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Tyndale University College & Seminary. "2019 Spring Convocation, University College."
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TYNDALE

· UNIVERSITY COLLEGE & SEMINARY ·

2019

**SPRING CONVOCATION
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

Saturday, May 25, 2019

2:00 p.m.

Tyndale Chapel

3377 Bayview Avenue

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ABOUT TYNDALE

THE HISTORY

Tyndale University College & Seminary was founded in 1894 as the Toronto Bible Training School. Later known as Toronto Bible College, it merged with the London College of Bible and Missions in 1968 to become Ontario Bible College. The Seminary was established in 1976 to offer graduate theological education. In 1998, the name Tyndale was assumed, honouring William Tyndale (1494-1536), the early English reformer whose commitment to making Scripture available to all persons led him to undertake the first English translation of the Bible. He is a model for scholarship, faith, and vision. In 2003, Tyndale was accorded university college status by the Province of Ontario. In 2007, Tyndale received approval from the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and from the Ontario College of Teachers to offer a Bachelor of Education program. The Seminary's graduate degrees, including the Doctor of Ministry degree, are accredited by The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS). In 2007, Tyndale purchased the Morrow Park property from the Sisters of St. Joseph of Toronto. Tyndale is an evangelical, transdenominational school with more than 12,900 alumni.

THE MISSION

Tyndale is dedicated to the pursuit of truth,
to excellence in teaching, learning and research,
for the enriching of mind, heart and character,
to serve the church and the world for the glory of God.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE MISSION

Tyndale's university education seeks to deepen knowledge, cultivate wisdom and develop character through the humanities, arts, and sciences, for service to Christ and the world.

2019 SPRING CONVOCATION

Musical Prelude

Tyndale Band

Call to Worship *(please stand)*

Dr. Ken Michell

Instructor, Music & Worship Arts

Processional *(please remain standing)*

Dr. Ken Michell / Tyndale Band

All Creatures Of Our God And King

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing

Alleluia alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam

Thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong

Ye clouds that sail in heaven along

O praise Him alleluia

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice

Ye lights of evening find a voice

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Thou flowing water pure and clear

Make music for thy Lord to hear

Alleluia alleluia

Thou fire so masterful and bright

Thou givest us both warmth and light

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

And all ye ones of tender heart

Forgiving others take your part

O sing ye alleluia

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear

Praise God and on Him cast your care

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Invocation *(please remain standing)*

Dr. John Wilkinson
Chancellor

Singing of the National Anthem *(please remain standing)*

O Canada

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The True North strong and free!
From far and wide,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land, glorious and free.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!

Ruler supreme, who hearest humble prayer,
Hold our Dominion, in thy loving care.
Help us to find, O God, in thee,
A lasting rich reward.
As waiting for the better day,
We ever stand on guard.
God keep our land, glorious and free.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee!

Welcome

Dr. Gary Nelson
President & Vice Chancellor

Presentation of the Dr. Ian Gentles Collegiality Award

Dr. Barry Smith

Senior Vice President Academic & Dean of the University College

2019 Graduating Student Speaker

Angela Farrington-Thompson, BA

Introduced by Dr. Brad Faught, Professor, History and Global Studies

Scripture Reading

Psalm 112: 1-9

Dr. Nathanael Ojong

Assistant Professor, International Development

Introduction of the Convocation Speaker

Dr. Barry Smith

Convocation Address

"Being a Compassionate People in a Challenging World"

Dr. Rupen Das

Research Professor, Tyndale University College & Seminary

Song Presentation

"Home"

Words and Music by Rachel Langford

Rachel Langford (BA) and the Worship Team

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. John Wilkinson

Dr. Gary Nelson

Dr. Barry Smith

Welcome to the Alumni Association

Kevin Kirk

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Congratulations from the Board of Governors

Steve Holmes

Chair, Tyndale Board of Governors

Closing Remarks & Benediction

Dr. Gary Nelson

Recessional *(please stand)*

Dr. Ken Michell / Tyndale Band

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Chorus:

Christ alone Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Chorus

Refreshments Served in Student Commons

Tyndale Band: Abigail Ali, Morgan Clark, Rachel Langford, Keltan Leisk, Ryan MacKinnon, Dr. Ken Michell, Adam Morton, Dr. Tim Tang

*All Creatures Of Our God And King: St. Francis of Assisi, William Henry Draper, Ken Michell
O Canada: Sir Adolphe-Basile Routhier, Calixa Lavallée, Robert Stanley Weir*

Home: Words and Music by Rachel Langford

Cornerstone: Edward Mote, Eric Liljero, Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan, William Batchelder Bradbury

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GRADUATING STUDENT SPEAKERS

Angela Farrington-Thompson, BA

Angela was born and raised in Toronto, not too far from Tyndale. She was cared for by a hard-working single mother and her grandparents, all of whom loved the Lord. Throughout her childhood and teenage years, she was challenged with many health issues that ultimately led to her leaving high school, her dream of a university education no longer seeming possible. God, however, had a plan.

In place of university, God gave her the privilege of six beautiful children, each one a miracle. While raising them, Angela fed her appetite for learning by continuing to read voraciously. As her children grew, she served as a youth leader at her church, pursued two college certificates, and began volunteering in classrooms at her children's school. Combining these experiences with her love of history, she developed her own program for delivering history to grades 7 and 8, and was given the chance to pilot it. It was then that she discovered the unique fulfillment she found in teaching.

In 2014, two of her former students came to visit, while they were attending Tyndale University. Knowing that university had once been part of Angela's dreams, they encouraged her to contact Tyndale Admissions about whether or not that dream might now become a reality. Through a series of incredible blessings, God made it possible for her to begin pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in History. Through the support of family, friends, and the encouragement of her professors at Tyndale, she is graduating today having achieved the university education so longed for, and looking forward to beginning Tyndale's Bachelor of Education program this July. She stands amazed at the way God has loved and provided for her, and the way in which God has heard and answered the whispers of her heart.

CONVOCAATION SPEAKER

Rupen Das, DMin

Dr. Rupen Das holds the distinguished position of Research Professor at Tyndale University College & Seminary and is the National Director of the Canadian Bible Society. He has extensive global experience working in the areas of disaster relief and community development with World Vision and as a consultant to the Canadian Government, Pearson Peacekeeping Centre and Plan Canada. Previously he worked in partnership with the Canadian Baptist Ministries through the European Baptist Federation (EBF) and also as faculty in the Manchester MA program at the International Baptist Theological Study Center (IBTSC) based in Amsterdam. Prior to that, he was the Program Director for the Master of Religion in Middle Eastern and North African Studies at the Institute for Middle East Studies, Beirut, Lebanon and worked with the Lebanese Baptists heading their humanitarian response to the Syrian refugees.

During his time with World Vision he was Field Director for the South Pacific, based in Papua New Guinea, and Project Manager in Russia and in Belarus. He has been involved in emergency responses in Kosovo, East Timor, India, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria, among others. He was part of the Canadian team that did the pre-war assessment of the potential impact of war on the civilian population of Iraq in 2003.

Dr. Das held the position of Program Coordinator of International Project Management at Humber College in Toronto and was adjunct faculty at Eastern University in St. Davids, PA. He was honoured as a 21st Century Fellow in the UK, an Ashoka Fellow, and Visiting Scholar at Harvard University.

Rupen and his wife, Mamta, have two adult children who are married with families.



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