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MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT RESEARCH

As I reported in the last Internal Research Newsletter, the OVPR has been planning over the past year for a significant restructuring in the way we provide support to our faculty, students and the wider community for knowledge mobilization and research partnerships. I am pleased to report that, as of this April, all of the consultations and planning resulted in the establishment of a new research support unit within the Office of Research Services (ORS) called Research Partnerships and Knowledge Mobilization (RPKM). Combining services previously provided by UVic Industry Partnerships, the Office of Community-Based Research and the ORS, the RPKM will serve as a one-stop shop to enhance UVic's considerable strength in meeting our civic engagement mission through research.

As of April, the Office of Community-based Research is closed and has transferred its service activities to the RPKM and its research programs to a new research centre that is being created under the leadership of Leslie Brown, Peter Keller and Mary-Ellen Purkis (stay tuned!).

We are all delighted that Brent Sternig, formerly of UVic Industry Partnerships, will serve as the Director for RPKM. A new website for the RPKM (www.uvic.ca/rpkm) has now launched, linking from the OVPR site. Over the course of the next few months, the members of the RPKM unit will be brought together in one location on campus but, for now, they will continue to be housed in R-Hut and ASB.

As a shining example of Knowledge Mobilization, it would be hard to beat this year's IdeaFest, ably supported by Melanie Tromp Hoover. Melanie is the new Knowledge Mobilization Coordinator for the RPKM and she, working with literally hundreds of UVic faculty, staff and students, made it possible for thousands of UVic and community members to enjoy the full range of research and creative activities undertaken at UVic. The 50+ events received excellent coverage in the media and a number of the talks and symposia were webcast to a wide audience. I want to personally thank everyone involved in IdeaFest for making it such a success. Discussions are underway to

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make IdeaFest an annual event for celebrating the research and creative excellence of our faculty, staff and students.

Finally, like all areas of campus, the OVPR has gone through the difficult process of planning for a 4% budget reduction for 2013/14. Our priority was to ensure that there were no reductions in funding for programs and services that directly support the research success of faculty. We have done some restructuring and reallocations, as well as reducing the amount of discretionary funding available for the special “one-off” requests for support, mainly for external research

proposals that arise throughout the year. We will still try to assist with these special requests to the extent possible, but it will be harder to do so going forward. Nonetheless, I am confident that our researchers will continue to prosper and that our research success will continue to expand thanks to the quality of our faculty, infrastructure, and support services.

Dr. J. Howard Brunt
Vice-President Research

Upcoming events

CAHR Summer Institute in Aboriginal Health (SI03)

The Centre for Aboriginal Health Research (CAHR) is pleased to announce its 3rd Annual Summer Institute in Aboriginal Health (SI-3). Much effort has generated new research knowledge that aims to improve Aboriginal health and the barrier is now connecting what is known to what can be done. Thus, the goal of the institute this year will be ‘Knowledge to Action’ addressed by keynote speaker, Dr. Margo Greenwood. The institute will have a specific focus of exploring the translation of Aboriginal health research into practice and the uptake of this knowledge in policy and program development.

The institute is open to all, and in past years has provided participants with a valuable and transformative learning experience through examination of Aboriginal health, research and knowledge translation. Participants will acquire knowledge and skills in: critically assessing Aboriginal public health and social policy, Aboriginal health research, evaluation, and knowledge translation; competencies in Indigenous Public Health; examining life course and social determinants of health; community-based intervention and program evaluation research; evidence-based health, social, and economic policy development; cultural safety; and ethical frameworks for Aboriginal health research.

This year the course will be offered as a professional development certificate course for working health professionals and practitioners through CAHR. This will not be offered for University course credit.

SI-3 will be held April 29 – May 3, 2013 at the First Peoples House Ceremonial Hall at UVic.

For more information: contact redgar@uvic.ca or see attached [poster](#).

www.cahr.uvic.ca

3rd Annual Aboriginal Health Summer Institute
April 29 - May 3, 2013

‘Aboriginal Health Knowledge to Action: Mobilizing Research into Policy and Practice for Better Health’

Traditional Feast Opening Night!
Keynote: **Dr. Margo Greenwood**

Academic Leader of the National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health (NCCA), 2010 Recipient of the National Aboriginal Achievement Award

Location: First Peoples House, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC

Cost: Early Bird -\$687.00/ After April 1st- \$799.00 (includes opening feast, reading materials, taxes, and processing fees)

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-Robynne Edger

Upcoming events continued

Visualization Techniques for Analyzing Mixed-method Trajectory Data

The UVic School of Nursing is hosting a May 9 workshop, Visualization Techniques for Analyzing Mixed-method Trajectory Data, led by Dr. Sharron L. Docherty (Duke University), with special guest Dr. Margarete Sandelowski (University of North Carolina). The workshop will run 1:00-4:00 p.m., May 9, 2013 in the UVic David Strong Building, Room TBA.

Workshop overview:

The UVic School of Nursing is proud to present Visualization Techniques for Analyzing Mixed-method Trajectory Data. Interest in and appreciation for person-oriented and case-centered research designs has increased as a result of the need for context-dependent knowledge in the practice disciplines. In contrast to variable-oriented approaches, analysis methods that search for patterns, trends, or typologies in case-centered and mixed-method qualitative and quantitative data are needed. Visualization is a key component of these novel methods in which patterns are identified across trajectories of data around a case.

How to register:

To find out more, or to register for the workshop, contact Emma Hannah at ehannah@uvic.ca

Registration deadline: Midnight, Friday, April 19, 2013.

Workshop fees: Student (any institution): \$50 plus tax (\$56); Regular: \$100 plus tax (\$112).

-Emily Little





CFGS visiting research fellows and graduate student fellows

People and places

Jack Littlepage

Senior Research Associate |
Centre for Global Studies

Dr. Jack Littlepage retires as a Senior Research Associate at The Centre for Global Studies (CFGS). Jack has been Senior Research Associate at CFGS for 12 years and held a regular faculty position in the department of Biology at UVic from 1965 until he joined CFGS in 2000. During his term at CFGS Jack headed the Brazilian Mariculture Linkage Program in the states of Maranhão, Rio Grande do Norte, Bahia, Espirito Santo, and Santa Catarina and the Southern Oceans Education and Development Project in Mozambique. He received the CIDA Award of Excellence in 2002, The UVic Craigdarroch Research Award in 2005 and The Louis Perinbam Award in International Development in 2010. He will be greatly missed by all at CFGS and the wider university community. We send him our warmest wishes as he enters this new phase.

-Jennifer Swift



CFGS Fellows

Visiting Research Fellows and Graduate Student Fellows |
Centre for Global Studies

Following the recent call for fellowships, the Centre for Global Studies (CFGS) would like to welcome six graduate student fellows and two visiting researcher fellows. These new fellows took up office in CFGS in January 2013. CFGS is very excited to have such a diverse community of scholars working on issues that reflect the Centre's broader thematic research themes including global governance, international environmental challenges, social justice issues and culture and identity.

The new fellows include:

Visiting Fellows in Residence:

- **Christopher Ross:** Post Doc from the Department of History at the University of Victoria (UVic)
- **Linda Sheehan:** Earth Law Centre, California

Graduate Student Fellows:

- **Michaelangelo Anastasiou:** Phd Candidate, Department of Sociology
- **Nathan Bennett:** Phd Candidate, Department of Geography
- **Anita Girvan:** Interdisciplinary Phd Candidate, with a concentration on Cultural, Social and Political Thought
- **David Huxtable:** PhD Candidate in the Department of Sociology at UVic
- **Miriam Mueller:** Joint PhD candidate at UVic and the Free University of Berlin, Department of Political Science
- **Christopher Parsons:** PhD candidate, Department of Political Science

-Jennifer Swift



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Research digest

CCCBE Book Launch in Midst of IdeaFest

At the midpoint of IdeaFest 2013, Ana María Peredo, Director of the Centre for Cooperative and Community-based Economy (CCCBE), welcomed a large and diverse group of university and community members to a stimulating discussion led by Mike Lewis, arising out of the launch of a book, *The Resilience Imperative: Co-Operative Transitions to a Steady State Economy*. Written by Mike Lewis, Director of the Canadian Centre for Community Renewal and Director of the BC-Alberta Research Alliance on the Social Economy, together with Pat Conaty of the UK New Economics Foundation, the book reviews a wide range of important success stories in the social economy.

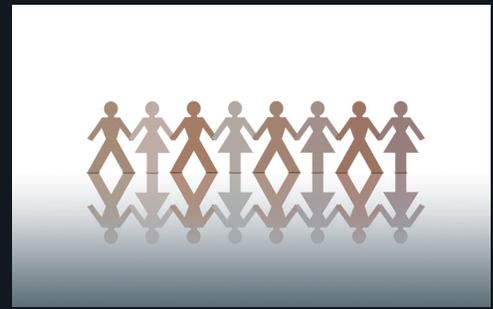
In introducing Mike, Rod Dobell, Senior Advisor at CCCBE, noted that this latest work forms part of a long career directed toward linking ideas to action within the social economy. Reflecting the ongoing research agenda of the Centre, that work operates in part at a theoretical scale, building on many years of literature addressing the dynamics and resilience of the complex social-ecological systems in which all human activity is embedded. More importantly, it attempts to link this work with continuing experimental work in behavioural social sciences, cognitive structures and experiential learning to understand and promote the emergence of cooperative forms of organization and evolution of social norms of reciprocity and trust.

Mike's presentation was characteristically pointed and dynamic, and will be accessible through the [Centre website](#).

-Rod Dobell



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CFGS IdeaFest Activities

CFGS was very active with IdeaFest this year hosting/co-hosting 5 events, all of which very popular and often over capacity. A brief summary of the five events is below.

Religion, Rights and Political Upheaval (co-hosted with CSRS)

A UVic faculty panel discussed the jailing of the Russian punk band Pussy Riot, Canada's newly formed Office of Religious Freedom and demonstrations sparked by an American pastor's burning of the Qur'an, which reminded us of the tensions that exist between religion and liberal societies globally.

Cultural Dimensions of Ecological Governance

CFGS's POLIS project convened a diverse panel of experts examining the relationship between ecological governance and culture values, norms, integrity or even cultural identity.

Digital Fishers featured in "Games without Frontiers"

A broad spectrum of participants gathered to explore, discuss and marvel at the power of video-game technology to bring people together to improve the world.

Critical issues in BC's Watersheds: Industry, Indigenous Governance & Legal Entitlements

CFGS's POLIS project explored three critical water challenges facing Canadians today: natural gas development and tracking; indigenous governance and collaborative water governance; and water entitlements.

Chinggis Khan's Quest for Security: Tribe, State and Empire (hosted by CFGS, CAPI & Dept. of PoliSci)

Dr. Bedeski examined Chinggis Khan's longevity presiding over a unified state and empire by illustrating family, tribal and political inputs.

-Jennifer Swift

CCCBE IdeaFest 2013 Panel Discussion

The Centre for Co-operative and Community Based Economy (CCCBE) hosted a panel presentation on Indigenous Models of Community Economy as a 2013 IdeaFest event.

Panelists included Na'cha'uaht (Cliff Atleo Jr.), UVic alumnus and U of Alberta PhD candidate, Dr. Rod Dobell, CCCBE Senior Advisor, and Dr. Ana María Peredo, CCCBE Director and Professor in the Gustavson School of Business.

Atleo spoke about neoliberal economic pressures in Nuu-chah-nulth territories and the efforts of some people to re-establish economic practices rooted in traditional Indigenous principles. Dobell addressed the "commons" and "open access resources" including his experience with the Clayoquot Alliance and localized decision making on resource development. Based on her extensive work with the Andean communities, Peredo identified our need to redefine "prosperity" as well as the value of "embedded economies."

The topics that were introduced by the panelists stimulated an active discussion covering a range of questions from faculty, students and community members including the problem of perpetual growth in most contemporary economic systems and the challenge of scaling up fruitful local community practices to larger regional or national scales. The substantially interactive session illustrated that this is a crucial topic not often addressed in a cross-disciplinary manner.

-Sandy Polomark

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Launch of Data Collection Site for the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA)

The official launch of a Data Collection Site for the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA) at the Gorge Road Hospital was held on Feb 28. The event included tours of the clinic, as well as demonstrations of the state-of-the-art equipment and assessment tools. Participants from the study were on hand to talk with reporters. The CLSA is a 20-year collaborative project involving 11 data collection sites at universities and research institutes across Canada. To date, more than 21,000 participants have been recruited, with the goal of 50,000 by 2015.



Researchers from the University of Victoria's Centre on Aging (COAG) will oversee data collected every three years from 3,000 Victoria residents aged 45-85 who will be randomly selected and invited to participate through home interviews and physical assessments. The UVic site is also home to a computer-assisted telephone interviewing centre that will collect information from another 3000 British Columbia participants by phone. The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) have leveraged \$50 million in funding for the study, with additional support from provincial governments, affiliated universities and research institutions, and the Vancouver Island Health Authority in British Columbia.

-Debra Sheets

National Colloquium on Indigenous Knowledge and Aboriginal Health Research

UVic Centre for Aboriginal Health Research (CAHR) houses a number of significant national initiatives in Aboriginal health including the Aboriginal Health Research Networks Secretariat (AHRNetS). AHRNetS is the national coordinating body for the CIHR-funded Network Environments for Aboriginal Health Research (NEAHRs) located at universities across Canada. AHRNetS recently co-hosted the National Colloquium on Indigenous Knowledge and Aboriginal Health Research, preceded by an Elder's Indigenous Knowledge Gathering in Vancouver, BC on March 12-13, 2013. Territorial co-hosts for this event were Kloshe Tillicum and Alberta NEAHRs.

Elders, traditional knowledge holders, researchers, national and community based organizations and CIHR Institutes came together to focus on the critical and foundational role of Indigenous knowledge in health and research programming. The national Working Group that organized the event plans on maintaining the network of Elders and knowledge holders that came together at the gathering, as well as produce a proceedings report on the Colloquium. The report on the first National Colloquium on Racism, Cultural Safety and Aboriginal Peoples' Health held in 2012 and co-hosted by AHRNetS and Anisnabe Kekendazone can be downloaded from the [AHRNetS website](#).

-Namaste Marsden

Research digest continued

Recent highlights from the School of Music:

- Composition professor, screenwriter and filmmaker John Celona earned a Diamond Award at the California Film Awards in the screenwriting category for an unproduced sci-fi black-comedy thriller called *Lady Smoke*
- Jonathan Goldman presented the paper “Alberto Ginastera’s CLAEM (Argentina, 1962) and Pierre Mercure’s SIMA (Quebec, 1961): Two faces of ‘ex-centric’ cosmopolitanism” at the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Music in Little Rock, Arkansas (March 2013)
- Benjamin Butterfield performed Haydn’s “Creation” at Carnegie Hall, NYC (December 2012) and “Elijah” with The Washington Chorus in Washington, DC (February, 2013)
- Patrick Boyle’s article “The Art of Practice” will appear in the *International Trumpet Guild Journal* this year (2013)
- Michelle Fillion presented “Beethoven Grazioso” at Stanford University, CA (February 2013)
- Susan Lewis Hammond presented papers at the Music Library Association in San Jose (February 2013) and the conference on Religion and Society (Tempe, March 2013)
- Daniel Biro had a new piece, “Gam Zera (Also the Seed)” for choir and electronics, performed by the Vienna Jeunesse Choir at the Austrian Radio under the conductor and UVic colleague, Ajtony Csaba (February 2013)
- The Lafayette String Quartet and Distinguished Profesor Harald Krebs joined forces to host the Second Viennese School, a series of concerts by the Lafayette Sting Quartet and guests Molinari Quartet with lectures by leading scholars from Canada and the US (February 2013)
- The Lafayette String Quartet will perform a series of California Concerts featuring the music of Mozart, Mendelssohn-Hensel, and Brahms (April 2013)
- School of Music Professor Emeritus Ian McDougall’s 2012 album *The Very Thought of You* has been nominated for a Juno Award in the “Instrumental Album of the Year” category. The recording features 13 jazz standards with McDougall’s signature trombone backed by a lush string section

-Susan Lewis



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iLanguaging App Developed by Applied Linguistics Research Team

The Applied Linguistics Research Team led by Dr. Li-Shih Huang at the Department of Linguistics, which brought together undergraduate and graduate students from linguistics, applied linguistics and business, recently completed the development of both iPhone and Android apps – [iLanguaging](#). The apps are part of its ongoing research on how second-language learners develop their strategic behaviours and language production by using different modalities of reflection. The release of the iLanguaging app will enable the team to begin its investigation on mobile-mediated reflection as compared to other traditional, commonly used types of reflection, such as written reflection or computer-mediated reflection.

Both versions of the current iLanguaging app can be downloaded freely and customized to meet the needs of other language researchers who research learner reflection and self-regulated learning or language teachers who wish to integrate learner reflection into their teaching. The French and the Mandarin versions of the iLanguaging app will also soon be made freely available to instructors teaching those languages.

-Li-Shih Huang



CARTE hosted Autism's Own Conference

On April 2, World Autism Awareness Day, UVic's Centre for Autism Research, Technology, and Education (CARTE) hosted Autism's Own Conference. Poetry, dance, music and a theatrical performance all took place in an evening of autism cultural sharing.

Autism's Own Conference was founded, organized, and enacted by persons with autism including support roles such as the complete planning committee, the Master of Ceremonies, set designer, stage manager, technology director, lobby hosts and other valuable creative behind-the-scenes roles. Opening remarks from VP of Academic Planning, Dr. Katherine Mateer, Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr. Peter Keller, and UVic psychology professor, Dr. James Tanaka. Joseph Z. Sheppard, Authors with Autism, was the keynote speaker. The evening also included many dynamic talks by contributors to *Autism's Own Journal*, an UVic peer-reviewed journal featuring topics about autism by writers with autism. For more information see [CARTE's website](#).

-Anne MacLaurin



Award and grant-recipients

Call for Applications for the 2014 Killam Research Fellowships

The 2014 Killam Research Fellowships competition is now open. Fellowships are awarded each year, normally to full professors at Canadian universities who have an outstanding reputation in their area of research. The fellowship provides 2 years of release time (valued at \$70,000 per year).

The deadline date for submission of a Killam Research Fellowship application to the Canada Council for the Arts is May 15, 2013. However, as the submission requires institutional approval, the internal UVic deadline is **May 1, 2013**. Please contact Terri Myhr, Pre-Awards Grants Officer at grants@uvic.ca if you have any questions. Brad Buie, Awards Facilitator, at awardfac@uvic.ca, is available to assist with crafting the nomination.

Past University of Victoria recipients of the Killam Research Fellowship include Dr. Nancy Turner, Dr. Andrew Weaver and Dr. Don Vandenberg.

-Brad Buie

DMS Faculty Awarded CIHR Grants

Two faculty members in the Division of Medical Sciences (DMS) are recent recipients of significant Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) operating grants. Dr. Craig Brown will receive \$623,900 over the next five years to investigate the impact of diabetes on brain function and recovery from ischemic stroke. Dr. Brian Christie will receive \$826,290 over the next five years identifying the role of Fragile-X Mental Retardation Protein (FMRP) in hippocampal learning and memory processes.

-Christine Wood

CIHR Grant Funding Research on Fragile-X Syndrome

As mentioned in the previous article, Dr. Christie's laboratory was awarded a CIHR operating grant (\$826,290) in January to study Fragile-X syndrome. Fragile-X Mental Retardation Protein (FMRP) is a protein that is expressed in neurons throughout the brain. When this protein is absent, humans will develop the most common form of mental retardation, Fragile-X Syndrome, and/or autism. FMRP itself is interesting because it interacts with over 800 different proteins in the brain. The lab's work seeks to determine if disruptions in its interactions with other synaptic proteins, particularly the n-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor, play a role in impairing synaptic plasticity, learning and memory.

-Brian Christie



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Award and grant-recipients continued

Dr. Ana María Peredo Recipient of 2013 University of Victoria Community Leadership Award

Dr. Ana María Peredo is a recipient of the 2013 University of Victoria Community Leadership Award. Peredo, Director of the Centre for Co-operative and Community-Based Economy (CCCBE) and a Professor in the Gustavson School of Business, says “it is a tremendous honour to be included even as a nominee for this award, let alone a winner. I am grateful for the support of UVic and I am in debt to many people – I hope they know who they are! - who contribute to my everyday work that is being recognized here. These are really team awards.”

Ana María has linked the university and the community through her teaching, her research and her leadership. She has created numerous opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students. Her work explores the role of business in alleviating poverty and fostering sustainable communities, locally and internationally. Peredo says, “The leadership ceremony is an example of a community coming together to celebrate the search for solutions to social challenges. We in Victoria have a special social ecosystem that makes us a vibrant community. The diverse ways in which communities come together is what keeps me excited in my academic life.”

-Sandy Polomark

Faculty of Social Sciences Announces 2013 Excellence Awards

The Faculty of Social Sciences proudly announces the 2013 Excellence Awards for teaching, research, staff and community service. The Social Sciences Awards of Excellence began in 1998 as a way to acknowledge the hard work, commitment, and service shown by the people who work in the Faculty of Social Sciences. Well done!

Recipients of the 2013 Social Sciences Awards of Excellence are as follows:

Community Service Award	Becky Wigen (ANTH)
Research	John Volpe (ENVI)
Staff	Lori Cretney (ECON) and Dallas Harwood (University Systems/SOSC)
Teaching	Janni Aragon (POLI)

-Anne MacLaurin

Award and grant-recipients continued



Drs. Gil-Mohapel and Brocardo Recipients of “Science Without Borders” Grant

Dr. Joana Gil-Mohapel, Research Associate, and Dr. Patricia Brocardo, Post-Doctoral Fellow, from Dr. Brian R. Christie’s Neuroscience Laboratory at the Division of Medical Sciences (DMS), were recently the recipients of a “Science Without Borders” (Ciência Sem Fronteiras) grant awarded by the Brazilian Federal Government (\$298,246 CAD).

The main goal of the “Science Without Borders” funding program is to promote the consolidation and expansion of science, technology and innovation in Brazil by means of international exchange and mobility. This federal program promotes the establishment of international partnerships between young international and highly qualified researchers and Brazilian scientists through the development of joint research projects.

The project financed is entitled Development of Neuroprotective Strategies for Huntington’s Disease and its main goal is to develop and test therapeutic strategies that can be used as early interventions to prevent or rescue the cognitive and motor deficits associated with this devastating neurodegenerative disorder.

By promoting the partnership, this grant will contribute for the internationalization of not only the awarded researchers, but also the Division of Medical Sciences, and the *University of Victoria*.

-Joana Gil-Mohapel

School of Nursing Award Recipients

Congratulations to Lynne Young

Award recipient of the 2013 College of Registered Nurses of British Columbia (CRNBC) Award for Excellence in Nursing Education. This award is presented to registered nurses who demonstrate excellence in nursing education in the nurses’ own work settings (e.g., colleges, institutes, universities or health care agencies).



Congratulations to Lynne Young

Award recipient of the 2012 Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing (CASN) for Excellence in Nursing Education (Tenured) Fostering the highest standards in professional nursing education is a critical component of CASN’s mission. The objective of the award for Excellence in Nursing Education is to acknowledge the contributions and accomplishments of individuals to the realization of our mission and to promote and disseminate good practices in nursing education.

Congratulations to Lenora Marcellus and Bernie Pauly

Lenora Marcellus & Bernie Pauly have been chosen as two of only 30 nurses from across Canada to be awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of her dedication, commitment and contribution to the nursing profession. The Award Ceremony was held in March 2013 in Ottawa.

Congratulations to Diana Gicas, Robin Sobie and Christine Upright

Celebrating the successes of our HSD Award of Excellence winners Diana Gicas (CUPE Category), Robin Scobie (Faculty category), and Christine Upright (Sessional Category).

-Emily Little



Research operations update

Reminder: Please consider a nomination for the Ralph Scheurle Research Services Staff Award

Mr. Ralph Scheurle retired from the University of Victoria in 2012, after over 38 years at the university. In his career, he made significant contributions to the area of animal care services, in his first position as a technician in the department of biology and his role as the manager of animal care services in the Office of Research Services.

In 2010, Ralph's service to the university community was recognized in the President's Distinguished Service Award for Excellence in Service. The award citation read in part:

When people think of the Animal Services Unit at UVic, they think of Ralph Scheurle. Ralph consistently focuses on the goal of providing high quality services to UVic faculty, while ensuring the highest standards of animal care and the best possible working conditions for staff.

In recognition of Ralph's service to the UVic community, the Ralph Scheurle Staff Service Award has been established to recognise the contributions of staff in in the Office of Research Services in support of research and research services.

Please consider making a nomination, the deadline is **May 15, 2013**.
The award criteria is posted on the [Research website](#).

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*Christina Barnes - 2012 recipient of the
Ralph Scheurle Staff Service Excellence Award*



Research Centre updates

CFBR and DMS Hosted Changing Brain Symposium at UVic for High School Students

On March 7, 2013 Let's Talk Science, the Centre for Biomedical Research (CFBR) and the Division of Medical Sciences (DMS) hosted 85 local high school students and their teachers at UVic for the Changing Brain Symposium. The day was dedicated to introducing students to the diverse and exciting field of neuroscience. The symposium was kicked off by Dr. Paul Zehr introducing the participants to neuroscience with his exciting Inventing Ironman talk. As the day progressed, the students, led by Biology and Medical Science graduate students, toured the labs of neuroscience UVic researchers Dr. Leigh Anne Swayne (DMS), Dr. Craig Brown (DMS), Dr. Bob Chow (Biology), Dr. Jim Tanaka (Psychology) and Dr. Paul Zehr (DMS). In the labs the students observed how research is conducted and participated in hands-on activities in the different areas of neuroscience.

After the tours the students shifted from learning about the brain and research to exercising their own brains. As a warm up the students answered questions based on the tours and then stretched their minds through a word search and mind stretching jumbles. The day was wrapped up by Dr. Leigh Anne Swayne and a demonstration by the graduate student volunteers of the Brain Bee that will be happening at UVic in May. The students left the day with new excitement about neuroscience and a better understanding about all that goes on in the human brain.

-Marjorie Wilder



Research Centre updates continued

CCCBE and CFGS Support Co-operative Initiative for Peace and Social Inclusion

For over 200 years, the international co-operative movement has advocated peace and social inclusion. It has done so partly because it often emerged during periods of war and social violence and because of a commitment to economic democracy and social inclusion and its principle of being open to everyone who can use its services.

The Co-operative Initiative for Peace and Social Inclusion brings together researchers and practitioners concerned about this important theme in Co-operative Studies. It focuses on co-operatives that bring people together who traditionally have not collaborated effectively because of historic, ethnic, religious or political reasons. It explores how co-operatives serve diverse members through the kinds of governance and managerial approaches they employ; their connections with other civil society organisations; and their understandings of co-operative thought.

An Executive Committee drawn from UVic and from other organisations, including the International Co-operative Alliance, will guide its work. Currently 40 research associates from 17 different countries will be involved in this work. This initiative will be under the direction of Dr. Ian MacPherson, Emeritus Professor of History and specialist in Co-operative Studies. The Centre of Co-operative and Community-Based Economy (CCCBE) will host and support this work in association with the Centre for Global Studies (CFGS).

-Sandy Polomark



10th Anniversary of CFGS' Polis Water Sustainability Project

2013 marks the 10-year anniversary of the POLIS Water Sustainability Project (WSP), part of the POLIS Project on Ecological Governance at UVic's Centre for Global Studies (CFGS). The entire project team is thrilled to be celebrating this milestone. The WSP couldn't have made it this far without the support of all its funders, the research community—at UVic and at universities across Canada—and those concerned citizens and leaders who share their time and energy to champion the WSP's work.

Back in 2003, the WSP was a little project with a team of one. It grew out of the wonderful idea from Dr. Michael M'Gonigle (UVic Faculty of Law/School of Environmental Studies) that fresh water was on the cusp of being a major issue across Canada, and especially in British Columbia. How correct he was. A decade of hard work later—with extraordinary people, wonderful partnerships and real opportunities to make an impact—the WSP team is inspired and empowered by the fact that its research keeps growing and the project keeps improving.

POLIS will be marking this year with celebrations, as well as reflections on highlights from the WSP's first decade of success. For more information contact Laura Brandes at communications@polisproject.org.

-Jennifer Swift

Tell us your story

Thank you for your submissions and continued interest in UVic research news.

Please consider [contributing a story online](#) for the next newsletter and be sure to keep up with the latest issues of [The Ring](#) and [KnowLEDGE](#) for the latest in research at UVic.

Your research bulletin board

This is a space where you can post quick notes to the research community at UVic. Use [this page](#) to announce an upcoming lecture or the publication of your work, tell us if you've won an award, share which graduate students and post-docs you've started working with—the possibilities are endless.

Posts should be submitted online and include approximately 100 words; please include dates, contact information and links where appropriate. All messages are moderated and published by the Office of the Vice-President Research.

Spread the news

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Please contact Valerie Shore, Research Communications Officer in UVic Communications at 7641 or yshore@uvic.ca with your story and outreach ideas.



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