Dr. Jaqueline McLeod Rogers and RHET Student Anthony Sannie Supporting the Faculty of Arts at the University of Winnipeg Open House, February 21, 2018. Photo courtesy of Jaqueline McLeod Rogers

**STUDENT AWARD WINNERS**

**BENJAMIN DUECK**

**RECIPIENT OF THE MICHAEL COLLINS MCINTYRE SCHOLARSHIP IN RHETORIC, WRITING, AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Benjamin is currently completing a 4-year BA degree in the department, and working as a tutor in the department's Writing Centre. Most of his research explores the ways in which the human mind manufactures meaningful stories/narratives in an age of information overload, with a focus on communications media and technology. He studies everything from the rise of conspiracy theories to the algorithmic processes built into online media platforms like YouTube and Spotify.
On the tutoring side, Ben sees great value in the techniques of mindfulness and meditation for helping others come to terms with the overwhelming media landscape we are faced with today. He does his best to foster an atmosphere of awareness, openness, and communication with every writer he works with. He believes that we can use these methods to come to terms with the reality of our own suffering, and cultivate a compassion that can help us serve others. His plan for the future is to explore these practices further in graduate studies.

LUKE REMPEL
ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION PRIZE

Luke is a student in the Joint Communications Degree/Diploma between University of Winnipeg and Red River College. He plans to combine the skills learned at both schools to contribute to positive social change in Winnipeg.

ROSELLE PANGANIBAN
SCHOLARSHIP IN RHETORIC, WRITING, AND COMMUNICATIONS

Roselle has been a writing tutor with the Tutoring Centre for three years and has also helped with the Rhetoric Students’ Association. Informed by her minor in linguistics, she is interested in topics around multiliteracies, such as writing through transnational identity and the rhetorics of visual representation.

She has considered doing a Master's, but will continue to think on her goals as a writer after graduation.
The Department of Rhetoric, Writing, and Communications hosted a lively Dialogues event entitled, “The Campus Wars Redux: Free Speech and Academic Freedom,” featuring Jen Doerksen (BA, Rhetoric & Communications), Peter Ives (Political Science), and Shannon Sampert (Political Science). Moderated by Matthew Flisfeder, the panelists had a lively and intense discussion about the limits of academic freedom, with numerous comments from the audience.

Tracy Whalen has been elected General Editor of Rhetor, the scholarly publication of the Canadian Society for the Study of Rhetoric (RhetCanada) in June 2017. In that new role, she oversaw the publication of Rhetor vol. 7 (2018), edited by Pierre Zoberman, which can be accessed at http://cssr-scer.ca/journal/volumes/rhetor-vol-7/.


Conference Presentations


Conference Proceedings


Keynotes/Public Talks

Christopher Crocker, ““Another Kind of Esperanto”: Editing the Medieval Icelandic Sagas.” University of Manitoba Icelandic Student’s Society (UMISS), University of Manitoba, February 13th, 2018. Invited Lecture


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