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When:

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McGill University Otto Maass Chemistry Building Room 10



The McGill-Montreal Chapter Sigma Xi :: The Scientific Research Society ::

# The James McGill Society and Sigma Xi

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Present a Joint Talk

# The History of the Sigma Xi Society at McGill

Sigma Xi, the Honours Society of Research Scientists and Engineers, was founded in 1886 at Cornell university, to enhance the health of the research enterprise, foster integrity in science and engineering, and promote the public's understanding of science for the purpose of improving the human condition. The first chapter outside the United States was formed in 1921 at McGill.

The Society of Sigma Xi from its founding has been first in many Scientific and Social aspects of American Society and History: The McGill Chapter has been unique and has played a fundamentally significant role in Sigma Xi. Meet the Ideas, the People and the Events of the last 124 years, focussing on numerous people in the McGill academic milieu who have contributed significantly to research at McGill and Canada.

A Quartet organized by Ashley Burgoyne will be on hand to perform "The Sigma Xi Song" for only the second time in over 100 years... to a possibly recognizable tune!

M A (Tony) Whitehead, a graduate of Queen Mary College, University of London, joined McGill's Department of Chemistry in 1962, where he specializes in Chemical Physics, Quantum Chemistry and Materials Chemistry. In 2000 he became Professor Emeritus. Prof. Whitehead has served McGill in many ways for almost fifty years, including as University Marshal and Director of Molson Hall Residence. He has also served as President of the James McGill Society and has worked tirelessly to ensure the McGill-Montreal chapter of Sigma Xi is one of Canada's most active branches.

Prof. Whitehead's talk will be preceded by a members-only reception at 5:00 PM in the Ruttan Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)