

April 6, 2022



Take part in the festivities with upcoming events, conferences, exhibitions and much more.

UPCOMING EVENTS



McGill Space Research Conference: What Is Our Future in Space?

May 3 & 4, 2022

Over the coming decades, as the aerospace sector shifts its focus towards enabling space travel, an integrated space and aerospace ecosystem is expected to emerge. In May, we will journey far beyond 2022 to focus on critical space issues – 25, 50 and even 100 years in the future. [See program](#) | [Register now!](#)



McGill's Historical Unsung Heroes

Starting tomorrow, April 7th 2022

Celebrating 200 years of community builders! As part of [McGill's Bicentennial celebrations](#), 10 Historical Unsung Heroes are highlighted for their impact on the McGill Community and beyond, diversity of origin and circumstance, and the depth of source materials often found in archival fonds or collections.

Mini-Science public talk: Memory, models and philosophy of the brain

April 6th, 2022

Exciting presentations by Ian Gold, Department of Philosophy and Department of Psychiatry, and Brendan Johns Department of Psychology about the brain, the mind and the neuroscience of living as we now understand it. [Learn more](#)



FACULTY FOCUS



Faculty of Arts **The "Donaldas"**

Donald Alexander Smith (later Lord Strathcona and McGill's Chancellor between 1889 and 1914), donated \$120,000 to McGill in **1884** on condition that the university open its degree programs to women. He was very specific in his request that women be afforded the same standard of education as men. The first class of female students were dubbed the "Donaldas" in his honour.

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Desautels Faculty of Management **Beginnings of Management education at McGill University**

Management education began at McGill University in 1906. Originally housed in the Faculty of Arts, the newly formed Department of Commerce offered a two-year diploma course, training future business professionals, like accountants and clerks. With a growing interest in commerce programs, the department was rebranded the School of Commerce in 1912.

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UNSUNG HEROES

Recognizing those who have shaped McGill behind the scenes.



**Maria Cristina
Romeo**
Financial Services
2014 – Present



Roger Prichard
*Faculty of Agricultural and
Environmental Sciences*
1984 - Present



Maria Marcheschi
Faculty of Law
1990 – Present

View the gallery of Unsung Heroes

A MCGILL MOMENT IN HISTORY

1891

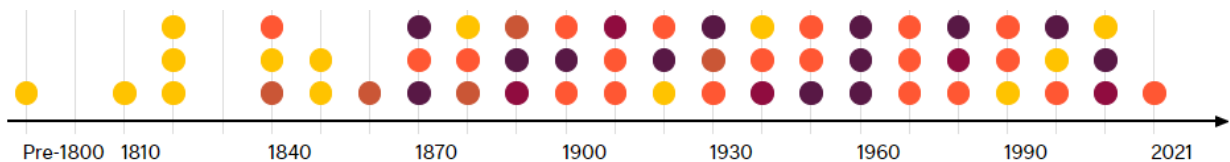
The invention of basketball

In 1891, while working at a Massachusetts YMCA, James Naismith, BA'1887, was ordered to invent an “athletic distraction” for rowdy kids trapped indoors during the harsh winter. His boss gave him two weeks. Naismith wanted to create a game that was safe and fair for all players. Noting that athletes tended to get battered close to where the scoring took place, Naismith placed his goal high out of reach.

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