



History Department Newsletter 2005

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Post Card of Victoria's Legislative Buildings circa 1910

Musings from the Chair, Tom Saunders

Reflections on 2005 should be a joint venture with Eric Sager, who completed his five years in the chair in July. But since Eric is enjoying a richly deserved sabbatical, it is my responsibility, as his successor, to recap the year. The place to begin is to recognize, as in our toasts to Eric at a departmental luncheon in May, his very energetic, creative and successful tenure. From renewal of faculty, to office renovations, to the book launch he instituted to profile our intellectual achievements, his time as chair was a period of noteworthy development. It was fitting that his final months in the chair should see the appointment of four new faculty members, the move into the redesigned main office, as well as a book launch celebrating a dozen books and two websites.

As a new chair I find myself enjoying the challenge of learning another side of the department and the university. I have greater appreciation than ever before of the departmental and wider community of learning at UVic. To read through the individual entries and a selection of departmental highlights which follow is to get some idea of the range and significance of the research, teaching and wider public roles of department members. The collective, multifaceted research contribution is remarkable, from large-scale collaborations to many individual projects. No summary statement can do it justice.

Undergraduate teaching depends crucially, over and above regular faculty, on the skill and dedication of many sessional instructors, including advanced doctoral students and postdoctoral fellows. Their creative input is exemplified in the recent development of University 101 and the field trip enjoyed by students in BC history to the Cowichan Tribes, both profiled in the following pages. The success of the department would also be unthinkable without the contribution of departmental staff. Our staff members manage the collective affairs of 33 regular faculty members, and roughly that many sessional instructors annually.

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Tom with honours history students.

In addition they are a key bridge to almost 70 graduate students and over 300 majors and honours students. They accomplish this while maintaining a work environment that is regularly and admirably remarked upon.

Last year's newsletter offered autobiographical reminiscences, whimsical and acute, from three colleagues in Canadian history, Ian MacPherson, Patricia Roy and Phyllis Senese, who now have emeritus status. As anticipated, they have continued to be active in a variety of capacities, including undergraduate teaching. At the start of the new academic year we welcomed their successors—Penny Bryden, political history; Richard Rajala, BC history and forests; Jordan Stanger-Ross, comparative social and urban history; and Shawn Cafferky as a limited-term appointment in military history (see profiles on this page). Their arrival raises the proportion of current faculty who have been hired since the year 2000 to almost 50 percent. This infusion of energy and expertise is a key ingredient in the dynamism of the department as the university continues to project growth in both undergraduate and graduate programs.



Wearing their carpentry attire, History Department staff celebrated the one year anniversary of moving into their newly renovated office (front row l-r Eileen Zapshala and Karen McIvor; back row l-r Leslie Laird, Jeannie Drew, Karen Hickton and Tom Saunders). Truth be told, any occasion to have cake is enough for us!

New Faculty

Penny Bryden: Penny took her Master's and PhD degrees at York University and comes to UVic after a decade in the Department of History at Mount Allison University in New Brunswick. She is a specialist in Canadian politics and social policy since the Second World War. Her *Planners and Politicians: Liberal Politics and Social Policy, 1957-1968* was published by McGill-Queen's in 1997 and she has co-edited books on the welfare state and Canadian foreign policy. Her current research focuses on federal-provincial relations since World War II. She has wide teaching experience in American and Canadian history since the colonial period, with particular expertise in Canadian politics and the history of Quebec.

Shawn Cafferky: Shawn was an undergraduate and then Master's student in the department before moving to Ottawa to complete a doctorate at Carleton University. His particular area of expertise is Canadian military history. The Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie University has recently published his *Uncharted Waters: A History of the Canadian Helicopter-Carrying Destroyer* and he is researching a book on the history of temperance and the Canadian military. He also spearheads the Veterans' Oral History Project which is dedicated to preserving the memories of Canadian veterans of the Second World War. His current half-time appointment complements a position with the Royal Military College in Kingston to teach online and at the naval base in Victoria.

Richard Rajala: Rick is another graduate of our Bachelor's and Master's programs. He took his PhD at York University and first taught Canadian and BC environmental history in the department while completing his dissertation. The focus of his research is BC forests and the forest industry. He has published books on the logging industry at Cowichan Lake, on the social and economic dimensions of the industry on the central and north coast of BC and on the technology and practices of the industry. His *Clearcutting the Pacific Rain Forest: Production, Science, Regulation* was published by UBC Press in 1998.

Jordan Stanger-Ross: When Jordan came for his job interview he was in the final stage of his doctoral program at the University of Pennsylvania. In the spring he defended his dissertation on postwar Italian communities in Philadelphia and Toronto; it has since been honoured with the Distinguished Dissertation Award of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States. His publications include an essay on Civil War soldiers in *American Nineteenth Century History* and forthcoming articles in *Social Science History* and *Journal of Urban History*. He is currently preparing his dissertation for publication and pursuing a new project on the urban experience of First Nations people in Vancouver.

Faculty Year in Review

Rob Alexander

Last year I worked on a book, reviewed several proposed journal articles, prepared a new grad course, lost a lot of weight, and chewed too many Nicorettes.

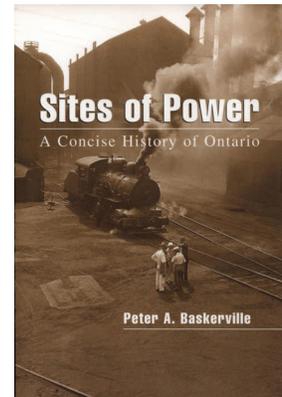
Peter Baskerville

I have continued as Director of the Canadian Century Research Infrastructure Project (CCRI) at the University of Victoria. We are now well into constructing the 1931 sample of the Canadian national census, having nearly

completed work on the 1911 and 1921 samples. The samples for 1941 and 1951 are currently in early states of preparation. We have ten people working for us, eight full time.

I published a university textbook on Ontario history: *Sites of Power: A Concise History of Ontario* (Oxford University Press). With Eric Sager I edited a book—the last 'official' publication from the Canadian Families Project—titled *Households Count*, forthcoming in 2006 through the University of Toronto Press and wrote a paper

for that book. I presented several conference papers: the Canadian Historical Association in London, Ontario in May; The International Commission for Historical Demography in Sydney, Australia in July; the British World History Conference in Auckland, New Zealand, in July; the CCRI annual meeting in Toronto in September; and the Social Science History Association in Portland, Oregon in November. I continue on the editorial board of *Histoire sociale/Social History* and sit on a CHA committee to choose the best book on Ontario's history.



Sara Beam

This year has been a time of transitions. In the spring semester, I developed a new course entitled "Gender, Religion and Politics in France, 1453-1715" and presented two research papers, one at the Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies in Stanford and another at the Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America in Cambridge. Beginning July 1, I have been on leave and have started research for a new book project about torture and physical punishment in

Europe 1500-1750. In order to delve into archives once again, I am spending the academic year in France. This new work has been enormously aided by a research travel fellowship awarded to me by the Society for French Historical Studies and a SSHRC standard grant. I was also invited by Columbia University to be a member of their Institute for Scholars in Paris. Having an office in central Paris as well as enjoying the intellectual exchange that a warm academic community provides has made this year of research a true pleasure.

Satisfaction Statistics - History Program

Of those responding to the survey,

- ~ 98% were satisfied or very satisfied with the History program
- ~ 98% found the quality of instruction good or very good
- ~ 92% rated the comprehensiveness of courses as good or very good

Source: UVic Student Outcomes, 2004 Survey of 2002 Baccalaureate Graduates



History undergrad Karen Sawatzky (centre) receiving the *Daughters of the Revolution (DAR)* Award from Carolyn Kramer, Regent (left) and Beverley Straub Watkins, Vice-Regent (right)



"The UVic History Department, through the courses and professors it made available to me, has enriched my life immeasurably. It has helped me develop many new areas of interest, and given me the pleasure of learning and satisfying curiosities. I now have a reading list that will probably last me the rest of my life. I also think I am much better equipped to address various social issues that concern me, because I have a greater understanding of their historical context."

Karen Sawatzky, B.A. (Honours History) 2005



Perry presenting a paper "Historical Perspective for the Liberation of Bergen-Belsen" at the 60th Anniversary of the liberation of the Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp

Wendy Muscat-Tyler photo

Perry Biddiscombe

I went on sabbatical for the 2005/06 year, so I only taught classes in the spring of 2005, although I was then busy with two undergraduate courses and a graduate seminar. Two of my MA students also completed their programs in August. In September, I finished writing *The SS Hunter Battalions*, which is a critical look at SS commando chief Otto Skorzeny and recounts his attempt to subvert the liberation of Europe during the last year of World War II. This book is due to be published in 2006.

I also started writing a new book on the denazification program in occupied Germany, which is com-

ing along (slowly) and is due to the publisher by next summer. In addition, I wrote an article discussing and categorizing the 150 years worth of analytical scholarship on nationalism. This essay is a revised version of an earlier conference paper and has been accepted for publication in the *International Journal of Humanities*. I also completed two book reviews and served as an outside reader for a number of articles.

Greg Blue

I was on sick leave from January through December of 2005. During that year, the simplified-character translation of my *China and Historical Capitalism* (edited with Timothy Brook) was pub-

lished in Shanghai, following publication of the traditional-character edition in Taiwan the year before. In July, the symposium on "Politically Engaged Scientists, 1920-1950," which I co-organized in the framework of the 22nd International Congress of History of Science, held in Beijing, was carried through to success by my co-organizers. I began a gradual return to work in January 2006, and look forward to returning to full-time research and teaching over the coming year. I am currently co-organizing a panel on the teaching of world history in Canadian universities for this year's annual World History Association Conference.

Congratulations

Christian Lieb

awarded the German-
Canadian Studies
Research Scholarship,
PhD level

Penny Bryden

I began 2005 by packing documents on federal-provincial relations into boxes in Sackville (or was it into sacks in Boxville?), and sending them on a summer adventure across the country to Victoria. I followed as closely behind as possible, and began the task of organizing my new west coast life. In a year dominated by this transcontinental move, I have continued working on my book on Ontario's relations with Ottawa,

tentatively called *The Not-So-Honest Broker: Ontario in the Federation, 1943-1990*, and published one article and submitted another on particular episodes in this period. I also shifted my position on the board of the Association of Canadian Studies from that of Maritime to British Columbia representative, and continued to write the odd book review and assess the occasional manuscript for presses and journals. And, I'm still unpacking the boxes.

Award Winner!

Maryanne Cotcher
Reed

Awarded the
Learned
Societies
Scholarship

New Scholarship in History Award!

Thank you to Professor Michiel SD Horn and Ms Cornelia Schuh for their gift of a scholarship award to the University of Victoria. The generous scholarship is awarded to a 3rd or 4th year honours history student. The scholarship was first awarded in 2005—Geoffrey Kenneth Bil was the award winner.

Dr Horn is a graduate of Victoria College, UVic's predecessor, which was then affiliated with UBC. He went on to the University of Toronto where he completed his MA and PhD. He is currently a professor of history and university historian at Glendon College, York University. Dr Horn is recognized as one of Canada's leading authorities on academic freedom.

Ethnohistory Field School - Report and Photos by John Lutz

Imagine 12 historians and an archaeologist hurtling through the Fraser Canyon in a rag-tag flotilla including a four-person zodiac and you will have a sense of the excitement of the fourth biennial graduate Ethnohistory Field School the History Department has conducted with the Sto:lo Nation and the second in which we were joined by University of Saskatchewan grad students.

Four UVic students, Karl Preuss, Jon Clapperton, Liam Haggarty and Henry Nikolaus joined six fabulous students from Saskatoon in the course which ran through May under the co-direction of John Lutz and Keith Carlson (a former UVic MA student and now a prof at the University of Saskatchewan). Sto:lo cultural advisor Sonny McHalsie, archaeologist Dave Schaepe and archivist Tia Halsted assisted with the course.

The students boarded with Sto:lo families for the first week and then camped in the Coqualeetza longhouse in Sardis near Chilliwack. Each worked on a project identified by the staff at the Sto:lo Nation and their research papers, transcripts and copies of their interviews are now in the hands of

the Sto:lo. Two of the UVic students have developed their research papers into a thesis or a major research paper.

In addition to seminars on the theory and practice of ethnohistory, the students imbibed a rich smorgasbord of educational and social events thanks to the warm generosity of our hosts. We were invited to honouring ceremonies, healing events, canoe racing, and powwow dancing. We helped with fishing and harvesting traditional foods, and had introductory workshops on the Sto:lo language and drum making.



Sto:lo Cultural Advisor Sonny McHalsie (yellow vest) provides a cultural orientation to field school students

At the end of the course, the students hosted a thank you feast in the longhouse for 50 people to acknowledge all the support they had received from the community. Graduate Dean Aaron Devor and History Chair Eric Sager represented the University. Many of the students formed friendships with their host families and continue to visit. Misled into thinking history was always this fun, several decided to make a career as historians after the river trip!



Grad student Liam Haggerty dressed to welcome guests to the thank you feast

Congratulations Faculty!

Sara Beam ~ SSHRC award: The Body of the Criminal in Europe, 1500-1750; and, the Society for French Historical Studies Research Travel Award

Brian Dippie ~ UVic Office of the VP Academic and Provost, Single Year Award for excellence in teaching.

John Lutz ~ Department of Canadian Heritage grant to do three more Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canada.

Andrew Preston ~ awarded an Olin Fellowship from Yale in International Security.

Andrew Rippin ~ reappointed Dean of Humanities for a second five-year term.

Jordan Stanger-Ross ~ received the Distinguished Dissertation Award from the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States.

Wendy Wickwire ~ SSHRC award: James A Teit and the Historical Challenge of Anthropology in the Boasian Era, 1908-1922



Jordan Stanger-Ross, Professor and Leslie Laird, Admin Officer enjoying (yes, enjoying!) haggis on Robbie Burns Day

Award Winner

**Stephen
Russo**
Winner of the
WHA Scholarship
in
World History



Special thanks to Dr Shawn Cafferky for volunteering for UVic's Young Minds Program, 2005

Martin Bunton

Among the highlights of 2005 was presenting a paper at the Onati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, in Gipuzkoa, Spain. This trip also provided the opportunity to continue my research on Sir Ernest Dowson and his collection of colonial land records, by visiting archives and libraries in London and Cambridge. With the support of an RTS from the Clayoquot Alliance, a SSHRC CURA initiative, I continued my work on property rights in comparative perspective, building and teaching a new course on property and colonialism which was offered in the fall. I served on the program committee of the

of my joint appointment with the Royal Military College of Canada I am currently supervising two MA students as well as teaching undergraduate and graduate courses. I am actively engaged in the Veterans' Oral History Project - a joint initiative between the University of Victoria and the Royal United Services Institution. The mandate of this project is, in part, to preserve the voices and memories of Canada's veterans who served from the Second World War to the present. This past December marks the completion of the second course offering of History 394

Centre for Studies in Religion and Society (CSRS) and contributed a paper to their faculty symposium on the subject of religion and empire, and continued to give public talks through the UVic Speakers' Bureau on current events in the Middle East, and provided some media interviews as well. The year also saw the completion of my manuscript on colonial land policy in Palestine for the OUP historical monographs series.

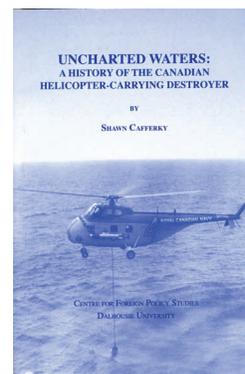
Shawn Cafferky

2005 has been a busy year. Since I joined the Department I have been balancing research and teaching. My dissertation, entitled *Un-*

charted Waters: A History of the Canadian Helicopter-Carrying Destroyer, was published this fall by the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie University. I also completed three chapters on the post-war Royal Canadian Navy for the Directorate of History and Heritage, Department of National Defence - i.e., "The Return to Normalcy, 1945-1947", "Discord and Mutiny, 1949", and "Naval Aviation, 1945-1950". These chapters, along with the work of other scholars, will comprise the official history of the Royal Canadian Navy, 1945-1968, which will be published by an academic press. In addition, I also supervised two Honours students. And, as a result

(Seminar in War and Peace Studies: Veterans and Oral History). It was a thoroughly rewarding experience for the instructor and students alike. The nine students who were enrolled in that class just completed interviewing over thirty veterans as part of their assignments. Finally, I remain busy with book reviews and writing. This summer, I hope to begin research for a book on the Canadian military and temperance in the 19th and 20th centuries. My interest in this particular area of inquiry came about, in part, as a result of a course I taught several years ago in

the Department ("Drink and Social Control in Canada, 1828-1928").

**Best in BC!**

**Laura
Ishiguro**

Winner of the
Burnaby Historical
Society Scholarship—
best undergrad essay
in BC History

Zhongping Chen

In 2005, I continued my research on a SSHRC-funded project regarding elite associations, networks and politics in Shanghai and the Yangzi Delta between 1895 and 1915, and presented one resulting paper entitled "Beneath the Republican Revolution, Beyond the Revolutionary Politics" at the annual conference of the Association for Asian Studies, held in Chicago in March 2005. The last of my four papers on the Chinese in Peterborough, Ontario, has also been accepted for publication by the journal *Diaspora*. I devoted

most of my research time to the writing and revision of my book manuscript on social networks and political changes in modern China.

Simon Devereaux

2005 has been a busy and happy year. In addition to (still) scribbling away at my book manuscript, I had an article - dealing with English convicts sentenced to death trying to refuse pardons on condition of transportation - accepted for publication in the journal *Law and History Review* for 2007, and my article on the abolition of the punishment of burning women in

England appeared in the year-end issue of *Crime, History and Societies*. I also completed a draft paper on the abolition of Tyburn executions for presentation to the November meeting of Victoria's "Early Modern Discussion Group," which completes my proposed trilogy of articles on the workings of capital punishment in London during the 1780s. I have also been busy organizing a volume of essays on British history in general during that critical decade, to be co-edited with Prof Donna T Andrew of Guelph University, and

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Cowichan Tribes Field Trip - (excerpts from the final report by Dan Marshall)

Sessional instructor Dan Marshall conducted a field trip to the Cowichan Tribes for students enrolled in History 354A (Northwest America) and HIST 358C (Natives and Newcomers) on October 13, 2005.

Students were officially welcomed by Band Administrator, Dora Wilson and Elders Joseph Charlie and former Chief Wesley Modeste who provided introductions and information on protocol to the students. Led by Ron George, Cultural Liaison Officer, the group then made their way to the Somena Long House where students were granted privileged access and further discussion by Elders on the traditional ways of the Cowichan peoples.

From there they went to "George Town" to the residence of Elders Ben and Violet George who hosted a salmon luncheon—salmon freshly caught that morning in the Cowichan River (photo on right).

The next stops were historical and traditional sites on the Cowichan Reserve: a climb up Mount Tzouhalem where blankets were offered to members of the Henry family who hold the traditional name of Chief Tsilpaymult, the Cowichan chief who traveled to London, England in 1906 for an audience with King Edward. The Chief played a pivotal role in the early Native protest movement of British Columbia land claim grievances.

The 19th Century Stone Church (photo on right), served as an ideal location for discussions on early Native-newcomer encounters between the Cowichan peoples and Governor James Douglas (and members of the Royal Navy). Students were very appreciative of the opportunity to speak with Cowichans directly about the early colonial encounters.

The field trip was a success from both the students' and the hosts' perspectives. Evaluations from the student participants were very positive: "It was an absolutely wonderful and interesting experience . . . I cannot remember the last time I had such a good time at school." "The trip was very worthwhile and meaningful." "I think it's a good idea for history students to get out of the classroom." Cultural Liaison Officer, Ron George, was so impressed with the caliber of interest and appreciation displayed, he asked whether he could visit both classes in the future.



(Devereaux con't)

I submitted an application for SSHRC funding to host a workshop session here in Victoria in March 2006. Last April I presented a paper on "The Execution Rate in Early Modern England" to the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies, held in Riverside, California, and in November I gave a paper on lawyers, actors and "performance" in eighteenth-century English trials to the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association in Portland, Oregon. Both papers present preliminary elements of

two future book projects – the first a study of capital punishment in London from 1689 to 1837, and the second a study of major transformations in the nature of "public justice" in England from the late eighteenth through the nineteenth centuries. And I received an internal SSHRC grant to employ a student to begin preliminary research for a third project of interest to me, the extent to which changing reactions of English people to earthquakes from the late seventeenth through the mid-eighteenth centuries may suggest a declining belief in "Providence". In September I was elected to the

nominating council of the North American Conference on British Studies. By this time next year, I may be able to tell you what that job entails: right now I've no idea!

Brian Dippie

2005—my 35th year at UVic—was a good one, I think. Teaching went well. One satisfied graduate student suggested it was time to put "Ol' Paint" to pasture. I'm in his debt. I'll call my post-retirement consulting business on Western American art Ol' Paint and make a fortune.

My article on Custer's explora-

tion of the Black Hills in 1874—framed as a contribution to the Lewis and Clark bicentennial—appeared nicely illustrated in the Washington State Historical Society's magazine *Columbia*, and my entry on that eminent Canadian cowboy artist Charles M. Russell is in Vol. XV of the *Canadian Dictionary of Biography*. Best of all, I finished a very long essay on Russell patronage for the forthcoming CM Russell "catalogue raisonné", which will be published by the University of Oklahoma Press. I've enjoyed working on the subject so much
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Dippie (con't)

that I've proposed a full-length monograph to be published by the same press under the gripping title *Dead Man's Prices*.

I delivered several lectures to academic and public audiences in 2006—at Calvin College in Michigan in February, the Colorado Historical Society in Denver and the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas, both in May, and the University of Oklahoma in October. But my favorite, I suppose, was to an enthusiastic crowd gathered for the Coeur d'Alene Art Auction at Reno (go figure) as a warm up to the auction proper on July 30, which saw a

single oil painting by C M Russell sell for \$5.6 million! Western art continues to command public devotion. I'm serving as an advisor to a major Russell exhibition that will travel to the Smithsonian in 2007, and as an advisor to the reinstallation of the Whitney Gallery of Western Art at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming.

Finally, this year marked Donna's and my 40th anniversary, which we celebrated with Angus and Arlene McLaren and two other couples also married in 1965 by spending a week during the November Reading Break at a luxury villa in Puerto Vallarta. I did get a couple of book reviews done, but the lei-

surely pace made retirement in 2009 seem . . . inviting.

John Duder

2005 was another excellent year. Classes on the Slave Trade, the History of South Africa, the Decline and Fall of the British Empire and An Introduction to African History were all full, indeed, perhaps over filled. The TAs worked hard as well. A record number of books were ordered to try and make up some of the gaping holes in the library's collections. The highlight of the year, however, was being asked to give the Saturday after dinner talk at the 2005 Qualicum Conference. On the general principle of "write what

you know", I chose to use my prize-winning collection of the *National Lampoon* (an American humour periodical famous during my own college years) in conjunction with my academic interest in Africa to produce "Giant Flying Insects have Eaten Ghana: the National Lampoon and Africa". I found it delightful to go through old issues collecting sophomoric jokes on Biafra, Idi Amin, Ian Smith and Soweto. The talk itself showed that NatLamp's sense of humour is not as widely shared among university students as it once was. Many thanks to Dr Sager for the invitation and to Dr Bunton for organizing the

conference. On more conventional academic fronts, I re-wrote a very old paper on soldier settlement in Kenya and am preparing a general survey of the impact of 9/11 on the plastic model making industry.



*Qualicum Conference 2005,
Eric Sager and John Duder*

Mariel Grant

I had a busy 2005. During the fall term I taught three courses and served as an examiner on many MA committees in both History and English. I remained the departmental library representative and was elected to serve as the Humanities Representative on the Senate Committee on the Library. In the spring term, I began a half-year sabbatical. In late January, I traveled to London, England for several weeks of research in the National Archives. This marked the start of a new project which

centres on the role of tourism in Britain's economic recovery after 1945. On my return, I completed an article on this topic which will be forthcoming in the *Journal of British Studies*. I am also working on a book on Britain and the Second World War for the Longman Seminar Studies in History.

Tim Haskett

In addition to continuing research on two major projects, supervising an interdisciplinary MA student, and course development, the following undertakings occupied some considerable time: Depart-

ment Majors' Advisor; Department Website Coordinator; Department Curriculum Coordinator; Chair, Faculty of Humanities Curriculum Committee; Humanities Representative, Senate Curriculum Committee; Humanities Committee on Academic Standards; Humanities Working Committee for HUMA120 (new course for Humanities undergraduates); Humanities Representative, Working Committee for the Proposal for Associate Degree in Liberal Studies; and, the SSHRC General Research Grants adjudication committee. I'm on leave for the spring 2006 term.

Congratulations!**Brodie Waddell**

awarded the

Margaret L De Santis

Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations SSHRC Award Winners

Masters:

Patrick Chasse
Samantha Cringan
Greg Fowler
Takaia Larsen
Jonathan Peyton
Michelle St Pierre
David Thompson
Cameron Whitehead

PhD:

Jenny Clayton

PhD—CGS:

Lisa Helps
Katie Rollwagen
Sheena Sommers

Globe and Mail's Top 40 Under 40

Congratulations to **Tamara Vrooman** (BA 1991, MA 1995) named one of Canada's talented young leaders for 2005. BC's Deputy Minister of Finance became interested in government decision-making while working on her Master's thesis on the history of the province's sterilization laws.

Graduate Workshops ~ 2005



Qualicum Auction November 2004. Grad students (front, l to r) Jennifer Sands, Heather Stanley, Alex Schoeber and John Gow, upper right



Qualicum Conference January 2005, (l to r) Peter Baskerville, Sara Beam, Annalee Lepp and Lisa Helps

Qualicum Conference Preparation by **Patricia Roy** ~ Jan 14, 2005

Spirit, Hardship, and Opportunity: Narrating Imperial Adventure in Early 20th Century British Columbia by **Elaine Moore** ~ Feb 4, 2005

New Approaches to German Colonial History by **Dan Bullard** ~ Feb 11, 2005

The Residents Respond: Respectability and Community in Post-WW II Britannia Beach, BC by **Katie Rollwagen** ~ Feb 25, 2005

Imbert Orchard, Oral History and the Construction of Identity in British Columbia by **Lucky Budd** ~ Mar 4, 2005

Secret Births and Sympathetic Surgeons in Eighteenth-Century England by **Sheena Sommers** ~ Mar 11, 2005

Counting Bodies Before the Court, Victoria, 1871-1901 by **Lisa Helps** ~ Mar 18, 2005

Occupation and Resistance: Okinawa in the 20th Century by **Kurt Heinrich** ~ Apr 1, 2005

Protecting the Double-Helix: Immanuel Velikovsky and American Scientists in the Early Cold War Era by **Simon Nantais** ~ Sept 29, 2005

Terminological Muddle – and a Way Out: Reflections on the Early Reformation in France by **Axel Schoeber** ~ Oct 6, 2005

Interwar Failure and Post War Success of European Integration, An Investigation Into the Origins of the European Union by **Constantin Chira-Pascanut** ~ Oct 20, 2005

Where is My Shiny Berlin?: The Rejection of Weimar Berlin in Its Contemporary Literature by **Maryanne Reed** ~ Nov 3, 2005

One too Many: Temperance and Resistance in the Cowichan Indian Agency 1886-1898 by **Heather Wilke** ~ Nov 17, 2005

A. Bryan Williams, James A. Teit and the Incursion of Conservation Measures and the Liberal Order into Northern British Columbia, 1905-1918 by **Jonathan Peyton** ~ Nov 24, 2005

Congratulations

**Kurt
Heinrich**

Awarded the
Lt-General
SF Clark, CBE, CD
Scholarship

Thank you! from Jarrett Plonka



As a student who counts what each cup of tea costs him, I need not waste any time discussing just how this scholarship [the RH Roy Book Prize in Military History] benefits me financially. Two intangible benefits which are not often acknowledged are the peace of mind and the confidence that such an award brings.

This award serves as a kind of affirmation, an encouragement, to let me know that I must be doing something properly. I'm very grateful.

Undergraduate Award Winners ~ 2005

Atkinson, Georgia Leona

~ The Leon J. Ladner BC History Scholarship

Barkaskas, Patricia Miranda

~ The Hutchinson Book Prize

Bil, Geoffrey Kenneth

~ Michiel Horn Scholarship

Brow, Stacey Elisabeth

~ The Prize of the Ambassador of Switzerland to Canada

Burley, Leah Kathleen

~ The Lord Selkirk Association of Rupert's Land (Victoria Branch)
Bompas Book Prize

Carew, Marsha Andria Hominuk

~ Ken Coates Book Prize

Carruthers, Allison Elizabeth

~ The Katharine Youdall Memorial Scholarship
~ The Maureen Dobbin Scholarship

Carter, Devon Patricia

~ The Alfred Loft Book Prize in Canadian History

Cavallin, Margaret Ann

~ J. Walter Grant Book Prize in British Columbia History

Collins, Dalton Stanley

~ The Gov't of the Federal Republic of Germany Book Prize

Debeck, Edwin James

~ Colonel George Urquhart Book Prize

Decorte, Michelle Dawn

~ University of Victoria Entrance Scholarships

Douglas, Tara A.

~ The Willard E. Ireland Scholarship in History

Gordon, Christopher Robert

~ The Tatton Anfield Prize in American History

Hill, Elina Marguerite

~ The Nora Lugin Shaw and Wendell Burrill Shaw Memorial Scholarship

Ishiguro, Laura Mitsuyo

~ United Empire Loyalists Association of Canada (Victoria Branch)
Book Prize in Canadian History
~ The Victoria Municipal Chapter, IODE, Canadian History Scholarship
~ UVic Excellence Scholarships Renewal

Johnson, Gene Morris

~ Air Force Officers' Association Book Prize

Konkle, Katya Bajdek

~ The Major-General GR Pearkes VC Scholarship
~ University of Victoria International Scholar Awards

Krueger, Terry Peter

~ Wally Milligan Soccer Scholarship

Mann, Paisley Claire

~ The Sydney W Jackman Prize in British History

Mann, Sarah Louise

~ The Sidney Pettit Book Prize in European History
~ University of Victoria International Scholar Awards

March, Hilary Elizabeth

~ The Charlotte SM Girard Book Prize in French History

McColm, Matthew Alexander Douglas

~ The Alexander MacLeod Baird Memorial Prize in Scottish History

Moore, William Fredrick

~ Wally Milligan Soccer Scholarship

Nathan, Robert Donald

~ The Allan and Elizabeth McKinnon Scholarship

Nielsen, Alyssum Rita

~ Pamela Valentine Memorial Scholarship

Pavlova, Anastasia Igorevna

~ The President's Scholarship

Pence, Eliot David

~ The Royal United Services Institute of Vancouver Island Book Prize in
Military History

Plonka, Jarrett Alexander

~ UVic Excellence Scholarships Renewal
~ The RH Roy Book Prize in Military History
~ The Professor Alfred E. Loft Memorial Scholarship

Regehr, Eric Matthew

~ The Prince and Princess Nicholas Abkhazi Book Prize in
Russian History

Sawatzky, Karen Anne

~ The Tatton Anfield Prize in American History

Sharp, Tristan

~ The Classical Association of Vancouver Island Book Prize
~ The Kathleen Agnew Scholarship
~ The Friends of Medieval Studies Scholarship
~ The President's Scholarship

Slonowsky, Deborah Lynn

~ President's Regional Entrance Scholarship—The Tom Uphill
Memorial Scholarship

Swanton, Jason Pericles

~ The Royal United Services Institute of Vancouver Island
Book Prize in Military History

Van Elk, Jennifer Gwyneth

~ The Hendrickson Prize in BC History

Waddell, Brodie Banner

~ The Dr Toby Jackman Book Prize in British History

Watson, Timothy A

~ The Ladner Book Prize for the Study of the History of BC

Whitehead, Cameron Ean Alfred

~ The Grotius Award in Modern History

Wizbicki, Rory Robert

~ UVic Excellence Scholarships Renewal

Mitchell Lewis Hammond

2005 was a busy year with lots of travel and new opportunities. Most of the spring was taken up with a three-month sojourn at the Herzog August Bibliothek, Germany's designated library for baroque-era material. There I continued research with medical treatises and archival records of early municipal health care programs in German cities. Alongside other conference trips in North America, I flew across the Atlantic pond again in October to present at a conference on humanism and Renaissance medicine in Greifswald, Germany. In Victoria, I have been developing two new courses in the area of health sciences, an introductory survey and an on-line course in public health. My article "Contagion, Honor, and Urban Life in Early Modern Germany," appeared in *Imagining Contagion in Early Modern Europe*, a collection edited by our own Claire Carlin.

John Lutz

I opened a fortune cookie early in the new year and it said something like: 'Team efforts will pay off' and such is the power of cookie wisdom that this has been a year of rewarding team work.

The five-year Coasts Under Stress project wound down this year. For MA student Liam Haggarty and I, this meant a trip to Hartley Bay and Prince Rupert for community feedback and filling in loose ends on our history of work among the Gitga'at people. I had the pleasure to work with Liam and MA student Jon Clapperton as a history component to a much larger team (including colleagues Rick Rajala and Lorne Hammond) that has just had its co-written *magnum opus* accepted by McGill-Queen's Press. I believe it sets a new standard for interdisciplinary work in Canada while providing a history and future options for the viability of coastal communities in Canada.

Part of a conversation started at an international conference organized by UVic history grad students including Pasi Ahonen in 1998 finally emerged from McGill-Queen's Press in a volume I co-edited with Jo-Anne Lee in Women's Studies with the ponderous title: *Situating Race and Racisms in Space Time and Theory*. It is a tribute to the graduate student cohort of the time who created the History of Racialization (Reading) Group.

The team of the Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History

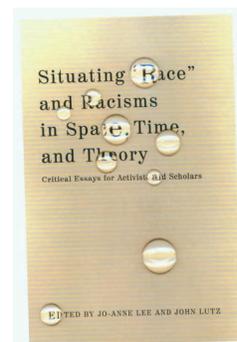
project which I co-direct was rewarded with a \$487,000 grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage to do three more mysteries which will be launched in April. The team involving our grad students Andrei Bonderoff, Heather Gleboff, Jon Clapperton, and Pat Szpak among others across the country, will launch these sites in April 2006.

Finally, I had the great pleasure of working with a fantastic crew of graduate students and Sto:lo colleagues in the Ethnohistory Field School in the spring (see article page 5) and in an Ethnohistory seminar in the fall.

Thanks, everyone for a very rich year, though I regretfully note that not all fortune cookie prophecies were fulfilled. Another fortune said: "You will get an urge to take a librarian to lunch." I did offer to buy a librarian a drink once, but my offer was spurned!

Andrea McKenzie

In 2005 I enjoyed teaching my second and third semesters at UVic. I am still basking in the novel pleasure of being able to give lectures in my own field of English history! January 2005 marked my first Qualicum conference, an
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You will soon get an urge to take a librarian to lunch



"Punishing a common scold in the dunking stool" - a 17th Century woodcut

Sessional Instructors

The History Department benefits enormously from the dedication and professionalism of a large number of sessional instructors. These include postdoctoral fellows hosted by the department, and many of our own advanced PhD students. They contribute in the classroom and in many ways, and they are a vital part of the intellectual and social life of the department. Listed here are those who taught one or more courses in the spring, summer or fall, 2005.

Elena Baraban
Melanie Buddle*
Neil Burton
Shawn Cafferky
Rob Diaz*
David Dolff
Denis Dubord*
Judith Friedman*

Bob Griffin*
Lorne Hammond
Rob Hancock*
Alisa Harrison
John Hinde
Dan Hinman-Smith
Thomas Hoerber
Matthew Koch

Steve Koerner
Erik Kwakkel
Cheryl Lans#
Christian Lieb*
Erin McLaughlin-
Jenkins#
Ian MacPherson**
Richard Mackie

Chris Morier*
Dawn Nickel
Rick Rajala
Brad Rennie*
Dave Robertson
Stuart Robson
Eva St. Jean*
Jessica Schafer#

Kristin Semmens#
Scott Sheffield
Georgia Sitara*
Keith Smith
Tim Travers
Andrew Wender*

*a current or former UVic PhD student

**Professor Emeritus

#SSHRC postdoctoral fellow

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operation run so smoothly by Martin Bunton that I (perhaps foolishly) agreed to undertake it for the following year. In April Simon and I travelled to Riverside, California, to present papers at the Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies; in November we presented at the annual meeting of the Social Science History Association in Portland, Oregon. On the home front, I began to penetrate the mysteries of our automated sprinkler system and continued the struggle to keep our goldfish alive. In October, we welcomed a new addition to the family: my late grandmother's grey tabby Murphy,

whom we hope to spoil for many years to come. I corrected a number of articles for the press, two of which saw the light of day in 2005 – a piece on “peine forte et dure” in early modern England, and another on the decline of the Ordinary's *Account* of the behaviour and last dying words of the male-factors executed at Tyburn – in *Law and History Review* and the *London Journal*, respectively.

Angus McLaren

Being interviewed for a television program on Jack the Ripper was diverting, but otherwise 2005 was taken up by the usual round of academic activities. I made several

research trips to London, commented on papers at the American Historical Association meeting in January in Seattle, and was an invited panel discussant at an international conference on “Women and the Demographic Transition” at Radboud University in The Netherlands in May. I produced one book review, provided jacket blurbs for two books, and read book-length manuscripts for Cornell University Press and the University of Chicago Press. In addition to my undergraduate teaching, I was the outside examiner for a University of Toronto PhD and on the examining committees of three University of Victoria MAs. My major accomplishment in

the past year was finishing a manuscript on the history of male sexuality. Like two of my earlier books, the new study will be published by the University of Chicago Press.

Lynne Marks

In the spring of 2005 I held a faculty fellowship at UVic's Centre for Studies in Religion and Society to work on my book manuscript on religion and irreligion in turn of the century BC. An article on that topic “Leaving God Behind when They Crossed the Rocky Mountains: Exploring Unbelief in Turn-of-the-Century British Columbia” is appearing this year in P Baskerville and EW Sager, eds., *Canadian Families at the Turn of the*

Twentieth Century (forthcoming, University of Toronto Press). An article I co-wrote with Dr Margaret Little of Queen's University “A Closer Look at the Neo-Liberal Petri Dish: Welfare Reform in British Columbia and Ontario”, was accepted for publication by the *Canadian Review of Social Policy*. At the Canadian Historical Association meeting in London, Ontario this spring I participated in a roundtable on Microhistory. This fall in Toronto I presented a paper as part of a plenary session at an international Labouring Feminisms conference. The paper was titled “Challenging Binaries: Working-Class Women and Lived Religion in North America”.

Andrew Preston

To say that 2005 was an interesting and exciting but exhausting year would be putting it mildly. In addition to the normal book reviews and conference papers, in the summer my family and I embarked on a cross-continental move to New Haven, Connecticut, so I could take up a year-long Olin Fellowship in International Security Studies at Yale University (word to the wise: driving from the Pacific to the Atlantic is *not* a good idea with a 3 year-old child, a 9 month-old baby, and a van packed to the roof with everything else you'll need for a year). I am teaching one course per term while at Yale, which leaves plenty of time for research. We return to Victoria in July 2006 – by plane.

Topical Issues Debate

Lynne Marks' op-ed article on the same sex marriage debate and the role of religion appeared in the February 28, 2005 edition of the *Victoria Times Colonist*.

Lynne is a faculty member of the History Department and holds a faculty fellowship at UVic's Centre for Studies in Religion and Society.



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Thank you for recognizing my work by awarding me the Ken Coates Book Prize.

After raising a family and spending three decades as an administrative clerk, I planned to return to school at age 50 to complete a BA in History and then to apply to Law School. I am happy to say that my BA in History is “presque accompli”. It has been a thrilling journey made most rewarding by the History professors whose expertise and passion for their subjects kept me wanting more. Thus, when I graduate in spring 2006, I plan to put Law on hold and pursue post graduate studies in History.

Marsha Carew



Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History - Update by Merna Forster

In the spring of 2005, the Mysteries Project began work on three new mysteries. "Torture and the Truth: Angélique and the Burning of Montreal" is being developed at the University of Sherbrooke, "Heaven and Hell on Earth: The Massacre of the "Black Donnellys"" is the creation of a team at Mount Royal College, and Professor Larry Hannant from Camosun College/University of Victoria led the research team for the "Explosion on the Kettle Valley Line: The Death of Peter Verigin". These new mysteries will be launched in April 2006 at various locations across the country, along with a new educational site called MysteryQuests. The latter will include web-quests (learning activities for students in which most of the material is online) related to all six of the mysteries that will be available this spring.

The Mysteries Project is based at the University of Victoria and operates under the direction of Dr John Lutz, with the support of co-directors Dr Ruth Sandwell (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education) and Dr Peter Gossage (University of Sherbrooke). Executive Director, Merna Forster, joined the team in July, becoming the first full-time employee and coordinator of project operations across the country. UVic students who have been working on the project include Heather Gleboff (Senior Editor), Amanuel Moges (Programmer), Patrick Szpak (Website Developer), Jonathan Clapperton (Researcher for Verigin) and Andrei Bondoreff (Researcher for Verigin).

The Department of Canadian Heritage provided most of the funding for this phase of the Mysteries Project, and the University of Victoria and other partners also made significant contributions. The Humanities Computing and Media Centre provides support for the technical work.

The Mysteries Project provides high quality materials to high schools and universities for the teaching of Canadian history. Each mystery, comprised of an archive of primary documents of about 100,000 words (in both English and French) as well as images and maps, is accompanied by a detailed teachers' guide. These guides are currently being used by over 500 registered users from around the world, and during the past year the mysteries in the sites have had about 240,000 visits and 12.6 million hits. The Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History can be viewed at www.canadianmysteries.ca.



(l-r) Amanuel Moges, Merna Forster and John Lutz

John Price

In August, I traveled to Hiroshima for the 60th anniversary commemoration of the atomic bombing, where I represented the Vancouver City Peace and Justice Committee at the Mayors for Peace Conference. I then visited Korea where I conducted follow-up research related to a study on Canada and the Cold War in East Asia. The monograph from this study is presently under review at UBC Press. My paper on "E.H. Norman and the Occupation of Japan" is included in a volume edited by Greg Donaghy and Patricia Roy on the history of Canada-Japan relations, also currently in peer review. In November, I spoke in the St. John's College lecture series on "Japan: Western Outpost or Asia Power". I continue to be involved in the organization of the World Peace Forum, scheduled for June 23-28, 2006. Satellite activities at UVic, including a graduate student conference, are also being planned in the week leading up to the global forum.



Hiroshima Dome where 66,000 gathered to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the atomic bombing

John Price photo

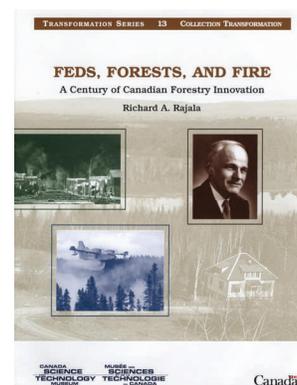
Richard Rajala

The past year has brought significant change, involving my appointment to a tenure-track position in Canadian history after several years in the sessional trenches. I will now be teaching the "BC Since 1885" and "BC Environmental History" courses on a regular basis, and am in the preliminary stages of working up a new course entitled "The North American Forest: Economy, Ecology, Culture" for next year.

Research activities have centred on the completion of a book-length manuscript on the history of BC's north coast forest industry, undertaken in association with the Coasts Under Stress Project and the Royal BC Museum. Over the summer I brought the account up-to-date, or as close as any historian should dare, and am hopeful that the editorial process will go smoothly enough to allow publication by the Museum in summer 2006. The year also saw the publication of my *Feds, Forests, and*

Fire: A Century of Canadian Forestry Innovation, by the Canada Science and Technology Museum.

Current writing projects include articles on loggers' unionization along the north coast and Depression-era relief camps operated by the BC Forest Service.



Winning Research



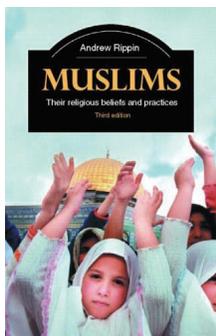
Congratulations to Dr Ian MacPherson who was awarded \$1.75 million over five years as part of a \$9 million investment by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to connect university researchers with the not-for-profit organizations that make up Canada's essential social economy.

Dr MacPherson will oversee the national research network on "Canadian Social Economy: Understandings and Potential" which will focus on developing policies to better support social economy organizations in Canada and to improve their overall effectiveness.

For more information, see: www.socialeconomyhub.ca

Andrew Rippin

In 2005 I was reappointed as Dean of the Faculty of Humanities for a second five-year term. My teaching was restricted to the section on Islam in the introductory Religious Studies course (RS 200A) in fall and spring terms. Various editing tasks consumed much of my research time and will result in at least one new book appearing in 2006 (the *Blackwell Companion to the Qur'an* due in May) but I did present three talks at conferences on the Qur'an at Notre Dame University in April and in Berlin and London in November. The third edition of my book *Muslims: Their Religious Beliefs and Practices* was published this year; the text was expanded by about 10,000 words and updated with material relevant to understanding the modern context of Islam in general. A few book reviews and a number of encyclopaedia articles also made it into print.



Eric Sager

I completed five years as department chair in 2005, and was rewarded with a year's administrative leave. Since July I have been hiding in L Hut, in the offices of the Canadian Century Research Infrastructure Project. I emerged briefly to present a paper on "British Immigrants in the Canadian Census of 1901" at the British World History Conference in Auckland, NZ in July, and again to present a paper at the conference of the Association of Canadian Studies in Edmonton in October. I have written something on women's participation in the industrial labour force in British Columbia from the 1920s to 1950s, and a paper on domestic servants in Canada in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Unfortunately the rainy weather has prevented me from playing golf, so I have had to focus on my research. So far, however, my year of leave has been enjoyable and productive—I will try to play work harder in 2006.

Where Are They Now?

David Farrell—MA History, 1993

After my Masters program, I went on to a certificate in the Cultural Property Management Programme in 1994. I then worked for a few years as collections manager at the Nanaimo District Museum. After Corina [see Corina Eberle below] and I moved to Toronto in 1997, I had an eight-month contract position with the Royal Ontario Museum's registration department. I am currently Collections Co-ordinator at the Peel Heritage Complex in Brampton.

Scott Sheffield—BA History, 1992; MA 1995

After graduating from UVic I went to Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario for five years to complete a PhD in History before moving to Calgary for a one year post-doctoral fellowship. In 2001, I returned to UVic for a two-year SSHRC Post-doctoral fellowship which involved five months researching, teaching and fly fishing in New Zealand. After working as a sessional instructor at UVic and Camosun College, I obtained a permanent position in the History Department at the University College of the Fraser Valley, in 2005. I now live in Chilliwack, BC, with my wife and two sons.

Corina Eberle—BA Honours, Medieval Studies, 1996

My degree from UVic led to doing a Masters in Medieval Studies at the University of Toronto. There were doubts (you know who you are) that studying paleography and Latin would have any "real world" applications. Needless to say these skills are both useful in my current position as Publicist for Douglas & McIntyre Publishing Group in Toronto (and by useful I mean something perhaps a bit more esoteric than normal). I also work part-time as a programme officer at Spadina Museum: Historic House & Gardens.

Keith Smith—BA Honours History 1994, MA 1996

After completing my BA and MA at UVic I was off to Calgary to work on my PhD with Dr Sarah Carter. On returning to Victoria in 1998, I soon began working as a sessional instructor at UVic and a little later at Malaspina and Camosun. In 2005 I was hired as a regular faculty member in First Nations Studies at Malaspina UC. The highlight since my studies at UVic, though, was the arrival in 2001 of my son Clayton, now a rambunctious four year old.

Ruth Underhill — BA Honours History, 1996

After graduating, I went to the University of St Andrew's in Scotland where I studied for my Masters in Historical Research—specifically early Scottish settlers on Vancouver Island—before returning to Victoria. Since then, I have worked in my field in the area of First Nations land claims and then took a break by moving to Vancouver for a year to study a long-held interest in theatre and clown training. I'm now back in Victoria working as an employer liaison for the Community Social Planning Council, a private, non-profit organization that works with the community on issues faced by low-income residents such as housing and barriers to work.

More "Where Are They Now" Features on page 15.

Where Are They Now? (con't)

Jill (Newton) Ainsley—*BA Honours History, 1997*

I was a student, supervised by Angus McLaren, in the honours program from 1995 until 1997. From 1997 until 2000 I was a PhD student at the University of Durham, but I ended up abandoning academia in favour of cold, hard cash. For the past five years I have been employed by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia and am currently the production manager for *Hansard*, the official report of debates. I am also happily married to another former history student, Martin Ainsley. Together we have a heritage house that's in a perpetual state of renovation and a young son, Ciaran, who may grow up to fulfil his mother's dream of being a professor of Victorian history!

Dennis Flewelling—*MA History, 2003*

I came to UVic as a "profoundly mature" student at age 50 after a career in law enforcement. Since leaving UVic, I have become the Regional Manager for the Aboriginal Policing Directorate, responsible for

all of BC and the Yukon. I feel very fortunate to have such a rewarding job that takes me to First Nations' communities to provide enhanced funding for additional constables on reserves in order that Aboriginal communities have policing arrangements that respect their cultures and way of life. There are now 34 agreements with 148 First Nations' communities, which is very gratifying.

Michael Crawford—*BA Honours History, 2004*

I have moved to Australia and I am currently working as a Researcher for the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade, of the Parliament of Australia. A lot of words but that's government for you! Obviously my experience writing and researching history has been indispensable and I feel lucky to basically get paid to do what I did at university.

*Award
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**Sabrina
Jackson**

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*Winnifred E.
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Scholarship*

Congratulations

**Marki
Sellers**

**Winner of the
Victoria
Historical
Society**

Oliver Schmidtke

It was a year full of new beginnings for me. In 2005 I started two major collaborative research projects in the field of immigration and integration that, together with my partners in Europe, will keep me busy for the next three years. In March I organized the conference "Governing Migration in the Age of De-nationalization" on the basis of which I am currently preparing an edited volume with Ashgate. Then I started two outreach projects both co-sponsored by the European Commission. First, there is the EUCAnet Project that aims to generate a nation-wide electronic 'Who's Who' in European Studies and to encourage the exchange of scholars with media (please see www.eucanet.ca). Second, the Young Researchers Network grant was initiated that seeks to build a network of young researchers in the area of European Studies and to bring some of them together for a graduate student conference in May 2006 at UVic. Last but not least – to complete the synopsis of a very busy year – I was appointed Acting Director of European Studies and initiated a process to broaden the base of this Program and invite other departments – most notably History – to participate more fully in its activities.

Jordan Stanger-Ross

My first semester with the department has been productive and enjoyable.

This fall saw the publication of two articles: "Falling Far From the Tree: Transitions to Adulthood and the Social History of Twentieth Century America" *Social Science History* 29, 4 (Winter 2005) and "Neither Fight nor Flight: Urban Synagogues in Postwar Philadelphia" *Journal of Urban History* (Spring, 2005). This fall I also had the honour of receiving the Distinguished Dissertation Award from the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States. Despite gratifying research, I derived the greatest enjoyment from introducing my first undergraduate course, "Making Difference in Canada," which explored the history of race and ethnicity in North America from the 16th to the 19th Centuries with a spirited group of University of Victoria students. With the continued support of a SSHRC post-doctoral fellowship, I will spend the upcoming semester preparing my dissertation manuscript for publication as a book. I will also begin work on my next two major research initiatives, an examination of the geography of black marriage in 20th

Century Philadelphia and an inquiry into the social networks among native people in and around Vancouver in the decades after the Second World War.

Elizabeth Vibert

I spent the first half of 2005 on study leave in southern France. I wasn't doing research (except in local vineyards and fromageries); the point was to get away from Victoria and complete several writing projects. I now fully appreciate the value of the sabbatical. Getting away – literally and figuratively – made all the difference. I completed three articles, two on my research on Scottish colonial identities and one on my longer-term research on colonial discourses of difference. In the latter essay, I look at how food practices function as a key axis of difference in late-18th and early-19th century British travel and trade narratives. The essay is forthcoming in a festschrift for Jennifer SH Brown, and I am working on an extended version for a journal. I presented a preliminary paper from my Scottish work at the American Historical Association meeting in Seattle in January 2005.

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(*Vibert cont'd*)

That piece, which examines the notion of “home” in colonial self-writing, has been submitted to *The American Historical Review*. The second article from my Scottish work, on the making of Christian manhood, was solicited for the forthcoming collection *Gender, Mobility and Intimacy in an Age of Empire*, edited by Antoinette Burton and Tony Ballantyne.

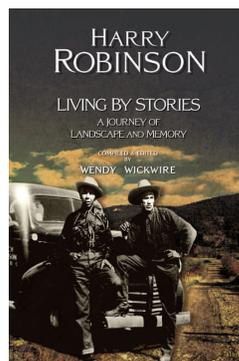
I'm now back as the department's graduate advisor and teaching a new course called “Identity and Difference in the British Atlantic World, 1580-1850.” I think often and wistfully of that village in France.

Wendy Wickwire

Throughout the past academic year I have been working on two book projects. The first, a new collection of oral narratives by Okanagan storyteller, Harry Robinson, has just been released—*Living By Stories: A Journey of Landscape and Memory* (Talonbooks, Vancouver, 2005). The second, a SSHRC-funded intellectual biography of early BC ethnographer, James A Teit, is in progress. An essay “Stories From the Margins: Toward a More Inclusive British Columbia Historiography,” has just been published in the *Journal of American Folklore* 118 (470), Fall, 2005: 453-474.

Last January, I played host to Dr Julie Cruikshank, the Distin-

guished Women's Scholar guest on campus (and at the Qualicum Conference) for two days. I did the same in November, when my honorary degree nominee, Merve Wilkinson (well known eco-forester) received his degree.



Congratulations!

**Kathryn
Bridge**

Winner of the
Leon J. Ladner
BC History
Scholarship

Staff Profile — *Karen McIvor* by Leslie Laird



Described as “caring”, “essential” and the “heart and soul” of the History Department by the five department Chairs she has worked with since 1988, Karen is an invaluable resource to faculty, staff, students and the general public.

From those five Chairs (Ian MacPherson, Peter Baskerville, Ted Wooley, Eric Sager and Tom Saunders), Karen says she has learned a lot about dedication, commitment and leadership—qualities that she herself exemplifies in earning, over a 13-year period, her BA (first class) in 1993 in English and Medieval Studies, and in her loyalty to the History Department!

In 2005, Karen celebrated 25 years at UVic where she first worked in the Law Faculty (when it was located in the back of the McPherson Library). Memorable moments for Karen include the complete renovation of the History Department office in 2004/05 and the many babies who have been born to faculty and students over the years. Karen recalls Zoë Sager as a toddler coming to the office and colouring at her desk, and now Zoë is a young woman traveling around the world.

Outside work, Karen's two grandsons and her music give her great pleasure. Karen plays the cello and the piano and has recently initiated a children's choir at her church (melodious tunes she is teaching can be heard throughout the day in the office!). She loves community music and can be persuaded to participate in Celtic jam sessions. Her one regret is that the History Department Philharmonic has had but one performance . . . so far!



Thank you!

I am honoured to have been selected to receive the Maureen Dobbin Scholarship. For the past year, I have been heavily involved with Engineers Without Borders, a Canadian, non-government organization committed to promoting human development through access to technology. I have just returned from a four-month volunteer placement in Chipata, Zambia, where I worked as a research assistant for the International Centre for Research in Agroforestry. ICRAF works with resource-poor farmers in southern African countries, teaching and encouraging sustainable agricultural practices. My experience confirmed for me my passion for development work. After completing my degree (double major—honours History and French), I hope to pursue a master's degree in international development and eventually to work with the Canadian International Development Agency. I feel that my history degree has been essential in helping me to realize this passion.

Allison Carruthers



Paul Wood

Beth Haysom, UVic Communications,
photo

Paul Wood

I was on research leave throughout 2005, and was able to start writing my biography of the Scottish polymath Thomas Reid. In April, I returned to Edinburgh where I collected yet more material on early 19th-century interpretations of Reid's life and writings. During the course of the year I also had an article on Reid published, and wrote two entries on the Aberdeen Philosophical Society. One of these will be appearing in a reference work on the history of British philosophy, and the other will soon be added to the on-line version of the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*.

LARGEST DONATION TO THE HUMANITIES CREATES FELLOWSHIP IN SCOTTISH STUDIES

We look to Scotland for all our ideas of civilization. – Voltaire

It's been said that the Scots invented the modern world, and that many of our values—cultural, political and social—stem from an enlightened Scottish world view.

Now, the passion of a Victoria couple for all things Scottish has resulted in the largest donation ever to the University of Victoria's Faculty of Humanities.

A \$560,000 gift from the estate of the late Marion Alice Small will create the "Hugh Campbell and Marion Alice Small Fund for Scottish Studies".

The endowment has resulted in the appointment of Dr Paul Wood of the History Department for the first ever UVic Scottish Studies Fellowship. In September 2006, 60 students will be able to enroll in Dr Wood's courses on "The Scottish Enlightenment" and "Scottish Historical Thought 1700-1860".

Excerpts from UVic Communications Releases Sept 20/05; Jan 23/06



Lieutenant Governor's Silver 2005 Medal Award Winner – Ben Bradley

This year's top Master's thesis at the University of Victoria examined the Robson Valley - Yellowhead Pass transportation corridor and the shift from train to automobile in the late 20th Century. During his studies Ben was assisted by a History Department graduate fellowship and the Margaret De Santis Memorial Scholarship. Continuing his interest in transportation, Ben is now pursuing a PhD in history at Queen's University with a dissertation on automobility and everyday life in British Columbia planned. Congratulations and continued success Ben!

University 101

UVic's History Department is a proud sponsor of a new humanities course offered to adults whose economic and social circumstances normally pose obstacles to university education. Twenty-four students are enrolled in spring term 2006 in University 101, a free, non-credit course offered at UVic's downtown campus. The course has been spear-headed by Kristin Semmens, an instructor and former postdoctoral fellow in the History Department, together with members of the downtown low-income community. Other members of the Department—Lynne Marks, Elizabeth Vibert, postdoctoral fellow Jessica Schafer, and graduate student Bronwen Magrath—are active on the advisory board. Course co-ordinator is Becky Corey from the Equity and Human Rights office.

The course introduces students to a wide range of topics such as critical thinking, creative writing, local and world history, indigenous history, Greek and Roman mythology, classical philosophy, gender studies and English literature. University 101 is taught on a volunteer basis, mainly by members of the Faculty of Humanities. Contributors from the History Department include Martin Bunton, John Lutz and Ilana Stanger-Ross. Many of our graduate students have served as volunteer teaching assistants for class discussions. Office staff contributed to the meals that kick off each evening's class. The course has been made possible by financial and other support from the Dean of Humanities, Andrew Rippin; Dean of Continuing Studies, Wes Koczka; Vice President Academic, Jamie Cassels; and private donors. Given the success of this year's effort, Dr Rippin has pledged ongoing support to ensure that the program continues long term. University 101 will run again in fall 2006; volunteers are always welcome.

For more information, see: www.uvic.ca/uni101

Reminiscences on Retirees—a note from former grad Lynne Bowen

I enjoyed receiving the annual newsletter especially since it contained reminiscences from three of my former profs. I was a mature student for six years from 1974 to 1980 while I took an history-laden undergraduate year so I could qualify as a graduate student in the course-based MA which I imagine no longer exists. I remember with great fondness Dr Ian MacPherson for his self-deprecating sense of humour and his plea that I stop prefacing all my papers with a diatribe on how important it was for historians to be communicators. Finally, during a seminar on Liberalism he said, "All right Lynne. We get your point."

Dr Phyllis Senese gave me what I consider to be the best course I ever took in university: "The Intellectual History of Canada". We met one-on-one in her office and discussed literature and history and ideas for one glorious year.

The most important person for me at UVic was Dr Patricia Roy. It was she who urged me to attend graduate school; she was my grad adviser and, most importantly for my future career as a teacher of creative writing, it was she who pointed out the existence of the nefarious passive voice.

For the past fourteen years I have shared the Rogers Communications Chair of Creative Non-Fiction Writing at UBC and insist that students avoid the nefarious passive voice. I will retire in 2006 having managed to last only one year longer than the three memorable professors with whom I worked in the UVic History Department.

Veterans' Oral History — Update

by Shawn Cafferky



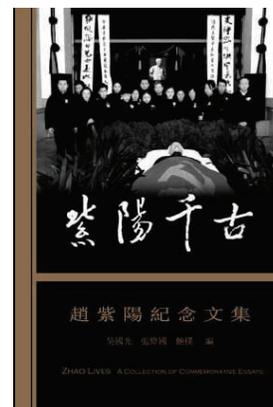
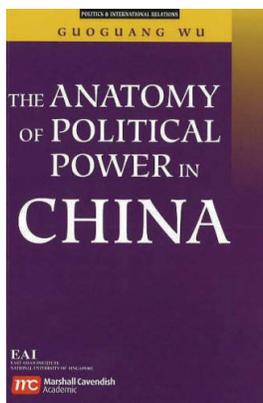
In the fall term, 2005, History 394 (Seminar in War and Peace Studies: Veterans and Oral History) was offered for the second time. Nine students were registered in this upper-level seminar. In this course students had the opportunity to interview a minimum of three veterans, from any branch of the military, for their term papers. This year was particularly exciting as students interviewed Aboriginal veterans (a first in the course), female veterans, former Prisoners of War, and family members of veterans. Interviewing family members gave students a glimpse of what it was like for those who remained behind while their loved ones went off to war. Interviewing Aboriginal veterans gave one student in the class an opportunity to re-acquaint herself with her own culture and to tell an important, but often forgotten, part of our military history. The students, and instructor alike, found the experience to be very rewarding. In fact, many of the students formed lasting relationships with their veterans.

In all, some 30 interviews were conducted by the students and those interviews, as well as their papers, will be added to the Oral History Collection in the McPherson Library which was named after Dr Reg Roy, Professor Emeritus in the History Department. In total, there are over 400 oral history tapes in that collection which are being used by researchers and students alike. The course will be offered again in the fall of 2006, and is part of the larger joint initiative—Veterans' Oral History Project—between the University of Victoria and the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI).

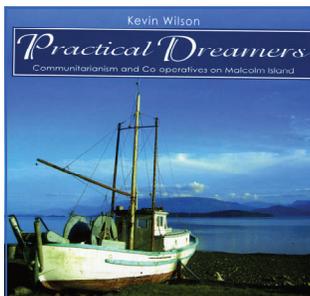
Guoguang Wu

My 2005 began with teaching a seminar on the history of Chinese foreign policy, and the students were superb. Research activities of the year included the completion of three papers, five conference/book/research project proposals, and trips for paper/lecture delivering to Ottawa (where I had the honour of dining with Prime Minister Paul Martin and giving a response to his remark on the L20 Summit project), Chicago, Edmonton, Cambridge in the UK, as well as locally to Central Washington University, UBC, and a conference in Whistler. I also traveled to Hong Kong and Taipei for fundraising and fieldwork. I was glad

that, in the summer, a co-authored article appeared in *Comparative Political Studies*, one of three top journals in comparative politics, and that a book was finally released by a Singaporean publisher on the last day of 2005. Another book, co-edited and non-academic, in Chinese, came out earlier. Regrets were that this year my service to History Department was thin, and that my attendance to department gatherings was less frequent than I wished as, unfortunately, I found many scheduling conflicts among my History, Political Science, and CAPI activities, my three institutional affiliations on campus.



UVic Co-op Pioneer Wins International Award



Congratulations to grad student Kevin Wilson on the publication of his book! Kevin authored the book during his co-op work terms with the BC Institute of Co-operative Studies and the Sointula Museum on Malcolm Island, BC

Dr Ian MacPherson, Director of UVic's BC Institute for Co-operative Studies, is the first North American and only the fifth person to win the Rochdale Pioneer Prize, presented for a lifetime of work by the International Co-operative Alliance. The ICA represents over 800 million people worldwide who are involved in co-operative organizations—five million of them in Canada. "It's the biggest social movement in the world," says MacPherson who recently received the award in Cartagena, Columbia. "I'm deeply honoured to receive this award. It's not just a recognition of my work but also of the work of the entire Canadian co-operative movement." Dr MacPherson has served on the boards of co-operatives for 25 years, is the founding president of the Canadian Co-operative Association and has served on the board of the ICA. He retired last year from the History Department where he taught since 1976.

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Ian with the ICA Award and the gold replica of a mask originally created in the Calima region of Colombia some 2,000 years ago



World History Caucus Initiatives

The World History Caucus, coordinated by Greg Blue and Martin Bunton, has been active for over a decade in promoting and supporting activities on a variety of historical and contemporary issues. In 2005, the Caucus organized talks on diverse topics in its ongoing lunchtime series "World affairs in Historical Perspective". The Caucus also co-sponsored and/or provided support to the interdisciplinary graduate student conference "The Wars at Home, The Wars Abroad: Imperialism in Everyday Life" held at UVic, February 25-27, 2005, and the University 101 community outreach program (featured on p.17).

Congratulations!

**David
Thompson**

**Winner of the
Howard E Petch
Research
Scholarship**

Serhy Yekelchuk

The past year was a year of graduations and travels. My first MA student in Russian History, Trevor Rockwell, completed his program in two years and moved to Edmonton, where he is a PhD student at the University of Alberta. Both of my two Honours students also got accepted into graduate programs in Russian or East European History: Gregory Fowler at the University of Alberta and Jonathan Crossen, at Central European University. Meanwhile, I have been busy traveling. A spectacular drive through the Rocky Mountains to attend a conference in Edmonton was followed by flights to other interesting locales where scholarly forums were held—Salt Lake City, Utah, and Melbourne, Australia. Not to be forgotten is my three-month research trip to the Ukraine during the summer, when I finally wrapped up the collection of sources for my book on public

ceremonies under High Stalinism. Speaking of publishing, there was another surprise in 2005. For what must be the first time in the history of academic publishing, a journal with my article came out five months before the date indicated on its cover! To balance off this miracle, two other articles were delayed by another year.

David Zimmerman

The year 2005 began with a gala event unveiling the renaming of the library's military history collection after my predecessor, Professor Reg Roy. The keynote speaker was the Honourable Iona Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia.

In April my wife, Wendy Muscat-Tyler, and I were on the organization committee for a commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the liberation of Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp. Ms Campagnolo

gave the opening remarks at this event as well. Speakers included Dr Peter Gary, who was liberated at Bergen-Belsen, and a British army medical student, who was one of the liberators. Over 150 people attended. I acted as the Master of Ceremony at both events.

I continue working on my history of the Society for the Protection of Science and Learning (SPSL), which rescued displaced academics from Germany in the 1930s. In March I made a presentation on Einstein and the refugee crisis at a conference on the famous physicist held at the University of Victoria. The first major article on the SPSL, on the role it played in politicization of British science in the 1930s, appeared in the journal *Minerva*. Finally, I was interviewed and acted as historical advisor to Granada TV's *Warplane* series. The show will be aired on National Geographic Television next fall.

Creating *Your* Legacy at the University of Victoria *De-mystifying the Process*



"The greatest thing this generation can do is to lay a few stepping-stones for the next generation."

Charles F. Kettering

A lot of people wonder what I do here at the university. My title, Manager of Planned Giving doesn't explain it very well. A more descriptive title might be *legacy-maker*. But then, I'm not sure that makes it any clearer. In fact, the whole area of *planned giving* is full of confusing jargon. There's bequests, charitable annuities, charitable remainder trusts, gifts-in-kind, stock options, residual interest agreements to name but a few. On top of that, there's the university terminology, e.g. restricted vs. unrestricted funds, endowed vs. expendable funds, scholarships, fellowships, bursaries, graduate and undergraduate awards, etc.

What I *actually* do is de-mystify the process and help people create legacies. How does this work? Well, it usually starts when someone contacts me for information. They are often thinking about including a gift to the university in their will to help students and simply want to find out what's involved. My first job is to listen to what *they* want to achieve. I call this the "why" of the gift and it's very important to get this right in order to find a match within the university. Once I have determined this, I will gather the most up-to-date information available, outline the various choices they have and the steps required to finalize the gift. This is handed over along with customized materials for them to review, at their leisure, with an invitation to answer any questions. This is the "how" of the gift and may include samples of legal wording and drafts of the award terms of references which they can review with their family, and professional advisors.

For example, for a minimum donation of \$10,000 an endowment fund bearing the name of the donor could be established (e.g. *The Jane Smith Memorial Student Award*). This fund would be held in the University of Victoria Foundation and income earned is paid out annually to help a student (approximately \$450 on this amount). What's surprising to most people is that the money donated is *never actually spent*. There's nothing charged to the donation for administration costs so the whole donation is invested to establish the fund. And over time, through careful investment, the fund will grow and produce even more for students.

So now that I've explained my role - if you're interested in getting some information about creating your own legacy, please feel free to contact me at 250 721-8967, or by email at ncameron@uvic.ca. There's no cost, no obligation and an assurance of confidentiality.

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Former UVic History Grad?

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