

On the occasion of the conferring of  
the degree of  
Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*  
upon

George Stroumboulopoulos

People have always been complex machines who have led multi-faceted lives. We worry. We love. We argue. We create. We relax. We feel. We think. At times simultaneously.

Neither our domestic nor our academic lives are housed in silos. Indeed, the lines between the personal, the professional, and the social, are blurred by intention and design. And our media must reflect this.

There are certain individuals who help us to probe the depths and interstices of our intellect and conscience. They challenge, they model, they lead. When presented with uncertainties or equivocation, they seek answers.

George Stroumboulopoulos is a provocative, informative journalist who cultivates the political, the artistic, and environmental substrata of our fecund populace.

As Bob Dylan wrote, “a question in your nerves is lit, yet you know there is no answer fit to satisfy.”

So, we ask more questions, and seek more information. Fast cuts lead fast minds to gradual, inexorable learning, and engagement.

Eminent Chancellor, I present to you George Stroumboulopoulos, compassionate interpreter across media, generations and cultures. A guide who attempts to change the world.

Let us celebrate a Canadian divining rod of under-examined issues and unacknowledged strife. As Mr. Tommy Douglas, a great Canadian said, “courage my friends, ‘tis not too late to build a better world.”

On behalf of the university and the senate I invite you to invest George Stroumboulopoulos with the degree Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*.

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