

Senior College, University of Toronto
Schedule of Talks Winter 2026
2pm—both on ZOOM and in person (Faculty Club)

Speaker	Topic/Title		Date
Isaac Bogosh, Infectious Diseases, Medicine, U of T	“Emerging Infections and How to Fight Them”	Introducer: Michael Hutcheon	January 7
Neil Besner, English, U of Winnipeg	<i>“Montreal Standard Time, 1944-1950: Mavis Gallant’s Short Stories and Her Early Journalism”</i>	Introducer: Linda Hutcheon	14
David Townsend, Medieval Studies, U of T	“Fiction and the Historical Imagination”	Introducer:	21
Daphne Maurer, Psychology, McMaster U	“An Invisible Pandemic”	Introducer:	28
Jennifer DeSilva, Woodsworth College, U of T	"Women's Labour in Renaissance Florence's Streets and Taverns".	Introducer:	February 4
Beatrix Dart, Rotman, U of T	“Retired, Not Expired: The Longevity Economy Unveiled”	Introducer: Uli Menzeffricke	11
Laura Hug, Environmental Microbiology, Biology, Waterloo	“Man's Trash Is a Microbe's Treasure: The Microbiology of Landfills”	Introducer:	18
Daniel Bender, Food Studies, U of T	"Typicity’s End: Tasting Wine in the Anthropocene”	Introducer:	25
Ira Wells, President, PEN Canada; Victoria College, U of T	“On Book Banning: Saving Children from the Harm of Books”	Introducer:	March 4
Hendrik Poinar, Anthropology, McMaster U		Introducer:	11
Jennifer Brunnell, History, York U	“Place and People at the Margins: A History of Toronto’s Don River Valley”	Introducer:	18
Nick Terpstra, History, Provost, Trinity College	“Moving Targets: Young People in the Early Modern World”	Introducer:	25