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# NEWS YOU CAN USE

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## **President's Message**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President for 2017-2018. As we enter this next round of bargaining with Dalhousie's Board of Governors, I recall that the collective agreement enshrines member participation in governance (Article 9.01); this has motivated my involvement in the Dalhousie Faculty Association. I strongly believe the DFA provides substantial value to our members at all stages of our career. Our volunteers and staff are here to protect our rights, and to support us in our commitment to the academic integrity of the university. There's always work to be done, so please reach out to see how you can get involved.

Later in June, watch for a President's Bulletin. These will be issued regularly over the next few months to draw your attention to some of the issues that will be discussed during collective bargaining.

## **DFA Launches 2017 Negotiations Bulletin**

Last month, DFA sent you the first issue of our *2017 Negotiations Bulletin* series. These will be prepared and sent to you regularly once we start bargaining with the Dalhousie Board of Governors. Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 26, so stay tuned for a bulletin following that meeting. You will receive a notice via email when new issues of the *Negotiations Bulletin* have been posted to the Member Only area of the DFA website.

## **DFA Member Only Area Up & Running at <https://dfa.ns.ca>**

The Member Login area of DFA's website has been updated with documents on collective bargaining, salary graphs, executive committee meeting minutes, etc. Visit <https://dfa.ns.ca/member-login> and enter your email address (the one we used for this newsletter). Select "forgot your password" and you will receive email instructions on re-setting your password. Send any feedback to DFA's communications officer [Catherine.Wall@dal.ca](mailto:Catherine.Wall@dal.ca).

## Health Spending Account Deadline June 30

June 30 is the deadline for using your Health Spending Account (HSA) entitlement for the current academic year. Unused HSA balances can be carried forward for one year and will then be forfeited. Claims must be filed by Sept 30. Review Dalhousie's health spending guidelines at <http://dfa.ns.ca/health-spending-account-guide/> for more information.

## Dal Workplace Wellness - June Events

June is **Relationship Month** at Dal. To register or for more information on any of the following events, email [healthy@dal.ca](mailto:healthy@dal.ca):

- Safe Place-Safe Space: Domestic Violence and the Workplace (June 13)
- Parenting the Early Years: 0-6 years (June 14 - Truro or Halifax)
- The Noble Eight-Fold Path to a Happy Life - w. ven Ajahn Brahm (June 19)
- Parenting the Tween Years: 7-12 (June 21 - Truro or Halifax)
- Pain Support Group: Tai Chi as Pain Management (June 23)
- Parenting the Teen Years: 13-19 (June 28 - Truro or Halifax)

## Congratulations to Dr. Françoise Baylis

Dr. Françoise Baylis has received the Canadian Bioethics Society's 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award. This spring, she was also named to the Order of Canada. Dr. Baylis is a bioethics expert whose work focuses on women's health, novel reproductive and genetic technologies, and research involving humans. Dr. Baylis, Dalhousie's Canada Research Chair in Bioethics and Philosophy, is a member of the Order of Nova Scotia, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences.



*Dr. Françoise Baylis  
photo by Graham Kennedy*

The Governor General's Innovation Awards are given to individuals, teams and/or organizations whose innovations are truly exceptional, transformative and positive in their impact on quality of life in Canada.

<https://innovation.gg.ca>

## Dal Celebrates Governor General Innovation Award Recipients

Dr. Patrick McGrath and Dr. Patricia Lingley-Pottie of Dalhousie's Department of Medicine, have been awarded the 2017 Governor General's Innovation Award for their work establishing the Strongest Families Institute. To date, the Institute has provided life skills to more than 12,000 Canadian

families, helping them to resolve child and youth mental health and other issues affecting well-being.

## Books You Can Use

### Academic Freedom in the Age of Conformity

Joanna Williams. Palgrave Macmillan, 2016 (ISBN: 978-1-13751-478-3)

“Joanna Williams names and deplores conformity as a damaging feature of the contemporary university. This conformity, she argues, leads to professorial self-censorship and various misguided, prudent, or plain cowardly retreats from the pursuit of truth in order to protect or appease a student body too delicate or slavishly partisan for its own good.” *Len Findlay, Chair of the University of Saskatchewan Faculty Association and a former chair of CAUT’s Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee.* Click [here](#) for the full review.



## Research Links from Around the World

Each month, *News You Can Use* will highlight several examples of new and interesting research taking place at universities around the world.



[Making Breathing Easier for Heart Patients](#)  
(Dalhousie University)

[FM Radio and Listening Habits of Younger Generation: A Study of Four Major Markets of Delhi, India](#)  
(Manav Rachna International University, India)

[Role of Serum Bilirubin as a Marker for Acute Appendicitis](#)  
(Kufa University, Iraq)

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*News You Can Use* is a monthly e-bulletin featuring DFA news and links to items of interest to Dalhousie academic staff. If you have news we can use, please contact Catherine Wall, DFA Communications Officer, at [Catherine.Wall@dal.ca](mailto:Catherine.Wall@dal.ca). Submissions must be received no later than the 15th of the month to be considered for the following month's issue.

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