

Spring 2022 Honorary Degree Recipients

Dr. Jeffrey Turnbull, LLD (June 3, 2022, 10 a.m.)

Upon retiring as chief of staff at The Ottawa Hospital in 2017, [Dr. Jeffrey Turnbull](#) was one of the founders of [Ottawa's Inner City Health Project](#), providing clinical care to Ottawa's homeless and vulnerable populations. He has also worked as an advocate and medical educator in "Poverty and Health Equity" and associated health policy.

Madeleine Dion Stout, LLD (June 13, 2022, 3 p.m.)

[Madeleine Dion Stout](#) is a registered nurse, Cree Speaker and preeminent scholar. For the past four decades, her work on health reform, education and policy has left an indelible mark on society. She has advanced the cause of providing inclusive and accessible health care her remarkable contribution has led to a deeper understanding of the complexities of providing equitable health care in the north, particularly with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

Sally Armstrong, LLD (June 14, 2022, 10 a.m.)

[Sally Armstrong](#) is a human rights activist, journalist, award-winning author, editor and teacher. She has spent large parts of her life in conflict zones around the world and writes about how women and girls live with the consequences of military and political decisions. From Bosnia and Somalia to the Middle East, Rwanda, Congo, Afghanistan, South Sudan and Iraq, her eye witness reports have earned her multiple awards.

Dr. David Saint-Jacques, DSc (June 14, 2022, 3 p.m.)

[Dr. David Saint-Jacques](#) is an astronaut with the [Canadian Space Agency](#) (CSA). On December 3, 2018, he flew to the International Space Station for a 204-day mission, the longest Canadian space mission to date. David has always been keen on exploring the world around him. Prior to joining the Canadian space program in 2009, he practised family medicine in a northern Canadian village. Before that, he worked as an astrophysicist in the United Kingdom; Japan; USA; and Canada.

Subir Chowdhury, LLD (June 15, 2022, 3 p.m.)

[Subir Chowdhury](#) is a best-selling author and chairman and CEO of ASI Consulting group. He is said to be one of the most influential management thinkers in the world. He is a pioneer in the field of product quality and his illustrious career has had far-reaching effects on both the economy and the quality of life of citizens around the world. His foundation is committed to supporting quality STEM education, fostering critical thinking, and encouraging young learners to become tomorrow's innovators.

Robin Poole, DSc (June 16, 2022, 10 a.m.)

Robin Poole is internationally recognized for his innovative research on osteoarthritis. His pioneering work has helped Canada become a leader in arthritis research and development. He has published 258 peer-reviewed papers and contributed to 96 chapters in medical and scientific textbooks. Through his work, he has brought the

world closer to a cure for arthritis, which affects more than six million Canadians and is the leading cause of disability in Canada.

Raymond Carroll, DSc (June 16, 2022, 3 p.m.)

[Raymond Carroll](#) has had a long and illustrious career providing groundbreaking and influential contributions to statistical sciences, data science and epidemiology. His foundational and pioneering scholastic contributions have shaped the scope and dimension of statistical sciences. Raymond has also worked in the fields of nutritional studies, epidemiology, radiation, marine science, political science, wildlife abundance and more.

Dr. Patrick Gullane, DSc (June 17, 2022, 10 a.m.)

[Dr. Patrick Gullane](#) is a national and international leader in head and neck surgery and has been invited as a visiting professor to over 65 countries, lecturing on all aspects of head and neck oncology. He has published 10 books on head and neck surgery, has delivered more than 830 invited and keynote presentations and published 368 papers and 98 chapters in textbooks.

Arun Mujumdar, DSc (June 17, 2022, 3 p.m.)

For more than forty years, [Arun Mujumdar](#) has provided global leadership in research and development of drying and dehydration knowledge. Known as the “Drying Guru”, he is recognized by academia and industry around the world for his work on the importance of thermal dehydration to enhance energy efficiency, improving the quality of dried products in a sustainable way. He has been instrumental in leading the movement towards innovation, globalization, networking and industry-academia collaboration in drying research and development.

Shelley Ambrose, LLD (June 20, 2022, 10 a.m.)

Shelley Ambrose published her first newspaper at the age of 12 and went on to become a reporter at The Windsor Star and the Globe & Mail, a CBC Radio and television producer, a public affairs officer at the Canadian Consulate in New York, the publisher of The Walrus magazine and the Executive Director of The Walrus Foundation. Her commitment to the value of the liberal arts is unparalleled, advocating for the importance of clear communication, critical thinking and creative possibilities that come with training in the arts and humanities.

Regna Darnell, LLD (June 20, 2022, 3 p.m.)

Since joining Western as chair of the Department of Anthropology in 1990, [Regna Darnell](#) has been a leader of interdisciplinary research -- a career of more than five decades frames her specialized approach. She has collaborated with co-investigators in linguistics, political science, media studies, history and First Nations Studies. Her own work focuses on Indigenous issues but can be applied to other domains. She has

served as director of Western's [Centre for Research and Teaching of Canadian Native Languages](#), and was founding director of Western's First Nations Studies program (now known as [Indigenous Studies](#)).

Connie Clerici, LLD (June 21, 2022, 10 a.m.)

[Connie Clerici](#) is the CEO and founder of [Closing the Gap Healthcare](#) and a sought-after advisor in the health care industry. She is actively engaged in a number of boards and advisory councils, including the [Health Quality Ontario](#) Quality Standards Committee, and the [Premier's Council on Improving Healthcare and Ending Hallway Medicine](#). She is a member of the advisory boards for both the Ivey Business School and the [Morrissette Institute for Entrepreneurship](#). Connie's passion is to help those most in need in society, and to accept full accountability for doing so. She advocates that ethics and compassion accompany sound business practices.

Alwyn Morris, LLD (June 21, 2022, 3 p.m.)

[Alwyn Morris](#) is one of Canada's most influential athletes and contributors to Indigenous sports in Canada. He is Mohawk from Kahnawake, Quebec and has dedicated his life to creating visibility and space for Indigenous athletes to thrive in Canada. An elite level canoe/kayak athlete, he represented Canada at numerous world games, winning gold and bronze medals at the Olympic Games in 1984. He founded the [Aboriginal Sport Circle](#), a national member-based organization that is inclusive of the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit peoples in Canada. While Alwyn is now semi-retired, he continues to support and encourage Aboriginal youth to follow their dream and to endeavor to achieve excellence.

Dr. Gillian Kernaghan, LLD (June 22, 2022, 10 a.m.)

[Dr. Gillian Kernaghan](#) has carved a unique path throughout her career. Retiring as president and CEO of [St. Joseph's Health Care London](#), Dr. Kernaghan is a frequent speaker at conferences and a certified trainer in crucial conversations, crucial accountability and influencer leadership courses. She is a recipient of the YMCA Women of Excellence Award in Health, Science and Technology, the Studer Group Fire Starter Hall of Fame Award, and the Canadian Society of Physician Leaders Excellence in Medical Leadership Award. She currently serves on the [Board of Supply Ontario](#) and [Ontario Health](#).

Dr. Danielle Martin, DSc (June 23, 2022, 10 a.m.)

[Dr. Danielle Martin](#) is an active family physician, health care administrator, health care advocate and national media commentator on health issues that affect Canadian families. A founder of [Canadian Doctors for Medicare](#), she is a leading advocate for universal health care in Canada and beyond. Dr. Martin spent eight years as a senior hospital executive, most recently as Executive Vice President and Lead Medical Executive at Women's College Hospital in Toronto where she is executive vice-president and chief medical executive. Dr. Martin is now the Chair of the Department of Family and Community Medicine (DFCM), at the University of Toronto.

John Davidson, LLD (June 23, 2022, 3 p.m.)

In the summer of 1995, former broadcaster, [John Davidson](#) embarked on a fundraising and awareness-raising journey with his 15-year-old son Jesse, pushing him 3,339 kilometers across Ontario in his wheelchair and raising \$1.5 million for Duchenne muscular dystrophy research. Three years later, Davidson walked 8,300 kilometers across Canada, raising \$2 million dollars. [Jesse's Journey](#), now called Defeat Duchenne Canada, has now raised more than \$30M and is Canada's leader in funding research in the pursuit of a cure for Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

Tony Dagnone, LLD (June 24, 2022, 10 a.m.)

Tony Dagnone has a long and distinguished career in health care and health care administration. He has served in major leadership roles in Canadian hospitals since 1969, developing regional care networks and leading the transformative work that created [London Health Sciences Centre](#), one of the largest academic health care centres in Ontario. Tony has a long history of volunteer service that has earned him awards from the Order of Canada, City of Saskatoon, College of Health Services Executives, University of Saskatchewan, and HealthCare CAN.

Perry Dellelce, LLD (June 24, 2022, 3 p.m.)

[Perry Dellelce](#) is the ultimate volunteer. Founder and managing partner at Wildeboer Dellelce LLP, one of Canada's leading corporate finance and transactional law firms, he epitomizes true dedication to the organizations and causes that have a lasting impact on the communities and causes closest to him. His range of volunteer and philanthropic activities span health care, sport, education and initiatives to assist families and children. He is also well known for his entrepreneurial spirit and drive, which he applies to both business and his volunteerism. For many years, he has been actively involved as a Western alumnus.