For most of us in the university community, September marks the real start of the ‘New Year’. For one, the weather is far better than in January, especially this year, and the sense of new beginnings is in the air as students stream back to class. Following the superb festivities and special events surrounding our 50th Anniversary there is a risk that the coming year could be less exciting, but seriously, I doubt it.

Recapping some recent UVic highlights, UVic researchers are coming off a banner year in terms of research funding, with an all-time record of over $106M. Our faculty members also garnered a number of prestigious national and international awards for their research and scholarships this past year, including more elections to the Royal Society of Canada (covered in this newsletter). The new Research Partnerships and Knowledge Mobilization (RPKM) unit has moved into its new home in the Sedgewick Building and we are looking forward to co-locating the Innovation Centre for Entrepreneurship (ICE) there in the near future.

Speaking of community-engaged research, the Office of the Vice-President Research (OVPR) was delighted to help support the Social Sciences and Human and Social Development faculties’ establishment of the new Institute for Studies and Innovation in Community-University Engagement (ISICUE).

Looking forward, my annual predictions of research success have (almost) always outperformed horoscopes in terms of accuracy; this coming year’s divining will undoubtedly be no exception. I am predicting that this will be a break-through year for our CIHR researchers, and that our SSHRC and NSERC successes will continue to be impressive. We have seen significant annual growth in contracts with industry, government, and other agencies and I anticipate even more success with an ever-widening range of research funders. Given the growing success we have had in supporting nominations for prestigious awards, my guess is that even more of our faculty members will be recognized for their research excellence by their peers.

On a personal note, the beginning of this academic year also marks my last as the VP Research, which brings with it a chance for reflection on the past and contemplation of my own ‘new beginnings’. I have had the pleasure of focussing the later part of my academic career, first as the AVP Research and then as VP Research, supporting the outstanding research success of our faculty and students. These fourteen years in the OVPR have flown by in the blink of an eye, and the pleasure I have received from seeing UVic’s research mission mature, and indeed soar, is beyond measure. Your individual and collective accomplishments in research and creative activities are now internationally recognized to a degree that hardly seemed possible a mere twenty-three years ago when I first arrived as a faculty member. It’s that remarkable trajectory and ever steepening slope of success that leads me to conclude that the search for UVic’s next VP Research will attract excellent candidates, and whoever is selected will take us all to new levels of research success. Let me close by wishing everyone a happy ‘New Year’!

-Howard Brunt, UVic Vice-President Research
Upcoming events

**Paradox at the Legacy Gallery**

The Faculty of Fine Arts invites the greater campus community to experience a rare group exhibition by the Department of Visual Arts. Paradox, running **October 30th – January 12th, 2013 at UVic’s Legacy Art Gallery, 630 Yates Street**, presents new and recent work by the current permanent teaching faculty in Visual Arts: Daniel Laskarin, Sandra Meigs, Robert Youds, Vikky Alexander, Lynda Gammon, Jennifer Stillwell, and Paul Walde.

All are mid-career and senior artists with national and international careers, and all are among the top contemporary Canadian artists with work represented at the National Gallery of Canada, commissions in Vancouver, Toronto and Winnipeg, and many pieces held in well-respected art collections around the globe. Each artist will be represented by works characteristic of his or her current practice – all of which relate to the theme of the paradox implicit in our physical and psychic experience of art.

“The work produced by the faculty reflects leading practices in the field of contemporary visual arts,” says department chair Daniel Laskarin. “Embodying current discourses in material and visual culture, it is profoundly engaged with experiential communication in current practices.”

Paradox expands upon the week-long exhibition Now Art, mounted in conjunction with Congress 2013 in June, and follows Legacy’s current exhibit Core Samples, a retrospective of 18 members of the Visual Arts faculty, circa 1966 to 1986, closing October 25.

-John Threlfall, Faculty of Fine Arts

**Dr. Katherine Gibson: Take Back the Economy**

The Centre for Co-operative and Community-Based Economy welcomes Dr. Katherine Gibson as the 2013 Distinguished Speaker.

Dr. Gibson will present, “Take Back the Economy: Ethics and Methods for Constituting Community Economies” on **Thursday, October 3rd, 2013 from 7:00-8:30pm in Bob Wright Centre A104**.

Today, more than ever before, we must reclaim the economy as a human creation open to ethical intervention and political imagination. This lecture introduces an agenda that moves on from inventorying diverse economies to constituting community economies. Community economies emerge from action around key ethical concerns that Dr. Gibson will address in this presentation.

Professor Gibson, Institute of Culture and Society at the University of Western Sydney, most recently co-authored, *Take Back the Economy: An Ethical Guide for Transforming Our Communities*. This book will be available for purchase at the lecture.

-Sandy Polomark, Centre for Co-operative & Community-Based Economy
Is China heading towards a democracy?

On September 27th, 2013, 7:00-8:30pm Hickman Room 105, the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives will host the lecture, “The End of China’s One Party-State: A Predictable Event?” by Dr. Minxin Pei, Director of the Keck Center for International and Strategic Studies at Claremont McKenna College in California. The lecture forms part of CAPI’s Albert Hung Chao Hong lecture series.

China has, so far, resisted the worldwide trend of democratization. The effectiveness of the country to uphold a single-party system run by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has led many to believe that this political situation will likely continue for the foreseeable future.

Contrary to this opinion, Dr. Pei argues that historical experience around the world, insights from decades of social science research, and emerging trends inside China, point towards a transition to some form of democracy in the country in the next 10 to 15 years.

This lecture is also the keynote for a workshop on political transformation in China entitled, “Perspectives on China’s Transition.” This workshop will host experts on China and politics from all over the world and give them the opportunity to discuss the challenges and constraints that China faces in the years to come.

For more information on any of CAPI’s events see http://www.capi.uvic.ca.

-Catherine Dooner, Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives
Underwater light in the Amazon River

Maycira Costa, Geography Department, is starting a new research program aiming to investigate the spatial-temporal and vertical properties of the in-water light field, water bio-optical properties and satellite ocean colour reflectance, and their relationships with biogeochemical variables and light availability for primary production in the waters of the Western Tropical Atlantic Ocean under the effects of the Amazon River plume. This research program includes a strong component of in situ bio-optical and biogeochemical data acquisition, ocean color satellite products, radiative transfer modeling, and light-coupled biogeochemical modeling, in collaboration with the Oceanography Department at the Universidade de Pernambuco, Brazil. This collaboration is one of the new programs under the bi-lateral government initiatives, Brazil-Canada Collaboration on Ocean Science and Technology, and it is in part funded by the Brazilian Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation.

-Dan Smith, Department of Geography

North Brazilian Current phytoplankton biomass acquired by MODIS/Aqua

People and places

UVic’s Dr. Janni Aragon condemns Canadian university date rape chants

In the last two weeks, three Canadian universities have made headlines within days of one another and not the way that development officers like to see. Students at St. Mary’s University (SMU) in Halifax, NS chanted a truly unfortunate chant at a university sanctioned event. Students from the University of British Columbia Sauder School of Business said the same chant students at Memorial used an unfortunate term on their mugs for their pub crawl. Student leaders at SMU and UBC have resigned. All three schools have noted that investigations will take place and awareness campaigns or sensitivity training workshops are forthcoming.

As a feminist social scientist I was not surprised that the students felt it was acceptable to engage in the chants. We live in a hypersexualized world where social justice activists, rape crisis workers, and academics working in Women’s Studies or other fields continually explain that rape culture thrives. During the last sixteen years, I have dedicated my career in Political Science and Women’s Studies to teaching courses related to gender and difference in an academic setting. I work with undergraduate students and I see and hear things on campus. While the chants are offensive – these are not isolated events, we need to ask why students feel compelled to participate in the chants. I have seen posters on campuses for different student events, like a sailing club’s pub crawl event called, “outrigger and gold digger” pub crawl. One only has to walk around a university to find some very interesting posters for events usually held off campus.

Thanks to the chants we are talking more about Rape Culture. But, what is Rape Culture? Rape Culture is the end product of the hypersexualization of women and men, and excuses harassments, chants, and acts of violence against women and men. Rape culture causes people to think that joking about having non-consensual sex with a minor is not rape, but a light hearted moment. Rape Culture allowed the sexualized violence of Steubenville to take place, where at first the town appeared to defend the young men involved, and attacked the victim. And, I argue that this hypersexualized culture makes posting questionable photos on Facebook acceptable, but a photo of a nursing mother objectionable. Rape culture also educates boys and men that girls and women are always sexually available to them. We need to have more conversations about consent and sexualized violence. We also need to discuss what make up the components of healthy sexuality.

-Janni Aragon, Political Science
UVic involvement with *Kenya Free of AIDS*

*Kenya Free of AIDS: Harnessing Interdisciplinary Science for HIV Prevention* is an NIH-funded Centre Grant that links the University of Nairobi with the University of Washington and the University of Victoria, and supports a central training institution for Kenyan researchers and students, plus four pilot studies.

*Exploration of Kenyan Female Commercial Sex Workers and Their Male Partners: Life Course and Harm Reduction Approaches* is one pilot project that involves University of Victoria faculty members and Centre for Addictions Research of British Columbia research scientists Cecilia Benoit, Eric Roth and Mikael Jansson, and Department of Sociology faculty Helga Hallgrimsdottir. This project focuses on the social epidemiology of female sex workers (FSW) working out of bars in the large informal settlement (also known as slums) of Kibera, located in the center of Nairobi, Kenya.

Kibera has a population estimated at between 400,000 and 1,000,000 people living within a one square mile area. The settlements lack running water, roads, and a public sewer system, and feature high levels of substance use and HIV/AIDS.

While FSW have always formed an important epidemiological factor in the sub-Saharan HIV/AIDS pandemic because of their high rate of sexual partner change, our research focused upon familial, sexual and intimate relationships of female sex workers. To compare women from the same environment, we first completed a survey of 160 Kibera FSW and an equal number of women who never went into sex work. Analysis revealed that FSW had significantly weaker kinship systems, exemplified by being in regular contact with far fewer family members at age 15. Particularly striking was that one quarter of women who became FSW never had a male guardian even though sub-Saharan African societies feature child fostering, or circulation of children throughout extended family systems.

Analysis also revealed that women with an intimate partner (i.e. a lover, not a paying client) had significantly fewer clients per unit time and significantly fewer episodes of intercourse without condom use than women who did not have such a partner. These results led us to suggest the potential for dyadic HIV/AIDS intervention programs based on FSW and their intimate partners. Accordingly, we subsequently explored the potential health benefits provided by Kibera sex workers’ intimate partners by examining a small sample of HIV+ Kibera FSW.

Analysis of qualitative data for this survey revealed that participants presently with partners were more likely to receive some financial support from partners, to report lower intimate partner violence, and reported higher partner emotional support and greater assistance with HIV medications. These participants were also more likely to have disclosed their sex work and HIV+ statuses to their partners. On the other hand, intimate partnerships also showed increased risk of economic vulnerability and emotional dependence for FSWs.

In another field season, we developed a rapid assessment methodology to interview men in Kiberia bars who were potential sexual clients of FSW. From the resulting survey of 220 men drawn from 110 Kibera bars, we learned that both male clients of female sex workers and FSW initiated and/or were the victims of interpersonal violence, including physical assault, robbery and extortion. These data supported the reports of sexual and physical assault given earlier by FSW, highlighting the dangerous nature of commercial sex work in Kibera.

In conclusion, Kibera FSW constitute more than an epidemiological core group whose high rate of HIV infection drives the epidemic. They also are mothers, daughters, sisters, and intimate partners. Consideration of the historic and current kinship and intimate partner patterns of Kibera FSW showed the importance of personal support systems for women who face the dual risks of HIV infection and interpersonal violence from their paying clients. What is now needed is the design and implementation of harm reduction programs aimed at these threats, adapted for African cultural and environmental settings.

-Cecilia Benoit, Mikael Jansson, Helga Hallgrimsdottir from the Department of Sociology, and Eric Roth, Department of Anthropology recently published articles on their research of female sex workers in Kibera.
Paul Walde serenades Kootenay glacier

It was a summer story to melt even the iciest of hearts. Back in July, Department of Visual Arts professor Paul Walde took his research out of the studio and into the mountains to debut his site-specific sound performance Requiem for a Glacier for an audience of one: the glacier itself.

Accompanied by an orchestra and crew of nearly 100 people, Walde trekked to the Farnham Glacier in the Kootenays to bring awareness to melting glaciers in general, and to the Jumbo and Farnham Glaciers in particular. Both glaciers are within the area recently approved by the B.C. government to become the Jumbo Glacier mountain resort municipality.

“This project marks a continuation of my studio research in which I explore interconnections between landscape, identity, and technology, amplifying cultural gestures in order to reveal their place within nature and conversely, by capturing natural events through cultural apparatus,” explains Walde.

Commissioned by the Langham Cultural Centre in Kaslo B.C., Walde’s Requiem was the basis of a new video work that will be the cornerstone of an installation scheduled for fall 2013; it will also appear at Nelson’s Oxygen Art Centre in early 2014. The installation will include the history of the glacier, the advent of electricity and climate change, and the government’s announcement of a year-round recreational development and resort community in the Jumbo Glacier area, all summed up in a four-movement operatic work.

As with traditional requiems, Walde’s composition was in Latin… the twist, however, was in the translation: the lyrical source material is the B.C. government’s own news release announcing its approval of the proposed Jumbo Glacier Resort, as well as the published chronology of the approval process. School of Music professor and UVic Symphony director, Ajtony Csaba conducted the 40-person choir and 30-person orchestra, while Walde oversaw the entire production and supervised the documentation of it all.

Perhaps not surprisingly, given the decades of controversy surrounding the development, and the unique nature of the performance, Walde’s project made headlines locally, nationally and internationally. More about Paul Walde’s work and Requiem for a Glacier can be found on his website: http://paulwalde.com.

-John Threlfall, Faculty of Fine Arts

Centre for Global Studies welcomes research fellows

CFGS would like to welcome four new research fellows this September:

Ezra Karmel, a Graduate Student Fellow from the Department of History, researching Civil Society in the Middle East: Moderating Islamism.

Jean-Philippe (JP) Sapinski, a Graduate Student Fellow from the Department of Sociology, researching The Global Corporate-Policy Network and the Rise of Climate Capitalism.

Astrid Pérez Piñán, a Visiting Research Fellow from Irish School of Ecumenics Trinity College, Dublin, researching Engendering Effectiveness: A Gender Critique of the Aid Effectiveness Agenda.

Hanny Hilmy, a Graduate Student Fellow from the Interdisciplinary Studies: Departments of History, Political Science & Global Studies, researching National Sovereignty and International Peacekeeping: The United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF), Suez 1956-1967.

CFGS launched its fellowship program in January 2013. The CFGS fellowship program provides opportunities to graduate students and visiting scholars. The fellows are awarded a stipend, and are provided with a title, an office, an opportunity to provide a public lecture based on their research, opportunities to work on the projects housed in the CFGS, and regular opportunities to meet other students, professors and visiting scholars interested in related issues.

CFGS would also like to welcome four new Water Innovation and Global Governance (WIGG) Lab Students: Geneen Russo (MA student), Jesse Baltutis (PhD student), Natasha Overduin (MA student), and Carys Pinches (Undergrad honours student).

The WIGG lab was established to mobilize knowledge and advance interdisciplinary research to support processes of social and governance innovation that build resilience in watersheds.

-Jennifer Swift, Centre for Global Studies
National Aboriginal Health Research Network launches
International Journal of Indigenous Health

The Journal of Aboriginal Health has a new name and publisher and is set to be relaunched online this fall by the Aboriginal Health Research Networks Secretariat (AHRNetS) at the Centre for Aboriginal Health Research, on the University of Victoria Journal Publishing Service website. The Journal was transferred from the National Aboriginal Health Organization (NAHO) to AHRNetS in 2012, after its funding was terminated. To reflect the growing international interest in the Journal, AHRNetS has re-named it the International Journal of Indigenous Health (IJIH) and will soon welcome submissions in its upcoming Online Launch and Call for Papers in the first week of October, 2013.

The IJIH mandate is to advance knowledge and understanding to improve Indigenous health, by bringing knowledge from diverse intellectual traditions together with a focus on culturally diverse Indigenous voices, methodologies and epistemology. This peer-reviewed, online, open-access Journal will share innovative health research across disciplines, Indigenous communities, and countries. Building on its trusted reputation for sharing community-relevant and high-quality knowledge, the IJIH will welcome submissions within the IJIH mandate from researchers and practitioners in Indigenous health around the world.

An Editorial Advisory Board was formed by AHRNetS, which has been overseeing the transition of the Journal and preparations for its Online Launch. Support for the Journal’s production is being provided over two years by the National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health. Dr. Charlotte Reading, Director of the Centre and the Journal Editor looks forward to establishing the Journal in the international Indigenous health research community, but also sees great potential to engage the broader community at the University of Victoria conducting Indigenous health research. Graduate student involvement will be encouraged for example, through volunteer internship positions to both build capacity and support the Centre’s mandate to provide exceptional mentorship opportunities.

For more information, contact ijih@uvic.ca or visit the website: http://uvic.ca/ijih.

-Namaste Marsden, Centre for Aboriginal Health Research

Speed Networking

With lots to talk about and never enough time, the Gustavson School of Business has formalized, just a bit, all those serendipitous meetings around the coffee pot. Gustavson Research Officer Wendy Mah and Research Director Dr. Mary Yoko Brannen recently hosted the second annual Speed Networking to help business researchers connect with each other.

“We’re getting to know each other’s interests,” explains Brannen, a professor of International Business as well as Jarislowksy Chair at the Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives. “Speed Networking is a way to discover synergies of focus and complementarities in methods, questions, and even geography.”

“Gustavson is a very interdisciplinary faculty,” Mah adds. “This kind of event helps students and faculty connect, even if they don’t work in the same field.”

The hour-long event paired a new faculty member or a PhD student with someone who’s been at Gustavson for a while and gave each two and a half minutes to describe a research interest, project, or even conference presentation. Then, the veteran members shifted one seat along the table to meet another new face.

Nabil El-Azhari, a first-year PhD student, had two goals when he attended: first, to learn which faculty members’ research might be a fit with his interests, and second, to simply get to know them a little better.

“I liked the setting that allowed me to talk about the research and to have an informal discussion,” he said. “I had a chance to meet the faculty all at once.”

-Rachel Goldsworthy, Gustavson School of Business
Indigenous Peoples and boreal forest conservation: Interview with Nancy Turner, School of Environmental Studies and Jeff Wells, International Boreal Conservation Campaign

Nancy Turner, distinguished professor of ethnoecology in the School of Environmental Studies, and Jeff Wells, Senior Scientist of the International Boreal Conservation Campaign and the initial organizer of the International Boreal Conservation Science Panel that Dr. Turner participates on, took time to talk with us about why Canada’s boreal forest is so important.

When was the Boreal Conservation Science Panel started, and who does the panel bring up their concerns with?

Jeff: The International Boreal Conservation Science Panel was formed in 2008 following a successful initiative that garnered 1500 scientist signatories to a letter that went to national and provincial government leaders to urge them to do more to protect the boreal forest region of Canada. The panel had 14 member scientists from Canada and the U.S. (One panelist, Andrew Weaver, has since stepped down because of his new role as an elected representative for the Green Party, and concerns about perceived conflict of interest). Since 2008, the Panel has produced several of its own science-policy briefing papers and letters of support on boreal conservation issues, and individual members have authored op-eds and spoken regularly in government policy forums and to media about the issues around boreal conservation. For example, in July 2011, the Panel released a science policy and briefing note, “Keeping Woodland Caribou in the Boreal Forest: Big Challenge, Immense Opportunity.” We write briefs, letters and policy statements, underlain by scientific research, and these are given out as news releases and sent to individual politicians.

Why is Canada’s boreal forest important?

Jeff: Canada’s boreal forest is one of the largest un-fragmented and ecologically intact forest regions left on earth. Within it are many of the world’s largest lakes, most of North America’s longest and largest undammed river systems, a massive terrestrial storehouse of carbon, and some of the world’s largest wetland systems – not to mention more surface freshwater than in any other nation. Because of these qualities, it also supports an estimated 1-3 billion nesting birds, still-healthy populations of predatory mammals, including grizzly bears, wolverines, and wolves, some of the last remaining long-distance mammal migrations as seen in migratory tundra caribou herds, and strong migratory fish populations.

Nancy: Especially in these times of rapid environmental change, we need to maintain the integrity of the boreal forest ecosystems for the future of all of us. Once these forests, their lands and waters, and the life they support are destroyed, it will be impossible to restore them. Any development that causes lasting damage to the boreal forest ecosystem should undergo the most stringent and rigorous scrutiny that takes the future of the planet into account, not just short term profits.

How does your own research focus, Nancy, contribute to our understanding of the issue of conservation of Canada’s boreal forest?

Nancy: The boreal forests of Canada are home to many First Nations, who, for millennia, have derived their sustenance from the resources of the lands and waters there. The needs and perspectives of these peoples need to be taken into account in decisions about the future of these areas. In my research, I have tried to help document their botanical and environmental knowledge and to share it with others, with permission, in ways that are culturally appropriate. By highlighting the richness and importance of this knowledge, I hope to ensure that First Peoples and their practices and perspectives will be taken into account in any planning and decision-making regarding or affecting their homelands and territories.

I should mention that some of our graduate students have done their work in ethnobotany and ethnoecology in the boreal forest area, and some, Dr. Judith Thompson, Edosdi (Tahltan) (PhD 2012, Msc 2004), Alestine Andre (Gwich’in) (MA 2006), and Amanda Karst (Métis) (Msc 2005), are Indigenous.

What are the books that you are working on about?

Nancy: I am currently co-editing with Dr. Dana Lepofsky a special issue of BC Studies on Ethnobotany in British Columbia. I am also co-editing with Dr. Marianne Ignace and Dr. Sandra Peacock a volume on ethnobotanical and ethnoecological research with the Secwepemc (Shuswap) First Nation, and am just undertaking the editing for a book to be published by McGill-Queens University Press called, at least tentatively, Ancient Pathways, Ancestral Knowledge: Ethnobotany and Ecological Wisdom of Indigenous Peoples of Northwestern North America. It should be out next spring.
**CanAssist makes engineering expertise available to UVic faculty**

Most faculty know CanAssist as the successful UVic program that develops innovative customized technologies and programs for people with disabilities. But many researchers on campus may not be aware that CanAssist also provides its expert engineering services to the UVic community.

CanAssist Executive Director Robin Syme says current projects for UVic faculty include building miniature sensors that will be used for research into stroke and other conditions for the biology department, and refining software games that help assess children’s cognitive abilities for the psychology department.

“Working with CanAssist on my current project has been wonderful,” said Dr. Kimberly Kerns, of psychology. “They are professional, enthusiastic and understand the specific needs of research.”

Benefits of working with CanAssist’s team include its years of experience in mechanical, electrical, and software engineering, a fully equipped machine shop and prototyping lab, the team’s ability to work efficiently in a university environment, competitive rates, and the fact that all proceeds are invested back into the program.

While UVic provides significant resources to CanAssist, the group’s operating budget is financed primarily through grants, service contracts and philanthropy. Working with faculty is another way for CanAssist to be financially self-sustaining.

Contact CanAssist’s Leo Spalteholtz, leo@uvic.ca or 721-7302.

- Anne Tolson, CanAssist

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**Writing students launch Concrete Garden**

The Department of Writing is proud to announce the Fall 2013 edition of *Concrete Garden*, a student-created sustainable urban living magazine. Hot off the presses, the current issue features flavourful stories about people finding sustainable food to grow and eat, from BC to Bolivia.

*Concrete Garden* started as a research and creative project of UVic students in Writing 216 under the supervision of David Leach, Director of both the Professional Writing, and the Technology and Society programs. The original student editorial team, Jory MacKay, Mike Edel, Quinn MacDonald, Luke Stime and Kim Profili, came together to create a magazine that focused on a shared passion for local food and sustainability.

“As a group we felt that the rise of urbanization on Vancouver Island and in the Lower Mainland was having a negative impact on food production as available farmland was shrinking and traditional forms of agriculture are becoming less and less practical,” noted editors MacKay and Edel upon the launch of the first issue. “The five of us decided that people needed to be more informed and open to the idea of food grown in urban settings – whether that was through community farms, backyard gardening or just supporting local farmers.”

Upon completion of the class, MacKay and Edel decided they wanted to take the class project to the next level and, with the support of their classmates and professors, created a limited print run of *Concrete Garden* for a larger audience. Current student editor Kimberley Veness, is now carrying the vision forward with the Fall 2013 issue, with Leach acting as the magazine’s consulting editor.

Look for the Fall 2013 issue of *Concrete Garden* on local newsstands, or contact the Department of Writing to purchase an issue.

-John Threlfall, Faculty of Fine Arts

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**Ulysses at the Maltwood draws international attention**

The graduate students of Dr. Jentery Sayers’ and Dr. Stephen Ross’s courses in the spring term 2013 collaborated with the Modernist Versions Project and the Maker Lab in the Humanities to curate a special exhibition for the Maltwood Gallery, *The Long Now of Ulysses*. The exhibition ran from May until August, covering the huge influx of visitors to campus during Congress 2013, and drew international attention. The exhibition challenged students to produce elements of the display anchored in excerpts from James Joyce’s modernist masterpiece Ulysses, by linking them to the “long now” of the twentieth century. The exhibition featured everything from a working replica stereoscope and digital investigations of the novel, to artworks from the UVic Art Collections, underpants, and Facebook mock-ups. It was a hit with visitors, and helped conclude the Modernist Versions Project’s Year of Ulysses initiative with a bang.

-Stephen Ross, Department of English
Research highlights cont.

Gustavson School of Business

The Gustavson School of Business anticipates continued expansion for the Global Business Program. Dean and Director of Executive Programs, Saul Klein, agreed to discuss with us the keys to the program’s success.

What changes in the global business world are contributing to the expansion of the Gustavson School of Business Masters of Global Business Program?

Continuing globalization makes the need for skills around cross-cultural management critical for businesses. Supply chains are increasingly integrated at a global level, and a deeper understanding of what it takes to operate in different environments is key to business success. There is also an increasing recognition of the value of direct international experience.

How much has the program grown in recent years?

The program started in 2010 with one cohort and 17 UVic students, plus 15 from 2 partner schools. In 2011, still with one cohort, there were 24 UVic students, a 35% increase, plus 15 from the 2 partner schools. In 2012, we opened a second cohort and there were 33 UVic students, a 43% increase, plus 25 from our now four partner universities. In 2013, we reached our maximum capacity with 43, a 30% increase, UVic students, and 30 from the 4 partners. For this year’s entering class, applications were up almost 40% over last year, which in turn, were up over 40% from the year before.

What areas does the Masters of Global Business focus on?

Academically, students build upon previous undergraduate education in Business. The curriculum includes material in International Financial Management, International Marketing and Global Strategy, International Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Business Development and International Entrepreneurial Environments, Consulting Methods and Practice, and courses on the North American, European and Asian Business Contexts. Running through the program are courses in Global Leadership and Cultural Intelligence, and in Language, Communication and Global Business. In addition, students learn a new language during the program, complete a major project for an international company and finish off with a global internship. The program gives students first-hand exposure to these areas of study in international locations. The student body is very culturally diverse, so developing a global mindset and a high level of cultural awareness and team skills are strong outcomes of the experience.

Do you have stories of accomplishments of alumni of the Masters of Global Business Program?

Several, and the list is growing. One of our young grads works for the Airbus Group in Bangalore, India. One works for KTM Motorsports – having started out at their Austrian Headquarters, he now leads their entry into a number of South Asian markets. One works for an international steel company based in Austria. One works for one of the world’s largest marketing and PR firms in London, UK. One is working for L’Oreal in Montreal. The list goes on.

What highlights are you expecting for the 2013-2014 academic year?

We continue working with the partner universities, and are constantly making improvements to the program and its delivery through close collaboration. The student cohort is more diverse than ever. This year, we have students from 5 of the 6 populated continents: North America, South America, Asia, Europe and Africa. Next year, we hope to get our first Australian students! We are also looking at further program expansion in 2015 with additional international partners.

UVic hosts Aquatic Ecosystem Health and Management conference

With the support of the Vice-President Research, the Centre for Cooperative and Community-Based Economy, the Centre for Global Studies and the Maritime Awards Society of Canada, the University of Victoria hosted the eleventh biennial international conference of the Aquatic Ecosystem Health and Management Society on June 17th-20th, 2013. Participants came from as far as Estonia, Egypt, Malaysia and China.

The conference aimed to build and identify bridges between scientific research and public policy debates. Launched with an introductory keynote address by Tom Pedersen to set a pre-conference workshop (co-sponsored by the POLIS project on Ecological Governance and the Centre for Global Studies) on freshwater ecosystems dynamics and governance in the context of the ongoing challenge of climate change, the conference moved on to a day and a half of discussion of research papers addressing freshwater ecosystems, lake dynamics and invasive species. The conference then moved on to marine ecosystems, citizen science and oceans governance.

In the discussion of new tools and techniques, the joint ONC-CFGS Digital Fishers citizen science initiative was a feature, along with a presentation by Chris Barnes describing the new global initiative that he co-chairs, to explore the development of new ocean observing systems using existing undersea cables. That session included papers by Jessica Nephin and Justin Longo, developed as part of their work with the Mitacs research cluster, Web 2.0 and Web 3.0 Approaches to the Information/Decision Interface in Public Policy at CFGS. On the margins, live feed from ongoing ONC dives drew sustained attention.

The conference concluded with a MASC-sponsored session on oceans governance featuring Buzz Holling along with UVic’s Kate Moran and Judith Sayers. Selected papers from the conference are to be reviewed for inclusion in a special issue of the journal Ecosystem Health.

Jodie Walsh, Centre for Global Studies
Dr. Leslie Brown shortlisted for SSHRC Insight Award

Dr. Leslie Brown and her team are finalists for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Insight Award in recognition of her outstanding work on understanding fathering within child welfare. The award is given to an individual or team whose project resulted in a significant contribution to knowledge and understanding about people, societies and the world.

Dr. Brown’s research was carried out in collaboration with Thompson Rivers University and Durham University in the United Kingdom, and has garnered attention from family court judges, probation workers, Indigenous family serving agencies, social work schools and professional organizations in Canada, UK, USA, Australia, South America and Europe.

From the outset, the research team wanted to impact policy and the practice of child welfare. Presentations have resulted in speaking requests across Canada and around the world. A popular education book is in the works geared to fathers who have to engage with the child welfare system, and also to child welfare workers who work with fathers. The book aims to break down the fear and lack of trust the researchers discovered to exist between fathers and social welfare workers.

The awards will be presented at a special ceremony at the World Social Sciences Forum in Montreal, Quebec on October 15th, 2013.

UVic PhD candidate ranked 1st in 2013 Vanier Scholarships

Tim Personn, a doctoral student in the Department of English, was ranked first among fifty-five recipients of the 2013 Canada Graduate Scholarships for the social sciences and humanities. Personn is in the third year of his graduate program, with a concentration in Cultural, Social and Political Thought. His research focus is sincerity and empathy in the works of post-911 authors. Personn examines issues of morality, and on the topic of civic engagement, explains, “It does not take a leadership badge to be a leader. We are always leaders and educators, in everyday situations, in our families and peer groups.”

Four other UVic PhD students were awarded 2012-2013 Vanier Scholarships, including Justin Karr in the Department of Psychology, Chong-Su Kim in the Department of Political Science, Aaron Mills in the Faculty of Law and Leigh Wicki-Stordeur in the Graduate Program in Neuroscience.
Honours and awards cont.

Three UVic Scholars Elected Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada

On September 6th, 2013, the Royal Society of Canada announced the election of 84 new Fellows, among them three UVic scholars: Drs. Ned Djilali, Cecilia Benoit and Judy Fudge. Election to the academies of the Royal Society of Canada is considered one of the highest honours a scholar can achieve in the Arts, Humanities and Sciences. These UVic professors will be inducted on November 16th, 2013, at the Fairmont Banff Springs in Banff, Alberta.

Dr. Cecilia Benoit, Professor with the UVic Department of Sociology and Scientist at the Centre for Addictions Research of British Columbia is a former co-leader of the Women’s Health Research Network. Her work with vulnerable populations has made her the recipient of the 2010 Craigdarroch Award for Societal Contribution, the 2010 BC Community Achievement Award, and several other awards. Her numerous publications of books and scholarly articles include Health and Society/Santé et Société and Valuing Care Work: Comparative Perspectives.

Dr. Nedjib Djilali, UVic Department of Mechanical Engineering and Institute for Integrated Energy Systems, is an international leader in advanced computational modelling and clean energy technology. His influential scholarly work encompasses topics from aerodynamics and electrochemical energy conversion to water purification and crystal growth of semi-conductors. He is particularly renowned for pioneering computational fluid dynamics-based fuel cell models, for addressing fundamental transport phenomena questions, and for the invention of novel fuel cell architectures. He has made major contributions towards a cleaner, more sustainable energy future.

Dr. Judy Fudge is an Adjunct Professor with the UVic Faculty of Law, and Professor at the Kent Law School at the University of Kent. Her interdisciplinary approach to labour law blends rigorous legal analysis with a sophisticated attention to social context. Her ground-breaking work on Canadian labour law history, the nexus between immigration and labour law, precarious work, gender and labour law, and labour rights as human rights has revitalized the field of labour law worldwide by providing an innovative approach to the regulation of work in contemporary labour markets.

Four UVic Researchers Elected Fellows of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences

Drs. Neena Chappell, Cecilia Benoit, Scott Hofer and Christoph Borchers were inducted as Fellows of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS) at the Ottawa Fairmont Chateau Laurier on September 19th, 2013. Formed in 2004, CAHS provides assessments of, and advice on, urgent issues affecting the health of Canadians. Certainly, these four UVic faculty members shall enrich the academy with a diversity of expertise.

Dr. Neena L. Chappell’s research has focused on social gerontology throughout her 30+ year career. She established two world class university research centers on aging – one at the University of Manitoba, and one at the University of Victoria where she continues to conduct research. She has published over 300 academic articles and reports, and brought in over $45 million in research funding. She has been the Canada Research Chair in Social Gerontology since 2001, and is past President of the Canadian Association on Gerontology.

Dr. Scott Hofer is an internationally renowned leader in major research networking initiatives such as the Integrative Analysis of Longitudinal Studies of Aging (IALSA) and the UK’s HALCyon programme, both of which uncover markers that predict later-life health outcomes. He is current President of the Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology, and Fellow of the American Psychological Association, the Gerontological Society of America, and the Royal Statistical Society. His research focuses on describing changes in cognition, and the use of intensive research designs, which permit analysis of within-person change and variability, and statistical inference in the context of population mortality and attrition.

Dr. Cecilia Benoit is an international expert on midwifery and the health of vulnerable populations, including Aboriginal women and families, adults in the sex industry, substance-using pregnant women and street-involved youth. Through her innovative, mixed research methodologies resulting in over 100 publications, she has contributed to a better understanding of how the law, gender inequality and stigmatization affects the health and safety of these populations, both in Canada and other countries. These contributions have been instrumental in transforming health policy and healthcare delivery, both within provinces and nationally.

Dr. Christoph Borchers is an internationally recognized proteomics researcher. His research interests are mass spectrometry (MS)-based structural proteomics, quantitative proteomics, and metabolomics – for biomedical and clinical applications. He uses crosslinkers to determine drug binding sites, protein-protein interaction sites, and protein conformation, and has developed ‘top-down’ structural methods for studying protein misfolding, a key factor in ‘mad-cow’ disease, Alzheimers’, and Parkinson’s. His research in multiple reaction monitoring involves the use of proven stable-isotope labeled peptides. The resulting highly-multiplexed methods are being developed for biomarker validation and clinical diagnostics in clinics. His pioneering work in MS-based metabolomics includes MS-based molecular imaging techniques.
Dr. Stephen Ross Modernist Studies Association President

Dr. Stephen Ross, Associate Professor of English and Cultural, Social, and Political Thought, has been elected President of the international Modernist Studies Association (MSA). Ross acceded to the office of 2nd Vice President at the annual conference of the MSA in Brighton, UK in the fall of 2013, and will become Vice President at the conference in Pittsburgh in 2014, and President in Boston in 2015.

The MSA is an international scholarly association “devoted to the study of the arts in their social, political, cultural, and intellectual contexts from the later nineteenth- through the mid-twentieth century. The organization aims to develop an international and interdisciplinary forum to promote exchange among scholars in this revitalized and rapidly changing field,” according to the MSA website. It has over 1000 members from all over the world. Ross is only the second Canadian president in the Association’s fifteen year history.

-Stephen Ross, Department of English

Correne DeCarlo wins Phillip Rennick award

Congratulations to Correne DeCarlo, PhD student, Department of Psychology, Clinical psychology program, Centre on Aging Student Affiliate, on her award-winning submission to the International Neuropsychological Society 2013 mid-year meeting, July 10th-13th, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Her abstract, “Genetic Influences and Vascular Health Moderate MCI Status and Stability: Evidence from the VLS” with co-authors, Stuart MacDonald, Department of Psychology and Centre on Aging Research Affiliate, and Roger Dixon, University of Alberta, won the Phillip Rennick award for the best submission by a graduate student which includes a $500 (USD) honorarium.

-Vincenza Gruppuso, Centre on Aging

Dr. Wade Danis awarded Gustavson Leader of Excellence 3-year term honour

Congratulations to Dr. Wade Danis who is the recipient of the inaugural Gustavson Leader of Excellence Award. This newly created award recognizes research excellence at the Gustavson School of Business, and is held for a 3 year term. Dr. Danis’ research and teaching center on global strategic management, international comparative management, and entrepreneurship, particularly in the context of emerging economies. Dr. Danis is also an active member of the Academy of Management and the Academy of International Business.

-Wendy Mah, Gustavson School of Business
UVic welcomes ISICUE

UVic’s latest research centre, the Institute for Studies and Innovation in Community-University Engagement (ISICUE) had its official launch on June 3rd, 2013, attended by a wide range of community and university people and groups. The unique logo was designed by Butch Dick, a local Songhees artist and long-time educational leader at UVic and in the broader community, with support from Ken Josephson of the UVic Geography Department.

Located in University House 3, ISICUE provides a space for the study and practice of engaged scholarship and interdisciplinary innovation. ISICUE’s activities of research, collaborative projects, capacity building and network development are concerned with reflecting on and enabling community-university engagement. Working collaboratively with sectors of the university and the larger communities, ISICUE aims to harvest new knowledge that contributes to solutions of community issues focused on sustainability, public policy development and improved theory and practice.

-Leslie Brown, Institute for Studies & Innovation in Community University Engagement
**CARBC study sheds insight on BC alcohol policy**

Recently, the BC government announced a review of the province’s liquor laws in an attempt to ‘modernize’ the seemingly restrictive and outdated laws we currently have. The government reports that they would like to increase revenue while also reducing social harm caused by alcohol. Some of the strategies that would serve the goals of modernizing our current laws are allowing alcohol to be sold in convenience or grocery stores, as well as allowing liquor outlets to be open longer.

In response, CARBC released a bulletin outlining specific recommendations for how to reduce alcohol-related harms and costs in British Columbia. Specifically, the national study compared BC to all other provinces, and ranked them according to 10 different criteria: pricing, control system, physical availability, drinking and driving, marketing, legal drinking age, brief intervention, server/retail programs, provincial strategy, and warning labels. Overall, BC ranked 2rd nationally, with 54.4% of the ideal score. However BC ranked 9th and 10th in two of the most important factors that impact harm and cost: pricing, and a control system.

To address pricing, CARBC recommends that there should be a set minimum pricing per standard drink of alcohol in both liquor stores, as well as bar and restaurant venues. To address the control system, CARBC recommends a reduction in access to alcohol through online sales and u-brew, as well as to increase social responsibility messaging by warning against the detrimental effects of alcohol.

To support their view, CARBC in conjunction with MADD Canada, held a public seminar this past week in Vancouver. Andy Murie, the CEO of MADD Canada, accompanied by lead researchers from CARBC, as well as John Carsley, medical health officer at VCH, and Celena Benndorf who works in Marketing and Advertising, made up the panel. As well as introduce a newly created blogsite for the Centre, [http://carbc2300.wordpress.com](http://carbc2300.wordpress.com), this seminar aimed to create informed public debate about the undergoing liquor law review, and to motivate individuals to visit the government’s public opinion site where they can leave their two cents regarding ‘modernizing’ BC’s liquor laws: [http://engage.gov.bc.ca/liquorpolicyreview](http://engage.gov.bc.ca/liquorpolicyreview).

-Chantele Joordens, Centre for Addictions Research of British Columbia

**POLIS water movement for freshwater sustainability**

With a recent renewal of funding from the Bullitt Foundation and the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation, the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance’s Water Sustainability Project will receive approximately $500,000 over the next three years to support its work on the future of water law, policy, and governance in Canada.

In July 2013, UVic’s POLIS Project on Ecological Governance based at the Centre for Global Studies, partnered with the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia to release the report, *The State of the Water Movement in British Columbia: A Waterscape Scan and Needs Assessment of B.C. Watershed-Based Groups*. Co-authored by POLIS co-director Oliver M. Brandes and water consultant Tim Morris, the report compiles the perspectives and opinions of a diverse mix of B.C.’s water leaders; an online survey was completed by 61 non-governmental organizations working in watersheds across B.C. and in-person interviews were conducted with 11 selected water champions.

Based on the responses received, there is a clear feeling amongst B.C.’s water leaders that the province has the potential to become a global leader in freshwater protection and sustainability. But, there are a number of challenges to achieving this vision. Major priorities identified include modernization of the century-old B.C. Water Act. First Nations water rights and shared decision-making, and impacts of a changing climate.

The authors present a series of recommendations for addressing needs and gaps in the B.C. water community, and for strengthening the collective water movement. According to the report, the next five years will be critical.

-Laura Brandes, Centre for Global Studies
Thank you for your submissions and continued interest in UVic research news.

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