

PRESIDENT'S UpDate

Fall 2016

BOOTH UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



Fall Convocation Officially Welcomes In New President

Marjory R. Kerr, Ph.D.

Booth University College's annual Opening Convocation on September 23, 2016 marked the beginning of an historic new era at the institution with the installation of its fifth President, Dr. Marjory Kerr.

"I'm very thankful for those who have been in this chair before me and for the work they have done to get Booth to where it is today," said Dr. Kerr. "Part of my vision for Booth as we go forward is looking at shifting from maintaining and holding steady, to sustaining and really leveraging what we have. I want to move Booth UC from being Booth University College to Booth University."

"Dr. Kerr brings with her a wealth of experience. As the first woman to take the office of President in Booth University College's 34-year history, this is an important and historic occasion," said Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman, in a written statement to the institution. "Booth University College aims to bring together Christian faith, rigorous scholarship and a passion for service and I am confident that the installation of Dr. Kerr will certainly move the institution forward in achieving these goals."

During her installation, Dr. Kerr was presented with three symbols of the President's office. Commissioner Susan McMillan, Chancellor of Booth UC presented her with the President's robes. Colonel Mark Tillsley, Vice Chair of Booth UC's Board of Trustees, presented her with The Salvation Army flag to represent the close connection between Booth UC and the Army. Colonel Glen Shepherd, Board Chair, presented Dr. Kerr with a Bible to signify her responsibility as a woman of God's word.

Dr. Kerr officially entered her role as President on July 1, 2016. In this role she will work closely with the Board of Trustees, Cabinet, faculty and staff to take Booth UC forward in achieving its mission and vision to become a Christian university. Prior to her appointment as President, Dr. Kerr served for three years as Vice President Academic and Dean. Please see page 2 for photo highlights.

A HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR RECENT MAJOR DONORS

CHIPPENDALE FOUNDATION PROVIDES \$50,000 SCHOLARSHIP GIFT TO SUPPORT RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Booth University College extends its thanks to the Chippendale Foundation for providing a \$50,000 scholarship grant. The grant was provided to provide financial support to students in the Religion Program.

\$30,000 IN SUPPORT FROM PRAIRIE DIVISION

A special thank you goes out to The Salvation Army's Prairie Division for its commitment to provide Booth University College with \$30,000 in support over the next three years. Another Army partnership that will benefit our students and the institution for years to come.

WINNIPEG FOUNDATION PROVIDES \$20,000 GIFT TO SUPPORT WI-FI UPGRADES

Thanks to The Winnipeg Foundation for their ongoing partnership and support. Their recent gift of \$20,000 will be used to upgrade Booth's Wi-Fi. The students, faculty and staff say 'Thank You'!



(Left to Right) Joanna Turner, Community Grants Associate at The Winnipeg Foundation, and Dr. Marjory Kerr, President of Booth UC.



Booth UC Faculty News

Acting Academic Dean:

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Michael Boyce has been appointed Acting Academic Dean while the search for a new VP Academic and Dean is underway. Dr. Boyce is an Associate Professor and Chair of our English and Film Studies program.

Publishing News:



Congratulations go out to Dr. Andrew Eason and Dr. Roy Jeal for their latest published works. Dr. Eason, Director of Booth University College's Centre for Salvation Army Studies and head of Booth UC's Religion program, is one of several Salvationist scholars who contributed a chapter to Denis Mestrury's recently published book *SAVED, SANCTIFIED*

AND SERVING: Perspectives on Salvation Army Theology and Practice. Dr. Eason's chapter is "Go into all the world..." An overview of Salvationist Missiology. Dr. Jeal had two articles published recently: "Clothes Make the (Wo)Man" in *Foundations for Sociorhetorical Exploration: A Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Reader*, and "Sociorhetorical Intertexture" in *Exploring Intertextuality: Diverse Approaches for New Testament Use of Texts*.

High School Students Now Eligible For Direct Entry To BSW Program

With the introduction of a direct entry option for high school graduates, Booth University College now offers high performing high school graduates the opportunity to be admitted directly into the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) program. Booth UC is the only Manitoba institution offering high school graduates direct entry to a BSW program and one of the few in Canada.

Similar to other institutions offering a social work degree, high school applicants for this highly competitive program are generally required to complete an initial year before applying for admission to the Social Work program. Booth UC has removed this requirement for exceptional high school graduates.

"While that initial year is a great opportunity for students to get adjusted to university-level courses, we believe students with high academic standing, with volunteer or work experience, are in a good position to be successful and want to provide them with a direct route to the four-year social work degree," explained Bonnie Bryant, head of Booth UC's Bachelor of Social Work program.

High grades alone do not guarantee direct entry to the program. Applicants must also complete a social work program admission process which includes submitting a resume, a personal statement, and two letters of reference. Applicants must also have relevant work or volunteer experience, and will be required to take part in an in-person interview. If an applicant does not have the grades to be eligible for direct entry, they are still eligible to apply for admission to the BSW program after completing an initial year of study at Booth UC.

For full details on the social work program admissions process and requirements, please visit our website: BoothUC.ca/Social-Work.

FALL CONVOCATION & INSTALLATION OF BOOTH UC'S 5TH PRESIDENT





Booth Bound 2016 students enjoyed a night out at Celebrations Dinner Theatre watching "Ferris Bueller's School of Rock."



Booth UC admissions staff and Student Ambassadors took Booth Bound students to A Maze in Corn for a fun afternoon break from lectures.



Religion Professor, Dr. Roy Jeal, gave a lecture on "Looking Through the Doorway to Heaven" to Booth Bound students.

BOOTH BOUND

This year's annual Booth Bound weekend was a tremendous success, with 20 students and 2 leaders taking part. Participants came from across Canada and a few from the United States (Nebraska and Illinois). If you know of a young Salvationist high school student who might be interested in attending next year's Booth Bound weekend - scheduled for October 19-22, 2017 - please encourage them to visit our website for more information and to apply: BoothBound.com.



Assistant Professor of English Literature, Jason Peters, taught a class introducing students to Spencer's "Faerie Queen."

Booth UC Partners to Develop KROC Center Leaders In Central USA

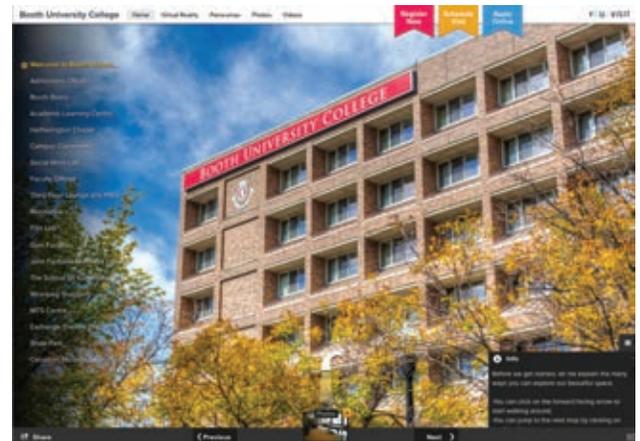
Booth University College's School for Continuing Studies (SCS) has partnered with The Salvation Army's USA Central Territory to develop a Certificate in Kroc Center Management. This unique leadership development program is for current and future leaders in Kroc Centers.

The collaboration draws on the framework and learning objectives of Booth UC's Certificate for Non-Profit Management, and has been tailored to meet the specific needs and context of the USA and Kroc Centers. The program includes a combination of online and in-person courses, balancing both theory and application. Booth UC provides the infrastructure and oversight of the program, while the USA Central territory provides the instructors and students. The goal is for this program to eventually be offered to Kroc leaders throughout all four US territories.

The first Kroc management course starts in January 2017. To learn more about the program, visit the SCS's website at BoothUC.ca/SCS.

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF BOOTH UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Whether you're a student interested in coming to Booth University College or a donor, alumni or other friend of Booth UC who wants to explore our campus and the city of Winnipeg, you can now take a virtual tour! Visit BoothUC.ca/#virtualltour to explore 20 different tour stops, watch videos and 360s, and look through photos.



Connecting With Friends Of Booth UC

Booth University College recently launched its newest publication – Booth UC Connect magazine. To be published twice yearly, this magazine is designed to share news and stories and connect with alumni, donors, The Salvation Army around the world, and other friends of Booth UC.

“As the name of the publication suggests, Booth UC thrives on our connections, between instructors and students and between theory and practice. Equally valued are the linkages between the school and learning partners across Canada and around the world. Together we are shaping the future,” said Major John Murray, Booth UC’s VP of Advancement.

The inaugural edition of the magazine includes several video stories to compliment the articles. Visit BoothUC.ca/ConnectVideo to download the magazine and watch the videos.



Commissioner Susan McMillan - Booth UC Chancellor, Major John Murray - VP Advancement, Colonel Glen Shepherd - Booth UC Chair, and Dr. Marjory Kerr - President.



Exploring the Impact of Pop Culture On Faith

Booth UC students, staff, faculty, donors and other friends had the opportunity to join the head of Booth UC’s English and Film Studies program, Dr. Michael Boyce, for an evening of coffee and conversation on November 9, 2017. Held in our John Fairbank Memorial Library, the theme for the evening was: *Exploring the Intersections of Faith and Pop Culture*. If you’d like to be added to the invite list for the next coffee and conversation event, email our Development team at Development@BoothUC.ca.

Booth’s Business Students to Benefit From New EIA Partnership

Booth University College’s business students will have the opportunity to work together with some of the most remarkable influencers from Silicon Valley beginning in 2017.

Booth UC has partnered with the European Innovation Academy (EIA) to offer their leading-edge tech educational programs to Booth’s business students. Booth UC is now one of a few select Canadian institutions eligible to offer this exclusive opportunity through its business program.

“With the growing capabilities of digital products and services, there’s never been a better time to be a tech entrepreneur. By being able to offer this EIA program to our students, we are providing them with a unique opportunity to access an intense experiential education where they will be mentored by some of the world’s most influential business leaders and professionals,” said Angela Davis, head of Booth UC’s Business Administration degree program. *“It’s an excellent program for start-up minded students and it offers an incredible opportunity to Booth’s future entrepreneurs.”*

The aim of the EIA programs is to have multidisciplinary and international teams bring their new products to the market in 15 days. Participants follow all of the key milestones, from idea to launch, gaining a full real-life experience of starting a startup.

Booth UC’s business students will be eligible to participate in one of the 15-day programs beginning in the summer of 2017. For next year’s summer program, EIA is organizing extreme entrepreneurship programs in Turin, Italy (July 9 - 28, 2017) and Cascais-Lisbon, Portugal (July 16 - August 4, 2017).

Read about the Booth-EIA partnership in the media release section: BoothUC.ca/Media

Learn more about the EIA: inacademy.eu.



BOOTH
UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE

EDUCATION FOR A BETTER WORLD

447 Webb Place,
Winnipeg, Manitoba
1.204.947.6701
toll-free 1.877.942.6684
The Office of the President at
president@boothuc.ca.
www.BoothUC.ca