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Tyndale University College & Seminary. "2016 Spring Convocation, University College."
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TYNDALE

• UNIVERSITY COLLEGE & SEMINARY •

2016

**SPRING CONVOCATION
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE**

Saturday, May 7, 2016

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, multi-denominational school with more than 9,500 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.

2016 SPRING CONVOCATION

Musical Prelude

William Jones

Organist

Call to Worship *(please stand)*

Dr. Melissa Davis

Music & Worship Arts

Processional *(please remain standing)*

Dr. Melissa Davis / William Jones

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:

Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Invocation *(please remain standing)*

Dr. Barry Smith
Senior Vice President Academic & Dean of the University College

Welcome

Dr. Gary Nelson
President & Vice Chancellor

Singing of the National Anthem *(please stand)*

O Canada

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons 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!

Introduction

Dr. Barry Smith

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-18

Dr. Helen Noh

Assistant Professor of Psychology

2016 Graduating Student Speaker

Brent Bonvanie, BA

Introduced by Dr. Bill Friesen, Associate Professor of English

Introduction of the Graduation Speaker

Dr. Brad Faught

Professor of History

Graduation Address

"Why Does History Matter in a Christian Liberal Arts College"

Dr. Ian Gentles

Distinguished Professor of History

Congregational Song (please stand)

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility;
Test our thoughts and our attitudes

In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail-
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us-
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Gary Nelson
Dr. Barry Smith

Congratulations from the Board of Governors

Linda Tripp
Tyndale Board of Governors

Welcome to the Alumni Association

Kevin Kirk
Senior Director, External Relations & Chief Enrollment Officer

Closing Remarks & Benediction

Dr. Gary Nelson

Recessional *(please stand)*

Dr. Melissa Davis, William Jones

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in endless praise,
Let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Reception to follow: in the Student Commons & Patio Area

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GRADUATING STUDENT SPEAKER

Brent Bonvanie, BA

Brent was born into a loving Christian family of Dutch heritage. After graduating from Toronto District Christian High School in 2011, Brent spent a year at Capernwray Harbour Bible Centre in British Columbia. He enrolled as a History Major at Tyndale the following September, but after learning that he could trace a culture's history and development through stories, he joined his colleagues in the English Department. As a student, Brent has worked as an Academic Tutor and Writing Consultant, and has recently completed his undergraduate thesis on the work of Joseph Conrad and George Orwell. Brent is also involved in children's and youth ministry at his church, and hopes to one day write Christian education curriculum. This coming fall, Brent plans to attend the University of Toronto to study English literature at the Masters level. He is extremely thankful for the friends and the professors at Tyndale who have constantly pushed him to think more deeply, write more critically, and pursue Christ more completely.

CONVOCATION SPEAKER

Ian Gentles, PhD

Before coming to Tyndale, Dr. Gentles taught at York University's Glendon College. Most of his scholarly research has been on the English Revolution, about which he has written many articles and four books: *The New Model Army in England, Ireland and Scotland, 1645-1653* (Basil Blackwell, 1992); *Soldiers, Writers and Statesmen of the English Revolution* (Cambridge University Press, 1998); *The English Revolution and the Wars in the Three Kingdoms, 1638-1652* (Pearson, 2007) and *Oliver Cromwell: God's Warrior and the English Revolution* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011). His most recent books, of which he is the co-author, are *Complications: Abortion's Impact on Women* (deVeber, 2013) and *It's Not That Simple: Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide Today* (deVeber, 2015). He is also a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and a recipient of several major research grants from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.



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