



The Dean's Message

"Inside this volume are examples of how students and staff in our school continue to be change-makers. From book launches to awards, there remains much to celebrate as we look back on the fall term and all that was accomplished, despite the challenges we faced. I hope you enjoy learning more about the school and consider sharing your own successes in our next Newsletter, [here](#)."

- Derek Stockley
Dean, School of Social
and Community Services



SSCS Goes International

SSCS hosted 25 international students from the Nanjing Forest Police College located in Nanjing, China. These students were enrolled in a customized, one-semester Justice program, which brought together our Crime Scene Investigation and Police Foundations programs. This program will help the students from the Nanjing College gain international exposure, with insight into the Canadian justice and college systems, while enhancing their knowledge of basic crime scene investigation skills and techniques used world-wide. SSCS looks forward to host many more students from Nanjing in the coming years.



Part-Time Instructors Receive Prestigious Awards

SSCS PSI part-time instructors Warren Bulmer and Kerry Watkins have been conferred with prestigious awards for outstanding work in their respective fields.

Warren Bulmer, a future part-time instructor of our new Online Investigations course in the Protections, Security and Investigations program, was conferred the William Bishop Award, for his work in the field of digital crime investigation. Bulmer is a well-known name in the field of internet child exploitation investigations. He has also been an instructor in the subjects of computer and internet investigations, lawful search and seizure of electronic devices as well as the identification, categorization and analysis of digital evidence, for 13 years. Bulmer has previously taught at the United Nations in Bangkok, Thailand, the Ontario and Toronto Police Colleges, and is currently also a contributing author to *Evidence and Investigation: From the Crime Scene to the Courtroom*.

Kerry Watkins, another part-time instructor at SSCS, was recently honoured with a Chief of Police Excellence Award, for his contribution in modernizing the witness-interview and suspect-interrogation processes amidst Toronto Officers. The Chief of Police Excellence Award is granted to a member of the Police Services, for special achievement through dedication, persistence or assistance to the Service. Watkins specializes in investigative training - particularly investigative interviewing - an area in which he is considered a recognized subject matter expert.

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Humber Students Join Celebrations at the Police Chief Gala

The Chief's Gala is a yearly event hosted by Chief Mark Saunders in support of Victim Services Toronto. It is a celebration that highlights a highly valued volunteer organization that is respected and essential not only to victims, but also to police officers at the scene of crimes and sudden tragedies. The Gala saw the presence of 10 SSCS students from the Criminal Justice, Police Foundations, Protection, Security and Investigations (PSI) programs on November 23, 2017.



Cheryl Evans Retires

Cheryl Evans retired from the position of SSCS' Promotion, Events & Communications Officer on December 31, 2017. Since joining the Humber community 32 years ago, Cheryl has been an integral part of the SSCS family and has inspired us with her outreach efforts and relentless passion for our school. In addition, Cheryl has consistently displayed an immense commitment towards student success. SSCS is fortunate that Cheryl will be staying on with the school in a part-time role, sharing her immense knowledge to help serve the students better.

Moments of Recognition

Richard DeFacendis

SSCS is proud of its very own PFP Coordinator Richard DeFacendis, for being one of this year's Distinguished Faculty Award recipients. The school is fortunate to have his leadership both inside and outside the classroom. Thank you Rick for all that you contribute to the School of Social and Community Services.

Gina Varelas-Stapper

Gina Varelas-Stapper, a part-time instructor in the BBS and DSW Programs, passed her Behavior Analyst Certification Accreditation exam in June. She is now a BCBA, Board Certified Behavior Analyst. This comes as a tribute to her experience. Congrats Gina!



A.B.L.E. 25th Anniversary Conference and Awards Ball

The Association of Black Law Enforcers (A.B.L.E) held their 25th Anniversary and Conference Awards Ball in November. Jeanine Webber and Neil Price hosted four of our SSCS students who attended the celebratory event. The highlight of the night for our school was SSCS' very own Community and Justice Studies diploma Graduate, Samantha Grant, being awarded the prestigious A.B.L.E. scholarship. A.B.L.E.'s student-funding programs, which started 23 years ago, has awarded over 100 scholarships to students to date. With the support and encouragement provided by A.B.L.E. Samantha aspires to be a police officer. Congratulations Samantha!

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SSW Student Authors Novel

Social Service Worker Orangeville student, Julie Hall, has published her first novel, *Keep Quiet*. The novel is an honest portrayal of two teenagers trying to make a better life for themselves on the streets of Toronto. It explores the subtleties of abuse, homelessness, the passion for last words, and the impact which music can have on a person. Above all else, it is a story about the extraordinary lengths that people will go to discover their own strengths.

[Read more >](#)



SSCS Wins \$30,000 Wofford Fellowship

Once again SSCS was successful in securing the Wofford Fellowship for \$30,000 in funding that will go directly to supporting students embarking on a trip abroad to Lima, Peru in May. This is an excellent opportunity for students who may not consider this experience because of financial barriers to participate. The trip will provide students with service learning opportunities in Villa El Salvador; an area that is organizing and building community capacity many years after the Shining Path movement. Students will learn about leadership development within the community, how people are engaged locally and how local services and resources have been accessed and developed after a forced-migration period.

[Read more >](#)



R.I.D.E. Spot Checks Launch 2017

The School Of Social and Community Services helped launch the 2017 R.I.D.E spot checks at our Lakeshore campus on November 29, 2017. The program 'R.I.D.E. CHECKS' supports the efforts of police services in the Greater Toronto and surrounding areas. This year marked the 40th anniversary of the R.I.D.E campaign and SSCS played a key role in the success of the event. Themed 'Don't Drive High', this year's launch emphasized the importance of preventing driving under the influence of marijuana - which is relevant to the changing nature of Canada's marijuana laws.



Mental Health Awareness Week

The School Of Community and Social Services hosted a series of events to mark Mental Health Awareness week in October 2017. The events included lectures on post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive behavior therapy along with fun activities such as yoga, meditation, art therapy and labyrinth walks. The highlight was the 5km run around Lakeshore campus put on by the Athletics Department. We are happy to be partners with Athletics and Counselling services in highlighting the importance of mental health.

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Camp FFIT

Fire Service Women Ontario, in conjunction with the Hamilton Fire Department, hosted Camp FFIT (Female Firefighters in Training) in Hamilton this year between October 13th and 15th, 2017. SSCS was once again a proud sponsor of the program by donating valuable resources for the camp. The initiative takes the form of a day camp, with the intention of introducing young women, aged 15-19 years, to potential career options in the fire services through a variety of experiences at the Hamilton Fire Department training facility.



SSHRC Grant

Dr. Jeanine Webber and her research team were once again successful in securing the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) grant to help fund their upcoming Research Symposium. The School of Social and Community Services will be hosting the Neighbourhood Policing Research Symposium at the Lakeshore campus on Thursday, May 10th. The Research Team will share observations and results from a three-year evaluation study of the Toronto Police Service's (TPS) Neighbourhood Policing Program.

International Updates

- SSCS is hosting three faculty-led group trips in May and June, 2018.
- More students will have the opportunity to gain placement hours and/or service learning experience in Lima, Peru, Kingston, Jamaica, or the United Kingdom.
- The SSCS is also excited to welcome four inbound international students for the Winter 2018 semester from partner universities in Denmark (University College Lillebaelt), United Kingdom (University of Gloucestershire) and Sweden (Umea University), as well as two visiting scholars from the Nanjing Forest Police College.



Edmonton Police Service's Visit to the Lakeshore Campus

The School of Social and Community Services hosted uniform Recruitment Officers from Edmonton Police Service (EPS) at the Lakeshore campus on September 22-24, 2017. On Friday September 22, 126 Humber students, alumni and community members attended the EPS Information Night in the auditorium. On Saturday and Sunday EPS offered interested candidates the opportunity to complete the first step of the application process, the written A-PREP test. Those who pass this step will be invited to an interview in Edmonton. Fingers crossed that we will soon have alumni in Edmonton!