. In addition, and notwithstanding the onset of her cancer, Lucia always demonstrated a particular predilection for mentoring students. She supervised more than 40 thesis projects for students at all levels. In view of her extraordinary teaching record the Department of Sociology, with the enthusiastic support of her many students, nominated her for the 2006 Principal’s Prize for Excellence in Teaching.

When traditional treatments for her cancer became ineffective, Lucia was able to put her research talents to good use. She discovered a more promising treatment pioneered by European doctors, which was not available in Canada but which she was able to receive in New Jersey. Lucia convinced the Montreal General Hospital of the McGill University Health Centre to obtain authorization to use the drug in Canada. As a consequence of her efforts, patients suffering from this form of the disease now have access to a vastly improved treatment protocol.

Her colleagues will always remember fondly her smile, her wit, her wonderful sense of humour, her down-to-earth manner, her collegiality, and her love of Christmas, especially carolling. She will be missed, but not forgotten.

On behalf of the Department of Sociology [and the Faculty of Arts], I extend my condolences to Prof Steve Rytina (retired), Lucia’s sisters, Christine and Patrice, and the wider family. I ask that Senate do likewise.”

101.2 Dean Maioni noted that the resolution was unanimously accepted and said that the Faculty would forward a copy of the resolution to the family.

Agenda
102.1 Professor Jouve-Martín moved approval of the agenda, seconded by Professor Galaty. Carried.

Announcements
103.1 Dean Maioni welcomed the new staff members that have joined the Faculty. The Chairs and Directors (or their delegates) introduced their colleagues. Members were invited to read the biographies of their new colleagues on the Arts main web page (the biographies are appended to these minutes as Appendix A).

Dean Maioni conveyed the regrets of both Professor N. Trocmé (Director, School of Social Work) and Professor C. Blackstock. The Dean then read the biography of Professor C. Blackstock.

Dean Maioni also read a biography of the new Director of the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada (MISC), Dr. A. Potter.
103.2 The Dean thanked the Chairs and Directors (and delegates) for providing the very interesting introductions and welcomed the new staff members present. Faculty applauded.

103.3 Dean Maioni reported that there were still three vacancies on the Arts Nominating Committee. The Dean said that a second Supplemental Call for Nominations will be circulated shortly and encouraged members to urge their colleagues to consider being nominated.

103.4 This concluded the Announcements.

Seating of Student Members

104.1 Dean Maioni welcomed the students to the meeting and thanked them for the time and effort they will be devoting to the Faculty. The list of student representatives on Faculty committees for 2016-2017 was approved. The Dean recognized Ms. Becky Goldberg, the new President of the Arts Undergraduate Society. Dean Maioni thanked Ms. Goldberg for taking on this important portfolio.

Award Presentation

The Rita and Charles Bronfman Award for Excellence in Teaching

105.1 Professor Potter (Director, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada) announced that the winner of the Rita and Charles Bronfman Award for Excellence in Teaching for 2015-2016 was Mr. Kit Dobson of the McGill Institute for the Student of Canada.

105.2 Professor Potter noted that Mr. Dobson was not able to attend the meeting as he had returned to Calgary. He then read the following citation:

“The Rita and Charles Bronfman Award for Excellence in Teaching was established in 2012 by Heather Munro-Blum and Leonard Solomon-Blum to honour the two individuals named in its title. The award is given based on student evaluations of a course offered within the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada.

The 2015-2016 recipient of the Award is Kit Dobson, the 2016 winter Eakin Fellow at MISC. Dr. Dobson is an Associate Professor in the Department of English at Mount-Royal University. His research interests span Canadian literature, film, and art; cultural and critical theory; questions of social justice; and pedagogy and the university. Among his current research projects is a book-length study of malls, consumerism, and shopping as a practice of everyday life, an examination that encompasses Canadian literature, art, and film. He is also researching the impacts of neoliberal modes of governance upon cultural expression and understanding in Canada and beyond.

Kit’s dedication, hard work, organization and passion provided students with a better understanding of key currents in the ways in which consumption and consumerism are generated from specific historical and cultural practices in Canada.

I could quote widely from student evaluations in order to confirm his excellence."
As one student noted that “Prof. Dobson is a great professor - he engages with his students and is always helpful. A wonderful professor and a wonderful person.” Others spoke of his insight, his skill in handling discussion of difficult issues, and his resolute fairness.

We believe that Kit Dobson embodies the excellence to which the title of this Award refers and we are very happy to make him the recipient of this award for 2015-2016.”

Faculty applauded.

105.3 Dean Maioni congratulated Mr. Dobson and thanked Professor Potter for presenting the citation.

Minutes of Faculty of April 12, 2016

106.1 Professor Everett (Langue et littérature françaises) moved approval of the minutes, seconded by Professor Meadwell (Political Science). Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

107.1 There was no business arising.

Members’ Question Period

108.1 No questions were submitted.

Report on the Actions of Senate - Senate meetings of April 20, 2016 and May 11, 2016

109.1 Dean Maioni noted that the report for the Senate meeting held on May 11th was available to read at: http://www.mcgill.ca/arts/facultystaff/facultymeetings/faculty-meetings-restricted

109.2 With no questions raised about the report, the Dean thanked Senator Bartlett for the report. The Dean pointed out that the report for the meeting held on April 20th would be posted on the web shortly.

Detailed minutes of Senate meetings can be found at: http://www.mcgill.ca/senate/senate-2016-2017.

Report of the Dean

110.1 The Dean reported on the following items:

- Thanks to the efforts of Interim Dean Meadwell the Faculty was still in an important era of renewal with fifteen new faculty members being hired: congratulations and welcome! There are currently eight new licenses that have been issued for the departments and schools in the Faculty, plus a joint position between IGSF and
social science, as well as a joint position between Political Science and the MSE. There are two outstanding searches (Economics and Political Science) from last year, as well as a replacement search in Religious Studies.

- The Dean took the opportunity to welcome colleagues from the School of Religious Studies, as this was the first formal Faculty meeting that members of the School would be attending. Welcome and bienvenue!

Part of the process of integration into the Faculty involves the search for a new Director of the School of Religious Studies. The search was underway and it was hoped to have a short list of applicants in the very near future.

- The other major search is for the Director of the New School of Public Policy, which will be named the Max Bell School of Public Policy. An Inter-Faculty Working Group has been set up to help guide the first steps of the School. This working group has robust representation from Arts as well as a member from each faculty across the University. The wide representation on the working group is important because it will provide interfaculty cooperation right from the start in establishing the School and in its future. The working group will also bring input into the search committee process. An executive search firm was now in the process of conducting that search and the internal McGill search committee will be up and running soon.

The timing of the Max Bell School of Public Policy launch was still expected to be in 2017. The search process for new hires will likely begin next fall; with the first cohort of the Master of Public Policy program to begin in September 2018.

- The other major initiative of the University that will impact the Faculty of Arts was the Provost’s Task Force on Indigenous Studies and Indigenous Education that was launched last week. Former Interim Dean Hudson Meadwell will be part of the team led by the Provost and former Dean Chris Manfredi.

Professor Meadwell explained that the work of the Task Force was to prepare a report to be submitted June 1, 2017. There are three co-chairs: Ms. Paige Isaac, Coordinator, First Peoples’ House; Professor Hudson Meadwell, Chair, Department of Political Science; and, Professor Angela Campbell, Associate Provost, Policies, Procedures and Equity. A website with details about the Task Force was up and running on the Provost’s web site. Full consultation activities will take place both internally and externally to the University. The Task Force has been mandated to develop strategies and recommendations to embed Indigeneity on campus and to strengthen collaboration with Indigenous communities. A number of working groups were now being struck. The focus of the working groups will be: physical representation and symbolic recognition; student recruitment and retention; academic programs and curriculum; research and academic complement; and institutionalization and staffing.

Professor Meadwell concluded by saying that there would be plenty of opportunities to engage with the Task Force as well as various kinds of forums taking place on campus.
Another member of the Faculty of Arts has been selected for an administrative position: Professor Phil Oxhorn, former Director of the Institute for International Development Studies has a new position as Associate Provost (International).

The Faculty was now in the first year of the contract for sessional course lecturers. While Chairs and Directors can post descriptions of courses at their discretion, the collective contract and creation of a priority pool means that there are some limits on the choice of instructor. The Faculty will be soliciting requests from chairs and directors for course exclusions for winter term shortly, but the numbers for this year are very limited. So the rationale for exclusion must therefore be quite explicit.

In the category of other difficult news, the Faculty can expect another few years of budget compressions, particularly in the finances for administrative and clerical staff. This will be an ongoing challenging for the Faculty.

On a positive note: the Arts Development Office has a major fundraising campaign in progress for the following areas: Arts Internship Office; on-going support of graduate fellowships, and Postdocs (including Mellon Awards). Also, the Director Ms. Debbie Dankoff will be putting into place a more regularized process to help units get support from the Arts Development Office so that the Faculty can have coherence in its fundraising strategies across departments, schools, institutions and research centres.

On an even more positive note:
Félicitations à Professeure Isabelle Daunais (Département de langue et littérature françaises) qui reçoit le Prix Killam 2016 en sciences humaines. Congratulations to Professor Isabelle Daunais (Département de langue et littérature françaises) who has won the 2016 Killam Prize in the Humanities.

Thomas Lamarre (East Asian Studies) has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Charmaine Nelson (AHCS) has been named a Member of the Royal Society of Canada’s College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists.

Jessica Coon (Linguistics) awarded the Principal’s Prize for Outstanding Emerging Scholars.

Finally, note recent retirements this past year:

**Faculty Academic Members:**
Kathleen Sibbald – Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (August 31 2016)
Michael Loft – School of Social Work (May 31 2016)
Steve Rytina – Sociology Department (May 31 2016)
Enrica Quaroni – Languages, Literatures, and Cultures (May 31 0216)

**Support Staff:** Sylvia Markhauser Crawford – History & Classical Studies Department

Thanks to all of them for their years of service. Merci à tous.

110.2 This concluded the Dean’s report.
Report of the Associate Deans
Academic Administration and Oversight

111.1 Associate Dean Lane-Mercier began by identifying the portfolios that she oversees: 1) Chair, Program Advisory Committee for the joint B.A.&Sc. program; 2) Chair, Humanities and Social Sciences Library Advisory Committee (HSSLAC); 3) Co-Chair, Curriculum Committee; and, 4) Space.

111.2 Curriculum Committee
Associate Dean Lane-Mercier said that the Faculty has been concerned for the past three to four years with the proliferation of programs which makes advising complicated and makes it difficult for students to navigate through the different program offerings. Another area of concern was the low enrolment in some programs as well as in some courses. The Curriculum Committee has monitored this by looking at statistics and the number of retirements versus the number of new proposals for courses and programs. The following are the statistics for 2015-16:
- Undergraduate Program retirements: 20 (mostly Minor Concentrations)
- Graduate Program retirements: 1
- Undergraduate New Programs proposed: 3
- Graduate New Programs proposed: 2

Summary: the Faculty has 17 less programs and have only added one new graduate program. It is important to continue revising or retiring programs with low enrolments or programs that seem outdated or need to be replaced with new programs.
- Undergraduate Course retirements: 31
- Graduate Course retirements: 14
- Undergraduate New Courses proposed: 51
- Graduate New Courses proposed: 24

Summary: not good news here with a net gain of 20 new undergraduate courses and 10 new graduate seminars. Enrolment figures after the add/drop period will be reviewed with the aim to try to understand trends of the last five to ten years and meeting with Chairs and Directors to discuss retirements that might be needed.

111.3 Space
Birks Building: there will be two phases of renovations to this beautiful building. The first phase has been approved by Teaching and Learning Services (TLS) that oversees the renovations of classrooms university-wide. Phase 1 renovations will be converting two small seminar rooms back into one large classroom and to compensate for the loss of the seminar space TLS has agreed to create two seminar rooms. Phase 2 will be to allow for the unused space of the Birks Building to be converted into classrooms, seminar rooms, and additional office space. Phase 2 will not be implemented for at least the next year and half. The new large classroom planned for Phase 1 should be ready for September 2017.

111.4 Arts 145 and 150: this renovation was announced last year and was now approved by TLS for funding for a conversion from two classrooms into one state of the art classroom. This will mean a loss of 40-50 seats to allow for equipment for an interactive setting. It will have 96 seats. It was hoped that the room will be ready for the winter term of 2018.
111.5 Ferrier Building: funding has now been made available for renovations to the first floor as well as the fourth floor. The first floor will be renovated to accommodate seven new academic offices and one 25 seat seminar room. On the fourth floor three new academic offices will be created as well as one 25 seat seminar room. The need for these new academics offices was due to the University selling the row houses on Peel Street and, as a result, the occupants must be relocated.

111.6 Terrace Project: this project has been on the books for deferred maintenance for approximately the last eight years. Major repairs are urgently required to the slab that the Leacock Building is on and a new membrane must be installed to reduce water infiltration. The work will begin in October or November in the basement area of the Leacock Building and should be fairly quiet work. The bad news is that in March jackhammering to the slab will begin. The good news is that Enrolment Services has been informed about this well in advanced and it is hoped that there will not be a last minute scramble to relocate courses etc. The work should be completed by October 2017.

111.7 McTavish Street: this is a City of Montreal project which has been very disruptive. This work will continue until the end of January. Enrolment Services has worked extremely hard to relocate as many of the smaller classrooms and seminar rooms. Discussions were ongoing about options for relocating the four large classrooms in Leacock but, it seems, for now instructors have chosen to remain in Leacock.

111.8 Royal Victoria Hospital Site: the purpose of this update was to make students and faculty aware of this endeavour. The University was considering acquiring the site of the Royal Victoria Hospital to address the significant space deficit that the University has been experiencing for many years. In September 2015 the Principal struck a Taskforce on the Academic Mission and Vision of the RVH Site. The Taskforce met from September 2015 to June 2016. A call was launched to the McGill community to submit expressions of interest of what the community would like to see housed in a renovated RVH site. Forty expressions of interests were received from various academic units, student groups, and one employee association. Of the expressions received the Taskforce decided that the proposals put forward by Sustainability Systems and by the Max Bell School of Public Policy were selected.

Moving forward, in partnership with the Quebec government, McGill was undertaking a detailed architectural study with the aim of determining whether the site would be appropriate and feasible for McGill’s usage. As a result, two working groups have been struck: a Working Group on the Sustainability Systems initiative and a Working Group on Public Policy which would include the Max Bell School of Public Policy as well as other units that work on public policy.

The Working Group on Public Policy has now identified, along with the Max Bell School of Public Policy, a number of other units that could be relocated from lower campus to the renovated RVH site. These units would be: the Max Bell School of Public Policy; the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada; the Institute for the Study of International Development; and approximately ten current research centres that focus on public policy (e.g. the Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship). These would be the units from Arts that would constitute the public policy cluster. In addition, there would be other units located in the RVH site from Medicine, the McGill School of Environment, and the Faculty of Law.
The process now was to determine the needs of the units identified in Arts to determine their space needs, teaching needs, office needs, student space needs etc.

111.9 Dean Maioni took the opportunity to recognize the work that Associate Dean Lane-Mercier has been doing on this very important initiative especially with the speed that she has had to deal with compiling information and preparing a report that must be completed by December in time for final approval. The Dean thanked the Associate Dean for her time and effort.

111.10 It was noted that, at a meeting held in the summer where the conversion of Arts 145 and 150 was announced, the general feeling of the attendees was that they were not happy with the process of this project. It was understood that the rooms were not up to code but this was clearly a theory-driven refurbishment. It was stated that some instructors simply do not need state of the art classrooms to teach. There was a complete lack of input on the decision to go forward with the project. It is a loss of two very good conveniently sized spaces in Arts.

In response, Associate Dean Lane-Mercier said that she understood the comments made and pointed out that there were many people in Arts that are very happy about the creation of yet another interactive classroom. It is a way of moving forward with technology and this was part of Teaching and Learning Services vision for the University. The loss of these two large classrooms will be compensated by the creation of classrooms in the Birks Building which have the less technology driven characteristics.

Research and Graduate Studies
111.11 Dean Maioni conveyed the regrets of Associate Dean Engle-Warnick and read the following report:

- Ms. Anna Piotrowska has been hired who was now responsible for grant support. Watch for announcements from this office about deadlines, receiving support for grant programs, and colleagues can always count on this office for help with this process as well as in writing support and feedback from that.
- The Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowships have now been posted and it should be noted that this year one of them is dedicated to Indigenous Studies in the Humanities.

Student Affairs
111.12 Dean Maioni conveyed the regrets of Associate Dean Lach. The Dean read Associate Dean Lach’s report (Appendix B, appended to these minutes).

111.13 Dean Maioni thanked the Associate Deans for the reports.

Report of the Nominating Committee
112.1 Dean Maioni moved approval of the Report of the Nominating Committee “en bloc” as outlined in document A-15-2, seconded by Professor Everett (Langue et littérature françaises). Carried.
Report of the Curriculum Committee

113.1 Associate Dean Lane-Mercier moved approval of the Report of the Curriculum Committee ‘en bloc’, seconded by Mr. E. Partridge.

The report contained the following proposals:

GEOGRAPHY
Geography - Program revisions:
- B.A. Minor in Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing CC-15-142C

Physics - Program revisions:

113.2 The motion carried.

Report of the Sexual Diversity Studies Program Committee

114.1 Dean Maioni deferred receipt of the annual report until the next meeting.

Report of the Women’s Studies Advisory Committee

115.1 Dean Maioni deferred receipt of the annual report until the next meeting.

Report of the International Development Studies Program Committee

116.1 Professor Laszlo (Economics) provided a brief overview of the annual report. The report was accepted. Dean Maioni thanked Professor Laszlo for presenting the report and for taking on the portfolio of Director of ISID.

Report of the Activities of the Arts Undergraduate Society

117.1 Mr. Partridge said that a detailed report was posted on the Faculty web page prior to the meeting and pointed out the following:
- Despite not being able to use their offices for two months as a result of the flood the executive was still able to get a lot of work done this summer.
- The President has been working hard to ensure that HR works well and is streamlined.
• The VP Academic has been working hard with Associate Dean Lach to ensure that students’ rights are well reported. The AUS released a student rights report form for students to be able to anonymously report any grievances they may have so that the VP Academic can follow up with the professors. No forms have been submitted, as of yet. This was a good sign.
• FROSH was held and was the largest ever for the second year in a row.
• The VP Internal has been working very hard to ensure that spaces across campus are being used properly. The AUS has developed a new set of procedures for departmental associations to ensure that events are held responsibly, and that any university space is well respected.
• First-Year Arts Council (FEARC) has been appointed!

117.2 Dean Maioni thanked Mr. Partridge for the report.

Report of the Graduate Students
118.1 There was no report.

Other Business
119.1 Dean Maioni took the opportunity to thank Interim Dean Meadwell for his stewardship of the Faculty over the past year.

Faculty applauded.

The Dean then invited members to gather in the lobby to enjoy the wine and cheese reception.

Adjournment
120.1 The meeting adjourned at 4:31 p.m.
APPENDIX A

2016-2017 NEW FACULTY

ART HISTORY AND COMMUNICATION STUDIES/EAST ASIAN STUDIES:
Jeehee Hong –

Research interests: ritual art, social location of the visual, materiality, agency in art, affect and emotion in art, dimensions of "the real" in art.

Jeehee Hong (PhD, University of Chicago) is Gretta Chambers Chair in East Asian Art History at McGill University, jointly appointed by Department of Art History & Communication Studies and Department of East Asian Studies. She is a specialist in the ritual art and visual cultures of middle-period China (9th-14th century CE). Her first book, Theater of the Dead: A Social Turn in Chinese Funerary Art, 1000–1400 (University of Hawai‘i Press, 2016), explores complex intersections of the visual, mortuary, and everyday worlds, and demonstrates a new phase in the conception of the netherworld and the practice of ancestral worship in China at the beginning of the second millennium. She is currently working on two topics; the first project investigates the ontological understanding of borders and boundaries in the ritual art of China before the late imperial times, and the second project engages the question of how traditional Chinese negotiated the complexity of emotions in the visual arts. In general, her research cuts across various mediums and formal categories of art, often inspired by cross-cultural phenomena in the visual world. Before coming to McGill, she was an assistant professor of East Asian art at Syracuse University.

ENGLISH:
Merve Emre -
Research Interests: Postwar American fiction, contemporary fiction, sociology of reading, institutional sociology
Merve Emre (PhD Yale) is an Assistant Professor in the English Department at McGill University. Her first book, Paraliterary: The Making of Bad Readers in Postwar America is forthcoming from the University of Chicago Press in Fall 2017. Her second book, What’s Your Type? The Secret History of Personality, is forthcoming from Doubleday (U.S.), Random House (CA), and HarperCollins (U.K.) in Winter 2018. She is the senior humanities editor at the Los Angeles Review of Books and co-editor of Post45 Peer Reviewed.


FRENCH LANGUAGE CENTRE:
Kevin Papin -
Research Interests: Didactic; intercultural relations; education to tolerance; immigrants’ awareness of sexual diversity in Quebec.
Kevin Papin has completed a master degree in France in Linguistics and Didactic (2011) and is a PhD student (University of Montreal). He has taught French in different universities, including university of Ottawa and University of Sherbrooke. He is a newly appointed Faculty Lecturer at the French Language Centre (FLC). He specialises in the integration of immigrants to Quebec’s society though the curriculum of *francisation*. In his current research, he seeks to evaluate how well governmental French learning programs in Quebec prepare new comers to integrate society and embrace its values. One focus of his research is the awareness and acceptance of sexual diversity, which can come as a cultural shock for some immigrants.

**HISTORY AND CLASSICAL STUDIES:**

Darian Marie Totten -
Research Interests: Classical and Medieval archaeology; Economic and social history of the Roman world; Roman Italy; rural landscapes; ancient ports and towns; ceramic studies; spatial theory; “connectivity”.

Darian Marie Totten (PhD Stanford University) is a Classical Archaeologist whose research focuses on the Roman Italy during the Imperial and Late Antique periods. Her current projects look specifically at South Italian contexts. The first is a book project, in which she explores the intersection of local, regional and Mediterranean-wide economic activity in southern Italy from the 1st c. BCE-6th c. CE. She does this by employing archaeological, epigraphic and literary evidence to identify and analyze patterns of economic and social connection in rural and urban contexts, so as to elaborate and explain southern Italy’s long-term internal experience and broader role within the context of the Rome’s imperial economy. Darian is also co-director of the *Salapia Exploration Project* with two Italian colleagues from the University of Foggia, a comprehensive survey and excavation program concerned with exploring both the landscapes of the Salpi Lagoon on the Adriatic Coast in northern Puglia, Italy from ancient times to the modern day. At present, they are excavating the site of Salapia, which offers specific evidence of economic, social and political life within a complex, materially and historically rich context. Originally a port center in the Roman and Late Antique periods and known also for its ample sea-salt production, Salapia was later reoccupied as a medieval castrum. This research has been generously funded by grants from the Archaeological Institute of America and the Loeb Classical Library Foundation. A fellow of the American Academy in Rome, Darian joins the McGill community after four years as an Assistant Professor of Classics at Davidson College. In Winter 2017, Darian will be a Fulbright scholar at the University of Foggia, where she will concentrate on book writing and research on Salapia.

**INSTITUTE OF ISLAMIC STUDIES:**

Aslıhan Gürbüzel -
Research Interests: History of the Ottoman Empire, Islamic Political Thought, Religious Movements to 1800, and Manuscript Studies.

Aslıhan Gürbüzel is an assistant professor of Ottoman history at the McGill Institute of Islamic Studies in Montreal. She completed her PhD in History and Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University in 2016, under the supervision of Cemal Kafadar. Currently she is working on her first book based on her PhD dissertation entitled “Teachers of the Public, Advisors to the Sultan: Preachers and the Rise of a Political Public Sphere in Early Modern Istanbul (1600-1670).”

**LANGUAGES, LITERATURES, AND CULTURES:**

Daniel Schwartz -
Daniel Schwartz is an Assistant Professor (special category) in Russian and German Cinemas in the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at McGill. His research focuses on the intersection of urban studies, Russian and German cinema, and sound studies. Currently, he is at work transforming his dissertation into a book. The project -- *City Symphonies 1913-1931: Sound, Politics, and Urbanism in the Russian and German Avant-Gardes* -- explores the relationship between audial practices and the composition of political communities in the works of figures such as Arseny Avraamov, Bertolt Brecht, Walter Ruttmann, and Dziga Vertov. Through both historical and textual analysis, he seeks to question the relationship between utopian conceptions and their use of everyday sounds, spaces, and practices as aesthetic materials.

**LINGUISTICS:**
Timothy J. O’Donnell -

Tim O’Donnell develops mathematical and computational models that aim to explain how languages strike a balance between the ability to creatively express new meanings, on one hand, and conservatively reuse existing words, idioms, and other constructions, on the other. The core idea is that language learners acquire a system of rules and stored items, which optimizes a tradeoff between a pressure to explain the input with the fewest, most general rules possible, and a countervailing pressure to predict specific, idiosyncratic properties of the input. His research draws on experimental methods from psychology, formal modeling techniques from natural language processing and computational linguistics, theoretical tools from linguistics, and problems from all three domains.

Francisco Torreira -
Research Interests: phonetics & phonology, psycholinguistics, and interactional linguistics.

Francisco Torreira conducted doctoral work at the Centre for Language and Speech Technology of the Radboud Universiteit Nijmegen (the Netherlands) between 2007 and 2011. Prior to joining the Linguistics Department at McGill University in 2016, he was research staff member at the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics (the Netherlands), where he investigated the cognitive mechanisms underlying turn-taking in spontaneous conversation.

**PHILOSOPHY:**
Eran Tal -
Research Interests: history and philosophy of science, philosophy of measurement and experimentation, sociology of science, metrology and standardization, psychometrics, computer simulation.

Eran Tal has a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Toronto (2012) and an MA in History and Philosophy of Science from Tel Aviv University (2006). He joined the Philosophy Department at McGill in 2016, after holding fellowships at the University of Cambridge and Bielefeld University. Tal’s current work focuses on the philosophy of measurement, an area within philosophy of science that deals with the concepts and problems involved in designing, executing and interpreting
measurement procedures in the natural and social sciences. His research is informed by ongoing collaborations with metrological institutes such as the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) and the US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). In recent years he has been developing a model-based epistemology of measurement that highlights the roles of idealization, abstraction and prediction in establishing measurement outcomes. He is also interested in general epistemology, Kantian and early modern philosophy, sociology of science, philosophy of physics and philosophy of mathematics.

POLITICAL SCIENCE:
Aaron Erlich -
Research Interests: comparative politics, political methodology, experimental political science, African politics, post-Soviet politics.

Aaron Erlich is interested in democratization and democratic development. Much of his research addresses the role that information plays in developing democratic polities. He maintains active research projects in the former Soviet Union, Eastern and Southern Africa, and Mexico. To date, his work has appeared or is forthcoming in the *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, and *The Journal of Modern African Studies*. Aaron holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Washington.

SOCIOLOGY:
Jan Doering -
Research Interests: Race, ethnicity, migration, microsociology, politics, cities, qualitative methods.

Jan Doering studies the politics of race and ethnicity in the United States and Canada. He is currently writing a book about the politics of crime in racially integrated Chicago neighbourhoods. The book examines how and why residents, activists, and politicians construe the fight against street crime as racially divisive or racially benign. Previously, he has studied racial identity formation, breakups of romantic relationships, and discrimination of immigrants in Germany. His research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the Fulbright Commission, and the Mellon Foundation.

Jennifer Elrick -
Research Interests: Immigration policy (Canada/Germany), race & ethnicity, international migration, immigrant incorporation, political sociology, qualitative methods.

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APPENDIX B

Report to Faculty Council from Associate Dean Lach
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1. Add drop is over so we are now into full swing of the Fall term. We noted that there were a few programs where students were having difficulty getting into required courses for completion of their program. These were dealt with through substitutions. However, it would difficult to get a sense of the prevalence of this as this is dealt with at the departmental level. Associate Dean Lach would like to hear back from departments who noted this pattern.

2. OASIS has undergone a strategic planning exercise to examine how Faculty level advising is delivered to students. We are working with university advancement to increase capacity in the office as the current advisor to student ratio of 1:842 is substantially above the top end of the national standard which is 1:600. We will be coming back to Faculty Council with a report on the strategic plan in the near future.

3. We now have in place new components to the student assessment policy.

   a. Normally, participation will not exceed 10% of the final grade. If participation (which may include attendance) is to exceed 10%, instructors must include a clear rubric in the course outline.

   b. In courses where failure to complete a specific assignment or activity, or failure to achieve a passing grade for that assignment or activity would prevent the student from passing the course, this stipulation must be stated clearly in the course outline. The assignment or activity in question, if it is assigned a percentage value, must be worth no less than 20% of the final course grade. In the case of noncompliance, the matter may, as appropriate, be confidentially referred to the Department Chair, Director or Associate Dean.

4. Draft sexual violence policy underwent a consultation process of the summer months. It has now been posted on the website of the Office of the Provost and Vice-Principal Academic website (https://www.mcgill.ca/provost/strategic-initiatives/sexual-violence-policy). Faculty and students can still provide input until the 30th of September. The form for input is on the same website.

5. A draft McGill Health and Wellness Strategy report is now available for review and comment. This report is the culmination of work that has been led by Robyn Wiltshire, Interim Director of Student Services and numerous stakeholder groups over the past year. The report is posted on the Faculty Council meeting website and comment/feedback is welcome until the 3rd of October. The report will be presented to faculty at the next Faculty Council meeting.