

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT | Corner Brook

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is in traditional Mi'kmaw territory, and we acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Beothuk, Mi'kmaq, Innu, and Inuit of this province.



WHY WE DO TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

It is an Indigenous practice to acknowledge the land and territory that you are on. When Indigenous Peoples visited other Indigenous Peoples, they acknowledged their territories.

Land is sacred to Indigenous Peoples, and ways of being and knowing come from the land. Land acknowledgements recognize the unique and enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous Peoples and their traditional territories. They are a way to recognize and respect the original peoples of the territory upon which the university is situated. Land acknowledgements are a way to share space with Indigenous Peoples and a reminder of the generosity of Indigenous peoples for sharing the land with visitors.



MEMORIAL'S MISSION

Memorial University is an inclusive community dedicated to innovation and excellence in teaching and learning, research, scholarship, creative activity, service and public engagement.

Memorial welcomes and supports students and scholars from all over the world and contributes knowledge and expertise locally, nationally and internationally.

For more information on Memorial's plans, activities and the current *President's Report*, visit www.mun.ca/presidentsreport.

SHARE YOUR CONVOCATION CONGRATULATIONS,

photos, student successes and special moments via social media using #MUNgrad2023.

Join the celebration by following **Grenfell Campus** and **Memorial University of Newfoundland** on Facebook,

TikTok and Instagram.



OFFICIAL VISITOR TO THE UNIVERSITY

Judy M. Foote, PC, ONL, BA, B.Ed., Dip.RTJA(Hons.) Lieutenant-governor of Newfoundland and Labrador

SPRING CONVOCATION

CORNER BROOK | 2023

PRESIDING OFFICERS

Earl A. Ludlow, ONL, B.Eng., MBA, P.Eng. Chancellor

Dr. Neil Bose, B.Sc., PhD President and vice-chancellor, *pro tempore*

Dr. Jennifer Lokash, BA, PhD Provost and vice-president (academic) and pro vice-chancellor, *pro tempore*

VICE-PRESIDENT (GRENFELL CAMPUS), pro tempore

Dr. Ian Sutherland, B.Mus.(Hons.), M.Mus., PhD

MARSHALS

Krista Howell

Robert Bailey, M.Math., PhD Sonya Corbin-Dwyer, BA, B.Ed., M.Ed., PhD Angela Gomez, B.Ed., M.Ed. Chelsea Humphries, BA, MA, MI

UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR

Dr. Lee Ann McKivor, M.Ed., EdD

REGISTRAR (GRENFELL CAMPUS)

Carolyn Parsons, BBA(Hons.), M.Ed.

PUBLIC ORATOR

Dr. Ken Jacobsen, BA, MA, PhD

MACE BEARERS

Nicole Miller, BA, B.Ed., MA Thomas Young, BA, M.Ed.

PERFORMERS

Emma MacEachern, B.Mus.(Hons.)
Colin Spencer
Cindy Sheppard

While most students receiving their degrees at this session have completed their programs of study in Corner Brook, a number have completed programs offered at other campuses or through distance education.

UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS

Other university officials participating in convocation ceremonies may include the following:

Glenn D. Barnes

Chair, Board of Regents

Dr. Tana Allen

Vice-president (research) (acting)

Catharyn Andersen

Vice-president (Indigenous)

Dr. Paul Brett

Vice-president (Marine Institute), pro-tempore

Lisa Browne

Vice-president (advancement and external relations) and vice-president (administration and finance) (interim)

Dr. Ian Sutherland

Vice-president (Grenfell Campus), pro-tempore

Dr. Ashlee Cunsolo

Vice-provost (Labrador Campus) and dean, School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies (interim)

Dr. Delores V. Mullings

Vice-provost (equity, diversity, inclusion and anti-racism)

Dr. Donna Hardy Cox

Associate vice-president (academic) and dean of students

Dr. Amy Warren

Associate vice-president (academic) (interim) and dean, School of Graduate Studies

Dr. Angie Clarke

Associate vice-president (Marine Institute) academic and student affairs

Laurie Skinner

Associate vice-president (Marine Institute) administration and finance

Rayna Luther

Associate vice-president (facilities)

Dr. Paul Banahene Adjei

Associate vice-president (Indigenous research) (interim)

Dr. Rob Greenwood

Associate vice-president (public engagement and external relations) and director, Harris Centre

Dr. Ray Gosine

Associate vice-president (research)

Dr. Mumtaz Cheema

Associate vice-president, research and graduate studies (Grenfell Campus) (interim)

Dr. Ken Jacobsen

Dean, School of Arts and Social Science (Grenfell Campus)

Dr. Travor Brown

Dean, Faculty of Business Administration (interim)

Dr. Rhonda Joy

Dean, Faculty of Education (interim)

Dr. Octavia Dobre

Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science (interim)

Dr. Peter Ride

Dean, School of Fine Arts (Grenfell Campus)

Kevin Anderson

Head, School of Fisheries (Marine Institute)

Dr. Anne-Marie Sullivan

Dean, School of Human Kinetics and Recreation (interim)

Dr. Natasha Hurley

Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr. Dianne Keeping

Dean, Memorial University Libraries

Fred Anstey

Head, School of Maritime Studies (Marine Institute)

Dr. Margaret Steele

Dean, Faculty of Medicine

Dr. Karen Bulmer

Dean, School of Music (acting)

Dr. April Pike

Dean, Faculty of Nursing (interim)

Joe Singleton

Head, School of Ocean Technology (Marine Institute)

Dr. Shawn Bugden

Dean, School of Pharmacy

Dr. Travis Fridgen

Dean, Faculty of Science (interim)

Dr. Morteza Haghiri

Dean, School of Science and the Environment (Grenfell Campus) (interim)

Dr. Sulaimon Giwa

Dean, School of Social Work (interim)

UNIVERSITY PROCESSION

The university procession heralds convocation, the most significant gathering of the university community. The university procession will enter the hall at 10 o'clock in the morning, three o'clock in the afternoon and seven o'clock in the evening. The audience is requested to stand while the procession enters and leaves the hall, during the anthems and at other times as noted by the presiding officer.

While the order and composition of the procession generally remains the same for each session of convocation, certain officials may not attend all ceremonies. The procession may include the following individuals below:

Marshal

Graduands

Faculty and staff

Indigenous representatives

Members of the Board of Regents

Professores emeriti

Honorary graduands

University marshal Student leaders

Orator

University registrar

Registrar (Grenfell Campus)

Assistant registrars

Deans

Associate deans

Associate vice-presidents

Heads of sister institutions

Vice-presidents

Provincial government cabinet representatives

Chair, Board of Regents

President and vice-chancellor

Mace bearer

Chancellor

Lieutenant-governor, the Official Visitor to Memorial University

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS | 10 a.m., Thursday, May 18

THE CHANCELLOR WILL DECLARE CONVOCATION OPEN

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

"THE WELCOME SONG"

Corner Brook Aboriginal Women's Association

REMARKS TO CONVOCATION

CONFERRING OF UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

The registrar (Grenfell Campus) will present the candidates

The chancellor will confer the degrees

The appropriate dean and the chancellor will acknowledge the graduates

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PRESENTATION OF HONORARY GRADUAND

Dr. Ken Jacobsen, public orator

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE UPON

Odelle Marie Pike The degree of doctor of laws

DR. ODELLE MARIE PIKE WILL SIGN THE REGISTER AND ADDRESS CONVOCATION

THE CHANCELLOR WILL DECLARE CONVOCATION CLOSED

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS | 3 p.m., Thursday, May 18

THE CHANCELLOR WILL DECLARE CONVOCATION OPEN

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Dr. E. Holly Pike, university orator

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE UPON

Gurdeep Singh Pandher The degree of doctor of laws

DR. GURDEEP SINGH PANDHER WILL SIGN THE REGISTER AND ADDRESS CONVOCATION

THE CHANCELLOR WILL DECLARE CONVOCATION CLOSED

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS | 7 p.m., Thursday, May 18

THE CHANCELLOR WILL DECLARE CONVOCATION OPEN

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The registrar (Grenfell Campus) will present the candidates

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PERFORMANCE

"Me and the Sky" from Come From Away by David Hein and Irene Sankoff

> Emma MacEachern, soprano Cindy Sheppard, piano

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY GRADUAND

Jerry Etienne, university orator

CONFERRING OF HONORARY DEGREE UPON

Irene Sankoff and David Carl Hein The degree of doctor of letters

DRS. IRENE SANKOFF AND DAVID CARL HEIN WILL SIGN THE REGISTER AND ADDRESS CONVOCATION

THE CHANCELLOR WILL DECLARE CONVOCATION CLOSED

HONORARY DEGREES

Candidates for honorary degrees may be nominated by any member of the community to the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial which, after due consideration, forwards its recommendations to Senate for approval.

To be considered for an honorary degree, candidates must normally have been benefactors of the university, or persons who have achieved eminence in learning or in the arts, or those who have otherwise distinguished themselves by outstanding public service.



Odelle Pike

Odelle Pike grew up in a strong traditional Mi'kmaw family in St. George's, N.L.

She is president of the Newfoundland Aboriginal Women's Network, the founder of the People of the Dawn Indigenous Friendship Centre, director of the Ulnooweg Development Corp. and a respected Mi'kmaw elder.

She holds a certificate in business administration from Memorial University, which led to the ownership of a successful outfitting business. During her years as a businessperson, Ms. Pike often gave back to her community to support economic development opportunities.

As a community advocate, Ms. Pike is passionate about cultural revitalization, sustainability, mental health and supporting members of the LGBTQ community facing gender-based violence and the women and families impacted by the murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls crisis.

She has played a leadership role for 40 years in the

figure skating world, focusing on investing in the physical and mental well-being of youth. She has served as the western regional director and on the board of Skate Canada N.L.

Since her retirement in 2011, Ms. Pike has concentrated on empowering Indigenous men, women, youth and diverse peoples to realize their full potential.

She is the recipient of the 2000 Skate Canada N.L. Volunteer of Excellence Award; the 2008 City of Corner Brook Citizen of the Year Award; the 2008 Newfoundland and Labrador Organization of Women Entrepreneurs Visionary Award; the 2010 Ulnooweg Development Group Lifetime Achievement Award; the Governor General of Canada–Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers in 2017; and the Order of Newfoundland of Labrador in 2019.

For her dedicated Indigenous leadership and for the depth and breadth of her community service within the province, in social justice issues and in sport, Odelle Pike will receive the degree of doctor of laws, *honoris causa*.



Gurdeep Pandher

Gurdeep Pandher is an internationally known, Yukonbased Sikh author, teacher and performer who has made, and continues to make, extraordinary contributions to society and our collective well-being by sharing bhangra dancing with the world.

Mr. Pandher moved to Canada from his ancestral village, Siahar, in his native Punjab in 2006; he became a Canadian citizen in 2011. He completed a bachelor of education degree from Yukon University and a master's degree in public administration from Panjab University.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, he posted daily videos of himself dancing traditional Punjabi bhangra folk dance in the outdoor setting of his remote cabin in the Yukon as a way of spreading hope and joy.

Apart from the physical and mental uplift created through his dance movement, another meaningful side of Mr. Pandher's work is building inter-racial and cross-cultural bridges. He collaborated with people and artists from many different backgrounds, including Indigenous artists, to build a deeper understanding of multicultural Canada.

He also promotes inclusivity in sport, the military, charities and non-profit organizations. In 2017 he performed with Stephanie Dixon, a Canadian Paralympic Games medallist. In 2019 he collaborated with the Canadian Armed Forces to create a video to celebrate diversity and inclusivity in the military. He held free dance workshops with Doctors Without Borders and the Canadian Mental Health Association.

In 2021 Mr. Pandher received the Canadian Public Relations Society National President's Award for Outstanding Public Relations and Communications Management.

Also in 2021, he received the Royal Canadian Geographical Society's Louie Kamookak Medal for making Canada's geography better known to Canadians and to the world.

For using his kinetic art to promote inclusivity and spread optimism, joy, and light in a dark time, Gurdeep Pandher will receive the degree of doctor of laws, honoris causa.



Irene Sankoff and David Hein

Canadian composers, lyricists and librettists Irene Sankoff and David Hein are partners in work and life. She was born in North York, Ont.; he in Regina, Sask.

Together, they are the creators of the Broadway musical sensation, *Come From Away*.

Ms. Sankoff has degrees in psychology, creative writing and acting. Mr. Hein has a theatre degree from York University, where the couple met.

On 9/11, they were living in New York City in a residence for international students.

In those early days of fear and uncertainty, Ms. Sankoff, Mr. Hein and their neighbours from around the world took care of one another — a profound experience that the couple drew on years later.

Come From Away tells the story of the uncommon generosity and kindness of Newfoundlanders and Labradorians as they took in and cared for 7,000 stranded passengers that day.

Crafted from the stories they absorbed when Ms. Sankoff and Mr. Hein came to Gander in 2011 to celebrate the 10-year reunion of the "plane people" and the "islanders," *Come From Away* shows how connections can be forged under the most challenging of circumstances, instills lost faith in the goodness of humanity and swells the heart with pride of place.

Come From Away won three Dora Awards, four Helen Hayes Awards, five Outer Critics Circle Awards and three Drama Desk awards. The Tony- and Grammy-nominated couple won Best Score and Best Musical at the Olivier Awards. Come From Away continues to play live around the globe and on AppleTV+. The couple is currently working on projects for Netflix, Disney and

For creating a deeply moving piece of art and showing the world the best of Newfoundland and Labrador's spirit, Irene Sankoff and David Hein will receive the degree of doctor of letters, *honoris causa*.

ACADEMIC DRESS

The academic dress for matriculated undergraduates of the university shall be similar to the scholar's gown of the University of Oxford. It shall be worn whenever the president so directs.

The bachelor's gown shall be of black stuff. The master's gown shall be of black stuff or silk. The doctor's gown shall be of fine scarlet cloth or silk or of black stuff or silk.

The pattern of the bachelor's gown shall be similar to that of the Oxford bachelor's gown. The pattern of the master's gown and the doctor's black gown shall be similar to that of the Oxford master's gown, except that the doctor's gown shall have an edging of black silk braid at the opening of the sleeve. The doctor's scarlet gown shall be similar to that of the Oxford doctor of divinity gown.

The bachelor's hood shall be made of black stuff, the master's hood of black silk and the doctor's hood of scarlet silk. They shall be full in shape and lined with the university colours of claret and white. The bachelor's hood shall be trimmed with white fur and the tippet with velvet in the distinctive colour of the faculty or degree. The master's hood and tippet shall be edged with velvet in the distinctive colour of the faculty or degree. The doctor's hood and tippet shall

be edged with silk in the distinctive colour of the faculty or degree. However, the doctor of philosophy hood shall be of claret silk and lined and edged with claret silk.

The university hood, designed to be worn by Memorial representatives who hold a degree and who are participating in official ceremonies, shall be made of black stuff and lined and edged with claret and white silk.

The bachelor's and master's cap shall be black and square, with a black tassel. The doctor's cap shall be similar to the Oxford doctor's bonnet.

The academic dress for the officers of the university shall be as follows:

Chancellor – a silk gown heavily embroidered with gold braid

Vice-chancellor – a silk gown embroidered with gold braid

Pro vice-chancellor – a silk gown embroidered with gold braid

University registrar and other officers of the university – gowns of a pattern approved by Senate

DISTINCTIVE DEGREE COLOURS

BA, BA(Hons.), IBA, MA, MGS	WHITE
BBA, BBA(Hons.), B.Comm., B.Comm.(Co-op.), B.Comm.(Hons.)(Co-op.), IBBA, IBBA(Hons.), MBA, MBA(SEE), MScM	TAN
B.Ed., B.Ed.(Intermediate/Secondary), B.Ed.(Post-secondary), B.Ed.(Primary/Elementary), B.Mus.E.B.Sp.Ed., M.Ed.	Ed., LIGHT BLUE
B.Eng., M.Eng.	ORANGE
BFA(Theatre), BFA(Visual Arts), MFA	AMETHYST
B.Kin., B.Kin.(Co-op.), B.Kin.(Hons.), B.Kin.(Co-op.)(Hons.), BPE, BPE(Hons.), B.Rec., B.Rec.(Hons.) BHKR(Co-op.), BHKR(Co-op.)(Hons.), MPE, M.Sc.(Kin.)	, SAGE GREEN
BMS, B.Tech., MAOT, MMS, MTM, MMM, M.Sc.(Maritime Studies), M.Sc.(Fisheries Science)	NAVY BLUE
B.Mus., B.Mus.(Hons.), M.Mus.	PINK
BScN, MN	CORAL
BES	CITRON
B.Sc., MAS, M.A.Sc., M.Env.Sc., M.Sc., M.Sc.(B.E.A.Sc.), MAPS(Co-op.)	GOLD
B.Sc.(Pharmacy), PharmD, M.Sc.(Pharmacy)	CLOVER
BSW, MSW	RUBY GEM
MD, MPH, M.Sc.(Medicine), MHE	GREEN
MER, M.A.Ed.(EFLC), MOHS	CHOCOLATE BROWN
M.Phil., PsyD, PhD	CLARET

HISTORY OF CONVOCATION

In June of 1950 Memorial University held its first convocation, which was a fairly simple affair. Led by engineering professor Dr. Jack Facey (who would later perform the role of convocation marshal for 46 years), the students and faculty moved from the Parade Street campus across to St. Patrick's School hall for the conferring of undergraduate degrees. The university presented its first graduate degrees in May 1956 and its first honorary degree in May 1960.

The ceremony for the first honorary degree, presented to Monnie Mansfield, who had been Memorial's registrar for 30 years, served as a dress rehearsal for the most elaborate convocation the university has ever held that for the opening of the Elizabeth Avenue campus in October 1961. Overseeing the arrangements were Dr. Facey as the marshal of convocation, responsible for the organization, direction and decorum of the occasion, and Dr. G.M. Story as the public orator, responsible for the delivery of the orations about the honorary graduands, a special feature of Memorial's convocations. Nineteen honorary degrees were conferred on a galaxy of local, national and international dignitaries. That day, the public orator and his deputy each had to deliver as many as 10 orations, each a concise but rhetorically lively account of the rationale for conferring the degree.

From 1961–68 convocation was held in the gymnasium of the Physical Education building. With the opening of the St. John's Arts and Culture Centre, Memorial in effect acquired a new convocation hall, which became the regular site of the ceremonies after 1970. Designed partially on the ideas of then-premier Joseph Smallwood, the back of the stage with its descending staircase was developed specifically for Memorial's convocation. Fall convocation was inaugurated in 1970 to accommodate increasing numbers of graduates and to support the three-semester academic calendar.

In May 1992, 23 graduates received degrees in the first regular session of convocation held at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Memorial's Corner Brook campus (now Grenfell Campus).

The ceremonial trappings of convocation were developed in the early 1960s. Memorial's academic robes are based on those of Oxford University. Chancellor Lord Thomson donated the silver mace — the symbol of the university's authority and the presence of which signals the official opening of convocation — in 1961. Bert Riggs, university marshal, donated the marshal's staff in 2021.

Campbell Macpherson, Newfoundland and Labrador's third lieutenant-governor, presented the original chancellor's chair and lectern in 1963. Other complementary birch wood furniture pieces were subsequently commissioned from the St. John's firm of Clarmanis and Son Ltd.; the chairs bear the university's coat of arms and are hand-carved and painted in bas-relief. Dr. Facey gifted the signing table to the university in 1996.

In 2002 plans were made to create a second suite of convocation furniture so that a complete set would permanently reside at each of the St. John's and Corner Brook campuses. Ian Stewart, a retired Memorial University designer, undertook the design of the new suite, which reflects the culture and traditions of the province; Paterson Woodworking of Upper Amherst Cove was commissioned to construct the set. Dr. Edward Roberts, the province's 11th lieutenant-governor, presented the first piece: a black walnut table with a fish-splitting motif.

Honorary graduate Alan Perry donated the kneeler in 2005. Dr. Roberts and his brother, Douglas, sponsored the signing table and bench, completed in 2005, as well as the chancellor's chair and the four companion chairs, which were completed in 2006. They also donated the two speaker's lecterns, which were completed in 2007. The Roberts's contribution was made in memory of their father, Dr. Harry D. Roberts, a graduate of Memorial University ('31), an honorary graduate of Memorial and a member of the Board of Regents for many years.

The desire to share the ceremonies beyond the audience seated in the convocation hall led to television coverage of the ceremonies beginning in the 1970s and, more recently, webcasting (by the university's Centre for Innovation in Teaching and Learning unit), which virtually brings the ceremony to the world via the university website at www.mun.ca. Other university units that play a role in convocation include the Office of the Registrar and the School of Graduate Studies, which ensure that students complete their programs and are certified for their degrees; Student Life, which co-ordinates the logistics of this special event and assists the graduands with preparations for the ceremony and the celebrations surrounding it; and Alumni Engagement, which welcomes graduates into the Memorial University Alumni Association.

Convocation has been a day of pride for thousands of students and more than 600 honorary graduates, resulting in more than 100,000 alumni members worldwide. While Memorial's convocation, as a ceremonial occasion, has grown from the practices and procedures of older universities, after more than half a century it has become a distinctive event for all who attend, be they distinguished guests or faculty, honorary graduates or our students who are, as they should be, the focus of the event.



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