



Sir Winston Churchill Society of Calgary

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President: Steven T. Robertson

Dr. André Gerolymatos

To Address Calgary Churchillians



**The 50th Annual Banquet of the Sir Winston Churchill
Society of Calgary**

**Thursday, May 11th, 2016 at 6:00 pm
The Ranchmen's Club at 710 – 13th Ave SW**

Topic: "Churchill and the Greeks"

Dr. André Gerolymatos

Dr. André Gerolymatos is a Professor of History, Associate Member of the School of Criminology, Director of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Centre for Hellenic Studies (2011), and holds the Hellenic Canadian Congress of BC Chair of Hellenic Studies (1996-) at Simon Fraser University. He is also concurrent Professor at the History College of Nankai University, China and was named the 2014 Eleftherios Venizelos Chair of Modern Greek Studies at the American College in Greece.

Dr. Gerolymatos graduated from Loyola College and Concordia University in Montréal with a B.A. Honours in Classics and received his M.A. in Classics and PhD in History at McGill University (Montréal).

Dr. Gerolymatos was a Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister of Canadian Heritage from 1993 to 1994, served as a Member of the Board on the Canadian Association of Security and Intelligence from 2000 to 2002, and also served on the Canadian Advisory Council on National Security from 2010 to 2013. He is a current member of the board of the Alexander S. Onassis Foundation (USA).

Author of *The Balkan Wars; Red Acropolis Black Terror, The Greek Civil War And The Origins of Soviet-American Rivalry, 1943-1949; and Castles Made Of Sand: A Century of Anglo-American Espionage And Intervention In The Middle East.* As a specialist in military and diplomatic history, Dr. Gerolymatos serves as a member of the Canadian Advisory Council on National Security

From the President's Desk:

Steven T. Robertson

I consider myself fortunate to be able to serve the Society as president in its 50th year of continuous existence. The Society has a rich history and over the last 50 years has been both populated and visited by extraordinary people. The founders and sustainers of the society are among the movers and shakers of politics, philanthropy, arts, law and business in Calgary. Our speakers have ranged from fascinating academics, to living military and political legends, to Sir Winston's family members; some fit in more than one of those categories.

A year ago at our annual memorial banquet we were very fortunate to have Sir Winston's granddaughter, Emma Soames, attend and share with us memories of her grandfather as a child. Ms. Soames shared an intimate glimpse of the great man in his later life from the perspective of a child growing up in the house down the lane, who knew that her grandfather was important, but as she told us, had no real sense of just how important until she attended his funeral.

You may remember that in November 2014 Professor Peter Russell addressed the Society on the Atlantic Charter, the agreement crafted by Churchill and Roosevelt that laid the foundation of the United Nations as a necessary outcome if the United States was to become involved in the war. August 14, 2016 will mark the 75th anniversary of the Charter, which will be commemorated where it came into existence on Placentia Bay and elsewhere in Newfoundland.

We found this fall that interest by the members in a musical evening was not as great at this time as it has been in the past, and we have postponed that event. We intend to bring the event back on later this year, perhaps in a less formal venue.



Steve Robertson, Emma Soames, and Fred Mannix

Board of Directors

A new board was elected at the Annual General Meeting in the fall and a new executive was elected at the subsequent board meeting. The 2015-2016 officers and board of directors consist as follows:

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Atlantic Charter 75th Anniversary in Newfoundland

The Atlantic Charter was negotiated at the Atlantic Charter Conference (codenamed RIVERA) by British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, aboard their respective war ships in a secure anchorage site just several hundred yards from land near a small community called Ship Harbour, Newfoundland and was issued as a joint declaration on August 14, 1941. This agreement proved to be one of the first steps towards the formation of the United Nations.

The Atlantic Charter established a vision for a post-World War II world, despite the fact that the United States had yet to enter the war. The participants hoped in vain that the Soviet Union, having been invaded by Nazi Germany in June of that year, would adhere as well. But the notion of "one world," in which nations abandoned their traditional beliefs in and reliance upon military alliances and spheres of influence, did not appeal to Joseph Stalin, and in fact, neither was Churchill particularly thrilled. Only Roosevelt, who had been a member of the Wilson administration, truly believed in the possibility of a world governed by democratic processes, with an international organization serving as an arbiter of disputes and protector of the peace.

Several members of the Society will attend the four days of events to commemorate this historic moment, in St. John's, Placentia and Ship Harbour, Newfoundland from August 11-14, 2016. Should you wish to attend, more information is available on the events page of our website.

Annual Churchill Society High School Debate Results

By: Elisa Frank

The annual Sir Winston Churchill Debate Tournament sponsored by the Society was held on November 28, 2015. It was very well attended and the organizers accommodated more teams due to the high interest in the tournament. The resolution debated this year was **This House Believes That Churchill's idea to create the European Union was justified.**

Medal winners: Senior Beginner:

Gold: Celena Gong and Hanbo Yu - Sir Winston Churchill High

Silver: Anna Mouland and Noah Macdonald - Western Canada

Bronze: Nashid Islam and Jennah Motani - Sir Winston Churchill High

Top Speaker: Anna Mouland - Western Canada

Medal Winners: Senior Open (advanced):

Gold: Bryan Ma and Richard Li - Western Canada

Silver: Anahid Najafizadeh and Akash Uppal - Webber Academy

Bronze: Michael Xie and Sunand Kannappan - Sir Winston Churchill High

Top Speaker: Navin Kariyawasam - Sir Winston Churchill High

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the tournament and our appreciation to the staff and students of Sir Winston Churchill High School for hosting and organizing this excellent event.



Mount Royal University Moot Court Report

By: Lori Williams

Mount Royal University's Moot Court exercise involves an appeal of a recent Supreme Court of Canada decision dealing with Charter rights. The moot exercise is part of a political science course taken by students in policy studies, justice studies, journalism and a variety of other majors. MRU students act as justices, lawyers, researchers and journalists, presenting arguments and asking questions during the moot hearing, and deciding whether or not to allow the appeal from the Supreme Court of Canada. Each year we hold three moot court exercises, two in the fall semester, and one in the winter semester. At last year's annual banquet the Churchill Society awarded five Moot Court Scholarships to the top students in each moot exercise. The 2014-15 winners were Hailey Boutin, Lucas Falcione, Heath Milo, Madyson Dietrich and Mark Webster. The winners for fall 2015 and winter 2016 are Madison Dupuis, Andrea Rowland and Garrett Lafferty, all of whom will receive their Moot Court Scholarships at our May 11, 2016 banquet.

WINTER 2016: Right to counsel and exclusion of evidence

R. v. Suberu

Our April 7, 2016 moot heard an appeal of the Supreme Court's ruling on what constitutes detention and when the right to counsel is engaged. The SCC majority applied new guidelines for establishing psychological detention, but concluded that Mr. Suberu was not detained and therefore his right to counsel under s. 10(b) was not breached. The dissent found his s.10(b) right to counsel and s. 9 right against arbitrary detention were infringed, and using s. 24(2) would have excluded the evidence obtained in violation of his Charter rights. 'Chief Justice' Patrick Sullivan presided over the hearing, and while a majority of our student justices found that Mr. Suberu's rights had indeed been violated, they decided that excluding the evidence in this case would have tarnished the reputation of the justice system.

FALL 2015: Mandatory minimum sentencing

R. v. Nur

The November 26, 2015 moot heard an appeal of the Supreme Court's April 2015 decision to strike down mandatory minimum sentences for gun crimes. In a 6:3 decision the Court found that the impugned mandatory minimums could violate the Charter's s. 12 protection against cruel and unusual punishment in reasonably foreseeable circumstances. The majority raised concerns that a licensed and responsible gun owner who inadvertently violates technical requirements for things like storage of ammunition could face a grossly disproportionate mandatory minimum sentence of three years. They concluded that the s. 12 violation could not be justified as a reasonable limit under s. 1 of the Charter. 'Chief Justices' Bryan O'Ferrall and Patrick Sullivan presided over two moot hearings; in one the student justices affirmed the SCC decision to strike down the mandatory minimum sentences in a 6:3 ruling, but three of them found a s. 12 violation, and three found a s. 7 violation of liberty. The second group allowed the appeal in a 6:3 ruling, restoring the mandatory minimum sentences.

WINTER 2015: Exclusion of evidence obtained in violation of Charter rights.

***R. v Fearon* Cell phone search incident to arrest.**

This March 19, 2015 moot court exercise reviewed the Supreme Court's December 2014 decision regarding searches of cell phones without a warrant; i.e. searches incident to arrest. In a 4:3 decision, the SCC majority set new guidelines for such searches, finding that there had been a breach of the s. 8 right against unreasonable search and seizure, but that the Charter infringement was such that the evidence should nevertheless be admitted under s. 24(2). With Judge Harry Van Harten acting as 'Chief Justice', a majority of the student justices in our moot court appeal of this decision allowed the appeal in part. They rejected the guidelines for searching cell phones incident to arrest established by the Supreme Court majority, finding instead that such searches could only be justified in exigent circumstances. They nevertheless found, as had the SCC majority, that there had been a s. 8 infringement, but that its' severity was not so great as to justify excluding the evidence under s. 24(2). One group of dissenting justices in our moot exercise would have allowed the appeal and excluded the evidence under s. 24(2), while another would simply have dismissed the appeal.

These moot court exercises are unique educational opportunities enriched by members of Calgary's legal community. We extend thanks to our 'Chief Justices'; Court of Appeal Justice Bryan O'Ferrall, Court of Queen's Bench Justice Patrick and Provincial Court Judge Harry Van Harten. Thanks also to Bennett Jones counsel Jason Roth, Gabrielle Maunier, Alex MacDonald, Jordan Primeau, Michael Thorne, and Dominic Puglia, and Brendan Miller from Walsh LLP and Mike Ewanson from the Crown Prosecutor's office



Scotch Socials

By: Devin Iversen

Last year the Society added a new event to its calendar, the Scotch Social. The inaugural January 23, 2015 event was such a success we repeated it in September. We have chosen, with the assistance of board member Major Peter Boyle, the historic Mewata Armoury Officers' Mess as the location of our Society's Scotch Socials. As with all of our events, you do not need to be a member to attend the Socials. We hope however, it will be a more accessible entry point for prospective new members to learn more about the Society, its good works, and amazing members.

The date for the 2016 Scotch Social has yet to be determined. Members can expect an email with details, later this year. If you do not currently receive our emails, please sign up for event invitations on our website www.winstonchurchillab.org



The September Scotch Social enjoyed remarks from British Consul General in Calgary Tony Kay OBE (second from the left) and Minister of National Defence (former) the Honourable Jason Kenney, PC (left)

