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SPEED READING

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT PROCESS

Committee being struck to review UVic's president

Dr. David Turpin's current term as UVic president will end on August 31, 2010. Board chair Ray Protti has announced that an appointment committee is being struck in accordance with UVic policy 1010, Procedures for the Search/Appointment/Reappointment of the President and Vice-Chancellor. Its initial responsibility will be to consider Turpin for reappointment and to make a recommendation to the Board of Governors. Turpin has indicated that he is open to the possibility of serving another term. Further info: <http://web.uvic.ca/univsec/>

CAMPUS ALUMNI CELEBRATIONS

February begins with Alumni Week

UVic Alumni Week will be Feb. 1–7, including the popular Alumni-on-Campus Breakfast on Feb. 4 and an Alumni Chip Trail Walk, starting at 12:30 p.m. on Feb. 6. Daily prize draws include a grand prize deluxe weekend for two to Vancouver. Complete event and prize details are on the alumni web site: <http://alumni.uvic.ca>

CRAIG DARROCH RESEARCH AWARDS

Honour our research stars

The nomination deadline for the Craigdarroch Research Awards is fast approaching. Submissions are due Feb. 2. For forms and terms of reference, visit www.research.uvic.ca/VPRE/ and click on the Craigdarroch Research Awards link. Further info: Marilyn Florence 250-472-5408, mkf@uvic.ca

PRESIDENT'S DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

Ronald Wright asks "What Is America?"



Award-winning novelist, historian and essayist Ronald Wright will deliver a President's Distinguished

Lecture entitled "What Is America?" Thurs., Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. in room B150 of the Bob Wright Centre—Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Building. In this lecture Wright will trace the roots of American expansion, arguing that the US has always been a deeply divided society, a polarity highlighted by the recent presidential election. Wright's books include the bestsellers *A Short History of Progress* (the 2004 Massey Lectures) and *Stolen Continents*. His most recent book is *What Is America? A Short History of the New World Order* (2008). Although this lecture is free of charge, seating is reserved and tickets must be booked in advance through the UVic Ticket Centre. Call 250-721-8480 or visit www.auditorium.uvic.ca.



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THE RING



Music student Yuki Tampo-Hinton plays a concert grand D Steinway piano—one of UVic's 60 new Steinway-designed pianos. UVic has just been named Canada's first All-Steinway School. PHOTO: GARY MCKINSTRY

PIANO PARTNERSHIP

UVic becomes the nation's first All-Steinway School

BY MARIA LIRONI

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NUMBER OF
ALL-STEINWAY
SCHOOLS IN
THE WORLD

Canadian jazz musician Diana Krall plays one, and so does Chinese classical pianist Lang Lang. Now, thanks to a partnership between UVic and Steinway & Sons—the first of its kind in Canada—all UVic piano students will be playing on Steinway-designed pianos. That's because UVic is now Canada's first All-Steinway school, which means that Steinway-designed pianos will be available in all practice rooms, studios and concert halls, and will be maintained by Steinway-trained technicians.

The first of the Steinway-designed pianos arrived in December. Kailey MacKenzie was one of the first music students to play on the Steinway concert D grand. "Playing

a Steinway is magical," says MacKenzie. "My hands are flying across the keyboard, and the touch—it's like caressing silk."

"It is a wonderful opportunity for our school to be the first Steinway school in Canada," says music student Yuki Tampo-Hinton. "This new concert grand is a very powerful instrument, and it will be exciting to see how each person will react to this piano and how it molds to each performer."

UVic is now the 99th All-Steinway School in the world, joining famous schools such as The Juilliard School; Yale School of Music; China Conservatory, School of Piano and the University of Melbourne. UVic has purchased 60 new Steinway & Sons and Steinway-designed Boston pianos from Tom Lee Music, Stein-

way & Sons authorized representative for BC. The pianos they replace will go to Tom Lee Music for resale.

"Our students deserve to learn and perform on the very best pianos available, and the students who use these pianos will soon become the premier Canadian artists of their generation," says Sarah Blackstone, dean of fine arts. "In the meantime, Victoria will have the great pleasure of hearing talented artists work with superior instruments for many years to come."

The \$1.1-million acquisition is being partly funded through a financing arrangement between UVic and Tom Lee Music. However, the university is asking for the support of donors and arts patrons for additional funding.

Major athletics and rec upgrade planned

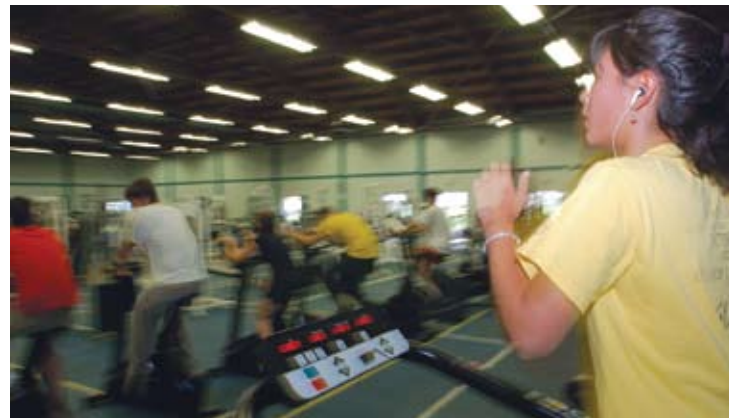
The University of Victoria's Board of Governors has approved preliminary planning and a funding feasibility study for renovations to the McKinnon Building and the construction of an adjacent new complex. This would dramatically improve access to athletics, recreation and health and wellness programs on campus. The project would also help the university retain and attract students, faculty and staff as well as top athletes.

"This is an exciting opportunity for UVic," says Clint Hamilton, the director of UVic's Department of Athletics and Recreation. "The improved capacity and quality that can be realized through this project will enhance the academic, research, athletic and recreational experiences for users both on and off campus. It will reduce recreation waitlists, improve the quality and variety

of recreation programs, enhance research facilities, provide state-of-the-art high-performance training and competition facilities for varsity athletes and increase our ability to address community needs."

Tannis Peterson, an undergraduate student in education, participant in UVic recreation programs and the student manager of intramurals for athletics and recreation, agrees: "The lack of space in the current facility is a concern because education, recreation and athletics overlap so much. So there is only a limited amount of time for each activity to take place. With more space comes more time. As someone who schedules and participates in the intramural leagues, more time means the games can start earlier—no more finishing games at midnight when there are no buses."

The move comes about as a result



Working out on the treadmills in the Ian Stewart Complex. PHOTO: ADRIAN LAM

of a comprehensive facility assessment study of on-campus athletic, recreation, physical education and related research and educational facilities. The process engaged and consulted university users and the many charity, sport and school or-

ganizations that currently use the university facilities, along with the neighbouring communities. The results show the current facilities are no longer able to meet the users'

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ringers

Three UVic nursing professors were honoured in November with Canadian Nurses Association Centennial Awards: **Prof. Janet Storch**, professor emeritus, known for extensive work on the topic of nurisng ethics; **Dr. Karen MacKinnon**, assistant professor, known for her work in maternal care and rural health outreach, and **Jessie Mantle**, professor emeritus, known for her work in gerontology and geriatric care. The awards honour registered nurses whose work has contributed to the lives and health of Canadians.

The Canadian History of Education Association recently awarded **Dr. Eric Sager** (history) the Founders’ Prize for his article “Women Teachers in Canada, 1881–1901: Revisiting the ‘Feminization’ of an Occupation,” published in the *Canadian Historical Review*, 88, 2 (June 2007). The article was selected as the best published in English between 2006 and 2008 on the history of education in Canada.

Brent Sternig has been appointed the next president and CEO of the Innovation Development Corporation (IDC). For the past six months, Sternig has served as IDC’s acting president and CEO and led the development of a new strategic plan for IDC.

WRITE TO US

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GOVERNOR GENERAL’S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING HISTORY

Indigenous grad student earns national teaching award

BY EMILY AGOPSOWICZ

Victoria High School teacher and UVic graduate student Cathleen Anne Tenning’s unique teaching methods have earned her the respect of her peers, the enthusiasm of her students and now a Governor General’s Award for Excellence in Teaching History.

The award, which celebrates leadership and innovation in teaching Canadian youth about Canada’s past, is given to six teachers each year. It includes a medal and \$2,500 prize as well as \$1,000 given to the recipient’s school.

Tenning, a member of Chemainus First Nation, has been teaching First Nations studies at Victoria High School for seven years. “Walking the Lands of Our Ancestors” is a course she offers to grade-12 students that immerses them in the history of local First Nations people. Tenning encourages hands-on learning with field trips outside the classroom to reflect

traditional Aboriginal learning. Students hear from different First Nations facilitators and visit local areas such as Beacon Hill Park and Craigflower Creek. They learn how First Nations people have traditionally lived and the issues that they face today.

Every Friday, Tenning’s students form a “Talking Circle,” a traditional form of communication which allows students to share their learning and personal experiences. “It creates a sense of community with the class. We get to know each other really well; by the end we create this kind of family,” says Tenning.

Tenning is currently completing a master’s degree in environmental and First Nations education at UVic.

Under the supervision of Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Knowledge and Learning Dr. Lorna Williams, Tenning is writing a thesis examining Aboriginal high school students who are high achievers in physics, chemistry and biology. “I interviewed 10



Tenning. PHOTO: LAURA LEYSHON

students and asked them why they decided to take those courses, why they are interested in these subjects, and why they are successful,” says Tenning. She wants to see whether aspects of Aboriginal culture play a role in their success.

Tenning hopes to continue teaching Aboriginal studies. “Vic High has a good history of supporting Aboriginal studies,” she says. “I hope that the Aboriginal program at Vic High becomes more popular and reaches more students.”

Pence awarded prestigious UNESCO chair

UVic symposia to feature world leaders in African child development

BY PATTY PITTS

For many years, University of Victoria child and youth care professor Alan Pence has researched and advocated for improving educational opportunities for early childhood development leaders in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Now those efforts will be bolstered by Pence’s appointment as UNESCO Chair in Early Childhood Care, Education and Development, one of only six in Canada (all focusing on different topics) and the only one in Western Canada. Pence feels the renewable three-year term appointment will help him attract additional funds for research and development in Africa.

“The chair will not result in a change in the direction of my work, but it’s recognition and support for the work we’ve done,” says Pence. The focus of his appointment will primarily be the 14 African countries involved in

the Early Childhood Development Virtual University (ECDVU), which Pence developed. Since its inception in 2000, 50 students have completed either its master’s or one-year post-graduate professional specialization certificate and another 25 are anticipated in the certificate program in 2009/10.

“Through a combination of face-to-face meetings and online learning, all the students stay employed in their countries, so there has been virtually no brain drain,” says Pence, “and the vast majority of the graduates stay in the area of child and family development.”

A key facet of the ECDVU is the incorporation of African perspectives and knowledge about early childhood development into the program’s curriculum. The domination of Euro-Western beliefs in this area throughout the world has recently become of concern to the Society for Research in Child

Development (SRCD), the pre-eminent academic association in the field. It’s why the society agreed to support a proposal from Pence and University of South Florida colleague Dr. Kofi Marfo for a symposium to be held Feb. 5 at UVic. Pence notes that the symposium, “Strengthening Africa’s Contributions to Child Development Research,” will bring some of the world’s most respected child developmentalists to campus for several days of planning and a public symposium day of presentations and discussion.

Pence says the symposium complements the UNESCO chair position and will form the basis for additional symposia and conferences to take place in Sub-Saharan Africa.

On the following day, Feb. 6, many of the same experts will join affiliates of the Human Early Learning Partnership (HELP)—an interdisciplinary research network of faculty, research-



Pence. PHOTO: ROBIE LISCOMB

ers and graduate students from BC universities—for a day of presentations and discussions on international child development research.

More information about the Feb. 5 and Feb. 6 events: <http://reach.uvic.ca/uvicsubpage.htm>

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increasing range of needs.

The new project would house the Department of Athletics and Recreation (ATRS), the School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education (EPHE) and CanAssist, UVic’s leading-edge disabilities support program. EPHE would stay in the McKinnon Building, which will be renovated to address the research and teaching laboratory and office needs of the

school. A new building would house ATRS and CanAssist.

“At CanAssist we spend a lot of time testing our products and getting feedback from people with disabilities,” says Leo Spalteholz, a graduate student in computer engineering doing academic research at CanAssist. “But the overcrowded labs don’t allow enough space and are too busy for our clients to test our inventions without

being distracted. I think it would be fantastic to have one easily accessible centralized lab so our clients don’t have to go through the difficult and often strenuous task of travelling to Can Assist’s three temporary labs that are spread across campus.”

The university is currently developing a program of requirements and a schematic design and conducting a funding feasibility study for the first

phase of the project, valued at \$58.7 million. The facility is expected to be funded through a combination of UVic, government, and philanthropic sources as well as student fees.

This spring the board of governors will make a decision about whether the construction phase of the project will proceed.

Further info: <http://communications.uvic.ca/media/recproject.php>

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Lalonde and Reading. PHOTO: DIANA NETHERCOTT

Bringing two worlds together

UVic’s newest centre
builds on strengths in Indigenous research

BY VALERIE SHORE

Why are some Aboriginal communities coping better than others with such health issues as diabetes, teenage suicides, HIV and heart disease? What factors contribute to this resilience? And how can these factors be applied to improve the health and well-being of Canada’s most vulnerable population?

Helping Aboriginal communities find answers and translate them into policy and practice is the mandate of the university’s newest research centre—the Centre for Aboriginal Health Research.

“There are profound disparities in health and well-being between Aboriginal people and other Canadians,” says epidemiologist Dr. Jeff Reading, co-director of the new centre. “Our task is to narrow the gap and bring two worlds together—Aboriginal communities and the research enterprise—to find strategies that improve health.”

The centre is a natural evolution of the Aboriginal Health Research Group, formed three years ago to unite researchers in several disciplines across campus. “The change in status better positions our faculty and student researchers and community partners to take advantage of funding opportunities in interdisciplinary research and training,” says UVic psychologist Dr. Chris Lalonde, the centre’s other co-director.

Reading recently completed an eight-year term as the inaugural scientific director of the Institute of

Aboriginal Peoples’ Health, one of 13 research institutes within the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). His research interests include population health, access to health care, and chronic disease among Aboriginal people.

Lalonde, whose research focuses on identity formation and suicide in Aboriginal youth, is director of the Vancouver Island node of the Network Environments for Aboriginal Health Research BC, which promotes partnerships with Aboriginal communities, networks and academic institutions. He’s also co-principal investigator of the LE_{NONET} project to improve the success of Aboriginal students at UVic.

The new centre is a natural fit for UVic, which is considered a national leader in Indigenous and cultural studies. Over the years, researchers in fields as diverse as linguistics, anthropology, governance, law, business, education, health, environmental management, psychology, history, literature and art have forged strong relationships with Indigenous communities, seeking to understand and help perpetuate their traditional way of life.

UVic also has a growing Aboriginal student population. In the last 10 years, Aboriginal enrolment has increased by more than 700 per cent, with over 600 Aboriginal students currently attending classes.

“That’s a big group,” says Lalonde. “We want to build on that so that the next generation of Aboriginal health researchers will include as many Aboriginal people as possible.”

The centre’s first step is to set a research agenda through consultations with Aboriginal communities, universities, government, the private sector, charitable organizations and the medical community. “Our role is to get the smartest minds tackling the most important priorities and then turning that into action,” says Reading.

The centre will tap into an extensive national and international network of researchers and communities working on Aboriginal health issues.

In Canada, it is part of a network of nine centres across the country funded by CIHR, each with a regional focus. In BC and the western Arctic, priorities include chronic diseases and mental health, traditional medicine, nutrition and research ethics.

Aboriginal health issues are not unique to BC or Canada, notes Reading. The same disparities exist in developed countries such as Australia and New Zealand, as well as low- and middle-income countries such as Mexico, India, China and those in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The centre already has strong ties with an international Aboriginal health network, and Reading foresees partnerships with agencies such as the UN, the World Health Organization and the Pan-American Health Organization. “We have an opportunity, and maybe a responsibility, to reach out and see what kind of struggles Indigenous people are involved in elsewhere in the world,” he says.

More information: cahr.uvic.ca/ or call 250-853-3115

SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS

Get set to quit!

BY MELANIE GROVES

The university and the Canadian Cancer Society (BC and Yukon Division) have teamed up to launch a tobacco-free workplace initiative to encourage employees who smoke to quit the habit and stay smoke-free.

“We’ve had positive feedback from students and staff about our efforts to reduce second-hand smoke on campus,” says Peter Sanderson, associate vice-president, human resources. “This smoking cessation program is another option we’re providing to promote staff wellness and improve the air quality on campus.”

A Quit and Win contest for university staff and faculty begins Feb. 2. Employees can pick up their Quit Kits, including resources and a one-week sample of nicotine replacement therapy, Jan. 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the University Club.

Employees who use tobacco are

encouraged to partner up with non-smoking co-workers, who can support them through the challenges of quitting. Those who quit for six to 12 weeks, and their support buddies, will be eligible to win great prizes, including \$75 HBC gift certificates and the grand prize of a trip for two to Seattle, including transportation and accommodation.

“Tobacco users double their chances of quitting successfully by using nicotine replacement therapy in combination with counselling,” says Jill Shaw, tobacco-free workplace facilitator with the Canadian Cancer Society. “This initiative makes it as effective as possible to support workers to be tobacco free, by providing information, resources and expertise to BC workplaces.”

Smoking is prohibited inside all university buildings and vehicles and within 10 metres of buildings and other structures.

More info: www.uvic.ca/clearair or email clearair@uvic.ca



ALUMNI WEEK

February 1 - 7, 2009

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around the ring

Dream it, plan it, pitch it

A new Uvic business plan competition kicked off Jan. 5. Undergraduate and graduate students can participate in either the pitch or business plan events, or both. Registration closes on Jan. 15 for the pitch event, which offers five prizes of \$300. Registration for the business plan event closes Jan. 26, offering \$8,000 for the top three submissions and \$2,000 for the top social entrepreneurship plan. The winning plan will be submitted to the national Nicol Entrepreneurial Award, which may include a trip to Ottawa. Details: www.business.uvic.ca

Where there’s smoke... Participate in smoke-free campus survey

UVic and the Canadian Cancer Society encourage employees who smoke to quit the habit and stay smoke free. In order for the tobacco-free workplace initiative to be successful, both smokers and non-smokers are encouraged to participate in a campus smoking survey and express their opinions about the university smoking policy. The five-minute confidential survey will be available online at www.surveymonkey.com/uvic until Jan. 16. For a printed copy, call 250-721-8971. Participants will be eligible to win \$20 cards from Housing, Food and Conference Services. Info: clearair@uvic.ca or www.uvic.ca/clearair

Allied Network or Positive Space program

Many universities have created and maintain positive space or allied network programs with the goal of fostering an inclusive and welcoming work and learning environment. The Equity and Human Rights Office is interested in seeing if such a program could find a home at Uvic. Their early vision of this includes a visible network that enables members of the Uvic LGBT community—students, staff, faculty and their allies—to cultivate a safe and inclusive campus. Interested individuals are invited to a brainstorming session Jan. 19 from 5–7 p.m. in Sedgewick C168. RSVP ASAP: pamelab@uvic.ca

Exercise can make you smarter

Learn more about the brain-stimulating benefits of exercise—and about situations where the benefits might be more questionable—from Dr. Brian Christie (medical sciences). Christie was one of the first researchers to discover that exercise stimulates the growth of brain cells in an area of the brain involved with learning and memory. The finding debunked the long-held belief that our brains aren’t able to produce new nerve cells as we age. He gives a talk on the topic at the next Café Scientifique on Feb. 5, 6:30–8 p.m. at Swans Suite Hotel (506 Pandora St.). Info: 250-472-4067

CELEBRATING STELLAR STAFF

An accounting whiz, a business superman, a co-op matchmaker and a dynamic software duo were honoured in December as winners of the 2008 President’s Distinguished Service Awards (PDSA).

“UVic achieves its many successes because of our incredibly talented and dedicated employees,” says UVic President Dr. David Turpin, “We congratulate this year’s winners and thank them for their exceptional efforts and their unique contributions to our success as a university community.”

The awards were created in 2002 to honour the achievements of UVic’s 4,000-plus staff members.

BY TARA SHARPE

STEWART ARNEIL AND MARTIN HOLMES (Humanities Computing and Media Centre), developers of the successful software program Hot Potatoes, have won the 2008 PDSA Team Award for Innovation, which recognizes a team or group for innovations that improve an educational, administrative or other organizational process through creative approaches.

Arneil initially joined UVic as a programmer in 1992, and Holmes joined as an English language instructor in 1995. They first developed Hot Potatoes in 1998, based on some simple tools they had written for their own use in creating language exercises for the Web. The program is like having a semi-intelligent quiz that gives helpful feedback as the student works on the questions.

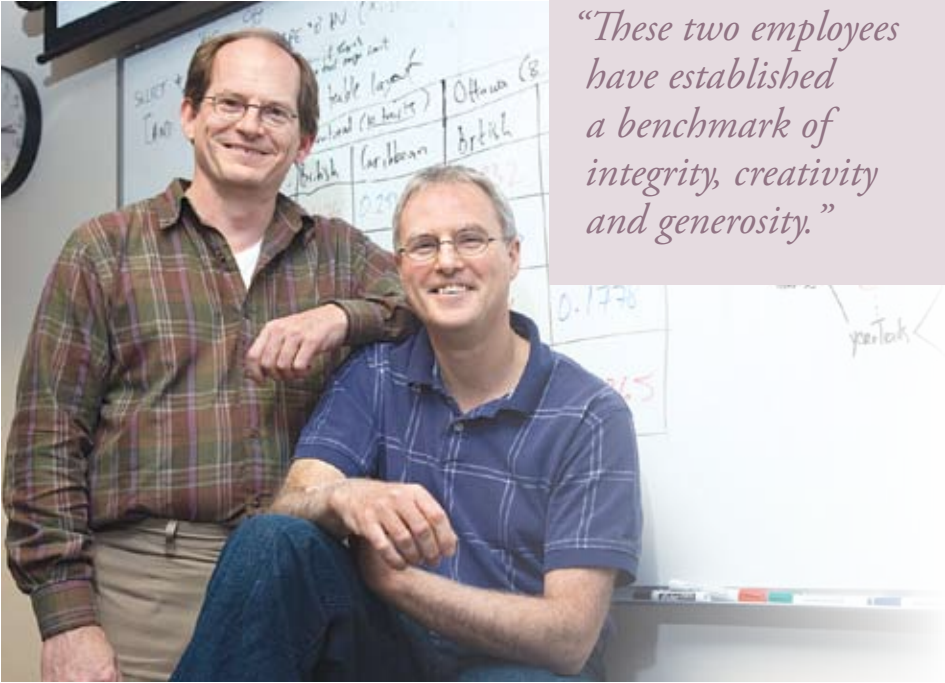
The duo first introduced Hot Potatoes publicly at a conference in Belgium in 1998, and now the software is on desktops of more than half a million users around the world on every continent except Antarctica.

Due to the product’s popularity, and in consultation with the dean of humanities and UVic’s Innovation and Development Corporation (IDC), Arneil and Holmes formed the independent Half Baked Software, Inc. The university owns a share of their company, and from its profits Arneil and Holmes built the endowment for a new humanities scholarship named for humanities computing’s founding director Dr. Peter Liddell. Revenue for the company comes from those users working in the commercial sector, those who do not wish to share content or who require a closed system, and those in privately funded educational institutions.

It’s not just UVic that benefits from their efforts. Every year, their company sponsors a special charity month, donating all income received from licenses for that month to several local, national and international charities. In May 2008, they raised nearly \$8,000 and beneficiaries included Oxfam, the Upper Room, Canadian Cancer Society and the Mustard Seed Food Bank.

Off campus, Arneil travelled to Africa as a tourist for seven months in the mid-1990s and, upon his return, volunteered for the UVic Speakers Bureau, giving talks on his experience on that continent. Before coming to Canada in 1994, Holmes worked in Britain, Japan, Indonesia, Greece and Saudi Arabia as an ESL teacher and a teacher-trainer.

“These two employees have established a benchmark of integrity, creativity and generosity for all of us,” says Dr. Elizabeth Grove-White, acting academic director of the Humanities Computing and Media Centre.



Arneil and Holmes. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

SANDY BLIGH is a multi-talented individual who spends her workday piecing together numbers as if they were tiny patches on an elaborate quilt. This PDSA winner is as familiar with complex accounting calculations as she is with the societal intricacies hidden in the history of art.

Bligh is UVic’s manager of research accounting and in May received a Master of Arts (history in art) from UVic. The research accounting unit, an integral component of UVic’s accounting services department, ensures UVic’s responsibilities are met for the financial administration of all externally funded sponsored research accounts.

“When Sandy joined UVic [in 1995], sponsored research revenues were \$25 million,” says UVic’s Executive Director of Financial Services Murray Griffith. “In 2007/08, research revenues exceeded \$106 million, reflecting incredible growth over a relatively short period of time.”

Bligh and her hard-working team collaborate with UVic’s researchers, research centres, groups, administrators and students to help resolve complex accounting and management issues. She has also helped train scores of front-line research administrators and investigators in all faculties and disciplines across campus, playing a primary role in ensuring UVic research projects are high-quality and accountable, and helping to ensure that an extensive array of research grants, contracts and operating funds continue to be directed to the university.

“Sandy is a one-stop shop for advice across the range

of issues faced in the administration of complex research projects,” says Heather Chestnutt, administrator for UVic’s Institute for Dispute Resolution.

Bligh enjoys a good game of golf, but art is her true passion. An award-winning painter, watermedia artist and quilter, she has been involved in local art groups since 1987. Bligh doesn’t pursue this passion just for herself: she also helps coordinate the Sidney Fine Art Show and has been the show designer since the juried show began in 2003. She has been the volunteer coordinator and designer for several art exhibits in the community and has donated paintings to various charities and fund-raising efforts, including the UVic United Way campaign.

“She brings her love of art to the work environment,” say members of the Research Administrative Group who helped nominate Bligh for this award. “A visit to Sandy’s office will truly inspire.”



Bligh. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

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Indigenous and diversity research forum

Critical Conversations Continue: An Indigenous and Diversity Research Forum, takes place Feb. 12–13 in the Student Union Building. The free conference is open to students, faculty, staff and community members and will cover disabilities and health, sexualities, ethics and protocol, and innovative research methods, along with the Anti-dote and LE/NONET projects. Keynote speakers are Helen Lenskyj (Univ. of Toronto), whose research focuses on gender, sport and sexualities, and Dorothy Christian (Splats'in Indian Band of the Okanagan-Secwepemc Nations), a media artist, scholar and activist. Info/registration: <http://web.uvic.ca/vpac/diversity/criticalconversations2009.html>

Celebrating possibilities: 10th UVic Women's Conference

Register now for the UVic Women's Conference, Feb. 18. This year's keynote speaker is Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, BC's Representative for Children and Youth. The day will feature workshops such as EmPOWERment? Re-examining Our Relationship to Power, Addressing the Big Squeeze: Strategies for Balancing Work and Caregiving, Water Cooler Wasteland or When Raven Told Bear that Eagle Was Just a Duck (on gossip), taiko drumming and presentation of the UVic Women's Recognition Awards. The conference is open to UVic students, staff, faculty, alumni and retirees and all genders are welcome. Info/registration: <http://web.uvic.ca/womennet/index.html>

Hear AVP Research candidates

Candidates for associate vice-president research will be making public presentations this month. They are Dr. Kathy Gillis (Jan. 19), Dr. Afzal Suleman (Jan. 22), and Dr. Claire Cupples (Jan. 23). All presentations will be from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Chambers in University Centre. Further information about the candidates will be available at www.uvic.ca/research/

Tough questions for religions

UVic Interfaith Services is sponsoring a discussion series on "Tough Questions for Religions." A discussion on the theme "When Religion Goes Bad: Religious Dynamics in an Age of Violence and Intolerance" will take place on Jan. 20 led by the Right Reverend Michael Ingham, Bishop of New Westminster in the Anglican Church of Canada, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the David Lam Auditorium. The first panel discussion, "Are Religions Inherently Violent?" will occur Jan. 27 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Lam Auditorium, led by representatives from various faiths. Additional info: www.uvic.ca/interfaith



McCutcheon. PHOTO: UVIC PHOTO SERVICES

DR. DAVID MCCUTCHEON knows exactly how to catapult UVic's business students into their own successful career trajectories.

The efforts of this PDSA recipient extend into high schools, colleges and other universities to recruit students, faculty and staff. He has served as program director for the bachelor of commerce program for seven years and, since the summer of 2008, has acted as UVic's academic programs director for the Faculty of Business, with oversight of both the MBA program and undergraduate programs. McCutcheon joined UVic Business in 1993 and is an associate professor in the operations management field.

McCutcheon has worked tirelessly to shape and strengthen these academic programs, particularly the undergraduate commerce program. The same strong facilitation skills, thoughtful style and commitment to quality that helped earn him the nickname "Super Dave" have also assisted in extending the faculty's programs with the recent approval by the senate of the business PhD proposal.

Although his fine qualities are no secret on campus, McCutcheon works quietly behind the scenes on his own time to make things happen for the faculty. "Although he attends community events such as the Tourism Victoria travel auction and the Chamber of Commerce Christmas party, he is there to keep in touch with news in the downtown community," says senior instructor and MBA Marketing Manager Heather Ranson. "He then shares that news with other faculty members and students in his classes."

As a champion of co-operative education, McCutcheon was instrumental in adding a position in the BCom office for an experiential learning officer. This position is the link between the co-op office and the rest of the faculty, and McCutcheon's commitment to the establishment of this position demonstrates his belief that learning in the classroom must continue in the workplace and vice versa. He also plays a crucial role in supporting the local community mentorship program that brings UVic students and Victoria business leaders together.

This isn't the first award won by McCutcheon. He is also a three-time winner of the faculty's annual award for distinguished service (1997, 2003 and 2006).

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DR. ROZANNE POULSON is a talent spotter. As the co-operative education coordinator for UVic's biochemistry and microbiology department, she recruits students into the department's co-op program with unrelenting enthusiasm.

And she has led the way in doing so not just at UVic, but across the province. "Rozanne became involved in this program before there were other biochemistry co-op programs in British Columbia, and she quickly cornered the market on co-op jobs for molecular biology, biochemistry and microbiology," says the department's chair, Dr. Robert Burke. "Other universities saw these successes and set out to emulate them. Thus, our program is not just in the top tier—it is the program at the very top, leading all others."

Poulson's daily activities include maintaining professional relationships with a broad spectrum of local, national and international employers who are interested in providing workplace learning environments for the scientists of tomorrow. In 2007/08, she placed nearly 200 students in biotechnology/pharmaceutical and academic research positions and within biomedical sectors in communities and agencies ranging from the BC Centre for Disease Control to positions as far afield as Wellington, New Zealand.

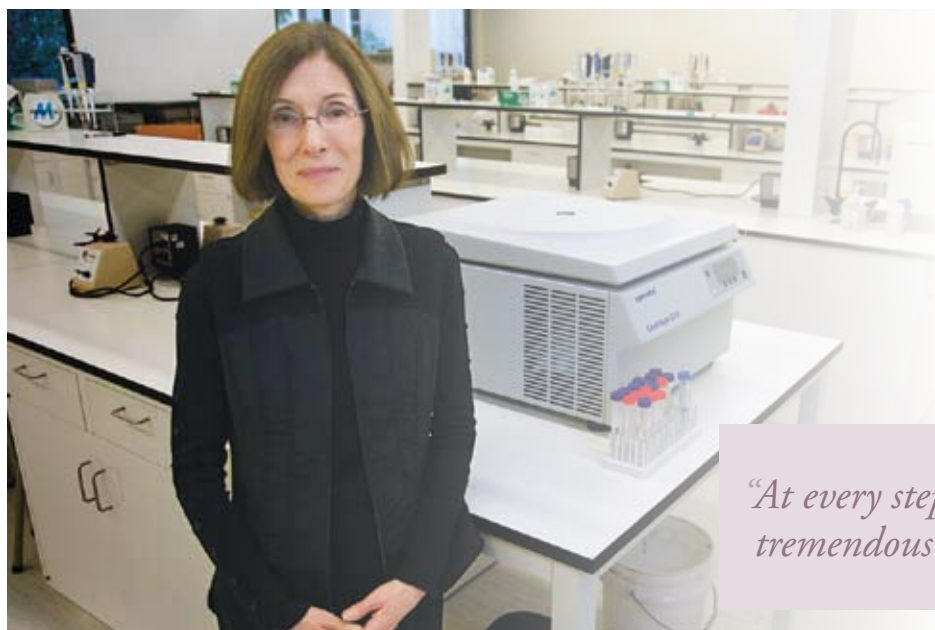
Christina Thomas, a student who initially didn't intend to take the co-op program until she attended one of Poulson's information sessions, says, "Four years later, after having completed

co-op, I have found an unexpected but delightful niche for myself in research. At every step of the way, from resumé building and finding the perfect work terms, to relocating overseas and also resolving registration issues, she has been a tremendous and irreplaceable resource."

An integral member of the co-operative education program at UVic, Poulson devotes most of her spare time to the communication of scientific knowledge. She co-founded and, for more than two decades, has served as the editor of *Tree Physiology*, the leading international science journal in its field, and over the past 25 years has edited science books for several international publishing houses. She also volunteers in her community and received a UVic Women's Conference Recognition Award in 1993.

Poulson is being honoured with a PDSA not just for being a talent spotter. She also plays the role of sophisticated and inspiring cheerleader when she needs to. Co-op student Susanne Hrynuik says, "I was hesitant to leave Canada, but I felt that if Rozanne had enough confidence in me to take on this adventure, there was no way I could fail."

General information about the annual PDSA program and past award recipients is available on UVic's Department of Human Resources website at <http://web.uvic.ca/hr/pdsa/>.



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OLD NEWS PAGES OFFER NEW INSIGHTS

UVic and the *Times Colonist* make it easier to search BC’s past online

BY MARIA LIRONI

There will be fewer trips to the library, squinting at years of microfiche, for those who are interested in BC history. Thanks to a partnership between the University of Victoria and the Victoria *Times Colonist*, the world can now search through historic editions of the newspaper online.

The website, www.britishcolonist.ca, was officially launched on Dec. 11. It contains issues of *The British Colonist*, one of the oldest daily newspapers in Western Canada and one of the best records of colonial BC. Every page of every issue between the first one, on Dec. 11, 1858, and the end of June 1910 is now on line—a total of 100,544 pages.

“December 11 is the exact date of the 150th anniversary of the *Times Colonist*,” says *Times Colonist* Editor-

in-Chief Lucinda Chodan. “We’re delighted to mark that occasion by giving something back to the community that has helped us thrive for the last century and a half—a legacy in perpetuity to the citizens of Victoria, Vancouver Island and British Columbia.”

Until now, *The British Colonist* newspaper, under many differing titles, has been available only on microfilm in a few libraries. The newspaper is the sole source of some types of information. For instance, during the first 30 years of its existence the newspaper covered the proceedings of the British Columbia legislative assemblies, which makes it the only documentation of its kind of this body. *The British Colonist* also reported on most court cases and is the only surviving record of judicial proceedings in the early days of the colony.

“The new site is important for historical researchers and genealogists,” says Head of Special Collections Chris Petter, who helped to manage the project. “Some of its content even predates the establishment of the province and Canada. As such, the site will provide historical researchers—including students and genealogists—with a rich full look at our history.”

Petter and his team built an interface that provides the ability to search either chronologically or by using keywords. The interface also displays the digital image of each page of the newspaper with the search words highlighted.

A number of other UVic staff and faculty worked on the project including: Associate University Librarian I.T. and Technical Services Ken Cooley; John Durno, Maike Dulk and Ben Sheaff (Library System Services); Ian Baird (Library Microforms); Drs. John Lutz and Patrick Dunae (history); and Pat Szpak (Humanities Computing & Media Centre).

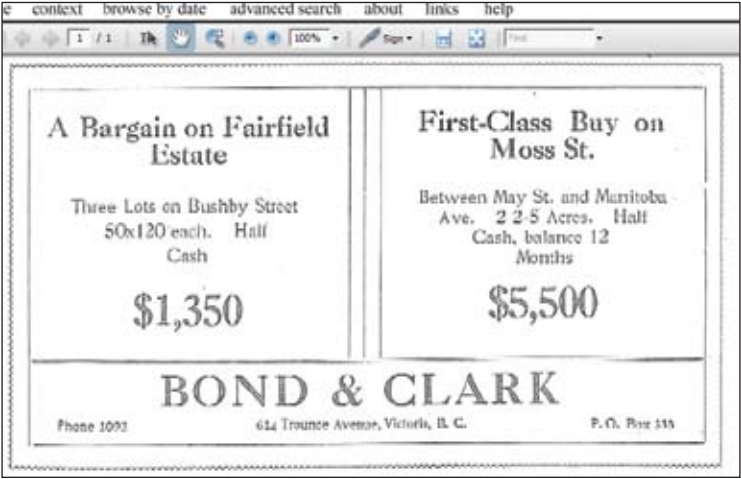
“It’s been so hard to access over the last years; we’ve had to crank through microfilm, go to the archives. To be able to just look it up online is just going to change the way we do BC history,” Lutz told the *Times Colonist* at the launch event.

The project is supported by the *Times Colonist*. UBC’s Ike Barber Learning Centre, the Electronic Library Network of British Columbia, the BC Public Library Services Branch and the Greater Victoria Public Library provided additional support.



L-R: *Times Colonist* Editor-in-Chief Lucinda Chodan; Will Weigler in character as Amor de Cosmos, founder of *The British Colonist*; and UVic Vice-President External Relations Dr. Valerie Kuehne cut the cake to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the *Times Colonist* and the launch of the www.britishcolonist.ca website.

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A tempting real estate ad from the Oct. 27, 1908, edition of *The British Colonist*.

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■ **Legh Mulhall Kilpin (1853–1919)** Until Feb. 28. 50 works in oil, watercolour, pastel, etching, and monotype, including portraits, landscapes, Symbolist pieces, and Art Nouveau designs by this relatively unknown Canadian artist. Maltwood Art Museum and Gallery.

■ **In Search of Lost Time: Cameron Ian MacLeod (1958–1983)**. Until Jan. 15. Recently acquired works by this student of such influential painters as Jack Shadbolt, Gordon A. Smith and Takao Tanabe. Includes selected pieces by three of his mentors. McPherson Library Gallery.

■ **Taking Flight**. Until May. An exhibit showcasing the life's work of one of Canada's foremost avian artists, J. Fenwick Lansdowne, including watercolour paintings, drawings and prints. Legacy Art Gallery and Café. 630 Yates St. 250-381-7670.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

■ **Lansdowne Lecture** 8 p.m. Richard Shiff (Univ. of Texas at Austin), scholar of modern art from 19th-century French painting to post-war American art. Hickman 105. 250-721-8011.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

■ **African Partnerships Network Speaker Series** 12 p.m. *Whose Diaspora Is This Anyway? Continental Africans Trying on and Troubling Diasporic Identity and Africana Studies*. Prof. Handel Kashope Wright (UBC). MacLaurin D114. 250-472-4644

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

■ **Other** 2 p.m. *New to You Campus Clothing Swap*. Bring your pre-loved but useable clothing, books, games, music and movies. Take anything you would like. All items are free. Cadboro Commons Building Cafeteria. swebb@uvic.ca

MONDAY, JANUARY 12

■ **Music** 7 p.m. *Open Mic Night*. And Jan. 26. Hosted by the UVic New Music Club. Halpern Centre for Graduate Students.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

■ **Music** 9:30 a.m. *Composition Readings with the JACK String Quartet from New York*. The JACK String Quartet will read works by UVic composition students. MacLaurin B125. 250-721-7904

■ **Music** 12:30 p.m. *Lieder at Lunch with Sharon & Harald Krebs*. With special guest Mitchell Lewis Hammond. MacLaurin B037. 250-721-7904

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

■ **Other** 12:30 p.m. *Library Research 101*. Library Research 101 will help you learn about basic research skills for university. McPherson Library 130. liblearn@uvic.ca

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

■ **Music** 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic*. School of Music students in a program for various instruments. MacLaurin B125. 250-721-7904



Parasitic Jaeger, watercolour on paper, J.Fenwick Lansdowne, 1978, part of the exhibition **Taking Flight: The Art of J. Fenwick Lansdowne at UVic's Legacy Art Gallery**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

■ **Other** 12:30 p.m. *Google 101*. Search effectively in both Google and Google Scholar. Understand when to use Google Scholar versus when to use a library database. McPherson Library 130. liblearn@uvic.ca

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

■ **Other** 12:30 p.m. *Find Articles Using UVic Libraries Quick Search*. Quick Search allows you to search multiple article databases at one time. McPherson Library 130. liblearn@uvic.ca

■ **Studies in Religion and Society Lecture** 4:30 p.m. *Jesus and the Golden Thread*. Terence Marner, CSRS associate fellow. Engineering Comp. Science 124. 250-721-6325

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

■ **Forest Biology Lecture** 7:30 p.m. *Will the Trees Go Marching By? Adaptation, Migration and Climate Change*. Dr. Sally Aitkin (UBC). Social Sciences & Math Bldg. A102. 250-721-7117

■ **President's Distinguished Lecture** 8 p.m. *What is America?* Ronald Wright, author. Bob Wright Centre—Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Building, Room B150. Free, advance tickets required. UVic Ticket Centre 250-721-8480 or www.auditorium.uvic.ca

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

■ **Music** 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic*. School of Music students in a program for various instruments. MacLaurin B125. 250-721-7904

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

■ **Studies in Religion & Society Lecture** 4:30 p.m. *Transforming Relationships: Artifact Repatriation Processes and Conflict Transformation*. Emmy Campbell, CSRS graduate student fellow. Engineering Comp. Science 124. 250-721-6325

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

■ **Albert Hung Chao Hong Lecture Series** 6 p.m. *Staging History—Action and Re-enactment in the Cultural Revolution*. Carma Hinton, documentary filmmaker, and Clarence J. Robinson (George Mason Univ.). Hickman 105. 250-721-7020

■ **Greek & Roman Studies Lecture** 7:30 p.m. *Greek Games and Gladiators*. Prof. Mark Golden (Univ. of Winnipeg). Clearihue A207. 250-721-8514

■ **Forest Biology Lecture** 7:30 p.m. *The Potential Contribution of Canada's Forests to a Climate Change Mitigation Strategy*. Dr. Werner Kurtz (Pacific Forestry Centre). Social Sciences & Math Bldg. A102. 250-721-7117

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

■ **Music** 12:30 p.m. *Fridaymusic*. School of Music brass students. MacLaurin B125. 250-721-7904

■ **Music** 8 p.m. *Concerto Concert*. UVic Concerto Orchestra, János Sándor, conductor. Featured soloists are winners of the school's annual concerto competition. Univ. Centre Farquhar Auditorium. \$16 & \$12. 250-721-7904

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

■ **Lecture** 7:30 p.m. *Learning with Ed: The Path to Eco-Conscious Living*. Ed Begley, Jr., actor and activist. Univ. Centre Farquhar Auditorium. \$10–\$30. UVic Ticket Centre 250-721-8480

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

■ **Alumni Week 2009**. The second annual week-long celebration of UVic alumni, with daily events including awards celebrations, breakfast for alumni on campus, young alumni networking and an Alumni Chip Trail walk. Various locations. Admission charges vary. See <http://alumni.uvic.ca> for details. 250-721-6000

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

■ **Studies in Religion & Society Lecture** 4:30 p.m. *Islam and Modernity: Between Identity and Teleology*. Youcef Soufi, CSRS graduate student fellow. Engineering Comp. Science 124. 250-721-6325

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

■ **Café Scientifique Lecture** 6:30 p.m. *Benefits of Exercise for Your Brain: Hope or Hype*. Dr. Brian R. Christie (UVic). Swans Suite Hotel, Collard Room. 250-472-4067

■ **Forest Biology Lecture** 7:30 p.m. *Cumulative Effects of Climate Warming and Increasing Disturbance on Vegetation in the Western Arctic*. Dr. Trevor Lantz (UVic). Social Sciences & Math Bldg. A102. 250-721-7117



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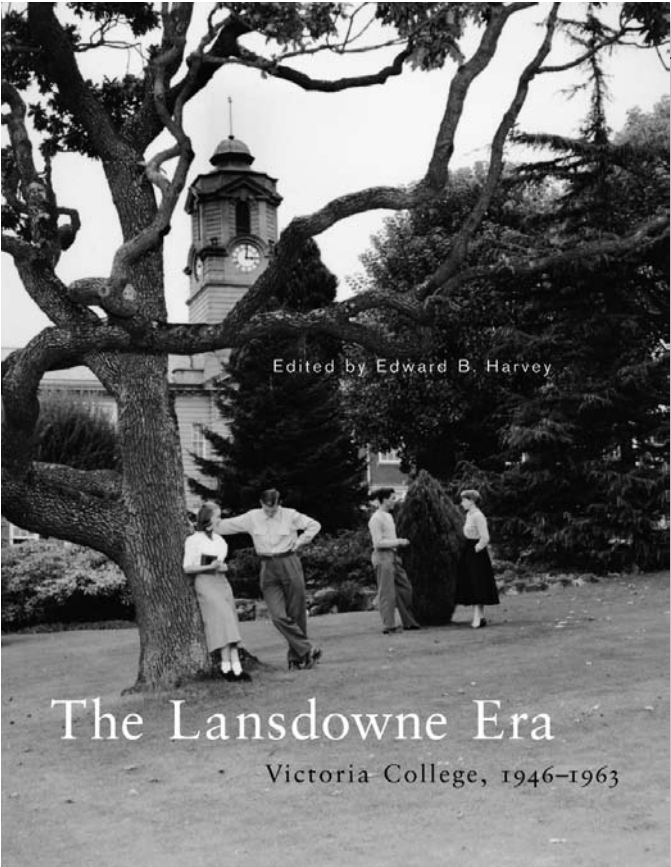
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Roth elected Fellow of AAAS

One of few science educators to receive this honour

BY CRYSTAL BERGERON

Lansdowne Professor in Applied Cognitive Science Dr. Wolff-Michael Roth was recently elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world's largest general scientific society and publisher of the prestigious peer-reviewed journal, *Science*.

Roth, a professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction in the Faculty of Education, was honoured by the association for his "distinguished contributions to research in science education, particularly for development of theory and methods, and exemplary empirical research on learning and teaching science."

"Having Dr. Roth receive this honour is a testament to his impact in the field of science education. We are fortunate to have him researching and teaching as a member of our faculty," says Dean of Education Ted Riecken.

Being named an AAAS Fellow is definitely a career highlight for this award-winning educator, author/editor of over 30 books, and sought-after expert on teaching innovative science. "This is the foremost organization of support of science in North America," says Roth. "Members are mostly scientists, and few educators are elected fellows. Although there are numerous Canadian scientists among the fellows, I am not aware of any other educators."

Election as an AAAS Fellow is an esteemed honour bestowed upon

members by their peers for their "scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications." This year the AAAS council elected 486 members to the rank.

A scientist by training (MSc in physics/PhD in science education, College of Science and Technology, University of Southern Mississippi), Roth obtained teaching licensure upon his arrival in Canada from Germany in the late '70s. Today he strives to make science more exciting, hands-on and relevant to society. "I am interested in what makes us really know, in all of the stuff that science exams don't test and that science teachers don't teach you. It is what makes us tick when there is something of interest," he says.

Over the years Roth has developed several successful science programs at local middle schools. What he enjoys the most is continual learning. "I am in a boat like the early explorers, continually being exposed to the new and novel, having to question the knowledge that they had until today, willing to rid themselves of it when new experiences suggest that the old ways of doing things no longer work."

Roth joins four other UVic faculty AAAS Fellows: Drs. Harvey Buckmaster (adjunct), J. Anthony Burke (emeritus), and Sidney van denBergh (adjunct), all in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, and Dr. Hari Srivastava (emeritus), Department of Mathematics and Statistics.



Roth. PHOTO: PROVIDED



St. Pierre with LEGO robot. PHOTO: EMILY AGOPSOWICZ

day in the life

BY EMILY AGOPSOWICZ

As the coordinator for Women in Engineering and Computer Science, Anissa St. Pierre wears many hats.

"Some days I need to take students to the Equity and Human Rights Office to get advice for how to help them, some days I'm doing LEGO robotics workshops with young kids, and some days I'm drafting proposals for how to make systemic changes," says St. Pierre.

Her job is to encourage more women and girls to consider computer science or engineering as a career and to support them in their studies at UVic. Part of the job includes making changes to the culture and teaching methods so that these fields are more attractive to women.

St. Pierre has a BA in math and computer science from UVic. She was

born in Iran and lived in Chad until she was 13 years old. "Chad is a difficult place for women. That has fuelled some of my interest for doing this job; I see what the needs are," she says.

St. Pierre's day-long workshops for middle-school students give participants both the hands-on engineering work of building a LEGO robot and the computer science experience of programming it.

"A lot of research has been done about what happens to minorities—when somebody feels like they don't belong to the majority, that lack of social support results in grades dropping. That immediately results in isolation," says St. Pierre.

"A lot of the work I'm doing is about bringing about inclusivity and trying to raise awareness, so that the students who graduate from this program are also socially respectful. Mostly, I talk to people about what the issues are and where the changes need to be made," says St. Pierre.

St. Pierre, mother of a four-year-old girl, spends her spare time teach-

ing children's classes for the Baha'i faith. For one hour a week, St. Pierre teaches children from 5 to 11 years old about things like generosity, unity and justice through songs and rhymes. "It brings the language of virtue to children," says St. Pierre.

Sometimes, St. Pierre can't help but take her work home with her. When she was asked to bring her robot workshop to her daughter's preschool class, it ended in a robot dance party. "We put the robot in a circle and made it dance. And this robot, if you touched his toe, he would go 'Ow.'" The next day, St. Pierre had parents ask her, "Are you responsible for having our kids walk around like robots all day and having us touch their toes and say 'Ow'?"

The Day in the Life series features the diversity of UVic employees who contribute so much to university life. To suggest someone to profile, contact Robie Liscomb, editor of *The Ring* (250-721-7640 or robie@uvic.ca).

"Fantastic response" leads to record-breaking campus United Way campaign

The 2008 UVic United Way campaign has surpassed its goal, blowing out the top of the United Way thermometer. At press time, UVic had collected more than \$286,000—almost 10 per cent over its target of \$265,000.

"This is a fantastic response by our campus," says Mark Roman, UVic's chief information officer and the 2008 campaign chair. "The donations of time and dollars from the UVic community will mean people in need in our wider community can continue to connect through the United Way

of Greater Victoria with agencies providing shelter, food, counseling, medical support and other crucial social services."

Interestingly, the number of donors in 2008 was lower than the 2007 campaign at 619 donors versus 656 the previous year, while there were 107 new donors overall and leadership donors (\$500 or more) were up 10 per cent over last year.

Several fund-raising events broke all previous records. The last-ever Dr. Zonk wacky science shows raised

\$5,287; the annual book sale, \$8,909 with an additional \$326 from the bake sale; the annual craft fair, \$1,804; the annual Engineering Students' Society VW Push, \$1,823; and the inaugural Plasma Car Race, \$1,903, with other events like the dunk tank and coin drive filling the donation coffers even higher.

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