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Musings from the Chair

2007 was a year of many changes: renewal and growth with the arrival in July of Jason Colby, Erik Kwakkel and Christine O'Bonsawin, bringing expertise in American foreign relations, medieval book culture and indigenous sport history respectively; the retirement at the end of the year of Angus McLaren, Distinguished University Professor and international authority on the history of sexuality and gender, after more than three decades in the department; the painful loss of Ted Wooley, an emeritus colleague, in May. Profiles of our new colleagues, reminiscences from Angus and a tribute to Ted are all in the pages that follow.

2007 was also a year in which there was much to celebrate. Last year the newsletter previewed the department's 5th annual Book and Website Launch, marking the publication of a dozen new books and development of four websites. The Launch proved a very successful celebration of the scholarly achievements of members of the department and received attention in the local press. Early in the year the department hosted Catherine

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Canada Council Award

As the newsletter was going to press we received the wonderful news that Angus McLaren was awarded the Canada Council for the Arts Molson Prize in Social Sciences and Humanities. This prestigious prize, valued at \$50,000, is awarded each year to a distinguished recipient in recognition of outstanding lifetime achievements and ongoing contributions to the cultural and intellectual life of Canada. Angus is the first recipient of the award in British Columbia and the first historian so honoured in western Canada.

Over the past three decades Angus McLaren has made an enormous contribution to the historical study of gender, sexuality, and reproduction and gained international recognition in these fields. In addition to books on French, British and Canadian history, he has published such wide-ranging studies as *A History of Contraception: From Antiquity to the Present Day*, *Twentieth Century Sexuality* and *Impotence: A Cultural History*. His work has been translated into numerous languages. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a recipient of the Faculty of Humanities Award for Research Excellence. In 2003 he was appointed Distinguished University Professor. The Department extends congratulations to Angus on this very eminent and richly deserved award.



Chair's Musings con't.

Hall (University College London), a distinguished scholar of gender, race and empire. In the fall term another distinguished guest, Tom Bender (NYU), presented lectures on the United States in world history and on theories of urban history. The annual Qualicum Conference moved to Parksville, after the closure of the Qualicum College Inn, and demonstrated again the extraordinary talent and promise of graduate students from History departments in the Pacific Northwest. The department continues to host and provide a springboard for outstanding postdoctoral fellows: Jeremy Schmidt arrived from the University of King's College; Dominique Clément organized a very successful Law and History Workshop and has recently been hired by the University of Alberta; Ning Wang accepted a regular position at Brock University.

Change extended as well to the History office. When Karen McIvor retired in the spring, Karen Hickton, on staff since 1995 and graduate secretary since 2001, became departmental secretary. Heather Waterlander, the new graduate secretary, came to the department from Nursing and Community Health Research. With Andrea Cormier's departure in the fall, Theresa Gallant took over the front desk. Together with Eileen Zapshala and Leslie Laird these form a congenial, collaborative and highly effective team in administering the affairs of faculty and students.

As in the past the Department is honoured to recognize the contributions of friends and benefactors. New endowments from the Churchill Foundation Vancouver Island (CFVI), for a scholarship to be shared between History and Political Science, and from the Canadian Federation of University Women (Saanich Peninsula) in memory of Audrey Mawby to create a bursary in Canadian and British history, assist us in supporting students in their programs. We are very grateful to these new donors and to ongoing contributors for their generosity.

The newsletter is testimony to the remarkable achievements of faculty and students in 2007. I hope you enjoy the journey through their multifaceted accomplishments in learning, teaching and research. My thanks to the editor, Leslie Laird, for making the journey possible.

Tom Saunders

Dr. Ted Wooley Remembered

In July colleagues and former students joined family in a moving memorial service in honour of Ted Wooley, emeritus professor, who died on 26 May after a lengthy illness. Ted served the department and the university with distinction for 35 years (1968-2003). He was a meticulous and thoughtful scholar of American diplomacy in the turbulent period after World War II, a dedicated and deeply respected teacher, and a very energetic and engaged member of the university community, committed to scrupulousness and fairness.

Several generations of students were captivated by Ted's courses on U.S. domestic politics and diplomacy in the twentieth century, above all his pioneering course on America in Vietnam. In 1999 he was identified in Maclean's magazine as one of UVic's most popular teachers. His contribution to the department and the university was enormous and wide-ranging. He served three terms as chair of the department, leading it through critical years of growth and renewal. He served on and chaired numerous university committees and was a long-standing member of Senate. He was also assistant to former vice-presidents Murray Fraser and Sam Scully.

Ted fought a lengthy battle against recurring brain tumors with remarkable frankness, courage and humor. He will be remembered for his precise, soft-spoken and gentlemanly administrative manner, his consummate love of teaching, and the ever-present fisherman's cap he wore when crossing campus. He will be greatly missed.

On Ted's retirement in 2003 the department created the Ted and Jane Wooley Scholarship to support outstanding students in American history. The department would like to express sincere thanks for the generosity of friends and colleagues who have contributed to this scholarship in Ted's memory.



Faculty—2007 in Review

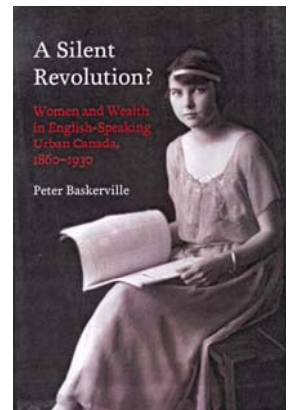
Rob Alexander

During 2007 I taught five more courses and continued to tread *Europe's Uncertain Path*.

Peter Baskerville

Even as the Canadian Century Research Project winds down—we should have all five census samples ‘in the bag’ by December, 2008—I am engaged in helping to craft another large project, this one to be centred at the University of Alberta, where I will be headed to take up a Chair in Modern Western Canadian History in July 2008. After thirty years of teaching, researching and administration at UVic, this will be quite a change. Fortunately for me I will still have research space at UVic that will allow me to complete my SSHRC funded work on credit and community in Perth County Ontario.

The book, *A Silent Revolution: Women and Wealth in English-Speaking Urban Canada, 1860-1930*, that I submitted to McGill/Queens last year has been accepted and will appear this summer. I presented three conference papers in 2007: at the Social Science History Association meeting in Minneapolis; the International Sociological Association in Toronto and at an invited talk at Guelph. In the summer I had the interesting experience of being an assessor for the Ontario Government of History graduate programmes at Guelph, Waterloo, Wilfred Laurier and York. While the work was demanding, the opportunity to see how these programmes operated was quite rewarding.

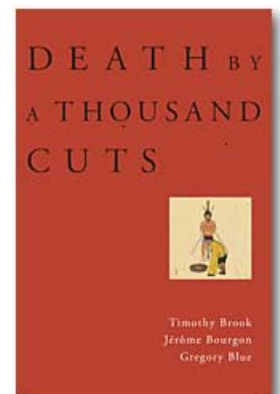


Sara Beam

In May 2007, my book *Laughing Matters: Farce and the Making of Absolutism in France* was published by Cornell University Press. Two articles in French—on sixteenth-century popular culture and on satire in the theatre—were accepted, and I presented the first conference papers relating to my new project on torture and physical punishment in early modern Europe. In addition, in my role as Honours Advisor I'm pleased to report that eleven students completed excellent theses this year.

Greg Blue

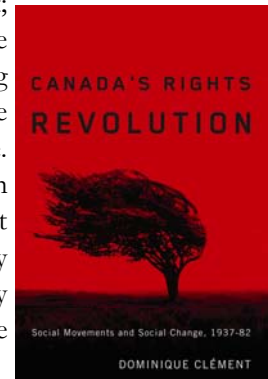
In 2007, I had the pleasure of leading graduate seminars in historiography and world history in spring and fall respectively. In the fall term, I also taught the department's introductory 20th-century world history survey and tried to apply insights gained from participating in the provost's committee on large first-year classes. My spring-term fourth-year course on decolonization tied in with my ongoing research in that area, but my predominant research focus in 2007 was on Western historical understandings of Chinese society. I drew on that for two academic presentations: "Three Sinophile Libertines: Remodelling Antiquity in the Late 17th Century" was the paper I presented in April to UVic's Early Modern Research Collective. In September, I presented "Picturing Chinese Torture Through the Long 19th Century" to the History in Art Department's international symposium devoted to "Encounters." In March I donned my historian of science hat for a popular lecture on the recent "End of Science" debate, as one of the outreach workshops organized by the Biology Department.



Postdoctoral Fellows

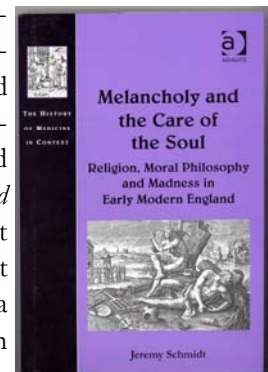
Dominique Clément

My two years at UVic have been extremely rewarding, and I credit the university, department and individual faculty members with helping me secure a tenure-track position in the Department of Sociology at the University of Alberta. Some of the highlights of my two years include: publishing a book with UBC Press (*Canada's Rights Revolution: Social Movements and Social Change, 1937-1982*); organizing an international Law and History Workshop on Pender Island; teaching courses on nationalism, human rights and social protest; organizing conference panels at several international gatherings; editing a book on the 1960s; profiles in the *Globe and Mail* and the *Vancouver Sun*; an invitation to be a Visiting Scholar at Berkeley; co-chairing a task force on publishing a booklet for training graduate students in history; and participating on the Hilda Neatby Prize adjudication committee. My book on the history of the women's movement in BC is also well underway. In addition to Eric Sager and Tom Saunders, who provided invaluable support throughout my tenure at UVic, I am indebted to the people in the Department for helping me apply for jobs, publish articles, prepare grant applications to SSHRC, secure funding for my workshop, draft conference programs, promote my website and develop an innovative new oral history assignment.



Jeremy Schmidt

I took up my postdoc at UVic in July 2007 after three years of teaching in a 'Great Books' humanities programme at the University of King's College, Halifax. While I did miss teaching Plato and the rest of those good old boys this year, I very much enjoyed the experience of designing and teaching a section of the History Department's survey course in modern European history, from the Renaissance to the present (well, we got to 1968 at least...). I also found time to work on my new research project on 'Justice, Charity and Social Order in the Enlightenment', which for now is focused on the intersection between moral thought and the charity school movement in eighteenth-century England; as well as to regret and rethink parts of my recently published PhD dissertation-turned-book, *Melancholy and the care of the soul: religion, moral philosophy and madness in early modern England* (Ashgate, 2007). The Department has proved a most congenial place, and I've benefited in particular from the opportunity to present my latest research to the Early Modern Research Collective. This summer I look forward to a research/conference trip to the UK and to designing two new seminars in early modern intellectual history for the fall and spring.



Fraser River War Symposium

Dr. Dan Marshall and Chief Byron Spinks at the Chief David Spintlum Memorial in Lytton, BC. Dan, a sessional instructor in the Department (Natives and Newcomers) was the principal symposium organizer and one of the presenters at the Fraser River War Symposium held September 22-23, 2007. Over 120 people attended the first major academic symposium on the Fraser River War of 1858, a critical but largely unexplored event in Canadian history.

Photo credit: New Pathways to Gold Society eNewsletter, September 2007

Accolades

Professor Emeritus **Pat Roy** was presented with the Canadian Catholic Historical Association's George Edward Clerk Award. The citation reads: "Patricia Roy, Professor Emeritus at the University of Victoria, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, who fulfilled the Catholic ideals of teaching history and is the author of books that unveil the discrimination suffered by Japanese and Chinese Canadians. Her studies relate to Canadian Catholic history by seeking the equality of opportunity for all peoples."

Sara Beam's book *Laughing Matters: Farce and the Making of Absolutism in France* (2007) was short-listed for the Wallace K. Ferguson Prize of the Canadian Historical Association—a prize for the best book on a non-Canadian subject.

Professor Emeritus **Pat Roy's** book *The Triumph of Citizenship: The Japanese and Chinese in Canada, 1941-67* (2007) was short-listed for the John A. Macdonald prize of the Canadian Historical Association for the best book on a Canadian subject. It was earlier short-listed for the Hubert Evans Award for Non-Fiction of the B.C. Book Prizes.

Penny Bryden

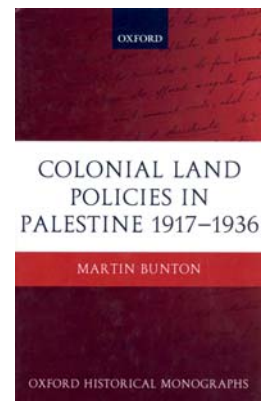
I began 2007 with a term free of teaching, which left me time to do some research in Toronto, to present papers on Medicare, public policy and constitutional reform in Peterborough, Ottawa, Regina and Saskatoon, and to get married. I also published a couple of articles, tried (unsuccessfully) to finish my book on Ontario-Ottawa relations, and discovered why "feline dentists" drive expensive cars.

Martin Bunton

Once my first book appeared in early 2007, my energies then focused on travel, with conferences and research projects taking me to Britain, the Middle East, and Quebec. In addition to drafting two conference papers, I completed a book chapter on religious politics in the Arab world, made some good progress on my SSHRC funded project on the comparative study of property rights in the Middle East, and continued my involvement with both University 101 and the UVic speakers bureau.

Shawn Cafferky

2007 proved to be even busier than 2006. Research activities centred on the completion of a manuscript entitled "The Ship that Never Was: A History of the Vancouver-Class Frigates in the Post-War Royal Canadian Navy, 1950-1955". That manuscript will form part of the post-war official history of the Canadian Navy, which will be published in 2010. I served as Assistant Conference Coordinator for the University of Victoria Military Oral History Conference (Between Memory and History) which was held in Victoria on 20-23 February 2008. The conference was, by all accounts, an overwhelming success. I am happy to report that a number of excellent papers were presented by our undergraduate and graduate students. The Veterans Oral History Project is also keeping me busy. Thanks to a small grant from the Naval Officers Association of Canada, Dr. Zimmerman and I have begun research on a new oral history book on the history of the St. Laurent-class destroyers in the post-war Canadian Navy. In addition to my undergraduate teaching, I am also supervising one UVic Honours student and I am wrapping up supervision of one RMC graduate student. Finally, as part of my joint appointment I have been busy re-designing two Royal Military College graduate courses.



Upon his Retirement, Memories from Angus McLaren's Diary

1975

In 1975 I was living in North-West London; walks on The Heath were occasionally enlivened by passing Michael Foot, the Labour MP. Researching mainly in the North Library of the British Museum and the old Public Record Office, I sat in on Eric Hobsbawm's seminar at Senate House. I was also shuttling between London and St. Antony's College, Oxford where Theodore Zeldin had wangled me a position as Senior Associate Fellow. A few years before at Harvard, Zeldin had steered me towards social and cultural history issues. Trained originally as a French political historian, I now increasingly shared interests with friends in the History Workshop—Raph Samuels, Anna Davin, Sally Alexander, Barbara Taylor and (briefly) Michael Ignatieff. I was also an early member of the Society for the Social History of Medicine. Women's history was just emerging and I found myself one of the few males to present a paper at the Women's Research and Resources Center in London and to contribute to the American journal *Feminist Studies*. Fascinated by the history of reproduction, I even had the temerity to lecture to the Royal College of Midwives. I had everything in London I could have wanted except a full time academic appointment. That problem was remedied by a long distance phone call. My caller began the conversation with the propitious, if puzzling, announcement:

"Dr. McLaren? This is money from Victoria."

"Sorry, I don't quite understand."

"This is Dr. Money, head of the history department at the University of Victoria."

"Oh, I see."

"We have some bad news. You will be sorry to hear that the candidate we selected for the position in European history has been knocked down by a fire truck."

"That's terrible."

"So you, having been ranked as second best, are being offered the post."

"Well, that's, that's ...great!"

And so I flew off to Canada on luxurious Laker Airlines. In Victoria I found the NDP in power, with the comrades holding court in the Beaver Pub at the Empress Hotel and Gord Hanson, an old high school friend, about to become an MLA. At the university I was welcomed by a gang of lively colleagues and was soon enveloped by a network of warmhearted people who remain friends to this day.

1976

I played squash and continued to do so for twenty years, with a few wins and more than my fair share of colorful rosette bruises.

1977

Arlene started teaching at SFU. I lived for one term with an archivist on Moss Street and another term with a medical librarian in the Fort Street Village. Drinking was done at the Oak Bay Beach Hotel, the bar closest to campus. Perhaps it was there that the perplexed David Stafford asked: "If you can't date students who can you date?" And was this the year of the first Qualicum conference? I have vague memories of a colleague making the mistake of reciting Dylan Thomas to a suspicious graduate student.

It was the era of small classes, unlimited xeroxing, and the chair's entertainment budget so large it turned diners for candidates into drunken bacchanals. But like most members of the department, my focus was on getting published. In 1977 I received my first book contract—what bliss to be young and have a book coming out! If she didn't type the draft of this book June Belton (later Bull), the office secretary, certainly expertly typed subsequent manuscripts.

1978

I now was living on Tattersall, having taken over the lease from Doug Goold who was in the process of learning that history was not as lucrative a calling as business journalism. The apartment was a great place for parties which in the 70s used to include a contingent of British graduate students. My research continued to require trips to Europe, with lodgings on the Left Bank provided by the indefatigable Mme Louise Brandespiegel. For some reason or other I spent the summer of 1978 commuting between London and Paris.

1979

Renting a dilapidated house on Foul Bay Road, as close to a manger as any Victoria hovel could be, Arlene and I awaited the birth of our son which was scheduled for December 25. Jesse arrived in mid-January; Arlene defended her LSE PhD in mid-April. Wardair was now the Atlantic carrier of choice. In Victoria our baby's sitters included Ted Wooley's kids—Jeff and Tessa—and an undergraduate, Grace MacBride. Due to Brian and Donna Dippie it was by now becoming a summer ritual that each June the massacre of Custer and the 7th Cavalry be imaginatively re-enacted.

1980

Thanks to a prosperous professional friend, regular dinners at Chez Ernest became the occasions for spirited historical discussions.

1981

There was only one bunny on the UVic campus in 1980; "Daisy" was the name of the daycare centre's pampered pet. Off-campus Diane Gardiner was a god-send as child-minder.

In the 80s the stresses of lecturing were relieved by parties thrown by Paddy Tsurumi, Brian and Donna Dippie, and Charles and Lorraine Cowan. Departmental poker nights took place intermittently for a few years, only ending when an urban historian flatly refused to play "aces or better."

1982

I enjoyed the movie "Reds." I did not enjoy coming face to face with one of the pitfalls of renting out one's house while away over the summer (no rent!). In London Jesse was in the LSE daycare, not too far from the year's IRA bombings. Back in Victoria that September I discovered Morrie Berman discovering Victoria.

1983

I became Full Professor. I got chickenpox from Jesse.

1985

While a visiting professor at the Institute for the History and Philosophy of Science at the University of Toronto I first met Paul Wood, a man who knew something about computers. Purchasing a Kaypro word processor with WordStar floppies the size of pancakes, I felt confident in being at the cutting

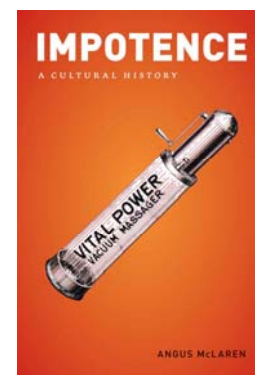
edge of technology. Returning to the west coast Arlene and I bought a house in Vancouver thus dooming the Dippies to put up with a star boarder for a further 22 years.

1986

Jesse started school; we got him a dog. I began my commute. A scholarly career slowly started to be cobbled together thanks to the wonderful support of loving family and friends, understanding and encouraging departmental chairs, hardworking and thoughtful secretaries--and the BC Ferry Corporation. It was to require more than a village to keep me going; it took a fleet.

Editor's note:

The two decades that followed witnessed a remarkable succession of major publications as well as honours and awards, several of which are noted in the front page article on his Canada Council for the Arts Molson Prize. Angus published two books on sexuality in Canada: *The Bedroom and the State: The Changing Practices and Politics of Contraception and Abortion in Canada, 1880-1980* (1986) and *Our Own Master Race: Eugenics in Canada, 1885-1945* (1990) before writing the wide-ranging comparative studies: *A History of Contraception* (1990) and *Twentieth Century Sexuality* (1999). Between these he wrote *A Prescription for Murder: The Victorian Serial Killings of Dr. Thomas Neill Cream* (1993) and *The Trials of Masculinity: Policing Sexual Boundaries, 1870-1930* (1997). Most recently he has published *Sexual Blackmail: A Modern History* (2002) and *Impotence: A Cultural History* (2007). In 'retirement' he is researching and writing a study of eugenics in interwar Britain.



Chinese Canadian Historical Society of B.C. Inaugural Awards

Undergraduate honours student Tylor Richards was awarded the Edgar Wickberg prizes in Chinese Canadian history. Dr. Wickberg was one of the founding members of the Chinese Canadian Historical Society.

This was the inaugural year for the awards and both the undergraduate and graduate awards went to UVic students. Tylor's entry was a copy of a paper he had done for Patrick Dunae's pre-1900 British Columbia History

class on the portrayal of Chinese in the popular press of 1880s Victoria. The Chinese Canadian Historical Society of British Columbia is a non-profit, participatory provincial organization dedicated to broadening our shared understanding of history of the Chinese in British Columbia through research, documentation, preservation and education.

Congratulations Tylor and continued success in the honours program.



(l-r) Hayne Wai, former president of CCHS, Tylor Richards and Dr. Edgar Wickberg,

Zhongping Chen

In 2007 I was promoted to Associate Professor and saw the publication of two books in Chinese that I began work on over two decades ago. I also completed a decade of research and revision on my first book manuscript in English -- "Network Revolution and Sociopolitical Transformation in Early Twentieth-Century China." It was a year to reflect on career choices made almost two decades ago, when after being offered "an exceptional promotion" at Nanjing Normal University on receipt of a national award for young scholars, I elected instead to pursue a doctoral degree abroad, a pursuit which would not have been possible had I accepted the promotion. It is gratifying to see publication of work spanning my career in China and North America: *Yu Qian: A National Hero and Upright Official in Ming China* (Zhejiang Classic Press), and *A Bibliography of Papers and Books on the History of the Lower Yangzi Region, 1900-2000* (Beijing Library Press).



Biography of Yu Qian



Bibliography on the history of the Lower Yangzi Region

Jason Colby

It was an eventful year. After two years of living on the U.S.-Mexican border in El Paso, Texas, my family and I moved to Victoria, another borderland. But no sooner had I begun to enjoy the glorious B.C. summer than I discovered September was upon me. I started the semester by introducing myself to my students and then flying to Montréal to present my paper, "In the Belly of the Beast: Black and Hispanic Responses to U.S. Empire in Central America" at the Latin American Studies Association Conference. For the following three months, I was swamped by the three lecture courses that I foolishly scheduled for my first semester at UVic. In the process, however, I quickly developed an appreciation for UVic students, whose enthusiasm and diligence continues to impress me. In the coming months, I look forward to completing work on a couple of articles and continuing revisions on my first book manuscript.

University 101 and 102 Continued Success by Becky Cory

The University 101 program has completed another successful year, with 40 students completing one or both of the Humanities and Social Sciences courses. Both courses will be running again next year, as will our new series of topics for University 201, the discussion course that we offer to graduates of University 101 and 102. If you are interested in participating with the University 101 project, please contact Becky Cory, project coordinator, at uni101@uvic.ca or 361-7014.



Here's what some students had to say about their experience in University 102:

Sarah is 30 years old, and a sole parent who works in Victoria. She has often wanted to take more classes, but hasn't been able to. Sarah commented: "This course has given me the opportunity to meet amazing people and develop new friendships. It has also allowed me the great privilege of learning from caring passionate and inspiring professors. It has allowed me to challenge myself and push beyond my comfort zones to develop my critical thinking skills and process the outside world as a more informed consumer. Lastly, but certainly not least, this course has barely satisfied my thirst for knowledge, it has left me wanting more. University 102 in one sentence has reignited my passion for lifelong learning."

Hannah is 88 years old, and hasn't been in school since she was in grade 6. Hannah commented: "Before I came here a few months ago, I had never been in a university in my life. I never dreamed I would start university in my 88th year. When I left school in grade six to take care of my siblings when our mum died, I had wanted to grow up to be a nurse. Instead, I had six children and thirteen grandchildren and one great grandson! Life is full of surprises and I am happy with the way things have turned out. But it always bothered me that I didn't have much of an education. And now, I have completed University 102! This was an excellent method of learning; I really enjoyed all of the professors. You couldn't have a better learning atmosphere than we had in University 102, my classmates really made me feel included."

Simon Devereaux

Three Haikus about 2007-08:	The book is not done
	The muse answers not, to me
Three cats in the yard	For bottles I reach
The weather unpleasant turns	
Two now live with us	The Canuck buck swelst
	"Amazon", "Alibris", "Abe"
	Our floor groans in vain



*Manto and Mona join the Devereaux /
McKenzie family*

Touching History by Erik Kwakkel

Coronation dates of emperors; birthdays of artists; locations of lost cities; and the annual income of a butcher: nearly all known facts related to medieval society come to us through written sources. The seminar *HIST 380a: Touching the Middle Ages*, which ran in the spring of 2008, was designed to show history students how written sources are helpful tools to shed light on medieval society, in particular on its institutions, such as the court, church, university and civic administration.

The main focus of the course were the fifty-odd medieval written artifacts present in McPherson's Special Collections which students handled themselves throughout term, thanks to a very cooperative library staff. In class discussion, and through individual and group projects, students explored both the physical appearance of these documents (Who signed them? How is the text presented on the page?), their historical context (For what purpose was a charter made, and what information does it contain?), as well as issues related to the historiography of the sources (What are the limitations of the materials? What are valid and invalid research questions?). Each student wrote three papers devoted to a source of their choice, and after all that bonding time it was not easy to say goodbye to the artifacts – "I will miss my baby", I overheard.

Fortunately, history never ends, and the papers written for the course will form the backbone of a new website dubbed *Touching History* that is currently under construction. The website will present an overview of historical documents present at UVic, a collection that, thanks to donations and an active acquisition policy, is among the larger ones in Canada. The idea is to include sources from all historical periods. While my *HIST 389: Republic of Letters*, offered in the fall, will help produce the early-modern pillar, UVic's rich collections – with documents written by such historical and popular figures as Napoleon Bonaparte, Horatio Nelson, Abraham Lincoln and Charles Chaplin – enable students to touch about any period of history.



History students Jenny Weston and Lyndsey Hamilton are studying a Privy Letter from 1482 produced at the court of Edward IV. Clearly visible is the Great Seal, hallmark of charters signed by the king himself.

Congratulations

Judith Friedman

N. Segall Prize for best student paper given at

Canadian Society
for the
History of Medicine

Brian Dippie

2007 was a memorable year for me. It began well. In March I presented at a symposium on the future of Western American art hosted by the Denver Museum of Art in their new Frank Gehry-designed building (now there's an aesthetic contrast to ponder), and in June took in the festivities marking the opening of the first exhibition I have ever curated, Remington & Russell Revisited, at the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson, Wyoming.

I had lots on my plate and was keeping busy when my world came to a stop—literally—on August 1. A cardiac arrest put me in hospital for a month, which was the good news, since it meant that I had survived due to the kindness of strangers who administered CPR until the paramedics arrived and got my heart restarted.

I enter 2008 full of confidence, glad to be back in the classroom, glad to have a couple of projects on the go that will take Donna and me to Denver and Phoenix, and, on a personal note and best of all, to Japan for our youngest son's wedding. We'll be traveling with friends, including those recent retirees Arlene and Angus McLaren, and family, including our two rambunctious grandsons, Ethan and Nolan. Wish us luck.

John Duder

This was a difficult year. Courses were taught, some writing and much reading were done, but the chief event was the death of Ted Wooley. There have been a number of excellent obituaries. My special memory of Ted is that he taught the very first History course that I ever took at UVic. I thus had the privilege of being present in class on the day after Richard Nixon was elected President in 1968. Ted was angry. He wished he'd worn a black armband that day. America had failed and Ted mourned.

I always think of that day because it summarized so much about Ted. First, he was a superb teacher, engaging, interesting and passionate about things that actually mattered. Second, Ted was a patriot. America was his identity: as a Canadian, I could only watch with envy and awe his belief in it. Finally, Ted was a moralist. There was right and wrong in Ted's world and only a fool would not know the difference. He was one of the finest human beings I've ever had the honour of knowing and both UVic and the world are emptier without him.

New Sir Winston Churchill Scholarship

The Department of History is very pleased to announce a new award —the Sir Winston Churchill Scholarship. The scholarship, established by the Churchill Foundation Vancouver Island, will be awarded to a third or fourth year undergraduate student majoring in History or Political Science who best exemplifies the character and qualities of the Right Honourable Sir Winston Churchill with emphasis on leadership, courage, innovation, determination and magnanimity.

The Churchill Foundation of Vancouver Island is a not-for-profit society that dedicates itself to charitable works that reflect the objectives of stimulating an appreciation of history and international affairs, providing educational scholarships, bursaries, prizes and awards, and sponsoring speeches, lectures, panel discussions and debates in such a manner as to perpetuate the memory of the Right Honourable Sir Winston Spencer Churchill.



Churchill

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 inside and outside the classroom and 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 of 2007 as well as those who taught in the spring of 2008.

Tim Balzer*	Norm Fennema*	Dan Marshall	Jeremy Schmidt**
Melanie Buddle*	Hugh Gordon*	John Measor	Axel Schoeber*
Michael Carroll	Rob Hancock*	Chris Morier*	Kristin Semmens*
Jenny Clayton*	Alisa Harrison	Jamie Morton*	Georgia Sitara*
Dominique Clément**	Lisa Helps*	Dawn Nickel	James Skinner
Rob Diaz*	Dan Hinman-Smith	Brad Rennie*	Tim Travers
Dave Dolff	Matthew Koch	Stuart Robson	Ning Wang**
Patrick Dunae	Christian Lieb*	Peter Rogers	Andrew Wender*

* a current or former UVic graduate student **SSHRC postdoctoral fellow

Joining the Faculty

Jason Colby

Jason was born in Victoria, raised in the Pacific Northwest and took his MA and PhD in U.S. history at Cornell University. After receiving his doctorate he taught in the Department of History at the University of Texas at El Paso. Jason is a historian of the United States in the twentieth century with a special interest in U.S. foreign relations. His research focuses on questions of race and empire in the Caribbean basin, particularly questions of how racial segregation and white supremacy in the United States shaped structures of labor, production and rule in Central America. He is currently working on a manuscript entitled *Jim Crow Empire: Race, Labor, and US Colonialism in the Caribbean Basin*. Jason teaches the survey of American history and advanced courses on domestic developments and foreign relations in the twentieth century.



Erik Kwakkel



Erik is from the Netherlands. He trained at the University of Leuven in Belgium and received his graduate degrees in Manuscript Studies from the University of Leiden. He came to Canada on a postdoctoral fellowship in 2003 and taught in the Department of History at UBC before moving to Victoria. His research is in late medieval manuscripts, focusing on how knowledge and ideas were disseminated through medieval books. His dissertation examined book culture in 14th century Brussels. Erik is currently participating in a research project on the textual culture of vernacular mysticism in the Rhineland and the Low Countries. He teaches in both the Department of History and the Medieval Studies Program.

Christine O'Bonsawin

Christine comes to us from Ontario, where after receiving a B.A. at Brock University she took her MA and PhD in Sport History at the University of Western Ontario.

She is the new Director of the Indigenous Studies Program. Christine's research examines the history of Aboriginal sport, especially the representation of First Nations groups in international events. Her dissertation was entitled "Spectacles, Policy, and Social Memory: Images of Canadian Indians at World's Fairs and Olympic Games." As a doctoral student, Christine taught in the First Nations Studies Program at Western. At UVic she teaches the core course which introduces students to the field of Indigenous Studies.



Ethnohistory Field School—Summer 2007

MA Student Devon Drury inadvertently took part in a unique social experiment. He was the only male among nine graduate students from UVic and the University of Saskatchewan to live and work together in Chilliwack for the month of June. The biennial Ethnohistory Field School returned to work with the Stó:lō Nation, just as the biggest flood scare since the great Flood of 1946 swept the valley. Field School students Devon (History), Emmy Campbell (Dispute Resolution) and Andrée Boisselle (Law) joined 7 from the University of Saskatchewan in this unusual course co-taught by John Lutz (UVic) and Keith Carlson (USask). All helped sandbag houses in threatened First Nations communities for the flood that never came! The students also spent a week living with Stó:lō families and three weeks living together in a longhouse. Each worked on a project identified by the Stó:lō: Devon on the history of an abandoned community, Emmy on a life history of an elder and Andrée on the implications for self governance derived from the history of Stó:lō Child Protection Agency. The students thanked their hosts and the people they worked with by hosting a thank you feast, attended as well by Dean of Graduate Studies, Aaron Devor. Devon reported that under such trying circumstances, people fell back on traditional gender roles. Back at the longhouse he chopped wood, started fires and went out for



pizza while the nine females cooked, cleaned, and made handicrafts.



Field School is not for the faint of heart! Whether rafting on the Chilliwack River on the way to class, scrambling down a hill, or filling sandbags for the flood that never comes, participants strengthen body as well as mind.

Photo credits and article by John Lutz

Mitch Lewis Hammond

This was an exciting year for me both here and abroad. In October I participated in a symposium in Wittenberg, Germany that explored the relationship of science and religion during the Reformation. On the same trip I photographed over a thousand medical examinations produced before 1620 in a small city in southern Germany. These handwritten records, which form the nucleus of a SSHRC project, will keep me busy for some time.

Closer to home I had the pleasure of coordinating the 2008 Qualicum conference and meeting some of the best students from across the province. I am already regretting the sale of my compact Oxford English Dictionary at the auction! When I began my teaching career I never expected to teach a student who was living in South Africa, but that's what happened in my online course in history of medicine.

Thank You!

I'm writing to offer my thanks for the Dr. Toby Jackman Book Prize in British History. I am honoured to have been chosen to receive this prize and I sincerely hope that, one day, I can fully justify this privilege by producing an original contribution to the changing face of British history.

Judith Goertzen, MA student

Excellence in Graduate Teaching—Christian Lieb

Congratulations to **Christian Lieb**, recipient of an Andy Farquarson Award for teaching excellence. These awards, presented by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, recognize outstanding teaching by graduate students.

In 2007, Christian taught “Social, Cultural, and Political History of Modern Europe, 1848-1914” and “Imperial Germany” and received, without exception, very positive evaluations.

Christian will defend his dissertation on the history of German immigration to Western Canada in spring 2008.



Christian Lieb (centre) with Tom Saunders, Chair and Pat Roy, Professor Emeritus and Christian's supervisor

Eric Kwakkel

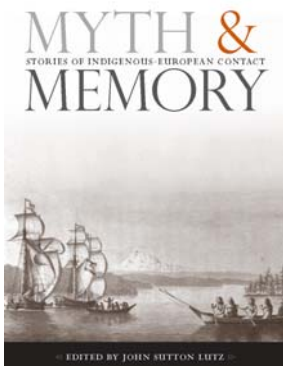


Erik and his son Benjamin

This was a very eventful academic year: I taught my first full course load as a newly-appointed assistant professor in medieval history; supervised my first graduate student, as well as two honours students; acted as an external examiner for a PhD thesis (at the University of Brussels); saw the publication of a co-edited volume on medieval Bible culture, as well as three book chapters (on a *Legenda aurea* manuscript, the Bible before print, and the cultural dynamics of medieval book production); presented papers at seven workshops and conferences, three of which took me back to Europe; visited a variety of societies and senior homes as a public lecturer; and became, only very recently, a Canadian citizen. The last event was hugely memorable, as was my visit to the Vatican Library, that Walhalla of medieval scholarship, where I discovered (feeling humble and modern in the impressive Renaissance reading room) that ‘my’ manuscript Chisianus VIII 251 was produced under supervision of the well-known Aristotle translator Michael Scot. No less impressive was my two-and-a-half-year-old son asking me for an ice cream in my native language, Dutch, which is something that will no doubt happen with increased insistence and frequency as we move into the summer.

John Lutz

This was a year of imbibing at celebratory events for John “Launch” Lutz. In April History 481 had a wine and cheese to celebrate the student additions to the Victoria Victoria website. In April and May each of the three new mysteries in the Great Unsolved Mysteries needed its own launch and libations at different sites across the country (Dawson City, Clare, NS and St. John’s Nfld—see stories elsewhere in Newsletter), and in Saskatoon at the May meeting Canadian Historical Association, my collection of essays (with a contribution from colleague Wendy Wickwire) *Myth and Memory: Stories of Indigenous-European Contact* was launched by UBC Press and UVic’s Centre for Studies in Religion and Society. Finally, the Ethnohistory Field School with the Stó:lō Nation, which I co-taught, hosted a Stó:lō style “potlatch” feast in June to thank all the members of the community who we worked with. Research into catering menus and wine labels took up so much of the year that there was little left for teaching or researching history—there is always next year.



Undergraduate Student Award Winners

Adamson, Alexander Brodie

~ UVic Entrance Scholarship

Anderson, Erin Leigh

~ The Grace and Harry Hickman Scholarship

Butler, Lise Rachel

~ Michiel Horn Scholarship

Charlie, Lianne Marie Leda

~ J. Walter Grant book prize in BC history

Corregan, Shannon Lee

~ The President's Scholarship

Crober, Peter Charles

~ The Kathleen Agnew Scholarship

~ The President's Scholarship

Debeyer, Lara Callista

~ Harper Scholarship in History

Dunn, Mark David

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

Forsyth, Robert Thomas

~ The Tatton Anfield Prize in American History

Gilks, Katherine Marieka

~ The Willard E. Ireland Scholarship in History

Goad, Jennifer Lindsay

~ The Hendrickson Prize in BC History

~ UVic Excellence Scholarship Renewal

Goertzen, Judith

~ The Dr. Toby Jackman Book Prize in British History

~ Burrill Shaw Memorial Scholarship

Gugins, Jessica Ann

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

Hinman, Jessica Yumi Nishi

~ The Allan and Elizabeth McKinnon Scholarship

Jones, Taryn Ashley

~ The President's Scholarship

~ The Royal United Services Inst. of Vanc. Is. Book prize in Military History

Lowman, Emma Joy Battell

~ Ken Coates Book Prize

Lucy, Shannon Elizabeth

~ The United Empire Loyalists' Assoc of Canada (Victoria Branch) Scholarship in Canadian History

MacKellar, Philip John

~ The President's Scholarship

Manning, Sean Gavin William

~ The Ted and Jane Wooley Scholarship

Martin, Caitlin Blaire

~ Colonel George Urquhart Book Prize

Miro, Jacopo

~ The Alexander McLeod Baird Memorial Prize in Scottish History

~ The Professor Alfred E. Loft Memorial Scholarship

~ The President's Scholarship

Mooney, John Knut

~ Air Force Officers' Association Book Prize

Murray, Francis Scott Arthur

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

Nathan, Robert Donald Francis

~ The Maureen Dobbin Scholarship

Ono-George, Meleisa Patarica

~ Harper Scholarship in History

Paulson, Timothy Amund

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

Plonka, Jarrett Alexander

~ The Tatton Anfield Prize in American History

Pollitt, Sean Jeffrey

~ The Victoria Municipal Chapter, IODE Canadian History Scholarship

Richardson, Marielle Kate

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

Rundans, Valdis Victor

~ The Sidney Pettit Book Prize in European History

Shaw, Christopher Griffin

~ The Grotius Award in Modern History

~ The President's Scholarship

Slonowsky, Deborah Lynn

~ The Hutchinson Book Prize

Strickland, James Adrian

~ The Alfred Loft Book Prize in Canadian History

Thompson, Megan Elizabeth

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

Tremblay, Michael Todd

~ The Royal United Services Inst. Of Vancouver Island Book Prize in Military History

~ The Lt.-General S.F. Clark, CBE CD Scholarship

Watson, Timothy A.

~ Ken Coates Book Prize

Webber, Megan Clare

~ The Sydney W. Jackman Prize in British History

THUGS—Actively Enjoying History

The History Under Graduate Society, fondly known as THUGS, has been exceptionally active under the leadership of President Randy Neville and the executive members. Members participated in the Qualicum fundraising auction and the Qualicum Conference that followed; organized an open lecture on “Annapolis Peace Summit: What Can We Expect?”; held

muggings—surprise visits to classes to present a THUGs mug and other gifts to unsuspecting professors; participated in fundraising events and the military conference.

On the final page is a letter from the executive that they hope you will take the time to read about THUGS and its goals.



THUGS at the Qualicum Conference

Congratulations

MA student
Anne Dance

on your
internship
on

Parliament Hill!

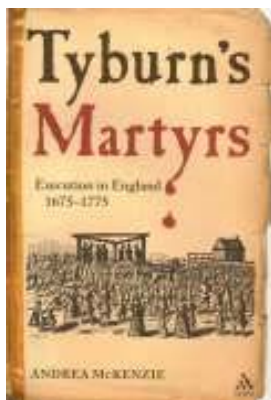
Lynne Marks

In 2007 I continued to work on my research project on irreligion in British Columbia. In the fall I presented a paper to the new History Department faculty colloquium on “Challenging Binaries: Working-Class Women and Lived Religion in North America”. In the spring I was pleased to have a doctoral student I co-supervised with Elizabeth Vibert, Georgia Sitara, successfully defend her dissertation, “Humanitarianism in the age of capital and empire: Canada, 1870-1890”. I presented talks on the history of motherhood and of the family to various community groups.

This year I was very active in a range of service activities (and I decided that I would never again serve on ten university-wide committees in the same year!). I continued to be active as a steering committee member for University 101, which provided successful terms of University 101 (Humanities) and University 102 (Social Science) for low income, marginalized Victorians. I also served as the Chair of the Academic Women’s Caucus at UVic, which provides social activities and addresses political concerns for female faculty and sessional instructors. In this context I developed new approaches to determining the concerns of new women faculty and of sessionals, and worked on initiatives to improve the situation of academic women, particularly in the areas of childcare and work/family balance.

Andrea McKenzie

In 2007 my first monograph, *Tyburn’s Martyrs*, finally saw the light of day – with blood dripping from one of the title letters (a nice lurid touch, courtesy of the publisher). Despite my fears that this event would usher in the end of days, life continued as usual – not least in that I quickly broke my 2007 New Year’s resolution to abstain from air travel, attending seminars and conferences in at Santa Fe, Tacoma, London (Ontario), Milton Keynes (England), and Chicago. On the home front, a series of mysterious pond drainages and fish epidemics wiped out all but one of our goldfish (the moral: never name goldfish after friends or relatives). Our mammal count increased, however, as two determined (and, initially, ingratiating) stray cats made the transition from a diet of squirrels and birds to cheap crunchies and, finally, Fancy Feast, and – inevitably – from our yard to our shed to our home. In short, then, 2007 marked both our fourth year at UVic and the year in which Simon and I officially became middle-aged, childless, crazy cat people.



Three New Great Unsolved Canadian Mysteries by John Lutz

The Mysteries Project launched three new Mysteries in 2007 at public events in Dawson City, Yukon Territory, St. John's, Newfoundland, and Clare, on the Nova Scotia Bay of Fundy. While the project is managed by Merna Forster from our History Department's palatial suite of offices in L-Hut, and the technical support is done here, the research teams for the new mysteries were based in Halifax, Kingston, Waterloo and Prince George. "Where was Vinland?" uses 3-D reconstructions and archeological evidence to ask students whether the Viking settlement at L'Anse Aux Meadows, Nfld was the Edenic "Land of Wine" where the Vikings first encountered America. "Jerome: The mystery man of Baie Sainte Marie" asks viewers to solve the mystery of a legless mute man who washed ashore

on the Acadian shore of the Bay of Fundy in 1864. Former UVic history professor Ken Coates, now dean of Arts at the University of Waterloo, worked with colleague Bill Morrison on the Mystery "Who Discovered Klondike Gold?" which opens up the question of First Nations involvement in the famous gold strike. The Mysteries Project was short-listed this year for the National History Society's Pierre Berton award for the popularization of Canadian history. The project also received \$450,000 from the Department of Canadian Heritage to finish the series in 2007-08. All the websites can be found at www.canadianmysteries.ca.



Miners, miners' wives and others at the Dawson City launch of the mystery web site "Who Discovered Klondike Gold?" Included in the back row are John Lutz (far right), co-director of the Mysteries Project; Dawson Mayor John Stein; former UVic History Professor Ken Coates, now Dean of Arts at the University of Waterloo, and research director on the Klondike Mystery; and UVic's Merna Forster, Executive Director of the Mysteries Project



Meleisa Ono-George (left), researcher on the Mysteries project explains the project at the President's Circle Reception at the University Club

Christine O'Bonsawin

I am very happy to report that 2007 proved to be an exciting year as I graduated with my PhD from the University of Western Ontario and joined the University of Victoria as an Assistant Professor in the Department of History as well as the Director of the Indigenous Studies Minor Program.

Beyond my administrative responsibilities with the program, I also taught the Introduction to Indigenous Studies course and remained active in my research. I published an article on the participation of Indigenous peoples in the 'Anthropology Days Athletic Event' of the 1904 Olympic Games in a book entitled, *The 1904 Anthropology Days and Olympic Games: Sport, Race, and American Imperialism* (University of Nebraska Press). I also presented papers at the Annual Meetings of North American Society for Sport History (Lubbock, TX), the Annual 38th Algonquian Conference (Toronto, ON), and was an invited speaker for the Pre-Symposium Event for the Cowichan 2008 North American Indigenous Games (Nanaimo, BC).

Cowichan Tribes 2007 Field Trip (excerpts from report by Dan Marshall)

Forty students from History and Environmental Studies courses participated in a day-long field trip to the Cowichan Tribes to learn of the traditional world, history and culture of the Cowichan First Nation. Students and other guests were welcomed by the Tribe's Administrator, Ernie Elliott and introduced to Elders Joseph Charlie, Ethel Wilson and Frankie Wilson. Attendees were then granted privileged access and discussion with Elders on the traditional ways of the Cowichan peoples followed by a delectable feast of salmon, potatoes, Indian bread and homemade blackberry jam. The Tsinquaw Traditional Dancers (pictured below) performed and then invited students to join in a traditional friendship dance.

Overwhelming appreciation and enthusiasm for the field trip was resoundingly expressed by all. As on previous field trips, the students were thrilled to hear and see contemporary Native voices that add such a significant dimension of understanding to their in-class studies.



(left) Students descending from Mt. Tsouhalem;



(below) Tsinquaw Traditional Dancers



(left) students entering the Somena Big House; (above l-r) Adam Barker, Christine O'Bonsawin, Ron George and Dan Marshall

(photo credits: Dan Marshall)

Spotlight on Academic Achiever—Lianne Charlie

MA Student **Lianne Charlie** has reason to smile—she has been awarded two substantial fellowships, one from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) and the other from the Government of BC under the Pacific Leaders Graduate Student Fellowships program. Lianne is one of only ten graduate students in the province to receive the Pacific Leaders Fellowship for 2008-09.

In addition, Lianne received the Centre for Studies in Religion and

Society Fellowship as well as a UVic's President's Fellowship.

Her thesis is a major study of the historical/ethnographic contributions of several indigenous community intellectuals: George Hunt (Tlingit) of Fort Rupert; Annie York (Nlak'pamux) of Spuzzum; and one other yet to be decided. Lianne will investigate the contributions of these unheralded indigenous scholars to the cultural history of the region through their extensive work with linguists, ethnobotanists, historians, anthropologists and others.

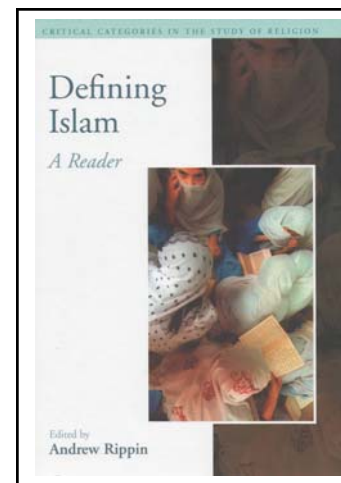


Congratulations Lianne and continued success in what MA supervisor Wendy Wickwire calls your “impressive academic trajectory”.

SSHRC Success

The Department of History has had a very high success rate in federally-funded Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) graduate student competitions in recent years. This success testifies to the excellence of our students, both those already in the program and those who bring SSHRC awards here from other universities. This success is also thanks to special efforts by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Department to support students through the application process.

From 2003 (when Master's awards were instituted) through 2007, 30 UVic History students have held MA SSHRCs. In the same period, 15 graduate students have won doctoral SSHRCs, eight of which have been the prestigious \$35,000 Canada Graduate Scholarships awards.



Where Are They Now?

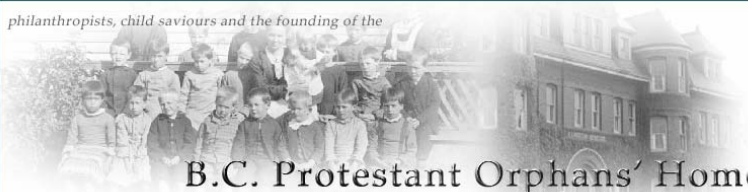


Chad Gaffield is a former history professor in our department who is now president of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. Chad attended a meeting of SSHRC Council in Victoria in April and dropped in on a Humanities Computing presentation.

(left) Chad Gaffield (photo credit John Lutz)

Students' Efforts Revamp Victoria's Victoria

philanthropists, child saviours and the founding of the



B.C. Protestant Orphans' Home

Introduction	Victorian Childhood	Philanthropy	BC Protestant Orphans' Home	References	Site Information
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Alone, in the dreary
pitiless street,
With my torn old dress
and bare cold feet,
All day I wandered
to and fro,
Hungry and shivering
and nowhere to go

Nobody's Child
A poem by P.H. Case
1867 [1]

VICTORIAN CONCEPTS OF CHILDHOOD

The concept of childhood began to change during the 19th century and by the end of the Victorian era the sphere of 'childhood' was viewed by the middle class as quite separate from that of the adult world. Earlier generations of children had been exposed to the hardships and responsibilities of adult life but a new shift in attitude created an expectation that a child's life should be one of innocence and dependence.

This 19th shift in attitude was due in part to the industrialization and urbanization of England. Children who had once laboured on the land in small communities were increasingly employed in factories as their working class parents sought the economic opportunities of the cities. Working and living conditions for the working classes grew increasingly harsh and the social reform acts of the later 19th century attempted to improve the lives of the working poor.^[2] Philanthropists and social reformers, motivated by their Christian values and middle class ideals played a significant role in bringing about change.



*The Cridge's own children
Maude, Rhoda & Lillie, c1885
(BC Archives A-81209)*

The department website that features student work on the history of Victorian-era Victoria crossed a couple of thresholds this year. First, the site was totally redesigned by graduated History MA Patrick Szpak on a visit home between living in Papua New Guinea and Zambia. Second, contributions from two members of the community, Leona Taylor and Dorothy Mindenhall, added a very valuable resource to the site: an index to the British Colonist and other early Victoria papers from 1858-1920. Finally, the students in History 481 added three new sites on the history of the Protestant Orphans' Home (Bishop Cridge Centre), Craigflower Farm and dance halls in Gold Rush-era Victoria. The renewed site got a launch with some wine and cheese in the company of members of the university and off-campus community. The new look and additions can be found at

www.victoriasvictoria.ca.

Rick Rajala

A few months ago Professor Emeritus Ian MacPherson asked if I was managing to "stay busy most days." I replied in the affirmative, but seem to have accomplished relatively little over the past year. I presented a paper on forestry-fisheries issues at the BC: Inner and Outer Worlds Conference at Harrison Hot Springs in April, and work on a manuscript dealing with that subject over the twentieth century continues. I enjoyed presenting themes from my 2006 *Up-Coast* book in a lecture to the Friends of the BC Archives in November. Teaching duties, work as a member of the Graduate Committee, and hallway conversations with Paul Wood and Martin Bunton concerning the Montreal Canadiens took up the remainder of my time.

Andrew Rippin

2007 saw the publication of my edited volume, *Defining Islam: A Reader*, from Equinox Publishing in London. The book collects around 20 articles, mostly previously printed, all of which grapple with the question of what "Islam" is and how we go about studying it. I also participated in conferences in Davis, California and Caen, France, and lectured at James Madison University in Virginia and at the School of Oriental and African Studies in London. The highlight of the year was my 10 night backpacking trip on the Nootka Island trail, a feat I will not likely be able to repeat in the near future. Being Dean continues to keep me busy and happy.

In Memoriam

A former colleague in European intellectual history, George Shelton, died of pneumonia in November.

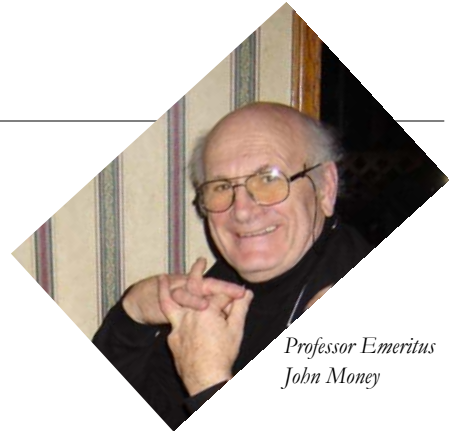
George joined the department in 1961 when it was part of Victoria College. His research focused on the ideas of John Locke and Thomas Hobbes; in the latter stages of his career he became interested in the comparative study of modern revolutions. He taught a wide range of courses on the history of ideas, with particular emphasis on the Enlightenment.

After early retirement in 1985 George continued to live in Victoria.

John Money's Work Honoured

Cambridge University's *The Historical Journal* turned 50 in 2007 and in celebration allowed electronic access to twenty of its most influential articles published over the course of that 50-year period. Among those articles is Professor Emeritus John Money's article "Taverns, Coffee Houses and Clubs: Local Politics and Popular Articulacy in the Birmingham Area in the Age of the American Revolution," originally published in 1971. The article can be viewed at:

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displaySpecialPage?pageId=568>



Professor Emeritus
John Money

New Bursary in Memory of Audrey Mawby



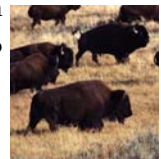
In memory of Audrey Mawby, a long-time member of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), Saanich Peninsula, a bursary has been established for undergraduate or graduate female students studying Canadian or British history. Preference will be given to students having a connection with the Saanich Peninsula.

The award was created by Carl Mawby and many CFUW Saanich Peninsula members and family friends.

The Department of History is grateful for the generosity that made this bursary possible.

Headliners

- *CBC Arts Online* April 11, 2007 interview: MA graduate **Alisa Smith** and co-author J.B. MacKinnon were interviewed on their book *The 100-Mile Diet: A Year of Local Eating* about their year of eating only food grown within a 100-mile radius of their Vancouver home.
- *National Post* June 30, 2007: The doctoral research of **Georgia Sitara** was featured in an article on "Obscure Insights into Canada's Past." The article touched on Sitara's dissertation chapter "Destruction of the Buffalo," which examines who was to blame for the "wanton destruction of the buffalo in Canada".
- *The Vancouver Sun* August 14, 2007: Postdoctoral Fellow **Dominique Clément's** article on "Summer of Love: How They Changed the World" discusses advances in racial and social equality in the decades since 1967.
- *Times Colonist* April 21, 2008: Professor Emeritus **Patricia Roy** was featured in "Former UVic Faculty Share Experience in Lecture Series," an article about the Masterminds annual lecture series at UVic.



Eric Sager

I shall remember 2007 as the year when the Canadian Historical Association asked me to lead their campaign against the so-called "informed consent" question in Canadian censuses. The effect of the question will be to render useless much of the census for historical and genealogical research in future. I participated in a panel at the CHA meetings, met with the federal Privacy Commissioner and with the Census Director at Statistics Canada, and wrote an op-ed piece for the Globe and Mail. At this stage of my career I can afford to take the lead in losing causes. More productive was my preparation of a new course on Canadian family history, which I taught in the fall. In my spare time I continue to be confused by the mysteries of historical census microdata. One result, on the subject of domestic servants, appeared in *Social Science History* (Winter 2007).

Oliver Schmidtke

In 2007 I had the great pleasure to spend my sabbatical at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. During my six months stay there, jointly with the Young Researchers Network in European Studies I organized a most enjoyable two-day conference in Florence that brought 20 Canadian young researchers together with their peers from Europe (see for more details: www.yrn2007.com). The best papers were published in the *Review of European and Russian Affairs*, an online journal for young researchers jointly housed at UVic and Carleton (www.europeanrussianaffairs.com). While being in Florence I also succeeded – in spite of Tuscany's beauty and the red wine – to complete two book that were published at the end of 2007: *Of States, Rights, and Social Closure: Governing Migration and Citizenship*. New York: Palgrave (co-edited with Saime Ozcurumez) and *Europe's Last Frontier. Ukraine, Belarus, and Moldova between Russia and the European Union*. New York: Palgrave (co-edited with Serhy Yekelchuk).

Elizabeth Vibert

I spent the spring and summer of 2007 getting a start on my new research project on comparative racializations in colonial Nova Scotia. Research trips to London in May and Halifax in June allowed me to begin to set the parameters for the early part of the project – the 1780s. I'll present some of my new research at conferences in New York and Minneapolis and a lecture in London this spring; an article on Scottish identities in Nova Scotia is due out this summer (2008). I've continued to enjoy serving as director of the graduate program and as a board member for University 101.

Wendy Wickwire

I am in the final stages of a SSHRC funded book project entitled, "James A. Teit and the Challenge of Ethnography in the Boasian Era, 1880-1922." In late April, 2007, I co-organized and introduced (with John Lutz) the plenary session, "In Honour of Cole Harris" of the 2007 BC Studies Conference held at Harrison Hot Springs. As well, I saw the publication of an essay, "Stories from the Margins: Toward a More Inclusive British Columbia Historiography," in John Lutz, editor, *Myth and Memory: Stories of Indigenous-European Contact* (UBC Press, 2007). In July, I begin a long-awaited year-long study leave.

Paul Wood

Historians who do archival research are often like migrating birds. I made my annual migration to Scotland in June to start work on a new book project. I am co-editing a group of texts by one of the founding figures of the Scottish Enlightenment, George Turnbull (1698-1748), and the wonderful resources in the National Library of Scotland and Glasgow University Library allowed me to complete most of the editorial groundwork for the edition, which is scheduled to appear in 2010. I was also delighted to welcome Jeremy Schmidt, who joined the Department in the autumn of 2007 to work with me as an SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow. Another unexpected bonus of the year was the return of Stephen Snobelen, who took up a Visiting Fellowship at CSRS. Shortly after I joined the Department in 1991 I had the privilege to teach Stephen as an undergraduate and then to supervise him as an MA student. Stephen is now one of the world's leading commentators on the religious outlook of Sir Isaac Newton, and it has given me considerable satisfaction over the years to see Stephen's academic career flourish.

Guoguang Wu

My 2007 started with a trip to Cambodia, where I took part in a workshop organized by a U.S. think-tank organization to discuss China. Other destinations for conference and research trips included Beijing, Kaohsiung, Paris, Brussels, Nottingham in UK, and, on this continent, Boston, and Los Angeles (twice).

I spent much of study leave in the late half of 2007 on the editing of two volumes based on the conferences I organized in the previous year. In March I also helped the CAPI Japan program to organize a symposium on 'Japan-China Relations.' Outside of campus, I served as a peer reviewer for 5 journal articles, 1 tenure application to a U.S. university, and 1 interim review of research performance of a Taiwan-based scholar, as well continuing my services to editorial board of 4 refereed journals.

My academic publications of 2007 included 3 refereed journal articles, 1 book chapter, 1 co-authored book chapter, 1 co-edited volume (London: Routledge), and 3 book reviews. A SSHRC standard individual research grant was awarded for supporting my research project of the future three years.

Serhy Yekelchuk

The past year has been filled with the usual tasks – teaching, researching, and taking part in committees and conferences. One event stood out for its life-altering impact: the beginning of my 18-month term as department chair of Germanic and Slavic Studies. Starting with my unusually early return from Europe in July and the sometimes stressful period of “learning the ropes” in September, this appointment had all the potential to make my life miserable. Yet, surprisingly, I soon found myself enjoying my new role. Unfortunately, this also meant showing up a bit less often at History meetings. I appreciate my colleagues’ understanding and the fact that they spared me from serving on major committees that year.

On the publishing front, March saw the publication of my book *Ukraine: Birth of a Modern Nation* (Oxford University Press), selected by *Choice* magazine as one of its Outstanding Academic Titles for 2007. The Ukrainian, Russian, Polish, Lithuanian, and Japanese translations of this book are in preparation. Speaking of things lost in translation, I had to spend most of the summer checking the primary sources for the Ukrainian translation of my previous book on the Stalinist politics of memory because quotes were distorted in the translation from Ukrainian to English and then the back-translation into Ukrainian.

I also carried out a pleasant duty on the teaching front by offering five courses in 2007, as well as team-teaching in European Studies 300 and serving as the coordinator of this course. As usual, I was blessed with great students. In October, thanks to the support of the Women Scholars Lecture Series, the students in my Soviet history class had the privilege of listening to Canada’s premier historian of Stalinism, Lynne Viola of the University of Toronto.

Military Conference: Between Memory and History

A very successful military oral history conference held February 20-23 brought together senior undergraduate students, graduate students, and scholars working in the field of military oral history. The conference afforded students the chance to gain valuable conference experience and liaise with potential advisors and peers.

The conference, held in Victoria, was organized by David Zimmerman and Shawn Cafferky of UVic’s Department of History. Conference partners included Veterans Affairs Canada, the Canadian War Museum, and the Royal United Services Institute of Vancouver Island.



Military conference participants enjoying a field trip to CFB Esquimalt

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The History Undergraduate Society (THUGS)

Dear Friends and Alumni of the UVic History Department,

In the past two years THUGS has become a recognized presence within the History Department. We have initiated a number of annual activities for history students on campus, including the professor/student social, the penny drive, participation in the Qualicum Conference and the infamous pub crawl. In addition, THUGS has been building a relationship between students and faculty through a number of initiatives.

Most notably, we have created the Most Valuable Professor (MVP) award through which students recognize professors for exemplary instruction. This year, Jason Colby was awarded the MVP: the honorary plaque with his name inscribed upon it resides in the Department office. "You've Been Mugged" is a second initiative in which THUGS members interrupt a professor in action with a mug filled with goodies and personalized trinkets. The mug is always accompanied by a small note explaining, "THUGS thinks you're doing a great job!"

THUGS has begun producing a yearly journal, comprised solely of student essays. We are finding the journal difficult to manage financially and yet would very much like to continue its publication. THUGS would also like to improve the layout and resources of the History Reading Room. The present room is small and holds publications which are not particularly relevant for history undergraduates. THUGS would like to expand the collection in the reading room.

If you would like to support the initiatives of The History Undergraduate Society and help enhance our resources on campus, we would be grateful for your contributions. Donations are welcome in the form of books, maps and other published resources or cheques made out to The History Undergraduate Society. Donations can be mailed directly to the main history office c/o THUGS Alumni Drive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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