ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

Dr. Trevor Bell, University Research Professor, Department of Geography, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, is Memorial’s newest fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (RSC). Dr. Bell says it is “immensely gratifying and humbling,” to be elected to such an elite group. Much of Dr. Bell’s career has been spent focusing on those living and working in the North. His innovative project, SmartICE (Sea-Ice Monitoring and Real-Time Information for Coastal Environments), is the world’s first climate change adaptation tool to integrate traditional knowledge of sea ice with advanced data acquisition and remote monitoring technology.

Dr. John Sandlos, professor, Department of History, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, is among the latest inductees to the RSC College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists. The college recognizes the emerging generation of Canada’s intellectual leadership. Dr. Sandlos’ research has most recently focused on the impact of northern mining and toxins on Indigenous communities. (more here)

ORDER OF CANADA

Dr. Jane Green has been named an officer of the Order of Canada. Dr. Green has been at the forefront of genetic research for nearly 40 years. She is an internationally recognized human geneticist and an expert in the areas of hereditary cancers and eye diseases. Her studies have led to numerous discoveries, including novel genes in Newfoundland and Labrador families, and a new understanding of pathways to the development of cancer and blindness. “The recognition by the Order of Canada acknowledges that genetics research in Newfoundland and Labrador benefits families in this province, across Canada and even beyond,” said Dr. Green. (more here)

CANADIAN ACADEMY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Dr. Margaret Steele, Dean, Faculty of Medicine, has been named a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences. Dr. Steele is recognized nationally as a researcher, educator, leader and advocate for child and adolescent psychiatry. She successfully spearheaded the application for child and adolescent psychiatry to become an acknowledged subspecialty and ensured the establishment of national standards to educate competent healthcare professionals.

Ig Noble Prizes (2017):


ECONOMICS PRIZE [AUSTRALIA, USA] — Matthew Rockloff and Nancy Greer, for their experiments to see how contact with a live crocodile affects a person’s willingness to gamble. REFERENCE: “Never Smile at a Crocodile: Betting on Electronic Gaming Machines is Intensified by Reptile-Induced Arousal,” Matthew J. Rockloff and Nancy Greer, Journal of Gambling Studies, vol. 26, no. 4, December 2010, pp. 571-81.