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TCAS News

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Momentum builds for Katz Visiting Scholar Program



This October marked another extraordinary year for the [Stephen Katz Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies program](#). Over the course of two days, Dr. Kim Sav (Concordia University) met with Trent students, faculty, and community members to discuss compelling research on the intersections among age, aging, and communications technology.



Dr. Sawchuk, right of centre, visits with students in the course "Foundations in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies," taught by Dr. Stephen Katz at Trent University.

You can read more about the program in this [Trent News story](#), and watch an interview with Director Dr. Sally Chivers on [CHEX Morning Show on Global here](#).

We appreciate the broad support we've received for this growing program. If you are interested in donating to the Stephen Katz Distinguished Visiting Scholar in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies program, [you can do so here](#).

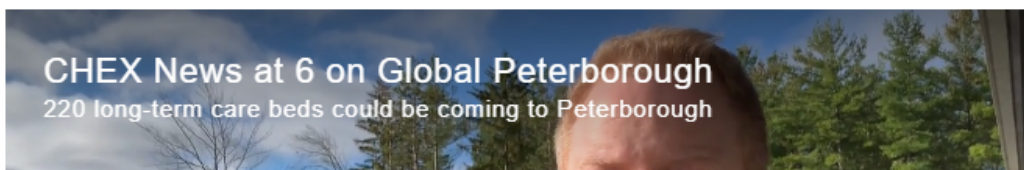
Trent Board of Governors approves vision for Elder Care Village

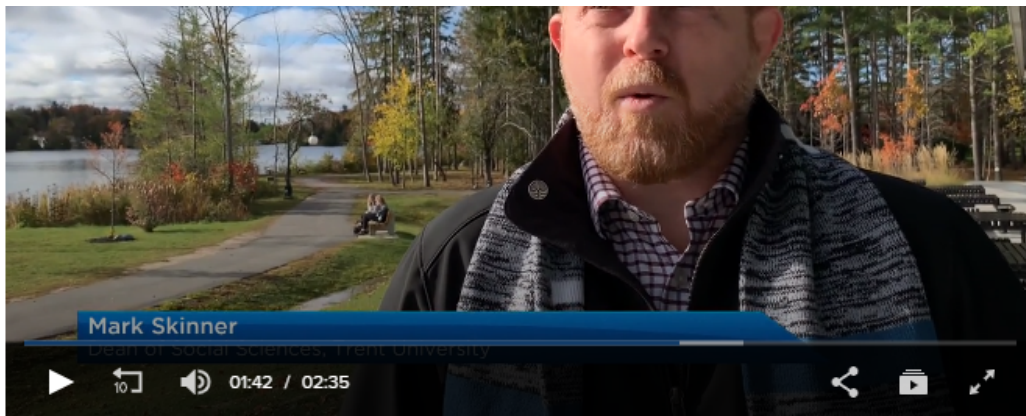
The Board of Governors recently agreed to support (in principle) the vision and direction for the development of an elder care village at Trent University. Four TCAS members, along with representatives from the Trent/Fleming School of Nursing, the Office of Research, the university senior administration, and the local community, have been working on the University's proposal to Ontario's Ministry of Health to build new long-term care beds.

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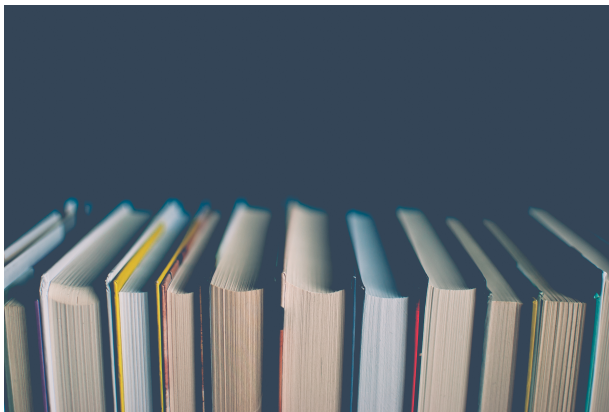
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Hear more about these exciting plans from Trent's Dean of Humanities and TCAS Executive Member, Dr. Mark Skinner [here](#).

Events



Nov. 14, 2019 at 3:00pm

Alumni House, Trent U

Join us for our next Journal Club meeting where we will discuss the Sawchuk & Crockett article, "'I'm G-Mom on the Phone': Remoteness, grandmothers, cell phones and intergenerational dis/connections." All are welcome and you do not need to be a student to attend. [Details & registration here](#).



Nov. 26, 2019 at 7:00pm

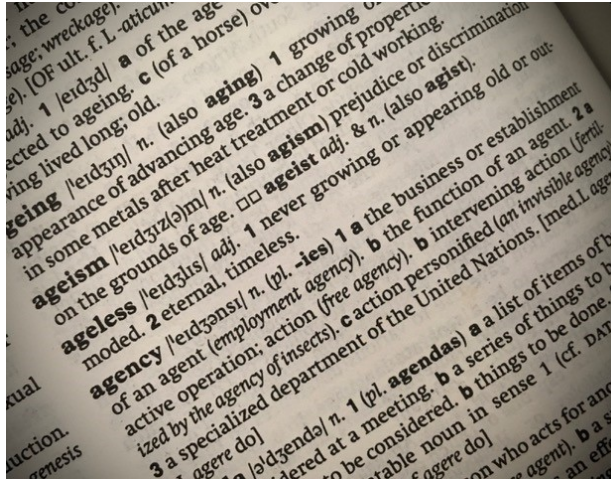
The Theatre on King, Peterborough

All are welcome to attend a free panel & discussion, "I'm still here: Precarity, Aging and Life with Art," hosted by TCAS and facilitated by Dr. Sally Chivers.

Panelists Susan Braedley (Carleton University), Shelley King (Artful Connections), Janna Klostermann (Carleton University), Shannon McKenzie (TTOK) will talk from their lived and work experiences about connecting through laughter, exploring, and care to challenge expectations about how art might intervene

precarity and aging. Snacks will be provided.

TCAS is delighted to be part of Precarious2: Peterborough ArtsWORK Festival this year. [Details here.](#)



Jan. 21, 2020 at 12:00pm

Room BL 411, Bata Library, Trent University

How does anti-aging technology, and the way it is marketed, influence our views on aging?

Save the date for our next Aging & Society Seminar, **“Aging and the language of intervention: How we make sense of life beyond the bounds of age”** with TCAS Postdoctoral Fellow Dr. Kirsten Ellison.

Member Updates

Age-friendly Dialogue on Nov. 6, 2019

Age-friendly Peterborough will host "Age-friendly Dialogue: Medical Assistance in Dying" at 6:30pm on Nov. 6 at Fleming College. Organizers are planning for a thoughtful discussion that will bring Canadian and international perspectives on the topic to the local context. Guest speakers include Karin Wells, a CBC radio documentary producer, and Maureen Taylor, a physician assistant at Michael Garron Hospital and an associate clinical professor at McMaster University. The cost to attend is \$10. [Tickets and more information here.](#)

Free workshops on digital rights for older adults Nov. 8-22, 2019

TCAS Post-doctoral Fellow, Dr. Nicole Dalmer, along with Dr. Lucia Cedeira Serantes, will host free, [four-week workshop series](#) at the Peterborough Public Library. The series is part of a broader project that seeks to learn from, learn with, and listen to older adults in the Peterborough area about their understandings, needs, and concerns regarding their digital rights and practices. Workshops will also provide training and instruction regarding their digital rights (topics include surveillance, privacy, and security) as a means to strengthen older adults' digital literacy, and consequently their digital agency. To register, or for more information, [visit the project website](#) or contact Dr. Dalmer: nicoledalmer@trentu.ca or (705) 748-1011 x 6020.

Imagining our Futures workshop features intergenerational storytelling, art, & media creation

From October 18-19, 2019, the Aging Activisms research collective (led by TCAS Executive Member, Dr. May Chazan) hosted an arts-based research workshop that explored questions

aging futures in Nogojiwanong (Peterborough). The workshop was a continuation of Dr. Ch... ongoing research on storying activists in Nogojiwanong (Stories of Resistance, Resurgence Resilience, 2016-2020) – building a local archive of oral histories of activists through intergenerational storytelling, art, and media creation with diverse community activists, artists, organizers.

[Learn more here.](#)

Snapshots from *Imagining our Futures*



Newspaper coverage of violence & aggression in older adults

TCAS Fellow Dr. Rachel Herron recently presented a webinar for the Canadian Network for t

Prevention of Elder Abuse (CNPEA), along with Dr. Laura M. Funk. The presentation, “In the News Today’: What news media coverage of aggression in older adults can teach us about how we think about aging, dementia, and aging populations” can be [viewed here](#).

Aging and the Digital: The imagined and lived dimensions of aging with digital technology

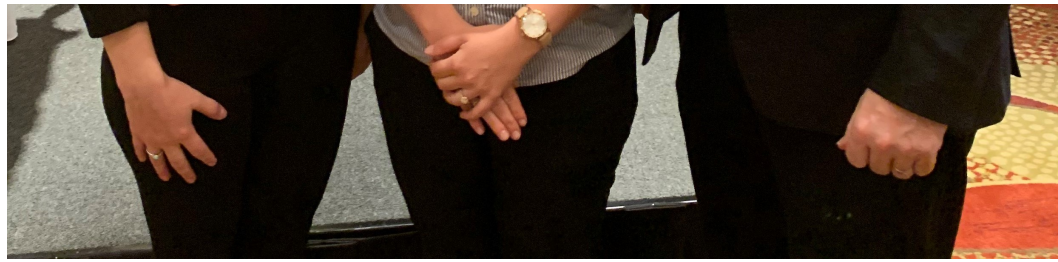
The Toronto-based Decimal Lab recently hosted three TCAS members, Drs. Barbara Marshall, Stephen Katz and Kirsten Ellison, along with this year’s Katz Visiting Scholar in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies, Dr. Kim Sawchuk, for a panel on “Aging and the Digital: The imagined and lived dimensions of aging with digital technology” as part of the Decimal Speaker Series. [Learn more here](#).

TCAS members commissioned for expertise on rural aging issues

TCAS Executive Members, Dr. Mark Skinner and Dr. Elizabeth McCrillis presented their research paper “Services for an Aging Rural Population” at the Rural Ontario Institute (ROI)’s launch of the 2019 Rural Ontario Foresight Papers. The launch was part of ROI’s *Measuring Rural Community Vitality Showcase*, which took place in Cobourg on Oct. 24, 2019.

You can read the 2019 ROI Foresight Papers [here](#).





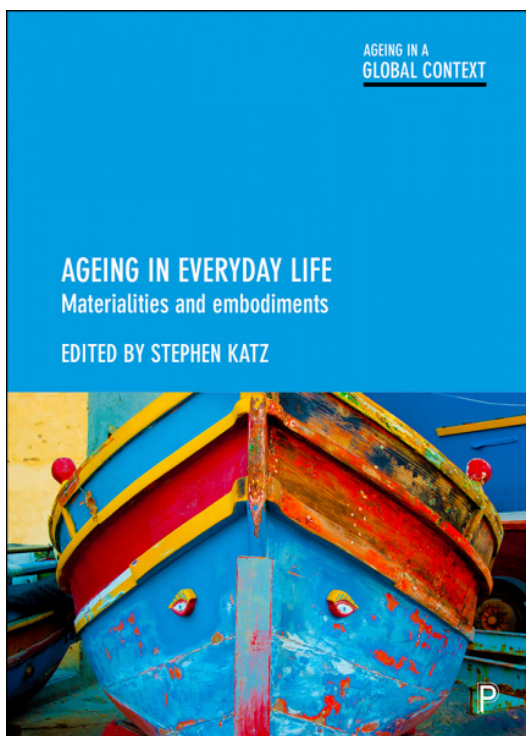
Amber Colibaba, Elizabeth McCrillis, and Mark Skinner at the ROI Foresight Papers launch

Member research featured at Municipal Retirees Organization of Ontario meeting in Lindsay, ON

Dr. Elizabeth McCrillis represented TCAS as a guest speaker at an annual regional meeting of the Municipal Retirees Organization of Ontario (MROO) on Oct. 24, 2019. MROO has over 18,000 members across Ontario. Dr. McCrillis shared insights from her research on rural age-friendly community planning and sustainability in Ontario. Over 150 people were in attendance.

Rural Age-friendly case study makes local news

As part of a SSHRC-funded study by Dr. Elizabeth McCrillis and Dr. Mark Skinner, “Developing rural insights for building sustainable age-friendly communities initiatives,” Dr. McCrillis and Research Coordinator, TCAS Research Associate Amber Colibaba, travelled 6000 km to five communities across Ontario in order to hear from community leaders about the challenges and successes of implementing sustainable age-friendly programming. As part of the team’s community dissemination efforts, articles about the project were published in local news outlets in Perth County, Temiskaming Shores, the District of Muskoka, Arnprior, and the Region of Durham. [You can read a sample here.](#)



Ageing in Everyday Life now out in paperback

Dr. Stephen Katz’s pathbreaking book, “Aging in Everyday Life: Materialities and Embodiments” (UBC Press) featuring chapters by TCAS members Dr. Gavin Andrews, Sally Chivers, Pia Kontos, Barbara Marshall, and Linn Sandberg has been published in paperback.

The book “changes our understanding of contemporary ageing by providing innovative theoretically-rich analysis of everyday life, meaning and material culture,” according to Dr. Sara Arber, Centre for Research on Ageing and Gender, University of Surrey.

Copies can be ordered [here](#).



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