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Donna Greschner, Dean of Law.

Since its inception, UVic Law has been a leader in real-life learning — otherwise known as experiential education. Early on students could participate in a solicitors' practise term or the forerunner of our downtown poverty law clinic, the Law Centre. The emphasis on experiential learning is part of the Faculty's enduring commitment to teaching law in context. Students leave campus classrooms to learn in law offices, court rooms, legislative hearing rooms, the great outdoors (we have an environmental law field school on remote Calvert Island!) and other workplaces.

This issue of Vistas highlights several experiential programs. The cover story is appropriately the Law Co-op Program. UVic Law is still the only Canadian common law school with a co-op program. Co-op placements change lives as shown by the interview with Barry Penner ('92), Q.C. the first co-op student to be placed with the Chandler law firm in Bangkok.

Alumni from the 70s and early 80s will remember another UVic innovation that taught students about how law operates in context, the Practitioner in Residence. Thanks to Lawson Lundell LLP, we are reviving this tradi-

tion. Rodney Hayley, a UVic professor in the 1980s and adjunct professor for several years, returns to the law school full-time for two years as the Lawson Lundell LLP Practitioner in Residence. Welcome, Rod!

Chosen from amongst the law school's three clinics, this issue features the Business Law Clinic. People with limited means who need advice to start or grow a business or who want to establish non-profit societies for a charitable cause can receive free advice from students at the Business Law Clinic. We are grateful to local lawyers who mentor the students and to Bull, Housser Tupper LLP for its support.

As these examples show, the law school's commitment to real-life learning is undiminished. No alumnus knows where their law degree will take them. Experiential learning hones the most invaluable ability: acquiring and using knowledge and skills anywhere, not only in formal classrooms. By continuing to teach law in context, by instructing students in real workplaces, we continue UVic's greatest tradition: educating outstanding advocates, counsellors, law reformers, problem solvers and leaders. ■

Alumni Relations: Stay Connected

ERIN HALLETT
Alumni Relations Officer

This issue's cover story is about a program unique to your alma mater: Law Co-op. Now in its third decade, it continues to personify UVic's tradition of innovation and community engagement. For me, contacting alumni who participated in Law Co-op was extremely enjoyable. Co-op employers and former students are a lively and diverse group!

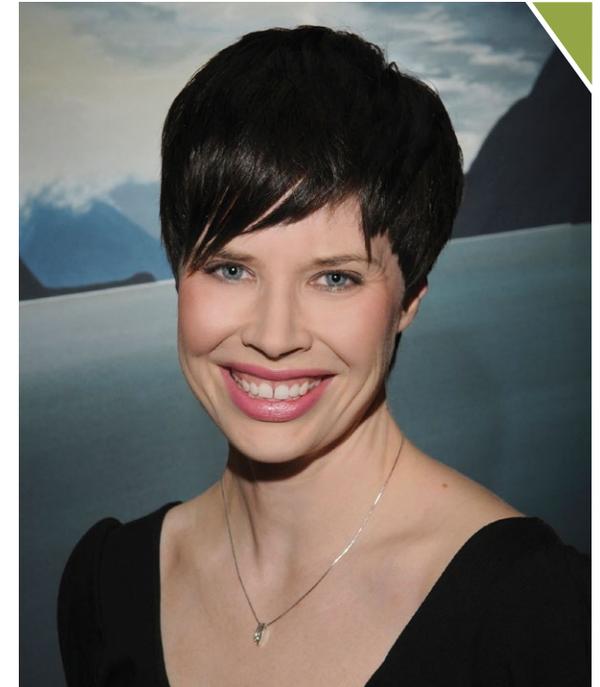
Learning more about Law Co-op alumni also made me think about the various ways that you are connected with the law school, your former classmates and graduates from across the years. These shared student experiences create affinity groups. In this issue we catch up with the affinity group of former Presidents of the Law Students' Society, highlighting representatives from each of the past four decades.

Affinity groups can cover a wide range of activities and experiences. Were you a student at the Law Centre or the Environmental Law Clinic? Did you play on the Slaughter Cup rugby team? Did you participate in the moot-ing program? Were you involved in Women and the Law? Were you a team member at Law Games? Perhaps you chaired a club or an association? Your relationships with members of

these groups, whether or not you were in the law school at the same time, build a bond that extends beyond the classroom.

An event planned for your affinity group, perhaps in conjunction with a class reunion or general alumni reception, is an excellent way to continue your association with UVic Law. Let me know if you are interested in re-connecting with your fellow law alumni in this way.

I also wish to welcome our newest alumni, the Class of 2012. The UVic Law Alumni LinkedIn group, which now has over 600 members, is eager to see these new graduates join in the on-line conversations. The LinkedIn group has helped engage alumni with recent events, including a July barbeque for incoming students, a fall reunion, and a UVic Law Team in the Victoria CIBC Run for the Cure. But LinkedIn is one of many ways to become involved with YOUR law school. I invite you to get in touch with me and stay connected with the UVic Law spirit. 



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Law Co-op: Experiential Learning — a Win-Win for Students and Employers Alike



FRANCINE PROCTOR ('01)
Law Co-op Coordinator

Since 1989, the UVic Faculty of Law's Co-op Program has been unique among Canadian common law schools. Co-op provides law students with the opportunity to combine their academic learning with practical work experience through interactions with a diverse array of international and Canadian legal employers. Since the Program's inception, there have been over 2,500 Law Co-op placements and about 450 of our alumni have graduated with the Co-op designation.

How does the Law Co-op experience contribute to a young lawyer's career path following graduation? As a UVic Law alumni ('01) and the Law Co-op Coordinator since 2008, I am always thrilled to speak to grads and commonly receive accounts and testimonials about how the Program has effected their personal and career development. Recently, I had the opportunity to speak with a number of Co-op grads and employers about their experience

with the Program. Their comments reflect an overwhelming positive response from both sides of the co-op equation.

Veteran of the Law Co-op Program and current Co-op employer, **Monica Muller ('99)**, a lawyer with Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, recalls:

"A counsellor I once met compared career experience to pieces of fruit in a fruit basket, and that has always stuck in my mind as a comforting analogy. The UVic Law Co-op Program is great because it lets you sample all types of fruit before you have to decide what direction you're going in. Now that I'm on the employer side of the Co-op Program, I get a lot of satisfaction from offering experience to our co-op students that will eventually inform their career path, whether this work inspires them or gives them insight that their interests lie elsewhere."

As UVic Law alumni, you know that many students enter law school unaware of the broad application of the legal skills and knowledge that they will acquire as a law student. Law Co-op helps young lawyers deal with the stress inherent to starting a legal career by ensuring that they leave university with a strong sense of career direction, an impressive résumé, and a network of valuable legal contacts.

Current Co-op student **Tú Pham ('13)** summarizes his journey as follows:

"The practical experience that I gained through the Co-op Program was invaluable to my legal education. Not only did it give me the opportunity to hone my research, writing and advocacy skills, but it also helped me figure out exactly what I wanted to do with my law degree and directly led to my articles with the Federal Public Prosecution Service in Yellowknife."

Grant Rachwalski ('14) adds:

"I think the Law Co-op Program offers a useful and rewarding compliment to traditional legal studies. I can already recognize the positive impact that Co-op is having on my education. Each day on the job, I am faced with real problems that require the application of knowledge and skills learned in the classroom. My work-term has provided opportunities for me to learn

and develop useful legal skills, gain career-related work experience, and network with professionals in the legal field."

Possessing a law degree means having career options. The Co-op Program's success is rooted in the fact that it allows students to test drive some of these options prior to graduation.

Moreover, the Law Co-op Program sets UVic Law apart and helps contribute to our strong reputation for producing capable, well-rounded, young lawyers. We regularly hear from new law students who indicate that the Law Co-op was a major factor in their decision to study at UVic Law.

Aside from the obvious benefit of collecting a pay cheque, many students comment on the networking and mentoring benefits inherent in the Co-op structure.

Sonya Saunders ('96), Director, Policy, Legislation & Communications, Government of Northwest Territories, Industry, Tourism and Investment, contributes:

"The Program helps you make connections but also sets up mentorships that extend beyond law school. I still have those relationships and contacts.

Through the years, they have been great supports in a variety of ways."

Sonya adds:

"Students from UVic Law are brilliant. I am really supportive of the Program. I wanted to give students the opportunity to live up north because I wanted a Co-op opportunity up north when I was a student. Students are here [north] for an experience beyond working. They are eager to be up north, eager to learn. A lot of them don't have any office experience. By the end of their term, you don't want to see students leave.



Sonya Saunders ('96)



Watching students grow and develop their skills enhances your office environment.”

Co-op alum **Merle Alexander ('99)**, Partner, Aboriginal Law, Bull, Housser & Tupper LLP, also acknowledges the positive contributions that Co-op's networking and mentorship opportunities added to his law school experience.

Merle adds that: “UVic Law Co-op provided a fundamental platform for my career. As an Aboriginal law student with the sole intent of practicing Aboriginal resource law, Co-op gave me a first class CV and opened every door I wanted to walk through. I co-oped with the Federal Treaty Negotiation Office during the negotiation of the Nisga'a Final Agreement, an Aboriginal law boutique that took me to the Supreme Court of Canada hearing of Delgamuukw, and a downtown Toronto firm that introduced me to United Nations advocacy work for indigenous peoples. All of this rich work experience at the start of my career provided me with the inspiration, drive and wisdom that has allowed me to succeed in my field. Gaining your feet early in your legal career is invaluable in building confidence.”

A further plus that Co-op alums have identified is the opportunity to understand how legal theory works in practice. As **Kisa Macdonald ('11)**, an associate at Hammerberg, Altman, Beaton & Maglio in Vancouver, comments:

“Co-op provided me with unique opportunities to explore how the law applies when drafting government policies, providing access to justice for immigrants, women and children, negotiating international corporate transactions, assessing environmental decisions, and initiating law reform. I was able to gain practical understanding of how the law applies in municipal, provincial, federal and international contexts. Each of these experiences now informs how I deal with clients, draft agreements, mediate a settlement and appear in court. I have gained a wealth of experience, and bring all of it to my legal practice.”

Co-op is also attractive to students because it provides an introduction to public law, whereas many tra-

ditional articles tend to be with private firms. **J. Andre Rachert ('94)**, a lawyer at Dwyer Tax Lawyers in Victoria, notes:

“My first experience was working for the government in Vancouver. I annotated the *Residential Tenancy Act*. I also worked for the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources as a general gopher and interpreted legislation. I worked at the Utilities Commission and at an environmental law firm in Victoria. All government employers except for one private sector job.”

In regard to his experience as a Co-op employer, Rachert notes that the Program brings immense value to his firm. Andre adds:

“I am not doing it out of any kind of social responsibility to the law school. I support it because I get value. All the students are bright and they work hard. They are a resource to the firm.”

The Co-op Program is also an excellent way for students to access regions outside the Lower Mainland and an equally valuable recruitment tool for employers in those areas.

As **Sandra Aitken ('83)**, Chief Federal Prosecutor, Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, observes:

“The NWT Regional Office of the Public Prosecution Service of Canada has participated in the University of Victoria Law School Co-op Program since the summer of 2010, and it has been a very positive experience for us.

Our initial motivation... was to assist in the recruitment of lawyers to the Northwest Territories. The prospect of practicing in the NWT is not commonly on the “radar” in law school, and we wanted to expose law students to the opportunities for life and practice in the north before they were making decisions on where to article or where to practice.

The Co-op students who have worked with us have had an excellent introduction to the practice of law in the north. They have travelled on circuit court, by road or small aircraft, to remote aboriginal communities. They obtain temporary articles and are able to speak to matters in court. We see a real change in their confidence and ability from their arrival to their departure.”

At this point, you may be wondering how you, as a UVic Law alumnus, can help ensure that the Law Co-op Program continues to be a successful resource for students and employers alike. Here are a few suggestions:

- » Hire a Law Co-op student — students are placed during the fall, spring, and summer semesters and work terms are a minimum of 12 weeks
- » Share your Law Co-op story with us so we can inform current students of the advantages of the Program
- » Spread the word and encourage other legal professionals to consider hiring a Law Co-op student
- » Act as a mentor for a Law Co-op student
- » Volunteer to speak on a Co-op Alumni Panel

I would be delighted to hear from you if you have any comments or questions and can be reached at fsproctor@uvic.ca and 250-721-8196. 



Sandra Aitken ('83).

Visit the UVic YouTube Channel: Faces of UVic Research



As part of the university's initiative to showcase active campus research, six UVic Law faculty members have participated in the creation of video vignettes being featured on UVic's "Faces of UVic Research" YouTube channel. The six Faculty of Law videos highlight the breadth and depth of current Uvic Law faculty research including:

Professor Maneesha Decka's research on critical animal studies and the law with a focus on law in relation to animals and larger social institutions and cultural norms.

Professor Gerry Ferguson's ongoing research on criminal jury instructions.

Professor Hamar Foster's research on the history of legal relations between aboriginal and non-aboriginal people in the province of British Columbia.

Professor Bob Howell's research on effective ways to balance the interests of intellectual property holders and owners versus the interest of users of intellectual property.

Professor Val Napoleon's research on ways to connect what happens on the ground with indigenous communities and research occurring in academia. Her research is part of the creation of a four-year indigenous law degree program that will allow students to simultaneously pursue a degree in Canadian common law and indigenous law.

Professor Jeremy Webber's research on issues of cultural differences (e.g. aboriginal rights, religious difference, nationhood and language). His current focus is on the role of language in defining political community and interaction with a view to understanding how they influence the development of political and legal institutions.

Ongoing engagement through social media has been a growing focus of the UVic Faculty of Law as we continue to investigate new ways to connect with our alumni and students. We hope that you'll visit the YouTube channel periodically to see what's happening at the Faculty.

Watch the videos here: <http://www.youtube.com/user/facesofuvicresearch> 





Thai Time

Barry Penner ('92), Q.C. talks about how his Co-op experience shaped his career.

—BY JOHN LEE



After bringing down the curtain on a successful 16-year career in politics in early 2012, former B.C. Attorney General and Minister of the Environment Barry Penner, Q.C. returned to his law practice roots. Now Senior Counsel in the Vancouver office of Davis LLP, he credits his time at UVic Law — and especially his 1991 participation in the school's fledgling Co-op Program — as a crucial turning point.

But the Kitimat-born former Liberal MLA didn't accept an easy job placement. As a second year student, Barry scored the Program's first overseas posting, despite never having left the continent before. An initially nerve-jangling cultural immersion, he was soon treated like a regular employee and now looks back on the assignment as a career-informing — and life-changing — experience.

Q: How did you get into the Co-op Program?

The Dean (Bill Neilson) called me at home one evening asking if I'd be interested in applying for a placement in Thailand. I said, "Sure... where's Thailand?" But there was another reason I accepted: a close childhood friend of mine had just died and I really wanted to be somewhere else. In the end, Thailand was the best thing that happened to me at UVic.

Q: Was it daunting?

It was, but I was intent. I'd only ever travelled as far as Ottawa and Tijuana before and my main concern was where I was going to be staying when I reached Bangkok. My first impression was that it was extremely hot and I remember the locals being quite curious about me!

Q: How was your placement?

I was at Chandler & Thong-ek Law Offices for almost five months and they put me to work from day one. They treated me like a lawyer first and a student second — I learned so much about practice. I also have a confession: I used part of my Asia Pacific Foundation Scholarship to buy a camera, so I took some amazing photos!

Q: Any life lessons?

It was great for my self-confidence and personal growth, but I also remember feeling for the first time that people — no matter where they're from — are essentially the same. Thailand took me out of my comfort zone and forced me to confront my own culture; when I returned to Canada, it made me reassess the way we do things here.

Q: You practiced in Chilliwack after graduating, but soon moved into politics. Why?

I had always had the policy bug. When I worked as a legislative intern prior to law school, I recall listening to a Cabinet minister during Question Period and thinking, "Could I be any worse than that?" When the local constituency party asked me if I'd seek the Liberal nomination in 1996, I had to go for it. We had 10 days to sell memberships — it was a real adrenalin rush.

Q: Did your legal training help you with your political career?

Definitely. I could pick up any document and not be intimidated by it. And there's a similar skill set to being a lawyer: my constituents were like my clients. We also developed some important grassroots initiatives, including a new Chilliwack courthouse, the Amber Alert system for abducted children, and a new cable barrier to prevent head-on collisions on Highway 1. These successes proved to me what you can do when working with others in politics.

Q: Why did you ultimately leave politics?

All politicians should know their careers will end one day, and I decided in 2009 that I wasn't going to run again. It was getting increasingly nasty out there and it was time to move on — plus when my wife became pregnant, the choice became much easier. She was very pleased to see me make the right decision!

Q: Was returning to practice challenging?

Things had changed a lot. When I left in 1996, no one had e-mail and dictation was a

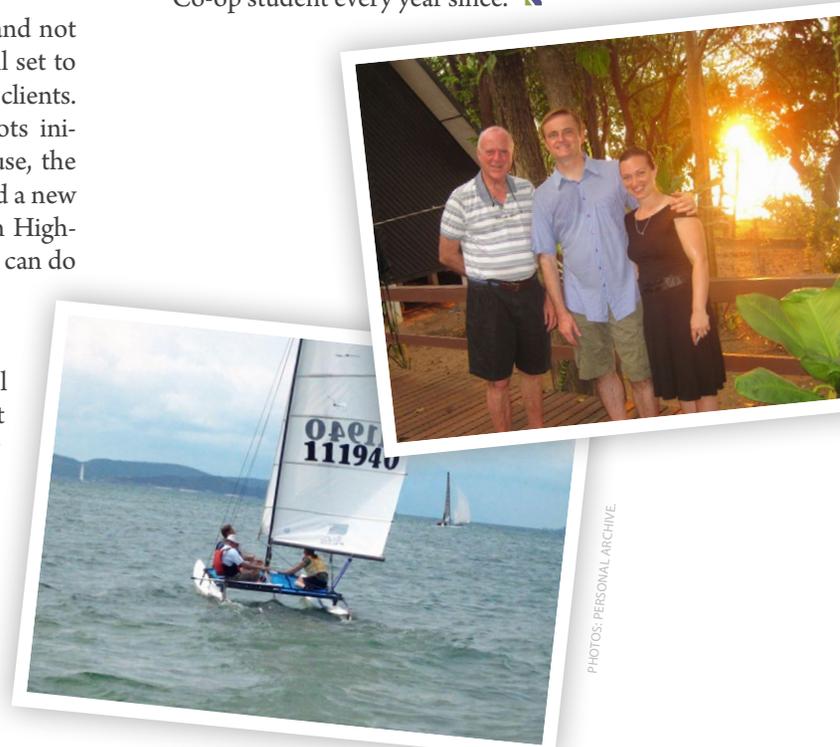
standard tool — I used to dictate a lot. And the technology of regular tasks like searches is now completely different. But I was particularly attracted to Davis LLP because of their B.C. history and their Asia office.

Q: Have you ever returned to Thailand?

Several times! I gate crashed a Premier Clark trade mission soon after becoming an MLA and I worked with my old colleagues at Chandler to help victims of the 2004 tsunami. Thailand is my parallel life and I hope to go there again soon: my friends over there want to meet my daughter.

Q: Looking back, how important was your Co-op experience?

Professionally and personally, it was worth its weight in gold and has shaped my life ever since. I'm so grateful I was chosen — in 1991 there were only 10 positions for around 100 students, so I was really lucky. And although I was their first Canadian placement, I'm delighted that Chandler has taken a UVic Co-op student every year since. 



PHOTOS: PERSONAL ARCHIVE

UVic Law Welcomes Lawson Lundell Practitioner in Residence, Rodney Hayley

—BY ERIN HALLETT



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Rodney L. Hayley, Professor of Law and Lawson Lundell Practitioner in Residence

Rod Hayley is no stranger to the world of academia. A Commonwealth Scholar, a Ph.D. from the University of London, with both a Canada Council Doctoral Fellowship and a Killam Postdoctoral Fellowship under his belt, he has pre-

sented and published numerous papers (45 at last count) on topics ranging from class actions and torts, through legal research and administrative law. He also knows his way around a classroom. Formerly an English professor at Dalhousie, Western, University of Alberta and the University of Ottawa, Hayley is currently the curriculum designer and teacher of “Class Actions and Mass Tort Litigation” and has been a teacher and guest lecturer at UVic Law since the late 1980s.

Outside of academia, Rod is Senior Counsel at Lawson Lundell LLP and well acquainted with representing clients in complex litigation both in Canada and abroad. As of January, he will add one more item to his distinguished resume. As the inaugural Lawson Lundell Practitioner in Residence, Hayley will teach Civil Procedure, Class Actions and Mass Litigation, as well as a legal history course he is designing entitled “Anti-Asian Laws, 1850 to the Present: Origins, Application, Repeal and Redress”. He will also lend the benefit of his considerable advocacy experience to the UVic Mooting program.

I was fortunate enough to talk to Rod about his new role and what he hopes to bring to the faculty.

Q: How does it feel to be UVic Law’s first Practitioner in Residence?

Well, my actual title is “Professor of Law and Lawson Lundell Practitioner in Residence”. In that capacity, I am going to be teaching full-time at UVic Law starting in January on a two-year appointment. I will still be with my firm in some fashion with the title of Senior Counsel but my focus will be on teaching.

Q: How do you see your new role?

As a downtown lawyer helping law students see what might await them when they graduate or at least some of the many possibilities. I had a wonderful experience in my own law firm as an articling student, an associate and finally as a partner. Big firm life can be rewarding but there are so many job opportunities in government, in business, as in-house counsel, and around the world... I think law students are very privi-

leged in that regard. Still, there is a need to have a plan for after law school. Having a practitioner amongst the professor ranks I think is a good thing for the students and certainly it is a good thing for me.

Q: You aren’t a stranger to UVic Law, are you?

I have taught here in one capacity or another since the late 1980s — including a full-time year — and I am looking forward to the challenge of doing it full-time again. My role as Lawson Lundell Practitioner in Residence will necessarily include teaching Civil Procedure. I am also going to be involved in the Mooting program. And my office door will be open to any students who want to come and talk about what it is like being a lawyer and how they can reconcile the rich academic experience they get at UVic Law with the demands and needs of professional life.

Q: What do you consider the critical components of a law school education?

Having first been a professor, then a lawyer and then a lawyer with the roles of lecturer, visiting professor and adjunct professor has sharpened my appreciation of what is needed in the universities and in the legal profession. I strongly believe that the university shouldn’t just be a job school. However, I do think it’s important that law schools understand — and I think most do — what goes on in the modern law firm and what skills students need as they head into their articles and beyond. At the same time, I think the most important thing that the university can teach students is how to think as lawyers and write clearly and cogently. How to tackle problems and to care about societal ills and needs and to try and improve society in the course of their jobs.

“I really believe that the best lawyers go to court with the goal of not only telling the court what the law is but also to tell the court how the law should be. That’s what moves the law and I think that the best law firms try to encourage us to do that in our practice.”

UVic has been terrific at engendering this kind of proactive, creative mindset and that's why it has such an excellent reputation as a teaching law school.

The law is not simply the nuts and bolts. When we talk about teaching Civil Procedure it's hard not to focus on the mechanics. However, it can be taught in terms of themes and policy needs and in terms of its deficiencies and its strengths, and how it can make our legal system work better. That's how I like to teach it.

Q: Why do you think encouraging students to be creative is important?

It's not enough just to know the ratio of a case. In fact, when I teach I am not keen on having a huge list of cases that I require the students to read.

In a course like Contracts or Torts, even if you taught a thousand cases there would still be a thousand that you will never get to. What you really want to do is to get students approaching and solving problems in a creative way. By that I mean that it's not simply saying to yourself "Well this case stands for this or that," but rather trying to understand the underlying legal themes and how they can be applied to assist your clients and advance the law in a thoughtful and societally rewarding way.

“**Part of my job is to challenge my students to think about what laws do for society and how we can make them better.**”

Q: I feel like that summarizes UVic.

I think that does epitomize UVic — if I can have the liberty to say that. I am connected to UVic. I was an undergrad here and I have taught here for a very long time, at least since the 1980s. I have been constantly impressed by the quality of the students and the teaching faculty who seem to have boundless energy and enthusiasm for nurturing the task of learning. Students who are taught to challenge themselves to come up with thoughtful and creative solutions to

problems will be successful with their clients and with the courts, with their colleagues and at whatever type of law firm they are working in.

Q: What prompted you to develop a course on the history of anti-Asian laws in Canada?

I have been interested in China and Southeast Asia for most of my life as much as a hobby as anything else. When I was teaching English, I got interested in the “Yellow Peril” theme in literature typified by Sax Rohmer, Fu Manchu and those evil characters who were going to dominate the world. But I have had an interest in China and Chinese history and other parts of Asia for a very long time. Why I am wanting to teach in this area — in fact I am researching and working on a book in this area now — is that it seems to me that we have in this province a very rich ethnic mix but we also have a legacy that is one that should not make us terribly proud. There have been prejudicial laws aimed at Chinese, Japanese, and people from South Asia over the decades that have finally resulted in some apologies and a certain amount of reparations. The courts were not without some sympathy for the people targeted by these laws. In fact, there were cases where the courts tried to find ways, usually on constitutional grounds, to strike down legislation that was anti-Asian. So it's not a universally negative view of how the legal system worked in its dealings with Asians but nonetheless there is enough there that should make us ashamed and I think it's good for young people to recognize what has happened in the past to make sure it doesn't happen again in the future.

Q: Tell me about your course on class actions.

It's actually class actions, mass torts, and mass litigation. I created this seminar course a decade or so ago and I very much enjoyed it. I found the students to be extremely responsive. I tell them, “If you study class actions at UVic, you will probably know more than many of the lawyers in whatever law firm you end up in” because it's a speciality area but it's an important speciality area because it deals with systemic wrongs or harms to groups of people in society who otherwise might not have access to the courts.

I am also hoping to be helping out with the Moot program, which is a very successful one at UVic. I had some involvement many years ago when I was teaching on a full-time basis, and I think it's something that students do find exciting and challenging. It gives them a sense of what it might be like to be in court. The students who are doing it [moots] have a bit of a head start when they get into law firms — particularly when they work in a litigation department — but it also helps them with public speaking. Whenever you are going to be involved with the law, whether as a solicitor or a litigator, in-house counsel, a government lawyer, or an academic, a very big part of what you do is public speaking and trying to persuade people. I think it's an enormously important part of the program and I certainly am looking forward to that.

Q: I also understand you have some particular views on legal writing. Would you care to share them?

Despite the focus on advocacy, legal writing is tremendously important. I hope to teach my students to take the requirements of writing a term paper seriously. It's a real world skill and my goal is to encourage students to write “to be published.” I want to challenge them not just to get an ‘A’ on their papers but push them to make a contribution to legal scholarship and the profession. There are always new things to say about the law. I want to encourage my students to think at a higher level and I've had some success helping students develop to the point where they have won writing prizes and have been published. In my opinion, publishing papers is one very good way to become an expert on a given subject. The time and effort spent thinking about how to communicate the essence of a legal theory or argument forces you to get to know your material inside and out. The end result is a legal scholar (and advocate) who fully understands his or her subject matter. 

Building Blocks: News from the Development Office



ERIN HALLETT
Alumni Relations Officer



Since the last issue, the law school has received several new gifts, including four new endowed entrance scholarships. The endowed scholarships were generously matched by Ron Wigham ('81) and the Law Foundation of British Columbia.

ENDOWED ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

Edna and Bernard Nash Entrance Scholarship

Greg Nash ('81) of Nash & Company in Vancouver has established another scholarship at UVic Law. The Edna and Bernard Nash Entrance Scholarship is a memorial scholarship honouring Greg's late parents who had accomplished careers in education and psychology. UVic Law is grateful for Greg's continued support.

Louis F. Lindholm, Q.C. Entrance Scholarship

This memorial entrance scholarship was established by the Lindholm family to honour Louis' legacy. Louis was a committed advocate of UVic Law and spent most of his legal career in Victoria. He passed away in 1989. We thank his family — Helen Lindholm, Mark Lindholm ('84), Marshall Lindholm and F. Jason Lindholm — for supporting a third award at UVic Law.

Pemberton Holmes Entrance Scholarship in honour of Davine Burton

Mike Holmes ('87) established this entrance scholarship to honour his partner, Davine Burton, an accomplished lawyer and rugby player. During law school, Mike participated in the Slaughter Cup and also

played rugby for both the UVic Vikings and the Vancouver Island Crimson Tide. Today, Mike is the owner and Manager of Pemberton Holmes Ltd. in Victoria. Thanks are extended to Mike, especially from UVic's rugby fans!

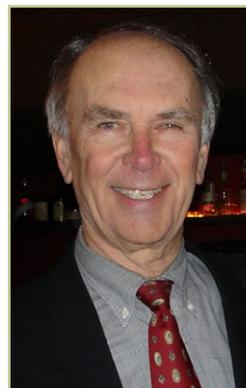
Sheridan Scott — Telecommunications Hall of Fame Entrance Scholarship

Sheridan Scott ('81) was honoured in 2005 with the University of Victoria's Distinguished Alumni Award for her exceptional contributions to the legal profession and to the community. This entrance scholarship celebrates Sheridan's excellence and achievements in telecommunications and is the second scholarship at UVic Law in her name. We appreciate Sheridan's commitment to the law school.

ENDOWED BURSARIES

The James S. Carfra, Q.C. Memorial Bursary

In September the Victoria legal community lost one of its most cherished members. James Carfra, Q.C., Jim as he was known to his many friends, was the founding lawyer of the firm, Carfra & Lawton. He and his wife Pat were long-time friends of the law school's founding Dean, Murray Fraser, and his wife



James Carfra, Q.C.

Anne. Jim worked hard on the law school's behalf during its early days. It was his wish to establish a bursary to ease financial burdens facing law students. Carfra & Lawton established the James S. Carfra, Q.C. Memorial Bursary with a generous gift of \$30,000. Donations from Jim's family and friends have increased the bursary to over \$55,000. This amount will be matched 1:1 by the Law Foundation of British Columbia for a total bursary, thus far, of over \$110,000. We thank everyone who has supported this bursary.

If you would like to contribute, contact Erin Hallett, Alumni Relations Officer by telephone, 250.853.3518, or by e-mail, lawalum@uvic.ca.

All UVic Law scholarships and bursaries are generously supported by our alumni and friends. We are grateful to all of our donors for their support. For a complete listing of UVic Law donors, please click the following link: www.law.uvic.ca/alumni/supporting/documents/FacultyofLawDonorRoll2011.pdf

UVic Law recently said goodbye to Krista Shepard, the faculty's long-serving Development Officer. With your support, Krista helped UVic Law achieve exponential growth in alumni engagement, annual giving and major gifts. We wish her the very best in her future endeavours!

Amanda Taylor has joined UVic Law as the faculty's new Development Officer. Amanda comes to the law school from the University of Guelph where she was the Alumni Advancement Manager for the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences. Welcome Amanda!

The Business Law Clinic: Experiential Learning in Action

REBEKAH HIEBERT (EXPECTED '13)

Alumni, you will no doubt recall that the majority of your three years at UVic Law were spent studying legal issues and theory leaving little time to consider what life might look like after leaving the hallways of the Fraser Building (formerly the Begbie Building for you pre-2000 alums). The Business Law Clinic (BLC) is a clinical program offered by UVic Law for academic credit that seeks to provide students with a glimpse of life after law school. The BLC opened its doors in 1998 and places upper year students on the front lines providing free legal information to clients — most often small businesses and not-for-profits. Students work in teams at the BLC and are responsible for recruiting, interviewing and responding to clients. The legal information requested from students includes common business question such as ‘How should I structure my business?’, ‘What can I put in a contract to make sure I’ll get paid?’, and ‘How do I get charitable status for my organization?’ While students enrolled in the clinic cannot provide legal advice, they do prepare free informational memos, under the supervision of practicing mentor lawyers, to help clients understand the law as it applies to their situation and what their options may be.

“We spend lots of time in school learning the law. This course challenges you to learn how to be a lawyer.

— Willie Gudgeon, 2012 BLC Participant ”

The clinic runs year round and welcomes a new group of twelve students each semester. These law students are given the unique opportunity to develop interviewing skills, learn effective client management, and adapt to changing facts — skills that are difficult to hone in a classroom. Students traditionally have found

that contact with real clients with real issues provides invaluable experiential learning. “It is a unique experience to catch a glimpse of what we might be dealing with in the future,” says current clinic participant Willie Gudgeon. “Having a person with a real life problem waiting for the information, it’s a reminder that you should be working on it.”

At the BLC, students are encouraged to propose business law topics — from IP law to bankruptcy — that they would like to have included in the classroom component of the course. To make certain that students understand the unique mechanics of the BLC, Clinic Director, Michael Litchfield makes sure to start each semester by explaining “This is your class. You will get out of it what you are willing to put into it.” Litchfield adds that the ultimate goal of the clinic is to better prepare students for entering the marketplace. The benefits for some students are more immediate. “I think differently about my other courses now,” contributes Cody Reedman, a current BLC participant. “In tax law, I’m not just trying to learn the fundamentals, I’m trying to think about how I would answer a question on the subject from a client.” Gudgeon agrees, “We spend lots of time in school learning the law. This course challenges you to learn how to be a lawyer.”

Practicing lawyers, including UVic Law alumni, are invited to guest lecture at the BLC on selected topics throughout the semester. The BLC additionally pairs students with lawyer mentors from across the province to review student work before it is sent to clients. Aside from assuring the quality of information the clinic provides to the public, the participation of UVic Law alumni contributes to the development of well-prepared, confident young lawyers. Remember that 5-year learning curve? Contribut-

ing time to the BLC can help ease the transition for future legal professionals.

The Business Law Centre is very grateful for the generous financial support it receives from Bull, Houser & Tupper LLP.

Interested in participating as a mentor and helping to shape the next generation of young business lawyers? Contact the Business Law Clinic for more information by emailing blc@uvic.ca or contacting Clinic Director Michael Litchfield by phone at 250.472.4522.

Rebekah Hiebert is a third year UVic Law student presently enrolled in the BLC. 



Alumni Vistas: News and Updates

The 1980's



R.C. (Tino) Di Bella ('79), has been elected the Chair of the BC Law Institute (September 2012) following on the heels of his August 2012 appointment by the Ministry of Justice for British Columbia, in conjunction with the Canadian Bar Association (BC Branch), as a member of the BC Delegation (Civil) to the Uniform Law Conference of Canada.



Lorne Carson ('80), was listed in the *Lexpert*® September 2012 listing of leading infrastructure lawyers. Lorne is a corporate partner at Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP in Calgary and also a professional engineer.



Robin Ford ('81), accepted a position as a Regulatory Consultant with the Anguilla Financial Services Commission and invites any alumni to contact her if you are visiting the area. Robin is a UVic Law Alumni LinkedIn member and can be contacted through the group.



Sandra Harper ('82), has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Victoria Foundation. Sandra has an active volunteer history that includes the UVic Alumni Association and UVic Law. Sandra established her own firm in 1999, Harper & Company.

The 1980's



Arlene Henry, Q.C. ('85), was recognized by the Canadian Association of Black Lawyers (CABL) Conference in October with the 2012 CABL Community Service award, sponsored by BLG Toronto, for her professional accomplishments, community service and commitment to promote diversity in the legal profession, including her tireless efforts and commitment to support and nurture the advancement of black lawyers in British Columbia. Arlene is a lawyer, mediator, instructor and coach in Vancouver.

The 1990's



Christopher Rusnak ('92), a Partner at Harper Grey has been included in the seventh edition of *Best Lawyers*® in Canada in the category of insurance law.

Grant Christoff ('93), is currently the Director of the Aboriginal Law Section with the BC Regional office of the Department of Justice. He is also a newly minted adjunct professor with UVic Law. He, along with a group of counsel from DoJ and guest instructors, teaches the Aboriginal Law in Practice course. This course is designed to provide an overview of the common law principles as they apply to Aboriginal issues and bridge the gap that sometimes can exist between the study of law and its practice.

Kent Howie ('93), was listed in the *Lexpert*® September 2012 listing of leading infrastructure lawyers. Kent is a business law partner at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP in Calgary.

The 1990's

Doug Hudgeon ('94), is COO at ProcessGo! a company based in the Sydney, Australia, area that helps other enterprises evaluate and improve their operations and processes.

Stephen Suntok ('94) and Christopher Mackie ('08), have joined together to create Suntok Mackie in Victoria, a criminal defence firm.



Kent Jesse ('97), joined McLennan Ross LLP's Calgary office as a partner in the commercial litigation and risk management groups.

The 2000's



Michael Butterfield ('00), closed his family law practice, Butterfield Law, effective September 30, 2012 for six months. Michael will continue his volunteer work with the Law Centre.



Patrick Donnelly ('00), was a finalist at the 2012 Canadian General Counsel Awards, Tomorrow's Leader category. Patrick is vice-president, legal and corporate secretary to the mining firm, HudBay Minerals Incorporated in Toronto

The 2000's



Jessica Dawson ('02), works as a Foreign Service Officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and recently began her first posting at Canada's mission to Afghanistan in Kabul.



Amana Manori ('02), established her own firm, Lattice Legal, in Toronto. Lattice Legal provides legal, regulatory, compliance and product development services for investment funds and offers a wide range of consulting services.



Danielle Lemon ('04), Elizabeth Mah (LL.B. Visiting Student, '04) and Jonathan Vroom (BComm 2004) are pleased to announce that as of October 1, 2012 their firm, Paperclip Law Corporation, has grown to two offices (North Vancouver and Gastown). Paperclip Law is a boutique delivering legal advice in a refreshing, reliable and resourceful way. Learn more at www.papercliplaw.com



Susen Rotto ('04), has established her own firm, Rotto Law, in Langford, B.C.

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Emma Thomas ('06), has joined The Sacca Law Group in Victoria. The Sacca Law Group specializes in family law, mediation, wills and real estate.



Ashley Ridyard ('09), joined the law firm of Crease Harman LLP in Victoria. Ashley's principal areas of interest are corporate and commercial law.

The 2010's



Robert Clifford ('11), is the first member of the four Saanich (WSANEC) Tribes to be called to the bar. Robert articulated and practiced with the Victoria firm Devlin Gailus before returning to UVic Law in September to pursue his Master of Laws.



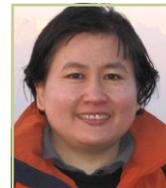
James Bird ('12), and his wife Sam welcomed their son, Adam James Bird, on June 9, 2012.

Angela Cameron ('12), PhD, completed her PhD at UVic Law in April 2012. Her dissertation is titled *Restoring Women: Community and Legal Responses to Violence Against Women in Opposite Sex Intimate Relationships*

The 2010's



Jan Clark ('12), LLM, completed her LLM at UVic Law in July 2012. Her thesis is titled *Of Kings and Popes and Law: An Examination of the Church and State Relationship in England During the High Middle Ages and the Influence of that Relationship on the Structure and Processes of English Law*.



Nuthamon (Natta) Kongcha-roen ('12), PhD, completed her PhD at UVic Law in July 2012. Her dissertation is titled *Community Forest Management in Northern Thailand: Perspectives on Thai Legal Culture*.



Jacinta Ruru ('12), PhD, completed her PhD at UVic Law in April 2012. Her dissertation is titled *Setting Indigenous Place: Reconciling Legal Fictions in Governing Canada and Aotearoa New Zealand's National Parks*.



Ariel Valencia ('12), PhD, completed her PhD at UVic Law in April 2012. Her dissertation is titled *Human Rights Trade-Offs in a Context of Systemic Unfreedom: Work vs. Health in the Case of Smelter Town of La Oroya, Perú*.

The 2010's (on next page)



Ania Zbyszewska ('12), PhD, completed her PhD at UVic Law in August 2012. Her dissertation is titled *Gendering the European Working-Time Regimes: The Universe of Political Discourse, Working-Time Regulation, and Gender Equality in the Wider European Union and in Poland.* 

Do you know an alum who should be featured in Vistas?

Contact Erin Hallett, Alumni Relations Officer:
lawalum@uvic.ca



In Memoriam

Allan Parker ('78), Q.C. (pictured on the right) passed away on June 13, 2012. A member of the first graduating class, Allan was well-known for his deep commitment to law and social justice. During his career, he worked as a poverty law lawyer, PLTC teacher and Provincial Court mediator. He helped found the Law Foundation of British Columbia's Legal Advocacy Training Course, and led the 2010 merger of the Western Canada Society for Access to Justice and Pro Bono Law of BC that culminated in the creation of Access Pro Bono.

A gifted public speaker, he frequently spoke at conferences and meetings, especially on poverty law and debt issues. Allan was masterly at bringing together discordant parties despite seemingly intractable disagreements. Starting in 2005, he was involved with the Court Mediation Program, which allowed him to assist hundreds of individuals in resolving their disputes.

While UVic Law and the people of British Columbia have lost a passionate advocate of social justice, Allan's dedication to providing ways for everyone to access the justice system and other forums for conflict resolution has inspired many others to carry on his work.



Peter D. Maddaugh, Q.C. passed away on June 20 after a sudden illness. Peter became an adjunct professor with the Faculty in 1997 after his retirement from Osgoode Hall. He was also active in community affairs and volunteered his legal acumen to ten community and corporate Boards, including serving as President of Victoria Hospice. Peter's warmth, wit, and enthusiastic engagement with ideas will be missed at the Faculty. 

The Record Holder and the Olympian

On October 7, 2012, Adam Campbell ('11) made good on his attempt to set a Guinness World Record for running the fastest marathon in a business suit in the Goodlife Fitness Victoria Marathon. A lawyer with Hemminger Schmid in Victoria, Adam is also an elite endurance runner. He thought the idea was a unique way to engage the running community to raise funds for the Access Pro Bono Society, the BC based non-profit charitable society whose mission is to promote access to justice by providing quality pro bono legal services for people and non-profit organizations of limited means.

Supported by his firm — home to UVic Law alumni Val Hemminger ('95), David Schmid ('95) and Yasmeen Grant ('95) — Adam raised \$2,200 for Access Pro Bono and clocked a time of 2:35:53 which put him 6th overall (suit notwithstanding). 🏆

While Adam was setting a Guinness world record, another UVic Law alum was busy competing at the 2012 London Paralympic Games. Jessica Vliegthart ('11) balanced the weight of law school with an intense year-round training regimen and was chosen to represent Canada as a member of the national wheelchair basketball team. We're proud to report that Jessica and her team finished sixth overall in this year's games.

Injured in 2003 while working as a fire fighter, Jessica made the decision to channel her boundless physical energy into paralympic competition. To keep herself competitive at a national level, Jessica has developed several drills and regiments that she nimbly fits between her classes. Thanks to a profile filmed by Paralympic Sport TV, interested parties can get an in-depth view of Jessica's strength of spirit and athletic determination <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxneRDoHiUE&feature=youtu.be> 🏆



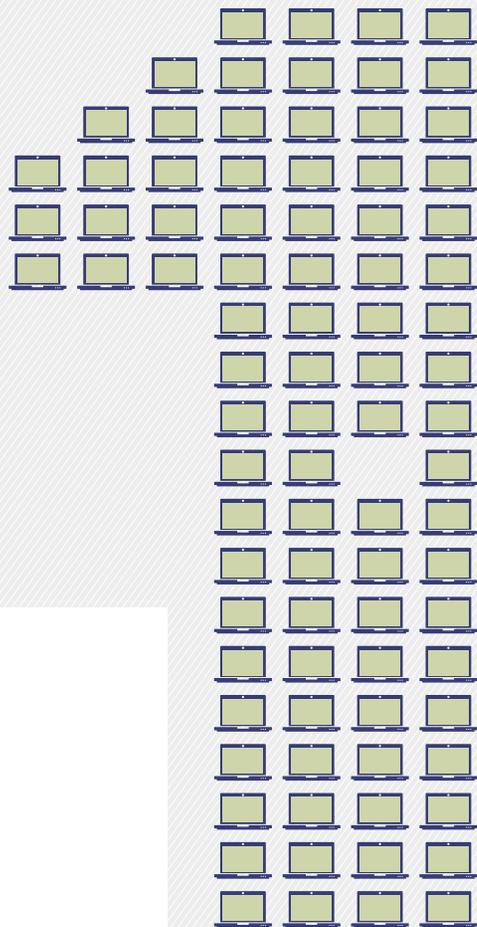
Robes, RAM, and Retina Display

BY DAVID MACLEAN WITH THANKS TO RICH MCCUE, UVIC SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR

Law students are more technologically aware than ever before. Whereas one generation ago a typing speed of 30 words-per-minute was enough to win a lawyer accolades for their “tech savvy”, today’s breed of legal students are expected to live and breathe in a digital realm.

A recent survey of First-Year UVIC Law Students’ tech habits confirmed that our students are slowly adapting into technological super humans. Listed below are a few stats from the survey. Access the full survey here: library.law.uvic.ca/node/351 

SOURCE: RICH MCCUE, UVIC SYSTEM ADMINISTRATOR



IS THE LONELIEST NUMBER

Only 1 first year student arrived without a laptop this September

“I commenced my studies with a Toshiba T1000 laptop in hand. A whopping 512k of memory. I also had a 1200 bps modem with which I could access an early iteration of Quicklaw.”

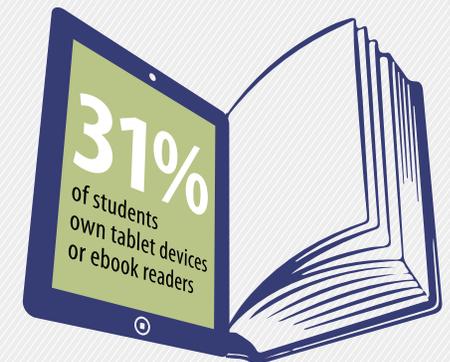
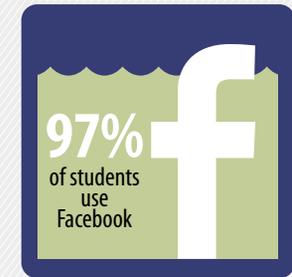
— Robbie Sheffman ('91)

“In 1999, first year UVic law, I had a tube monitor and an old computer running Windows 95. I think about half the class had laptops after Christmas, which they took to class. I took my pencil and paper.”

— Michael Welters ('03)

“My first generation Apple...screen was 8 in. by 8 in.”

— Marni MacLeod ('93)



Sound Bytes

Uvic Law hosted 37 Aboriginal youth from grades 8 to 12 at an Aboriginal Mini-University event on July 12. The students received a tour of the law school and attended a session facilitated by **Lindsay LeBlanc** ('05), an Aboriginal lawyer and partner at the Victoria law firm Cox, Taylor. A mooting demonstration ended the day with current law students and alumni Francine Proctor ('01) and Stephanie Mitchell ('05) participating.

Michael Litchfield, Clinical Director at the Business Law Clinic and current LL.M student, wrote about the value of a clinical legal education in The Canadian Bar Association's August 2012 issue of BarTalk. The article, *Teaching Business Law in the Real World*, can be read at this link: cba.org/BC/bartalk_11_15/PDF/bartalk_08_12.pdf

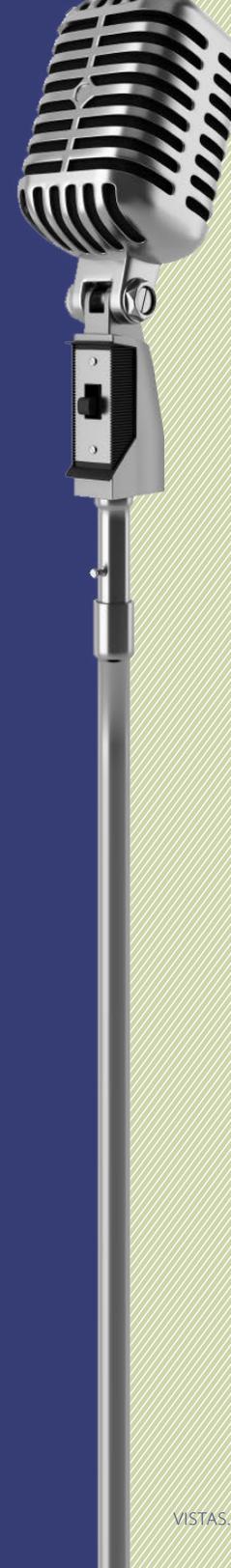
The Environmental Law Centre (ELC) represents BC Nature and Nature Canada to protect wildlife conservation in the final stages of the Northern Gateway review this fall. The ELC is acting for BC Nature and Nature Canada on a pro bono basis for the balance of the Enbridge hearings and will also present final arguments on their behalf to the review panel in early 2013. **Chris Tollefson** ('85) is the Executive Director of the ELC and the Hakai Chair in Environmental Law and Sustainability. The complete Nature Canada news release can be read at this link: nature-canada.ca/newsroom_aug_23_12.asp

Professors **Hamar Foster**, **Cheryl Crane**, and **Hester Lessard** have started phased-in retirements that will take effect over the next three years. Professor Crane will teach the fall term while Professor Foster will teach in the spring. During this

time, Professor Foster will complete his book on British Columbia's land claims movement between 1906-1928, for which he received a grant from the Law Foundation. Professor Lessard will teach in the spring term and will be working on a number of equality and social justice writing projects.

On September 8, 2012, the **Indigenous Law Research Clinic** hosted a special symposium to showcase its national research project on indigenous legal orders. Students working with different legal traditions across Canada presented their findings, synthesis, and experiences. Also in attendance were several community representatives who shared the aims, insights, and experiences of their on-the-ground indigenous law projects. The Indigenous Law Research Clinic and this project are part of the larger proposal being developed in the Faculty of Law for an indigenous law degree (JID). The research materials will be shared with partner communities and will serve as the basis for future indigenous law texts and curricula.

The Law Centre, under the direction of **Glenn Gallins, Q.C.**, will be moving to share a new location with the Ministry of Justice's Justice Access offices at the Victoria Courthouse. The Law Centre space will include an area for 17 student work stations, four staff offices, seven interview rooms, a waiting room, an administration area, and storage. Most importantly, the move will help stabilize the cost of operating the Law Centre as rent will be a fixed amount for the next 10 years. ☐



The Long View: LSS Presidents

Ever wonder what happened to your LSS president(s)? Trying to remember what the LSS is? Look no further. We dug through our records and compiled a list of the former presidents of the Law Students' Society. We even asked a few to reflect on their experiences at UVic Law. We hope that you take a moment to recognize the importance of the LSS and its activities at UVic. Whether you hum "Hail to the Chief" while doing so is entirely up to you.

Besides organizing social activities and funding clubs, societies and events, the Law Students' Society is the elected representative body of law students at UVic. As such, the LSS acts as the voice of law students on a number of student and faculty committees. Not surprisingly, many of the past presidents that we spoke with mentioned interactions with other students and faculty as an enjoyable aspect of the role.

"My time with the LSS allowed me to connect with many people over what they were passionate about,"



Brittnee Russell ('10)

says **2010 LSS President Brittnee Russell ('11), Associate, McMillan LLP, Vancouver**, adding, "The tight-knit community at the law school was my favorite part of being a student, and I understand now — practicing law in Vancouver — that that sense of community continues throughout your career."

Najeeb Hassan ('89), LSS President 1988, Partner Heenan Blaikie LLP, Vancouver, agrees, adding, "During my three years at UVic Law, I made lifelong friends, largely due to a culture that valued collective effort and the collegiality of my classmates, who came from across



Najeeb Hassan ('89)

voice, and talents for service to those in need. It is this clarion call to service that sets UVic apart from the rest and makes it one of Canada's foremost law schools."



Prasanna Ranganathan ('05)

the opportunity to develop many of the skills and tools that have served me well in my legal career."

Tracy Hembroff ('90), 1990 LSS President, lawyer in Lethbridge, Alberta, credits the strong community and student interaction intrinsic to the Law Faculty and the LSS to a holistic admissions process and a focus on building well-rounded students. Hembroff adds, "UVic

the country. For that I am grateful."

For other past LSS presidents, their UVic Law experience served to underscore the importance of responsible advocacy.

2004 President Prasanna Ranganathan ('05) contributes, "UVic Law showed me that in the pursuit of our profession, we must use our skills,

Ray Chartier ('94), 1994 LSS President, Partner, Norton Rose, Calgary, agrees, "It was exciting for me to meet so many new, engaging and intelligent people, and to be challenged by ideas and perspectives that up to that point I had never experienced or considered. It was a great time — a time of personal and intellectual growth for me. It gave me



J. Raymond Chartier ('94)

that would continue to be fostered and enhanced by the UVIC experience."



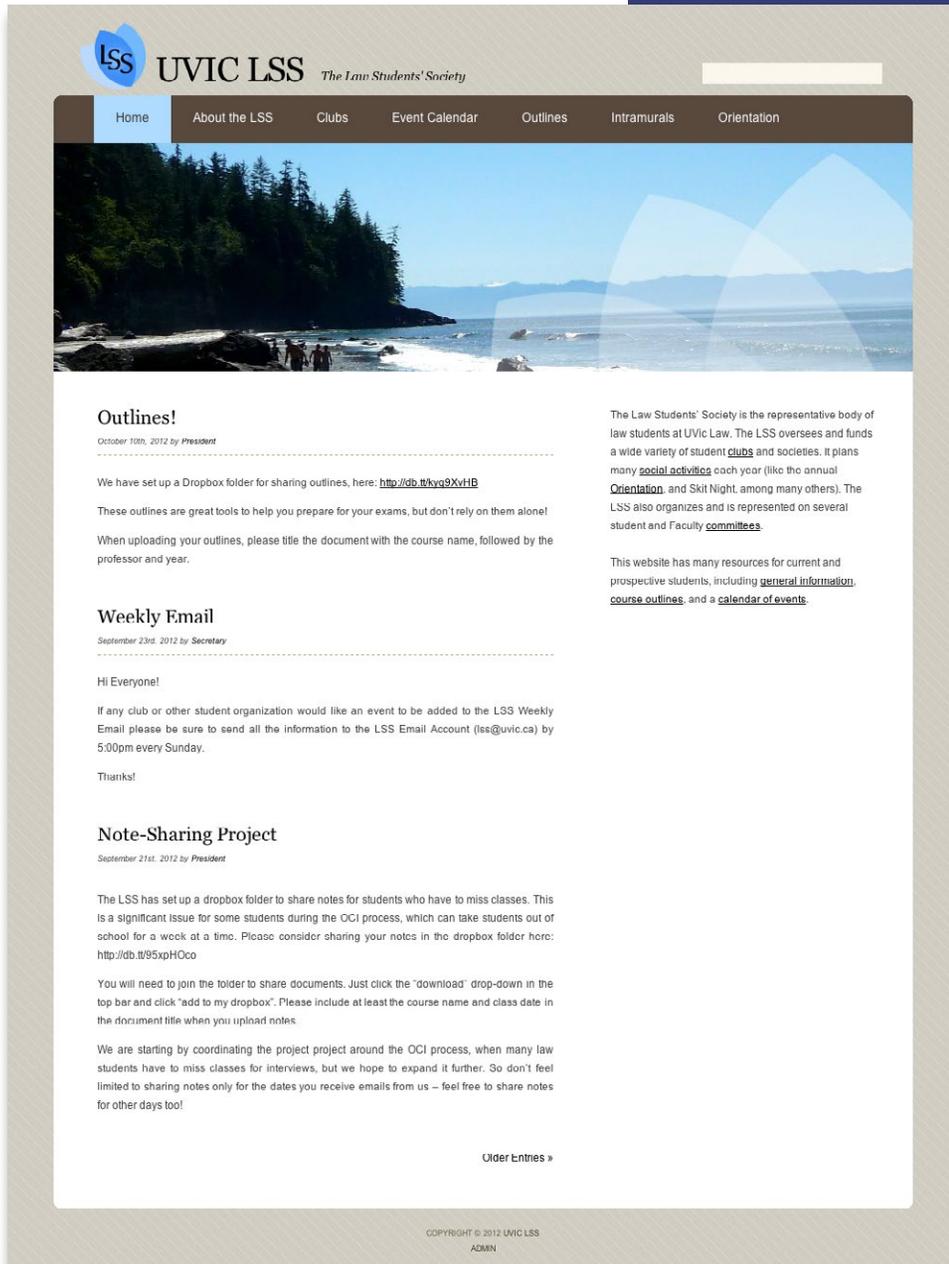
Tracy Hembroff ('90)

calendar to its website to facilitate the involvement of all UVic Law students in Law Faculty and LSS activities. web.uvic.ca/~lssweb 

to me is a school that looks (at least it did in 1987 when I got a firsthand acceptance letter) beyond pure academe to the 'renaissance' aspects of potential candidates, including community service work, work experience, life experience in general, etc. Characteristics and facets of a human being

Today, the LSS continues to strive toward the integration of the student community at the UVic Faculty of Law. The LSS's newly revamped website demonstrates their concerted effort to better organize and provide shared online access to class notes and course outlines. In addition, the society recently added an online events

UVic Law LSS Presidents:



1970s

1975-76 Mark Horne
 1976-77 Cynthia Fulton
 1977-78 Glen Paruk
 1978-79 Neil Campbell
 1979-80 Ann Buckingham

1980s

1980-81 Greg Nash
 1981-82 Paul Grier
 1982-83 Terry Harris
 1983-84 Lorna-Jeanne M. Harvey
 1984-85 Chris Johnson
 1985-86 Cliff Thorstenson
 1986-87 Ian MacLeod
 1987-88 Cal Rowles
 1988-89 Najeeb Hassan
 1989-90 Tracy Hembroff

1990s

1990-91 Clive Elkin
 1991-92 Chris Rusnak
 1992-93 Kathryn MacLean
 1993-94 Ray Chartier
 1994-95 Jason Jakubec
 1995-96 Brant Kostandoff
 1996-97 Lainie Shore
 1997-98 Matt Pollard
 1998-99 Jason Roth
 1999-2000 Clint Lee

2000s

2000-01 Ena Ackerman
 2001-02 Benjamin Berger
 2002-03 Sharon Steele
 2003-04 Justin MacKinnon
 2004-05 Prasanna Ranganathan
 2005-06 Kristina Guest
 2006-07 Eric Pau
 2007-08 Hart Shouldice (Fall)/ Matt Schissel (Spring)
 2008-09 Harpreet Nirwan
 2009-10 Ben Naylor
 2010-11 Brittnee Russell
 2011-12 Meghan McWhinnie
 2012-13 Rebecca Cynader

We apologise for any gaffes in our list. If we've made any errors, please let us know at lawalum@uvic.ca

Blog Stars: Alumni in the Blogosphere

Marla Gilsig ('78) blogs as part of her comprehensive social media strategy to promote her family law practice → gilsig.ca

Darren Hart ('93), Managing Partner at Hart Legal is the editor of the Empowered Conflict Resolution Journal → www.empoweredconflictresolution.com

Doug Hudgeon ('93) → hudgeon.com

Doug Jasinski ('93) → legalmarketing.ca
→ blog.skunkworks.ca

Marni MacLeod ('93) → blog.skunkworks.ca
→ fuel4dancers.ca

Darryl Pankratz ('93) is a contributing author to Alexander Holburn Beaudin + Lang LLP's Aviation Law Blog → aviationlawblog.ahbl.ca

Kelly Russ ('93) is the author of the Russ Family Law Blog → russfamilylaw.ca/blog

Paul Hergott ('04) blogs on personal injury issues on his Achieving Justice Legal Blog → paulhergott.com

Danielle Lemon ('04) has joined forces with Elizabeth Mah (USask and 3rd year UVic Law Visitor '04) and Johnathan Vroom (UVic BComm '04) to produce the Paperclip Law Corporation Blog → papercliplaw.com/blog

Jeffrey Zilkowsky ('04) is a Law Matters columnist on Castanet.net. Latest column here → castanet.net/edition/news-story--1032-.htm

Kieran Moore ('05) is the author of the Employment Law Canada blog and IP blog the Law of Brands → employmentlawcanada.wordpress.com
→ canbrand.ca/can-brand

Anne Muter ('08) is the editor of Boughton's → employmentlawblog.ca

Daniel Sorensen ('08) is a contributor to Waterstone Law Group LLP's → BCemploymentlawyerblog.ca and BC Injury Lawyers Blog → bcinjurylawyersblog.ca

The screenshot shows the homepage of Marla Gilsig's website. The header includes the logo for GILSIG Family Lawyer, with the tagline "Collaborative Divorce Lawyer & Family Mediator, Marriages, Cohabitation & Separation Agreements". Navigation tabs include HOME, BIO, LEGAL SERVICES, CLIENT RESOURCES, and CONTACT. A main heading reads "Welcome to Gilsig Family Law" with a sub-date of August 2, 2011. Below this, there are sections for "CATEGORIES" (Divorce Law Services, Family Law Services) and "TAGS" (Family Law Services). A central text block introduces Marla B. Gilsig as an effective, compassionate, and knowledgeable family lawyer. To the right, there is a "Blog" section with a search bar and a "Subscribe" button. The bottom of the page features a "Section 15 and View of the Child Report" dated January 23, 2012.

The screenshot shows the homepage of Employment Law Canada. The header includes the title "Employment Law Canada" and navigation tabs for HOME, LEGAL DEFINITIONS, and GET IN TOUCH WITH ME. A main image shows people on an escalator. Below the image, there is a "Browse by Topic" section with a list of topics including Employment Standards (4), Psychopass (3), Pensions (3), Termination (3), Employee's Right (4), Dismissal (3), Employment Standards (4), Payroll (3), Pensions (3), Structure (3), Discrimination (3), Employment Standards (4), Independent contractor (1), and Retirees (1). A "WorkSafeBC - When does an employer/homeowner need to buy coverage?" article is featured with a photo of a construction worker. A "Welcome" message from Darren Hart, Esq., is also visible.

The screenshot shows the homepage of Empowered Conflict Resolution Journal. The header includes the title "Empowered Conflict Resolution Journal" and the tagline "INNOVATIVE COMMENTARY ON CONFLICT... AND MOTION PICTURES". Navigation tabs include Home, Lawyer, Firm, and Contact. A main image shows a modern building. Below the image, there is a "CONFLICT RESOLUTION" section with a quote: "It is your duty to change the world, if you can. Not by violence, peacefully, individually, not as a mob." A "THE EDGE OF GLORY" article by Darren Hart is featured with a photo of him.

The screenshot shows the homepage of Paperclip Law Corporation. The header includes the title "PAPERCLIP LAW CORPORATION" and navigation tabs for WHY CHOOSE US, WHAT WE DO, HOW WE WORK, WHO WE ARE, WHAT YOU NEED, WHY WE'RE PROUD, BLOG, and CONTACT US. A main image shows a rolled-up newspaper. Below the image, there is a "Paperclip Law nominated for a Small Business BC's Successful You Award!" article dated October 12, 2012. A "Launch of our new office in Gastown!" article is also featured, dated October 1, 2012. A "Congratulations to all the nominees of a North Vancouver Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award!" article is also visible, dated September 20, 2012.

'82 Reunion

Law '82 grads (several with their partners who were part of our law school days) enjoyed two evenings together on Sept 28 and 29 — at the Bard & Banker pub with special guests Dean Donna Greschner and Professor Gerry Ferguson and his wife Sharon, and on the Saturday night at Sara Neely's home. 30 years vanished as we looked at the year books and wondered "whatever happened to...". Acknowledging that we were a class of interesting characters with many talents, we discovered that we are indeed an excellent example of our legal process lessons — you can do almost anything with a law degree!

Some continue in active private practice, others have now retired, some are amongst those with careers in crown counsel, government, justice, financial institutions and other corporations, administrative tribunals, not-for-profits, or acting as lobbyists — and land barons and authors! Family has been important too — with many children, one of whom joined us at the pub.

With many stories and laughs shared, we parted with renewed friendships, looking forward to the next time we meet.

2013 Reunion Years

- 1978 – 35 year
- 1983 – 30 year
- 1988 – 25 year
- 1993 – 20 year
- 1998 – 15 year
- 2003 – 10 year

2014 Reunion Years

- 1979 – 35 year
- 1984 – 30 year
- 1989 – 25 year
- 1994 – 20 year
- 1999 – 15 year
- 2004 – 10 year



LEFT COLUMN

L-R:
Arn Berry and
Paul Grier

L-R:
Katherine
LeReverend, Rita
Grier (Paul Grier's
wife), and Carol
McKechnie (wife of
Brian McKechnie)

Foreground L-R:
Brian McKechnie,
Richard Meyer;
Background L-R: Rick
Johnston, Paul Grier

Leanne Turnbull
(R) with Dean
Donna Greschner

Carol and Brian
McKechnie

RIGHT COLUMN

L-R
Arn Berry, Susan
Lyons, Barry Long,
and Sandra Harper

L-R:
Chris Penty, Roxana
McKenzie, Lynne
Johnston (wife of
Rick Johnston),
Leanne Turnbull, and
Carol McKechnie

L-R:
Nora (Chris Penty's
daughter), Carol
McKechnie,
and Katherine
LeReverend

Sandra Harper
and Tim Leadem

L-R:
Peter Firestone,
Linda Roggeveen,
and Steve Salmond

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If you know of a UVic Law graduate who could be profiled or have other interesting story ideas or materials worth highlighting, please feel free to contact us at lawalum@uvic.ca.

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