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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Len and Genice Collett Distinguished Visiting Lectureship in Geophysics

Hosted by

The Department of Earth Sciences, University of Toronto

Funded by the KEGS Foundation

The KEGS Foundation announces with great pleasure that it has finalized arrangements for establishing a distinguished visiting lectureship in geophysics honouring Len and Genice Collett, funded by the transformative legacy gift from the Colletts to the Foundation announced in October, 2017. The visiting lectureship, which is expected to be awarded on an annual basis, will be designated as:

“The Len and Genice Collett Distinguished Visiting Lectureship in Geophysics”

Under a recently concluded agreement, the visiting lectureship is to be hosted by the Department of Earth Sciences at the University of Toronto, reflecting the fact that Len was a graduate (M.A.) in geophysics at the University of Toronto (1948), followed by a long and notable career, mainly with the Geological Survey of Canada, for which he was awarded the J. Tuzo Wilson Medal by the Canadian Geophysical Union in 1989 (further details of his career and the legacy gift below).

This lectureship is intended to enhance and broaden the available professional instruction and the geophysical understanding of students with an interest in geophysics in the university's Departments of Earth Sciences, of Physics and of Civil & Mineral Engineering.

The duration of the visiting lectureship will normally range between one and four weeks, intended to be spent predominantly on the St. George campus of the University of Toronto, with the actual duration dependent on the availability, preferences and constraints of the selected candidate and by the available funding. The fees and honoraria for the visiting lecturer are anticipated to range from C\$3,000 to \$7,000 depending on agreed-upon duration and travel expenses.

It is anticipated that the lecturer will be a notable geophysicist with a distinguished record as a researcher and an excellent communicator, who has had a significant career in academia, government or industry (likely recently retired or while on sabbatical). He/she should have a demonstrated expertise and knowledge in a particular sector or niche within the diverse domain of geophysics, preferably (but not necessarily) with some degree of connection to the practical application of geophysics to the exploration, delineation and/or exploitation of mineral or energy resources.

Suitably qualified applicants are consequently encouraged to submit their C.V.s with supporting documentation, proposed lectures and preferred duration and timing, and suggested fees, to the KEGS Foundation with copies to the Chair of the Earth Sciences Department no later than July 31, 2018

The favoured candidate will be selected from among qualified applicants by August 31 by a panel of representatives from the Earth Sciences and Physics Departments and the KEGS Foundation; his/her appearance will be scheduled in the ensuing academic year when mutually convenient, as will be discussed and agreed to by the parties.

Additional relevant details are provided below:

1. In addition to giving at least two departmental lectures, the lecturer will be expected to interact with interested undergraduate and graduate students as well as relevant faculty in the Earth Sciences, Physics and Civil & Mineral Engineering Departments at the University of Toronto on both a formal and informal basis, as well as with local professional geoscience organizations, notably KEGS.
2. The Department of Earth Sciences will provide appropriate office space and computing capabilities, and arrange for and publicize seminars and general talks to be given by the visiting lecturer, as well as host one or more suitable social events.
3. The agreed-upon fees and honoraria will be paid by the Foundation directly to the lecturer, and will include any costs for accommodation or other living expenses. The recipient is responsible for any taxes that may be levied on his/her compensation, as well as for any medical expenses while engaged in the lectureship or related travel. Neither the KEGS Foundation nor the University is responsible for any withholding tax or vacation pay.
4. Depending on available time and funding, the visiting lecturer will also be encouraged to give a lecture at one or more of the Earth Science or Physics Departments at other nearby universities in southern Ontario, presumably assisted by additional support by these other institutions.
5. Both the KEGS Foundation and the University are committed to a pro-active policy of non-discrimination, and accordingly encourage applications from qualified professionals from historically disadvantaged groups. The University is further committed to maintaining a workplace environment that is safe and free from all forms of harassment, discrimination or inappropriate behavior.

Stephen Reford, Acting Chair, KEGS Foundation



The KEGS Foundation is deeply appreciative for the extraordinary legacy gift by Len and Genice Collett, which has enabled a number of important educational initiatives, including this Distinguished Visiting Lectureship.

Genice and Len Collett ca 1985



* Leonard (Len) Collett was an innovative geophysicist who contributed to the early development of Induced Polarization (IP) while working with the renowned Newmont geophysics group in the early 1950s following his graduation from the University of Toronto. He subsequently had a long and distinguished career with the Geological Survey of Canada, where, inter alia, he actively fostered geophysical R&D both within the GSC and with industry partners. He is one of the notable GSC geophysicists honoured by the Foundation by the GSC Geophysical Pioneers Scholarship established in 2007. Len, who died in 2011, was a strong supporter of geophysical education, a commitment that was shared by his wife Genice, a teacher for many years in the Ottawa area, who passed away in 2017. The transformative legacy gift received by the KEGS Foundation was announced in October at a special luncheon of geophysical veterans, which included Collett family members and a number of Len's former colleagues and collaborators.

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