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**Author Celebration will recognize scholarly accomplishments**

Edmonton – MacEwan University will honour the academic and creative efforts of its faculty and staff at the annual Author Celebration. This event will showcase work that was published in 2017—from scholarly articles and textbooks to recordings and children’s books.

Thirty-three members of the university community will be recognized for their scholarly accomplishments. They include:

**Dr. Judee Onyskiw**, who has been studying the effects on children exposed to domestic violence for almost 20 years. She noticed that books for children in families with domestic violence all seemed to end with the mother going to a shelter. Onyskiw decided to put together a book aimed at children that lets them know a few important things: the violence is not their fault; they need to talk to someone; what they should do when mom goes back to the house. *Tommy’s House Has a Secret - A Story for Children About Domestic Violence*, was self-published last year, and has been distributed to shelters and service providers throughout Edmonton.

**Dr. Rohit Jindal** in the Department of Decision Sciences, who spent a summer asking one key question—will people cheat if given the chance? Jindal had noticed that there is a lot of research backing a single theory—that if not supervised, people will definitely cheat. Jindal travelled through rural villages in Vietnam, where he asked community members to fill out a survey and offering them about a half-days wages as compensation for their time. After people filled out the survey, they were told to travel to another location to pick up the payment—which they found a pile of unguarded cash. They could take the amount they were promised, or stuff their pockets and walk away. And yet, in village after village, on one cheated.

**Rubim de Toledo**, the section head of MacEwan’s bass department, who recently released his latest album *The Gap*. The album is a collection of modern, acoustic jazz played by Jubim’s trio. His previous albums included larger ensembles, but he found his bass was sometimes overshadowed. “In a trio setting, there’s more room for each instrument to have a voice—the bass can be really prominent.”

When: Friday, March 16  
Time: 3 - 5:30 p.m.  
Where: Robbins Health Learning Centre, Paul Byrne Hall

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