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Dear alumni and friends,

Every morning, I am greeted by talented students who come from across the country to study law at the University of Victoria. Each week, I meet distinguished alumni who are engaged in an exciting range of careers in Canada and around the world. The founding dean, Murray Fraser, envisioned an innovative law school that would prepare its students to be excellent lawyers as well as outstanding public citizens. Each day, I see ample proof that he succeeded in meeting that objective.

A great law school strikes a balance between tradition and innovation. By respecting values and practices that produced stellar graduates in the past, we ensure that future graduates will also receive a superior legal education. At the same time, no school remains great by resting on its laurels. If its alumni are to serve their clients, employers and the public interest well, UVic Law must respond to the ever-changing dynamics of legal practice and society at large.

The key is to identify those aspects of current programs that are essential to a superlative education, and thus worthy of remaining as tradition, and those elements that must respond to changing circumstances. In short, legal education is exactly like law itself. It must display a healthy respect for precedent while also knowing when to alter precedent to achieve its aims.

Many features of UVic Law’s curriculum were innovative when Murray Fraser introduced them more than 30 years ago and they have withstood the test of time — such as our focus on experiential learning, international initiatives and interdisciplinary studies. This issue of Law News contains stories about each of these components.

In assessing where to strike the balance between tradition and innovation, the Faculty benefits greatly from the input of our alumni. This past spring, I travelled to four Canadian cities to meet with alumni and discuss the challenges and opportunities facing lawyers who work in private practice, government or other fields. Their invaluable feedback has provided much food for thought as we review the law school’s programs. In this issue of Law News is a selection of photographs from that tour. In 2010, I look forward to meeting many more UVic Law alumni and friends.

In its ongoing deliberations about where to innovate and what to preserve, UVic Law must take account of the current economic climate. The Faculty has responded effectively to the unanticipated economic downturn of recent months, but belt-tightening may be on the horizon. For several years, we have been grappling with a provincial tuition policy that permits UBC Law to charge higher fees than UVic Law. Moreover, both B.C. law schools are required to deliver quality programs with significantly fewer resources than law schools in provinces such as Ontario. For the 2009-10 academic year, for instance, UVic Law’s annual tuition is $8,178 and UBC’s is $9,937, while Osgoode Hall charges $16,325 and the University of Toronto $21,767.

UVic Law has maintained its excellent programs despite these fiscal challenges, in no small part because of the generosity of our alumni and friends. With your continued support and our proven ability to respond appropriately to changing times, UVic Law will continue to thrive. In the future, as in the past, we will strike the correct balance between tradition and innovation. Murray Fraser did not merely create a great law school — he founded an extraordinary community! I am honoured to serve as the ninth dean of the Faculty of Law.

WARMEST REGARDS,

Donna Greschner
Dean of Law
For over a quarter of a century, Professor John Kilcoyne brought extraordinary attributes to the classroom that had a lasting impact on hundreds of UVic Law graduates: an enthusiasm for scrutinizing and understanding the law; a tremendous depth of knowledge; and a career-long dedication to social justice. He also exhibited a genuine concern for the academic success and personal well-being of every student he taught.

At a series of goodbye parties and tributes that preceded his retirement in June 2008, it was clear that Kilcoyne has made an unforgettable impression on the law school and on the lives of his students. He was honoured with the Terry J. Wuester Teaching Award an unprecedented six times, was a two-time winner of the Law Students’ Society First-Year Class Teaching Award and received the University of Victoria Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2003.

Kilcoyne used his analytical skills, wit and natural teaching abilities to make complex legal theories and arguments understandable. Like his fellow professors, he taught law within a wider social, cultural and economic context — and he never lost sight of its human dimension. His work at UVic Law was notable for its intellectual rigour, inventiveness, compassion and humour. Professor Kilcoyne also encouraged students to make meaningful and lasting contributions to the legal profession following graduation.

The impetus for his approach as a teacher and a practitioner stemmed in part from his own days as a UVic Law student. The connections he forged with the law school during its early years — and the principles he shared with founding dean Murray Fraser — have endured. Despite a concerted effort to study at “every good party school” in the country, Kilcoyne never accumulated enough credits to earn an undergraduate degree. After growing tired of trudging off to night classes in -40 C temperatures in Saskatoon, his passion for learning eventually brought him to UVic in 1975.

“I was in Victoria when they opened the law school,” Kilcoyne says, adding that it was clear from the day the law school opened that it was exploring innovative approaches to providing an exemplary — and responsive — legal education.

“The very fact that it was new was a real attraction,” Kilcoyne says of the law school. “You never heard: ‘This is the way we’ve always done it.’ ” He recalls that the Faculty was still “a work in progress” when he took his first class in the fall of 1975. But Kilcoyne was excited to watch its programs quickly come together and see how much energy its faculty members put into defining a vision for the new school.

“That was a wonderful time. It was really nice,” he says, noting that he met his future wife Bonnie Hallas in his first-year Legal Process course.
Kilcoyne graduated with an L.L.B. degree in 1978 and then worked and practised in Victoria for three years. He focused on collective bargaining issues, labour law, areas that he found "incredibly rewarding." He remains keenly interested in his labour rights, the disparity in bargaining power between employers and employees, and the concept of labour generally. He points to the "critical importance of employment" not only as a means of subsistence, but also as a means by which people can express themselves through their work activities. "I think those elements, taken together, have made it a never-ending area of interest for me."

Even before he finished his L.L.B. degree, Kilcoyne was thinking about going to graduate school and pursuing a career as a law professor — with the ultimate goal of teaching at his alma mater. "I never wanted to teach anywhere other than here," he says. "There's no question about that." Kilcoyne completed his master's degree at Osgoode Hall Law School in 1984 under the supervision of Professor Harry Arthurs and then headed right back to Victoria to get directly involved in what was becoming known as "the UVic Law difference." He was appointed as an Assistant Professor in 1984 and promoted to Associate Professor in 1990. His research, publication and teaching interests were extensive, but concentrated on employment law, labour relations, contracts, collective bargaining and computer technology.

"My interest in teaching was spurred by a belief that I could bring something to the classroom: humour, engagement, critical thinking and scoff. One out of four isn't bad," he says with a laugh.

Kilcoyne says he has remained deeply committed to the ideals promulgated by UVic Law's first dean, as well as the values and traditions the law school has embraced since. Over 25 years, he saw UVic Law's curriculum develop into what it is today: redoubtable, comprehensive and intellectually stimulating, with a host of clinical programs, support services and extracurricular activities designed to challenge and engage every student. "It's a remarkable institution that accepts novel propositions: that students are people; that a mastery of law can only be achieved if one is bright, enthusiastic, committed, innovative and progressive. It's fun."

Although his retirement means that Professor Emeritus Kilcoyne doesn't spend as much time in the Fraser Building as he used to, he is certainly keeping himself busy. He and his wife Bonnie love to travel and they're looking forward to more frequent trips abroad. New Zealand and Northern Spain are just a few of the destinations they're considering, along with dozens of villages and cultural landmarks in France — one of their favourite countries to visit.

One of Kilcoyne's hobbies is woodworking and he continues to renovate their home and add new pieces of handcrafted furniture. "We've been building a house for 12 years and it's getting a bit embarrassing, so I would like to finish it," he says.

Professor Kilcoyne enjoyed a remarkable career at UVic Law. His contributions to the Faculty and his dedication to its students have created a legacy that will be long remembered. For his part, he's thankful to have worked for so many years with people whom he considers friends as well as professional colleagues.

"My overwhelming emotions are those of amazement and gratitude. For a quarter of a century, I have worked with students, staff and colleagues who were incredibly intelligent, talented and committed individuals. I truly marvel at how fortunate I have been. I've taken with me many precious gifts in the way of relationships, friendships and knowledge," says Kilcoyne.

Kilcoyne. "I also left with an incredible collection of pens and Post-It notes," he adds with a grin.

Kilcoyne has been involved in countless UVic Law initiatives over the years. He was an advisor to the pro bono program and he helped develop the Legal Process course. He also sat on dozens of administrative committees, but he is particularly proud of UVic Law's efforts to expand its financial aid program and make law school more accessible. He says that the Faculty has come a long way, but adds that the job is never-ending and he wants to see the financial aid program continue to grow.

Kilcoyne feels very fortunate to have both attended classes and taught at UVic Law. His experiences were rewarding and memorable, as he investigated legal topics that interested him and then shared his knowledge and insights with others. As a professor, Kilcoyne was a great proponent of UVic Law's open door policy. Even students who weren't in his classes would often come to him for advice or guidance.

He says his interactions with students have been "symbolic" and that he's learned a lot from them as well. "It's only in the last couple of years that I've realized it's very healthy — both intellectually and emotionally — to spend a lot of time with young people who are bright, enthusiastic, committed, innovative and progressive. It's fun."

John Kilcoyne is one of a kind. He epitomizes all of the qualities — and then some — for which UVic Law was founded. John was committed to teaching and to ensuring that students engaged with their studies in an intellectually stimulating and supportive environment. He never lost his enthusiasm and his dedication to being the best mentor and teacher he could, as evidenced by the numerous awards and accolades that he received for his excellence in teaching.

Most of this is well-known. Less well-known is the pivotal role that John played as a faculty member, by reminding his colleagues of the importance of "the UVic Law difference" and its commitment to teaching law in context and pursuing social justice. John also took upon himself additional administrative duties, usually of a very sensitive or difficult nature, and he managed them with his usual empathy, discretion and insight. He was a uniting force among the faculty and took college seriously.

On a more personal note, John was an extraordinary friend and colleague who was always available to lend a sympathetic ear, give wise counsel and share both laughter and tears. I have been privileged to know John over 25 years and he has enriched my life enormously. He will be sorely missed.

RUBEN SEKHON (CLASS OF 2007)
Professor Kilcoyne and I are both avid hockey fans. In my third year, I decided to do my major paper in Professor Kilcoyne's collective bargaining class. When I asked him if I could write my paper on the topic of hockey, he immediately agreed. He said that his prime concern about major papers was that students were genuinely interested in their topics. Whenever I needed clarification about my topic or wanted to consult with him about my paper or any other coursework, he was happy to sit down with me and appeared to have endless time to devote to students.

On a funnier note, for the last class of the semester while we were debating a negotiations simulation, Professor Kilcoyne took us to a pub in the afternoon. He proceeded to buy beer for the class, demonstrating his fun-loving nature and his generosity. He then conducted the debrief and said goodbye to the class, wishing us a fun afternoon.

As a result of securing jobs, third-year students sometimes skip classes. In my third year of law school, I was in the cafeteria when Professor Kilcoyne
Professor Jeremy Webber was named one of four new Trudeau Fellows by the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation in 2009. The award recognises Webber’s cutting-edge research into the constitutional structure of democratic governance, as well as the opportunities and challenges presented by a culturally diverse society.

“The great task of any society is how to determine the principles and rules that will govern that society in the face of continual disagreement over what those principles should be,” explains Webber. “In highly diverse societies, such disagreement is often grounded in different cultures of social debate and decision, indeed often in different practical ways of life.”

Webber is a world-renowned scholar and author in the areas of cultural diversity, constitutional theory and Indigenous rights. He has written on labour relations, Indigenous rights in Canada and Australia, the relationship between Quebec and the rest of Canada, issues of national identity and cultural minorities, and questions of constitutional design and interpretation. He notes that dealing with our cultural, political, moral and religious differences can be difficult at times, but it is also exhilarating and essential work.

“It forces us to reconsider preconceptions. It reveals aspects of our lives that we might otherwise overlook. It challenges us to find ways to live together peacefully and respectfully,” he says. “I am interested in what we need to do to sustain a community, how we should adjust our relationships and how we respond to injustice. This fellowship will enable me to further my research in a whole range of ways, engaging deeply with scholars and graduate students wrestling with similar issues.

Professor Webber has a B.A. degree in political science from UBC, common law and civil law degrees from McGill University and a Master of Laws degree from Osgoode Hall. He currently holds the Canada Research Chair in Law and Society in the Faculty of Law.

Webber served as Dean of Law at the University of Sydney in Australia from 1998 to 2002, returning to Canada in 2002 to accept the Canada Research Chair. He says he was attracted to UVic Law because of the faculty’s commitment to social justice, its explorations of legal and political theory, and its engagement with Indigenous traditions of law and social order.

“This is certainly a well-deserved honour for Jeremy and a recognition of the high calibre of scholarship at the Faculty of Law,” says Dean Donna Greschner.

The Trudeau Fellowships awards are made by an independent jury of researchers and intellectuals and support the winners as they pursue the next stages of their academic research. Each fellowship is for a three-year period and includes a prize amount of $150,000 plus a $75,000 research and public engagement award.

A Strong Tradition of Excellence

Professor Jeremy Webber is the third UVic Law professor to be honoured with a prestigious Trudeau Fellowship. Professor Jim Tully (who is cross-appointed in Law) was among the inaugural fellows in 2003 and Professor John Borrows was named a fellow in 2006. Only one other university (the Université de Montréal) has had more Trudeau Fellows than UVic and no other single department in the country has had three fellows.
UVic Law Alumni Celebrate
By Moira Dann

The University of Victoria Faculty of Law hosted several major events for alumni in recent months, including two 25-year reunion receptions, UVic Law Alumni Homecoming 2008 and the 2009 UVic Law Tour. These events attracted hundreds of attendees and the law school community was very pleased that so many former students, faculty members and staff were able to join in the festivities and renew old acquaintances.

Professor John Kilcoyne, who recently retired as one of UVic Law’s most admired and respected instructors, was feted at the 2008 Alumni Homecoming. In addition to a tribute to his 25-year career, Homecoming events included an opening reception, tours of the Fraser Building, lectures, an update on the law library renovation project and a recognition of the many contributions of former dean Andrew Petter, who led the Faculty of Law from 2002 until June 2008. The Faculty welcomed many honoured guests and alumni from graduating classes going right back to 1978.

UVic Law alumni who wish to learn more about getting involved in the law school’s programs can visit www.law.uvic.ca/alumni for further details.

Left page, clockwise from top left: Greg Nash ('81) and Andrew Petter ('81); Anne Fraser; Mary Anne Waldron (SILCA Associate Vice-President Legal Affairs); Murray Rankin and Allan Kassian ('81); Gil McKechnie ('72) and Sandy; Professor Emeritus John McLaren

Right page, clockwise from top left: Dean Donna Greschner and Margaret Sasges ('89); Shauna Labman ('07) and Professor Emeritus, John Kilcoyne, Walter Palmer (managing partner of Fasken Martineau, Ontario) and Dean Donna Greschner; Sandy Williams ('87); Aubrey Schmuck ('71) and Sufi Khwaja ('07)

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UVic Law Tour

The 2009 UVic Law Tour this past May was a great success, as Dean Donna Greschner, John Kilcoyne and other members of the UVic Law community travelled across the country to meet with alumni, UVic Law supporters and prospective students in Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver and Victoria. Dean Greschner had the opportunity to meet with many friends of the law school and discuss the exciting initiatives currently underway at UVic Law. Kilcoyne was one of the first graduates of UVic Law in 1978 and was greeted warmly by former students and colleagues.
UVic Law's faculty members are dedicated to sharing their knowledge and scholarship with students and academic colleagues — both in Victoria and elsewhere. They are frequently invited to make presentations at international conferences and leading educational institutions abroad. Similarly, UVic Law's reputation for fostering a dynamic and intellectually challenging learning environment attracts a wide range of visiting professors, practitioners and speakers from around the world. These distinguished guests enhance UVic Law's programs by discussing their research and legal expertise during thought-provoking presentations and individual interactions with students and professors.

The Faculty of Law has welcomed dozens of exceptional guests to the UVic campus in recent months. They include Shin-ichi Ago (Kyushu University Faculty of Law, visiting scholar in 2008), Constance Macintosh (Dalhousie University Schulich School of Law, visiting scholar in 2009) and Qianfan Zhang (Peking University School of Law, visiting professor for 2009-10). Dr. Zhang's wife, Xiaoyang Wei, is a visiting scholar for 2009-10.

In September 2009, the Faculty welcomed The Honourable Louise Arbour, former Supreme Court Justice and former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. She spoke on the topic of International Human Rights Advocacy Opportunity and Limitations. The Hugh Alan Maclean Lecture in Criminal Law and Legal History was presented in November 2008 by Calgary lawyer Hersh Wolch, Q.C. His talk was entitled Wrongful Convictions: Megjian and Traust.

UVic Law welcomed several eminent guests to discuss homelessness issues in January 2009, as part of the Legal Process program for first-year students. The panel included Dean Forbis ('84, Mayor of Victoria), Ted Hugill (co-chair of the Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness Society) and Catherine Botes Parker (94, who was dealing with a case involving homeless people camping in public parks).

In January 2009, Chief Justice Allan Lamy of the Federal Court of Canada visited the law school to speak to students and faculty members on Canadian Patent Litigation. In February 2009, The Honourable Wally Oppal — B.C.’s Attorney General at the time — delivered the 2009 E. Murray Fraser Lecture. This prestigious lecture is named in honour of the law school's founding dean. Mr. Oppal’s topic was Access to Justice: What We Are Doing and What Can Be Done.

UVic Law alumna Barbara Yates ('78, Woodward and Company) visited in February 2009 to participate in a student-led workshop on sexual assault issues, co-hosted by the International and Human Rights Law Association and the UVic Association of Women and the Law. The International and Human Rights Law Association held its annual conference in February 2009, with a focus on human trafficking. Guests included Benjamin Perrin (UBC law professor), Robin Pike (Executive Director of the B.C. Office to Combat Trafficking in Persons) and Karen Blackman (International Organization for Migration).

The Law Community Conference in March 2009 offered a fascinating series of presentations and panel discussions with speakers Denise Réaume (University of Toronto and École Polytechnique de Montréal), Jocelyn Maclure (B.C. Civil Liberties Association) and Grace Pastine (University of Sydney). Grace Pastine (B.C. Civil Liberties Association), Karen Paulston (University of New Brunswick), Aapa Penttinen (Chalmers University, Bangkok), Dick Poud, Q.C. (former vice-president of the International Olympic Committee, partner with Stikeman Elliott LLP), Constable Rob Warren (Saanich Police Department), Michael Toru (Hebrew University of Jerusalem College of Law), Constable Rob Warren (Saanich Police Department), Karen Whonnock (former culbitle Court judge) and Simon Young (University of Western Australia).
Heather Raven Appointed Associate Dean

By Thomas Winterhuff

On May 15, 2009, D. Heather Raven was appointed as UVic Law’s Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations for a three-year term.

Raven brings many years of experience to the office, having served with distinction in a number of roles within the Faculty, the university and the community. A dedicated and well-respected instructor, Heather has taught first-year, upper-year and clinical program students in the areas of Labour Law, Employment Law, Contracts, and Secured Transactions Law. She has also served on numerous committees and was active in several university-wide initiatives, including terms as Diversity Advisor to the Vice-President Academic & Provost’s University Human Rights Committee and the LEONET Project.

Raven attended the University of British Columbia, where she earned a B.A. in 1982 and an LL.B. in 1985. She was called to the Bar of British Columbia in 1987 and practised employment law and labour law in Vancouver before joining the Faculty in 1992, becoming the first full-time Indigenous faculty member at UVic Law.

“Law school is a demanding and challenging academic discipline that is exciting and highly rewarding,” says Raven. “One of the most satisfying aspects of teaching is helping students realize their full potential to succeed in all facets of their legal studies.”

Raven is a member of the Brokenhead Ojibway First Nation. She was instrumental in the creation of the law school’s Academic and Cultural Support Program, which provides invaluable assistance to all students and especially supports the aspirations of First Nations students.

As a member of the B.C. Bar, Raven is highly regarded throughout the province for her ongoing volunteer work with community organizations. She has served on the boards of the British Columbia Police Commission, the British Columbia Public Service Appeal Board, Canadian Journal of Women and the Law and the Law Foundation of British Columbia. She currently serves on the Honourary Governors’ Council of the Vancouver Foundation and on the board of the Victoria Foundation.

Raven is enjoying the opportunity to enhance the educational experiences of UVic Law students.

“As Associate Dean, I intend to continue providing practical support, advice and encouragement to help students achieve their academic, career and personal goals.”

Heather Raven took over the Associate Dean’s post from Kim Hart Wensley (Class of 1993), who was named Associate Vice-President, Faculty Relations and Academic Administration with the University of Victoria’s senior administration. Hart Wensley had been a UVic Law faculty member since 2000. She made a tremendous contribution to the law school over the course of nine years, including serve as Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations and earlier as the Southern Director of the Akitkargas Law School program.

Elizabeth Adjin-Tettey

began her term as Associate Dean Administration and Research on January 1, 2010. She was the winner of the 2009 Charles D. Gonthier Fellowship, awarded by the Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice for her project “The Discriminatory Impact of Application of Restitutio in Integrum in Personal Injury Claims”. She was also the recipient of the 2009 Fraser Miller/Inagrain Summer Fellowship for her project “Does the Materiality Requirement for Non-disclosure and Misrepresentation in Insurance Contracts Protect the Interests of the Insured?” and a Law Foundation of British Columbia Legal Research Grant for her project on generic discrimination in insurance contracts. She co-authored (with Jamie Cassels) “Remedies: The Law of Damages, 2nd Ed. (Irwin Law, 2008). She also published “The Marginalizing Effect of Deductibility of Welfare Benefits”, in the Supreme Court Law Review. Professor Adjin-Tettey made presentations at various workshops and conferences over the past year, including the Association for the Study of Nationalities, Law and Legal Culture and Humanities Conference in San Francisco, the Law and Society Conference in Montreal and the Canadian Association of Law Teachers Conference in Ottawa. She was also invited to present a paper on “Race and Gender Issues in Civil Damages” at a conference organized by the National Judicial Institute in Halifax. She is currently serving as a member of the Law Program Committee of the Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF). She is also an invited speaker and expert on constitutional design, and the Constitution - Behind the Text”, published in the Journal of Comparative Law, examined and commented on the unwritten elements of the constitutional traditions in both Canada and the United States, drawing out more general implications for the way we think about constitutions. In the criminal law and evidence realm, Professor Berger contributed the entitled “A Due Measure of Fear in Criminal Judgment” to a volume in honour of Justice Bertha Wilson (Reflections on the Legacy of Bertha Wilson) and he has written new chapters on the law of privilege and public interest immunities for McWillems’ Canadian Criminal Evidence. Along with Professor Hamar Foster and Professor Andrew Buck, he co-edited The Grand Experiment: Law and Legal Culture in British Settler Societies, a volume of essays published in the fall of 2008 by UBC Press.

Benjamin Berger (’02) was awarded his doctorate by Yale University and has continued to work extensively in the field of law and religion, as well as in criminal and constitutional law and theory. A recent piece published in the Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence, entitled “The Cultural Limits of Legal Tolerance”, carried on his work addressing the interaction of Canadian constitutionalism and religious difference. A piece entitled “White Fire: Structural Indeterminacy, Constitutional Design, and the Constitution - Behind the Text”, published in the Journal of Comparative Law, examined and commented on the unwritten elements of the constitutional traditions in both Canada and the United States, drawing out more general implications for the way we think about constitutions. In the criminal law and evidence realm, Professor Berger contributed the entitled “A Due Measure of Fear in Criminal Judgment” to a volume in honour of Justice Bertha Wilson (Reflections on the Legacy of Bertha Wilson) and he has written new chapters on the law of privilege and public interest immunities for McWillems’ Canadian Criminal Evidence. Along with Professor Hamar Foster and Professor Andrew Buck, he co-edited The Grand Experiment: Law and Legal Culture in British Settler Societies, a volume of essays published in the fall of 2008 by UBC Press. He travelled to Israel to participate in a workshop on constitutionalism and criminal law, and visited the University of Limerick, University College Dublin. He also visited McGill University to present papers at legal research and theory workshops. Benjamin designed and offered UVic law’s first course on Law and Theology in the fall of 2008-09 and was the coach of the school’s 2008-09 Gable Moot Team.

Gillian Calder

work on critical legal pedagogy and, in particular, the use of political theatre in the teaching of law has been the focus of much of her recent research work and travel. She was invited to present at three recent international conferences, the 2009 Law and Theatre Conference (UBC), Legal Cultures and Cultures of Legal Education (McGill) and Pedagogical Encounters (Calgary) and to discuss her research with faculty members at the University of Alberta and the University of British Columbia. This work has led to three publications on performance, pedagogy and law in the Australian Feminist Law Journal (2008), Canadian Legal Education Annual Review (2008), and Masks: An Online Journal for Law and Theatre (2009). She is also thrilled that her article “Penguins and Polyamory: Using Law and Film to Explore the Essence of Marriage in Canadian Family Law” will be published in the Canadian Journal of Women and the Law, but she hopes that people will continue to send her any and all penguin paraphernalia that they find on their travels. Professor Calder was recently a visiting scholar in legal theory at Emory University in Atlanta and received a MacGillivray Fellowship as a visiting scholar at the University of Edinburgh in June 2009. Calder completed her term as president of the Canadian Association of Law Teachers in 2009 and was also honoured with the 2009 Terry Wuester Teaching Award.

Hamar Foster

has been preoccupied with British Columbia of late. He is a member of the steering committee for the 2009 B.C. Studies Conference at UVic, “Space and Place in British Columbia”, he has co-edited (with Wes Pue of UBC and colleague John McLaren) a special edition of BC Studies on the 100th anniversary of the B.C. Court of Appeal and was involved in thinking of a Knowledge Network video about the Court that will mark its centenary. Professor Foster’s 1999 essay, “Honouring the Queen’s Flag: A Legal and Historical Perspective on the Nisga’a Treaty”, was selected last year as one of the articles to be audio-recorded in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of BC Studies. He is also the co-editor of two books. Let Right Be Done. Aboriginal Title, the Calder Case, and the Future of Indigenous Rights, co-edited with UVic’s Law colleagues Jeremy Wuester and Heather Raven, was published by UBC Press in 2007. The Grand Experiment: Law & Legal Culture in British Settler Societies, co-edited by Professor Adjin-Tettey, was published in the fall of 2008 by UBC Press. Professor Adjin-Tettey is also invited to present a paper on “Race and Gender Issues in Civil Damages” at a conference organized by the National Judicial Institute in Halifax. She is currently serving as a member of the Law Program Committee of the Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF). She is also an invited speaker and expert on constitutional design...
with UVic Law colleague Ben Berger and Andrew. Back of Macquarie University in Australia, was published by the same press in 2008. Over the past year, Professor Foster has given a number of talks, including one at the National Judicial Institute’s annual B.C. Supreme Court Education Seminar on the history of that Court. He also gave the “after dinner” speech at the annual judicial conference of the Provincial Court of B.C. at Government House, on the light and darkness in the career of B.C.’s first legally trained judge, Sir Matthew Buck of Macquarie University in Australia, was elected president of the institute’s Projects Committee and the Real Property Reform Committee. In October 2008, the BCLI and the B.C. Law Corporation hosted the first annual national conference on “Great Debate” in Vancouver. The topic was “Resolved that copyright law has no place in the modern world”. Professor Howell partnered with UVic alumnus and B.C. Court of Appeals Chief Justice Atchison in an earlier debate on the topic of copyright law. In May 2009, Davidson spoke at a conference on law and society in Thailand, which was hosted by the Deloitte’s Tax Law and Practice of Investment Professors Committee (SSHRC) in Vancouver in April, and in Berlin in June. As for teaching, the new advanced tax course in international taxation (Law 346B) was offered for the first time in the spring of 2009. Cheyenne Reese (’05) gave a guest lecture on U.S. estate and gift tax issues for Canadians to the international tax law class in February 2009.

PROFESSOR HOWELL

ANDREW PETTER

ANDREW NEWCOMBE ’93 taught Legal Process, International Trade and Investment Law, and Contracts this past fall and also coached the Philip Jessup International Moot Team. His book, The Law and Politics of Investment Treaties Standards of Treatment, was published in February 2009. The Canadian Tax Journal published in 2009 in the Canadian Tax Journal. A chapter on the EU’s trade relations with its Mediterranean neighbourhood (published in Current Politics and Economics) by Professor Harding was also working on projects in Brazil and Southeast Asia. On the domestic front, Maureen is leading a team of research assistants from several disciplines in an inquiry into the effectiveness and impact of the Family Law Reform Conference in British Columbia, funded by the Law Foundation of British Columbia. The research examined quantitative data and also involves interviews with families, children, social workers and family group co-ordinators. The first article in this series, “The Use of Narrative Methodology in Research for Family Group Conferencing”, was recently published in the American Humane Association Journal.

MARK GILLEN

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civil liability. Professor Gillen returned for a tenth time to Thailand to teach securities regulation in the English-language Masters of Law program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. He recently completed a book entitled The Law of Trusts for the Canadian branch of the Society of Trusts and Estate Practitioners (STEP Canada). The book will be used in a course offered by STEP Canada. He also recently had an article published in the Singapore Economic Review entitled “Using Economic Analysis to Provide Legal Advice: An Example Involving Business Income Trusts”. Professor Gillen is currently working on the fourth edition of Water’s Law of Trusts in Canada and will then turn his mind to a fourth edition of Securities Regulation in Canada.

ANDREW HARDING

ANDREW NEWCOMBE

Robert harding was elected president of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies. In this capacity, he co-organized the association’s annual conference held at the University of Ottawa in June 2009, on the theme of Forced Migration and Shifting Borders. At the conference, he delivered a keynote address titled “Refugees from Liberal Democraticism”. Donald is also a member of the management committee of a network of scholars that was awarded a $2 million grant by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). The Refugees Research Network (RRN) aims to improve the well-being of refugees and forced migrants around the world by: expanding awareness of the global knowledge regime concerning refugee issues and forced migration; improving communication concerning this knowledge within and between policy-making and practice sectors in the Global South and North; and contributing to alliance-building and active policy involvement in the development of national and international policy frameworks and humanitarian practices affecting refugees and forced migrants. In November 2008, Professor Galloway was a UVic exchange visitor at the University of Limerick, where he presented a seminar on refugee law.

KIM HART WENSLEY ’93

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Robert howell was appointed in September 2008 as the Victoria Law Foundation’s resident lawyer on the board of the Canadian Law Institute (BCLI) for a five-year term. He is a member of the institute’s Projects Committee and the Real Property Reform Committee. In October 2008, the BCLI and the B.C. Law Corporation hosted the first annual national conference on “Great Debate” in Vancouver. The topic was “Resolved that copyright law has no place in the modern world”. Professor Howell partnered with UVic alumnus and B.C. Court of Appeals Chief Justice Atchison in an earlier debate on the topic of copyright law. In May 2009, Davidson spoke at a conference on law and society in Thailand, which was hosted by the Deloitte’s Tax Law and Practice of Investment Professors Committee (SSHRC) in Vancouver in April, and in Berlin in June. As for teaching, the new advanced tax course in international taxation (Law 346B) was offered for the first time in the spring of 2009. Cheyenne Reese (’05) gave a guest lecture on U.S. estate and gift tax issues for Canadians to the international tax law class in February 2009.

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with UVic Law colleague Ben Berger and Andrew. Back of Macquarie University in Australia, was published by the same press in 2008. Over the past year, Professor Foster has given a number of talks, including one at the National Judicial Institute’s annual B.C. Supreme Court Education Seminar on the history of that Court. He also gave the “after dinner” speech at the annual judicial conference of the Provincial Court of B.C. at Government House, on the light and darkness in the career of B.C.’s first legally trained judge, Sir Matthew Buck of Macquarie University in Australia, was elected president of the institute’s Projects Committee and the Real Property Reform Committee. In October 2008, the BCLI and the B.C. Law Corporation hosted the first annual national conference on “Great Debate” in Vancouver. The topic was “Resolved that copyright law has no place in the modern world”. Professor Howell partnered with UVic alumnus and B.C. Court of Appeals Chief Justice Atchison in an earlier debate on the topic of copyright law. In May 2009, Davidson spoke at a conference on law and society in Thailand, which was hosted by the Deloitte’s Tax Law and Practice of Investment Professors Committee (SSHRC) in Vancouver in April, and in Berlin in June. As for teaching, the new advanced tax course in international taxation (Law 346B) was offered for the first time in the spring of 2009. Cheyenne Reese (’05) gave a guest lecture on U.S. estate and gift tax issues for Canadians to the international tax law class in February 2009.
Library Reaps “Digital Dividend”

Anyone who visited the Fraser Building over the past year couldn’t help but notice the sound of jackhammers coming from the Diana M. Priestly Law Library. The remuneration or “re-purposing” of the law library integrates cutting-edge digital technology to accommodate changing methods of legal education.

Law Librarian Neil Campbell says that patrons definitely experienced “a wow factor” when they saw the newly renovated library for the first time. “It is different physically from what they’ve been used to,” he says. “It is a more dynamic, comfortable and engaging space for all users.”

From the moment its doors first opened in 1980, the Priestly Law Library has ably served the needs of law students, faculty members and British Columbia’s legal community, offering access to a comprehensive collection of legal texts, journals and research databases. With many resources now available electronically, however, there’s less need to store printed books. This “digital dividend” has allowed the law library to reduce the space it devotes to shelving while still maintaining high levels of service.

Features of the renovation include: improved access to librarians and resources through an “information commons” area; more space for graduates; students and clinical programs; additional group study and quiet seating areas; reconfigured classrooms; an upgraded computer lab; and new furnishings. Members of the local Bar also have better access to research materials, including the reserve collection.

“The redesigned library is a tremendous asset to the Faculty of Law, its students and the larger legal community,” says UVic Dean of Law Donna Greschner. “The redesigned spaces and technological improvements will serve everyone well for many years to come.”

Co-ordinating a major construction project within a busy law school was certainly not without its challenges. The contractors and architects (Chow Low Hammond of Victoria) worked closely with the Faculty of Law to minimize disruptions during the 2008-09 academic year. Campbell says the library staff were “amazing” and are delighted with the final result.

Greschner says that everyone who has been involved in the library renovation has contributed to its success. “UVic Libraries and the University of Victoria firmly believe in this much-needed renovation and they have been outstanding supporters,” says Greschner. “The repurposing of the law library would not have been possible without their ongoing assistance, collaboration and encouragement.”

The Law Foundation of B.C. was a major financial contributor to the project and offered tremendous support from the very beginning, as did the University of Victoria and UVic Libraries.

“Special thanks are due to former law dean Andrew Petter, who worked diligently on the initial stages of this project prior to my arrival at UVic,” says Greschner. “The project mirrors founding law dean Murray Fraser’s original concept for the Faculty of Law. It’s a place where students, staff and faculty members can work together to build community.”

For more information about the renovation of the Diana M. Priestly Law Library, contact Anne Pappas at apappas@uvic.ca or 250.721.8025.
Congratulations to Our Professors in Print

UVic Law professors have been prolific publishers over the past year. These exceptional scholars share their academic knowledge and insights with UVic Law students and colleagues, and their international connections have resulted in many books that are co-authored or co-edited with colleagues at other institutions around the world.

Further information about many of the authors and editors listed below can be found in the “Faculty” section of the UVic Law website at www.law.uvic.ca. (Please note that some of the books listed below were co-authored or co-edited with colleagues at other institutions.)

The Law and Practice of Investment Treaties: Standards of Treatment
Andrew Newcombe and Lluis Paradell

Student Edition of the Income Tax Act
Martha O’Brien and Arthur Cockfield
Carswell, August 2009

Setting the Standard: Certification, Governance and the Forest Stewardship Council
Chris Tollefson (‘85), Fred Gale and David Haley
UBC Press, August 2009

Environmental Law: Cases and Materials
Chris Tollefson (‘85), Meinhard Doelle
Carswell, June 2009

The Law of Trusts
Mark Gillen
STEP Canada, September 2009

Public Philosophy in a New Key Volume I: Democracy and Civic Freedom
James Tully
Cambridge University Press, December 2008

Public Philosophy in a New Key Volume II: Imperialism and Civic Freedom
James Tully
Cambridge University Press, December 2008

In Memory of the Honourable William R. McIntyre

The UVic Law community was saddened by the loss of the Honourable William R. McIntyre on June 14, 2009. The esteemed former justice of the Supreme Court of Canada was a loyal friend and supporter of the law school.

McIntyre began his career in 1941, earning an LL.B. degree from the University of Saskatchewan. He then joined the army, serving with the 1st Canadian Division in Europe during the Second World War. He married his wife Mimi in England in 1944 and their daughter Elizabeth was born the following year. McIntyre brought his family back to Canada at the war’s end and the couple settled in Victoria, where they welcomed the birth of their son John three years later.

After being called to the Bar in both Saskatchewan and British Columbia in 1947, McIntyre embarked on a long and extraordinary legal career. He practised law in Victoria for 20 years and was then appointed to the B.C. Supreme Court. Six years later, he was named to the B.C. Court of Appeal. Justice McIntyre was then appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada in 1979 and served with distinction in that role until his retirement in 1989. He was an Honorary Professor at UVic Law and was presented with an honorary doctorate by the University of Victoria in 1995.


Professor O’Brien remembers McIntyre with fondness and appreciates the efforts he made to enhance the legal skills of all the UVic Law graduates who clerked for him. “We felt lucky to work with him,” says O’Brien. “He gave us lots of responsibility, he read our memos, he spent time with us discussing cases and working on judgments, and he was dedicated to teaching us about the law. His view was that judges must not be afraid to make difficult decisions; they must resolve the issues in the case before them, they should write clearly and succinctly, and they should not try to anticipate future cases but leave those for resolution on their own facts and merits.”

The William R. McIntyre Award was established in 1990 upon the judge’s retirement and return to Victoria. It recognizes the special relationship that Justice McIntyre shared with the UVic Faculty of Law. This award has been presented annually to graduating students who have exhibited an exemplary dedication to community service, student leadership and academic excellence during their legal studies.

Justice McIntyre’s contributions to Canadian law and this country’s legal community were remarkable. His long-standing association with UVic Law clearly demonstrated his commitment to legal education. His support has benefited innumerable students, alumni and faculty members. He will be greatly missed.

Decades of Service to UVic Law

The Faculty of Law celebrated significant milestones for three staff members in 2008, as faculty members and fellow staff gathered to acknowledge their many years of exceptional service to the law school and commitment to its students:

• Faculty Secretary Rosemary Garton celebrated 25 years with the Faculty in July 2008.
• Admissions Officer Janet Person marked 20 years with UVic Law in August 2008.
• Admissions Assistant Neela Paige celebrated 20 years with the Faculty in November 2008.

Past recipients of the William R. McIntyre Award:

Jennifer Harry (1990)
Patricia Osoko (1991)
Margaret Currie (1992)
Lori Asheton-Smith (1993)
Joanna Harrington (1994)
Freya Kodar (1995)
Andrew Matheson (1995)
Helen Cheng (1996)
Bonnie Leonard (1996)
Nicole Rhodes (1997)
Erin Powney (1998)
Matthew Pollard (1998)
Jason Roth (1999)
Deirdre Sheehan (2001)
Eli Gedaldo (2002)
Lindsay Cader (2003)
Karrie Wolfe (2003)
Emily Drown (2004)
Baewyn Brewer (2005)
Jennifer Bond (2006)
Deryn Cousineau (2006)
Jennifer Raso (2007)
Rachel Forbes (2008)
Lisa Rahman (2008)
Karen Ameeyaw (2009)
Rashida Usman (2009)
UVic Law Events in 2008 and 2009

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Val Napoleon Earns Landmark Ph.D. at UVic Law

Val Napoleon celebrated a couple of important milestones last summer. The 53-year-old grandmother convocated in June 2009 and is the first student to receive a Ph.D. degree from UVic Law’s Graduate Program in Law and Society since the program was established in 2004. She is also the first Indigenous student to earn her doctorate from UVic Law.

Napoleon is of Dunneza, Cree and Saulteaux heritage and is also an adopted member of the Gitksan, an Indigenous people of northern British Columbia. She officially defended her Ph.D. dissertation in April before a group of UVic examiners in the Skeena Valley community of Gitanyow, with invited members of the Gitksan First Nation in attendance. Napoleon says it was invigorating “to talk about Gitksan law in front of Gitksan people.”

Her dissertation explored and articulated the Gitksan legal order, laws and legal theory. The lens for this examination was a seminal written down,” she says. Napoleon’s research is vital to understanding how different legal traditions can work in concert.

“Every grandmother should go to law school,” says Val Napoleon. “It’s good for the grandmother and it’s good for the law school.”

Val Napoleon (left) is congratulated by Heather Raven, Associate Dean Academic and Student Relations. Photograph by: UVic Photo Services

Napoleon says she reviewed the perspectives of legal theorists, political theorists and Indigenous theorists to examine how Gitksan law might be understood by a wider audience. Much of that law is based in oral history (both formal and informal) and may also be represented in songs or artwork.

“Trained memories are (also part of) the archives of law, if it’s not written down,” she says.

Napoleon says legal scholars “have to look at what’s recorded and how it’s handed down” and then consider associated principles, legal obligations and relationships. Taken together, these traditions may inform a new way of dealing with current conflicts and issues, and provide greater insight into how they relate to the laws of Canada.

“You look in the past for those kinds of resources,” she points out, “and then you look at their application today.”

As part of her Ph.D. work, Napoleon investigated whether protracted engagement with Canadian law had undermined the Gitksan community’s own conflict management systems and also if it had an impact on the Gitksan people’s relationships with one another. Her examination of the Delgamuukw case offered fresh perspectives on the law and how it relates to First Nations peoples.

“Trans-systemic” approach to teaching Indigenous law is often more effective than using a comparative model. “It’s about getting students to understand that there are many ways that law is expressed,” she explains. “They can learn to be open to Indigenous law and try to draw resources from it to deal with problems.”

Napoleon’s doctoral achievements reflect UVic Law’s longstanding commitment to providing innovative Indigenous law programming, and have highlighted the Faculty’s ongoing efforts to encourage more Aboriginal students to study law. As the first Ph.D. recipient in UVic’s Graduate Program in Law and Society, Napoleon has established another milestone on that all-important journey.
Andrew Harding strengthens ties to Asia-Pacific region

Andrew Harding is UVic Law’s Professor in Asia Pacific Legal Relations and one of several UVic Law scholars who have a strong interest in Pacific Rim issues. In July 2009, he was named director of the Centre for Asia Pacific Initiatives (CAPI), which serves as a multidisciplinary, public policy research centre and resource facility for the University of Victoria and the wider community. Professor Harding then spent part of August meeting colleagues in Singapore, where he maintains numerous academic connections with the area from his days teaching law at the National University of Singapore. The trip was an ideal opportunity for him to enhance UVic Law’s existing relationships with law professors, legal scholars and members of the judiciary.

Through the efforts of Harding and other faculty members, the Faculty of Law has developed a mutually beneficial rapport with other educational institutions that support research into the legal traditions of Asian countries. They include Melbourne Law School, Leiden University, the University of British Columbia and the University of Washington — as well as law schools and legal institutions within Asia.

Canada’s economic, cultural and legal relationships with nations of the Asia-Pacific region are vitally important to this country and its citizens. The University of Victoria Faculty of Law has therefore developed a wealth of expertise in international and comparative law that encompasses many of those countries.

"We have been working on our ties with leading Chinese law schools such as Beijing University, as well as the Thai judiciary," says Harding. Professor Harding came to UVic Law from the University of London in 2004 to take over the Professor in Asia Pacific Legal Relations post from Professor Bill Neilson. One of the facets of the position that attracted Harding was the increased capacity to spend time in Southeast Asia working on his research, networking and outreach activities.

Prior to joining UVic Law, Harding worked at the University of London for 17 years as a professor and later as head of the law school, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS).

"It was a big change for me," says Harding of his move to Canada. "The Canadian university environment is quite different from that of the UK in many respects. This interdisciplinary position is one I find very comfortable because, working in Asian law, you really need to learn a lot about social and political contexts — not just the law."

Harding says that the students at UVic Law are "outstanding" and he is also grateful for the help he’s received from academic colleagues and staff. That support has allowed him to focus on his teaching and on research projects and publications related to Southeast Asia.

CAPI has been operating for 22 years and even though it’s a relatively small unit on campus, Harding says it is highly productive and very hands-on.

"Watching CAPI mobilize for a conference, a project, or a special event of some kind is really awesome to behold," he says.

The centre conducts research in a variety of areas, including Japan studies, Asian law, and Chinese politics and history. It also organizes an internship program that involves many Canadian students in important social issues in a rapidly developing part of the world.

“We project Asia into UVic, B.C. and Canada…” explains Harding.

"By doing so, we also project UVic, B.C. and Canada into Asia. Over the last few years, we have been working on important law reform projects in Vietnam and Cambodia, providing training for the Thai judiciary and running several conferences."

Those gatherings have examined aspects of Asian nationalism, Zhao Ziyang, new courts in Asia and special economic zones in the region. A project exploring human migration in the Asia-Pacific region is also in the planning stages.

Clearly enthused by his topic, Harding expands on the environmental law training program he directed in 2008 for about three dozen members of the Thai judiciary. He says it’s a great example of how CAPI and UVic Law can contribute to the growth of legal expertise in Asia.

"Environmental law — a huge and complex area — is growing rapidly in Thailand, but there is a knowledge deficit in the judiciary that we were able to fill to some extent. It was certainly a fascinating experience for us and for them, and it included some institutional visits as well as talks on areas ranging from international sustainable development law to B.C. forestry practices to public interest law. Much of the Canadian experience was thought-provoking for them, and we also learned much about their situation."

Thailand’s judiciary has requested that a similar program on criminal justice be run in April 2010.

Research projects currently on Harding’s agenda focus mainly on constitutional reform in Thailand and the legal profession in Malaysia.

"Constitutional solutions — or, for that matter, environmental justice solutions — are not immediately transferable from Canada to Thailand due to great differences in political culture and history," Harding explains. He adds that it’s not for Canadians to say how things should be done in Asia-Pacific nations, but instead "to discuss and compare across jurisdictions and legal cultures in order to understand how and why we are different and how justice can be improved."

"That constitutes the essence of my work," says Harding, "I have enjoyed a fantastic five years at UVic and I look forward to many more."
News from the Environmental Law Centre

By Chris Tollefson

This past year has seen extraordinary changes and uncertainty in the world. Climate change has become a defining political issue of our generation, while our political and legal systems have simultaneously been buffeted by an economic crisis of historic proportions.

In B.C., the desire to achieve a lasting reconciliation with First Nations has continued to gain momentum, opening the door to new opportunities to rethink and reform provincial land use and resource management practices.

In these challenging yet arguably opportune times, the Environmental Law Centre (ELC) is well-positioned to play a constructive role. Thanks to the continuing support of the Tula Foundation and the Law Foundation of British Columbia, ELC programs teach students how to build capacity in the public interest environmental law community and offer credible and constructive visions for environmental law and policy reform. Students from across Canada come to UVic Law to prepare themselves for careers dedicated to representing worthy public interest clients and finding solutions to the complex, polycentric environmental challenges we collectively face.

Our innovative Intensive Stream clinical program, launched in the fall of 2007, has received glowing reviews (including national recognition in the annual Corporate Knights public interest/education report card. The ELC has also been enthusiastically profiled in Canadian Lawyer magazine’s ranking of law schools.

We are also proud of our ELC Associates Program that was launched in 2007. This initiative, funded by the Law Foundation of B.C., brings together environmental law practitioners from throughout the province to provide mentoring to ELC students and articling students, and act as co-counsel (with ELC staff lawyers) on many of our most interesting and challenging cases.

As our staffing complement has grown (we now have three full-time lawyers, two articling students and a para-legal/administrator position), the need for clinical space has increased. We have seen a significant breakthrough on this front in recent months.

Thanks to the efforts of the Dean of Law, the Law Librarian and a generous financial contribution from the Law Foundation of B.C., we have moved the ELC’s operations into a key role in mounting Canada’s first-ever Continuing Legal Education conference required by legislative amendments of 2008.

In response to the ELC’s request for a review of the provincial government’s decision to remove over 28,000 hectares of private lands from three Vancouver Island Tree Farm Licences, the Auditor General produced a report criticizing the government for the decision and launched a public consultation.

The ELC produced a 40-page guide on legal and administrative issues in establishing a car stop system to help the community group Paths on Pender set up a new Car Stops on Pender program.

The ELC Clinic’s Case Roster

Summer 2008 to Spring 2009 Highlights

ELC HELPS CLEAN UP COWICHAN RIVER DIESEL SPILL

ELC submissions to the Minister of Environment led to the issuing of a million-dollar order to clean up lands along the Cowichan River that had been contaminated by a five-month old diesel spill.

PENDER ISLAND RESIDENTS GIVE THUMBS UP TO HITCHING A RIDE

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ADVOCATING FOR BETTER PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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PROTECTING SPECIES AT RISK

The ELC asked B.C.’s Auditor General to investigate the provincial government’s approach to identifying and protecting critical habitat of endangered species, as required by the Species at Risk Act.

CLIMATE ACTION TOOLKIT

The ELC provided assistance and direction in developing the Climate Action Toolkit (www.toolkit.bc.ca), as part of the provincial government and Union of B.C. Municipalities/ Green Communities Committee Working Group on Urban Strategies and Actions. The toolkit is a comprehensive tool to assist B.C.’s local governments in developing targets and actions in their Official Community Plans, as required by legislative amendments of 2008.
Business Law Clinic in its Second Decade

By Thomas Winterhoff

The Faculty’s clinical programs include the Business Law Clinic (BLC), The Law Centre, the Environmental Law Clinic, Canada’s only common law co-op program and several other programs related to public interest law.

Part of UVic Law’s mandate is to give students the hands-on skills they need to practise law effectively, which is why clinical and co-operative education programs are such important — and popular — components of the school’s curriculum. Students are given the opportunity to accumulate experience as they deal with very real legal issues in their community.

The Business Law Clinic is designed to dovetail with the academic and theoretical aspects of a student’s legal education. Its 10th anniversary celebration in the fall of 2008 coincided with the appointment of George Glover as its new director. Glover has enjoyed an outstanding legal career and has extensive experience as a law practitioner, including UVic Law in 2007.

The BLC director would also like to look at offering the clinic’s knowledge and expertise to members of the First Nations entrepreneurial community.

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Learn to establish good case management and docketing practices. They come to realize how important teamwork can be within a professional legal environment and also get a better sense of how law firms and other organizations work. The experience of dealing with real clients and real legal issues can be a tremendous advantage to students once they start searching for employment after graduation.

“They hit the ground running a bit more than someone who’s had a more or less purely academic program,” says Glover, because students with a clinical background have already had some experience dealing with clients, responding to their needs and communicating with them effectively.

Glover believes that the BLC has achieved a great deal over the past decade, but he’s optimistic that it can grow even more in the years to come. One possibility is for the clinic to expand its reach beyond the Greater Victoria area and offer assistance to groups elsewhere on Vancouver Island or in remote mainland communities that may not have access to such a resource.

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George Glover, director of the Business Law Clinic

Business Law Clinic students Ashley Ridyard and Kelsey O’Bray (at left) are joined by BLC director George Glover as they conduct a client interview.

UVic Law’s comprehensive approach to legal education offers a wide array of initiatives to enhance the learning experiences of students.

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Law Careers Office: Connecting Students and Employers

By Alison Cowan

In May 2009, Alison Cowan joined the Law Careers Office (LCO) as the Acting Law Careers Officer during Jennifer Moroskat’s maternity leave. Alison graduated from UVic Law in 2006 and practised in Victoria before taking time off to have her first child. In her role at UVic Law, Alison helps students discover which career paths are best for them, liaises with legal employers across Canada and arranges opportunities for legal professionals to come to the law school to talk directly to students about various career paths.

SERVING ALUMNI AND STUDENTS

Alumni: The Law Careers Office is staffed by professionals who are dedicated to supporting UVic Law graduates in their careers after law school. If you are interested in making a transition in your law career or just want to explore your options, our staff can assist by providing career counselling, reviewing your résumé, and exploring your interests, past work experiences, volunteer opportunities and aspirations. We also maintain a confidential alumni listserve which allows you to receive information about employment opportunities and gives you access to our password-protected, online employer database. Alumni can also get directly involved in LCO programs by volunteering to mentor current students. Please contact us at careerof@uvic.ca or 250.721.8790 for more information.

Current Students: The LCO provides professional development assistance to current law students, including advice on cover letter and résumé preparation, interview techniques, networking skills, mentor programs and one-on-one career counselling. If you are a current student and are looking for information or advice about your developing career path, please contact the LCO to make an appointment (careerof@uvic.ca or 250.721.8790) or stop by and visit us Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Room 140 of the Fraser Building.

NEW LCO WEBSITE

The LCO invites everyone to take a look at its new website at www.law.uvic.ca. The site includes job postings for students and provides expanded resources for both students and employers. Contact Katie Macquarrie for the password at careerof@uvic.ca.

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STUDENT CAREER INTERESTS

Recent student surveys have shown changing interests amongst UVic Law students over the past few years. Although UVic Law has always attracted students who are interested in social justice issues and practising law in a way that “makes a difference”, we have seen an increase in students pursuing careers outside of traditional legal practice after they graduate from law school.

This shift is due in part to a number of initiatives that have been implemented in the past few years to facilitate students’ desires to build careers in these fields. For example, UVic Law has recently helped introduce the provincial Public Interest Work Placement Program (PIWPP), which is funded by the Law Foundation of British Columbia. This program funds 11 different public interest organizations in the province and allows law students to work in their offices for four-month work terms.

In addition to creating opportunities in public interest law, UVic Law is also helping to facilitate the new CBABC Rural Education Program (CBABC REAL initiative). The REAL program is designed to address the current and projected shortage of lawyers practising in small communities and rural areas of British Columbia, in order to ensure that these communities continue to enjoy access to legal services. This initiative has a number of key components, including funding for second-year summer student placements in rural and small communities through British Columbia.

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The University of Victoria and the Faculty of Law are proud to offer an exciting co-operative legal education program that formally integrates a student’s academic and career studies on campus with productive and relevant work experience in government and the private sector. Students have the opportunity to work at locations throughout Canada or elsewhere around the world.

UVic Law’s co-operative legal education program is one of only three such initiatives in North America. It brings an innovative approach to legal education that alternates classroom learning with a series of three paid work terms, each of which lasts four months.

The first term that students would work is the summer after they complete their first-year studies. Afterwards, they alternate the terms with academic terms. These jobs are paid work placements and positions are available literally all over the world. We currently have students working in Paris, Thailand, Ghana, Nunavut, Whitehorse, Yellowknife, Vancouver, Victoria, Nelson, Toronto and Ottawa. In the past, students have been placed in New Zealand, Brussels (at the European Union) and in South Africa — to name just a few options.

Normally, the pay scale is very similar to that of summer jobs. Sometimes students obtain temporary articles so that they are able to appear in court. Students are encouraged to complete one public sector placement, one law office placement and one adjudicative, non-profit, non-profit or international placement.

The Law Co-op program exposes students to non-traditional areas of law as well as private practice. The opportunity to experience a variety of work environments allows students to evaluate their interests and skills, explore different career options and adjust their career direction accordingly.

The Faculty also offers a specialized program for students who are attracted to public interest law. Chris Rivers recently travelled to Arusha, Tanzania, to work at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. While he was there, Chris worked for five different UN judges, helped draft judgments in cases dealing with genocide, and attended the tribunal to hear a judgment read out that he had helped to prepare. In his spare time, Chris had the opportunity to go whitewater rafting on the Nile River and track mountain gorillas in southwest Uganda (where gorillas nearly knocked over his tent on the rim of Ngorongoro Crater).

Max Reede worked in Bangkok, Thailand, for the law firm of Chandler and Thong. Ekk Ek, a long-time employer of Law Co-op students. Max worked on international supply and construction contract litigation, project financing for power plants and a steel plant manufacturer, and research related to maritime sovereignty issues in the Gulf of Thailand.

Max also acted as a liaison for a group of employees from Nepal’s Ministry of Natural Resources and took them to see Bangkok’s Grand Palace, the ancient ruins of Sukothai and the ocean. When not involved in all these activities, Max travelled to Laos, Myanmar, Cambodia and many of Thailand’s beautiful beaches and islands. Students who take part in the Law Co-op program invariably make invaluable contacts, see the world in new ways and turn their unique experiences into cherished, lifelong memories. For many of them, it also helps them focus and fine-tune their career aspirations.

A student who recently had a work placement in Canada’s Far North had this to say: “The Yukon Human Rights Commission has been a phenomenal experience. It’s a great work environment and very supportive. I am doing investigations from start to finish and I’m learning skills that I would never have had an opportunity to learn otherwise.”

By hiring co-op students, employers are able to successfully address short-term work requirements and more forward on special projects. Their participation in the program is an excellent way to recruit, evaluate and train potential articling students or future employees. Many UVic Law alumni are already actively involved in the program as employers and mentors, and we would love to hear from more of you. We are always interested in hearing about your careers and helping you or your organization hire the next generation of Law Co-op students.

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Law Centre Students in the Community

In October 2009, The Law Centre unveiled a new computer-based family law diagnostic tool called Pathways, developed and written by Gallins and launched with the assistance of UVic Law systems administrator Richard McCue. The primary objective of Pathways is to help users quickly access legal information, and learn about the procedures they need to follow to resolve any family law issues they may be experiencing — everything from divorce and child custody to spousal support and the division of property.

The Law Centre runs a number of other public legal education programs that provide specialized assistance and information, including to Shut-in and Hospital Services, and First Nations and Métis outreach services. The Centre also operates a Human Rights Clinic and Inmate Legal Services.

The important work undertaken by The Law Centre’s staff and students is generously supported by the Law Foundation of British Columbia.

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UVic Law Students Test Their Legal Skills

UVic Law participates in a wide range of mooting events annually. Several student teams have successfully advanced to the international level in recent years — including the International Client Counselling Competition in India in 2008. These challenging events allow students to practice their burgeoning legal skills against their counterparts from other law schools. Academic credit is also awarded for participation in some of these competitions. The mooting program gives upper-year law students the opportunity to work collaboratively with their peers and strengthen their written and oral legal advocacy skills. They prepare for these demanding contests under the supervision of a faculty member and/or a practising lawyer. Team coaches commit a great deal of time and expertise, and their contributions are invaluable.

In 2008-09, UVic Law students competed in a total of eight mooting events, including the inaugural Canadian National Mediation Advocacy Competition. As always, the most teams received tremendous support from faculty members, library staff and other UVic Law personnel. The competitors also benefited tremendously from practice rounds judged by members of the UVic Law community and legal practitioners from throughout Greater Victoria.

British Columbia Law Schools Competitive Moot (UVic-UBC)
February 7, 2009 (Victoria, British Columbia)
Coach: Keith Phillips
Jonathan At Hayward, Jennifer Craig, Russell Robertson and Micah Weintraub joined forces at the Victoria Courthouse as they sought to repeat UVic Law’s 2008 victory in this regional rivalry. Professor Cheryl Crane attended the event and said the team “exhibited immense professionalism and commitment.” UBC ended up winning the moot, but all UVic Law participants performed well.

Wilson Moot
February 27-28, 2009 (Toronto, Ontario)
Coach: Professor Donald Gallaway, with Veronica Jackson
Anna Johnston, Sarah-Daron Scheinik, Jillian Vivian and Rashida Usman represented UVic Law at the Wilson Moot. They didn’t come home with any hardware, but team members performed extremely well through four rounds of tough competition. According to Professor Donald Gallaway, all of the students demonstrated “energy, poise and commitment” as they made oral presentations related to an equality rights case.

Kawaskimhon Aboriginal Moot
March 6-8, 2009 (Windsor, Ontario)
Chair: Maxim Likatapy
Drew Lafond and Sonya Pighin participated in the Kawaskimhon Aboriginal Moot, a collaborative forum that addresses Indigenous legal issues. The event is unique in Canada because it is not a traditional competitive moot. Instead, participants from throughout the country gather to discuss current legal issues and build consensus. The exercise incorporates dispute resolution concepts while allowing students to examine specific questions of law. This year’s problem asked students to discuss Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

American Bar Association Client Counselling Competition
February 7-8, 2009 (Opolean, Washington)
Coaches: Professor Andrew Pirie and Steve Perks
Karen Chee, Leah DeForest and Shannon Fox (the team’s student coach/researcher) travelled to Gonzaga Law School to take part in the American Bar Association Client Counselling Competition. UVic Law “did incredibly well” and was ranked second out of 12 North American law schools after the preliminary rounds. The team fared well in the semi-final but was defeated by Oregon’s Lewis and Clark Law School — the eventual winner of the competition.

Canadian National Mediation Advocacy Competition
November 19-22, 2008 (Toronto, Ontario)
Coaches: Andrew Pirie
Braden Guilla-Tychio and Lorna Ronak Yousfi represented UVic Law at the first-ever Canadian National Mediation Advocacy Competition, which is designed to assess a team’s advocacy skills and legal knowledge while representing a client in a mediation process. UVic Law placed strongly within a field of 12 law schools and just barely missed advancing to the semi-finals.

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Class Reunions
Members of the Class of 83 and the Class of 84 returned to the Fraser Building to celebrate their respective 25th anniversary reunions. UVic Law graduates and their families enjoyed official receptions at the law school, where they got a chance to renew old acquaintances and meet current and former faculty members.

Photos clockwise from top left:
- Harry Jordan and Mark Jordan (Ian Jordan’s wife and son)
- Lorraine Dixon, Cleta Brown, Barbara Greschner, Mary Pheoin and Fraser Bickson
- Richard Pyer and Colleen Robinson
- Hot, Modern Justice revive Harper and Victoria Mayor Dean Martin

All Class of ’83 attendees
All Class of ’84 attendees
Dean Donna Greschner thanks reunion organizer Jeremy Carr
Black Aikins and Sandra Squire (Joe Sandra Atkins)

On the back of the front page:

The team that represented UVic Law at the Gale Cup Moot in Toronto in 2008 is just one of many student teams that participate in competitions each year. The Gale Cup participant consisted of (left to right):
- co-coach Karen DeForest
- Brian Butter, Dean, Sydney Whittaker, Erik Byberg, Wayne Gordon, and co-coach Professor Richard Phillips

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Announcement in October 2009. Seckel had been Deputy Attorney General since 2003, following many years spent in private practice.

DIANE E. TOURELL, practised law for 20 years, mostly in Victoria. She took a sabbatical from practice in 2006 to pursue graduate studies in international human rights law and international criminal law at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, part of the National University of Ireland at Galway. She researched and wrote a dissertation on issues arising from the participation of victims in proceedings before the International Criminal Court, for which she was awarded an LLM degree. Diane then spent a year in The Hague working as a legal officer with an international human rights NGO. She recently returned to Canada and can be reached at diane@louisiana.  

1986

STACEY BALL is a principal of the Toronto employment law boutique of Ball & Alexander. He has authored the text Canadian Employment Law (Canada Law Book), which has been updated regularly since 1996. He is an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School and has been ranked by Lexpert/LALM as one of Canada’s leading 500 lawyers. Stacey argued a number of major employment decisions, including Wallace v. UGG, at the Supreme Court of Canada. He married Jennifer Chan in 2007 and their daughter Victoria was born in September 2009.

1987

FREYA KRISTJANSSON has joined the partnership of Cavalluzzo, Hayes, Shilton, Harman & Company in Victoria. She practises administrative and public law, as well as civil litigation. Freya’s daughter Zahra is starting Grade 5 this year, and her partner Andrew Faiz writes and edits a magazine. Freya has joined the employment law practice in the former Soviet Union.

1988

STELLA FRAME was appointed to the B.C. Provincial Court in December 2006 and moved to Kamloops in March 2007. Starting in January 2010, she will be the Administrative Judge for the Kamloops District. Stella has an extensive background in family law and executive and public law. She moved to Kamloops in 2006 to take on the role of the Administrative Judge for the Kamloops District.

1989

JOIE QUARTON has spent the last 35 years practising law in Whitehorse, Yukon, but is heading to Edmonton for a year and then plans to begin a master’s degree program in alternative dispute resolution at Osgoode Hall Law School. Joie has moved from the University of Calgary to the University of Victoria School of Nursing and has also fit in a lot of travel since moving back to Kamloops, including DisneyLand, Prince Edward Island and Ireland — with Australia next on the agenda.

1991

JOAN HUGHES returned to the nursing profession for a few years and then did some long-term travelling in South America, before moving back to Victoria to write. She practised general civil litigation for five years before being appointed to the B.C. Provincial Court as a Judicial Justice of the Peace in 2009. She appears around the province by video for traffic court cases. She regularly sees her 1988 classmates Stella Frame, who is a B.C. Provincial Court judge in Kamloops, and her partner, also a judge (see previous). Joie’s father, also a judge.

1992

KAREN KNOTT still lives in Greater Victoria (Central Saanich), is very busy with her power utility business and continues to do arbitration work. She bikes and runs as much as she can and has been travelling quite a bit for bike camps and bike races.

1995

BRUCE HALLORAN is a partner with Great Western & Company in Victoria. He was recently elected as president of the National Will, Estates and Trusts section of the Canadian Bar Association.

1999

GEORGE WAGGOTT and his wife Patricia Quinton live in Victoria and are proud parents of John Paul Waggott, born on May 6, 2009. George and Patricia met when they were working in England. George worked as a trainee solicitor in the employment law and executive compensation group at Freshfields in London. He is now a partner in the Employment and Labour Law group at Lang, McKincher LLP (gwaggott@langmckincher.ca).

2000

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1997

CHARLES HOTEL left the partnership of Lawson Lindquist in 2006 to join the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games (VANOC), as Director and Senior Legal Counsel.

KARL MAIER has been in private practice for over 30 years and is a partner at McQuarrie Hunter LLP in New Westminster, where he also lives. The law practice and house projects keep him busy and his wife Maureen and their two boys (Evan, 10, and Finnian, 8) keep him sane. Karl is looking for ways to give back and recently joined the board of the Douglas College Foundation.

1998

PATRICK EWING is the Manager of Intergovernmental Fiscal Relations in B.C.'s Ministry of Finance. He was also recently installed as Governor of Kwakwaka'wakw Pacific Northwest District. This is the highest office in the district, which includes more than 30,000 volunteers in about 350 clubs from northern California to Alaska. At 39, Patrick is the youngest governor in the district's 94-year history. One of Patrick's interests is dogs, so he will be looking to support dog-related community services such as sponsoring assistance dogs for people with disabilities or taking an active role.

2000

SHERRY MACLEOD is now Major Sherry MacLeod. She joined the Office of the Judge Advocate General (JAG) of the Canadian Forces in 2002 and was promoted to the rank of Major in 2004. She is currently posted to the Canadian Military Prosecution Service, where she has been appointed as a military prosecutor. She works out of Ottawa but prosecutes at courts martial throughout Canada. In June 2009, Sherry and her sons (Rembrandt and Harlan) performed at the Ottawa Fringe Festival. Together they have written a new work entitled Save Point. The experience was so much fun that they are planning to do it again next year.

2003

VISHAL K. BAJPAI articled and later practised at Shook Wickham Bishop & Field in Campbell River, with the firm's litigation department. He continues to work toward the completion of his Ph.D. degree at the University of Essex. Matthew has finished articling at Miller Thomson LLP in Vancouver and is moving to the Corporate Department, to work as an associate counsel at Buckler Shaver LLP in British Columbia.

2006

ANGIE TONG was called to the B.C. Bar in 2007 and took the California State Bar exam in 2008. She practises in Santa Clara, California, with Minilak Law Group, Inc. — a full-service firm that focuses on bankruptcy, debt collection, construction, family and trust law. She would be pleased to share her U.S. experiences with others who are interested in practising in California.

2007

SANJEEV PARMAK is engaged to be married to Caroline Nguyen of Quebec. The couple met while doing their undergraduate degree at UBC. They participated in a traditional Punjabi engagement ceremony in July 2009 and the wedding will take place in August 2010.

2008

BURCIN ERGBIN has finished articling at Miller Thomson LLP in Vancouver and is moving to Ottawa, Toronto, to work as an associate counsel at a British firm.

ALEX FIELDING articled at Siskin Elliott in Vancouver. He is moving to The Hague in October, to join the defence team of Momcilo Perisic, former chief of staff of the Yugoslav Army, who is indicted for war crimes at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

2009

I. STANLEY OSOBIK ("Buck") articled at Crease Harman & Co. in Victoria and is now an associate counsel at Buckler Shaver LLP in Victoria.

CHRISTOPHER MACKIE completed basic officer training in the Canadian Forces and was commissioned as an officer in the summer of 2008. He began serving articles under Lt. Col. M. R. Hunt (retired) in January 2009. He is currently assigned to HMCS Mahala. In May 2009, he performed the title role in a production of William Shakespeare's Macbeth at the Belfry Theatre. In July 2009, he wrapped filming on the Truth Factory Films feature Cassiopeia, in which he played the lead role.

2010

CHRISTOPHER P. KEHLER ('79), a partner at Johns Southward Glacier Walton & Margetts, passed away on February 10, 2009.

DOUGLAS S. JOHNSON ('80) passed away on November 19, 2008, at the age of 61. He articled with Skillings & Company after graduation and was called to the B.C. Bar in 1981. He subsequently became a partner in the same firm and practised there until his death. Douglas was a past-president of the U Vic Alumni and Association and was also deeply involved in charitable work.

ALEXANDER REYNOLDS ('92) passed away on May 9, 2009, at the age of 54. He was well-known for his work in the area of child protection and for his advocacy efforts on behalf of parents. Alexander was a good friend of UVic Law and served as a judge at the 2008 regional event of the ABA Client Counselling Competition, which was held at the law school.
We’re always interested in hearing from our alumni and learning how they’re faring in their chosen careers. We also want to keep you informed about recent news and upcoming events at the law school, including activities directly related to your graduating class.

You can help keep your contact information up-to-date by filling out our easy-to-use PDF form (available at www.law.uvic.ca/alumni/keeping.php) and emailing it to us. It only takes a few minutes to complete the form and it will allow us to notify you promptly about UVic Law program developments and upcoming special events. You are also welcome to give us a call at any time!

Visit the “Alumni” section of the Faculty of Law’s website at www.law.uvic.ca/alumni/ for more information about events and services for UVic Law graduates.

We’d love to hear from you!

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