Jack McLeod, 1932–2016  
Professor Emeritus of Political Science  
University of Toronto

Be it resolved that the Arts and Science Council deeply regrets the passing of Jack McLeod, Professor Emeritus of Political History, journalist, and novelist.

Jack McLeod was born in Regina, Saskatchewan in 1932. He earned a BA and MA in Economics from the University of Saskatchewan before embarking on a PhD in Political Science at the University of Toronto where he taught from 1959 to 1996. An experience in Budapest during the Hungarian Revolution in 1956 led him to begin writing political journalism, some of which appeared in The Globe and Mail, The Toronto Star, Saturday Night, Books in Canada, Canadian Forum and the Journal of Canadian Studies as well as on the CBC. He published several academic works with the U of T Press, Oxford University Press and McClelland and Stewart, as well as two political science text books. Two of his novels, Zinger and Me and Going Grand were on bestseller lists.

Below is an excerpt from a review by Michelle Walker published on-line (Open Book Toronto) after the release of his last novel in 2009. (Jack wrote under the pseudonym Jack MacLeod.)

For a very serious Professor in Political Science, Jack MacLeod is a very funny man. We readers are lucky that Jack put in the ten hard years of writing it took to complete his novel ‘Uproar’. The parts that are fiction are very, very funny. And the parts that are fiction built up around the skeleton of fact are fascinating: a window on the real-life, almost-gone days of the smoke-drenched tweedy Toronto writers/academics of P.O.E.T.S. (read the book to see what that stands for!) meeting at Dooley’s for martinis or beers and to bat around matters of importance or ideological flirtation. His characters’ discussion of Marshall McLuhan’s ideas shimmer...

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be inscribed in the minutes of Arts and Science Council.