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- Read about the life and legacy of Ken Hatt
- Department Members Receive Awards and Honours
- Essay Extension helps Food Bank
- Recent Graduates
- Undergraduate News & Research

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In this Spring Issue

Welcome to the latest edition of the department's newsletter. A lot has been taking place since the last edition at the beginning of September. The fall term ended on a sad note, with news of Ken Hatt's passing in mid December. As an adjunct professor within the department, Ken was admired by students and colleagues alike. His ready smile, encouraging words and positive outlook will be missed. This edition pays tribute to Ken's academic and personal legacy with an obituary and submissions from graduate students he worked with at UVic and abroad. It is evident that Ken influenced the lives of many and will be deeply missed.

Another semester is coming to a close and with it, final papers and exams for students and grading for instructors. In addition to teaching, faculty have been busy with various research projects and publications. See pages 7-8 for departmental news and pages 12-14 for recent publications. Undergraduate and graduate students have been sharpening their research and writing skills as well, news of which are highlighted in pages 9-11.

With Spring comes changes. If you haven't met Kate Roland yet, a post-doc working with Dr. Neena Chappell, take a little break and wander down the hall to say hello (see her write-up on page 9). We are also saying good-bye to Ronna West, our always cheerful and helpful office receptionist. We wish Ronna all the very best as she enjoys an active retirement!

In the next issue we'd like to highlight the various research projects that faculty and students are involved in. We've given the newsletter a bit of a new look. Let us know what you think; suggestions and comments are always welcome. Happy Spring!

Ruth Kampen, Editor

Ronna is Retiring!



After eight great years as Receptionist in the Department of Sociology, we regret that Ronna West has announced her retirement at the end of April. Ronna first started working

for Secretarial Services in 1989 and has worked in many different departments along the way. She worked with Carole in the Biochemistry Department where they first met in 1992. We were very happy to have Ronna join us as Receptionist in Sociology in September 2005. The office staff and department members will all sincerely miss her as she takes up residence in Lady-

smith.

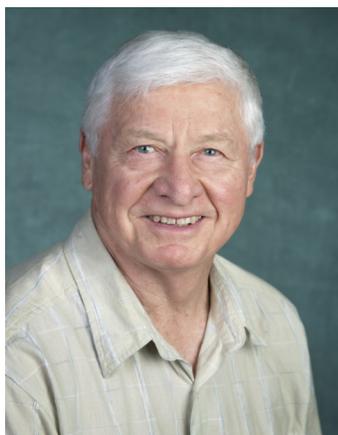
We wish her all the best as she rides off into the sunset on her ATV, and enjoys many successful fishing trips!

Carole and Zoe



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Ken Hatt (1937-2012) The Department Remembers a Dear Colleague



Ken Hatt, a member of the UVic Sociology Department and, previously, of Carleton University's Department of Sociology and Anthropology, passed away on December 13, 2012 just four days before his 75th birthday. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, colleagues and thousands of ex-students all over the world.

Ken was born in Terrell, Texas and lived his early years there before moving to Douglas, Arizona for junior high and high school. He completed his undergraduate degree at Redlands College in California, attended Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, California, completed a Master's degree at California State University, and a PhD in Sociology from the University of Alberta. While at Cal State, Ken worked for two years full time at a medium-security prison—in security, on the living units and then teaching remedial arithmetic—while taking courses. He then shifted jobs to street work with gangs on the east side of Los Angeles. His assignment was to find a gang on the streets and convince them to come to a social centre for basketball a couple of times a week.

In 1965, Ken began doctoral studies at the University of Alberta. His dissertation involved field work on a Métis village in northeastern Alberta, south of the oil sands. He lived there off-and on for two years, with a family. His project documented the social organization of the community and the region, with reference to poverty. His research led to an improved water system in the community and he helped establish a day school run by local women. To put this in the socio-historical context of the Métis, he turned to the structure and organization of the fur trade. In the process, he consolidated the collected works of Jim Brady and Malcolm Norris, two radical Métis organizers. These documents were made available to archives. He also collected all documents from the Public Archives of Canada on the Scrip Commissions, 1870-1910—the organizations designated to assess their aboriginal status. While some of this work was published, most was done for the Native Council of Canada in their struggle to achieve recognition.

After teaching briefly at Eastern Oregon College, Ken entered the faculty of Carleton University in Ottawa in 1970, where he taught Sociology until 1995. While at Carleton, he founded the first undergraduate criminology programme in Canada. He insisted that all students must complete a term of practical experience in a criminal or social justice agency. From 1977-1983, he administered the programme, taught a full course load and supervised hundreds of placements. After 1983, he continued teaching a full course load while administering the program until 1989.

Ken's impressive career spanned several decades. His research and personal characteristics impacted the lives of many.

In this period, Ken served ten years on the Legislative and Policy committee of the Canadian Criminal Justice Association. He chaired a task force on probation that consulted with probation and other justice officials across Canada. Ten of the seventeen task force recommendations were included in the proposed legislation in Bill C-19. This led to an article in the *Canadian Journal of Criminology* on Probation in Canada. In addition, he chaired a national meeting of the 53 organizations in the National Associations Active in Criminal Justice and co-authored a policy statement, "Social Responsibility in Canadian Criminal Justice." In 1984, a criminology graduate was murdered at a local halfway house where she was working. This was the first incident of this sort in Canada and a provincial inquiry began. Ken attended the entire six-week inquiry, took intensive notes and was granted access to the key documents. His monograph, *The Paper Trail*, was a study of the incident and of the new liberalized risk management policies in Canadian federal corrections. Ken was never able to find a publisher for the manuscript.

In 1988, Ken began attending bi-weekly meetings with the Lifer's Group at Collins Bay Penitentiary in Kingston, Ontario, whose agenda included securing the right for prisoners to vote. He continued this work until 1995. From this, he began an analysis of change in Canadian criminal justice (with Tullio Caputo and Barbara Perry) from a liberal policy of protection and rehabilitation to a policy built around risk and surveillance. In one of these articles, he analyzed the entirety of Canadian sentencing legislation from 1984 to 1997. The article also provided empirical evidence supporting Michel Foucault's work on risk and governance. The work with Caputo and Perry led to

Ken Hatt, 1937-2012

development of the notion of managing consent, spurring several journal and book articles. Ken's service work in the field of criminal justice continued well into the 2000s, as he served on the advisory council of the Canadian Commission on Law Reform (2002-2006).

In 1995, Ken and his wife, Susan moved to Victoria where he joined the Department of Sociology at the University of Victoria as an adjunct professor. He taught mostly large undergraduate courses until 2006 when he turned to students doing graduate work.

In 1998, he briefly joined his daughter, Kierstin, while she was doing dissertation research on a banana plantation in Costa Rica. Her work, which included the "banana trade wars" between the US and the EU, stimulated him to turn to research on food in an international context.

Ken's work on food expanded when Jessica Duncan, a former graduate student of Ken's at UVic, was hired by the University of Catalonia (Barcelona) to assist in revising their curriculum. Discussion led to the view that trade liberalization should be linked to food governance, and Ken was asked to prepare material and teach the online graduate course. In 2010, the first edition of the textbook on *Trade Liberalisation and Food Governance*, with thirty scholarly readings was published. Eleven graduate students from around the world completed the course, which he taught.

In 2011 a greatly revised version for a second cohort of international graduate students; in 2012 the third edition was published. At the University of Victoria Ken also worked with graduate students interested in food stud-

ies. His interest was in small producers and that was included in his texts as well. In 2011, Ken volunteered one day a week on a small, local, organic farm, weeding and helping other growing and harvesting.

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In applying this perspective to a Canadian setting, Ken published an article on the Canadian Listeriosis outbreak of 2008. The study documented the development of the outbreak, based on a reading of all relevant parliamentary investigation papers, and the role played by Canadian government use of risk-management strategies, from conception to application in auditing techniques at processing plants. Ken identified clearly the various factors that led to the outbreak. The paper was published in *Agriculture and Human Values* in 2012.

In 2006 Ken returned to his long concern about linking sociology with the environment. In 1984 he had been co-chair of a group protesting the use of the pesticide 2-4D in Ottawa parks. He led a 39-day sit-in and, after several years of dealing with environmental committees, Ottawa banned the use of all 2-4D in parks. In this period, Ken had also served for five years as the faculty representative at Carleton on Health and Safety that dealt with issues such as passive smoking and sealed-buildings.

After 2006, Ken was able to devote time to work deeply on the challenge of grounding sociology in ecology. In order to do that, he turned to the critical realists. He found a way to inte-

grate their work with Gramsci's dynamic formulation of social and political power. This led to a paper on complexity, published in the *Canadian Journal of Sociology* in 2009. In this paper he developed and integrated the work of the critical realists and Gramsci. The paper sets out a more contemporary ontological and epistemology formulation and a non-linear methodology, with specific techniques that illustrate the methodology.

From this Ken devised a way to integrate social relations in the critical-realist format (interaction, organization and structure) with ecological organization (landscape, ecosystem and environment). This led to a paper, in *Society and Natural Resources* in 2012, that sets out the social attractor, a Gramscian "universal" that organizes social relations as ecological attractors do in ecosystems. Ken completed the second revision of his text book and saw his most recent scholarly article published just weeks before he passed away.

He was an intellectual and an academic fuelled by a strong sense of justice, a well-developed sense of humour and a heart as big as the universe. He was always completely accessible to his family, his many friends and his students. He also wrote poetry, played the ukulele and loved many things: running, soccer, biking, baseball, the Arizona desert, growing organic vegetables, everything Italian (including travel to Italy), good coffee, good wine, good music, Monty Python, elephants and chickens to name only a few. His passing leaves a huge hole in the lives of many.

Submitted by Susan Hatt & Bill Carroll

Students Remember Ken Hatt

“He taught me to read...he taught me to trust...he taught me to look for the real story.”

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More than anyone I ever knew, Dr. Ken Hatt understood the connections between sociological theory and the day to day work of making social change.

My name is Robin Tunnicliffe. I am a full time organic farmer on the Saanich Peninsula. I am also one of the three farmers who have been the core of the organic farming business known as Saanich Organics. With other small scale farmers in this area, we have been working to make our food system more ecologically sustainable and socially just.



Ken and I became fast friends while he supervised my thesis work in food policy from 2008-2011. He was an adjunct professor in the department of Sociology. I went back to school to learn about the geopolitical forces acting on our food system. He came out to the farm to see the local alternative in action.

Tuesdays became a highlight for us on the farm because Ken would show up to lend a hand with homemade muffins and coffee in tow. Fascinating discussion would often spark over weeding carrots and thinning beets. The farmhands were keen to hear Ken's analysis, and he took the time to explain concepts so that everyone could participate in the discussion. He loved to make ideas accessible, and he had faith that everyone could understand if given some background. His generosity changed us for the better.

That same patience and deep listening permeated his directed reading classes. He took the time to understand exactly what I wanted to learn, and then designed a course with the most relevant readings. When I couldn't get a concept, or got lost in an article, the next class he'd show up with a chart that he'd dug up or

another article –the precise stepping stone I needed to get to the next level.

Having a teacher like Ken elevated my education to an exceptional experience. He taught me to read – “start with the conclusion and decide if its reasonable, and then critique the arguments as they appear.” He taught me to trust “Your brain is smarter than you are, do your best and then sleep on it.” He taught me to look for the real story, “hone your crap detector” was a common mantra. He was dedicated to my success and I am grateful to have known him.

Ken will be missed, at the market with encouraging words for the young farmers, at school with his genuine interest in student projects, and on the farm where his cheery demeanour and humble willingness to learn is a wonderful legacy.

Robin Tunnicliffe

Ken was helping me work through what felt to me like tedious final stages of my thesis one day when he suddenly looked up and grinned, “Isn't this fun? This should be fun! If it's not fun, there's no point!” It was an apt and timely reminder for me, and also a philosophy that I suspect he applied broadly. I had a lot of fun with Ken, both exploring problems of the social world, and enjoying it in gatherings of friends and family. Ken's company was always comfortable.

He was warm, welcoming, upbeat and authentic, and shared extensively of himself with others. I have valued the wisdom that he shared with me and his approach to life, and am fortunate to have been his student and friend.

Kate Hughes (Grad 2011)

In Memory of Ken Hatt

In 2009, when my mom came to visit me in Victoria for the first time, Ken (my MA co-supervisor 2006-2008) invited us to dinner. My mom had heard me speak often about Ken and she was excited to meet him and eat the delicious food I raved about. The conversation at dinner was stimulating as always and it did not take long for her to notice the connection between us and how committed he and Susan (who was out of town that evening) were to supporting me as I took on the challenges of living life with a serious illness. My mom was so touched by Ken's generosity that when she returned home she took on one of her worst fears – the computer.

Not knowing how to connect to the internet, let alone send emails, with some guidance from my sister my mom sent her very first email and the recipient was Ken. My siblings and I had tried for years to encourage her to use the computer so she could email with us and in one night Ken left such a lasting impression on her heart and mind that she decided to brave the computer in order to thank him for all of the guidance and nourishment he provided me with and to let him know she could rest easier knowing he was here and willing to support me any way he could.

Manda Roddick, PhD Student

“...my mom sent her very first email and the recipient was Ken.”

Teacher, Mentor, Colleague and Friend

He made string figures. Not cat's cradle as most people automatically assume, although he could do that too. No, Ken would move string around and through his fingers in complicated ways to produce animal replicates. His early field work in Métis communities in northern Canada had sparked this interest in string figures.

Last time I saw him, we sat in his living room and he showed me the formations he had committed to memory. He had started framing them recently, his way of preserving memory and knowledge, and again, in his own way, also having fun. The patience, the complexity and the simplicity that embody string figures in many ways exemplify Ken and his approach to life. It's this delicate balance he managed to achieve that made him so special.

The world lost an amazing teacher when Ken died. What made him a good teacher was not his breadth of knowledge (which was impressive) or even the way he translated this knowledge to his students (which was seemingly effortless, although when I starting having my own existential teaching-related crises he let me know that he worked “damn hard” at it). Rather, what made Ken a great teacher was that he really cared: it was his dedication and commitment to teaching that set him apart.

Time and again he would patiently and encouragingly sit through the mumbled confusion of a hyperventilating grad student as they worked through some layer of social complexity and then, just as he manipulated string, he would

revisit and rework the ideas with you, coaxing you until the ideas took some semblance of a recognisable shape.

Ken and I recently started teaching together in an international programme run out of Barcelona, Spain. Ken was often referred to as “our fearless leader”. When he passed away, students began sending in their condolences and memories.

On the next page some snippets from these letters are included. They show not only the influence and impact he had on his students, but also the reach: from Birmingham to Zambia. And I know he got a kick out of engaging with so many different people. It's just the kind of guy he was.

Jessica Duncan

“What made Ken a great teacher was that he really cared: it was his dedication and commitment to teaching that set him apart.”

Memories from Students Around the Globe

“It is with great loss to the world that we cannot benefit from his wisdom directly, but we can continue being inspired and inspiring others through his teachings and approach.”

I spent only a brief time learning from Ken, but he touched my life in some really vital places. His facility with the analytic process was only a small part of this impact. I will always be especially grateful for his kindness. Peace and grace to all who loved him as you celebrate his life and as you grieve.

Birmingham, Alabama, USA

I can't even begin to express just how much this news saddens me. Although I mentioned this to Ken just weeks ago, I want to reiterate just how pivotal his course was in the way that I saw the food system. I came with no prior understanding and yet I was met with patience and sincere encouragement to 'keep reading' :).

His class was by far the most challenging yet equally the most rewarding. Ken's kindness and persistence won me over -- long after I got frustrated with neo-liberalism and trade. I am forever grateful for his gentle approach, his patience and passion, and for working so closely with me on my thesis.

South Korea

I was indeed saddened to receive the news about the passing of Prof. Ken Hatt. He introduced me to the concept of cybernetics and power relationships in the food systems and was an adept motivator that makes learning easy, no matter how tough the subject matter may be. I recall in one of his writings to me: “Now, I’ve done more yelling at you than supporting, but that’s because you do excellent work and my job is to be both your staunchest supporter AND your fiercest critic. Excellent work. I’m just trying to make it even better.”

I wish my Professor, Supervisor, staunchest supporter and fiercest critic rest in peace, my prayer to God is to grant his family the fortitude to bear his passing.

Nigeria

The terms 'loss' and 'inspiration' come to mind and soul after hearing the news about Dr. Ken

Hatt. He was what all professors ought to aspire to be – inspirational through engagement - engaged with his academic fields, the real world policy and real politick, transforming classes into communities, and engaged with his students by taking into account their goals and interests. He challenged students by illustrating how topics were inter-connected, relevant and inherently complex - affording his fortunate students the opportunities to develop the analytical tools and discipline essential for policy and programming excellence. He has inspired, influenced and made an impact on a new generation of citizens of the world.

It is with great loss to the world that we cannot benefit from his wisdom directly but we can continue being inspired and inspiring others through his teachings and approach.

Kenya

I am writing from Zambia with an incredible sense of loss. There is something that moved me about him. It was his commitment to understanding the impact of Liberalisation on small holders. I wondered how a person, brought up and living in the 1st World like Canada would take a genuine interest in people that are probably living thousands of miles from where he lived. It only took a man with a heart to invest his life in such a cause and I am sure Ken 's heart was so big that he took an interest in my people, our people and the struggles they go through.

Zambia

I was deeply saddened by the news of Ken's death. Occasionally in life someone crosses my path who manages to trigger a paradigm shift. Ken did this with the course that he taught on trade liberalization and food governance. I was continuously having those light bulb moments! Although I did not ever meet Ken, his warm, inquisitive nature came across cyber space. His course was challenging and demanding yet he was accessible and encouraging. These qualities made him a gifted teacher.

Canada

Department News and Notes

Neena Chappell awarded the 2012 Betty Havens Prize for Knowledge Translation in Aging

Congratulations to Dr. Neena Chappell, who was awarded the 2012 Betty Havens Prize for Knowledge Translation in Aging by CIHR.

This CIHR (Canadian Institute of Health Research) award recognizes outstanding achievements and excellence in the creation, exchange and application of knowledge in aging; it provides \$50,000 in financial support to further support these knowledge translation activi-

ties.

The prize, valued at \$50,000, was announced at the Annual Meetings of the Canadian Association of Gerontology, held in October 2012 in Vancouver.

You can find the story on the following website: <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/45976.html>



The Minister of State (Seniors), Alice Wong, alongside Dr. Yves Joannette, Scientific Director of the CIHR Institute of Aging, presenting the Prize to Dr. Neena Chappell.

Congratulations

TENURE and PROMOTION!!

Congratulations to **Dr. Steve Garlick** who has recently been granted tenure & promotion to Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2013.



INSPIRING TEACHING

A big thumbs up to a number of instructors in the department.

This fall, **Karen Kobayashi, Seantel Anais, Min Zhou, and Margaret Penning** received outstanding scores on their course experience survey completed by students.

MEDALS RECEIVED

Both **Dr. Neena Chappell** and **Dr. Margaret Penning** received Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee medals for contributions to gerontology, given out at the Canadian Association on Gerontology annual meetings in the Fall.

In addition, a special congratulations to **Dan Lett** for the great scores he received in Sociology 202 and 309.

We anticipate more outstanding scores for the Spring teaching evaluations coming out later in April.

Research Update



Bill Carroll is currently on sabbatical, conducting a study of 10 transnational alternative policy groups of the global North and South.

The field work has taken him to Amsterdam, Berlin, Paris, Durban, Johannesburg, Mumbai, New Delhi,

Sydney (his current location). Next stops include Bangkok (at the beginning of April), then Manila, Tokyo and San Francisco.

He plans to be back in Victoria by mid-May, in time for the Congress of Learned Societies.



Innovative Idea—Students and the Mustard Seed Benefit

In the fall and again this term, **Seantel**

Anais introduced a *Due Date Amnesty Kindness Initiative* in her classes. This innovative idea provided students with the opportunity to receive a one-week extension on their final paper, but **only** on the condition that they could raise 40 non-perishable food donations. Cash donations were taken in lieu of a food item, where a \$2 donation counted as one can toward the total. All classes well exceeded the

minimum number! The food and cash donations went to the Mustard Seed which is able to make one dollar stretch to two.

Placing the donation minimum just higher than the class enrolment encouraged students to bring more than one item (out of fear that the class may not meet the minimum).

Seantel writes: “The first time I did this, I thought I'd be able to get all of the food downtown on my bike - so I was unprepared, but not surprised! I find that I am consistently impressed with my students and their engage-

ment with the community. Many of my students volunteer, many are committed to environmentalism, many are active with anti-poverty initiatives through Our Place and the Mustard Seed and so on. Students are eager to be agents for change in their community. Last semester, I had a number of students remark that the Due Date Amnesty Kindness Initiative was one of their favourite parts of the class.”

KUDOS —what a great way to end the term!!

The World's First Transgender Research Centre

Dr. Aaron Devor, working with the UVic Library Archives and Special Collections, has acquired [The World's Largest Transgender Archives](#).

The University of Victoria is committed to preserving the history of pioneering activists, community leaders, and researchers working for the betterment of transgender people. The collection includes

almost 500 transgender newsletters; papers and memorabilia of Virginia Prince, one of the founders of transgender activism; twenty years of history of Fantasia Fair, the longest-running TG convention (37 years and counting); key documents from activist Ariadne Kane; papers from the founders of the International Foundation for Gender Education; personal papers of transgender pioneer, philanthropist, and

activist Reed Erickson, founder of the Erickson Educational Foundation; legal documents from the Kimberly Nixon vs. Vancouver Rape Relief case; and more.

The Transgender Archives at the University of Victoria are open to the public, faculty, students, and scholars. <http://transgenderarchives.uvic.ca/>

Fall Course - Sex Work & Society

Sociology 321 will have a new focus in the Fall when **Cecilia Benoit** teaches on Sex Work and Society.

Typically, this course addresses a range of topics and issues, including the nature of labour markets and jobs, the gendered arrangements of paid and unpaid work, the organization and management of work, the conditions of unions and industrial relations in Canada and elsewhere, and the more personal context of

work.

While many people view prostitution as deviance, most sociologists understand it as “sex work” - an activity that people engage in to earn a living.

Drawing upon methodological approaches and concepts used to study the Sociology of Work & Occupations, this course examines how sex workers of various genders and work



locations negotiate intimacy with partners, manage low occupational prestige and stigma, and develop strategies to enhance their health and well-being. Similarities and differences between Canada and other countries will be highlighted.

Graduate Student News

Congratulations to Recent Grads!

Post-Doctorate

Leah Shumka. *Contexts of vulnerabilities, resiliencies and care among people in the sex industry.*

Rachel Phillips. *Analysis of gender, violence, and trauma on substance use among a sample of low income service workers.*

PhD

Deborah Zornes – August 2012

MA Graduates

Sean Browning – December 2012

Daniel Hoxsey – December 2012

Drew Farrance – December 2012

Flavia Yanase – December 2012

Carren Dujela – November 2012

Katerina Anastasiadis – August 2012

Rebecca Morris – August 2012

Jeff Doctor – June 2012

Geoffrey Zachernuk – June 2012

Fatima Johra - 2012

Congratulations

Upcoming Defences:

Kate Butler will be defending her PhD dissertation on April 22.

Other News:

Michaelangelo Anastasiou recently became a member of UVic's Centre for Global Studies under a graduate student fellowship.

Dann Hoxsey, who defended his MA thesis in December 2012, has begun his PhD in sociology at York University, funded by a SSHRC Doctoral Fellowship.

Current MA grad student, **Al Whitney**, has been accepted into the PhD program in Theory and Criticism at Western University.



New Face in the Department—Kate Roland

I am currently a CIHR-funded postdoctoral fellow at the Centre on Aging with Dr. Neena L. Chappell. I am also teaching the Healthy Ageing course in the School of Public Health and Social Policy. My postdoctoral research involves exploring how dementia presentation (disease pathology and associated-dependencies) contributes to caregiver well-being across neurodegenerative groups in a comparative framework.

My passion is Parkinson's disease (PD). After my grandfather was diagnosed, I made it my goal to improve the daily lives of people affected by neurological disorders. My PhD research, funded by CIHR and Parkinson Society Canada, investigated PD-related physiological changes in daily muscle function that may result in frailty and decreased quality of life. A better understanding of physiological

mechanisms can help us address functional declines and enable people with PD to remain independent and keep doing what they love!

My MSc research demonstrated PD caregivers are burdened by worrying about how PD symptoms impact functional ability and safety. This work highlights the need to direct disease and symptom-specific resources to caregivers. I run workshops around self-care and caregiving for both Parkinson Society BC and the Victoria Epilepsy and Parkinson Centre.

I am also a yoga instructor and value yoga for its ability to improve physical and mental well-being in people with PD and caregivers.

Please stop by and say hi (Cornett A308) or send me an email (kroland@uvic.ca).

Undergrad News—Students Present their Research at the JCURA Research Fair on March 6, 2013

Bryan Benner

My research is focused on grassroots mobilization in Iceland following the 2008 global financial crisis. Known as the “Icesave dispute,” massive unpaid debts from Iceland’s private banks were owed to governments in Holland and the United Kingdom. Unsatisfied with the repayment deals that had been negotiated by their government, Icelandic activists gathered signatures on petitions that would influence the President of Iceland to use his veto power twice against parliamentary bills for Icesave’s repayment. I interviewed activists in Reykjavik in the summer of 2012 and this project explores the explanatory potential of moral panic and

moral regulation theories to better inform our understanding of the social, moral, and political dimensions of Icesave’s disputed repayment. I am excited to be presenting these findings at the CSA conference, “Nationalism in Progress,” over the summer. In the fall, I will be starting my Master’s degree in Sociology at UVic.



Olivia Guerra

My research with Dr. Andre Smith looks at the thematic representations of medication (cholinesterase inhibitors, ChEI) for the symptomatic treatment of Alzheimer’s disease within advertisements in Canada and the United States. We are using semiotic discourse analysis methods to deconstruct the narratives of Alzheimer’s in these ads to reveal how the advertisements translate lacklustre clinical trial results into dramatic pictorials that highlight the drug’s benefits in terms of enhancement in the person with AD’s ability to maintain



valued social roles and social relationships. The study critically articulates the discursive dimensions of pharmaceutical advertising and provides insights into the role of drug companies in the construction of AD as an imminently treatable disease.

This research is of personal interest because it has given me a more textured understanding of the pharmaceutical industry in North America and its informative relationship with physicians and the public through the media. This critical perspective will serve me well as I pursue a future as a medical doctor.

Olivia Merritt



My honours thesis examines World Bank social policy projects in Brazil and Argentina from 2000-2010 using a critical discourse analysis methodological framework. I am

particularly concerned with how the World Bank frames social policy activity within its overarching agenda of promoting neoliberal economic globalization in Latin America. I have uncovered fundamental contradictions

in the discourse of the Bank, as it proclaims to pursue 'equality and quality of life for the poor' in social policy, yet it continues to support economic growth policies detrimental to the poor and marginalized in society, as evidenced in critical third-party literature.

I am very thankful to work with Dr. Neena Chappell on this project, whose wisdom and knowledge have proven invaluable. I plan to pursuing graduate studies, in either sociology or international relations, in the fall. I have just been accepted to my top 3 universities so look forward to making a decision shortly.

Undergraduate Rising Stars Awards

Third and fourth year social sciences students who have been awarded scholarships in 2012 were celebrated at the Rising Stars event, hosted by the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Sociology undergraduate rising stars include:

Bradley Dyck	Briana Prasloski
Laura Gillespie	Elisha Rothfels
Olivia Guerra	Brendan Steward
Alexander Luscombe	Erin Van Pypen
Sophia MacKenzie	
Elizabeth Marsall	Congratulations and keep up the great work!
Olivia Merritt	



Pictured above, back L-R, Brad Dyck, Olivia Merritt, Olivia Guerra, Elisha Rothfels, Dean Peter Keller

Front: Neena Chappell and Seantel Anais

BOSS Update



This year has been and continues to be exciting for the Bureau of Sociology Students (BOSS). A group dedicated to enhancing the experience of sociology students at the University of Victoria, we provide and promote activities related to the field of sociology.

For example, this fall semester

witnessed for the first time a Grad Application Workshop. Volunteering their time, Dr. Douglas Baer, Dr. Seantel Anais and PhD. Student Michael Anastasiou helped undergrads understand the requirements and process of applying for graduate school.

Encouraging first year students to get involved, and to help ease into their studies, we've also started organizing study groups for first year courses.

BOSS has organized a *Meet and Greet*, where professors and students interacted in a relaxed environment. In the last year we have also hosted two successful *Social Nights*, helping to raise money for the union. And, with the participation of Dr. William Little and Dr. Peyman Vahabzadeh we held our annual *Film Night*, where both students and professors watched the drama *Dexter* and then discussed the show in relation to sociological concepts.

BOSS has started organizing study groups for first year courses to encourage first year students to getting involved and to ease life into their studies.

Undergrad Students Invited to Present Posters at Congress

Professor Andrew Rippin, UVic's Academic Convenor of Congress for 2013, visited our students' posters during the JCURA Research Fair on March 6th. He was so impressed, he has made special arrangements to re-exhibit all the JCURA posters that

are relevant to the Congress theme. Undergraduate students do not usually present at Congress, so this is a special opportunity to have their work further recognised.

Posters will be on exhibit in the Hickman Building during

the entire week so feel free to check them out!

Way to go students!!

Congratulations!

Recent Publications

Regular faculty, adjunct professor, sessional instructor and graduate student names are highlighted

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Important Dates

Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, April 4 - Faculty of Social Sciences Excellence 2013

An event for social sciences faculty and staff to honour and give awards in the areas of: teaching, research, community engagement and meritorious staff contribution.

3:30-5pm in Michele Pujol Room. Cash bar available.



Excellence 2013



Thursday, April 4, 2013

Michele Pujol Room
Student Union Building

3:30-5:00 p.m.

RSVP to Katherine sonoff@uvic.ca

Cash bar only

Dean Peter Keller cordially invites you to come celebrate the end of term, help showcase and celebrate some of our excellence, and hear news about the Faculty. Enter to win an amazing door prize!

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OF THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

The campus will be abuzz with activity in a few short months when UVic hosts this year's Congress from **June 1-8**. Approximately 70 associations representing 8,000 – 10,000 delegates and guests will come together to share findings, refine ideas, network (and have some fun). Attendees include leading academics, internationally recognized researchers, policy makers and practitioners. Congress represents a unique showcase of scholarly excellence, creativity and leadership. Department members will be presenting at various association meetings, including Canadian Sociological Association and Canadian Population Society. There will be daily Keynote Speakers and numerous special events, exhibits and community celebrations.

The early registration deadline was **March 31**, but there's still plenty of time to register.

Regular: \$195 and Students: \$80

For all the details visit the Congress website: <http://www.congress2013.ca/home>



Each day will also feature **free lectures** from public intellectuals, as part of the "Big Thinking" Speaker series, including Louise Arbour, Dany Laferriere, Joy Kogawa, Ben Levin, Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond and Richard Sennett, to name a few.

President David Turpin Leaving UVic

After 13 years, Dr. Turpin's presidency ends on June 30th. All members of the campus community are invited to an informal gathering on the afternoon of **June 27th**. This will be an opportunity to celebrate and thank him for his role in UVic's success and for Dr. Turpin to express his personal appreciation for the energy, dedication and friendship of the campus community. This event will also celebrate the end of UVic's 50th Anniversary. Look for further details on location, time and activities coming soon.

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