Intercom is published regularly and serves to inform Vanier staff and teachers of notices and special events. It is posted on the Vanier College Website and distributed electronically. Submissions should be sent to intercom@vaniercollege.qc.ca. Submissions should be in WORD, and sent as an attachment. No formatting or bullets. Deadline: 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday preceding publication.

News from the Vanier College Malawi Nursing Exchange

On March 18, the Vanier Nursing students hosted a full day conference here in our home village of Makupo. The day included a workshop on Malaria, drama presentations and singing by a local AIDS support organization and a volunteer appreciation ceremony for the Village Health Workers. Twenty-one of the 39 volunteers were selected to receive bicycles to facilitate their work providing primary health care in the community. A Canadian donor provided the funds for these locally made bikes.

Vanier students are learning first-hand about the endemic diseases and healthcare challenges here in Malawi. They are also exposed to what sustainable development is all about and how complicated and difficult this can be.

Once again this year the nursing students are proving to be outstanding ambassadors for Vanier College, interacting with humility and compassion towards all whom they meet.

Melodie Hicks, Nursing Department

Justice and Accountability Conference: March 30-31st

I am writing to invite members of the community to participate in the Justice and Accountability community conference that is taking place March 30th and March 31st at Vanier.

This two-day event will precede the 25th edition of Vanier College’s annual Symposium on the Holocaust and Genocide, which will run from April 3rd to April 7th.

As part of the 25th edition of this event it was decided to also hold this conference, which will feature numerous guest speakers and panel discussions. Some of the speakers for the conference include Vanier graduate Dr. Charles Small, founder and Director of the Institute for The Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy, Professor Irwin Cotler, Professor Irving Abella, Senator Murray Sinclair, and UN High-Level Commissioner Dr. Alaa Murabit. As well, Paul Karwatsky of CTV News Montreal will be moderating a panel discussion on the topic of Pursuing Justice for Political Prisoners.

Please see the schedule at the end of Intercom for a complete list of speakers and events for the conference. I think it will be a great experience for Vanier students to participate in the conference as it will provide a unique opportunity for them to hear some very prestigious and respected speakers addressing important subjects such as hate speech in the digital age, Canadian immigration policies of the past and present, and genocide education.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will be opening the conference with a taped introduction.
The conference and symposium will help sensitize Vanier’s students and staff as well as members of the larger community to the horrors of the past while also focusing on genocide, discrimination and prejudice taking place in the present. In keeping with this educational mission, in May, 30 students from Vanier and the State University of New York at Plattsburgh will be travelling to Europe as part of a program entitled Moral responsibility and Global Citizenship.

As this is a community conference open to outside individuals and organizations, if you would like to reserve places for your students for a particular speaker please call me at extension 7483 or email me at grossmam@vaniercollege.qc.ca or you can visit or website for more information: www.justiceandaccountabilityconference.com.

See the full schedule of events at the end of Intercom.

Come join the conversation!

This conference is being organized with the support of the Vanier College Foundation.

Marlene Grossman, Psychology Department

25th Anniversary of the Vanier College Symposium on the Holocaust and Genocide

Not to be confused with the aforementioned Conference, the Annual Vanier College Symposium on the Holocaust and Genocide, will run April 3-7. Key speeches include:

- **Dr. Charles Asher Small**, is the founding Director and President of the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP). He convened groundbreaking academic seminar series in the emerging field of contemporary antisemitism studies at Columbia University, Harvard University, McGill University, amongst others. Dr. Small is a former graduate of Vanier College. This will take place on April 3rd at 10:00.

- **Marie-Anne Gagnon**, Interim Associate Director of Concordia Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling and Pharo Sok, history graduate student at Concordia discussing the Centre’s role and the role of storytelling looking at the Khmers people in Cambodia. This will take place April 7th at 10:00

- **Student Panel on refugees.** Students will describe their personal experiences arriving in Montreal and studying at Vanier College. This will take place on April 7th at 1:00

Please reserve your spot in the Auditorium. Other speakers can be invited into your classrooms to speak to your students and the list includes:

- Holocaust Survivors: Eva Kuper, Sidney Zoltak and Ted Bolgar
- Jacky Vallée, Vanier Teacher, “Pink Triangle” (Holocaust)
- René Karp, Vanier Teacher, “Women Resistance” (Holocaust)
- Dafina Savic, is the Human Rights Coordinator at the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre and Founder and Director of Romanipe
- Mike Kropveld, “Thinking About Joining a Group?”
- Heidi Berger, daughter of Holocaust Survivor
- Matthias Pum, Austrian Holocaust Memorial Intern

Please indicate as soon as possible, which speakers you would be interested in bringing to your class so we can ensure your preferred choice.

Marlene Grossman, Psychology Department

Nominations for Class Valedictorian 2017

The Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2016 – 2017 is scheduled for Wednesday evening, June 21, 2017, 7:30pm in Théâtre Maisonneuve of Place des Arts.

Your assistance is requested in choosing a valedictorian from the graduating students (Autumn 2016, Winter 2017 and Summer 2017 projected).

The valedictorian is presented at Graduation as being representative of our graduates and addresses the audience on behalf of the graduating class.

Here are indicators of importance:
- Academically strong: approximately an 80% average,
- Positive about Vanier,
- Articulate,
- Comfortable speaking in public,
- Broad experience at Vanier

Nominations from Faculty and Staff are now being accepted by the Valedictorian Selection Committee. If you know of a suitable candidate, please send his or her name (I.D. number if possible but not necessary) and a few lines about the nominee, to:

Valedictorian Selection Committee
C/O Darren Becker, Vanier Communications, or: beckerd@vaniercollege.qc.ca

Deadline April 13, 2017

Suitable candidates will be asked to a selection interview. Nominators are always advised of the outcome of the Selection Committee deliberations.

Thank you for your assistance in choosing a valedictorian for the Vanier College Class of 2016 – 2017.

Darren Becker, Vanier Communications
Liberal Arts Colloquium: On Death

On March 30 and 31st, Vanier College and Concordia University are cohosting a Liberal Arts Spring Colloquium *On Death*. Events on Thursday will take place at Vanier in the morning from 8am to 1:30 pm, and those on Friday will take place at Concordia in the afternoon from 1 pm to 6:45 pm.

See the full program at the end of Intercom.

*Lili Petrovic, Liberal Arts*

Music on Wednesday

It's said that March goes out like a lamb. Sounds calm enough! Well, the music department will NOT go gently into that soft “Aprille with his shoures soote,” because it is time once again to make some noise.

This Wednesday, March 29, in the last UB recital for March, the *Vanier College Big Band* directed by *Jocelyn Couture* and the *Vanier College Concert Band* directed by *Christopher Smith* take to the stage in the Auditorium for a wonderful concert. This is partly a regular noon offering, and partly a warm-up to the upcoming Big Band Benefit. (Curious? Check out THAT posting for Wednesday April 12!)

If you would like a sneak peek at some excellent musicians playing some fine music, then come on down to the Auditorium during Universal Break on Wednesday for this free recital.

*Glen Ethier, Department of Music*

The Tropics: Opportunities and Challenges

We are hoping that all teachers could make a short class announcement to inform students that there will be an information session on March 29th from 12:30-1:30 in A-310 for the following international complementary course: “The Tropics: Opportunities and Challenges: An Exploration of Human-Environment Relationships in Belize” to be offered in the 2018 winter semester.

The course will include an eight-day field trip to Belize during spring break 2018, in addition to eight lectures prior to departure. Students from all programs are welcome.

Please have a look at [http://www.belizevanier.com/](http://www.belizevanier.com/) for information from the 2016 course.

For additional information, please contact: Brandee Diner (Environ-mental and Wildlife Management): dinerb@vaniercollege.qc.ca or Myriam Mansour (Geography): mansourm@vaniercollege.qc.ca

*Brandee Diner, Environmental and Wildlife Management*

2016-2017 TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Academic Council’s 2016-2017 Teaching Excellence Award Committee is calling for nominations for this year’s award.

Here is an excellent opportunity for a student to show a teacher or for a teacher to show a colleague appreciation for his/her work and commitment to the profession.


You are strongly encouraged to submit the nomination form to the 2016-2017 Teaching Excellence Award Committee, c/o Office of the Academic Dean (F220), or academicdean@vaniercollege.qc.ca, by **Friday, April 7, 2017**. In addition to the nomination form, all supporting documentation must be submitted to the Committee in a sealed envelope by **Monday, April 24, 2017**.

All nominations and selection deliberations are kept strictly confidential.

*Olga Mardas, Office of the Academic Dean on behalf of Academic Council’s 2016-2017 Teaching Excellence Award Committee*

Blanket Exercise on the colonization of North America, Thursday, March 30, 10:30 – 2:00

You are invited to take part in another edition of the Blanket Exercise at Vanier College. This exercise takes participants through the process of the colonization with the use of blankets on the ground, representing North America.

Participants become the First Peoples and circulate on the continent freely, until contact with European explorers and settlers changes their lives forever. After the exercise is finished, three members of the Montreal urban Indigenous community will lead talking circles to help participants process what they just experienced.

The exercise, combined with the follow-up talking circle, is a powerful, educational, and emotional experience that you will not soon forget! Previous participants have said that their understanding of the lives of Indigenous peoples today increased
because of their participation in this exercise, even if they had already read about these topics in their classes.

As space is limited, we ask that people register with Jacky Vallée at valleej@vaniercollege.qc.ca by Thursday, March 28th at the latest. All members of the Vanier community are welcome.

Teachers are welcome to assign bonus marks to students for participation. If this is an activity that you would like to host for one of your classes in the future, you may come to observe the activity. Please circulate this information among your students and encourage them to participate!

The Blanket Exercise was created by KAIROS. It is presented by Frédérique Denis, teacher of the History of Montreal course, and by the Vanier Indigenous Circle.

Jacky Vallée, Anthropology

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The Vo Van Tho Memorial Scholarship

The Department of Mathematics is proud to present the first annual Vo Van Tho Memorial Scholarship. Created in memory of Vo Van Tho, a Mathematics professor at Vanier College from 1982 to 2013, this scholarship recognizes two graduating students, one from Commerce and one from the Sciences, for demonstrating academic excellence in mathematics.

For more information on the Scholarship, eligibility requirements, and to download the application form, go to

http://www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/scholarships/scholarships/vo-van-tho-memorial-scholarship/

The deadline for application is April 21, 2017.

Please encourage your students to apply.

Sandi Mak, Mathematics

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Video Tour of the Learning Commons
Last week, VTV released a video featuring a tour of the Learning Commons space in order to give the community a chance to see the progression of the construction and re-entry as we enter the final stretch. Watch the video here: [https://youtu.be/_6W5t_tV-7Q](https://youtu.be/_6W5t_tV-7Q)

The new STEM Centre opened as of March 20th
The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Centre (formally the Math & Science Centre), has officially opened to everyone as of last week. It is located in D-301 and includes collaborative study space, the hackerspace/robotics lab, access to textbooks for in centre use, and 10 computers.

We will keep you posted as additional areas of the Learning Commons open.

Haritos Kavallos, Learning Commons
kavalloh@vanier.college

Teacher and Staff Volunteers Needed – A Reminder

As a reminder, we are still looking for teachers, professionals, support staff, and managers who would be willing to help during part or all of AQPC Symposium (June 6-7-8). As you may already know, Vanier College and Cégep Saint-Laurent will be hosting this year’s symposium which will primarily take place at Concordia University's downtown campus.

If you are interested and available, please sign up online: [https://goo.gl/forms/bfsxOoh13lG7udsJ3](https://goo.gl/forms/bfsxOoh13lG7udsJ3)

Your involvement is crucial to the success of this event.

Volunteer Benefits:

- Overtime, payable in time, will be given for hours worked in addition to regular work hours as per rules of respective employment category

- Only the following expenses will be reimbursed:
  - Mileage – 24 km (12 km each way) @ .49 per km = $11.76
  - Parking - $13.50 maximum per day available as follows:
    - Concordia LB Building, 1453 Mackay
    - Faubourg Building, 1250 Guy Street
  - As over 1,500 participants are expected, it is encouraged that you use public transportation (Concordia-Guy Metro Station)
  - Expenses will be reimbursed as per usual procedure, i.e. Petty Cash Voucher with valid receipts (if expense total less than $100; if over $100 use an expense report)
Lunch and supper will be provided to volunteers based on their working timeslots. All volunteers are invited for the recognition lunch on Thursday.

Thank you for your consideration.

Haritos Kavallos, Learning Commons, kavalloh@vanier.college

PSI News

Pedagogical Animation

PSI Workshop Series—Winter 2017
Find the full schedule, detailed descriptions and registration forms here: http://www.vaniercollege.qc.ca/psi/professional-development/psi-workshop-series/

Registrations are currently open for these workshops:

- **NEXT WEEK** Creating Great Courses/Respecting Copyright.
  Presenter Susan Bissonnette. Date: April 5, 2017. Rm D221.

- **Interaction of Technology and Pedagogy in Versatile Classrooms.**

- **Anyone Can Code: Create a Website Using Bootstrap.**
  Presenter: Bruce Norton. Date: April 26. Rm D221.

Coming soon:

- **Presenting at a Conference Soon? Prepare to Shine.**
  Presenter Isabelle Delisle. Date: TBD. Rm TBD.

AQPC

The Francophone Editorial Board of Pédagogie collégiale Is Looking for Members

Pédagogie collégiale is looking for new members to join the Pédagogie collégiale francophone editorial board team. This role may be for you if you are passionate about educational innovation or research, have a good command of the French language, are skilled at assessing a text’s structure and organization, demonstrate superior reading skills, a good critical sense, and have good knowledge of pedagogy and the college environment and pedagogy.

Editorial board members will be required to read up to a dozen submitted papers which will be discussed during editorial board meetings one Friday a month. The location and date of the meetings will be determined by the committee members at the beginning of each year.

If this adventure and commitment sounds interesting to you, please contact the editorial board by May 1, 2017. To submit your application, send a brief CV and a short, one page text describing the contribution you would make to Pédagogie collégiale.

To submit your application or to ask questions, please contact the editor of the journal, Stéphanie Carle at revue@aqpc.qc.ca.

AQPC Winter Bulletin


Highlights include

- The latest issue of Pédagogie collégiale is now available. Members should be receiving their copy via internal mail. If you are not a member and would like to borrow a copy, there are several available in the faculty deans and PSI offices.

- A reminder that, this June, Vanier and College St. Laurent will be hosting the next AQPC conference. The conference, whose theme is Our Legacy, promises to be a stimulating one. No fewer than 128 presentations and workshops of 75 minutes are scheduled. Presenters and animators will discuss best practices or research results or share projects they are embarking on in hopes of garnering some reflection and feedback from participants. More than 1,500 attendees are expected. A tentative schedule http://aqpc.qc.ca/colloque/programme-horaire is now available online, as is a list of several key presenters. The conference programme should be available online in the next few days.
• Conference goers who register between the end of March and May 6, will be able to do so at a reduced rate [http://aqpc.qc.ca/colloque/inscription](http://aqpc.qc.ca/colloque/inscription).

• Every year during the conference, the AQPC recognizes educators recognized for their contribution to college level pedagogy. They are currently looking for nominations for two prizes:
  - Prix vecteur pédagogique
  - Prix Gérald-Sigouin

  Check out the links for more details about each prize. Nominations must be submitted before April 7, 2017.

• If you would like to stay up-to-date with the latest AQPC conference news, like the conference Facebook page [http://on.fb.me/1DAM85k](http://on.fb.me/1DAM85k).

• The bulletin lists the different communities of practices available to AQPC members and teachers who have less than two years experience. You can check out these resources at [http://aqpc.qc.ca/communautes](http://aqpc.qc.ca/communautes) and [http://aqpc.qc.ca/en/communautes](http://aqpc.qc.ca/en/communautes).

**Instructional Technologies**

**Moodle Day, 2017**

This year, Moodle Day is scheduled to take place at Dawson College on Friday, May 26, 2017. A call for presentations should be made in the coming weeks.

*Isabelle Delisle, Pedagogical Support and Innovation*

**Looking for Vanier Staff and Faculty to Record Short Videos About Vanier’s Heritage**

As many of you know each year the AQPC organizes a symposium that draws over 1000 individuals who take part in conferences, round table discussions and other presentations. Vanier College is co-hosting the next edition of symposium with Cegep de Saint Laurent. It will be held from June 6th to June 8th 2017 at Concordia. As part of the communications plan for the event one of the focuses will be to promote Vanier College’s heritage as it ties in to the AQPC symposium.

The main vehicle for promoting this will be to set up a new website that will feature different content aimed at celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of CEGEP’s while also promoting different events taking place at Vanier in conjunction with the AQPC symposium.

The new website will be set up with the overall theme of it being a museum highlighting Vanier in the past and present. Visitors to the site will be able to visit different “rooms” where they will be able to see different content that will highlight the heritage theme of the 50th anniversary of the founding of CEGEP’s. One “room” will feature a compilation of different video testimonials about people sharing their thoughts on the role CEGEP’s have played in Quebec society.

Therefore, I am writing to ask you to participate in terms of recording a brief video where you would talk about the role CEGEPs and Vanier in particular have played in promoting education over the last 50 years.

The videos will be recorded by VTV and your only obligation is to prepare a brief 30-second statement.

If you are interested or have any questions please send me an email at beckerd@vaniercollege.qc.ca. In your email it would be helpful if you could specify the date and time of your availability so we can set up an appointment to record the video.

It shouldn’t take longer than 15 minutes. The videos need to be recorded by the end of March.

Thank you for your collaboration.

*Darren, Becker, Communications and Corporate Affairs*
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Justice and Accountability Conference Schedule

Thursday, March 30, 2017

8:30-9:00  John McMahon, Director General, Vanier College

Opening remarks
Welcome by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau (pretaped)

9:00-10:00  Introduced by: John McMahon, Director General, Vanier College

Dr. Charles Small, Director, Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy

Genocidal Antisemitism and the Crisis of Modernity: The Contemporary Challenges to Human Rights and Democratic Principles

10:00-11:00  Introduced by: Brandon Silver, Director of Projects, Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights

Professor Karen Eltis, Law Professor, University of Ottawa

Hate Speech in the Digital Age

11:00-11:30  Break

11:00-12:00  Introduced by: Professor Irwin Cotler, Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights

Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Minister of Foreign Affairs (TBC)

Foreign Affairs: Justice and Accountability and the Current Political Climate

12:00-1:00  Introduced by: Moses Gashirabake, Rwandan survivor, law student at Fasken Martineau DuMoulin (Bar Candidate 2016/2017)

Dr. Marina Sharpe, Steinberg Post-Doctoral Fellow in International Migration Law and Policy, Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, Faculty of Law, McGill University

From Non-interference to Non-indifference: The African Union and the Responsibility to Protect

1:00-2:00  Lunch

2:00-3:30  Panel Discussion: Community Perspectives: Justice and Accountability

Moderator: Sue Montgomery, Writer and advocate for women’s rights
Viken Attarian, Armenian, Former Chairman of the Armenian General Benevolent Union  
**Professor Roman Serbyn**, Ukrainian, Professor Emeritus of Russian and East European History at the University of Quebec at Montreal  
**Moses Gashirabake**, Rwandan, Fasken Martineau DuMoulin (Bar Candidate 2016/17)  
**Dafina Savic**, Roma Sinti, Human Rights Coordinator, Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre and Director of Romanipe  

3:30-4:00  
**Professor Irwin Cotler**, Chair of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights,  
*Holocaust, Genocide, Human Rights: Pursuing Justice and Accountability*  

4:00-4:30  
Introduced by: Bruce Kent, Son of Holocaust survivor, Vice President and Director of RBC Dominion Securities, Member of the Board of Directors of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights  
Closing: **Sidney Zoltak**, Holocaust Survivor  

**Friday, March 31, 2017**  

9:00-10:00  
Introduced by: Ian Hamilton, Executive Director, Equitas– International Centre for Human Rights Education  
**Dr. Alaa Murabit**, UN High-Level Commissioner: Health and Employment Growth, UN SDG Global Advocate  
*Peace and Justice: Community Building*  

10:00-11:30  
Panel Discussion: *Justice and Accountability: None is Too Many: How Far Have We Come?*  
Moderator: **Ian Hamilton**, Executive Director, Equitas– International Centre for Human Rights Education  

**Professor Irving Abella**, Professor Emeritus, Department of History, York University  
**Honourable Marlene Jennings**, Former Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for International Cooperation, former Parliamentary Secretary to the Solicitor General of Canada, former Member of Parliament, and former Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister  
**Me David Berger**, Immigration lawyer and Former Member of the House of Commons  
**Salma Siddiqui**, Head of Canadian Progressive Muslim Organizations  
**Arif Virani**, Parliamentary Secretary Multiculturalism  

11:30-12:30  
Lunch  

12:30-1:30  
Introduced by: Louise Otis, former Judge of the Court of Appeals of Quebec, international mediator and arbitrator, Adjunct Professor at McGill University’s Faculty of Law  
**Senator Murray Sinclair**  
*Indigenous People: Justice and Accountability*  

1:30-2:30  
Introduced by: Naomi Kramer, President of the Holocaust Education and Genocide Prevention Foundation  
**Kimberly Mann**, Chief of the Education Outreach Division of the United Nations Department of Public Information Global Outreach, United Nations: Genocide Education  
*Education for Inclusiveness*
2:30-3:00  Break

3:00-4:30  Panel Discussion: *Pursuing Justice for Political Prisoners*

   Moderator: **Paul Karwatsky**, CTV News

   **Ensaf Haidar**, President and Co-founder of the Raif Badawi Foundation for Freedom
   **Mireille Elchacar**, Activist and member of Amnesty International since 2000, Coordinator of the Sherbrooke group
   **Kate Barth**, Legal Director of Freedom Now
   **Professor Irwin Cotler**, Director of the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights

4:30-5:00  Closing: **John McMahon**, Director General, Vanier College

   *Never Again Declaration*

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**This conference is supported by the Vanier College Foundation.**
in this talk I will use The Apology as a text to argue that when our death comes it is not a bad thing and that it is often a very beautiful thing. I will do this in three stages. First, I will demonstrate a robust dimension of death, in the sense that we do things which could shorten our life, yet persist in doing them. Secondly, considering death as a bad thing or as something that can cloud our perception and joy of life. Finally, I will show that death is an ultimate aspect of life that should be celebrated. Throughout the talk I will use logos Bergsonian perspective "WERTHEIMENBERGER" and "The Seventh Seal" on themes of reference to the meaning of the time of death and the acceptance of the end of a life due to its inevitability.

**David Benyes, McGill University**

What is Life that Death Should be so Terrifying to Them? The Counter-Thought of St. John Chrysostom within the Orthodox Reproductive Doctrine

In this paper, I will do two things: first, I will argue that the problem of evil is often considered the strongest argument for the atheist views against theism. If God is good, why are there suffering and evil? Put simply, the atheist stance (that God cannot be simultaneously omnipotent, omniscient, and benevolent) is not a viable option. In this paper, the attempt to explain how evil can have a larger good, such as free will and allowing for the possibilities of evil. These arguments, however, have had only limited impact in pushing back against atheist philosophy. St. John Chrysostom (347-407) instead offers a provocative counter-theory that rejects the metaphysical reductionism behind the problem of evil. This paper seeks to explore the significance of Chrysostom's counter-theory within the Orthodox framework.

9:00-10:15 Death and Human Limits

**Chad Brucez, Concordia University**

Hebrews and the Burden of Life

In this paper, I will argue that the problem of human mortality is often considered the strongest argument for the atheist views against theism. If God is good, why are there suffering and evil? Put simply, the atheist stance (that God cannot be simultaneously omnipotent, omniscient, and benevolent) is not a viable option. In this paper, the attempt to explain how evil can have a larger good, such as free will and allowing for the possibilities of evil. These arguments, however, have had only limited impact in pushing back against atheist philosophy. St. John Chrysostom (347-407) instead offers a provocative counter-theory that rejects the metaphysical reductionism behind the problem of evil. This paper seeks to explore the significance of Chrysostom's counter-theory within the Orthodox framework.

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**Jean-Paul Sartre**

The Concept of Death

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11:30-12:45 Death and Human Limits

**Mark Broyer, Concordia University**

Death and the Future: Live and Bereaved

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12:45-1:00 Wine and Cheese Reception

at the Liberal Arts College

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8:00-8:30 Coffee, pastries, opening remarks.
8:30-9:00 Culture of Death
Chair, Stephanie Betten, Vanier College
Jingle Liu, Vanier College. The Great Chinese Famine: The Death of Culture and Cultures of Death
The significance of discussing the Great Chinese Famine arises from the fact that the Chinese government still refuses to acknowledge the tragic past in denying part of its history. Its sense of humanity is therefore the story of the 35 million persons who have perished in the famine year of 1959. This presentation will examine how mass starvation led to an abandonment of traditional cultures, which were then replaced by a culture of death, where the intrinsic value of human life was lost and state violence became a norm.
Sara Rahmani, Vanier College. Magic in Modernity
The history, culture, and traditions of the Maghreb in the Middle East are usually known and overlooked by the mainstream, as is their relationship to death and the ancestors. This presentation will primarily look at the Maghreb practice known as the "turning of the bones" or Kemamouna, a practice which consists of removing the bones of the ancestors every seven years from family crypts to rewrap them in fresh silk shrouds. It will also contextualize this tradition, as well as show how Maghreb death itself from those held in the Western world.
Danila Golonka (Vanier College, Alumni). Dead by Death
The focal point of my paper will be "The Bond" (2004, dir. Jean Wheeler), a critically-acclaimed episode of Buffy the Vampire Slayer which subverts the supernatural slasher tradition (and, indeed, its own legacy) of dramatic, action-filled deaths, to examine the all-too-human reality of it. My paper will argue that television and movies can provide personal insight into death, as long as they are willing to explore the temporal side of it.
Jean-Pierre Fraiteur, (UCG, Dan Volarenic) Necrophilia with an Anthropology of same worlds. L’approche d’opacité palpitante considère un sujet la vie et du considérant (et mort) comme un processus normal. Il est, après des tas sa préalablement, né en peau même de l’an en l’an de peau palpitante en 2005. Après sa mort, mort absolu de la vie et de la mort com-
10:15-11:00 Pilgrimage, Death and the Afterlife
(Christi, Lili Pietro, Vanier College
Robyn Stondon, Concordia University. Pilgrimage, Death and the Afterlife
When we hear of a friend’s summer walking pilgrimage on the Cam- ino de Santiago, many worlds may come to mind—fun, travel, adventure, but probably not death. Yet, within the Western Christian pilgrimage tradition, death is everywhere. This paper will discuss the role of death in pilgrimage, what makes a geographical location holy, the inner space created between the finite and infinite, and the length pilgrims have and will go to in order to engage in this physical and spiritual practice.
Oriekhu Obodu, (Concordia University) The Death of the Immigration Apparatus
This paper concerns the "spiritual death" or the destruction of the Immigrant Minotaur in the early 1950s communist Romania. Relying pri-
11:00-12:00 Death, Language and Myth
Chair, Alice Friedman, Concordia University
David Kelly, (Vanier College). Beyond the Death of the Author: Bush and discourse in the Age of Millennialism
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12:00-1:00 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION
Death and Provenance: Rewriting and Remaining Fully Human
(Khan, Jonathan Pacwos, Thomas More Institute)
An open, discilpined conversation based on the Benthemian/Eakins
motif, hosted by Bill Winmill and Nathan Englander, and an excerpt of Igor Stravinsky’s "The Seventh Seal.
FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST
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Michaël Jacques-Dupuis, (Cornwall College). From Confession to Confession: Millennialism, Myth and the Death of Art
The sudden and violent ascension of President Trump has fuelled a number of conflicting narratives concerning his life, death and leg-
2.30-4:00: Death in the Ancient World
(Christi, Jonathan Pacwos, Thomas More Institute
Marlène E. Sukiat, (Concordia University) Comparing: Abusing the Dead. Yoruba Afterlife Death
Surveys in Abidjan tells the obscure story of the consequences of Apollus gift to the Thessalonian King Athemis, to have someone die in his place. Yoruba, who, in agreement to take his for-
tunate task and his play concentrates on the day of his death and Athemis subsequent regret and his anger at his father who re-
turned to death in his, in this mix witnesses the great herds, drink and ready to party, in a house full of mourning. This paper focuses on how the strong comedic undertones of the play is connected to the ethical question of what we are each other, including their mutual and the grounded philosophical questions of the distinction between being and not being or life and death.
Eni Pappasamosos, (Concordia University) The Final Frontier: Thucydides, Apollonius and Socrates Colanderization
The focus of this paper is an imagination and anarchist the-
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In his paper taking as its starting point the remarkable historical phenomenology of Stephen Hawking that the future of humanity lies in the coloniza-
tion of space. Two main question will be guiding this paper: the fate of the anarchist model and in a single mock under which the desire for immortality falls. If libertarianism is indeed real model, what is the process been absorbed and used in space coloni-
zation efforts— to the joy of NASA, venture capitalists and space enthusiasts? Or, should it be rejected as an anthropocentric epistemic and Epicurean spiritual exercise?”
Julier Stann (Cornwall College) The Temptation of Claviness.
In this paper, coming in to The Apocalypse we perceive the para-
doxical contingency in considering whether death is good or bad
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