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## 2016 Alumni of Influence Awards

The poster features a green background with a large, stylized pink letter 'A' on the left. The text 'ALUMNI OF INFLUENCE AWARDS 2016' is prominently displayed in the center, with 'ALUMNI OF' in black, 'INFLUENCE AWARDS' in white, and '2016' in black. The OCAD University logo is in the top right corner. At the bottom left, event details are listed, and at the bottom right, there is a call to action to buy tickets.

**NOVEMBER 12th, 2016**  
6:00 - 9:00 pm  
Great Hall, 100 McCaul  
Tickets: \$25

**Buy Tickets Now!**

Credit: OCAD University

Join us at 100 McCaul for our annual gala reception celebrating 5 outstanding 2016 Alumni of Influence Awards recipients: Geoffrey Roche (Distinguished Alumni Award), Paul Dallas (Distinguished Educator Award), Dany Pen (World Builder Award), Sky Goodden (Trailblazer Award), and Jack Bush (Legacy Award). Ticket includes live entertainment, delectable hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, and an art exhibition. With emcee TV host Ajay Fry. Presenting Sponsor is TD Insurance.

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## OCAD U Alumni Holidays Social at TIFF



Tiff Bell Lightbox

A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.... Those few words can instantly conjure up a thousand memories and emotions! Mix and mingle in the Bell Blue Lounge over hors d'oeuvres and refreshments, and then take in an exclusive multimedia presentation about title design. Lola Landekic and Will Perkins of ArtoftheTitle.com will explore this art form at the nexus of filmmaking, graphic design, and marketing from its origins at the beginning of the film industry, through its golden ages and renaissances, into the explosion of television and beyond.

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## Open Life Drawing: Fall Term



Image Credit: OCAD University Archives

The Fall term for Life Drawing began on September 21st. Interested in drawing a professional model? These sessions are perfect for people looking for life drawing without instruction. Sessions are available every Wednesday and Saturday.

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## Alumni News

Logo by Raymond Helkio

Raymond Helkio (AOCAD, Advertising, 2000) has formed The Dignity Initiative, a network of organizations and individuals from across Canada interested in encouraging a stronger Canadian voice on human rights issues facing LGBTI communities around the world. The initiative has the twin objectives of strengthening both solidarity work by Canadian civil society groups and Canada's foreign policy commitment to the realization of human rights for LGBTI people internationally. Helkio is also involved in 'Toronto: Tributes + Tributaries' at the AGO.

## Alumni Travel



Join host Maggie Broda (AOCA, 1972) for "Art in Florence: Opening Doors with OCAD U" running May 18 – 26, 2017. Bask in Renaissance painting, sculpture, and

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architecture. Our small group of travelers will experience art in Florence, immersion style! The Alumni Association will open the doors of the studio at the OCAD U Florence Campus exclusively for our group. We are privileged to offer open-studio opportunities each morning for our travellers to enjoy art expression at leisure. The studio is the ideal setting for those wanting to practice their craft, or for those feeling inspired to connect with their inner artist on this trip. Our OCAD U connections will continue to open doors for us as we explore the lesser-seen areas of famous galleries during our tours around the city that is home to some of the world's greatest artistic treasures.

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## Alumni of Influence Profile

Geoffrey Roche was born and raised in Toronto, where attended OCAD University and won the George E. Wrig scholarship. Using this award, Roche, in his words, “bought a Volkswagen,” and plunged into an artistic career as a paste-up artist and then an artist’s representative. As the story goes, he eventually sold the VW and went on to become a Zippo lighter salesman and, later, a typesetting(!) salesman before “talking his way into a job with Alan Gee as a Jr Art Director at Glowinsky & Gee.

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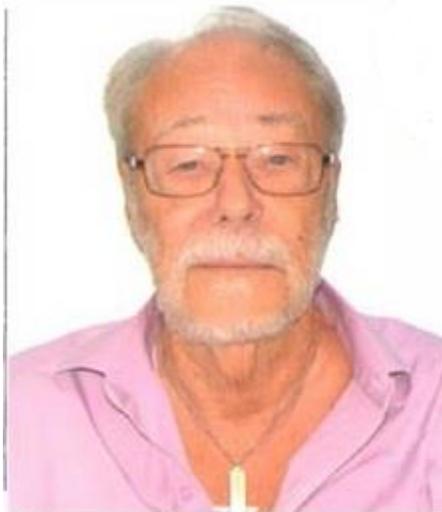
Dany Pen received her BFA from OCAD University in Sculpture & Installation, graduating with the Faculty and Volunteerism awards; she also received an Early Childhood Education Certificate from the Hanen Program in Toronto. Pen’s family came as Cambodian refugees to Canada during the Khmer Rouge, and her family and culture’s history became a jumping-off point for her highly personal and politicized work.

Pen was recently appointed as a commissioner on the Bermuda Human Rights Commission; is the Education & Communication



Officer at the Bermuda Fine Art Trust; Curator at Bermudian Artists Rise Up (BARU) Arts Collective; and Editor-in-Chief of online publication Words from the Streets. Pen has also been invited to serve as an advisory board member on the Social Enterprise Program in Canada. She is currently completing her Master of Science degree in Clinical Psychology at Walden University.

## Alumni Giving Profile



Jack Dixon graduated OCAD University in 1960 (then just OCA), and taught part-time in 1965 and then full-time in the mid 1970s when the curriculum began to change. As a student, Jack enjoyed being among people who shared the same interests as he did. Winning the Governor Award medal inspired him to establish the Jack Dixon Award for Excellence in 1989, which is still granted annually to students in the Industrial Design or Environmental Design programs. Being a monthly donor helps him to keep up to date of the goings-on at OCAD University. The cost of tuition has changed considerably since he was a student, so he gives what he can to help students while also inspiring future thinkers and leaders of tomorrow.

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## Home & Auto Insurance

OCAD University alumni can enjoy insurance premiums that are lower than many individual plans due to the group insurance packages we have negotiated.

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## Get Your Work Featured

Our new banner is from Marta Baricsa (AOCA, 1991) "Directivist portrait of Christoph Waltz after Big Eyes" Canvas, 36x60). Check out her work [here](#).

We have so many talented alumni and want to share the social media sphere. We're looking to curate our Facebook and Twitter header with alumni work.

**Submit Your Work**

## Need a Mortgage?

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