



University of Victoria

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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As the Newsletter goes to press, the Department is celebrating its 5th Book and Website Launch. Fifteen books and four websites are being toasted in recognition of the recent scholarly achievements of colleagues. On themes as diverse as impotence, farce, forests and Islam they represent a cross-section of the discipline and they capture the tremendous scholarly vitality of the Department.

The pages that follow extend this cross-section in a host of ways, each characterized by passion for historical inquiry and for communication of new knowledge in research and teaching. They provide an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the individual and collective accomplishments of 2006, from new memberships in the Royal Society of Canada and recognition provided by the Humanities Teaching Award to the repeat success of University 101, offered at the downtown campus, and a ceremony to recognize students and veterans who collaborated in the Veterans' Oral History Project.

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Special Points of Interest:

- Karen McIvor Retires
- Veterans' Oral History Project
- Where Are They Now?
- Coasts Under Stress Involvement
- New Additions to Great Canadian Mysteries
- Trudeau Foundation Award Winner

Royal Society of Canada's Newest Members

Drs. Andrew Rippin and Patricia Roy are the University of Victoria's newest fellows of the Royal Society of Canada, an achievement that is considered Canada's highest academic honour.

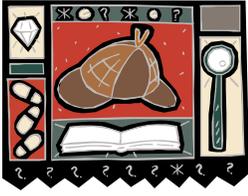
Andrew Rippin's research focuses on interpretations of the Qur'an written in Arabic and he is a central figure in debates about the Qur'an and the contexts in which it must be understood.

Patricia Roy is known for her meticulously researched work in Canadian ethnic history, focusing on East Asian immigrants and their descendants.

Excerpts from July 19, 2006 UVic Media Release



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"I want students to do historical detective work, rather than tell them what other people have found."

*John Lutz on
Victoria's Victoria (p.7)*



Karen McIvor

MUSINGS FROM THE CHAIR CON'T

2006 was also a year of changes. Andrew Preston, our historian of twentieth-century U.S. foreign policy, accepted a position at the University of Cambridge. We were fortunate to recruit an outstanding young replacement, Jason Colby, who will be joining us from the University of Texas. We said goodbye to one postdoctoral fellow, Jessica Schafer, who accepted an appointment at the University of Ottawa, and welcomed two new ones, Dominique Clément and Ning Wang. Jeannie Drew, who managed the front desk in the office, took a position at Royal Roads University. Andrea Cormier has very ably stepped into her place and with the rest of the office staff contributes to making the department a model of professionalism, friendliness and efficiency.

In celebrating the achievements of last year the Department is delighted to recognize the contributions of friends and

benefactors. In 2006 we received two very generous endowments for student bursaries and awards, one from Michael McCahill and the other from the estate of Kathleen Harper, which are profiled inside the Newsletter. We are deeply grateful to these most recent and to the ongoing donors who have invested in the future of the Department and the community by providing support for students.

The Newsletter is an opportunity to reflect on the multifaceted contributions of the people who together make up the Department of History. On behalf of faculty and staff, and with many thanks to Leslie Laird who is the Newsletter's creative editor, I invite you to enjoy the excursion through 2006.

Tom Saunders

A TRIBUTE TO KAREN MCIVOR

In spring 2007 the department faces a change which will affect us all profoundly: after almost twenty years of outstanding service as department secretary Karen McIvor is retiring. In last year's Newsletter we presented a "Staff Profile" of Karen. This year, with deep appreciation for her enormous contribution to the life and success of the department, we offer a tribute to her. Since her arrival from the Faculty of Law in 1988 Karen has been the essential resource person in the department in too many ways to count. Her knowledge of the university, from its personnel to its policies and procedures, is immense. Her advisory, supervisory and administrative skills have contributed immeasurably to the success of no fewer than five department chairs—her wisdom and counsel have been invaluable and she has provided continuity through innumerable changes. No less valuable has been her enthusiasm for what we do in History and why we do it. Karen is engaged and passionate about the achievements of faculty in research and teaching and about the accomplishments of students. She has a deep commitment to the well-being and success of all the people she works with, students, staff and faculty. She has been an incredibly gracious and helpful personal point of contact in the department for the many regular and sessional faculty members who have come and gone over the years, caring about their lives and families as well as handling their administrative questions and concerns. In 2002 she was a most deserving winner of one of the first President's Distinguished Service Awards for her outstanding contribution to the university.

It is extremely difficult to imagine the Department of History without Karen, and impossible not to regret her departure deeply. No words adequately convey our gratitude, but we are delighted to offer Karen the warmest congratulations on her remarkable career and the very best of wishes for the ventures she pursues in 'retirement'.

Tom Saunders

FACULTY YEAR IN REVIEW

Rob Alexander

In 2006 I taught five courses, wrote a chapter for the forthcoming *Cambridge Companion to Benjamin Constant*, went to Paris to investigate the potential for a new monograph, continued working on book number four, co-acquired two cats, and made no progress whatsoever with my Nicorette addiction.



I was fortunate to receive the Faculty of Humanities Annual Award for Research Excellence and presented a public lecture, "Beyond the Sphere of their Domestic Duties: Women, Money and the Economy in Late Nineteenth Century Urban Canada", in October on the occasion of the award's presentation (*see Research Excellence Award details on p. 14*).

Peter Baskerville

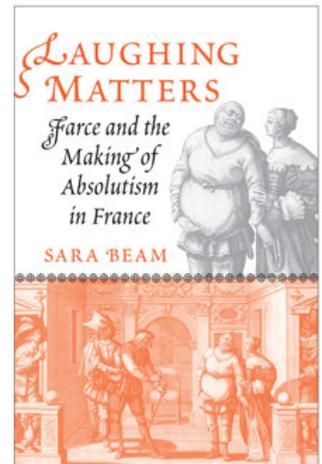
I continue to direct the Canadian Century Research Infrastructure Project (CCRI) at the University of Victoria. We are now completing cleaning for 1941 and about to start entry of the 1951 census sample.

I published an article on chattel mortgages in the *Canadian Historical Review* and submitted a book manuscript titled *A Silent Revolution: Gender and Wealth in Urban Canada, 1860-1930* to McGill Queen's Press for their consideration. I presented conference papers at the Business History Conference in Toronto in June; two papers at the International Economic History Conference in Helsinki, Finland in August; and at the Social Science History Association in November at Minneapolis.

Sara Beam

I spent the first five months of 2006 as a fellow at the Columbia Institute for Scholars at Reid Hall in Paris where I began working on a new research project on torture and physical punishment in Europe 1500-1700.

In the meantime, I signed a contract for my book *Laughing Matters: Farce and the Making of Absolutism in France* with Cornell University Press, which should come out in April 2007. In July and August, I taught History 240 as an intensive seven-week course, an interesting experiment that I do not think I will put myself or the students through again. I also presented my research on both the torture and theater projects in Paris, Oxford, Toronto, Salt Lake City and Victoria.



PARTING SENTIMENTS FROM KAREN MCIVOR

I have been part of this community since 1988—nearly twenty years. During that time, I have been blessed to meet and work with the most amazing people—staff, students, and faculty members. I've danced at weddings, celebrated babies, cheered as those babies graduated from high school and went on to university, wept at leave-takings. I've seen pioneer faculty members retire and set out on new adventures, and I've seen brand new faculty members go on to become seasoned vets. I have learned a lot—every day—and made wonderful friendships that have enriched my life immeasurably. I owe a great debt of gratitude to all the women who have worked (and laughed) with me in the office over the years, and to the five chairs with whom I've worked: Ian MacPherson, Peter Baskerville, Ted Wooley, Eric Sager and Tom Saunders, for their strong leadership. Now that it's *my* turn to set out on new adventures, I send you all my very best hopes for the future. I always said History was Best!

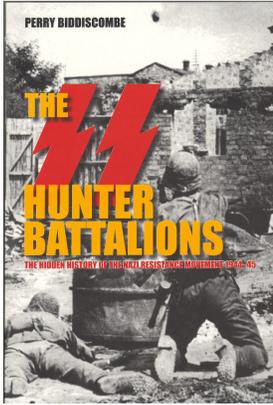
Karen

Congratulations

***Danielle
Robinson***

The Sam and

*June Macey Graduate
Student Award*



Perry Biddiscombe

2006 – I finished my sabbatical year and got back to teaching in September. In the spring, however, I took the opportunity to do some research in archives in Berlin, London and Washington. The purpose was to flesh out the research base for a book on Denazification, on which I worked for the entire year. In November, my book *The SS Hunter Battalions* was published, and in February one of my earlier books, *The Last Nazis*, was issued in paperback. *The Last Nazis* also appeared in Spanish and Hungarian translations.

Greg Blue

Returning part-time to UVic in 2006, I taught graduate seminars in historiography and world history and resumed my long-term research on Western social and political analyses of China. In December Timothy Brook, Jérôme Bourgon and I sent our volume on Chinese exemplary executions to press. My ongoing research on the interwar period took me to Bertrand Russell's papers at McMaster in June; in the fall my focus was analyzing early Soviet treatments of Chinese history. Throughout the year I continued to research Afghan history and Asian nationalism. Teaching world history at

Canadian universities was the topic of the panel I co-organized for June's World History Association conference, where I shared our department's experience since the 1980s. I participated in Serhy Yekelchuk's and Oliver Schmidtke's excellent Ukraine/Belarus/Moldova workshop in February, in the Canadian Historical Association conference in May, and in the History of Science/Philosophy of Science conference in November.

Penny Bryden

In 2006 I really began to settle in to life in Victoria. I'm finally getting used to the enthusiasms of west coast students, and trying to structure my courses in ways that will best use this potential.

Writing projects have kept me busy as well: a co-editor and I have pulled together a collection on federalism, and I have come close to finishing a monograph on intergovernmental relations while simultaneously writing new material on regional development. Plus there have been a few house changes and additions to my family that have kept me busy, happy, and entertained.

Congratulations

Mona Goode

*WHA '99 Scholarship
in*

World History



Brian Dippie

HUMANITIES TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

The story goes that Brian Dippie fell in love with his subject of Western American history when he was a young boy of eight; he then happily devoted the rest of his life to studying the West. He is also at home with Western art, fiction and popular history and is an expert on the many myths surrounding the West in American history and popular culture. Brian earned a reputation for excellent teaching soon after his appointment at UVic in 1970 and he has maintained an outstanding teaching record ever since. This means that both his immense knowledge and his passions guide everything he does in the classroom. He has a special skill in recounting anecdotes: he is a miniaturist, drawing significance from the life stories and small events of local history and putting these on the larger canvas. He inspires his students with his enthusiasm: "Dr Dippie is an amazing professor. His classes are what University is all about. Not many professors can keep you captivated at 8:30 a.m. all year round!"

(excerpts from award presentation)

NEW POST DOCTORAL FELLOWS

The Department welcomed two new Post Doctoral Fellows in 2006:

Dominique Clément

I began my postdoc at UVic in May 2006 after finishing my PhD at Memorial University the previous December. In 2006-7 I taught courses on the history of the international human rights movement and nationalism in Canada. I finished a manuscript last year on the post-WWII human rights movement which has been well received and should be published by UBC Press in the near future. I have also recently submitted articles on the October Crisis of 1970, the limits of Canada's rights revolution, the Jewish Labour Committee and the impact of feminism on the human rights state in British Columbia. Currently, my primary interest is writing a history of the women's movement in British Columbia and expanding my web site, www.HistoryOfRights.com, which is designed to promote the study of human rights in Canada. I'm looking forward to teaching a new course at UVic next year on Violence and Social Protest in Canada with a strong oral history component and, if all goes well, set the stage for a Law and History conference in 2008.

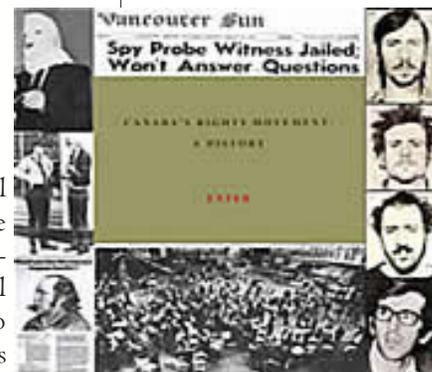


Image from Dominique's
web page
www.HistoryOfRights.com

Ning Wang

I am currently working on the history of modern Chinese intellectuals, especially their experience in the post-revolution period, and their relations with the Communist government. I received my BA and MA from Peking University and PhD at UBC. My research interests have been mainly stimulated by my frequent contact with the survivors of Maoist rule. The course I taught last term, "Intellectuals and Revolution in Communist China," gave me a chance to articulate my research and to benefit from vigorous discussions with my students on this topic.

Editor's note: Faculty and staff congratulate Ning Wang on his appointment to a faculty position at Brock University, beginning September, 2007.

SESSIONAL INSTRUCTORS

The Department of History 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, 2006.

Tim Balzer*	Norm Fennema*	Christian Lieb*	Stuart Robson
Neil Burton	Chris Gainor	Ian MacPherson**	Peter Rogers
Michael Carroll	Hugh Gordon*	Dan Marshall	Kristin Semmens
Jenny Clayton*	Alisa Harrison	John Measor	James Skinner
Dominique Clément#	Dan Hinman-Smith	Chris Morier*	Tim Travers
Patrick Dunae	Thomas Hoerber	Jamie Morton*	Ning Wang#
Rob Diaz*	Matthew Koch	Dawn Nickel	Andrew Wender*
David Dolff	Erik Kwakkel	Brad Rennie*	

* a current or former UVic PhD student

** Professor Emeritus

#SSHRC postdoctoral fellow

Congratulations

Axel Schoeber

Winnifred E.

Lonsdale

Scholarship

Martin Bunton

Highlights in the first half of 2006 included participating in the Humanities IOI program and seeing three of my MA students successfully complete their work. A half-year sabbatical beginning in July allowed me to complete a paper on Iraqi nationalism and draft one on land policies in Egypt under British rule, as well as catch up on a number of book reviews. My work on Egypt was aided enormously by the opportunity to spend almost two months of my sabbatical in Cairo researching the 1892-1907 cadastral survey. In addition to reacquainting myself with the vibrant city, immersing myself again in the language, and enjoying the wonderful hospitality of the Egyptian people, I benefited greatly from my participation in the academic community of the American University in Cairo as a visiting research scholar.



Martin and family in Egypt

very busy putting in place all of the arrangements for that historical conference. I also gave a talk at the Royal British Columbia Museum this fall during Veterans Week. In addition to my undergraduate teaching, I am also supervising one UVic Honours student and one Royal Military College graduate student (MA). This summer I will be actively engaged in research on temperance and the military in the local archives.

Zhongping Chen

In 2006, I finished revising a biography on a national hero in Chinese history, Yu Qian (1398-1457), who saved Ming China from Mongol invasion and political division but died a tragic death after a palace coup. This biography was accepted by Zhejiang Classic Press for publication. In collaboration with scholars in China, I also compiled a bibliography on the history of the Lower Yangzi region, including Shanghai and Suzhou, a sister city of Victoria. It will be published by Beijing Library Press as a foundational work for area study on this socio-economic heartland of China. Moreover, an article manuscript, "Beneath the Republican Revolution, Beyond the Revolutionary Politics: Elite Associations and Social Transformation in Lower Yangzi Towns, 1903-1912," was revised and will appear in the journal *Late Imperial China* (Baltimore). It is a result of my SSHRC-funded research on Lower Yangzi elite networks, associations, and politics between 1895 and 1915.

Shawn Cafferky

2006 proved to be another busy year. Research activities centred on the completion of one article, "Battle Honours Won: HMS *Nabob* and the Royal Canadian Naval Air Service, 1944," which will be published by the *Northern Mariner*. In addition, I reviewed four books in my field and completed a SSHRC grant assessment. More importantly, Dr. Zimmerman and I have secured funding for the Veterans' Oral History Project to hold a conference in Military Oral History at the University of Victoria in 2008. Not surprisingly, I will be

Congratulations

Emily Recalma

*Victoria Historical
Society Scholarship*

Congratulations

Denis Dubord

Recipient of the 2006

Andy Farquharson

Award for Excellence

in Graduate Student

Teaching

Simon Devereaux

“Another damned, thick, square book! Always scribble, scribble, scribble! Eh! Mr. Gibbon?” I have been haunted by the Duke of Gloucester’s remark on receiving one of the later volumes of the *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* (1776-88) as I crawl into what I hope are the latter stages of my first book. Things were livened up by conference trips to Qualicum, to Irvine, California (where, alas, the statue of another Duke—at the John Wayne International Airport—was in storage during the expansion of the terminal), to Boston (our favourite U.S. city), and to Santa Fe, NM (gorgeous, but triggered a major case of altitude sickness). Happiest of all was the addition of two more cats to our menagerie at Fatty Haven.

Brian Dippie

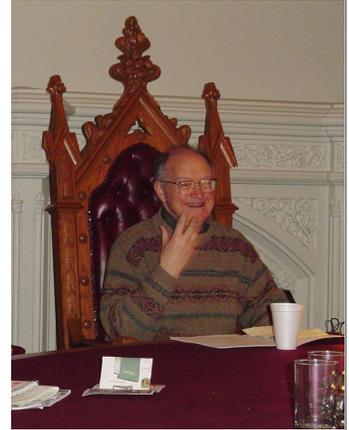
2006 begins the real countdown to retirement. Indeed, Donna and I attended the UVic pre-retirement seminar last fall along with two colleagues who shall go nameless. Even so, it was a productive year, I think.

I am now routinely tapped to present traditional (i.e., old-fashioned) perspectives in the field of Western American art. My essay “In the Enemy’s Country: Western Art’s Uneasy Status” will appear in the Denver Art Museum’s forthcoming publication *Redrawing Boundaries: Current Issues in Western American Art* (I represent the non-current) which will accompany a public symposium on the theme.

Teaching went well. I was honored with the Humanities Faculty Teaching Award, occasioning my first (and, truth be told, last) appearance at a UVic convocation. Despite Liz Vibert’s clear instructions I managed to turn the wrong way upon exiting the stage, thereby leading Harold Coward astray as well. It was a grand occasion, and I am duly humbled.

Otherwise, I kept busy addressing academic and public audiences at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, the Amon Carter Museum in Fort Worth, and the Desert Caballeros Western Museum in Wickenburg, Arizona. At the Western History Association’s 46th annual conference I participated in a roundtable on the famous Anheuser-Busch lithograph of *Custer’s Last Fight* held, since we were meeting in St. Louis, in the Anheuser-Busch sampling room. Never have I addressed a more receptive audience—they were prepared to listen for hours.

Since old dogs—and Ol’ Paint—can learn new tricks, I am serving as guest curator for an exhibition titled “Remington and Russell Revisited” or “R3” to mark the twentieth anniversary of the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson, Wyoming. I’ve served as an exhibition advisor in the past, but have never curated an exhibition before. So far so good—it should be a hit when it opens next June.



Brian Dippie pontificating from John Diefenbaker’s Chair (see associated story on p 15)



John Lutz (right) wants his students’ work to be accessible to others, rather than be confined to essays, so he started Victoria’s Victoria, a website about BC’s capital during the Victorian era. This growing internet resource was expanded in April by the addition of three new websites covering the first policeman killed on duty in Victoria, time capsules and cornerstones, gardening and surveying. The launch, which celebrated the work of the student creators from the History 481 class and from Malaspina University College was attended by sixty members of the UVic and downtown communities including descendents of the pioneering surveyor J.D. Pemberton, and members of the Oddfellows Order. Also inaugurated at the same time was on-line access to Leona Taylor’s index to the *Colonist* newspaper from 1858-1918. The site can be found at www.victoriasvictoria.ca.



Photo credit: Diana Nethercott

Veterans' Oral History Project—Update

by Shawn Cafferky



l-r Lt Governor Iona Campagnolo with veterans Mr Dietrich Puetter and Rear Admiral Richard Leir and Jude Goertzen who interviewed them



l-r: Ernest Clark, Jessica Wood student interviewer, Bunny Planes, Frank Planes

This was another rewarding year for the students and veterans involved in the UVic-RUSI Veterans' Oral History Project. In September of 2006 a ceremony was held to recognize the valuable contribution of the eighteen UVic students who have taken the course and the fifty-two veterans who have contributed to this important project thus far. The Honourable Iona Campagnolo, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, handed out "Certificates of Appreciation" to those involved in the project. Important dignitaries were also in attendance, including: Dr. Andrew Rippin, Dean of Humanities; Dr. Tom Saunders, Chair, Department of History; Dr. David Zimmerman, Chair, Military History; and Dr. John Eggenberger, President, Royal United Services Institute. This ceremony afforded all those who attended, including family members of the veterans, the opportunity to witness first hand the valuable contribution that this project has made to our knowledge of Canada's military history from the Second World War to the present day.

This fall, ten more students completed the Veterans' Oral History course and their papers and accompanying interviews, thirty in all, are in the process of being deposited in Special Collections. As in past years, there were some excellent papers submitted on a wide range of military and social history topics, and they will certainly add to the overall quality of the existing collection in the McPherson Library.

To date, approximately eighty-two interviews have been conducted by the students from the three classes. The course will be offered again in the fall of 2007. In the interim, interviews are continuing, thanks to the support of the LE' NONET programme here on campus, which has allowed us to hire a work study student (and former graduate of the Veterans' Oral History course). Jessica Wood will be compiling a database on First Nations veterans, serving as a liaison to that community, interviewing aboriginal veterans, and assisting in the digitization of the collection in the McPherson Library.

Equally important, and exciting, we have secured funding to host a Military Oral History conference in Victoria in February 2008 (*see details on p. 13*). Needless to say, 2007 promises to be a very busy year preparing for this upcoming conference.



John Duder

It was another great year. The courses I taught—Introduction to African History, the Decline and Fall of the British Empire, A History of South Africa and the Atlantic Slave Trade—were full of eager students, which means that at least some UVic alumni should be able to find Burkina Faso on a map, understand why the Caribbean is the one part of the western hemisphere dominated by descendents of Africa and know that Oprah Winfrey does not have Zulu ancestors. On the intellectual front, the main development was my first few faltering steps into the world of Australian history.

It was delightful to encounter a country whose ruling elites were and are at least as corrupt, incompetent and stupid as their Canadian counterparts. Finally, for reasons that surpasseth all understanding, or at least my own, the History Department hired me on for another four-year term as a Senior Instructor. Many thanks to all those involved for yet more opportunities to hammer my hard right Thatcherite views into the long suffering students. And to the latter for putting up with it.

Did you know?

The McPherson Library cost shares the purchase of documentaries, historical films, videos and DVDs for use in the classroom. To date, the department and the library have jointly contributed over \$24,000!

HARPER BEQUEST CREATES WORLD HISTORY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Harper Scholarships in History were made possible through the generous bequest of Dr. Kathleen Harper.

Kathleen Harper left a portion of her estate to benefit undergraduate students in history and marine biology. Beginning in 2008, one or more scholarships will be awarded to academically outstanding undergraduate students in a major or honours program who are studying world history.

Kathleen Harper was born in Bournemouth, Dorset, England and came to Canada in 1940 where she taught and served as principal in the public school system and at Stanstead College in Quebec. During this

time, she completed a BA and then an MA while teaching at Bishop's University in Lennoxville, and finally a PhD at the University of Montreal. In 2002, she wrote and published her memoirs, *Looking Back*, in which she recalls her life in Ceylon as a child, her teaching career and her world wide travels.

The Department of History is grateful for Kathleen Harper's generosity and commitment to the study of History.

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MA Awards

Tara Douglas

Emma Loman

Mark Osmond

*Danielle
Robinson*

Marki Sellers

Congratulations!

Mariel Grant

I had a busy 2006. During the winter term I taught three courses and served as an examiner on many MA committees in both History and English. In the summer I acted as the external examiner of a PhD thesis at SFU. In the fall term, I taught two courses, as well as supervised an Honour's thesis. I was elected to both the Reappointment, Tenure and Promotion Committee and the Appointment's Committee for our hire in Modern American History. I acted as one of the Major's Advisors for the Department and continued to serve as the Humanities Representative on the Senate Committee on the Library. My article "Working for the Yankee Dollar: Tourism and the Festival of Britain as Stimuli for Recovery," was published in the *Journal of British Studies* in July 2006. In 2006 I also joined a group of scholars who are organizing a joint conference of the North American Victorian Studies Association and the Victorian Studies Association of Western Canada to be held at the University of Victoria in October 2007 (*see conference poster on p. 22*)



*Mariel receiving the MVP—
Most Valuable Professor Award
as organized by The History
Undergraduate Society (THUGS)*

Tim Haskett

Last seen heading to the Admissions office where he is Director of Advising. Tim also continues to teach in the Department of History and in Medieval Studies.



*Daughters of the American
Revolution (DAR) Award
Winner **Natasha Taschuk**
with Carolyn Kramer,
Regent (left) and Beverley
Straub Watkins (right). The
book prize was presented at
a DAR luncheon*

WELCOME BACK

Rear Admiral Tyrone Pile (MA History, 1998) is returning to the west coast in a new capacity as Commander Maritime Forces Pacific and Joint Task Force Pacific.



HIST 265 (F80): History of
Public Health and
Epidemic Disease

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Michelle Black, BA History 1995

After graduating, I taught English in Korea, Vancouver and South America. I taught mainly international youth and found working with this demographic very enjoyable and interesting. In 1999, I moved to Quebec to learn French for this new International Development Career I was planning to have. In a year, I was in Costa Rica learning Spanish (and forgetting French). I then took a position with Canada World Youth and worked in Indonesia, Nicaragua, Uruguay and Guatemala as well as communities up island. I have found that my degree in History, with a focus on comparative world history, ideal and very transferable for the social justice and community development work I do. The historical context has allowed me to see issues in a different and, I believe, more holistic way. I'm now back at UVic to take a few courses as I map out further studies. It is wonderful to be back.

Hugh Henry, BA History 1985, MA History 1991, PhD (Cantab) 1997

Currently, I'm managing a team that produces classified daily intelligence summaries for the Privy Council Office of the federal government. My interest in intelligence and the role it plays in international relations was sparked by my MA advisor, Dr. Reg Roy, Professor Emeritus, who convinced me in 1988 to join, among other organizations, the Canadian Association of Security and Intelligence Studies. Anyone interested in a government career in intelligence and foreign policy would be encouraged to attend the annual conference, where good contacts can be made.

Nancy Parker, BA History 1983, MA History 1988

I went on to York University after UVic and completed a PhD in History in 1999. I am currently the Director of Institutional Studies at Athabasca University. My most recent history publication was a co-authored article with Rod Macleod, "Justices of the Peace in Alberta," in *Forging Alberta's Constitutional Framework*, ed. Richard Connors and John M. Law (University of Alberta Press, 2005): 267–288.

Kathleen Reed, BA Women's Studies Honours and History Major, 2005

After finishing my BA, I stuck around UVic to complete a diploma in Intercultural Education and Training through the Faculty of Education. As a final requirement of this program, I completed a practicum placement that took me to Thailand and Laos. I worked for an NGO in Nong Khai, Thailand, where I wrote computer tutorials and taught web design to young monks at Wat Prathatwittaya, a Buddhist temple. Currently, I work for the Canadian Century Research Infrastructure project. Once the CCRI project ends in 2008, I plan to pursue graduate studies in Communications.

2006 - FIRST ONLINE COURSE FOR HISTORY

In the fall semester, Dr. Mitchell Lewis Hammond introduced a first for the Department of History: a course in the history of epidemic disease conducted completely online. While such courses cannot substitute for a classroom environment, they provide the opportunity for students from other disciplines to apply the methods of history to other areas of interest.

Dr. Lewis Hammond's 200-level course attracted students in roughly equal numbers from Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences, and Human and Social Development. The projects included a website devoted to the history of smallpox; research concerning the role of advertising in North American medicine; and, investigation of the effect of epidemic disease on First Nations communities.

QUALICUM CONFERENCE 2006

The 31st annual conference was held at the Qualicum Heritage Inn, in Qualicum. This historic venue, complete with haunted room, provided an ideal setting for an entertaining weekend of intellectual stimulation.

Guest speaker Peter Bailey's after dinner presentation "Funny Business: Languages of Pleasure in Britain from the Belle Epoque to the New Jerusalem" was about the late Victorian commoditization of "fun" in a serious (and most straight-laced) way. The speech was described as "absolutely brilliant—very funny, but also very academic and polished".

This year, graduate and undergraduate presenters from UVic, UBC, UNBC, Dalhousie, and Lethbridge delighted audiences

on historical topics related to: the modern Middle East; Aboriginal identities and ethnographies; the immigrant experience; early modern religion and belief; mental landscapes of modern Germany; modern Japan and the West; 20th Century labour activism; science and power in the modern West; nationalism in modern Greece and the Balkans; travelers' tales: mapping difference; east Asian politics and culture; modern diplomacy and transnationalism; gender and subversive sexualities; politics and ecology.

Thank you to this year's organizer, Andrea McKenzie.



Conference organizer Andrea McKenzie with guest speaker Peter Bailey from the University of Manitoba



UVic attendees (l-r) Eryk Martin, Galena Dubeau, Mike Berry and Doug Anastos



(Centre front, clockwise) Leah Anderson, Ben Beresford, Laura Ishiguro, Eryk Martin, Tim Watson, Doug Anastos, Sarah Mann

MARGARET L. DESANTIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Department of History is fortunate to have a very generous scholarship to award to an outstanding graduate student.

We congratulate **Andrea Eiding** as the 2006 scholarship award winner of the Margaret L. DeSantis Memorial Scholarship.

NEW — E.H. NORMAN DIGITAL ARCHIVE



The writings of Herbert Norman, Canadian diplomat and scholar of Japan have inspired many around the world. A new UVic digital archive of Norman's work and life was launched to commemorate the 50th anniversary of his death.

Herbert Norman's biography, historical writings, photos and much more can be seen at the following website:

1909-1957

<http://web.uvic.ca/ehnorman>

Congratulations

Eryk Martin

Leon J. Ladner

BC Historical

Scholarship

Mitch Lewis Hammond

This year I continued progress on my research on the foundations of public health care in Renaissance Europe. I completed a short study investigating attitudes and practices surrounding leprosy that should appear next year. My most recent work has been with handwritten medical examinations from the sixteenth century—even then, physicians had to deal with chronic patients who returned again and again! I also introduced an on-line course in the history of medicine that attracted most of its students from outside the Faculty (*see related article on page 10*). And last, but not least, my wife Susan and I celebrated the safe arrival of our son Zachary in October.

John Lutz

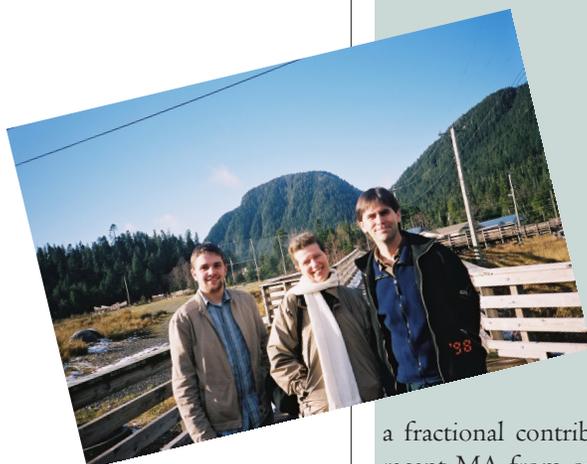
The longer I research and teach, the less I seem able to solve historical mysteries. In April 2006, I helped launch three more websites with mysteries that I cannot solve as part of my work with the Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History project.

These new mysteries are an exciting departure for the series as they begin to take advantage of the new media with 3-D crime scene reconstructions—look out CSI! (*See separate feature on p. 13.*) With the additional funding the project received from the Department of Canadian Heritage in June of 2006 to research but not solve three more mysteries, I feel a bit like a farmer who is paid not to grow a crop.

“You Tube” made its debut in my classroom this year as students were assigned advertising and cult car films for seminar “readings” in my new course on the “Social History of the Automobile in America”. For me, it was a fun entree into the history of technology, courtship rituals, labour, environment, consumerism, advertising, and the global politics of oil. I was also lucky to teach a great group in the Microhistory and the Internet course which produced new material for our website “Victoria’s Victoria.” (*see separate story on page 7*).

Research? Oh yeah, I plan to get to that.

COASTS UNDER STRESS INVOLVEMENT



(l-r) Liam Haggerty, Rosemary Ommer (adjunct professor for the Dept of History and Director of Coasts Under Stress) and John Lutz at Hartley Bay, BC

Some of the work of the Coasts Under Stress project is coming to fruition, with a policy handbook, a community report, and the academic volume accepted or published, to all of which I have made

a fractional contribution. Liam Haggerty, a recent MA from our department, and I have completed a booklet size history of work in the Gitga’at community of Hartley Bay and a draft work history for the aboriginal community at Alert Bay. There is always next year.

John Lutz

Lynne Marks

In the spring term of 2006 I was on study leave, working on my book manuscript on religion and irreligion in turn of the century B.C. In May I presented a paper based on this work, "Secular Cities?: Christians, Atheists and ‘Others’ in Turn-of-the-Century Vancouver and Victoria", at the Canadian Historical Association meeting, York University in Toronto. I was also active during 2006 as a steering committee member for University 101. This steering committee (composed mostly of History faculty and community people) successfully offered both a spring and a fall term of University 101, a free Humanities course for low income, marginalized Victorians (*see related article p. 14*). In August I was also pleased to have one of my doctoral students, Tina Block, successfully defend her dissertation, "Everyday Infidels: A Social History of Secularism in the Postwar Pacific Northwest".



LATEST ADDITIONS TO GREAT CANADIAN MYSTERIES

The Great Unsolved Mysteries in Canadian History project, which is based in UVic's History Department, got three important steps closer to its final goal of having 12 irresistible mysteries for students to solve. Thanks to a \$457,023 grant from the Department of Canadian Heritage and support from UVic and other partners, three new bilingual mystery websites and teachers' materials were launched in April. **Torture and the Truth: Angélique and the Burning of Montreal** asks whether Marie Angélique, a black slave accused of setting fire to Montreal in 1734 to cover an escape with her white lover, was guilty or a scapegoat. **Heaven and Hell on Earth: The Massacre of the "Black" Donnellys** looks at why no one would convict the mob that murdered the Donnelly family in southern Ontario in 1880. Finally, Adjunct Professor **Larry Hannant** directed the third: **Explosion on the Kettle Valley Line: The Death of Peter Verigin** which examines the railcar explosion that killed the leader of the Doukhobors in 1924 near Castlegar, BC. A **Mysteryquests** site with assignments for middle and high schools was also launched.

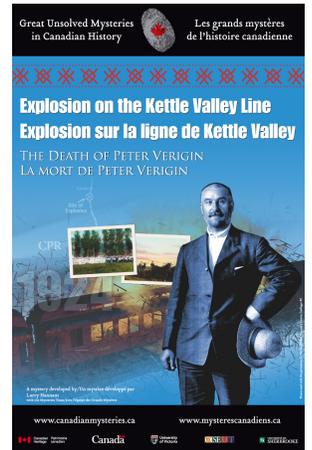
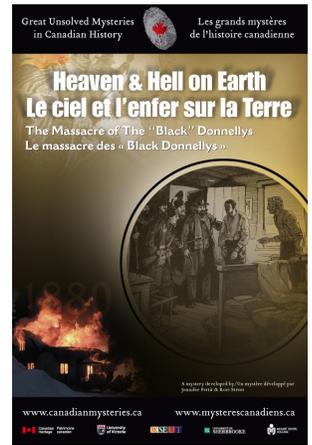
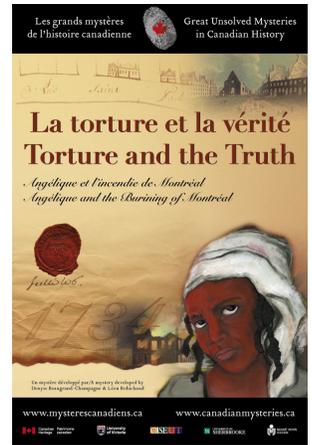


Doukhobor Singers at the launch of Explosion on the Kettle Valley Line: the Death of Peter Verigin

The new mysteries made the papers across the country and received a mention on the national TV and radio news, thanks in part to Her Excellency **Michaëlle Jean**, Governor General of Canada and Her Honour **Iona Campagnolo**, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia presiding over two of the launches.

History graduate students **Andre Bondaroff**, **John Clapperton** and **Patrick Szpak** all worked on the project; Andre also coordinated the Doukhobor choir which helped launch the Verigin mystery at the Royal BC Museum. The department's web guru, **Amanuel Moges**, did the programming for the site and then graduated; grad student **Heather Gleboff** managed the data base and editing; all under the supervision of **Merna Forster**, the executive director and with the interference of **John Lutz**, one of the national co-directors. Thanks to a new grant in 2006 we are working on three more mysteries which we cannot solve at least until spring 2007. The project can be seen at www.canadianmysteries.ca.

John Lutz



MILITARY ORAL HISTORY CONFERENCE: BETWEEN MEMORY AND HISTORY — 2008



The February 21-23, 2008 conference will bring together senior undergraduates, graduate students, academics and veterans working in a variety of fields in military history in order to foster discussion in a multi-disciplinary environment. For information, contact Dr. David Zimmerman at dzimmerm@uvic.ca or Dr. Shawn Cafferky at shawncaf@uvic.ca. The conference is jointly sponsored by the University of Victoria, Veterans' Affairs Canada, and the Canadian War Museum.



(l-r) Andrew Rippin, Dean of Humanities, Angie Carson, Uni 101 participant; and Wes Koczka, Dean of Continuing Studies

UNIVERSITY 101 . . . AND NOW UNIVERSITY 102!

For many adults in Victoria university is a dream for another life in which classes are free, as are day care and transportation to and from the class; in which there is a solid meal each night to make learning possible; in which real life experience is a valued asset in classroom discussions.

This is where University 101 comes in. It is a project of the University of Victoria, started by a group of History professors and community activists who asked why, in a country like Canada, anyone should be excluded from the benefits of a post-secondary education?

University 101 offers free, non-credit, first-year level university courses. We have completed two Humanities-based courses, and we are currently running a brand new Social Sciences course, University 102!

Students, Teaching Assistants and Instructors all share a meal before each class, and those who need them are offered bus tickets and child care subsidies.

Many students from the first two terms are coming back—to help in the classroom, to design this year's course, and to participate in University 102. Why? Because University 101 gave them confidence in themselves. It showed them they could face a university level class and succeed.

To find out more about University 101 or 102, contact Becky Cory, Project Coordinator at 361-7014 or uni101@uvic.ca.

Becky Cory

HUMANITIES AWARD FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to Peter Baskerville!



Peter was also congratulated on the arrival of his granddaughter Avery in 2006

Internationally recognized for his work in the field of Canadian history, Peter Baskerville is the co-director of the Canada Century Research Infrastructure Project.

His books on the history of Ontario, published by Oxford University Press in 2002 and 2005, along with the number and quality of articles and conference presentations over the past five years (to say nothing of the entirety of his career!) greatly impressed the selection committee.

Dr. Baskerville's service to the academic community as a team leader and graduate supervisor contribute as well to his distinguished record.

SSHRC SCHOLARSHIP SUCCESSSES

Each of the three applicants for SSHRC Doctoral Canada Graduate Scholarships were successful in 2006. The three applicants were awarded the top-flight scholarship of \$35,000.

Congratulations to:

Constantin Chira-Pascanut
Kathryn Bridge
and
David Thompson

Constantin and Kathryn are in our doctoral program; David is now at Queen's.

GRADUATE WORKSHOPS 2006

Qualicum: Writing and Presenting Conference Papers
Rob Hancock, Pat Roy and Andrea McKenzie, January 11, 2006

Danger! Women at Work: Changing Ideas about Gender and Attitudes Toward Women
Due to the Second World War (from a company perspective)

Takaia Larsen, January 25, 2006

Theorizing Poor People's Activism in Twentieth Century Canada
David Thompson, February 8, 2006

How to Get Published!
Perry Biddiscombe, Rob Hancock, Jordan Stanger-Ross, February 15, 2006

No Turning Back: The Significance of the UN Partition Plan for Palestine
Leslie Scowcroft, March 1, 2006

Delivery of Medicine to Northwestern BC, 1840-1950
Sheila Yeomans, March 8, 2006

Cheers and Tears: Canadian Soldiers' Relations with European Civilians in WW II
Hugh Gordon, March 22, 2006

Colonialism in the Classroom: Language, Identity and Resistance in France's Third Republic
Bronwen Magrath, March 29, 2006

Community Relocation: Jews in 19th Century Victoria
Peter Scales, September 28, 2006

So How do Archives Work Anyhow?
Kathryn Bridge, October 12, 2006

Electronic Resources for History Graduate Level Research
Tina Bebbington, October 19, 2006

A step in the right direction: The origins of the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa,
1924-1934
Lee Blanding, November 2, 2006

Royal Treatment at U Sask

by Brian Dippie

In March, I had a very rewarding experience while participating in the Whelen Visiting Lectureship at the University of Saskatchewan. Donna and I were treated royally during our stay. Indeed, one seminar was held in the Diefenbaker Canada Centre and I pontificated from The Chief's own chair—not a throne, exactly, but close. My public lecture "From Frog Lake to Saskatoon: Charlie Russell's Canadian Connections" will be published, so requires no elaboration. To wrap things up the university provost hosted "a western-themed dinner" that included a hayride and after-dinner entertainment. Two former UVic students, Keith Carlson and Dave Smith, had much to do with arranging the lecture-ship and showing the Dippies such a good time, and another UVic alumnus, John Gow, offered stimulating companionship. It was hard to return to Victoria and a stack of papers awaiting marking.



Congratulations

Rob Diaz

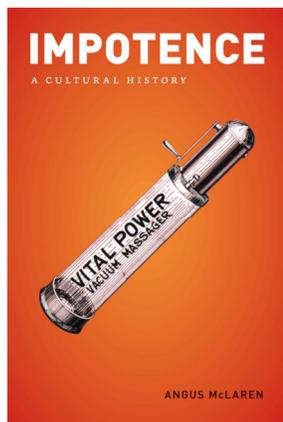
Andy Farquharson

*2007 Award for
Excellence in Graduate
Student Teaching*

*Rob is shown here with
Elizabeth Vibert, Graduate
Director and his son Spencer at
the awards ceremony.*



Brian and Donna at the hayride



Andrea McKenzie

2006 was such a busy year that I really find it hard to believe it is time to write another blurb for the newsletter! Teaching, while a bit of a blur, was stimulating. I especially enjoyed leading a directed reading in religion in Early Modern England with two very talented graduate students. On the home front, we lost six or seven goldfish, but added two cats to our family: Julia and Angie (aka “the Pudding”). And no, the cats didn’t eat the goldfish, although we have to admit that two of our three cats have expanded, girth-wise, rather alarmingly this year. 2006 was a whirlwind of academic travel, giving rise to my 2007 New Year’s resolution (to abstain from air travel). I presented a paper at the PCCBS in Irvine, California, in March; a seminar presentation at the Law School at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in April; a paper at the NACBS in Boston in November (with a lightning trip to the ASLH in Baltimore); and finally, (if I can count early 2007), an intense—if wonderful—research seminar at the School for American Research in Santa Fe in January. Two articles saw the

light of day in 2006 (in *Cultural and Social History* and *The Huntington Library Quarterly*), and I finally finished my book manuscript. Whew!

Angus McLaren

In 2006 most of my thoughts were focused on my forthcoming book. Warring with the University of Chicago’s advertising department over the jacket cover took up more of my energies than did the mundane process of copyediting. I also had to ponder long and hard about being interviewed by the host of a CBC Ideas Series program dubiously entitled “Phallus in Wonderland.” Otherwise academic life went on as usual. I chaired a session at the annual Qualicum Conference, gave a paper at a symposium on the history of eugenics at the University of Southern California, and spoke twice to the history department at Oregon State University. I made research trips to London, Toronto, and Montreal. I reviewed two book length manuscripts and five articles being considered for publication. One of my own essays was accepted by the *Journal of Social History* and will appear in 2007.

HISTORY MAKING AWARD WINNER

Andrea McKenzie was awarded two prizes by the American Society for Legal History—the Surrency Prize and the Sutherland Prize.

This is the first time in the history of the society that an article has won both prizes. Dr. McKenzie’s article, “This Death Some Strong and Stout Hearted Men Doth Choose: The Practice of *Peine Forte et Dure* in Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century England” explores the judicial practice of “pressing” accused criminals who refused to enter a plea.



Andrea McKenzie and Charles Donahue,
President of the American Society for
Legal History at the awards ceremony

Congratulations

Patrick Chasse

*The UVic Alumni
Association Graduate
Award*

COWICHAN TRIBES FIELD TRIP 2006

Excerpts from the final report by Dan Marshall

Forty students from three classes—Natives and Newcomers; Observers Observed: Anthropologists and First Nations in BC, 1880-1940; and, Issues in BC Ethnohistory expressed overwhelming appreciation and enthusiasm for their field trip to the Cowichan Tribes in early November.

Students were welcomed by Chief Harvey Alphonse. A traditional Hul'qumi'num prayer and drum ritual was performed by Ron George, Cultural Liaison Officer, who then led the students on a short walk to the Somena Long House where they were granted privileged access. Firekeeper Knobby Joe had prepared a heart warming fire, which was most welcoming as there had been an immense downpour of rain in the morning.

Elders Wes Modeste, Joseph Charlie and Ethel Wilson led discussions on the traditional ways of the Cowichan peoples and responded to questions from students.

Lunch was then offered—a delectable feast of salmon, potatoes, Indian bread and homemade jams. As is the custom in the Coast Salish

world, gifts of appreciation were presented throughout the trip to the Cowichan participants.

After lunch, we boarded a Cowichan school bus and proceeded to make our way to another “Big House”. The Quamichan Long House is found deep within the reserve, and it was at this location that students heard of the ancestry of Wes Modeste whose family carries the traditional Native name *Suhiltun*—one of those who fell from the sky in Cowichan mythology.

Students then hiked up Comiakén Hill (see photo right) and the site of the 19th Century Stone Church.

As a follow up to the field trip, Cowichan Elders will again be invited to the spring session of Natives and Newcomers: Historical Encounters in Canada Since 1867 where students will hear and see contemporary Native voices that add such a significant dimension of understanding to their in-class studies.



(l-r) Ron George, Cowichan Tribes Cultural Liaison Officer, Dan Marshall and Wendy Wickwire



Students hiking up Comiakén Hill to the Stone Church

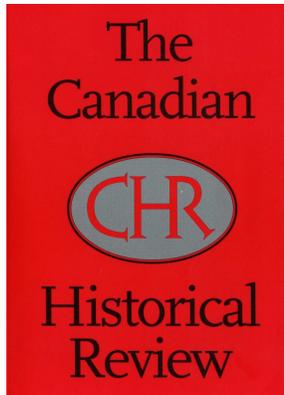
John Price

Spring '06 saw me preoccupied with helping organize the World Peace Forum in Vancouver. Over 10,000 people participated in the five days of events. Just prior to this, hundreds attended a parallel event, the Victoria Days of Peace which included a graduate student symposium "Deconstructing Empire". This symposium was so successful that a second is scheduled for June 2007 for which I will act as faculty liaison.

In the fall I was invited to Jeju Island, Korea where I gave a keynote speech in Japanese on the topic of "Racism, Empire and State Violence in East Asia" at the 4th Annual Japan-Korea Scholars Symposium on Redress and Reconciliation, sponsored by Jeju University and Ritsumeikan University (Kyoto, Japan). Shortly afterward I traveled to Montreal to attend the Canadian Asian Studies Association annual conference "Asia: Navigating Universality and Particularity" where I presented a paper "'Orienting' Empires in the Asia-Pacific, 1907 - 1923". UBC Press will this year publish a new volume *North Pacific Neighbours: Canada and Japan in the 20th Century*, edited by Greg Donaghy and Pat Roy, that includes my chapter on "Rethinking the Occupation: E.H. Norman, Canada and the American Empire in Asia".



John Price with Mayor of Jeju, Yung-hoon Kim



UVIC HISTORIANS FEATURED IN CANADIAN HISTORICAL REVIEW

Articles and reviews by UVic's Department of History instructors and students (past and present) dominated the *Canadian Historical Review* in 2006!

Benjamin Isitt—article: "Mutiny from Victoria to Vladivostok, December 1918" (June)

Jordan Stanger-Ross—article: "An Inviting Parish: Community without Locality in Postwar Italian Toronto" (September)

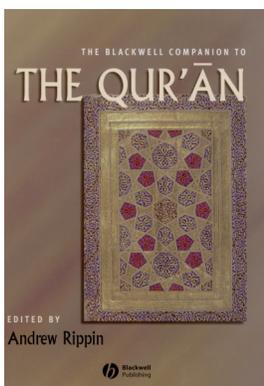
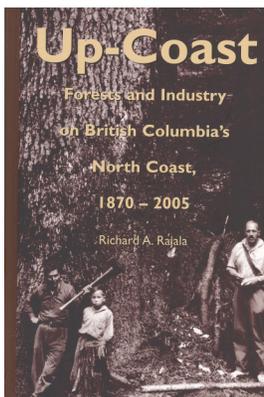
Timothy Balzer—article: "In Case the Raid is Unsuccessful . . . : Selling Dieppe to Canadians" (September)

Andrew Preston—review of "This Kindred People: Canadian-American Relations and the Anglo-Saxon Idea, 1895-1903" by Edward P. Kohn (September)

Penny Bryden—review of "Pro-Family Politics and Fringe Parties in Canada" by Chris MacKenzie (September)

Peter Baskerville—article: "Chattel Mortgages and Community in Perth County, Ontario" (December)

John Lutz—review of "McGowan's War: The Birth of Modern British Columbia on the Fraser River Gold Fields" by Donald J. Hauka (December)



For a synopsis of Richard Rajala and Andrew Rippin's new books, click on **Book Gallery** on the department's website www.uvic.ca/history

Richard Rajala

Last year saw the publication of *Up-Coast: Forests and Industry on British Columbia's North Coast, 1870-2005*, by the Royal British Columbia Museum, and a revised chapter on woods unionization during World War II appeared late in the year in *Pacific Northwest Quarterly*.

In February, I participated in the "Sustainable Forestry in the West: Past, Present, and Future Conference" at the Bill Lane Center for the Study of the North American West, at Stanford University. I accepted an appointment to the editorial board of *Labour/Le Travail*, and reviewed manuscripts for that journal, the *American Review of Canadian Studies*, and Thomson Nelson.

Preparation for my new course "The North American Forest: Economy, Ecology, Culture," involved the accumulation of a ridiculous amount of material. Thanks for the filing cabinets, Karen!

Andrew Rippin

The past year was a busy one as always, especially given the continued public interest in matters related to the Islamic world in the wake of the Danish cartoon controversy and the continuing involvement of Canadian troops in Afghanistan; I provided a number of talks at various venues off and on campus during the year as well as a couple of radio interviews (CFAX and CBC). Appearing during the year was my edited volume *The Blackwell Companion to the Qur'an*, Oxford: Blackwell, 2006, consisting of 32 chapters from scholars around the world; it was reviewed in *Choice* for January 2007 and deemed "essential" which, the publisher tells me, makes it highly likely that the book will appear in paperback in 2007. I was also editor (along with Jawid Mojaddedi) of *Interpretation and Jurisprudence in Medieval Islam*, Aldershot: Variorum, 2006, a collection of reprinted articles by my deceased friend Norman Calder of Manchester. Also appearing were two reviews, four encyclopaedia articles and two chapters in books. A personal highlight of the year was to be elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Eric Sager

I remained on administrative leave in the first half of 2006. The purpose of this leave was to determine whether any little grey cells were functioning after five years as department chair. Neurons governing backswing malfunctioned consistently, resulting in a rising handicap, but some synapses appear to have remained intact. Between engagements on the links, I wrote an article on women in the industrial labour force in British Columbia, published in *BC Studies* (Spring 2006). Another article, on domestic servants in Canada, has been accepted by *Social Science History*, and the brave editors of the *Canadian Historical Review* seem to want another number-crunching soporific from me, this one on the brutal exploitation of women teachers in Canada in the late 19th century. I visited the Université de Savoie in France and went skiing in the Alps. In the latter half of 2006 I tried teaching again.

Oliver Schmidtke

The undisputed highlight of 2006 for me was the Biennial Conference of the European Community Studies Association Canada. The conference allowed me as the then president of this organization to bring almost 200 scholars in the field of European Studies to Victoria. In the summer I was appointed as the Director of the European Studies Program for two years, making it increasingly demanding to start my two externally-funded international research projects on questions related to migration and integration. At the end of the year the European Commission awarded me the Jean Monnet Chair in European Politics and History (2006-2011). As one of its core initiatives this Chair will allow me to develop a new course in the History department on the History of European Integration. Last but not least in 2006 I won the Fernand Braudel Research Fellowship at the European University Institute in Florence.



Ever the professor—
Dr Sager pontificating at a
family event, Summer 2006

UVIC COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP AWARD

Dr. Ian MacPherson, Professor Emeritus in the Department of History and the former Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, was the recipient of the UVic Community Leadership Award, a part of Leadership Victoria's annual presentations. Ian received this well-deserved honour for all his hard work with co-operative institutions and co-operative learning in the service of communities.

Ian established and still directs the BC Institute for Co-operative Studies, which conducts research into co-operatives throughout the world. Congratulations Ian!



Ian MacPherson

Jordan Stanger-Ross

This year passed in a flash. I will remember it as the year in which my daughter, Eva, started to both walk and talk. My own advances were somewhat less momentous, but still welcome. I published two articles, one in the *Canadian Historical Review* and another in the *Journal of Urban History* and sent my first book manuscript to a publisher. In addition, after a lengthy delay generously afforded to me by my colleagues, I have finally joined the ranks of full-time teachers in the Department. In a significant failure this year, I have still never been to the west side of the island; I plan to remedy that situation in the coming year.

THANK YOU MAJOR GENERAL TEDLIE

Members of the Department thank Major General Alfred Tedlie for his generous gift, which will be used to augment the value of the annual prizes awarded to students who have distinguished themselves academically in the study of history.

Awarding such prizes recognizes the diligence, excellence and promise of our best undergraduate students. Without such generosity, this would not be possible.

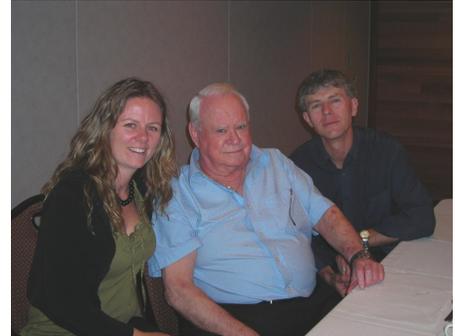
MCCAHILL GENEROSITY SUPPORTS SYDNEY PETTIT BURSARY

If anyone knows how important financial support is to students it is Michael McCahill, who attended Victoria College 1943-1945. He spent most of his career in an academic environment (UBC, Sir George Williams University, UofT, UVic) and was reminded daily of the need to allow students time to think, work, and study.

Michael McCahill gave a generous gift to the Faculty of Humanities in support of the Sydney G. Pettit Bursary to be awarded to one or more students in a major or honors program within the Department of History. Mr. McCahill's motivation in doing so was two-fold: to pay homage to his teacher Sydney Pettit and to ensure students of history the financial support to pursue their academic area of concentration.

Students John Gordon and Randy Laurence Neville have been awarded this year's Sydney G. Pettit Bursary. A gift of this size and the support Michael McCahill has given to the bursary will have a strong impact on the students of history for years to come.

Jane Buzza
Development and External Relations Officer



Jodie Walsh (2006 recipient of the Sydney G. Pettit Bursary); Michael McCahill and Department of History Chair, Tom Saunders

Thank You!

The R.H. Roy Book Prize rewards me for diversifying my studies and achieving an all-round education.

Thank you for this recognition and encouragement, it makes all the difference in the world.

Judith Goertzen

Elizabeth Vibert

The past year I've been absorbed in article revisions, graduate supervisions, and the administrative tasks of departmental Graduate Director. Two articles are now out of my hands. One, titled "Writing 'Home': Sibling Intimacy and Mobility in a Scottish Colonial Memoir," is coming out this summer in Tony Ballantyne and Antoinette Burton's *Gender, Mobility and Intimacy in an Age of Empire* (Illinois). "Manners of the Nation: Food, Race and Difference in Colonial Narratives" will be out later in the year in a festschrift for Prof. Jennifer Brown. A third article, "Dwelling in the Family: Making Home and Family in a Scottish Memoir," part of an international forum on colonial domestic identities, still languishes with reviewers. I'm eager to get at my ongoing work on Scottish colonial identities in Nova Scotia (1770s-1840s) once the rush of graduate admissions subsides.

Wendy Wickwire

I spent much of this year working on my SSHRC project ("James A. Teit and the Historical Challenge of Anthropology in the Boasian Era"). A highlight was a research trip in May to Shetland, UK, to track down Teit/Tait family and other records at the local archives and historical societies. I gave talks "A Shetland Hero in the Canadian West" in Lerwick and Gutcher (Yell). In June, I participated in a special conference at UBC honoring the work of Cole Harris "Settler Colonialism in Canada: The Contributions of R. Cole Harris to the Historical Geography of Canada". My paper "Behind Cole's Notes: Reading Passion and Precision into BC Colonial History" will be published in a festschrift edited by Graeme Wynn. I also finalized a paper "They Wanted...Me To Help Them: James A. Teit and the Challenge of Ethnography in the Boasian Era" which appeared in Celia Haig-Brown and David Nock (eds.) *With Good Intentions: Euro-Canadian and Aboriginal Relations in Colonial Canada*. Vancouver: UBC Press, 2006.

UNDERGRADUATE AWARD WINNERS

Atkinson, Georgia Leona

~Professor Alfred E. Loft Memorial Scholarship

Avery, Ainslie Lilianne

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

Bennett, Max Alexander

~The Dr. Norman Bethune Memorial Award

Beresford, Benjamin James

The Grotius Award in Modern History

Bil, Geoffrey Kenneth

~The Grotius Award in Modern History

Breckon, Kate Elizabeth

~The Howard Petch Scholarships

~The Mr. & Mrs. John L. Wyatt Price Scholarship

~The University of Victoria Faculty Scholarship

Cador, Jennifer Margaret

~Helen Jessop Ford Scholarship

~The Sydney W. Jackman Prize in British History

Carruthers, Allison Elizabeth

~The Maureen Dobbin Scholarship

Chapman, Mathew Albert

~Air Force Officers' Association Book Prize

Devoe, Mark Richard

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

Dunne, Mark David

~The President's Scholarship

~The Royal United Services Inst. of VI Book Prize in Military History

~Ted and Jane Wooley Scholarship

Forsyth, Robert Thomas

~The Royal United Services Inst. of VI Book Prize in Military History

Fox, Jonathan Neil

~Peter L. Smith Scholarship in Greek & Roman Studies

~The Classical Association of Vancouver Island Book Prize

~The President's Scholarship

Gilks, Katherine Marieka

~The University of Victoria Faculty Scholarship

~The President's Scholarship

Goad, Jennifer Lindsay

~UVic Excellence Scholarships Renewal

~The Hendrickson Prize in BC History

Goertzen, Judith Mary

~The R.H. Roy Book Prize in Military History

~The Allan & Elizabeth McKinnon Scholarship

Gordon, Christopher Robert

~The Nora Lugin Shaw & Wendell Burrill Shaw Memorial Scholarship

Ishiguro, Laura Mitsuyo

~J. Walter Grant Book Prize in British Columbia History

Jones, Taryn Ashley

~The Hutchinson Book Prize

~The President's Scholarship

Kerr, Jeffrey David

~The Tatton Anfield Prize in American History

Kushner, Lars Franklin

~The Tatton Anfield Prize in American History

Manning, Sean Gavin William

~Colonel George Urquhart Book Prize

Martin, Eryk

~United Empire Loyalists Assoc. of Canada (Victoria Branch) Book Prize in Canadian History

McGrath, Susanna Renee

~The Dr. Toby Jackman Prize in British History

McHaffie, Matthew William

~The Willard E. Ireland Scholarship in History

Mosley, Zach Jacob

~The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany Book Prize

Mueller, Mischa Ari

~The Allardice Lancaster Scholarship

~The Alexander MacLeod Baird Memorial Prize in Scottish History

~Michiel Horn Scholarship

Mulligan, John

~The Victoria Municipal Chapter, IODE Canadian History Scholarship

Nathan, Robert Donald

~The Adeline Julienne Deloume Memorial Scholarship

~The Kathleen Agnew Scholarship

Plonka, Jarrett Alexander

~UVic Excellence Scholarships Renewal

~The Major-General G.R. Pearkes V.C. Scholarship

Robertson, Todd Stewart

~The Sydney Pettit Book Prize in European History

Sharp, Tristan Thomas William

~The Charlotte S.M. Girard Book Prize in French History

~The Alfred Loft Book Prize in Canadian History

Shaw, William Douglas

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

Watson, Timothy A.

~Ken Coates Book Prize



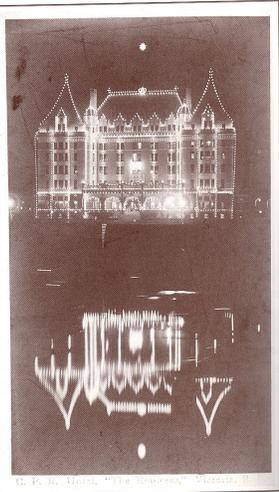
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Paul Wood

2006 was an especially busy year in terms of teaching. With my official appointment as the University's first Hugh Campbell and Marion Alice Small Faculty Fellow in Scottish Studies in July I had the welcome opportunity to develop a new upper-level course on the Scottish Enlightenment, which I taught in the fall term. Earlier in the year, I spent an exciting month in Scotland based at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Edinburgh. The highlight of my research trip was tracking down a register of the books borrowed by professors from the library at the University of Glasgow during the second half of the eighteenth century. Not only was I able to discover what my man Thomas Reid was reading, but I was also able to see what titles were of interest to such luminaries as Joseph Black and Adam Smith. Looking at the list of books taken out of the library by Adam Smith was an unforgettable experience, not least because I may well have been the first person to read through the library registers since the turn of nine-

teenth century. While I was in Edinburgh, I also gave an invited paper at a symposium on "Common Sense Science: The Influence of Scottish Philosophy of Common Sense in 19th Century Science", where I had the good fortune to meet a number of scholars from France. The Auld Alliance is, thankfully, alive and well.

Guoguang Wu

In the capacity of CAPI China Chair, in 2006 I organized two conferences: "Zhao Ziyang and China's Democratic Future" in June, and "Socialist China, Capitalist China: Political-Social Conflicts under Globalization" in October. In total, about \$70,000 has been raised from external sources for sponsoring the conferences. My own conference participations included six paper deliveries, one panel presentation, and some other occasions where I served as panel chair and/or discussant. The busiest schedule occurred between Oct 16 and Nov 6. During these 20 days I attended five conferences held in Stanford and Bangkok, as well as within Canada. Other academic trip destinations included Sydney, New York, Hong Kong (twice), and Taipei.

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Lisa Helps (BA 2002, MA 2005 in History at UVic) was recognized as one of Canada's exceptional doctoral scholars and awarded the prestigious Trudeau Foundation Award. Now at the University of Toronto, Lisa's research on homelessness in Canada and the U.S. supports the Foundation's goal of providing citizens of Canada and the world with a deeper experience of, and commitment to, democracy. Lisa is passionate about her work and translates her values into reality. One example is her volunteer work as Chair of the Fernwood Neighbourhood Resource Group in Victoria, where she helped renovate a formerly abandoned heritage building into four three-bedroom affordable housing suites. Congratulations Lisa on *all* your achievements!



Lisa Helps presenting findings of the public health working group at the Foundation's summer institute

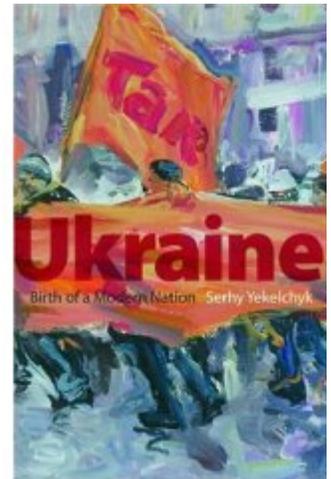
Serhy Yekelchyk

The year 2006 has been a busy one, but in a pleasant and productive way. In March, together with Oliver Schmidtke I organized a workshop on "Europe's Last Frontier? Belarus, Moldova, and Ukraine between Russia and the European Union" and by the end of the year the resulting collection of articles was almost ready for submission to the publisher. Also in March, I served as the principal host to the Lansdowne visitor, Professor Mark von Hagen (Columbia University). For much of the year I was pre-occupied with the fundraising drive to create the Ukrainian Studies Endowment at UVic, an effort spearheaded by the Ukrainian Studies Society and the Ukrainian Business and Professional Association. The payoff came in the fall with the inauguration of a \$54,000 endowment to support guest speakers, student awards, and library acquisitions in this area. December brought a most welcome holiday gift, the proofs of my book *Ukraine: Birth of a Modern Nation*, due in the spring from Oxford University Press. There were the usual conference trips, including an exciting one to Edmonton in late November (just when the temperature there dipped to -29 degrees *before* factoring in the wind chill). There were also articles, including a long-awaited chapter on the Soviet West in *The Cambridge History of Russia* (submitted in 2002!) and the Russian translation of a offbeat piece on the "body politics" of Ukrainian nationalists, originally published in Australia in 1994. But my most rewarding and memorable moments, as

usual, were associated with teaching. In 2006, I twice repeated my senior seminar on Stalinism, which always attracts strong students with interesting and diverse backgrounds. I also designed a new course on the nations and cultures of the former Soviet Union (RUSS 331). However, nothing energizes as much as facing a room full of first- and second-year students in HIST 240, all of them eager to master the historian's craft!

David Zimmerman

This year began with the publication of my article, "The Society for the Protection of Science and Learning and the Politicization of British Science in the 1930s," in the journal *Minerva*. In the summer I gave a paper on "The Scientific Translator and the Revolution in Military-Scientific Relations" at the annual conference of the International Committee for the History of Technology, in Leicester, England. At Leicester I submitted a proposal to hold ICOTEC's 2008 conference at UVic. This proposal was chosen over a competing proposal from Poland. It will mark the first time this organization has met in North America. While on leave this fall, I completed Part Two of my study, "Not the Yacht Club': A History of the Royal Canadian Navy in the Pacific, 1945-65". This report was commissioned by the Directorate of History at the Department of National Defence and will be used as part of Volume Three of the Official History of RCN, which covers the period from 1945 to 1968.



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Why do people give? By Karen Whyte, MA



I began my role as Development Officer for the Faculty of Humanities in June 2006. For those of you who may not have heard the term before, “Development Officer” is a euphemism for fundraiser. One reason this euphemism exists is that people may not fully understand what motivates philanthropy. They worry that the whole business is non-consensual, perhaps a bit annoying, like those phone calls you don’t answer at dinner time.

Since June, I’ve had opportunity to learn more about why people make donations. The Faculty of Humanities, especially the Department of History, is blessed with a number of very loyal donors. Their reasons for donating are personal and varied, but there is a common theme. They want to make a difference! And they’ve decided that supporting students and programs at the University of Victoria is the best way to do that. Donors tell me that they are delighted when they can help a student or assist the start up of a new program. My role is to help the donor do what they want to do by providing them with information about funding priorities at UVic.

The main priority for fundraising this year is to increase support for graduate students. The University of Victoria offers fellowships and assistantships. UVic grad students are also very successful in applying for grants from external granting organizations. In fact, UVic grad students surpassed SFU, U of A, McGill, Queens, UBC and U of T in successful applications to academic granting agencies. Where UVic falls short compared to other universities is in the donor awards, scholarships and bursaries available to grad students. These sources can only be created from the generosity of individual, and to a lesser extent, corporate donors.

I meet with current and potential donors and talk with them about the difference their support to grad students will make. Why should donors support grad students? Because grad students are the largest body of researchers on campus; they challenge and inspire undergraduates through their teaching and they are the leaders of tomorrow.

Development officer or fundraiser? Either term will do. I love the work because I get to meet amazingly generous people who want to have a real impact on their world. If you’re interested in talking about how you can make a difference at UVic, please call me at 250-721-6696.

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