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Professor of Sociology and Criminology Nominated for Berkshire Prize

Dr. Val Marie Johnson, a professor in the Department of Sociology & Criminology at Saint Mary's University, has been nominated for the 2005 Berkshire Article Prize. The prestigious award, which is presented annually by the Berkshire Conference of Women's Historians, recognizes an outstanding article in history published by a woman residing in North America.

The Journal of Urban History nominated Dr. Johnson for her paper, "Protection, Virtue, and the power to detain: the Moral Citizenship of Jewish Women in New York City, 1890-1920." Published by the journal in July 2005, it examines why and how anxiety about Jewish immigration to New York City was expressed through exotic stories of gendered and sexualized danger.

Johnson said that she is honoured to be nominated for such a highly regarded award. "For a relatively new scholar, this is very exciting," she added.

Her article investigates how native-born Jewish and Gentile women used protective work with immigrants and ideas about race and sexual danger as strategies to produce female citizenship.

"Women could invent moral and racialized hierarchies among women because of the unequal power relations among reformers and immigrants," she said. "Their activities confirm scholarship that has analyzed the history of white and racially 'in between' identities, power struggles among women, and the regulation and citizenship of women in cities and within and between nations."

Explained Johnson, "Analyzing the creation of urban citizens through the diversity of participants in moral reform movements and work with immigrants moves our understanding of city-and-nation-building beyond the development of traditionally conceived infrastructures, policies and systems of governance."

The Berkshire Article Prize carries a cash award of \$500 and is awarded in early summer.



On January 4, 2006, the United Way of Halifax Region presented Saint Mary's University with the prestigious Quantum Leap Award. The Award recognizes organizations that have achieved an increase in total dollars raised of more than 24% over the previous year. Left to right: Shelley Hessian, Manager, Programs and Training, Saint Mary's University Business Development Centre (SMUDBC); Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's; Michelle Filimon, Campaign Manager, United Way of Halifax Region; and Emma Martin, Project Coordinator, SMUDBC.

Saint Mary's Industry Liaison Office Launches Seminar Series Related to Research and Commercialization



Left to right: Gina Funicelli, Industry Liaison Officer, Saint Mary's University; Jennifer Pinks, Industry Liaison Coordinator, Saint Mary's; Tony Purchase, Development Officer, ACOA; Jennifer Raoul, Associate and Technical Advisor, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP; and Kathleen Marsman, Partner and Patent Agent, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP

On the occasion of its one-year anniversary, the Saint Mary's University Industry Liaison Office (ILO) has launched a new seminar series focusing on research and commercialization.

Held on February 2, 2006 in the Sobey Lounge, the launch event attracted numerous faculty and staff of Saint Mary's and Mount Saint Vincent University in addition to representatives from the public and private sectors. The new seminar series will focus on Research and Commercialization in the areas of Intellectual Property, Contract Management, Science & Entrepreneurship, and Lab-to-Market.

The first seminar, "Managing Intellectual Property," featured Dr. Kathleen E. Marsman, Partner and Patent Agent; and Dr. Jennifer M. Raoul, Associate and Technical Advisor, both of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Ottawa. The interactive presentation addressed a diverse range of patent-related issues that are particularly relevant to university researchers.

The ILO, which formally opened its doors in January 2005, was established via the University's Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Office. It is directly supported by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) and NSERC, and is also a member of Springboard Atlantic INC., an organization which links university research (14 universities and colleges in total) with the private sector in Atlantic Canada.

Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's, said that the ILO plays a key role in boosting our regional economic capacity.

"This is one area of our University that promotes working together – government, universities and the private sector – in bringing research and development from the academic setting to the marketplace, thus creating win-win opportunities for researchers and entrepreneurs. The new seminar series being offered through the ILO is yet another step in helping accelerate the transfer of technology and knowledge from our University to commercial ventures in the region."

Dr. Kevin Vessey, Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, noted that the ILO is helping Saint Mary's maximize research capacity through partnerships with the private sector.

"The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research is proud to support the initiatives of the ILO," added Vessey. "By addressing important industry-related topics, this new seminar series adds an exciting dimension to the ILO's activities"

The ILO at Saint Mary's is also responsible for ILO activities at Mount Saint Vincent University where it works in association with the university's Associate Vice-President, Research, Dr. Anthony Davis.

The ILO at Saint Mary's serves as a service provider to facilitate collaborative research, development and commercialization activities with commercial and non-commercial partners who have a vested interest in the practical applications of this research. This area also works to

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Maximizing Potential: Life After a Brain Injury

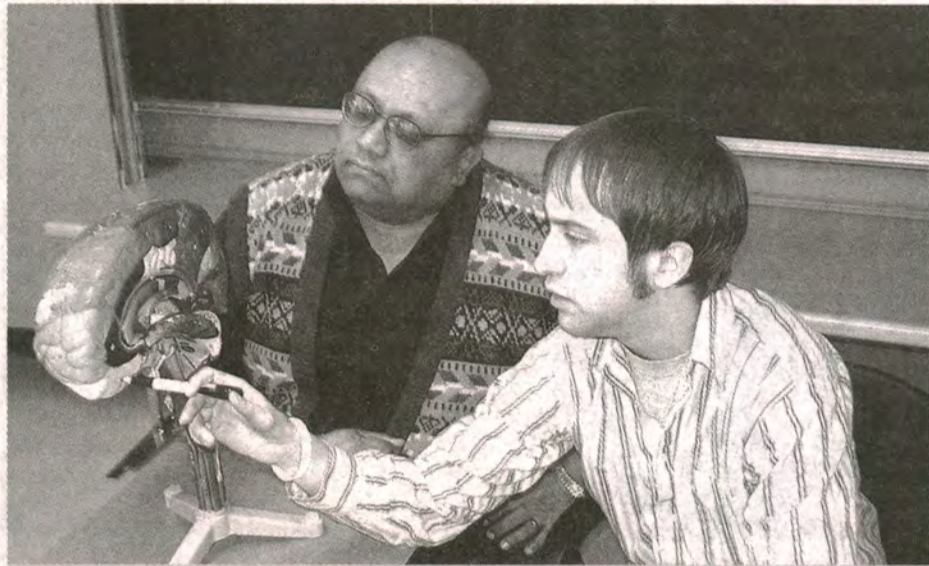
The Brain Injury Association of Nova Scotia (BIANS) has selected a Saint Mary's University student to help establish how new and effective rehabilitative services for survivors of traumatic brain injuries (TBI) in Nova Scotia can be developed.

Andrew Comstock, an undergraduate psychology major (Honours), has been awarded \$20,000 from BIANS. Comstock will spend the next year working with the organization to address rehabilitative services with an emphasis on the employability of survivors of TBI.

BIANS received a \$78,000 grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Health, and selected Comstock from several candidates to join their team as a researcher over the course of the next year. His work with BIANS will also be utilized in his thesis study which he intends to complete this year.

"The first order of business in this project is to obtain a comprehensive needs assessment for services in Nova Scotia, with input from survivors, families and support caregivers from every corner of Nova Scotia," said Comstock.

"This will involve creation of a survey that assesses service use and need in our province. Where I come in is with the research aspect behind the creation of this tool. I will review national and provincial records, statistical data, documents, reports, journal articles and the like, which will reveal to us what the best rehabilitation services are in North America and those that are most needed in Nova Scotia."



Psychology student Andrew Comstock (right) examines a brain model with his thesis advisor, Professor Faizal Junus. Comstock will spend the next year working with the Brain Injury of Nova Scotia (BIANS).

Comstock became interested in the study of TBI in 2004 while doing volunteer work as a partial requirement for a psychology course focusing on disabilities. Volunteering at Aiseirigh House in Halifax, a transitional home for survivors of TBI, Comstock worked with a male TBI survivor who made a particular impact on him.

Said Comstock, "He had acquired a traumatic brain injury at around the same age as I was at the time. I found myself relating to this man in several ways, and I began to imagine how tragic the situation must be for him and his family, as I could envision the impact it would have had on my life and my family. What does the future hold for him? How can we maximize his post-injury potential or the potential abilities of any TBI survivor?"

Through research that he has been conducting over the past two years with Prof. Faizal Junus, Comstock has come to realize that much more research is needed in the area of TBI.

Junus, who is Comstock's thesis advisor, is an experienced researcher, clinician, and professor in the area of TBI and disabilities. The Saint Mary's psychology professor's research examines not only the survivor, but the caregiver as well. In 2005, a study conducted by Junus and another Saint Mary's undergraduate honours student, Crystal Redden, found that the well-being and possible rehabilitative gains for individuals with TBI are partially related to the well-being of their primary caregiver.

"Through the project with BIANS, and also through my own thesis work, we will be able to identify necessary services for rehabilitation in our province," said Comstock. "Specifically, we can determine what works and what needs to be done to maximize the potential rehabilitation of anyone in our province who sustains a TBI."

He added, "With my thesis, predictors of well-being for primary caregivers of survivors of TBI will hopefully be identified. With these predictors, we can possibly identify the best ways for caregivers to cope with the inherent stresses that come from caring for an individual with a TBI. As a result, they will be able to provide the best level of care to maximize survivor rehabilitation."

Anyone who is currently a primary caregiver for a person with a traumatic brain injury in Nova Scotia and would like to participate in Comstock's thesis study (i.e. filling out a questionnaire) can contact him via email at andrew.comstock@smu.ca or by calling 902.229.0599.

Scholarship Reception Honours Students and Supporters

On January 18, 2006, students, faculty, staff and friends of Saint Mary's University gathered to celebrate the academic achievements of more than one hundred outstanding graduate students. Held in the Loyola Conference Hall, the President's Scholarship Reception and Ceremony for the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research was attended by some of the University's key benefactors in addition to the students who benefit from their scholarship support.



Dr. Kevin Vessey, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (far left) pauses for a photograph with graduate students Margaret McKee and James Grant. Both McKee and Grant are recipients of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Doctoral Fellowships valued at \$20,000 per annum for 24 months.

"Today's event brings together benefactors who have invested their time and resources in the University, and students who will someday write new chapters in the history of Saint Mary's," said Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's.

"As the University attracts extremely qualified students and seeks new ways to ensure that Saint Mary's remains accessible, scholarship support is critical. For this reason, the University wishes to express its heartfelt appreciation to the individuals, corporations, and foundations that are investing in today's and tomorrow's students," added Dodds.

Dr. Terry Murphy, Vice-President, Academic and Research, served as the Master of Ceremonies, while Rev. Con Mulvihill offered an opening prayer before ceremony began. Dr. Kevin Vessey, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research; Dr. Esther Enns, Dean of Arts; Dr. Gordon Fullerton, Associate Dean of Commerce; and Dr. Rob Singer, Chemistry Department; presented the graduate students with their certificates.

Saint Mary's has awarded almost 100 graduate students with scholarships for the 2005-2006 year. The University now offers well over \$3 million in scholarships annually to students at the graduate and undergraduate levels of study. The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research at Saint Mary's University currently offers 14 Masters programs and three PhD programs.

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- Ines Rei: Gorsebrook Graduate Research Fellowship
- Jody Crawford: Kenneth. W.J. Butler MBA Fellowship
- Jennifer Crawford and Ines Rei: Donald Higgins Memorial Scholarship
- Yu Sui: Saint Mary's University MBA Scholarship
- Tomomi Watanabe: Father Burke-Gaffney Memorial Scholarship
- Jonathan Ramsey: John Despard DeBlois Scholarship
- Jessica Chubb: Yasmin Meherally Research Scholarship for International Women
- Yu Sui: Hak Tang Chan Memorial Bursary
- Anthony Yue: Bernard Kline Memorial Bursary
- Katie Roebathan: Mahon's Stationery Limited Scholarship
- Browren Allard: Raymond W. Ferguson Bursary
- Joann Lawless: Gary W. Richardson Memorial Commerce Bursary
- Carmen Crinjala: Hoffman Schwind MBA Scholarship
- Heather Strickey: Mary Jackson Hinch and Joseph Hinch Research Award
- Yu Lu: Ronald Wong MBA Fellowship
- Jinyan Miao: Dover Trustco Limited MBA Bursary
- Atul Jain: Royal LePage MBA Scholarship
- Samuel Nishikanth: Pendse Award
- Punnet Malik: TD Bank Financial Group MBA Award
- Lianne LaGuff, Laura Black, Sonya Melbyk, Jonathan White, Zoe Nudell, Jane Gavin-Hebert, John Cummings, and Timothy Harris: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
- Margaret McKee and James Grant: Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
- Joel Tanner and Kevin Murphy: Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Post-Graduate Scholarship - Masters
- Catherine Lovekin: Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Post-Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral
- Leslie Corning and Colin Garroway: Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Canada Graduate Scholarship for Masters Students
- Lynne Henderson, Kathleen Gould, Yanan Liang, and Tomomi Watanabe: Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Research Capacity Development
- Matthew Prosser and Sarah Crown: Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation Student Research Awards

Congratulations to all. For more information on recipients, contact the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research Office at 902.420.5089. For information on scholarships, bursaries and fellowships, visit the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research online at www.fgsr.smu.ca.

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Partnership Provides MBA Students With Real-World Consulting Experience

Thanks to a partnership with the Canadian Executive Service Organization (CESO), four MBA students enrolled in the Sobey School of Business are acquiring valuable real-world business experience. From February 20 - 24, 2006, Mary Lawless, Thomas Goldie, Jody Crawford and Jennifer Chang will work with the Eskasoni First Nation in Cape Breton to develop a business plan for a community owned and operated office cleaning supplies/janitorial enterprise. The students will work directly with the Eskasoni Council and the community's Economic Development Officer to develop a comprehensive business plan that will be used as a basis for funding applications.

Goldie, who will graduate from the Sobey MBA program this spring, explained the appeal of the CESO program from a student's perspective. "I see the CESO program as a unique opportunity to apply knowledge learned in the classroom to a real-life situation," said Goldie. "It is an opportunity not only to gain practical experience in real business, but also to see some of the issues facing the community of Eskasoni. This is a chance for students to give back to the community and experience another culture....all while earning credit toward degree completion. I am really looking forward to participating in the project."

Brian Smith, Atlantic Regional Manager of CESO, explained that the organization's longstanding relationship with the Royal Bank of Canada has made it possible to offer practical hands-on consulting experience to teams of MBA students across Canada including those from Saint Mary's.

Said Smith, "The students are given an excellent opportunity to apply what they have learned in the classroom to a real-life business situation, and can hopefully take away a new understanding of a culture that may be different from their own."

The CESO MBA program was established in 1994 with the Royal Bank of Canada as its sole corporate sponsor. The program is designed to serve as an academic exercise toward the student's course credit by combining the dual elements of an academic exercise with a real business or community need.

Saint Mary's first became involved with the program in 1996 when students participated in a CESO-led project with the Indian Brook First Nation.

Sobey MBA student **Serena Mortlock** participated in a 2005 project to develop a business plan for a new hockey arena in the Millbrook First Nation. Said Mortlock, "I applied to take part in the CESO project last year because it was a great opportunity to get out of the classroom setting and get some hands-on experience while under the guidance of someone with a great deal of 'real world' experience."

The University team and the Aboriginal Host Community develop a work plan that fulfills both the client's needs and those of the MBA course. An experienced CESO Volunteer Advisor (VA) is assigned to each team to serve as mentor, advisor and supervisor throughout the duration of the project. The timing of the program and individual teamwork coincides with the school calendar year.

Mortlock said that she would not hesitate to recommend the CESO experience to future MBA students. "As MBA students, we often get caught up in our day to day assignments and projects that have no real bearing on the communities we live in. I would definitely recommend the CESO project to future MBA students because it truly is a great opportunity to get out there and get your feet wet applying the theory and skills that we learn in the classroom. It really helps put things in to perspective beyond the one or two years spent learning models and theories, by actually letting you see how they can be used and applied in the outside world."

CESO is a not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization providing economic development expertise to Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians and clients in 11 countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America and six emerging market economies in Central and Eastern Europe. It does so through its talent bank of approximately 3,200 distinguished Volunteer Advisers (VAs), all of whom are highly experienced in their professions or careers and serve as mentors, advisors and trainers to client-partners at home and abroad.

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foster joint research initiatives so that it can provide more opportunities to market and license technologies to industry and entrepreneurs, meet and work with external partners, and offer support to start-up companies based on technologies researched and developed at Saint Mary's University.

For more information on the ILO and the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, please visit <http://fgsr.smu.ca>.

Industry Liaison Seminar Series

Venues to be confirmed. For full details, contact the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research at 902.420.5089

Managing Intellectual Property

Presenters: Jennifer Raoul & Kathleen Marsman, Patent Agents, Borden Ladner Gervais LLP, Ottawa

Date: Thursday, February 2, 2006
Time: 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Designing Research Contracts

Presenter: Jennifer Gray, Associate, McInnes Cooper, Halifax

Date: Friday, February 17, 2006
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Lab to Market

Presenter: Dr. Abdullah Kirumira, President & CEO of Biomedica Diagnostics Inc., Windsor

Date: Monday, March 6, 2006
Time: 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Science and Entrepreneurship

Presenter: Jason Wan, Business Planning Consultant, Center for Entrepreneurship, Education and Development (CEED), Halifax

Date: Friday, March 24, 2006
Time: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Lecture and Essay Explore Subject of Patient Zero

An essay by Robin Metcalfe, Director/Curator of the Saint Mary's University Art Gallery, has been published in a new anthology on contemporary Canadian photography. The essay, entitled "Light in the Loafers: The Gaynor Photographs of Gaëtan Dugas and the Invention of Patient Zero" is included in *Image and Inscription: An Anthology of Contemporary Canadian Photography*. Edited by Halifax artist and teacher, Robert Bean, the book was launched at a special reception in the University Art Gallery on January 26, 2006.

Metcalfe's essay served as the basis for a public lecture which took place immediately prior to the launch event, attracting a diverse audience of students, faculty, staff, and members of the local and national arts communities.



Robin Metcalfe, Director and Curator of the Saint Mary's University Art Gallery, recently gave the public lecture, "Light in the Loafers: The Gaynor Photographs of Gaëtan Dugas and the Invention of Patient Zero." The lecture was based on Metcalfe's essay of the same name which is included in *Image and Inscription: An Anthology of Contemporary Canadian Photography*.

"One summer day at the start of the 1980s, two Halifax acquaintances met by a lakeshore in Toronto," writes Metcalfe. "One had a camera; the other wanted to have his picture taken, so he posed for his friend in a swing. Half a decade later, one of the images that [Halifax graphic designer] Rand Gaynor recorded with his camera entered the popular imagination worldwide as an icon of the AIDS crisis."

American journalist Randy Shilts, in his best-selling 1987 exposé, *And the Band Played On: Politics, People and the AIDS Epidemic*, popularised the notion that Dugas was the "Patient Zero" of AIDS. Although the term originated simply as a statistical marker among epidemiologists, it engendered the myth that Dugas had infected North America with AIDS. In a visual analysis of the photograph, Metcalfe compared it with the most famous image of a swing in Western art, a 1767 painting by the French Rococo artist Jean Honoré Fragonard. The comparison throws light on prevailing cultural understandings of sexuality and gender.

Image and Inscription: An Anthology of Contemporary Canadian Photography demonstrates the broad spectrum of photo-based work in Canada and contextualizes that work with informative

essays. Published to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Toronto's Gallery 44 as an artist-run centre, it brings together in one lavishly illustrated volume a wealth of different artistic practices and critical perspectives in the form of essays and artist's pageworks. Dealing exclusively with the work of Canadian artists, the book is geared to artists, students, curators, critics and anyone interested in contemporary art. *Image and Inscription* is co-published with YYZ Books and distributed by Literary Press Group.

The book is comprised of ten essays and ten artists' projects conceived or adapted to the page. In addition to essays by Metcalfe and Bean, it includes a project by Halifax artist Cathy Busby who recently exhibited related work at the Saint Mary's University Art Gallery.

Copies of *Image and Inscription: An Anthology of Contemporary Canadian Photography* can be purchased at the Saint Mary's University Art Gallery. For additional information, please contact the Gallery at 902.420.5445 or e-mail gallery@smu.ca.



Students from the Sobey School of Business participated in the John Molson MBA International Case Competition in early January 2006. Held in Montreal, the competition is the first, largest and most respected MBA case competition in the world. The Sobey MBA Team consisted of (left to right) Ram Kumar, Sarah MacLellan, Derek Cann, and Joann Lawless. Dr. David Wicks (far right), Acting Dean of Commerce, served as team coach.

SIBER discusses Agreement with Saint Mary's University

(English adoption with the assistance of Mr. Jayawant Lingras)

Kolhapur, Dated 10th: Mr. Denis Leclaire and Dr. Pawan Lingras from Saint Mary's University, Canada discussed curriculum exchange with students and professors from Shahu Institute (SIBER) here.

In addition, they told the reporters that a process of establishing an educational agreement with SIBER is underway.

They mentioned that students from SIBER could have an opportunity to take education in Canada and enhance their job potential, "Discussions are underway to enable students from this institute to do part

of their education in Canada (and vice versa). Under such an exchange agreement, students only need to pay for their room, board, and travel. This will make it possible for students to further their academic career through an international educational experience. Saint Mary's University is 200 years old. Currently, the University hosts eight thousand students from various countries. However, since the number of students from India is relatively low, the University wishes to strike agreements with high quality educational institutes such as SIBER.



Denis Leclaire, Director, International Activities, stands with a group of students from the Shahu Institute of Business Education and Research (SIBER) in Kolhapur. The students drew the rangoli, a vibrant pattern that is drawn using powder of white stones combined with various colours, to welcome the Saint Mary's delegation.

Partnership With Saint Mary's Earns Attention of International Media

An educational agreement between Saint Mary's University and India's Chhatrapati Shahu Central Institute of Business Education and Research, better known as SIBER, has received extensive coverage by media abroad. In December 2005, Denis Leclaire, Director, International Activities, Saint Mary's and Dr. Pawan Lingras, Chair, Mathematics & Computing Science, traveled to Kolhapur, India to explore partnership opportunities between the two institutions.

Located in the state of Maharashtra, SIBER is one of India's most prestigious post-graduate institutions. In addition to a Master of Business Administration and Master of Computer Applications, it offers both Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy programs in Commerce & Management, Social Work, and Sociology.

While in the historic city of Kolhapur, Leclaire and Lingras were interviewed at a news conference which was attended by local television reporters and three Marathi-language newspapers, *the Lokmat*, *the Sakal*, and *the Pudhari*.

Top Right: The English translation of an article that appeared in the *Daily Sakal* on December 11, 2005, followed (*below*) by the *Marathi* as originally published. Similar articles appeared in the *Daily Pudhari* and the *Tarun Bharat*.

दैनिक सकाळ, ११ डिसेंबर २००५

सेंट मेरीज विद्यापीठाशी सायबरची कराराबाबत चर्चा

कोल्हापूर ता. १०: कॅनडातील सेंट मेरीज विद्यापीठाचे डेनिस लेक्लेर व पवन लिंगस यांनी येथील शाहू इन्स्टिट्यूट संस्थेतील (सायबर) विद्यार्थी, प्राध्यापक यांच्याबरोबर अभ्यासक्रमांच्या देवाण-घेवाणीसंदर्भात चर्चा केली.

तसेच यासंदर्भात सायबरशी शैक्षणिक करार करण्याची प्रक्रिया सुरू असल्याचे पत्रकारांना सांगितले.

सायबरमधील विद्यार्थ्यांना कॅनडात शिक्षणासाठी, तसेच नोकरीसाठी चांगल्या संधी उपलब्ध असल्याचे सांगून ते म्हणाले, "या संस्थेतील विद्यार्थ्यांना सेंट मेरीज विद्यापीठात व तेथील विद्यार्थ्यांना

सायबरमध्ये पदवी अभ्यासक्रमाचे शिक्षण घेता येईल, यासंदर्भात चर्चा सुरू आहे. येथील विद्यार्थ्यांना तेथे फक्त जेवण, राहणे, व जाण्यायेण्याचा खर्च होईल. त्यातच विद्यार्थ्यांना आंतरराष्ट्रीय दर्जाची पदवी घेऊन प्रगती साधता येईल. सेंट मेरीज विद्यापीठाची स्थापना दोनशे वर्षापूर्वीची आहे. सध्या विद्यापीठात वेगवेगळ्या देशांतील आठ हजार विद्यार्थी पदवीचे शिक्षण घेत आहे; मात्र यात भारतीय विद्यार्थ्यांची संख्या कमी असल्याने विद्यापीठ सायबरसारख्या नामांकित शिक्षण संस्थांशी शैक्षणिक करार करू इच्छित आहे."

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कॅनडाच्या सेंट मेरी विद्यापीठाचा लवकरच सायबर बरोबर करार

तरुण भारत, रविवार, ११ डिसेंबर २००५

निर्मितीकाम संशोधनासाठी सायबरच्या विद्यार्थ्यांना कॅनडात शिक्षणाची संधी

Saint Mary's Welcomes Mongolian Geologists

Saint Mary's is playing a key role in the advancement of the Mongolian mining industry. In January 2006, the University welcomed Yondon Majigsuren and Sanjaa Myagmarsuren, two geologists from the Mongolian University of Science and Technology (MUST). Majigsuren and Myagmarsuren will be on campus until mid-February to work on the development of conference presentations and new lab learning materials for their institution. The visit is sponsored by the University Partnership in Cooperation and Development (UPCD) Tier 2 Project, Education for Environmental Transition: Mining in Mongolia.

Funded by the Canadian International Development Agency, the project commenced in April 2004 and will continue through September 2010. Dr. Jaroslav Dostal, Project Director, Saint Mary's, explained that the goal of the initiative is to strengthen technical and managerial capacity of those engaged in the Mongolian mining industry, thereby enabling them to carry out mining activities in an environmentally and economically sustainable manner.

Said Dostal, "The mining industry in Mongolia is expanding rapidly. This project will help build practical, scientifically sound, and socially acceptable approaches to sustainable management of this growing sector."

Saint Mary's is working with MUST to develop interdisciplinary programs which link the geological sciences to environmental management. Through improved academic programming, applied research capacity, and focused community outreach strategies, MUST will serve as an intermediary between Mongolian communities, mining companies and appropriate governmental departments, providing facilitation and interdisciplinary training.

The project is one of several technical assistance and capacity-building initiatives currently taking place under the direction of International Activities.



Carena Lopez, 3rd year Arts student, performs the Mexican dance "La Bamba" at Saint Mary's eighth annual International Night on Saturday, January 28, 2006. The dazzling night of international entertainment and cuisine served as the official opening for International Development Week 2006.

Give Peace a Chance

Saint Mary's Students Bring Conflict Resolution Skills to Belfast

Saint Mary's University will be participating in a major international community outreach project this semester. From March 8 to 18, 2006, students from the University's Irish Studies Society will take part in an initiative to promote and develop conflict resolution skills among students in Belfast, Northern Ireland.



Left to right: Bridget Brownlow, Conflict Resolution Advisor, Saint Mary's, Andrea Coombs, Vice-President of Administration for the Saint Mary's University Irish Society, and Zach Churchill, President of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA), will share conflict resolution skills and knowledge with students in Northern Ireland from March 8-18, 2006.

The students will be joined by **Bridget Brownlow**, Conflict Resolution Advisor at Saint Mary's, as they visit Catholic, Protestant and Integrated schools in the Belfast area and participate in the facilitation of conflict resolution workshops.

"Our students are thrilled to be taking part in this community outreach initiative in Belfast," said Brownlow. "Those who are going on this international mission are well educated in the area of conflict resolution. Their main goal is to touch the lives of younger students at schools in Belfast and demonstrate the importance of conflict resolution skills."

Saint Mary's is the first university both nationally and internationally to have met Peaceful Schools International membership criteria which includes having an on-campus Conflict Resolution Office in addition to training programs for students, faculty and staff. Saint Mary's opened its Conflict Resolution Office and hired Brownlow as its Advisor in 2004.

Peaceful Schools International is highly regarded for its dedication to the development and implementation of conflict resolutions skills and programs within more than 150 schools around the world. **Hetty van Gorp**, the founder of Peaceful Schools International, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Commerce from Saint Mary's in October 2005. Van Gorp established the organization following a bullying incident at a Halifax school several years ago which led to her son's death.

The visit will be captured on film in collaboration with filmmakers from Nova Scotia-based Sea to Sea Productions. The resulting documentary will eventually become part of an educational resource toolkit to be distributed to schools and educators in Canada and abroad.

Students from the Irish Studies Society are currently fundraising to help finance the trip to Belfast.

"As you can well imagine, this is an ideal occasion for the students of Saint Mary's to assist a new generation of young Irish students with the development of conflict resolutions skills and knowledge," said Andrea Coombs, Vice-President of Administration for the University's Irish Studies Society.

Added Coombs, "This initiative presents an opportunity for us to share our experiences of living and growing up in Canada, as well as our conflict resolution knowledge and skills, with many of the children residing in Belfast."

Zach Churchill, President of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA) and member of the Irish Studies Society, said "Ultimately, we expect to work alongside the Irish students, sharing our experiences, strength and hope for a more peaceful world in which we can all learn in a safe environment. Peace education is important for all students – especially the next generation."

Approximately 50 members of Students for Teaching Peace, a local youth organization in the Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), will also be participating in this community outreach project.

For those wishing to make a donation to Saint Mary's students for this trip, please contact **Bridget Brownlow**, Conflict Resolution Advisor, at 902. 420.5113 or email bridget.brownlow@smu.ca.

Time for Wine

Saint Mary's University

Wine Tasting and Silent Auction

in Support of Student Financial Aid

Friday, February, 17th, 2006, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

McNally Theatre Auditorium

Featuring Costas Halavrezos from Maritime Noon, CBC Radio

Tickets - \$25 per person



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For more information on tickets or sponsorship of this event, please call Alice Paradis, Development Office, 420-5496 or email alice.paradis@smu.ca. Tickets are also available at the President's Office.



Saint Mary's Links with Catholic University in Ghana

Building on our reputation as a leader in internationalization, Saint Mary's welcomed 2006 with a new institutional linkage. From January 6-14, 2006, **Dr. Francis Boabang**, Professor of Finance and Management Science, and **Denis Leclaire**, Director of International Activities, met with representatives from the Catholic University College of Ghana to establish a linkage between our two institutions. Among other activities, the linkage will support the strengthening of business programming at the Catholic University and promote student and faculty exchange between the Catholic University and Saint Mary's.



Pictured left to right: Father Michael Schultheis, SJ, PhD, President, Catholic University College of Ghana (Saint Mary's alumnus, Regis College, 1960s); Dr. Francis Boabang, Professor Finance and Management Science, Saint Mary's University; Ebenezer Annan, MA in International Development Studies from Saint Mary's, 1994; Cardinal Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson, Archbishop of Cape Coast, Ghana; Mr. Denis Leclaire, Director, International Activities, Saint Mary's University; Father Samuel Batsa, Director, Public Relations and Development, Catholic University College of Ghana (attended Saint Mary's for two years in 1970s)



Hundreds of Saint Mary's students attended the International Opportunities and Cultural Fair which was held in the Loyola Conference Hall on January 31, 2006. Hosted by the International Centre, the event was one of a number of activities marking International Development Week which took place from January 27 until February 4, 2006. Left to right: **Asami Ogasawaka**, Faculty of Arts student; **Miyuki Arai**, Project Manager - International Mobility, International Activities Office; and **Naomi Takehana**, Faculty of Arts student, provided information about living and working overseas.

Saint Mary's Receives More Than \$63,000 in CFI Funding to Support Green Roof Testing Facility

Saint Mary's University has received \$63,072 from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) in support of the project, Green Roof Testing Facility: Biodiversity and Urban Ecosystem.

Dr. Eliot Phillipson, President and CEO of the CFI, said that the award represents a strategic boost to the research capacities of Saint Mary's University. "This funding allows Canada to attract and retain top-notch researchers and provides our graduate students with access to world-class facilities and training environments," said Phillipson.

Dr. Jeremy Lundholm, a professor in the Biology Department at Saint Mary's, is the project leader. Dr. Lundholm explained that green roofs entail the establishment of vegetation and lightweight roof membranes on buildings to reduce the environmental impacts of the built environment. The CFI Green Roof Test Facility will be the first of its kind in Atlantic Canada.

"The CFI support will allow us to construct replicated green roof sections on an existing roof and allow for the quantification of environmental benefits such as reductions in building energy consumption and storm-water runoff specific to the Maritime climate," said Lundholm.

The funding was announced in late 2005 as part of a larger \$18.6 million investment approved by the CFI Board of Directors through two funds: \$14.3 million under the New Opportunities Fund (NOF); and \$4.3 million under the Infrastructure Operating Fund which assists universities with the incremental operating and maintenance costs associated with new infrastructure projects.

The announcement marked the sunset of the CFI's New Opportunities Fund (NOF) which has helped recruit over 3,057 researchers to Canada since its inception in 1998. This program will be replaced by the Leaders Opportunity Fund (LOF) which aims to build on the successes of the NOF, the Canada Research Chairs Infrastructure Fund, and the CFI Career Awards. The LOF seeks to assist universities in attracting distinguished faculty to Canadian universities, and retaining the very best of today's and tomorrow's leading researchers within Canada. Projects assessed under the LOF will be rigorously reviewed by leading experts. This new program will have a budget of over \$300 million which will be disbursed during the 2006-2010 period.

Workplace Stress Research Earns Major Award for Graduate Student

Psychological research has only recently begun to explore the impact of the increasing amount of time adults spend in the workplace. One aspect of this shift away from leisure time concerns how those in the workplace treat each other.

For Laura Black, a 23 year-old second-year MSc. student at Saint Mary's, such a line of inquiry is the major focus of her own research which she is conducting with Dr. Lori Francis, Dr. Kevin Kelloway, Dr. Camilla Holmvall and graduate student Meaghan Hollett. She has received a Social Sciences Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) Canada Graduate Studies Award in the amount of \$18,000 to conduct this unique research project.

Black's research focuses on aggression in the workplace and, in particular, the ways in which incivility (rudeness) can progress to acts of aggression. Her interests also extend to the investigation of individual and situational variables that may influence the perception and perpetration of uncivil behaviours.

Black previously conducted her honours thesis at St. Thomas University on the topic of belligerency in sports and how uniform colour can influence aggressiveness in players.

Recalling the moment she learned of her award win, she said, "I hugged Dr. Arla Day our Graduate Program Coordinator in the Psychology Department, who was the first person to tell me the news." Black added that she is looking forward to fully addressing her research question. "Last year, I had to TA as part of the funding supplied by the university," she said. "Not that I didn't enjoy it, but this year I didn't have to, so I've been able to dedicate that time to working on my thesis."

Said Black, "When I applied to the Saint Mary's Applied Industrial/Organizational Psychology program, I also applied to law schools in Canada. It was a difficult choice but, in the end, I chose this program over law because the program seemed unique and interesting, and would be different from what everyone else around me was doing."

She joked, "I haven't regretted that decision, except maybe during some stressful times of trying to get all of the required work finished on time."

Saint Mary's is the only university in Atlantic Canada to offer both the MSc program in Applied Psychology and a PhD in Industrial / Organizational Psychology. With the highest concentration of I/O faculty in Canada, it is one of the preeminent providers of graduate degrees in the field.



Students in a Canadian Politics course at Saint Mary's University were treated to a particularly timely guest speaker on January 18, 2006. NDP leader Jack Layton addressed the group of approximately thirty students during a campaign stop on campus in the final days leading to the January 23 federal election. Dr. Leonard Preyra, Political Science Department (right) provided opening and closing remarks at the event that also attracted numerous local and national media.

Scholarly Professional DEVELOPMENT

BIOLOGY

Dr. Hugh Broders:

Contributed Research Papers

Peer-reviewed:

Garroway C.J., and H.G. Broders. 2005. *The quantitative effects of population density and winter weather on the body condition of white-tailed deer (Odocoileus virginianus) in Nova Scotia, Canada.* Canadian Journal of Zoology 83: 1246-1256.

Non-refereed:

Broders, H.G. (2005) *Nova Scotia Bats: numbers, behavior and vulnerability.* Nova Outdoors 15: 11,14.

Invited Seminars:

Broders H.G. (2005) *Distribution, abundance and status of Nova Scotia moose: biology and tools for law enforcement.* Law Enforcement Workshop for Nova Scotia Conservation Officers, Truro, 21 September 2005.

Conference Presentations:

Henderson L.E., Broders H.G., Tutty B.R., Corning L.J. (November 2005) *Connections between bats and forests: Predicting relationships on Prince Edward Island.* Nova Forest Alliance meeting, Truro, Nova Scotia.

Garroway C.J., Broders, H.G. (October 2005) *Fission-Fusion Sociality in the Northern Long-eared Bat, Myotis septentrionalis.* North American Symposium on Bat Research, Sacramento, California, USA.

Corning L.J., Broders H.G. (October 2005) *Factors Affecting the Spatio-temporal Activity Patterns of Eastern Pipistrelles (Pipistrellus subflavus) over a Large Spatial Scale in Southwest Nova Scotia and an Assessment of the Value of Monitoring this Species for Detecting Landscape Change.* North American Symposium on Bat Research, Sacramento, California, USA.

Henderson L.E., Broders H.G., Tutty B.R., Corning L.J. (October 2005) *The Distribution of the Forest Dependent Northern Long-eared Bat (Myotis septentrionalis), Relative to Forest Patch Size, Composition and Context.* North American Symposium on Bat Research, Sacramento, California, USA.

Dr. Alfonso Rojo, Saint Mary's University Biology Department and Research Associate at the Nova Scotia Museum of Natural History, is participating in a monographic study of the Canadian freshwater fish Ameiurus nebulosus. He is preparing an Osteological Atlas of this fish for the use of archaeologists and biologists.

Dr. Rojo's latest paper, *Morphological and Statistical Study of the Otoliths of the NSMNH Collection,* is currently in press.

CHEMISTRY

Dr. Keith Vaughan:

1,4-Di[2-phenyl-1-diazenyl]perhydro-1,4-diazepine. X-ray Crystal Structure. By **Shasta Lee Moser, Valerio Bertolasi and Keith Vaughan.** J. Chem. Cryst. 35, 119-124(2005).

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Triazene Derivatives of (1,x)-Diazacycloalkanes. Part III. Synthesis and Characterization of a series of 1,4-Di[(E)-2-aryl-1-diazenyl]piperazines. **Vanessa Renée Little, Reid Tingley and Keith Vaughan***, Canadian J. of Chemistry, 83, 471-476(2005)

(2S,7R,11S,16R)-1,8,10,17-Tetraazapentacyclo[8.8.1.18.17.02.7.011,16]icosane and its enantiomer. Synthesis, NMR Analysis and X-Ray Crystal Structure. **Julie F. Glister, Keith Vaughan, Kumar Biradha and Michael J. Zaworotko.** J. Mol. Structure, 749/1-3, 78-83 (2005).

X-Ray Crystal Structures of two polymorphic forms, monoclinic and triclinic, of 1-[(E)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-1-diazenyl]-3-[(E)-2-(4-bromophenyl)-1-diazenyl]-6-ethylhexahydro-1-pyrimidinylmethyl)-4-ethylhexahydro-pyrimidine. **Reid Tingley, Valerio Bertolasi and Keith Vaughan.** J. Chem. Cryst. 35, 821-828 (2005).

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Triazene Derivatives of (1,x)-Diazacycloalkanes. Part V.1 Synthesis and Characterization of 4-Ethyl-3-[(6-ethyl-3-[2-aryl-1-diazenyl]hexahydro-1-pyrimidinylmethyl)-1-[2-aryl-1-diazenyl]hexahydropyrimidines from the Reaction of Diazonium Salts with Mixtures of Formaldehyde and 1,3-Diaminopropane. **Reid Tingley, M. Brad Peori, Ryan Church and Keith Vaughan.** Can. J. Chem. 83, 1799-1807(2005).

A Series of 1-[2-Aryl-1-diazenyl]-3-[(3-[2-aryl-1-diazenyl]perhydro-benzo[d]imidazol-1-yl)methyl]perhydrobenzo[d]imidazoles. Synthesis and Characterization. **Julie F. Glistler and Keith Vaughan***. Journal of Heterocyclic Chemistry, 43, 217-222 (2006)

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Synthesis and Characterization of a Series of 1,x-bis-(4-Oxo-3,4-dihydro-1,2,3-benzotriazin-3-yl)alkanes. by **Naomi Hunter and Keith Vaughan***, in press Journal of Heterocyclic Chemistry. Accepted for publication 13th January 2006.

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1,4,8,11-Tetra-[2-aryl-1-diazenyl]-1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecanes: Synthesis, Characterization and X-ray Crystallography of the first-ever tetrakis-Triazenes to be synthesized. **Jeffery D. Clarke, Keith Vaughan and Valerio Bertolasi**, submitted as an article to the Canadian Journal of Chemistry, 5th October, 2005. [manuscript number: CJC-05-474]; accepted pending major revision 6th December, 2005; revised manuscript submitted December 19th, 2005.

Synthesis and Characterization of a series of 3-Methyl-3-[1-methyl-3-aryl-2-triazenyl]propyl-1-aryl-1-triazenes and related compounds. by **Jeff D. Clarke, Shasta L. Moser and Keith Vaughan***, submitted to the Can. J. Chem. January 12th 2006 [CJC-06012]

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ENGLISH

Dr. Lilian Falk, Department of English (Retired), presented a paper at the November 2005 Meeting of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society. The paper, presented jointly with historian **Sandra Barry**, was entitled *Nova Scotia in the Nineteenth Century as represented in The Master*.

FINANCE & MANAGEMENT SCIENCE

Dr. Tony Charles presented the 2005 MacNutt Memorial Lectures in November, on the Saint John and Fredericton campuses of the University of New Brunswick. Dr. Charles' presentation, *Challenge and Change on Atlantic Coastlines: Communities, Fisheries and Managing Together*, reviewed the state of fisheries in the region, and positive developments in linking native and non-native community-based fisheries. Dr. Charles also chaired the Third National Conference of the Ocean Management Research Network (OMRN), held in September 2005, and presented two invited lectures in the Fall. The first, *Bioethics of the Sea: How do we responsibly manage and regulate fishery resources?*, was given at an international workshop of the Nordic Committee on Bioethics in Bergen, Norway, while the second, on Socioeconomic Consideration for New Fisheries, was at a workshop held by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in Halifax. Dr. Charles also served as an invited panel member in a workshop on small-scale fisheries held by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

GEOGRAPHY

Dr. Cristian Suteanu published the paper, *Complexity, science and the public: the geography of a new interpretation*, in a book edited by John Urry as a Special Issue on Complexity of the journal *Theory, Culture & Society*, SAGE, London, 2005, vol. 22, no. 5, pp. 113-140.

Dr. Cristian Suteanu has been invited to co-supervise Ph.D. students and to teach graduate courses in the framework of the International Graduate School *THESIS - Complex Processes in the Earth: Theory, Experiment, Simulations* of the Elite Network of Bavaria, Germany. Saint Mary's University's Department of Geography has thus become a partner of THESIS, together with leading institutions from Germany, France, Netherlands, Japan, Australia, Canada, and the United States. Ph.D. co-advising has started in collaboration with **Prof. Joern Kruhl** (Munich), and Dr. Suteanu's graduate course will start this summer.

PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Brent Vulcano presented the poster, *Students' Perceptions of Effective Teaching: Additional Data*, at the annual meeting of the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology which took place in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida from January 2-5, 2005.

Dr. Brent Vulcano presented the poster, *Students' Preferred Methods of Evaluation*, at the 12th annual meeting of the American Psychological Society - Society for Teaching Psychology which took place in Los Angeles, CA from May 26-29, 2005.

Dr. Brent Vulcano presented the poster, *Consensus on Students' Perceptions of Effective Teaching*, at the annual meeting of the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology, St. Petersburg Beach, FL, January 2-5, 2006.

MANAGEMENT

Ellen Farrell successfully defended her thesis (venture capital) at the University of Nottingham and received her doctorate in December at the convocation ceremony in the UK.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Valerie Creelman attended the 74th Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, May 2005. There, she presented a paper entitled *In the weye of charité: Petitionary Letters and the Formation of Women's Social Identity* as part of an ACCUTE-sponsored session on Early Modern Women's Letters.

OFFICE OF INSTRUCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Margaret-Anne Bennett, Director, was recently elected Chair of the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia-Gambia Association (NSGA). The NSGA is a Halifax based, volunteer, non-profit organization focusing on working with youth in West Africa on health education issues, with an emphasis on the prevention of HIV/AIDS. www.novascotiagambia.ca

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

In January 2006, **David Sable** presented the session *Meditation in Action*, the first in the Contemplative Practices and Work series offered by the Centre for Spirituality and the Workplace. The session provided participants with an introduction to basic meditation practice and instruction on working with stress.



In the News...

Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's, was a panelist on CBC Radio's Maritime Noon where he discussed the importance of higher education in Nova Scotia and Canada. Dr. Dodds was also interviewed by Maritime Noon about the future of higher education in Canada.

Dr. David Wicks, Acting Dean of Commerce, was quoted in a Halifax Chronicle Herald article highlighting the successes of students and faculty at the Sobey School of Business.

Dr. Kevin Vessey, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, appeared on CBC's Quirks and Quarks where he spoke about some particularly novel areas of science research.

Chuck Bridges, Vice President (Assoc.) of External Affairs, was a guest on CBC Radio's Mainstreet where he discussed the University's new signature: *Saint Mary's University: One University. One World. Yours.*

Dr. Chris MacDonald, Philosophy Department, was quoted in The Dallas Morning News and The Halifax Chronicle Herald about ethics in the workplace.

Psychology professors **Dr. Lori Francis**, **Dr. Camilla Holmvall**, **Dr. Kevin Kelloway** and graduate students **Laura Black** and **Meaghan Hollett**, were interviewed by numerous media outlets regarding their research on rudeness in the workplace. News of their research was picked up by The National Post, The Province (Vancouver), The Montreal Gazette, The Regina Leader-Post, Saskatoon Star Phoenix, The Calgary Herald, The Edmonton Journal, The Ottawa Citizen, The Halifax Daily News, The Charles Adler Show (a national program that airs on numerous radio stations across Canada) and CBC Radio (national and regional).

Robert Deupree, Saint Mary's Canada Research Chair in Computational Astrophysics, was quoted in The National Post, The Montreal Gazette, The Calgary Herald, and The Ottawa Citizen, where he informed readers of echoes of ancient supernovas.

Madeleine Lefebvre, University Librarian, discussed her book, *The Romance of Libraries*, on CTV's Live at Five, CBC's Sounds Like Canada (national), and in The Calgary Herald and The Halifax Daily News. The Halifax Chronicle Herald also interviewed Lefebvre about the book which is earning international attention.

Dr. Andrew Harvey, Economics Department, appeared on CBC's Canada Now (national and regional), discussing the recent study from Statistics Canada that focused on the country's aging population. He also recently appeared on CTV News regarding gas prices and the economy.

Dr. Larry Haiven, Management Department, was interviewed by CTV News about labor issues and rights for striking workers in Nova Scotia.

Dr. Richard Allon, Director of the Centre for Leadership Excellence, appeared in Business Voice Magazine (The Halifax Metro Chamber of Commerce monthly publication) and in The Halifax Chronicle Herald where he spoke about the launch of the University's new Centre and its benefits for the region.

David Lane, Astronomy and Physics, appeared on CTV's Live at 5:00 where he spoke about the leap second that was added to the day on New Year's Eve.

Dr. Greg MacKinnon, Finance and Management, and the MBA Portfolio Management team, which includes students **Nawaf Aldubaikhi**, **Greg MacDonald** and **Suman Roy**, were featured in The National Post about their strides in the FP Portfolio National Competition.

Dr. Edna Keeble, Political Science, was quoted in The Globe and Mail where she spoke about how political science students at Saint Mary's are actively engaged in the Canadian Federal Election.

Dr. Leonard Preyra, Political Science, spoke to numerous media outlets about political issues during the weeks leading up to the Canadian federal election. These included CBC Canada Now, CBC Newsworld, CBC Radio (Nova Scotia), The Daily News, The Halifax Chronicle Herald and 920 CJCH AM Radio in Halifax. Dr. Preyra also organized a visit by **Mr. Jack Layton**, NDP Leader, which was covered by The Canadian Press (CP), Broadcast News (BN), CBC National News, CTV National News, CBC Radio (Nova Scotia and New Brunswick), Radio-Canada, and The Halifax Chronicle Herald.

Dr. Barry Gorman, Accounting Department, appeared on CBC's Information Morning Show and CBC's Maritime Noon as well as in The Halifax Chronicle Herald, discussing the proposed tax cuts promised by the Liberal Party and the Conservative Party during the federal election campaign.

Robin Metcalfe, Curator of the University's Art Gallery, worked with numerous media outlets to promote the exhibition *The Idea of North at Saint Mary's*. These included Canadian Art, The Coast, ArtSpeak on CKDU-FM, The Halifax Chronicle Herald, Eastlink Television, CBC Radio One and Two, and Radio-Canada.

Members of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA) led a number of initiatives in the days leading up to the Canadian federal election in an effort to increase voter turnout among students. Their efforts attracted the attention of The Globe and Mail, The Halifax Daily News, CTV National News, CTV Newsnet, CTV's Canada AM, and Global National News.

Former Dean of Education Explores Idol Phenomenon

As viewers around the world get set for the fifth season of the popular television program *American Idol*, a well known member of the Saint Mary's community has published a new book about one of the show's most successful contestants.



Dr. Terry Piper (left), former Director of the TESL Centre and Dean of Education, Saint Mary's University, has written a compelling account of the ways in which fans of *American Idol* contestant Clay Aiken (right) used the Internet to fuel the singer's rise to fame.

Dr. Terry Piper, who served as Director of the TESL Centre at Saint Mary's University and subsequently as Dean of Education, is the author of *The Invisible Revolution: Clay Aiken and the Fans Who Made Him a Star* (Cambridge Books, US). While it is Piper's sixth book, it is her first in the popular culture genre.

"This book is quite a departure for me," said Piper. "I was intrigued by how this fan base took charge of Clay Aiken's career. They've truly made pop culture history, and I'm proud to tell their story."

While reality television gave Clay Aiken his first dose of popularity, it was his fans who, according to Piper, transformed him into a pop culture icon. Her book is not a biography or an *everything-you-wanted-to-know* account of the singer's rise to fame. Rather, it is an exploration of how Aiken's fans, using the Internet, galvanized into a highly organized grassroots marketing machine with the single purpose of creating a superstar.

Piper's interest in the subject was sparked following the second season of the highly rated FOX program in which Aiken lost the coveted *Idol* title to fellow contestant Ruben Studdard. "Like a lot of other people, I had some trouble believing the outcome," said Piper. "So I went to the Internet to find out what others were saying. What I found there was incredible. There were thousands of people gathered in dozens of cyber communities, all of them talking about Clay Aiken."

Piper spent a year conducting research for the book, reviewing thousands of Internet sources and interviewing fans from around the world. The result is the story of their journey with their idol – the singer they "discovered" and helped to make a star.

"Many had been there for months, organizing voting campaigns, donating money to buy cell phones to use for text messaging to get in more votes, and even raising money for charities that Aiken was interested in. They had also dug up every shred of available information about his life before *American Idol*."

While the title of the book suggests that it will be of interest primarily to Aiken's fans, Piper explains that it will appeal to non-fans as well.

Said Piper, "The book describes the birth of a new trend in popular culture. It shows how the Internet and Reality Television have changed the nature of fandom, giving fans unprecedented power over who achieves and maintains celebrity status. Clay Aiken is the first and best example so far."

Piper's book is available at retail booksellers and online at www.amazon.com or <http://cambridgebooks.us>. Her other books include *Language and Learning, the Home and School Years* (Prentice-Hall/Merrill), widely adopted in North American universities. For more information on Dr. Terry Piper, visit <http://terrypiper.net>.

Saint Mary's Red Ribbon Campaign in Recognition of World AIDS Day.



Executive Members of the Saint Mary's University Students Association (SMUSA) present Margaret-Anne Bennett, Chair of the Board of the Nova Scotia-Gambia Association (NSGA), with a cheque for \$759.11. Funds were raised on campus through a Red Ribbon Campaign in recognition of World AIDS Day, December 1, 2005, in support of the work of the NSGA in West Africa. Left to right: Jeff Lohnes, Emeka Chinabu, Margaret-Anne Bennett, Olivier Jarda, Zach Churchill, and Leah Bilodeau.

Workplace Aggression Study Yields Alarming Results

Nearly half of American workers are victims of workplace aggression, with customers, clients or patients the most likely source of attacks, according to a comprehensive national survey co-authored by a Saint Mary's University professor.

Dr. Kevin Kelloway, a researcher with the CN Centre for Occupational Health and Safety and professor in Management and Psychology, said that more than 40 per cent of American workers – about 47 million people – are subject to acts of psychological aggression while at work. Examples of psychological aggression include insults, screaming, and threats of physical violence.

"Interestingly, workers pinpoint the general public as the most significant source of this aggression as opposed to other co-workers or supervisors," said Kelloway.

The findings are drawn from a comprehensive national survey of workers on the prevalence of U.S. workplace aggression. The study revealed that acts of physical violence, such as being slapped, kicked or attacked with a weapon, were less common with about 6 per cent of workers – nearly 7 million people – reporting exposure.

"The stereotypical belief that large numbers of employees are 'going postal' is a bit of a myth," he said.

Almost all workers (96 per cent) who experience physical violence also experience some form of psychological abuse. Only a small percentage of workers (0.26 per cent which represents about 300,000 workers) experience physical violence alone.

Nearly one-quarter of respondents indicated they were victims of aggression from members of the public (customers, clients or patients), while 15 per cent reported being victims of aggression from other employees and 13 per cent experienced aggression from supervisors or bosses.

Explained Kelloway, "Exposure to aggressive behaviour at work is associated with a wide range of negative consequences for individuals and organizations, including negative work attitudes, reduced well-being and, in cases of physical violence, bodily injury or death. The fact that such a large percentage of the American population has experienced workplace aggression demonstrates the need to address it."

A report on the survey and its findings is included in *Handbook of Workplace Violence* to be published in February 2006 by Sage. The report is co-authored by Dr. Aaron Schat, assistant professor at the DeGroot School of Business at McMaster University, and Dr. Michael R. Frone of the State University of New York at Buffalo.

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