

April 20, 2022



## **SPACE & AEROSPACE EDITION**

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. From May 2nd to 6th at Space Week, we will journey far beyond 2022 to focus on critical space issues – 25, 50 and even 100 years in the future.

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

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

*May 3 & 4, 2022*

[Register now](#) | [See program](#)

Join McGill's astronauts and the world's top academic researchers, business pioneers, and government leaders in space and aerospace for two days of cross-industry exchange in May on our campus in downtown Montreal.

### **McGill Student Aero/Space Fair**

*From May 2 to 6, 2022*

Six McGill student groups involved in the fields of space and aerospace will present their work and research through demonstrations, simulations, and various activities at the [McGill Student Aero/Space Fair](#). This event will look at the history of space and aerospace at McGill and in Canada, and showcase current efforts that lead the way to a strong future in space exploration.



## **MADE in Space: McGill astronauts share their experiences**

*May 3, 2022*

[Register now](#) | [More information](#)

Since 1983, 14 Canadians have been named astronauts, including five McGill graduates: Dave Williams, Robert Thirsk, Julie Payette, David Saint-Jacques and Jennifer Sidey. In this special event, learn more about the contributions they have made to the fields of space/aerospace and the exploration of the universe.



## **The VR Garden**

*May 5 & 6, 2022*

[Register for May 5th](#) | [Register for May 6th](#)

The Phi Centre is coming to McGill University, providing Space Week attendees the opportunity to experience a Virtual Reality Garden. The featured shorts are Emmy® award-winning episodes from the Space Explorers franchise, The Journey Begins and The ISS Experience, which examine the new era of space exploration.

**Want to get involved in Space Week? We need volunteers!**

We're looking for volunteers to join us from May 2nd to 6th for Space Week! If you're interested in space and aerospace, or want to get involved on campus, this is an exciting opportunity! Volunteers will get access to lunch on all days they volunteer, a t-shirt, a water bottle, and a chance to attend either the *MADE in Space* astronaut panel or the Phi Centre VR garden. Both students and staff are welcome to apply. [Sign-up to volunteer with us!](#)

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## FACULTY FOCUS

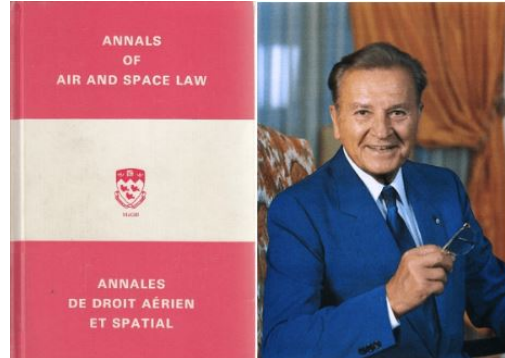
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**Faculty of Science**  
**Star researcher pushes the  
 frontiers of physics**

Through her tireless work, Vicky Kaspi discovered only the second magnetar in our galaxy — a rare, bizarre type of star with a colossal magnetic field. Her research group also identified multiple rapidly spinning compact neutron stars called pulsars, confirming Albert Einstein's theory of general relativity. **In 2016**, Kaspi became the first woman to win the prestigious Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal for Science and Engineering medal

[Learn more](#)



**Faculty of Law**  
**Creation of the Annals of Air and  
 Space Law**

The Annals of Air and Space Law was founded **in 1976** by Dr. Nicolas Mateesco Matte. "[...] have become a standard source of reference in the fields of air and space law and will be found in most academic libraries, government and airline offices and specialized law offices." The Annals continues to play a key role in placing the Institute of Air and Space Law at the forefront of aerospace activities, publishing original articles from worldwide prominent scholars.

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## UNSUNG HEROES

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*Recognizing those who have shaped McGill behind the scenes.*



**Estelle Hopmeyer**

*Faculty of Arts*  
1970 - 2015 (Retired)



**Angela Karkatsoulis**

*Human Resources*  
1996 – Present



**Jean Hepworth**

*Student Services*  
1977 – 2022

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## A MCGILL MOMENT IN HISTORY

2015

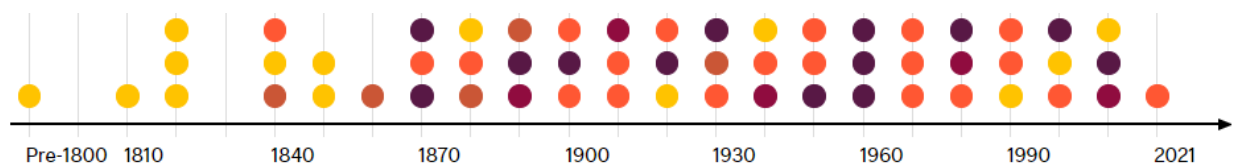
### McGill Space Institute

In 2015, the ground-breaking McGill Space Institute launched, bringing together researchers engaged in astrophysics, planetary science, astrobiology, and many other areas of space research.

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