

## Trent University Honorary Graduates

**2023**

*Doctor of Laws*

**The Honourable Christine Elliott:** in recognition of her many achievements in Ontario politics, her contributions to the Durham region and for her work in the areas of health care and human rights.

**Moogly Tetrault-Hamel:** for his accomplishments in the Defense Aboriginal Advisory Group and his role as the Indigenous Advisory to the honorary Chaplain to the Queen.

*Doctor of Letters*

**Drew Haden-Taylor:** for his many significant contributions to Canadian literature and Indigenous performing arts.

*Doctor of Science*

**Jenny Ingram:** for her advocacy for the elderly and her leadership in dementia care and research.

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**2022**

*Doctor of Laws*

**Lillian Dyck:** in recognition of her advocacy for equity in the education and employment of women, Chinese Canadians, and Indigenous Peoples.

**Rosemary Ganley:** for her passionate advocacy for human rights and community engagement.

**Ana Lopes:** for her extraordinary contributions to non-profit organizations delivering social programs for women, health, and mental health.

*Doctor of Letters*

**Bob Ezrin:** for his significant contributions to the Canadian entertainment industry and dedication to environmental causes.

**Muriel Miguel:** in recognition of her landmark contributions to contemporary Indigenous and feminist theatre movements.

*Doctor of Science*

**Charles Krebs:** for his extensive contributions in the areas of ecology, environmental science, wildlife conservation, and northern research.

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## 2020

(Awarding of honorary degrees was delayed till 2021 due to COVID-19)

### *Doctor of Laws*

**Waneek Horn-Miller:** for her remarkable achievements in sport, broadcasting and community activism and her life-long commitment to Indigenous rights.

**Mobeenuddin (Mobeen) Hasan Khaja:** in recognition of his extraordinary community activism and leadership.

**Lisa LaFlamme:** in recognition of her work as a trailblazer for women in journalism and Canadian broadcasting.

**Ilse Treurnicht:** in recognition of her entrepreneurial leadership in Canada's innovation community.

### *Doctor of Science*

**Ronald Reid:** in acknowledgement of his significant contributions to science and conservation in Ontario and beyond.

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## 2019

### *Doctor of Laws*

**Cindy Blackstock:** in recognition of her contributions in the area of First Nation child welfare.

**Jerry Coughlan:** for his community leadership and generous support of organizations throughout the region.

**Jeanette Corbiere Lavell:** for her work in the area of First Nations women.

**Mae Katt:** for her work in the area of First Nations health.

**Alice Klein:** for her contribution to alternative media.

### *Doctor of Letters*

**Michael Cooke:** for his contributions as a journalist and a Board member of Journalists for Human Rights.

*Doctor of Science*

**Mark Angelo:** for his work in the area of river conservation in Canada.

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**2018**

*Doctor of Laws*

**George Cope:** for using his position as a corporate leader to champion social issues, in particular, mental health.

**Max Eisen:** for his efforts in the area of Holocaust education and promotion of human rights.

**Sylvia Maracle:** for her advocacy for Indigenous peoples, particularly for Indigenous urban youth.

**Stephen Teeple:** in recognition of his contributions to the body of Canadian architecture generally and the Trent University campus in particular.

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**2017**

*Doctor of Laws*

**The Right Honourable Paul Martin:** for his significant achievements in business, politics, international affairs, and aboriginal empowerment.

**The Honourable Dr. Jean Augustine:** for her significant contributions to education and social justice.

**Keith Knott:** for championing First Nations peoples and in recognition of his enrichment of the Curve Lake First Nation community.

**W. John Patterson and Thea Anna Patterson:** for the commitment they exemplify as global citizens with a concern for the well-being of the planet.

**Stephen Poloz:** in recognition of his outstanding commitment to effective public service.

**Fiona Sampson:** for her commitment and dedication to seeking justice for society's disadvantaged.

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## 2016

### *Doctor of Laws*

**Michael de Pencier:** for his significant contributions to Canadian nature, art and publishing.

**Kathleen Taylor:** for her achievements in the banking industry, fostering respectful workplace cultures, and her dedication and contribution to charitable causes.

### *Doctor of Letters*

**Linwood Barclay:** for his significant contributions to Canadian journalism and literature.

**Roy MacGregor:** for his noteworthy contributions to literature, arts, journalism and culture in Canada.

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## 2015

### *Doctor of Laws*

**Martha Friendly:** for her research and advocacy in the area of early childhood education and child care which have helped to shape policy on these issues.

**Michael Thrasher:** for his contributions in creating a climate of respect for Indigenous and Traditional knowledge in Canada and internationally.

### *Doctor of Letters*

**Stephen Stohn:** for his significant contributions to the arts and cultural life of Canada.

**Peter Raymont:** for his contributions to Canadian culture and society through his documentary films exploring social injustice, politics, Canadian history and culture.

### *Doctor of Science*

**Drew Monkman:** for his achievements in promoting knowledge of, and an appreciation for, the natural environment, especially in the Kawarthas.

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## 2014

### *Doctor of Laws*

**Richard Johnston:** for his outstanding contribution to public service and the welfare of so many Ontarians.

**David Patterson:** for his extraordinary success in socially and environmentally responsible business.

### *Doctor of Letters*

**Joseph Boyden:** for his exceptional contributions to Canadian Literature and Indigenous culture.

**Shelagh Grant:** for her relentless dedication to Trent University and her inspired scholarship on Canada's northern regions and Aboriginal peoples.

### *Doctor of Science*

**Wade Davis:** for his numerous achievements in both the arts and sciences, and his interdisciplinary approach to lifelong learning.

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## 2013

### *Doctor of Laws*

**The Honourable Ed Broadbent:** for his significant contributions to Canadian politics and, specifically, his work for an equitable tax system, equality for women, the constitutional entrenchment of aboriginal and economic rights, and ethics in government.

**Justin Chiu:** for his significant achievements in international business and his leadership in supporting post-secondary education.

**His Excellency Bharrat Jagdeo:** for his leadership achievements and his advocacy for the environment.

### *Doctor of Science*

**Bruce Falls:** for his outstanding contributions in the areas of conservation of our natural environment and scientific research.

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## 2012

### *Doctor of Laws*

**Sheila Fraser:** for her significant contributions and diligence to Canadian public finance accountability, stewardship and transparency.

**Ralph Heintzman:** for his distinguished contributions to Canadian public service at the highest standard of ethics, accountability and service delivery.

**Judith Shamian:** for her distinguished contributions to the Canadian health care system, nursing research, patient advocacy and excellence in nursing leadership.

### *Doctor of Letters*

**Gwynne Dyer:** for his significant international contributions as a geopolitical analyst, journalist, broadcaster, filmmaker, author and lecturer

**Mark Starowicz:** for his significant contributions in the advocacy of Canadian culture and identity, journalism and broadcasting.

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## 2011

### *Doctor of Laws*

**Rick Beaver:** In recognition of his significant contributions to aboriginal art, tourism, cultural history and environmental management.

**The Right Honorable Kim Campbell:** In recognition of her political achievements and leadership contributions in Canada and internationally in women's rights and democratic organizations.

**Sandra Laronde:** In recognition of her contributions and commitment to Aboriginal arts and cultural expression in Canada and internationally.

**Lauren Woolstencroft:** In recognition of her dedication and perseverance to achieving excellence in sports and engineering and as a role model to all athletes.

**Craig Kielburger:** In recognition of his significant international contributions to social justice and his advocacy for children's rights and youth leadership.

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## 2010

### *Doctor of Laws*

**The Honorable Peter Adams:** For his significant contributions to both the Trent University and Peterborough communities.

**The Honorable William G. Davis:** For his historic contributions to public education in Ontario.

**Robert Glossop:** For his outstanding contributions to Canadian social policy and understanding of Canadian families.

**John Mighton:** For his significant contributions to mathematics education and theatre.

**Nancy Strickland:** For her commitment to international development and her role as a global citizen.

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## 2009

### *Doctor of Laws*

**Maude Barlow:** For her outstanding leadership in citizen advocacy and for her international environmental work.

**The Honourable Iona Campagnolo:** For her distinguished contributions in public life and for her commitment to international humanitarian and environmental work.

**Sarah Polley:** For her award-winning and internationally-acclaimed achievements as an actor and film director.

**Thomas R. Porter (Sakokwenionkwas):** For his contributions as an Indigenous cultural educator, Elder and Spiritual Leader.

**Mary Pratt -** For her internationally-acclaimed achievements in contemporary realist art.

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## 2008

### *Doctor of Laws*

**Zacharias Kunuk –** For his award-winning accomplishments in film production and for showcasing Canada's Arctic to the world.

**Hon. Flora MacDonald -** For her distinguished contributions in public life and commitment to international humanitarian work.

**Donnell Leahy & Natalie MacMaster** - For their nationally-recognized musical achievements and role in the Peterborough area's musical community.

**Michael MacMillan** – For his contributions as a highly successful entrepreneur and his volunteer activities and commitment to community.

*Doctor of Letters*

**Hugh Anson-Cartwright** - For his work to support and preserve Canadian literature.

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**2007**

*Doctor of Laws*

**Jim Balsillie** – distinguished contributions to society as a highly successful entrepreneur, volunteer activities and commitment to community

**Ron Fourney** – outstanding leadership in DNA forensic science and distinguished contributions to the development of the Trent-Fleming Forensic Science Program

**Margaret & Wallace McCain** - significant contributions to the arts, education, charities, and business communities through their extraordinary career and volunteer activities

**Rosemary Speirs** – distinguished leadership in advancing the representation of women in Canada's government and outstanding work to protect the natural environment

*Doctor of Letters*

**Stuart McLean** - distinguished contributions as an author, broadcaster and teacher

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## 2006

*Doctor of Laws*

**Charles Coffey** - distinguished contributions to society through volunteer leadership

**Roberta Jamieson** - outstanding contributions to society in the field of dispute resolution and also for leadership in the Aboriginal community

**Donald Tapscott** - distinguished contributions to our understanding of the impacts of advances in information technology on people, workplaces and society

*Doctor of Letters*

**Richard Wright** - distinguished contributions to Canadian literature

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## 2005

*Doctor of Laws*

**Erica Cherney** - Peterborough businesswoman, volunteer and honorary member and former chair of Trent University's Board of Governors

**Jake Eberts** - Canadian film producer and founder of Allied Filmmakers

**Mary Simon** - Canada's former Ambassador for Circumpolar Affairs and former Chancellor of Trent University

**General Romeo Dallaire (Ret'd)** - celebrated Canadian, known for his courageous and principled leadership as former head of the UN peacekeeping Force in Uganda and Rwanda

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## 2004

*Doctor of Laws*

**Hon. Rosalie Silberman Abella** - jurisprudence, champion of human rights, justice & equality

**Terence Dickinson** - science writer & communicator in the field of astronomy

*Doctor of Letters*

**Jean Murray Cole** - author, historian, volunteer

**Donald N. LePan** - scholarly publishing in Canada

**Alistair MacLeod** - writer, teacher

**Patricia Kathleen (P.K.) Page** - writer, painter

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## 2003

*Doctor of Laws*

**Frank Augustyn** - renowned dancer, teacher, artistic director

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## 2002

*Doctor of Laws*

**John de Pencier**- public service, service to Trent

**Doris McCarthy** - renowned artist, teacher

**David Morton**- public service, Peterborough

**John O'Leary** - literacy advocate

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## 2001

*Doctor of Laws*

**James Orbinski** - doctor and humanitarian

**Ernie Coombs** - actor and childrens' entertainer

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## 2000

*Doctor of Laws*

**Tom Jackson** - humanitarian, actor, musician

**Alanis Obomsawin** - writer and film maker

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## 1999

*Doctor of Laws*

**Madeleine Parent** - union and feminist worker

**Chris Hadfield** - astronaut

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## 1998

*Doctor of Laws*

**Mary Walsh** - comedienne, actor, writer, director, political satirist

**Ian Affleck** – physicist

**Dorothy Burnham** - textile historian

*Installation - Doctor of Laws*

**Matthew Coon Come** - native leader, political activist

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**1997**

*Doctor of Letters*

**Michael Valpy** - journalist

*Doctor of Laws*

**Sylva Gelber** - women's rights pioneer, social activist

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**1996**

*Doctor of Letters*

**Julie Johnson** - children's author

*Doctor of Laws*

**Bob Gainey** - athlete

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**1995**

*Doctor of Letters*

**Dennis Beynon Lee** - poet, literary editor

*Doctor of Laws*

**Nancy Ruth** - feminist, social activist, business woman

**David William Schindler** - environmental scientist

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**1994**

*Doctor of Laws*

**Ernest Benedict** - native elder

**Douglas Cardinal** - Metis architect

**Rosemarie Kuptana** - Inuit leader

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**1993**

*Doctor of Laws*

**Inger Hansen** - jurisprudence, women's issues

**David Trevor Moore** - public service, service to Trent

**Walter George Pitman** - public service, educator

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## 1992

*Doctor of Laws*

**John Kim Bell** - Cdn. Native Arts Foundation, orchestra conductor

**Jack Matthews** - International Studies, educator

**Julia Phelps** - art historian, teacher

**Bertha Wilson** - jurisprudence, women's concerns

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## 1991

*Spring - Doctor of Letters*

**Clara Thomas** - academe

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**Gary Potts** - native rights **T.E.W. Nind** - academe, service to Trent

**Morden Yolles** - engineering

*Fall - Doctor of Letters*

**Wayland Drew** - author, teacher, environmental concerns

*Fall - Doctor of Laws*

**Jon Grant** - Peterborough businessman, environmental concerns, service to Trent

**Stanley Rowe** - ecologist

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## 1990

*Spring - Doctor of Letters*

**Dennis Dickens Sweeting** - theatre, alumnus

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**Kenneth Earl Kidd** - academe

**Martha Ann Kidd** - heritage conservancy, Peterborough

**Harold Barling Town** - art

**Ralph Ray Krueger** - academe

*Fall - Doctor of Letters*

**Scott Alexander Young** - author

*Fall - Doctor of Laws*

**Beth Appeldoorn** - Canadian booktrade

**Susan Sandler** - Canadian booktrade

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## 1989

*Spring - Doctor of Letters*

**Raymond Murray Schafer** - arts

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**Edith Grace Firth** - librarian

**Geraldine Anne Kenney-Wallace** - science

**John Alexander Irving Young** - engineering, Peterborough

*Fall - Doctor of Letters (25th Anniversary)*

**Marion Golda Fry** - academe, service to Trent

**Richard Hay Sadleir** - academe, service to Trent **S.G. Denis Smith** - academe, service to Trent  
*Fall - Doctor of Laws (25th Anniversary)*

**Hugh Franklin Waddell** - public service, service to Trent

**Walter George Ward** - public service, service to Trent

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## 1988

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**Edward Walter Scott** - religion

**Diane Lynn Dupuy** - arts

*August 1988 - Special Ceremony*

**Charles Evan Feinberg** - (library benefactor) Posthumous LL.D.

*Fall - Doctor of Laws*

**Douglas Campbell Sadler** - natural science

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## 1987

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**Meyer Brownstone** - public service

**Pierre Juneau** - public service S

**Sister Veronica O'Reilly** - religious leader, Peterborough, alumni

*Installation - Doctor of Laws*

**Alan Earp** - academe, service to education

*Fall - Doctor of Laws*

**William Dray** - academe

**Peter Gzowski** - public service, broadcasting

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## 1986

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**William Fisher** - business, Peterborough

**Timothy Porteous** - arts

**Donald Rickerd** - public service

*Fall - Doctor of Laws*

**Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela** - prisoner of conscience

**Andrei Dimitrievich Sakharov** - prisoner of conscience

**Hon. Mr. Justice Walter Surma Tarnopolsky** - human rights

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## 1985

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**F. Norman Jewison** - arts

**W.O. Mitchell** - arts

*Fall - Doctor of Laws*

**John Holmes** - public service

**Jack McClelland** - arts, publishing

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## 1984

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**Thomas Berger** - jurisprudence

**Lois Wilson** - religion

*Fall - Doctor of Laws*

**George Connell** - academe

**George Ignatieff** - academe

**Ronald Watts** - academe

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## 1983

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**Donald Chant** - academe

**Maureen Forrester** - arts

**Maxwell Ward** - public service

*Fall - Doctor of Laws*

**Tommy Douglas** - public service

**Joseph Jacobs** - arts

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## 1982

*Spring - Doctor of Letters*

**Timothy Findley** - arts, Peterborough area

**Malcolm Mackenzie Ross** - academe

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**Beverly Northcott Smallman** - scientist, service to Trent

*Fall - Doctor of Laws*

**Karen Kain** - arts **David Sutherland** - local educational service

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## 1981

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**Peter Theodore Demos** - academe, Peterborough

**Trevor Lloyd** - academe

**Raymond Moriyama** - architect

*Fall - Doctor of Laws*

**David T. Suzuki** - academe

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## 1980

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**Margaret Leonore MacKelvie** - Peterborough service

**William Belmont Common** - jurisprudence

*Spring - Doctor of Letters*

**Sir Alfred Ayer** - academe

*Fall - Doctor of Letters*

**Leo Yaffe** - academe

*Fall - Doctor of Laws*

**Bernard Danton Sandwell** - service to Trent

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## **1979**

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**Frederick Kenneth Hare** - academe

**Gordon Meredith Lightfoot** - arts

**Harry Reginald Williams** - academe, Peterborough

*Spring - Doctor of Letters*

**Mary Louise Northway** - academe

*Fall - Doctor of Laws*

**Frank Radford Crawley** - arts

**Arnold Cantwell Smith** - public service

*Fall - Doctor of Letters*

**Wilfred Cantwell Smith** - academe

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## 1978

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**S. Robert Blair** - public service

**Francis Edward Paxton Whitehead** - arts

*Spring - Doctor of Letters*

**Eugene Alfred Forsey** - Trent , public service

*Fall - Doctor of Laws*

**Stanley Howard Knowles** - public service

*Fall - Doctor of Letters*

**A.J.M. Smith** - academe

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## 1977

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**Celia Franca** - arts

*Spring - Doctor of Letters*

**Jose M. Valverde** - Trent academe

*Fall - Doctor of Laws*

**John Charles Polanyi** - academe

**Gordon Hamilton Southam** - arts

*Fall - Doctor of Letters*

**William Hugh Kenner** - Peterborough , academe

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## 1976

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**Donald Olding Hebb** - academe

**William Reid** - arts

**Charles Stewart Almon Ritchie** - public service

*Spring - Doctor of Letters*

**Marie Tremaine** - academe

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## 1975

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**William Herbert Cranston** - public service

**John Harry Ebbs** - public service

**Thomas Henry Bull Symons** - service to Trent

*Spring - Doctor of Letters*

**Gilles Vigneault** - arts

*Fall - Doctor of Laws*

**James Robbins Kidd** - public service, academe



*Fall - Doctor of Letters*

**Edith Margaret Fulton Fowke** - arts

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**1974**

*Spring - Doctor of Letters*

**Harry Joseph Boyle** - arts

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**John Morgan Gray** - arts

**Ross Munro Matthews** - Peterborough service

*Fall - Doctor of Letters*

**Robertson Davies** - arts

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**1973**

*Spring - Doctor of Letters*

**Kathleen Coburn** - arts

*Spring - Doctor of Laws*

**Harold Scott MacDonald Coxeter** - academe

**Winona Grace MacInnis** - public service

**Gilbert Ryle** - academe

*Fall - Doctor of Letters*

**Margaret Eleanor Atwood** - arts

*Fall - Doctor of Laws*

**Louis Rasminsky** - public service

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**1972**

*Doctor of Laws*

**Hon. Therese F. Casgrain** - public service

**Hon. Mr. Justice Samuel Freedman** - jurisprudence

**Lady Mary Helen Ogilvie** - service to Trent

**William Augustus Ritchie** - academe

*Doctor of Letters*

**Margaret Laurence** - arts

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**1971**

*Doctor of Laws*

**Gilbert Bagnani** - service to Trent

**George Parkin Grant** - academe

**Donald James LeRoy** - academe, public service

**Ronald James Thom** - architect

*Doctor of Letters*

**Alan Stewart Paton** - civil liberties

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**1970**

*Doctor of Laws*

**Edward Hewlett Johnson** - Biafra aid, mission

**Fern Alma Rahmel** - education

*Doctor of Letters*

**James Alexander Corry** - academe

**Gratien Gelinas** - arts

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**1969**

*Doctor of Laws*

**Col. John Alexander Dewart** - Peterborough service

**Louis Fine** - public service

**Doris Eileen Lewis** - librarian

**Hon. John Howard Sissons** - jurisprudence

*Doctor of Letters*

**Morris Bishop** - academe

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**1968**

*Doctor of Laws*

**Charles K. Fraser** - service to Trent

**Rev. Roger Guindon** - academe

**Wilfrid Bennett Lewis** - academe

**Hon. James Chalmers McRuer** - jurisprudence

*Doctor of Letters*

**Alexander Brady** - academe

**Floyd Sherman Chalmers** - patron of the arts

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**1967**

*Doctor of Laws*

**Major James William Coldwell** - public service

**Edwin Mirvish** - patron of the arts

**Bora Laskin** - jurisprudence

*Doctor of Letters*

**Charles Allan Ashley** - academe

**Alex Colville** - artist