Musings from the Chair, Tom Saunders

Reflections on 2005 should be a joint venture with Eric Sager, who completed his five years in the chair in July. But since Eric is enjoying a richly deserved sabbatical, it is my responsibility, as his successor, to recap the year. The place to begin is to recognize, as in our toasts to Eric at a departmental luncheon in May, his very energetic, creative and successful tenure. From renewal of faculty, to office renovations, to the book launch he instituted to profile our intellectual achievements, his time as chair was a period of noteworthy development. It was fitting that his final months in the chair should see the appointment of four new faculty members, the move into the redesigned main office, as well as a book launch celebrating a dozen books and two websites.

As a new chair I find myself enjoying the challenge of learning another side of the department and the university. I have greater appreciation than ever before of the departmental and wider community of learning at UVic. To read through the individual entries and a selection of departmental highlights which follow is to get some idea of the range and significance of the research, teaching and wider public roles of department members. The collective, multifaceted research contribution is remarkable, from large-scale collaborations to many individual projects. No summary statement can do it justice.

Undergraduate teaching depends crucially, over and above regular faculty, on the skill and dedication of many sessional instructors, including advanced doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows. Their creative input is exemplified in the recent development of University 101 and the field trip enjoyed by students in BC history to the Cowichan Tribes, both profiled in the following pages. The success of the department would also be unthinkable without the contribution of departmental staff. Our staff members manage the collective affairs of 33 regular faculty members, and roughly that many sessional instructors annually.

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In addition they are a key bridge to almost 70 graduate students and over 300 majors and honours students. They accomplish this while maintaining a work environment that is regularly and admiringly remarked upon.

Last year’s newsletter offered autobiographical reminiscences, whimsical and acute, from three colleagues in Canadian history, Ian MacPherson, Patricia Roy and Phyllis Senese, who now have emeritus status. As anticipated, they have continued to be active in a variety of capacities, including undergraduate teaching. At the start of the new academic year we welcomed their successors—Penny Bryden, political history; Richard Rajala, BC history and forests; Jordan Stanger-Ross, comparative social and urban history; and Shawn Cafferky as a limited-term appointment in military history (see profiles on this page). Their arrival raises the proportion of current faculty who have been hired since the year 2000 to almost 50 percent. This infusion of energy and expertise is a key ingredient in the dynamism of the department as the university continues to project growth in both undergraduate and graduate programs.

New Faculty

Penny Bryden: Penny took her Master’s and PhD degrees at York University and comes to UVic after a decade in the Department of History at Mount Allison University in New Brunswick. She is a specialist in Canadian politics and social policy since the Second World War. Her Planners and Politicians: Liberal Politics and Social Policy, 1957-1968 was published by McGill-Queen’s in 1997 and she has co-edited books on the welfare state and Canadian foreign policy. Her current research focuses on federal-provincial relations since World War II. She has wide teaching experience in American and Canadian history since the colonial period, with particular expertise in Canadian politics and the history of Quebec.

Shawn Cafferky: Shawn was an undergraduate and then Master’s student in the department before moving to Ottawa to complete a doctorate at Carleton University. His particular area of expertise is Canadian military history. The Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University has recently published his Uncharted Waters: A History of the Canadian Helicopter-Carrying Destroyer and he is researching a book on the history of temperance and the Canadian military. He also spearheads the Veterans’ Oral History Project which is dedicated to preserving the memories of Canadian veterans of the Second World War. His current half-time appointment complements a position with the Royal Military College in Kingston to teach online and at the naval base in Victoria.

Richard Rajala: Rick is another graduate of our Bachelor’s and Master’s programs. He took his PhD at York University and first taught Canadian and BC environmental history in the department while completing his dissertation. The focus of his research is BC forests and the forest industry. He has published books on the logging industry at Cowichan Lake, on the social and economic dimensions of the industry on the central and north coast of BC and on the technology and practices of the industry. His Clearcutting the Pacific Rain Forest: Production, Science, Regulation was published by UBC Press in 1998.

Jordan Stanger-Ross: When Jordan came for his job interview he was in the final stage of his doctoral program at the University of Pennsylvania. In the spring he defended his dissertation on postwar Italian communities in Philadelphia and Toronto; it has since been honoured with the Distinguished Dissertation Award of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States. His publications include an essay on Civil War soldiers in American Nineteenth Century History and forthcoming articles in Social Science History and Journal of Urban History. He is currently preparing his dissertation for publication and pursuing a new project on the urban experience of First Nations people in Vancouver.
Faculty Year in Review

Rob Alexander

Last year I worked on a book, reviewed several proposed journal articles, prepared a new grad course, lost a lot of weight, and chewed too many Nicorettes.

Peter Baskerville

I have continued as Director of the Canadian Century Research Infrastructure Project (CCRI) at the University of Victoria. We are now well into constructing the 1931 sample of the Canadian national census, having nearly completed work on the 1911 and 1921 samples. The samples for 1941 and 1951 are currently in early states of preparation. We have ten people working for us, eight full time.

I published a university textbook on Ontario history: Sites of Power: A Concise History of Ontario (Oxford University Press). With Eric Sager I edited a book—the last 'official' publication from the Canadian Families Project—titled Households Count, forthcoming in 2006 through the University of Toronto Press and wrote a paper for that book. I presented several conference papers: the Canadian Historical Association in London, Ontario in May; The International Commission for Historical Demography in Sydney, Australia in July; the British World History Conference in Auckland, New Zealand, in July; the CCRI annual meeting in Toronto in September; and the Social Science History Association in Portland, Oregon in November. I continue on the editorial board of Histoire sociale/ Social History and sit on a CHA committee to choose the best book on Ontario’s history.

Sara Beam

This year has been a time of transitions. In the spring semester, I developed a new course entitled “Gender, Religion and Politics in France, 1453-1715” and presented two research papers, one at the Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies in Stanford and another at the Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America in Cambridge. Beginning July 1, I have been on leave and have started research for a new book project about torture and physical punishment in Europe 1500-1750. In order to delve into archives once again, I am spending the academic year in France. This new work has been enormously aided by a research travel fellowship awarded to me by the Society for French Historical Studies and a SSHRC standard grant. I was also invited by Columbia University to be a member of their Institute for Scholars in Paris. Having an office in central Paris as well as enjoying the intellectual exchange that a warm academic community provides has made this year of research a true pleasure.

Satisfaction Statistics - History Program

Of those responding to the survey,

~ 98% were satisfied or very satisfied with the History program
~ 98% found the quality of instruction good or very good
~ 92% rated the comprehensiveness of courses as good or very good

Source: UVic Student Outcomes, 2004 Survey of 2002 Baccalaureate Graduates
Perry Biddiscombe

I went on sabbatical for the 2005/06 year, so I only taught classes in the spring of 2005, although I was then busy with two undergraduate courses and a graduate seminar. Two of my MA students also completed their programs in August. In September, I finished writing *The SS Hunter Battalions*, which is a critical look at SS commando chief Otto Skorzeny and recounts his attempt to subvert the liberation of Europe during the last year of World War II. This book is due to be published in 2006.

I also started writing a new book on the denazification program in occupied Germany, which is com-

Greg Blue

I was on sick leave from January through December of 2005. During that year, the simplified-character translation of my *China and Historical Capitalism* (edited with Timothy Brook) was published in Shanghai, following publication of the traditional-character edition in Taiwan the year before. In July, the symposium on "Politically Engaged Scientists, 1920-1950," which I co-organized in the framework of the 22nd International Congress of History of Science, held in Beijing, was carried through to success by my co-organizers. I began a gradual return to work in January 2006, and look forward to returning to full-time research and teaching over the coming year. I am currently co-organizing a panel on the teaching of world history in Canadian universities for this year's annual World History Association Conference.

tentatively called *The Not-So-Honest Broker: Ontario in the Federation, 1943-1990*, and published one article and submitted another on particular episodes in this period. I also shifted my position on the board of the Association of Canadian Studies from that of Maritime to British Columbia representative, and continued to write the odd book review and assess the occasional manuscript for presses and journals. And, I'm still unpacking the boxes.

Penny Bryden

I began 2005 by packing documents on federal-provincial relations into boxes in Sackville (or was it into sacks in Boxville?), and sending them on a summer adventure across the country to Victoria. I followed as closely behind as possible, and began the task of organizing my new west coast life. In a year dominated by this transcontinental move, I have continued working on my book on Ontario's relations with Ottawa, published in Shanghai, following publication of the traditional-character edition in Taiwan the year before. In July, the symposium on "Politically Engaged Scientists, 1920-1950," which I co-organized in the framework of the 22nd International Congress of History of Science, held in Beijing, was carried through to success by my co-organizers. I began a gradual return to work in January 2006, and look forward to returning to full-time research and teaching over the coming year. I am currently co-organizing a panel on the teaching of world history in Canadian universities for this year's annual World History Association Conference.

Dr Horn is a graduate of Victoria College, UVic's predecessor, which was then affiliated with UBC. He went on to the University of Toronto where he completed his MA and PhD. He is currently a professor of history and university historian at Glendon College, York University. Dr Horn is recognized as one of Canada's leading authorities on academic freedom.
Imagine 12 historians and an archaeologist hurtling through the Fraser Canyon in a rag-tag flotilla including a four-person zodiac and you will have a sense of the excitement of the fourth biennial graduate Ethnohistory Field School the History Department has conducted with the Stolo Nation and the second in which we were joined by University of Saskatchewan grad students.

Four UVic students, Karl Preuss, Jon Clapperton, Liam Haggarty and Henry Nikolaus joined six fabulous students from Saskatoon in the course which ran through May under the co-direction of John Lutz and Keith Carlson (a former UVic MA student and now a prof at the University of Saskatchewan). Stolo cultural advisor Sonny McHalsie, archaeologist Dave Schaepe and archivist Tia Halsted assisted with the course.

The students boarded with Stolo families for the first week and then camped in the Coqualeetza longhouse in Sardis near Chilliwack. Each worked on a project identified by the staff at the Stolo Nation and their research papers, transcripts and copies of their interviews are now in the hands of the Stolo. Two of the UVic students have developed their research papers into a thesis or a major research paper.

In addition to seminars on the theory and practice of ethnohistory, the students imbibed a rich smorgasbord of educational and social events thanks to the warm generosity of our hosts. We were invited to honouring ceremonies, healing events, canoe racing, and powwow dancing. We helped with fishing and harvesting traditional foods, and had introductory workshops on the Stolo language and drum making.

At the end of the course, the students hosted a thank you feast in the longhouse for 50 people to acknowledge all the support they had received from the community. Graduate Dean Aaron Devor and History Chair Eric Sager represented the University. Many of the students formed friendships with their host families and continue to visit. Mislaid into thinking history was always this fun, several decided to make a career as historians after the river trip!

**Congratulations Faculty!**

- **Sara Beam** ~ SSHRC award: The Body of the Criminal in Europe, 1500-1750; and, the Society for French Historical Studies Research Travel Award
- **Brian Dippie** ~ UVic Office of the VP Academic and Provost, Single Year Award for excellence in teaching.
- **John Lutz** ~ Department of Canadian Heritage grant to do three more Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canada.
- **Andrew Preston** ~ awarded an Olin Fellowship from Yale in International Security.
- **Andrew Rippin** ~ reappointed Dean of Humanities for a second five-year term.
- **Jordan Stanger-Ross** ~ received the Distinguished Dissertation Award from the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States.
- **Wendy Wickwire** ~ SSHRC award: James A Teit and the Historical Challenge of Anthropology in the Boasian Era, 1908-1922
Martin Bunton

Among the highlights of 2005 was presenting a paper at the Onati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, in Gipuzkoa, Spain. This trip also provided the opportunity to continue my research on Sir Ernest Dowson and his collection of colonial land records, by visiting archives and libraries in London and Cambridge. With the support of an RTFs from the Clayoquot Alliance, a SSHRC CURA initiative, I continued my work on property rights in comparative perspective, building and teaching a new course on property and colonialism which was offered in the fall. I served on the program committee of the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society (CSRS) and contributed a paper to their faculty symposium on the subject of religion and empire, and continued to give public talks through the UVic Speakers’ Bureau on current events in the Middle East, and provided some media interviews as well. The year also saw the completion of my manuscript on colonial land policy in Palestine for the OUP historical monographs series.

Shawn Cafferky

2005 has been a busy year. Since I joined the Department I have been balancing research and teaching. My dissertation, entitled Uncharted Waters: A History of the Canadian Helicopter-Carrying Destroyer, was published this fall by the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie University. I also completed three chapters on the post-war Royal Canadian Navy for the Directorate of History and Heritage, Department of National Defence - i.e., “The Return to Normalcy, 1945-1947”, “Discord and Mutiny, 1949”, and “Naval Aviation, 1945-1950”. These chapters, along with the work of other scholars, will comprise the official history of the Royal Canadian Navy, 1945-1968, which will be published by an academic press. In addition, I also supervised two Honours students. And, as a result of my joint appointment with the Royal Military College of Canada I am currently supervising two MA students as well as teaching undergraduate and graduate courses. I am actively engaged in the Veterans’ Oral History Project - a joint initiative between the University of Victoria and the Royal United Services Institution. The mandate of this project is, in part, to preserve the voices and memories of Canada’s veterans who served from the Second World War to the present. This past December marks the completion of the second course offering of History 394 (Seminar in War and Peace Studies: Veterans and Oral History). It was a thoroughly rewarding experience for the instructor and students alike. The nine students who were enrolled in that class just completed interviewing over thirty veterans as part of their assignments. Finally, I remain busy with book reviews and writing. This summer, I hope to begin research for a book on the Canadian military and temperance in the 19th and 20th centuries. My interest in this particular area of inquiry came about, in part, as a result of a course I taught several years ago in the Department (“Drink and Social Control in Canada, 1828-1928”).

Zhongping Chen

In 2005, I continued my research on a SSHRC-funded project regarding elite associations, networks and politics in Shanghai and the Yangzi Delta between 1895 and 1915, and presented one resulting paper entitled “Beneath the Republican Revolution, Beyond the Revolutionary Politics” at the annual conference of the Association for Asian Studies, held in Chicago in March 2005. The last of my four papers on the Chinese in Peterborough, Ontario, has also been accepted for publication by the journal Diaspora. I devoted most of my research time to the writing and revision of my book manuscript on social networks and political changes in modern China.

Simon Deveraux

2005 has been a busy and happy year. In addition to (still) scribbling away at my book manuscript, I had an article – dealing with English convicts sentenced to death trying to refuse pardons on condition of transportation – accepted for publication in the journal Law and History Review for 2007, and my article on the abolition of the punishment of burning women in England appeared in the year-end issue of Crime, History and Societies. I also completed a draft paper on the abolition of Tyburn executions for presentation to the November meeting of Victoria’s “Early Modern Discussion Group,” which completes my proposed trilogy of articles on the workings of capital punishment in London during the 1780s. I have also been busy organizing a volume of essays on British history in general during that critical decade, to be co-edited with Prof Donna T Andrew of Guelph University, and (continued on page 7)
Sessional instructor Dan Marshall conducted a field trip to the Cowichan Tribes for students enrolled in History 354A (Northwest America) and HIST 358C (Natives and Newcomers) on October 13, 2005. Students were officially welcomed by Band Administrator, Dora Wilson and Elders Joseph Charlie and former Chief Wesley Modeste who provided introductions and information on protocol to the students. Led by Ron George, Cultural Liaison Officer, the group then made their way to the Somena Long House where students were granted privileged access and further discussion by Elders on the traditional ways of the Cowichan peoples.

From there they went to “George Town” to the residence of Elders Ben and Violet George who hosted a salmon luncheon—salmon freshly caught that morning in the Cowichan River (photo on right).

The next stops were historical and traditional sites on the Cowichan Reserve: a climb up Mount Tzouhalem where blankets were offered to members of the Henry family who hold the traditional name of Chief Tsilpaymul, the Cowichan chief who traveled to London, England in 1906 for an audience with King Edward. The Chief played a pivotal role in the early Native protest movement of British Columbia land claim grievances.

The 19th Century Stone Church (photo on right), served as an ideal location for discussions on early Native-newcomer encounters between the Cowichan peoples and Governor James Douglas (and members of the Royal Navy). Students were very appreciative of the opportunity to speak with Cowichans directly about the early colonial encounters.

The field trip was a success from both the students’ and the hosts’ perspectives. Evaluations from the student participants were very positive: “It was an absolutely wonderful and interesting experience . . . I cannot remember the last time I had such a good time at school.” “The trip was very worthwhile and meaningful.” “I think it’s a good idea for history students to get out of the classroom.” Cultural Liaison Officer, Ron George, was so impressed with the caliber of interest and appreciation displayed, he asked whether he could visit both classes in the future.

Cowichan Tribes Field Trip - (excerpts from the final report by Dan Marshall)

I submitted an application for SSHRC funding to host a workshop session here in Victoria in March 2006. Last April I presented a paper on “The Execution Rate in Early Modern England” to the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, held in Riverside, California, and in November I gave a paper on lawyers, actors and “performance” in eighteenth-century English trials to the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association in Portland, Oregon. Both papers present preliminary elements of two future book projects—the first a study of capital punishment in London from 1689 to 1837, and the second a study of major transformations in the nature of “public justice” in England from the late eighteenth through the nineteenth centuries. And I received an internal SSHRC grant to employ a student to begin preliminary research for a third project of interest to me, the extent to which changing reactions of English people to earthquakes from the late seventeenth through the mid-eighteenth centuries may suggest a declining belief in “Providence”. In September I was elected to the nominating council of the North American Conference on British Studies. By this time next year, I may be able to tell you what that job entails right now I’ve no idea!

Brian Dippie
2005—my 35th year at UVic—was a good one. I think. Teaching went well. One satisfied graduate student suggested it was time to put “Ol’ Paint” to pasture. I’m in his debt. I’ll call my post-retirement consulting business on Western American art Ol’ Paint and make a fortune. My article on Custer’s exploration of the Black Hills in 1874—framed as a contribution to the Lewis and Clark bicentennial—appeared nicely illustrated in the Washington State Historical Society’s magazine Columbia, and my entry on that eminent Canadian cowboy artist Charles M. Russell is in Vol. XV of the Canadian Dictionary of Biography. Best of all, I finished a very long essay on Russell patronage for the forthcoming CM Russell “catalogue raisonné”, which will be published by the University of Oklahoma Press. I’ve enjoyed working on the subject so much (continued on page 8)
Dippie (coat’s)

that I’ve proposed a full-length monograph to be published by the same press under the gripping title Dead Man’s Prices.

I delivered several lectures to academic and public audiences in 2006—at Calvin College in Michigan in February, the Colorado Historical Society in Denver and the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas, both in May, and the University of Oklahoma in October. But my favorite, I suppose, was to an enthusiastic crowd gathered for the Cour d’Alene Art Auction at Reno (go figure) as a warm up to the auction proper on July 30, which saw a single oil painting by C.M. Russell sell for $5.6 million! Western art continues to command public devotion. I’m serving as an advisor to a major Russell exhibition that will travel to the Smithsonian in 2007, and as an advisor to the reinstallation of the Whitney Gallery of Western Art at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming.

Finally, this year marked Donna’s and my 40th anniversary, which we celebrated with Angus and Arlene McLaren and two other couples also married in 1965 by spending a week during the November Reading Break at a luxury villa in Puerto Vallarta. I did get a couple of book reviews done, but the leisurely pace made retirement in 2009 seem... inviting.

John Duder

2005 was another excellent year. Classes on the Slave Trade, the History of South Africa, the Decline and Fall of the British Empire and An Introduction to African History were all full, indeed, perhaps over filled. The TAs worked hard as well. A record number of books were ordered to try and make up some of the gaping holes in the library’s collections. The highlight of the year, however, was being asked to give the Saturday after dinner talk at the 2005 Qualicum Conference. On the general principle of “write what you know”, I chose to use my prize-winning collection of the National Lampoon (an American humour periodical famous during my own college years) in conjunction with my academic interest in Africa to produce “Giant Flying Insects have Eaten Ghana: the National Lampoon and Africa”. I found it delightful to go through old issues collecting sophomoric jokes on Biafra, Idi Amin, Ian Smith and Soweto. The talk itself showed that NatLamp’s sense of humour is not as widely shared among university students as it once was. Many thanks to Dr Sager for the invitation and to Dr Bunton for organizing the conference. On more conventional academic fronts, I re-wrote a very old paper on soldier settlement in Kenya and am preparing a general survey of the impact of 9/11 on the plastic model making industry.

Mariel Grant

I had a busy 2005. During the fall term I taught three courses and served as an examiner on many MA committees in both History and English. I remained the departmental library representative and was elected to serve as the Humanities Representative on the Senate Committee on the Library. In the spring term, I began a half-year sabbatical. In late January, I traveled to London, England for several weeks of research in the National Archives. This marked the start of a new project which centres on the role of tourism in Britain’s economic recovery after 1945. On my return, I completed an article on this topic which will be forthcoming in the Journal of British Studies. I am also working on a book on Britain and the Second World War for the Longman Seminar Studies in History.

Tim Haskett

In addition to continuing research on two major projects, supervising an interdisciplinary MA student, and course development, the following undertakings occupied some considerable time: Department Majors’ Advisor; Department Website Coordinator; Department Curriculum Coordinator; Chair, Faculty of Humanities Curriculum Committee; Humanities Representative, Senate Curriculum Committee; Humanities Committee on Academic Standards; Humanities Working Committee for HUMA120 (new course for Humanities undergraduates); Humanities Representative, Working Committee for the Proposal for Associate Degree in Liberal Studies; and, the SSHRC General Research Grant’s adjudication committee. I’m on leave for the spring 2006 term.
Graduate Workshops ~ 2005

Qualicum Conference Preparation by Patricia Roy ~ Jan 14, 2005

Spirit, Hardship, and Opportunity: Narrating Imperial Adventure in Early 20th Century British Columbia by Elaine Moore ~ Feb 4, 2005

New Approaches to German Colonial History by Dan Bullard ~ Feb 11, 2005

The Residents Respond: Respectability and Community in Post-WW II Britannia Beach, BC by Katie Rollwagen ~ Feb 25, 2005

Imbert Orchard, Oral History and the Construction of Identity in British Columbia by Lucky Budd ~ Mar 4, 2005

Secret Births and Sympathetic Surgeons in Eighteenth-Century England by Sheena Sommers ~ Mar 11, 2005

Counting Bodies Before the Court, Victoria, 1871-1901 by Lisa Helps ~ Mar 18, 2005

Occupation and Resistance: Okinawa in the 20th Century by Kurt Heinrich ~ Apr 1, 2005


Terminological Muddle – and a Way Out: Reflections on the Early Reformation in France by Axel Schoeber ~ Oct 6, 2005

Interwar Failure and Post War Success of European Integration, An Investigation Into the Origins of the European Union by Constantin Chira-Pascanut ~ Oct 20, 2005

Where is My Shiny Berlin?: The Rejection of Weimar Berlin in Its Contemporary Literature by Maryanne Reed ~ Nov 3, 2005

One too Many: Temperance and Resistance in the Cowichan Indian Agency 1886-1898 by Heather Wilke ~ Nov 17, 2005

A. Bryan Williams, James A. Teit and the Incursion of Conservation Measures and the Liberal Order into Northern British Columbia, 1905-1918 by Jonathan Peyton ~ Nov 24, 2005

Thank you! from Jarrett Plonka

As a student who counts what each cup of tea costs him, I need not waste any time discussing just how this scholarship [the RH Roy Book Prize in Military History] benefits me financially. Two intangible benefits which are not often acknowledged are the peace of mind and the confidence that such an award brings.

This award serves as a kind of affirmation, an encouragement, to let me know that I must be doing something properly. I’m very grateful.
Undergraduate Award Winners ~ 2005

Atkinson, Georgia Leona
~ The Leon J. Ladner BC History Scholarship

Barkaskas, Patricia Miranda
~ The Hutchinson Book Prize

Bil, Geoffrey Kenneth
~ Michiel Horn Scholarship

Brow, Stacey Elisabeth
~ The Prize of the Ambassador of Switzerland to Canada

Butley, Leah Kathleen
~ The Lord Selkirk Association of Rupert’s Land (Victoria Branch) Bompas Book Prize

Carew, Marsha Andria Hominuk
~ Ken Coates Book Prize

Carruthers, Allison Elizabeth
~ The Katharine Youdall Memorial Scholarship
~ The Maureen Dobbin Scholarship

Carter, Devon Patricia
~ The Alfred Loft Book Prize in Canadian History

Cavallin, Margaret Ann
~ J. Walter Grant Book Prize in British Columbia History

Collins, Dalton Stanley
~ The Gov’t of the Federal Republic of Germany Book Prize

Debeck, Edwin James
~ Colonel George Urquhart Book Prize

Decorte, Michelle Dawn
~ University of Victoria Entrance Scholarships

Douglas, Tara A.
~ The Willard E. Ireland Scholarship in History

Goeden, Christopher Robert
~ The Tatton Anfield Prize in American History

Hill, Elina Marguerite
~ The Nora Lugrin Shaw and Wendell Burrill Shaw Memorial Scholarship

Ishiguro, Laura Mitsuyo
~ United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada (Victoria Branch) Book Prize in Canadian History
~ The Victoria Municipal Chapter, IODE, Canadian History Scholarship
~ UVic Excellence Scholarships Renewal

Johnson, Gene Morris
~ Air Force Officers’ Association Book Prize

Kreklo, Katya Bajdek
~ The Major-General GR Pearkes VC Scholarship
~ University of Victoria International Scholar Awards

Krueger, Terry Peter
~ Wally Milligan Soccer Scholarship

Mann, Paisley Claire
~ The Sydney W Jackman Prize in British History

Mann, Sarah Louise
~ The Sidney Pettit Book Prize in European History
~ University of Victoria International Scholar Awards

March, Hilary Elizabeth
~ The Charlotte SM Girard Book Prize in French History

McClim, Matthew Alexander Douglas
~ The Alexander MacLeod Baird Memorial Prize in Scottish History

Moore, William Fredrick
~ Wally Milligan Soccer Scholarship

Nathan, Robert Donald
~ The Allan and Elizabeth McKinnon Scholarship

Nielsen Alyssum Rita
~ Pamela Valentine Memorial Scholarship

Ovleva, Anastasia Igorevna
~ The President’s Scholarship

Pence, Elliot David
~ The Royal United Services Institute of Vancouver Island Book Prize in Military History

Plonka, Jarrett Alexander
~ UVic Excellence Scholarships Renewal
~ The RH Roy Book Prize in Military History
~ The Professor Alfred E. Loft Memorial Scholarship

Regehr, Eric Matthew
~ The Prince and Princess Nicholas Abkhazi Book Prize in Russian History

Sawatzky, Karen Anne
~ The Tatton Anfield Prize in American History

Sharp, Tristan
~ The Classical Association of Vancouver Island Book Prize
~ The Kathleen Agnew Scholarship
~ The Friends of Medieval Studies Scholarship
~ The President’s Scholarship

Slonowsky, Deborah Lynn
~ President’s Regional Entrance Scholarship—The Tom Uphill Memorial Scholarship

Swanton, Jason Pericles
~ The Royal United Services Institute of Vancouver Island Book Prize in Military History

Van Elk, Jennifer Gwyneth
~ The Hendrickson Prize in BC History

Waddell, Brodie Banner
~ The Dr Toby Jackman Book Prize in British History

Watson, Timothy A
~ The Ladner Book Prize for the Study of the History of BC

Whitehead, Cameron Ian Alfred
~ The Grotius Award in Modern History

Wizbicki, Rory Robert
~ UVic Excellence Scholarships Renewal
Mitchell Lewis Hammond

2005 was a busy year with lots of travel and new opportunities. Most of the spring was taken up with a three-month sojourn at the Herzog August Bibliothek, Germany’s designated library for baroque-era material. There I continued research with medical treatises and archival records of early municipal health care programs in German cities. Alongside other conference trips in North America, I flew across the Atlantic pond again in October to present at a conference on humanism and Renaissance medicine in Greifswald, Germany. In Victoria, I have been developing two new courses in the area of health sciences, an introductory survey and an on-line course in public health. My article “Contagion, Honor, and Urban Life in Early Modern Germany,” appeared in *Imagining Contagion in Early Modern Europe*, a collection edited by our own Claire Carlin.

John Lutz

I opened a fortune cookie early in the new year and it said something like: ‘Team efforts will pay off’ and such is the power of cookie wisdom that this has been a year of rewarding team work.

The five-year Coasts Under Stress project wound down this year. For MA student Liam Haggarty and I, this meant a trip to Hartley Bay and Prince Rupert for community feedback and filling in loose ends on our history of work among the Gitga’at people. I had the pleasure to work with Liam and MA student Jon Clapperton as a history component to a much larger team (including colleagues Rick Rajala and Lorne Hammond) that has just had its co-written *magnum opus* accepted by McGill-Queen’s Press. I believe it sets a new standard for interdisciplinary work in Canada while providing a history and future options for the viability of coastal communities in Canada.

Part of a conversation started at an international conference organized by UVic history grad students including Pasi Ahonen in 1998 finally emerged from McGill-Queen’s Press in a volume I co-edited with Jo-Anne Lee in *Women’s Studies with the ponderous title: Situating Race and Racisms in Space Time and Theory*. It is a tribute to the graduate student cohort of the time who created the History of Racialization (Reading) Group.

The team of the Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History project which I co-direct was rewarded with a $487,000 grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage to do three more mysteries which will be launched in April. The team involving our grad students Andrei Bonderoff, Heather Gleboff, Jon Clapperton, and Pat Szpak among others across the country, will launch these sites in April 2006.

Finally, I had the great pleasure of working with a fantastic crew of graduate students and Stedo colleagues in the Ethnohistory Field School in the spring (see article page 5) and in an Ethnohistory seminar in the fall.

Thanks, everyone for a very rich year, though I regretfully note that not all fortune cookie prophecies were fulfilled. Another fortune said: “You will get an urge to take a librarian to lunch.” I did offer to buy a librarian a drink once, but my offer was spurned!

Andrea McKenzie

In 2005 I enjoyed teaching my second and third semesters at UVic. I am still basking in the novel pleasure of being able to give lectures in my own field of English history! January 2005 marked my first Qualicum conference, an event of the spring. I was fulfilled. Another fortune said: “You will get an urge to take a librarian to lunch.” I did offer to buy a librarian a drink once, but my offer was spurned!

Sessional Instructors

The History Department benefits enormously from the dedication and professionalism of a large number of sessional instructors. These include postdoctoral fellows hosted by the department, and many of our own advanced PhD students. They contribute in the classroom and in many ways, and they are a vital part of the intellectual and social life of the department. Listed here are those who taught one or more courses in the spring, summer or fall, 2005.

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operation run so smoothly by Martin Banton that I (perhaps foolishly) agreed to undertake it for the following year. In April Simon and I travelled to Riverside, California, to present papers at the Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies; in November we presented at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association in Portland, Oregon. On the home front, I began to penetrate the mysteries of our automated sprinkler system and continued the struggle to keep our goldfish alive. In October, we welcomed a new addition to the family; my late grandmother’s grey tabby Murphy, whom we hope to spoil for many years to come. I corrected a number of articles for the press, two of which saw the light of day in 2005 – a piece on “peine forte et dure” in early modern England, and another on the decline of the Ordinary’s Account of the behaviour and last dying words of the male-factors executed at Tyburn – in Law and History Review and the London Journal, respectively.

Angus McLaren

Being interviewed for a television program on Jack the Ripper was diverting, but otherwise 2005 was taken up by the usual round of academic activities. I made several research trips to London, commented on papers at the American Historical Association meeting in January in Seattle, and was an invited panel discussant at an international conference on “Women and the Demographic Transition” at Radboud University in The Netherlands in May. I produced one book review, provided jacket blurbs for two books, and read book-length manuscripts for Cornell University Press and the University of Chicago Press. In addition to my undergraduate teaching, I was the outside examiner for a University of Toronto PhD and on the examining committees of three University of Victoria MAs. My major accomplishment in the past year was finishing a manuscript on the history of male sexuality. Like two of my earlier books, the new study will be published by the University of Chicago Press.

Lynne Marks

In the spring of 2005 I held a faculty fellowship at UVic’s Centre for Studies in Religion and Society to work on my book manuscript on religion and irreligion in turn of the century BC. An article on that topic “Leaving God Behind when They Crossed the Rocky Mountains: Exploring Unbelief in Turn-of-the-Century British Columbia” is appearing this year in P Baskerville and EW Sager, eds., Canadian Families at the Turn of the Twentieth Century (forthcoming, University of Toronto Press). An article I co-wrote with Dr Margo Petri Dish: Welfare Reform in British Columbia and Ontario”, was accepted for publication by the Canadian Review of Social Policy. At the Canadian Historical Association meeting in London, Ontario this spring I participated in a roundtable on Microhistory. This fall in Toronto I presented a paper as part of a plenary session at an international Labouring Feminisms conference. The paper was titled “Challenging binaries: Working-Class Women and Lived Religion in North America”.

Andrew Preston

To say that 2005 was an interesting and exciting but exhausting year would be putting it mildly. In addition to the normal book reviews and conference papers, in the summer my family and I embarked on a cross-continental move to New Haven, Connecticut, so I could take up a year-long Olin Fellowship in International Security Studies at Yale University (word to the wise: driving from the Pacific to the Atlantic is not a good idea with a 3 year-old child, a 9 month-old baby, and a van packed to the roof with everything else you’ll need for a year). I am teaching one course per term while at Yale, which leaves plenty of time for research. We return to Victoria in July 2006 – by plane.

Topical Issues Debate


Lynne is a faculty member of the History Department and holds a faculty fellowship at UVic’s Centre for Studies in Religion and Society.
In the spring of 2005, the Mysteries Project began work on three new mysteries. “Torture and the Truth: Angélique and the Burning of Montreal” is being developed at the University of Sherbrooke, “Heaven and Hell on Earth: The Massacre of the “Black Donnel-lys” is the creation of a team at Mount Royal College, and Professor Larry Hannant from Camosun College/University of Victoria led the research team for the “Explosion on the Kettle Valley Line: The Death of Peter Verigin”. These new mysteries will be launched in April 2006 at various locations across the country, along with a new educational site called MysteryQuests. The latter will include webquests (learning activities for students in which most of the material is online) related to all six of the mysteries that will be available this spring.

The Mysteries Project is based at the University of Victoria and operates under the direction of Dr John Lutz, with the support of co-directors Dr Ruth Sandwell (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education) and Dr Peter Gossage (University of Sherbrooke). Executive Director, Merna Forster, joined the team in July, becoming the first full-time employee and coordinator of project operations across the country. UVic students who have been working on the project include Heather Gleboff (Senior Editor), Amanuel Moges (Programmer), Patrick Szpak (Website Developer), Jonathan Clapperton (Researcher for Verigin) and Andrei Bondoreff (Researcher for Verigin).

The Department of Canadian Heritage provided most of the funding for this phase of the Mysteries Project, and the University of Victoria and other partners also made significant contributions. The Humanities Computing and Media Centre provides support for the technical work.

The Mysteries Project provides high quality materials to high schools and universities for the teaching of Canadian history. Each mystery, comprised of an archive of primary documents of about 100,000 words (in both English and French) as well as images and maps, is accompanied by a detailed teachers’ guide. These guides are currently being used by over 500 registered users from around the world, and during the past year the mysteries in the sites have had about 240,000 visits and 12.6 million hits. The Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History can be viewed at www.canadianmysteries.ca.

Richard Rajala

The past year has brought significant change, involving my appointment to a tenure-track position in Canadian history after several years in the sessional trenches. I will now be teaching the “BC Since 1885” and “BC Environmental History” courses on a regular basis, and am in the preliminary stages of working up a new course entitled “The North American Forest: Economy, Ecology, Culture” for next year.

Research activities have centred on the completion of a book-length manuscript on the history of BC’s north coast forest industry, undertaken in association with the Coasts Under Stress Project and the Royal BC Museum. Over the summer I brought the account up-to-date, or as close as any historian should dare, and am hopeful that the editorial process will go smoothly enough to allow publication by the Museum in summer 2006. The year also saw the publication of my Feds, Forests, and Fire: A Century of Canadian Forestry Innovation, by the Canada Science and Technology Museum.

Current writing projects include articles on loggers’ unionization along the north coast and Depression-era relief camps operated by the BC Forest Service.
Winning Research

Congratulations to Dr Ian MacPherson who was awarded $1.75 million over five years as part of a $9 million investment by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to connect university researchers with the not-for-profit organizations that make up Canada’s essential social economy.

Dr MacPherson will oversee the national research network on “Canadian Social Economy: Understandings and Potential” which will focus on developing policies to better support social economy organizations in Canada and to improve their overall effectiveness.

For more information, see: www.socialeconomyhub.ca

Where Are They Now?

David Farrell—MA History, 1993

After my Masters program, I went on to a certificate in the Cultural Property Management Programme in 1994. I then worked for a few years as collections manager at the Nanaimo District Museum. After Corina [see Corina Eberle below] and I moved to Toronto in 1997, I had an eight-month contract position with the Royal Ontario Museum’s registration department. I am currently Collections Co-ordinator at the Peel Heritage Complex in Brampton.

Scott Sheffield—BA History, 1992; MA 1995

After graduating from UVic I went to Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario for five years to complete a PhD in History before moving to Calgary for a one year post-doctoral fellowship. In 2001, I returned to UVic for a two-year SSHRC Post-doctoral fellowship which involved five months researching, teaching and fly fishing in New Zealand. After working as a sessional instructor at UVic and Camosun College, I obtained a permanent position in the History Department at the University College of the Fraser Valley, in 2005. I now live in Chilliwack, BC, with my wife and two sons.

Corina Eberle—BA Honours, Medieval Studies, 1996

My degree from UVic led to doing a Masters in Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto. There were doubts (you know who you are) that studying paleography and Latin would have any “real world” applications. Needless to say these skills are both useful in my current position as Publicist for Douglas & McIntyre Publishing Group in Toronto (and by useful I mean something perhaps a bit more esoteric than normal). I also work part-time as a programme officer at Spadina Museum: Historic House & Gardens.

Keith Smith—BA Honours History 1994, MA 1996

After completing my BA and MA at UVic I was off to Calgary to work on my PhD with Dr Sarah Carter. On returning to Victoria in 1998, I soon began working as a sessional instructor at UVic and a little later at Malaspina and Camosun. In 2005 I was hired as a regular faculty member in First Nations Studies at Malaspina UC. The highlight since my studies at UVic, though, was the arrival in 2001 of my son Clayton, now a rambunctious four year old.

Ruth Underhill — BA Honours History, 1996

After graduating, I went to the University of St Andrew’s in Scotland where I studied for my Masters in Historical Research—specifically early Scottish settlers on Vancouver Island—before returning to Victoria. Since then, I have worked in my field in the area of First Nations land claims and then took a break by moving to Vancouver for a year to study a long-held interest in theatre and clown training. I’m now back in Victoria working as an employer liaison for the Community Social Planning Council, a private, non-profit organization that works with the community on issues faced by low-income residents such as housing and barriers to work.

More “Where Are They Now” Features on page 15.
Where Are They Now? (cont’t)

Jill (Newton) Ainsley—BA Honours History, 1997
I was a student, supervised by Angus McLaren, in the honours program from 1995 until 1997. From 1997 until 2000 I was a PhD student at the University of Durham, but I ended up abandoning academia in favour of cold, hard cash. For the past five years I have been employed by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia and am currently the production manager for Hansard, the official report of debates. I am also happily married to another former history student, Martin Ainsley. Together we have a heritage house that's in a perpetual state of renovation and a young son, Ciaran, who may grow up to fulfil his mother's dream of being a professor of Victorian history!

Dennis Flewelling—MA History, 2003
I came to UVic as a “profoundly mature” student at age 50 after a career in law enforcement. Since leaving UVic, I have become the Regional Manager for the Aboriginal Policing Directorate, responsible for all of BC and the Yukon. I feel very fortunate to have such a rewarding job that takes me to First Nations’ communities to provide enhanced funding for additional constables on reserves in order that Aboriginal communities have policing arrangements that respect their cultures and way of life. There are now 34 agreements with 148 First Nations’ communities, which is very gratifying.

Michael Crawford—BA Honours History, 2004
I have moved to Australia and I am currently working as a Researcher for the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, of the Parliament of Australia. A lot of words but that’s government for you! Obviously my experience writing and researching history has been indispensable and I feel lucky to basically get paid to do what I did at university.

Oliver Schmidtke
It was a year full of new beginnings for me. In 2005 I started two major collaborative research projects in the field of immigration and integration that, together with my partners in Europe, will keep me busy for the next three years. In March I organized the conference “Governing Migration in the Age of De-nationalization” on the basis of which I am currently preparing an edited volume with Ashgate. Then I started two outreach projects both co-sponsored by the European Commission. First, there is the EUCAnet Project that aims to generate a nation-wide electronic “Who’s Who” in European Studies and to encourage the exchange of scholars with media (please see www.eucanet.ca). Second, the Young Researchers Network grant was initiated that seeks to build a network of young researchers in the area of European Studies and to bring some of them together for a graduate student conference in May 2006 at UVic. Last but not least – to complete the synopsis of a very busy year – I was appointed Acting Director of European Studies and initiated a process to broaden the base of this Program and invite other departments – most notably History – to participate more fully in its activities.

Jordan Stanger-Ross
My first semester with the department has been productive and enjoyable.

This fall saw the publication of two articles: “Falling Far From the Tree: Transitions to Adulthood and the Social History of Twentieth Century America” Social Science History 29, 4 (Winter 2005) and “Neither Fight nor Flight: Urban Synagogues in Postwar Philadelphia” Journal of Urban History (Spring, 2005). This fall I also had the honour of receiving the Distinguished Dissertation Award from the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States. Despite gratifying research, I derived the greatest enjoyment from introducing my first undergraduate course, “Making Difference in Canada,” which explored the history of race and ethnicity in North America from the 16th to the 19th Centuries with a spirited group of University of Victoria students. With the continued support of a SSHRC post-doctoral fellowship, I will spend the upcoming semester preparing my dissertation manuscript for publication as a book. I will also begin work on my next two major research initiatives, an examination of the geography of black marriage in 20th Century Philadelphia and an inquiry into the social networks among native people in and around Vancouver in the decades after the Second World War.

Elizabeth Vibett
I spent the first half of 2005 on study leave in southern France. I wasn’t doing research (except in local vineyards and fromageries); the point was to get away from Victoria and complete several writing projects. I now fully appreciate the value of the sabbatical. Getting away – literally and figuratively – made all the difference. I completed three articles, two on my research on Scottish colonial identities and one on my longer-term research on colonial discourses of difference. In the latter essay, I look at how food practices function as a key axis of difference in late-18th and early-19th century British travel and trade narratives. The essay is forthcoming in a festschrift for Jennifer SH Brown, and I am working on an extended version for a journal. I presented a preliminary paper from my SSHRC post-doctoral fellowship, I will spend the upcoming semester preparing my dissertation manuscript for publication as a book. I will also begin work on my next two major research initiatives, an examination of the geography of black marriage in 20th Century Philadelphia and an inquiry into the social networks among native people in and around Vancouver in the decades after the Second World War.
That piece, which examines the notion of “home” in colonial self-writing, has been submitted to The American Historical Review. The second article from my Scottish work, on the making of Christian manhood, was solicited for the forthcoming collection Gender, Mobility and Intimacy in an Age of Empire, edited by Antoinette Burton and Tony Ballantyne.

I’m now back as the department’s graduate advisor and teaching a new course called “Identity and Difference in the British Atlantic World, 1580-1850.” I think often and wistfully of that village in France.

Wendy Wickwire

Throughout the past academic year I have been working on two book projects. The first, a new collection of oral narratives by Okanagan storyteller, Harry Robinson, has just been released—Living By Stories: A Journey of Landscape and Memory (Talonbooks, Vancouver, 2005). The second, a SSHRC-funded intellectual biography of early BC ethnographer, James A Teit, is in progress. An essay “Stories From the Margins: Toward a More Inclusive British Columbia Historiography,” has just been published in the Journal of American Folklore 118 (470), Fall, 2005: 453-474.

Last January, I played host to Dr Julie Cruikshank, the Distin-
guished Women’s Scholar guest on campus (and at the Qualicum Conference) for two days. I did the same in November, when my honorary degree nominee, Merve Wilkinson (well known eco-forester) received his degree.

Congratulations!

Kathryn Bridge

Winner of the
Leon J. Ladner
BC History Scholarship

Staff Profile — Karen McIvor by Leslie Laird

Described as “caring”, “essential” and the “heart and soul” of the History Department by the five department Chairs she has worked with since 1988, Karen is an invaluable resource to faculty, staff, students and the general public.

From those five Chairs (Ian MacPherson, Peter Baskerville, Ted Wooley, Eric Sager and Tom Saunders), Karen says she has learned a lot about dedication, commitment and leadership—qualities that she herself exemplifies in earning, over a 13-year period, her BA (first class) in 1993 in English and Medieval Studies, and in her loyalty to the History Department!

In 2005, Karen celebrated 25 years at UVic where she first worked in the Law Faculty (when it was located in the back of the McPherson Library). Memorable moments for Karen include the complete renovation of the History Department office in 2004/05 and the many babies who have been born to faculty and students over the years. Karen recalls Zoë Sager as a toddler coming to the office and colouring at her desk, and now Zoë is a young woman traveling around the world.

Outside work, Karen’s two grandsons and her music give her great pleasure. Karen plays the cello and the piano and has recently initiated a children’s choir at her church (melodious tunes she is teaching can be heard throughout the day in the office!). She loves community music and can be persuaded to participate in Celtic jam sessions. Her one regret is that the History Department Philharmonic has had but one performance . . . so far!

Thank you!

I am honoured to have been selected to receive the Maureen Dobbin Scholarship. For the past year, I have been heavily involved with Engineers Without Borders, a Canadian, non-government organization committed to promoting human development through access to technology. I have just returned from a four-month volunteer placement in Chipata, Zambia, where I worked as a research assistant for the International Centre for Research in Agroforestry. ICRAF works with resource-poor farmers in southern African countries, teaching and encouraging sustainable agricultural practices. My experience confirmed for me my passion for development work. After completing my degree (double major—honours History and French), I hope to pursue a master’s degree in international development and eventually to work with the Canadian International Development Agency. I feel that my history degree has been essential in helping me to realize this passion.

Allison Carruthers
Paul Wood

I was on research leave throughout 2005, and was able to start writing my biography of the Scottish polymath Thomas Reid. In April, I returned to Edinburgh where I collected yet more material on early 19th-century interpretations of Reid’s life and writings. During the course of the year I also had an article on Reid published, and wrote two entries on the Aberdeen Philosophical Society. One of these will be appearing in a reference work on the history of British philosophy, and the other will soon be added to the on-line version of the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.

University 101

UVic’s History Department is a proud sponsor of a new humanities course offered to adults whose economic and social circumstances normally pose obstacles to university education. Twenty-four students are enrolled in spring term 2006 in University 101, a free, non-credit course offered at UVic’s downtown campus. The course has been spear-headed by Kristin Semmens, an instructor and former postdoctoral fellow in the History Department, together with members of the downtown low-income community. Other members of the Department—Lynne Marks, Elizabeth Vibert, postdoctoral fellow Jessica Schafer, and graduate student Bronwen Magrath—are active on the advisory board. Course co-ordinator is Becky Corey from the Equity and Human Rights office.

The course introduces students to a wide range of topics such as critical thinking, creative writing, local and world history, indigenous history, Greek and Roman mythology, classical philosophy, gender studies and English literature. University 101 is taught on a volunteer basis, mainly by members of the Faculty of Humanities. Contributors from the History Department include Martin Bunton, John Lutz and Ilana Stanger-Ross. Many of our graduate students have served as volunteer teaching assistants for class discussions. Office staff contributed to the meals that kick off each evening’s class. The course has been made possible by financial and other support from the Dean of Humanities, Andrew Rippin; Dean of Continuing Studies, Wes Koczka; Vice President Academic, Jamie Cassels; and private donors. Given the success of this year’s effort, Dr Rippin has pledged ongoing support to ensure that the program continues long term. University 101 will run again in fall 2006: volunteers are always welcome.

For more information, see: www.uvic.ca/uni101
I enjoyed receiving the annual newsletter especially since it contained reminiscences from three of my former profs. I was a mature student for six years from 1974 to 1980 while I took an history-laden undergraduate year so I could qualify as a graduate student in the course-based MA which I imagine no longer exists. I remember with great fondness Dr Ian MacPherson for his self-deprecating sense of humour and his plea that I stop prefacing all my papers with a diatribe on how important it was for historians to be communicators. Finally, during a seminar on Liberalism he said, "All right Lynne. We get your point."

Dr Phyllis Senese gave me what I consider to be the best course I ever took in university: "The Intellectual History of Canada". We met one-on-one in her office and discussed literature and history and ideas for one glorious year.

The most important person for me at UVic was Dr Patricia Roy. It was she who urged me to attend graduate school; she was my grad adviser and, most importantly for my future career as a teacher of creative writing, it was she who pointed out the existence of the nefarious passive voice.

For the past fourteen years I have shared the Rogers Communications Chair of Creative Non-Fiction Writing at UBC and insist that students avoid the nefarious passive voice. I will retire in 2006 having managed to last only one year longer than the three memorable professors with whom I worked in the UVic History Department.

Veterans’ Oral History — Update

by Shawn Cafferky

In the fall term, 2005, History 394 (Seminar in War and Peace Studies: Veterans and Oral History) was offered for the second time. Nine students were registered in this upper-level seminar. In this course students had the opportunity to interview a minimum of three veterans, from any branch of the military, for their term papers. This year was particularly exciting as students interviewed Aboriginal veterans (a first in the course), female veterans, former Prisoners of War, and family members of veterans. Interviewing family members gave students a glimpse of what it was like for those who remained behind while their loved ones went off to war. Interviewing Aboriginal veterans gave one student in the class an opportunity to re-acquaint herself with her own culture and to tell an important, but often forgotten, part of our military history. The students, and instructor alike, found the experience to be very rewarding. In fact, many of the students formed lasting relationships with their veterans.

In all, some 30 interviews were conducted by the students and those interviews, as well as their papers, will be added to the Oral History Collection in the McPherson Library which was named after Dr Reg Roy, Professor Emeritus in the History Department. In total, there are over 400 oral history tapes in that collection which are being used by researchers and students alike. The course will be offered again in the fall of 2006, and is part of the larger joint initiative—Veterans’ Oral History Project—between the University of Victoria and the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI).

Guoguang Wu

My 2005 began with teaching a seminar on the history of Chinese foreign policy, and the students were superb. Research activities of the year included the completion of three papers, five conference/book/research project proposals, and trips for paper/lecture delivering to Ottawa (where I had the honour of dining with Prime Minister Paul Martin and giving a response to his remark on the L20 Summit project), Chicago, Edmonton, Cambridge in the UK, as well as locally to Central Washington University, UBC, and a conference in Whistler. I also traveled to Hong Kong and Taipei for fund-raising and fieldwork. I was glad that, in the summer, a co-authored article appeared in Comparative Political Studies, one of three top journals in comparative politics, and that a book was finally released by a Singaporian publisher on the last day of 2005. Another book, co-edited and non-academic, in Chinese, came out earlier. Regrets were that this year my service to History Department was thin, and that my attendance to department gatherings was less frequent than I wished as, unfortunately, I found many scheduling conflicts among my History, Political Science, and CAPI activities, my three institutional affiliations on campus.
UVic Co-op Pioneer Wins International Award

Dr Ian MacPherson, Director of UVic’s BC Institute for Co-operative Studies, is the first North American and only the fifth person to win the Rochdale Pioneer Prize, presented for a lifetime of work by the International Co-operative Alliance. The ICA represents over 800 million people worldwide who are involved in co-operative organizations—five million of them in Canada. “It’s the biggest social movement in the world,” says MacPherson who recently received the award in Cartagena, Colombia. “I’m deeply honoured to receive this award. It’s not just a recognition of my work but also of the work of the entire Canadian co-operative movement.” Dr MacPherson has served on the boards of co-operatives for 25 years, is the founding president of the Canadian Co-operative Association and has served on the board of the ICA. He retired last year from the History Department where he taught since 1976.

World History Caucus Initiatives

The World History Caucus, coordinated by Greg Blue and Martin Bunton, has been active for over a decade in promoting and supporting activities on a variety of historical and contemporary issues. In 2005, the Caucus organized talks on diverse topics in its ongoing lunchtime series “World affairs in Historical Perspective”. The Caucus also co-sponsored and/or provided support to the interdisciplinary graduate student conference “The Wars at Home, The Wars Abroad: Imperialism in Everyday Life” held at UVic, February 25-27, 2005, and the University 101 community outreach program (featured on p.17).

Serhy Yekelchyk

The past year was a year of graduations and travels. My first MA student in Russian History, Trevor Rockwell, completed his program in two years and moved to Edmonton, where he is a PhD student at the University of Alberta. Both of my two Honours students also got accepted into graduate programs in Russian or East European History: Gregory Fowler at the University of Alberta and Jonathan Crossen, at Central European University. Meanwhile, I have been busy traveling. A spectacular drive through the Rocky Mountains to attend a conference in Edmonton was followed by flights to other interesting locales where scholarly forums were held—Salt Lake City, Utah, and Melbourne, Australia. Not to be forgotten is my three-month research trip to the Ukraine during the summer, when I finally wrapped up the collection of sources for my book on public ceremonies under High Stalinism. Speaking of publishing, there was another surprise in 2005. For what must be the first time in the history of academic publishing, a journal with my article came out five months before the date indicated on its cover! To balance off this miracle, two other articles were delayed by another year.

David Zimmerman

The year 2005 began with a gala event unveiling the renaming of the library’s military history collection after my predecessor, Professor Reg Roy. The keynote speaker was the Honourable Iona Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia. In April my wife, Wendy Muscat-Tyler, and I were on the organization committee for a commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp. Ms Campagnolo gave the opening remarks at this event as well. Speakers included Dr Peter Gary, who was liberated at Bergen-Belsen, and a British army medical student, who was one of the liberators. Over 150 people attended. I acted as the Master of Ceremony at both events. I continue working on my history of the Society for the Protection of Science and Learning (SPSL), which rescued displaced academics from Germany in the 1930s. In March I made a presentation on Einstein and the refugee crisis at a conference on the famous physicist held at the University of Victoria. The first major article on the SPSL, on the role it played in politicization of British science in the 1930s, appeared in the journal Minerva. Finally, I was interviewed and acted as historical advisor to Granada TV’s Warplane series. The show will be aired on National Geographic Television next fall.
Creating Your Legacy at the University of Victoria
De-mystifying the Process

“The greatest thing this generation can do is to lay a few stepping-stones for the next generation.”

Charles F. Kettering

A lot of people wonder what I do here at the university. My title, Manager of Planned Giving doesn’t explain it very well. A more descriptive title might be legacy-maker. But then, I’m not sure that makes it any clearer. In fact, the whole area of planned giving is full of confusing jargon. There’s bequests, charitable annuities, charitable remainder trusts, gifts-in-kind, stock options, residual interest agreements to name but a few. On top of that, there’s the university terminology, e.g. restricted vs. unrestricted funds, endowed vs. expendable funds, scholarships, fellowships, bursaries, graduate and undergraduate awards, etc.

What I actually do is de-mystify the process and help people create legacies. How does this work? Well, it usually starts when someone contacts me for information. They are often thinking about including a gift to the university in their will to help students and simply want to find out what’s involved. My first job is to listen to what they want to achieve. I call this the “why” of the gift and it’s very important to get this right in order to find a match within the university. Once I have determined this, I will gather the most up-to-date information available, outline the various choices they have and the steps required to finalize the gift. This is handed over along with customized materials for them to review, at their leisure, with an invitation to answer any questions. This is the “how” of the gift and may include samples of legal wording and drafts of the award terms of references which they can review with their family, and professional advisors.

For example, for a minimum donation of $10,000 an endowment fund bearing the name of the donor could be established (e.g. The Jane Smith Memorial Student Award). This fund would be held in the University of Victoria Foundation and income earned is paid out annually to help a student (approximately $450 on this amount). What’s surprising to most people is that the money donated is never actually spent. There’s nothing charged to the donation for administration costs so the whole donation is invested to establish the fund. And over time, through careful investment, the fund will grow and produce even more for students.

So now that I’ve explained my role - if you’re interested in getting some information about creating your own legacy, please feel free to contact me at 250 721-8967, or by email at ncameron@uvic.ca. There’s no cost, no obligation and an assurance of confidentiality.

Norma Cameron

Former UVic History Grad?

We’d love to hear from you and to know what’s new in your life since graduating. Please contact the editor—details on sidebar.