We enjoyed a wonderful year in the Department. From our first vibrant social gathering in September through Programpalooza and IdeaFest, members of our community have shined brightly. Among our many notable accomplishments, Garry Gray delivered a fascinating TEDx Victoria Talk, Min Zhou was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure, Aaron Devor advanced his public sociology platform on transgender issues, and Helga Hallgrimsdottir and Doug Baer continued their onerous work with the Faculty Association to redefine our relationship with the University.

The Spring 2015 session marked the final term that Neena Chappell will teach for us as a full-time faculty member. After 30 some-odd years of professional service that yielded more than 300 publications and witnessed the rise of two research centres, Neena is retiring from full-time teaching and research (following a well-deserved sabbatical year). Congratulations to Neena on a brilliant career that promises to inspire students and colleagues for many years to come!

I wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and prosperous summer. It’s looking like great weather for gardening!

~Sean Hier

Several faculty members and students were involved in IdeaFest last month.

Cecilia Benoit was a panelist at Understanding Sex Work: Evidence, Faith and Popular Perception, March 3, 7pm at Christ Church Cathedral

Cecilia Benoit, Mikael Jansson and Chris Atchison were speakers at a lunch time talk, entitled, Society’s role in promoting violence in the sex industry, March 4, MacLaurin A144

Neena Chappell was a panel members and presenter at Tapping Population Data: A New Era in Health Research and Care March 4, 7pm

Karen Kobayashi, Amy Cox and Ruth Kampen presented at the COAG-sponsored event, Aging Deconstructed: The Art & Science of Living Well. Their talk title was “Providing Person-Centred Care in Long Term care Settings”, March 4, 4-6pm at University Club.

André Smith also presented at the Aging Deconstructed event, “Antipsychotic Prescribing for Persons with Dementia in Residential Care: The Influence of Organizational Culture and Family Involvement” March 4, 4-6pm at University Club.
In the Media

CBC the fifth estate ‘Finding Emma’

The CBC documentary involves a local missing person case that Garry Gray’s SOCI 306 Crime and Deviance class was involved in last semester (this included himself and 9 students). The class was approached by the fifth estate and a CBC cameraman follow the group around one afternoon as they retraced the last possible steps of the missing person Emma.

This class exercise was written up in UVIC’s Internal Newsletter: ‘Sociology Class Uses Crowdsourcing to Help in Missing Person Case’ (on page 11)

Garry is currently developing an academic manuscript based on the experience (to be co-authored by Brigitte Benning, a current Sociology student who will begin her MA in our department starting in the Fall). They have also recently chatted to an investigator who is still pursuing the case (making this very applied work).

TEDx Victoria

TEDx Talk ‘Trust in Research: The Ethics of Knowledge Production’

Garry Gray gave a TEDx talk on November 22 (published online Dec 22). We all take knowledge for granted every day: we assume that those who studied the health effects of using everyday products did their research accurately and without bias, but what if the researchers we trust to keep us safe are having their work influenced by hidden biases? The full 12 and a half minute talk is available to view here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JSV4VZ8gdUQ

The university student newspaper, the Martlet, wrote an article on it and put in a good plug for sociology: http://www.martlet.ca/news/uvic-sociology-prof-shares-his-research-via-tedx-talks/

Garry is also presenting this research at Harvard at the beginning of May and also at the World Conference on Research Integrity in Brazil in June.

On February 26, the CBC’s Doc Zone series aired a new documentary on trans* people called “Transforming Gender”. It featured eleven trans* people ranging from young children, like Olie Pullen in Quebec and Wren Kaufman in Alberta to 89-year-old Stephanie Castle in BC. Everyone in the show is either trans* themselves, or a supportive parent of a young trans* person.

Aaron Devor was interviewed in the show (in the Transgender Archives) and provided numerous media talks and appearances leading up to the documentary, including CFAX, CBC All Points West, and the Times Colonist.

The documentary is available on the CBC site or on Vimeo.
Awards/Honours

Cecilia Benoit and Mikael Jansson both received a Leadership Award from Research Canada, awarded to scientists at the Centre for Addiction Research of British Columbia, BC, Canada (2014).

Kate Roland, Neena Chappell’s post-doc student, received the Douglas Holmes QoL award at GSA. The Douglas Holmes Award, sponsored by the Research in Quality of Care (RESQCARE) Interest Group, honors Dr. Douglas Holmes, a noted psychologist who dedicated his life’s work to improving social services for the elderly. In collaboration with RESQCARE Interest Group, GSA is hosting a best paper competition in the area of research with potential to improve long-term care.

The award carries a $500 cash prize, in hopes of encouraging this important and promising research in improving long-term care to the elderly aging in place, and those in assisted living centers and nursing homes. The award will be presented to the author(s) of the winning paper at GSA’s Annual Scientific Meeting at the RESQCARE Interest Group Meeting.

Aaron Devor’s new book, The Transgender Archives: Foundations for the Future, has been chosen as a finalist in the 27th Annual Lambda Literary Awards in the LGBT Nonfiction category. The 27th Annual Lambda Literary Awards—or the "Lammys," as they are affectionately known—had another record breaking year with the announcement of the finalists. They were chosen from a record 818 submissions from 407 publishers. The winners will be announced at a gala ceremony on June 1, 2015, in New York City.

Research Grants/Awards

Congratulations to faculty and adjunct members who received research grants recently:


Zhou, Min. Faculty Fellowship, Centre for Global Studies, University of Victoria ($6,500).

A very enthusiastic congratulations to Min Zhou who was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure, effective July 1, 2015. See page 4 for an update on one of Min’s research projects and page 12 for his forthcoming publications.
Faculty Research Updates

Min Zhou
With helpful assistance from Hanning Wang (current MA student), I have completed two papers in my SSHRC-sponsored Insight Development grant project on recent anti-Japanese activism in China. In one paper we explore the social forces motivating Chinese students’ participation in anti-Japanese street demonstrations. From the literature on individuals’ motivations to participate in social movements, we identify four distinct approaches (structural, cultural, rational and emotional). They stress the role of interpersonal networks, collective identity, perceived efficacy and risks, and group-based anger in motivating individuals’ participation, respectively. Instead of viewing them as independent of one another, our study develops an integrative model that incorporates the four approaches. We argue that the factors emphasized by the four approaches are interrelated but do not assume equal status. Interpersonal networks, collective identity, perceived efficacy and risks, and group-based anger all directly influence participation motivations. Moreover, interpersonal networks and collective identity also influence participation motivations indirectly through shaping perceived efficacy and risks and group-based anger. We apply this model to the study of China’s recent nationwide anti-Japanese demonstrations. In 2014 we conducted a large-scale survey of 1458 university students in Beijing. Using this original dataset, we find the proposed integrative model effective in explaining university students’ motivations to participate in future anti-Japanese demonstrations.

Bill Carroll is enjoying a six-month sabbatical, now at the midway point. He reports that he has just finished a book manuscript from my study of cognitive praxis in transnational alternative policy groups. Some articles from the project are available at his new website: https://onlineacademiccommunity.uvic.ca/wcarroll/.

Recently, Bill’s article ‘Modes of cognitive praxis in transnational alternative policy groups’ was published in Globalizations. It can be accessed for free until 30 June 2015 at http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14747731.2014.1001231.

Bill is also serving as Programme Co-chair for the 2015 Society for Socialist Studies conference, which will take place in Ottawa, 2-5 June, as part of Congress. The SSS programme is at http://conferences.uvic.ca/index.php/sss/sss2015/schedConf/program.

Update on Collective Bargaining from the Faculty Association

After 9 months of very little progress in bargaining, the University Administration and the Faculty Association have finally begun to make some headway in forging our first collective agreement, with the help of a mediation officer appointed by the BC Labour Relations Board.

There is, however, still a lot of ground to cover still on monetary matters (salary, as well as study leave compensation). In addition, the parties remain far apart on some issues pertaining to fundamental rights of faculty and librarians, including the need to protect faculty member employment in the event of financial exigency or program closure, the right of the Association to grieve on behalf of its members, and the right of the Association to be meaningfully consulted when policy changes that will affect faculty and librarian employment are being considered.

Mediation is currently scheduled for six days in April. Further dates will be scheduled as required.
Undergraduate Rising Stars Awards

BOSS Update

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It’s often easy, especially at this time of year, to get so caught up in our own work that we forget to take note of all the amazing research happening within our department. There is so much diversity here, and on March 12, we had the opportunity to learn about other students’ research, as well as discuss the challenges that we face in undertaking that research. The Spring 2015 Sociology Graduate Colloquium was organized by Nick Graham with help from Kim Smith and Wrenna Robertson, and included presentations by 6 graduate students.

We hope to hold two student colloquia in the 2015/16 academic year. The first will be held in September, and will provide new and old students the opportunity to learn about the diverse research happening within the department. The second colloquium will be held in the spring, and will be an opportunity for students to gain experience presenting in a more formal fashion. Grad students preparing to present at a conference, or practicing for a thesis proposal or defense will be welcomed to present to student and faculty, and will have the opportunity to receive feedback on their work.

We hope to organize a committee to help with the tasks of organizing and planning the colloquia. If you are interested, please contact Nick, Wrenna, or Kim. We will begin to seek presenters in August, so if you are interested in sharing your research with others in an informal environment, look for a call-out towards the end of the summer.

Thanks so much to those who presented in this semester’s colloquium; Laurel Collins, Nick Graham, Robert Hlatky, Rebeccah Nelems, Wrenna Robertson and Kim Smith. And thanks to those grad students who attended and contributed to the riveting discussion.

Looking forward to seeing more of you out next time!

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Recent Graduates

Ph D completed:
Jean Philippe Sapinski – “Constructing Climate Capitalism: Corporate Power and the Global Climate Policy-Planning Network” (December 2014);
Bill Carroll – supervisor

Lois Stewart – “Understanding Declining Voter Turnout in Canada and Other Late-modern Capitalist Democracies: A Contemporary Analysis of T.H. Marshall’s Social Citizenship” (December 2014);
Helga Hallgrimsdottir – supervisor

MA Completed:
Rebecca Shrubb – “Canada has no History of Colonialism. Historical Amnesia: The Erasure of Indigenous Peoples from Canada’s History” (December 2014);
Bill Carroll – supervisor

Gaelle Nicolussi Rossi – “Attitude towards Inequality and Public Funding in Health Care: Investigating Religiosity in Eight Western Nations” (December 2014);
Doug Baer - supervisor

Upcoming Defense

Logan Macnair will defend his thesis, “Mourning 2.0: Experiences of Death, Bereavement and Memorialization on Facebook” on April 22 (1pm, Cornett A317). His supervisor is Steve Garlick.

Congratulations to Logan Macnair who has been accepted into the PhD program in Criminology at SFU. His supervisor will be Dr. Richard Frank. He will be working with SFU’s International Cybercrime Research Centre (ICCRC) to look into how terrorist activity (organizing, recruiting, administering propaganda) occurs across online spaces, particularly social media, by utilizing web-crawling programs that Dr. Frank has designed.

Congratulations to Rebeccah Nelems for being awarded the 2015/16 Canadian Federation of University Women’s Margaret Dale Philp Award. This $3500 award is for students doing graduate work in the humanities or social sciences.
How I was Drawn into Sociology—A Grad Student’s Reflections

I didn’t discover sociology within academic walls, but first through my work experience. After completing my Masters in social and political theory, I went to work for a human rights network. I was the one in the organization always asking what seemed like really basic questions, but which others were often too busy to ask: Why are we doing what we’re doing? Is this the best way to do it? How will we know if we’re successful? How can we improve what we’re doing? It was no surprise to anyone when four years later, I left to become an evaluator of projects, programs and organizations. I worked with a diversity of organizations to evaluate a wide range of projects, both local and international. Local projects included a youth gang prevention project, and a project addressing violence against multi-racialized and indigenous girls and women, while international work included a gender equality in politics project, a project aimed at reducing internet-enabled child sexual exploitation, and a livelihoods/anti-poverty project.

Being an evaluator of social change organizations/projects is a great job that involves a lot of (in my case, mostly qualitative) applied research. I was able to interview many different people, hear about their lives, observe their contexts, visit fascinating projects, and facilitate reflective conversations between groups. I was constantly learning and asking questions. I wasn’t interested in only using this information to look backwards at what had happened, but more so to use these insights to support organizations to strengthen what they were currently doing. This also allowed me to have critical conversations with them about the assumptions, beliefs and worldviews that underlie their approaches. I became particularly interested in participatory research. Traditionally, projects are evaluated based on the implementing organizations’ and funders’ priorities and objectives. I love nothing more than turning this model on its head, and first and foremost asking the beneficiaries and frontline staff directly what success feels/looks like for them, and then assessing the project on that basis also. I took a keen interest in youth engagement (and training organizations in youth engagement) using a wide range of participatory and arts-based approaches, as I was surprised that organizations don’t always take young people’s experiences, perspectives and priorities into full account when designing programs for them and allocating budgets.

Not having an academic background in Sociology, it took a number of years before I realized I was actually conducting a form of sociological research. Once I realized this, it was just a matter of time before I knew I’d come back to school for a PhD to get formal training and dig deeper not just on the questions organizations are wrestling with, but with my own questions. I’m now finishing my second year of my PhD in Sociology with a designation in Cultural, Social and Political Thought (CSPT), and I haven’t looked back. I will be conducting participatory research with youth on the topic of empathy. I love sociology because it will support me to conduct hands-on participatory and qualitative research. And I get to ask even bigger questions. Like what it all might mean about - and for - this social world of ours.

~Rebeccah Nelems

CW Mills Speaker Series

This year’s talk featured Dr. Adam Jones, a Professor in the Political Science department at UBC, Okanagan. Dr. Jones is the author and editor of several comprehensive books on genocide and the Executive Director of Gendercide Watch. His talk addressed the topic of genocide and structural violence and discussed the concept of a “genocidal continuum”. He provided personal stories and photos to supplement the interesting and thought-provoking presentation. The well attended talk concluded with a question and answer period and lively discussion.
Undergraduate Honours Program

The annual Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Awards (JCURA) poster presentations took place March 4, 2015. Two of this year’s Honours students, Zach Lewis and Renay Maurice were awarded a JCURA.

Zachary Lewis
Corporate Social Responsibility: An analysis of Goldcorp’s website discourse between 2006 and 2014

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is a prominent topic in academic research of corporations because it has become integral to their business operations. CSR is essentially the concept of a corporation being responsible in terms of their business practices from an ethical standpoint. This study will examine how CSR in the mining corporation Goldcorp’s CSR content has changed between 2006 and 2014. The focus of this analysis will be to observe how Goldcorp frames themselves in terms of CSR, and so the image or identity they project. Many academic researchers have alluded to CSR being used as a reputation management tool, that it is created in response to scrutiny and negative events in order to mitigate or manage reputational damage. This research will examine Goldcorp as a case study and evaluate these claims and understand the motivation and meaning underlying this content. To do this, a multi-modal analysis, which combines semiotic and content analysis, will be employed to determine how Goldcorp uses discourse and images to project an image of themselves and how that image has changed.

Renay Maurice
Internationalizing the University of Victoria: A Phenomenological Study of Faculty Instructor and Graduate Students’ Motivations, Actions, and Experiences

Taking a phenomenological approach, this study delves into internationalization: the phenomenon of institutional internationalization is defined in the literature as “the addition of international, intercultural, and global elements into the policies, curriculum, and service functions of the university” (Knight, 2004 p. 11). Employing qualitative methods: including in-depth interviews, thick description, researcher reflexivity, and narrative analysis, this study explores participants’ and researcher’s perspectives on internationalization. Participants were chosen from a diverse population of faculty members, instructors, and graduate students from various disciplines. This research seeks to understand the phenomenon of internationalization by asking faculty, instructors, and graduate students: “What is it like to do internationalization? What are the benefits and challenges for the campus community? Why does internationalization matter at UVic? What affects did the process have on you, your students and your work?” Further this study addresses a gap in knowledge with regard to faculty, instructors, and graduate students motivations, actions and experiences with internationalization at UVic.

On March 24, the department’s 7th Annual Honours Research Symposium was held. This event showcased the important and diverse research from this year’s seven Honours students, who each had under 10 minutes to present their work.

Leila Mazhari - Pursuit of Happiness: The Effects of Social Involvement in Civic Participation (Min Zhou supervisor)
Michaela Smith - Diversity and Discretion: A Mixed Methods Exploration of Sex Workers’ Experiences with Police Officers in Victoria, BC (Cecilia Benoit)
Elisha Rothfels - The Philosophy of Autonomy in Assisted Living: An Integrative Literature Review (Neena Chappell)
Zoe Yunker – Powerful Emotions: Climate change Denial in Conversation (Bill Carroll)
Zachary Lewis—Corporate Social Responsibility: An analysis of Goldcorp’s website discourse between 2006 and 2014 (Garry Gray)
Chunteng Xiao – A Phenomenological Research on the Experience of Chinese International Students in Canada (André Smith)
Renay Maurice—Internationalizing the University of Victoria: A Phenomenological Study of Faculty Instructor and Graduate Students’ Motivations, Actions, and Experiences (André Smith)
Learn more about the Honours Program

The Sociology honours program offers dedicated undergraduate students the opportunity to engage in original, innovative, cutting-edge research under the supervision of a full-time faculty member. The program provides a high level of training in critical reading, writing, and thinking.

The Honors representatives on the current BOSS executive, Leila Mazhari and Zach Lewis are hosting an information session about the program on Thursday (April 2) from 5-6 pm in the Grad Lounge. Zach and Leila are just finishing up their program and are happy to speak to others about the experience. If you are thinking of possibly becoming an Honours student in the fall, come on out and have your questions answered!

If you can’t make the talk, you can also obtain information by contacting André Smith, Honours Advisor, at apsmith@uvic.ca or (250) 721-7583.

Undergraduate Rising Stars

Third and fourth year social sciences students who have been awarded scholarships in 2014/15 were celebrated at the Annual Rising Stars event in January, hosted by the Faculty of Social Sciences. Numerous department staff and faculty members attended the event to support the students. Students pictured to the right are Elisha Rothfels, Heather Haukioja and Jill Wedel. Congratulations to all of the Sociology Rising Stars!

BOSS Update

Over the 2014/15 academic year, the Sociology undergrad course union, Bureau of Sociology Students (BOSS) has experienced a tremendous increase in membership, which we are very excited about. From this, we managed to organize and execute a number of helpful events. These included paper writing workshops, graduate school info session, study sessions for 100 and 200 level courses, and a fundraising campaign for local shelters, Out of the Rain Youth Shelter and Women’s Transition House. The increase in our numbers also enabled us to offer a new position; Community Outreach Co-ordinator!

For social events, we organized two social (club) nights (one each semester) which happened halfway through the semester. Also, in the fall we organized an event to Galeys Farm Corn Maze and an ice skating study break.

BOSS meets regularly on Mondays at 3:30 in Cornett A225. On March 23, we held our Annual General Meeting. Congratulations to all the new executive members of BOSS who will be active in their positions starting in the fall. They are as follows:

President: Katrina Kelly
Vice President: Alicia Cattermole
Treasurer: Nathan Michael
Faculty Liaison: Hannah Furness
Communications Director: Mikaiya Austin
Social Media Director: Stephanie Formosa
Academic Events Coordinator: Patrick Teichreb
Community Outreach Coordinators: Delaney McCartan and Alicia Cattermole

We would like to thank all of the executive members graduating this spring, who have done a fantastic job in their positions this year. We look forward to any new members joining in the fall as there are additional executive positions available.

We wish you all a great summer! See you in the fall!
Summer Course Offerings

The following undergraduate courses are being offered this summer:

100A: Introduction to Sociology: Culture and Socialization  (May 11—June 3), Don Fetherston
100B: Introduction to Sociology: Institutions and Social Change  (June 4—June 26), Don Fetherston
103: Canadian Society  (July 6—August 21), Simon Carroll
210: Foundations of Sociological Theory (May 11—June 26), Simon Carroll
305B: Families and Social Change (July 6—Aug 21), Jacqueline Quinless
306: Crime and Deviance (May 11—June 26), Blair Wilkinson
309: Modern Social Theory (July 6 —Aug 21), Singh Bolaria
310: Religion in Society  (May 11—June 26), Andrew Wender
320: Mass Media and Popular Culture (July 6 – Aug 21), Simon Carroll
345: Sociology of Mental Health (July 6—Aug 21), Christoph Schimmele
412: Sociological Explanations (May 11—June 26), Dan Lett

Calling all Alumni

Since UVic was founded, 108,594 people have graduated from the university. UVic’s Alumni Association works hard to keep track of former grads. As of October 2013, the Association reported the following data:

- Total alumni with current addresses on file: 76,905
- UVic alumni who reside in British Columbia: 61,444
- UVic alumni who reside in Canada: 72,142
- UVic alumni who reside outside of Canada: 4,763

We would love to hear from you! If you are an undergrad, MA or PhD grad from the Sociology department, drop us a line and tell us how you are doing and what you are up to now! Please email: rkampen@uvic.ca or you can contact the Alumni Association directly via alumni@uvic.ca.

Recent Alumni

Adrian Wheeler  (BA, 2014) has worked as a Technology Support Analyst for the Island Medical Program since the Fall of 2014. The IMP is part of UBC’s distributed medical program and as such relies heavily on videoconferencing and other communication technologies to deliver lectures, labs, etc. to campuses throughout B.C. His primary role is to provide technical support, maintenance and training for professors and students in the use of these technologies in the Victoria location.

In addition, Adrian is an avid photographer. His work has been published in three editions of Torch Magazine, on UVic’s website and Facebook page, as well as UVic’s Social Science website. In addition, he has done corporate portraits and advertisement work for several companies and continues to do one on one portrait shoots and sell prints of his landscape work. Adrian’s work will be featured by a local gallery, Art Atelier 546, stating April 18th.

Adrian states, “photography has given me a creative release during my time at UVic while it simultaneously helped pay for my education.” His online portfolio is at https://www.flickr.com/redarmada/ while images taken at UVic are in this album: https://www.flickr.com/photos/redarmada/sets/72157645226823248/
Katelin Albert (formerly Bowes) graduated with her MA from this department in Spring of 2011. She is currently in her fourth year and doctoral candidacy at the University of Toronto, in Sociology. At present, she is engaged in fieldwork and data collection for her SSRHC funded dissertation titled, “Technologies of sexuality: A school based ethnography of the HPV vaccine in Toronto, Canada.”

Katelin has been actively presenting her research at the meetings for the Canadian Sociological Association, Sociologists for Women and Society, as well as papers at the American Sociological Association’s meetings and the Society for the Study of Social Problems. She has two recent solo-authored publications. The first in The Canadian Journal of Sociology titled, “Erasing the social from social science: The intellectual costs of boundary-work and the Canadian Institute of Health Research,” based on the data she collected during her MA at UVic. The second in The American Sociologist titled, “Towards a New Normal: Emergent Elites and Feminist Scholarship,” written as part of an invited ASA author-meets-critic dialogue with Neil Gross, Eleanor Townsley, and Peter Baehr on Stephen Turner’s new book American Sociology: From Pre-disciplinary to Post-Normal. This August, Katelin will be studying in Chicago as part of a seminar on the Philosophy of the Social Sciences with Dr. Philip Gorski, Dr. George Steinmetz, Dr. Douglas Porpora, and Dr. Margarita Mooney.

On a personal note: Hello to everyone: friends, faculty, and the amazing office administrators from the department. I hope to catch up with you soon! My email is katelin.albert@mail.utoronto.ca

Flavia Yanase (MA, 2012) When I started my degree at UVIC it was the first time for me to study overseas. Being Japanese Brazilian, English was my third language so graduating was a great accomplishment for me. After graduating I started work at Dentsu Inc. (at the Tokyo HQ), which is an advertisement company with more than 300 branches in every imaginable country. I am in charge of the outbound advertisements to the Americas, Middle East and Africa, where I have the opportunity to speak Japanese, English and Portuguese with our teams around the world.

It might sound super exciting, however at the beginning I thought “I was selling my soul to big corporations that destroy people’s life” (quoted from Jeff Doctor, MA student/good friend). Now that I have been working for more than 2 years, I feel that ads can have both positive and/or negative influence on people’s life. While at university I studied a lot about immigration and inequality as I wanted to understand why there are people with less opportunity than others. Now I am looking for people’s commonalities; a universal language that is commonly understood by people from different backgrounds and social classes. – like helping create a Thai commercial that makes people cry and laugh even though if they don’t speak Thai.

Most of my day is spent counting TV commercials, planning an advertisement campaign and often having the campaign or commercial being rejected by clients. However, if I feel we have connected people through a universal language, it is all worth it! My experience at UVIC is still living inside me, through the way I perceive the world, how I talk to people and specially when I analyze and work with data!

Rebecca Morris (MA, 2012) has been working at the Alzheimer Society of B.C. for the past three years. While in the department, Rebecca worked under the supervision of Dr. Karen Kobayashi, and credits the department’s expertise in health and aging for preparing her for the work she is doing now, “strong mentorship, opportunities to engage in research and course work relevant to older adults, readied me to work for, and with, people with dementia and their caregivers.”

Rebecca is currently an Advocacy Analyst with the Society, responsible for guiding the implementation of the Dementia-Friendly Communities initiative in B.C. In September of last year Rebecca was among the young Canadian innovators invited by British High Commission in Ottawa to share ideas to support the ongoing work of the World Dementia Council and to create a sustainable global network which will continue to address the challenges presented by dementia.
Recent Publications

Faculty, adjunct professor, sessional instructor and (former) graduate student names are highlighted


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Books:


Book Chapters:


Presentations (Conference Papers/Invited/Guest Speaker/Posters)


Benoit, C. Sex industry: Oppression or empowerment? Graduate Colloquium Department of Anthropology, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, November 17, 2014


Roland, K., & Chappell, N.L., A comparison of caregiving outcomes in Parkinson’s Disease and Parkinson’s Disease Dementia. Poster. 12th International Conference on Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s Diseases, Nice, France, March, 2015.


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Opening Soon: CARSA

UVic’s Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities (CARSA) will provide world-class training and learning facilities for all community members, with access to athletics and recreation resources as well as specific services and research programs. It is located along Gabriola Road near the McKinnon Building, the new centre will house the UVic Vikes sports and recreation programs, as well as offices, labs and a machine shop for UVic’s CanAssist, with customized technologies, programs and services for people living with disabilities.

CARSA will be an inclusive, one-of-a-kind facility. It will be a home of champions, a resource for the wider community and a place where aspirations can be transformed into achievements. It is also targeted to achieve the LEED gold standard.

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