Another Gustavson student impresses
Export Development Canada

He speaks three languages, loved growing his own food as a kid, and is stoked about the variety in his job as a Finance and Administrative co-op student with the provincial government.

“I did a regression analysis the other day!” he says. Nam Pham (BCom ’15) has also earned plenty of scholarships, and he’s delighted to add Export Development Canada’s international business and environment scholarship to his bank account. The $4,000 cash prize—one of only five awarded across Canada—will go a long way toward funding his exchange term in France next year, he explains.

He heard about the scholarship from Dr. Yan Shen in his International Business class, and decided to give it a shot even though essays are, he claims, not his strong suit. But perhaps his passion shone through as he described the Zimbabwe Relief Committee he founded when he was in Grade 10.

“We raised enough money to help build a water tank and floor slab [for a school],” he says, “and now we’re raising funds for another classroom. It’s rewarding to see the results of our efforts.”

Before choosing Gustavson, Pham had considered other career paths but decided on a Commerce degree for its potential and scope.

“I feel I can reach more people in business,” he says. Clearly, the folks at Export Development Canada think so too.

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from Business Librarian Corey Davis

Shopping for sustainability at the Canton Fair: The political economy of transnational retail governance in China by J. Lister & G. LeBaron.

Many big-brand companies are competing to adopt far-reaching sustainability goals, not just as part of their core operations but also as part of their global supply chains. At some point, those supply chains invariably touch down in China.

“This report,” says the publisher, “analyzes the issues and impact of this accelerating trend on the environmental and social practices of consumer goods manufacturers in China. It offers recommendations for buyers to improve vendor practices beyond codes of practice. And it identifies information gaps for future research.”

Environmental Women in Action for Development (EWAD) – Uganda

July 22, 2014 at 2:30 pm ● Sedgewick Building, C168

The Centre for Global Studies (CFGS) welcomes Margaret Tuhumwire to discuss EWAD’s projects on environmental sustainability, climate change, combating HIV/AIDS, educating orphans and vulnerable children, grandmothers, artisanal mining, fish ponds, transboundary waters, and children’s rights.

This event is free and open to the public, however seating is limited. RSVP to Jennifer Swift jswift@uvic.ca. Visit CFGS for more information.

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