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Season's Greetings from the President

Dear Neighbours, Friends, Alumni, and Fellow Santamarians,

The holiday season is inevitably a time for both celebration and reflection. As we look back on the events of the past twelve months, it is clear that 2006 has been an exhilarating year for our University community. We began the year with an exciting new signature – "Saint Mary's University: One University. One World. Yours." I'm pleased to report that it has received an enthusiastic response across our community while providing a clear and focused point of differentiation for Saint Mary's in today's post-secondary marketplace. Among other achievements, we have seen tremendous progress in our \$25.5 million Science Building Renewal Project which, once completed, will provide a first-class facility for study and research in biology, chemistry, environmental science, forensic science, and geology.

In keeping with our motto, *Age Quod Agis* (What you do, do well), we have continued to build on our existing strengths in international partnerships, community outreach, and undergraduate and graduate studies, earning increased support from Canada's major sources of research funding including the *Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council*, the *Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada*, and the *Canada Foundation for Innovation* among others. As always, our students, faculty, staff and alumni have served as our preeminent ambassadors, earning local, national and international recognition across all sectors.

In addition to these many accomplishments, we launched our first major capital campaign in more than a decade. Our *Hearts & Minds* Campaign will enable Saint Mary's to develop future leaders for a global society. Its \$40 million goal will serve as an investment in students, faculty and staff through new student financial aid, academic chairs and professorships, and the construction and renovation of facilities. Its success will enrich the student experience and strengthen our position as a leader in post-secondary education.

All of these accomplishments are made possible through the care and commitment of our University community. Thanks to all of our students, faculty, staff, alumni, friends and supporters who continue to exemplify the spirit of cooperation and community for which Saint Mary's is renowned.

On behalf of myself, my wife, Carol, and our children, James and Elizabeth, I wish each of you and your loved ones the very best of the season and the New Year.

Sincerely,

J. Colin Dodds
President

Saint Mary's Student Awarded Rhodes Scholarship

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The Rhodes Trust Scholarship Selection Committee made the official announcement on November 28, 2006. The prestigious award will allow the 22 year-old Moncton, NB native to study at the graduate level for up to three years at England's acclaimed Oxford University.

The Rhodes Scholarships were established in 1902 by the will of British philanthropist, Cecil Rhodes. Recipients are selected on the basis of high academic achievement, personal integrity, leadership potential, and physical vigor among other attributes.

"For me, being a Rhodes Scholar is an opportunity of a lifetime and I am grateful to have been selected," said Jarda, who is currently completing his Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree with a double major in Political Science and Economics and a minor in International Development Studies (IDS).

"The Rhodes Scholarship will allow me to focus entirely on my graduate studies in a fertile and world-renowned learning environment. I can't wait to begin," he added. In keeping with his current research interests, he plans to probe relations between developed and developing countries in terms of foreign policy and nation-building.

At Saint Mary's, Jarda is currently working on his Honours Thesis which explores Canada's foreign policy in Haiti. He has a 3.93 Grade Point Average (GPA) and has been extremely active as a student since coming to the University in the Fall of 2001.

He currently serves as editor-in-chief of the Saint Mary's University student newspaper, *The Journal*, and is a member of the University's track and field varsity team. This year, he was named a CIS All-Canadian. In 2005-2006, he was elected by the student body to serve as Vice-President, Academic, for the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA). He has also served as an official Student Representative for the Board of Governors and the Academic Senate. Last year, he was highly involved in the Model United Nations Conference held in New York City.

He is also a singer and bass player with the popular Indie rock band, *Turnstiles*.

"Saint Mary's has given me so many wonderful opportunities, both in and outside the classroom," he said.

"As Saint Mary's vision statement asserts, I see myself as an aspiring citizen of the world. This chance to study abroad will allow me to gain a true international perspective."

He credits a number of people who were instrumental in aiding him through the Rhodes Scholarship process. These include Dr. John Young, Chemistry Department, Dr. Marc Doucet, Political Science Department, and Dr. Leonard Preyra, Political Science Department and Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) for Nova Scotia (Halifax-Citadel).

Dr. Terry Murphy, Vice-President (Academic and Research) at Saint Mary's, congratulated Jarda on behalf of the entire University community.

"Olivier is a person who epitomizes the true global citizen," said Dr. Murphy. "He is a promising scholar and an individual who believes in social justice and community building. These attributes will serve Olivier well at Oxford University and beyond."

Jarda stated that, while he is humbled by receiving the Rhodes Scholarship, he is excited to be joining the ranks of past recipients whom he greatly admires. They include Rex Murphy, commentator for The National (CBC) and columnist with The Globe and Mail, and musician Kris Kristofferson.

Students Lend a Helping Hand

On December 1, 2006, members of the Saint Mary's University Students' Association (SMUSA) Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Squad participated in FEED Nova Scotia's annual "Stuff a Bus" food drive.

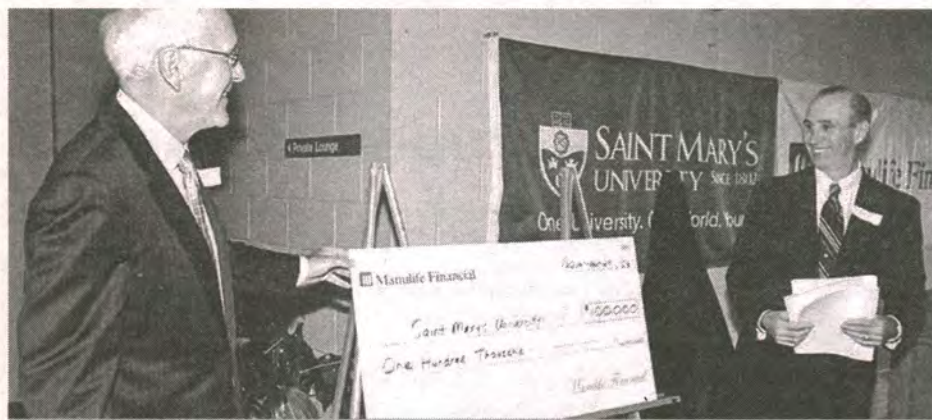


Clockwise from bottom left: Adam Lordon, Kelsee Stephenson, Jeff Lohnes, Shane Cunningham, Emeka Chinabu, Zach Churchill, Leah Bilodeau, and Erin Dorey were among the student volunteers who contributed their time and energy to the community outreach initiative.

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Manulife Financial Supports Hearts & Minds



Left to right: Dr. David Murphy, Director, Department of Athletics and Recreation, Saint Mary's University, and Gerard Ferguson (BSc '75), Regional Vice-President of Group Atlantic, Manulife Financial, unveil the \$100,000 cheque.

Manulife Financial has made a generous gift to Saint Mary's University — one which will have far reaching benefits for Nova Scotians.

At a special ceremony held at the Tower Courtside Lounge on November 29, 2006, Gerard Ferguson, Regional Vice-President of Group Atlantic, Manulife Financial, presented the University with a \$100,000 cheque on behalf of the organization. In honour of this special gift, the University in turn announced the naming of the Manulife Heart for Life Program at Saint Mary's.

The program began at Saint Mary's in its present form in 1999, while a precursor exercise program was established in 1981 by the Canadian Council of Cardiovascular Nurses and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Nova Scotia. The program is designed to improve the health and well-being of heart patients who have either had, or are at risk of having, heart disease, heart attack, heart surgery or angina.

Those who spoke at the event included Dr. David Murphy, Director, Athletics and Recreation; Gerard Ferguson, Regional Vice-President, Group Atlantic, Manulife Financial; and Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's. Almost 60 guests attended the ceremony.

"This gift from Manulife Financial will touch the hearts of Santamarians and Nova Scotians for many years to come," said Dr. Murphy. "Manulife has a strong relationship with the Athletics Department at Saint Mary's and we are proud to have this program newly named Manulife Heart for Life."

Ferguson indicated that his financial institution is proud to support Saint Mary's. "The Manulife Heart for Life Program gives Nova Scotians the tools to take control of their own healthy futures," said Ferguson, who added that — as a Saint Mary's alumnus — he was especially pleased to be back on campus for the announcement. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Saint Mary's in the spring of 1975.

"Manulife Financial has a proud tradition of supporting the communities in which we live and work. The Manulife Heart for Life Program fits perfectly with our charitable program focus which aims to improve the health and welfare of all Canadians."

Dr. Dodds stated that the gift from Manulife Financial represents another milestone in the evolution of Saint Mary's. "It is my privilege to recognize the generous support from Manulife Financial," said Dodds. "This contribution is an investment in our future and one that will pay big dividends for decades to come as we continue to evolve to meet the growing needs of our University and our community."

A special Manulife Heart for Life plaque was unveiled at the event exemplifying how corporate support helps the University and the wider community grow together. The gift supports the University's \$40 million Hearts & Minds Capital Campaign which will fund priority projects including new academic space and facilities for a health and wellness centre and arena that will serve students, faculty, staff and the community. Increased financial aid for students, enhanced academic and research funding, and improved childcare services round out the list. To date, the University has received more than \$24 million from corporations and individuals in support of the Campaign.



On November 1, 2006, Saint Mary's University hosted its second annual "Take Our Kids to Work Day™". The theme for this year's event, which was organized by members of the Human Resources Department, was "Physics is Phun!" More than 30 children participated in an interactive workshop in the Department of Astronomy and Physics as part of the day-long event which strives to help young people discover their potential and become productive members of tomorrow's workforce.

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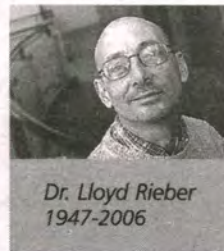
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University Community Mourns Dr. Lloyd Rieber

Saint Mary's University is mourning the loss of Dr. Lloyd Rieber, one of its most widely respected and beloved faculty members. Dr. Rieber passed away on October 28, 2006 following a brief illness.

In a memorandum to the University community, Dr. Terry Murphy, Vice-President (Academic and Research), captured the sentiment of colleagues and friends who were deeply saddened to learn of Lloyd's passing.

"Whether as Professor of Business Communications, Chair of the Department of Marketing, Associate Dean of Commerce, a member of key University committees and working groups, or simply as a supportive colleague and teacher, his wise advice was often sought and always valued. I personally enjoyed the benefit of his insights and his kindness on many occasions. He will be greatly missed both personally and professionally, but his positive influence on our University community will endure long after his passing," wrote Murphy.



Dr. Lloyd Rieber
1947-2006

Dr. Rieber was born in New York City on May 18, 1947. He possessed a keen interest in education, and held a BA in Economics, BSc and MSc in Education, and PhD in Education with major interest in Curriculum Development. He adopted Nova Scotia as his new home in 1982, living on Isle Madame in Cape Breton where he was a technical writer and developmental editor. From 1985-87, he lived in Philadelphia, PA where he served as Director of the Publication Development Center at Drexel University.

He took up residence in Halifax and began teaching Communications in the Marketing Department at Saint Mary's University in 1988. He also spent four years as Chair of the Marketing Department and three years as Associate Dean of Commerce. He truly loved his job and was especially proud to serve as Program Director for the Nunavut Advanced Management Diploma Program where he formed a strong bond with so many people during his regular visits. Among his other accomplishments, he authored two books and contributed to three others. These publications reflected his diverse interests including the teaching of communications, printing technology, welding, metalworking, and automotive fuel, ignition and emission control systems. He is survived by his wife, Karen, family, many dear friends, and his dog, Sasha.

Following news of Lloyd's passing, members of the Marketing Department prepared the following tribute:

"This past week, we in the Marketing Department have been remembering our colleague Lloyd Rieber, who died of cancer. No words can express the depth of this loss to us.

Beyond Lloyd's professional expertise, it was his consistent, reliable, and selfless approach that generated the respect we and everyone else had for him. Lloyd was always prepared to give leadership and present his reasoned perspective on every situation, major or minor. Yet he was equally willing to support whatever consensus emerged on an issue among his colleagues. Similarly, he treated every request for his advice, professional or personal, as an opportunity to put himself in our shoes before saying, "Well, here's what I would do."

Lloyd's rare ability to be both teacher and mentor to his students refreshed our admiration for him every day. Well before 8:30, Lloyd headed to class to have time to banter with his early bird students. His unique New York City brand of humour and sprinkling of personal anecdotes brought communications theory to life for students in a way we could only admire, not reproduce.

The very definition of a "morning person," Lloyd started his day with a personal welcome to the custodial staff, most of whom he knew by name. Later in the day, Lloyd might be chairing a university-wide committee, presenting a report to Faculty Council, or advising a marketing colleague on promotion and tenure before heading home to walk his Corgis and retreat to his woodworking workshop. Over the years, many of the exquisite jewellery boxes he crafted were displayed at the annual Faculty/Alumni/Staff/Student Art Show in the Art Gallery.

Someone once said, "The real purpose of our existence is not to make a living but to make a worthy, well-rounded, useful life." This may not have been Lloyd's philosophy, but it was his example. For that reason, organizing a fitting memorial that also honours Lloyd's wishes may take some time. When a decision is made, the university community will be notified about an opportunity to remember and pay tribute to Lloyd."

Dr. Albert Mills, Director, PhD Business Administration (Management), Sobey School of Business, added, "I guess I never quite knew the true meaning of "community service" until this point. It takes the loss of a dear colleague to draw attention to the fact that there are certain people that you count on when things need to be done; certain people you know will always be first to volunteer; certain people you are just plain happy to see around the building. Lloyd was all of this and more.

He was a happy soul and was always ready to share that joy with others through his willingness to take the time to find out how you were doing. He was a dedicated soul, always there pushing ideas through committees, departments and faculty with warmth, dedication and, above all, the willingness to back up his point of view with commitment and action... That was Lloyd. Human, decent, and a real professional. He will be sorely missed."

To honour Lloyd's wishes, cremation took place with no formal service. Donations in Lloyd's memory can be made to Feed Nova Scotia or any charity of choice.



Left to right: Elaine McCulloch; Meher Chowdhury, SMUFWA scholarship recipient; and Margaret Boyd

MSc Student Receives SMUFWA Scholarship

Meher Chowdhury, a second year student in the Masters in Applied Science program in Chemistry, is this year's recipient of the Saint Mary's University Faculty Women's Association (SMUFWA) scholarship. Chowdhury, a native of Bangladesh, was presented with the scholarship at a special event on October 31, 2006.

Elaine McCulloch, member of SMUFWA, explained that the group is composed of both female faculty members and wives of male faculty. "Most members of the group are now retired," said McCulloch. "Our main activities are fundraising for scholarships and fellowship."

The history of the group dates back to 1961 when Saint Mary's University was a Jesuit College and high school with only male students. Over the years, it has been extremely active in fundraising, with funds now being administered through a trust fund by the University. These form the basis for three major scholarships, each of which is presented annually to a female student at Saint Mary's.

Added McCulloch, "Beginning when Saint Mary's University was involved with the University of The Gambia in the mid-1990s, it was obvious that there was a need to create another yearly scholarship for a woman from The Gambia to attend University. We now give a scholarship every year to an international student attending university at Saint Mary's."

This year's scholarship was given in memory of Elizabeth Ozmon, a longtime member of SMUFWA who passed away in May 2006.



Saint Mary's University students recently joined Bridget Brownlow, Conflict Resolution Advisor, for a meeting with Martin McGuinness, MP (Sinn Fein). The group discussed the current state of negotiations regarding the joint-sharing of power within government structures of Northern Ireland. Left to right: Elizabeth Moss, Emeka Chinabu, Alyss Steiner, Bridget Brownlow, Martin McGuinness, Mitch Gillingwater, Rebecca Critchley, Moe Sobantu and Brian Leblanc.

Faculty of Arts Holds Its First Colloquium

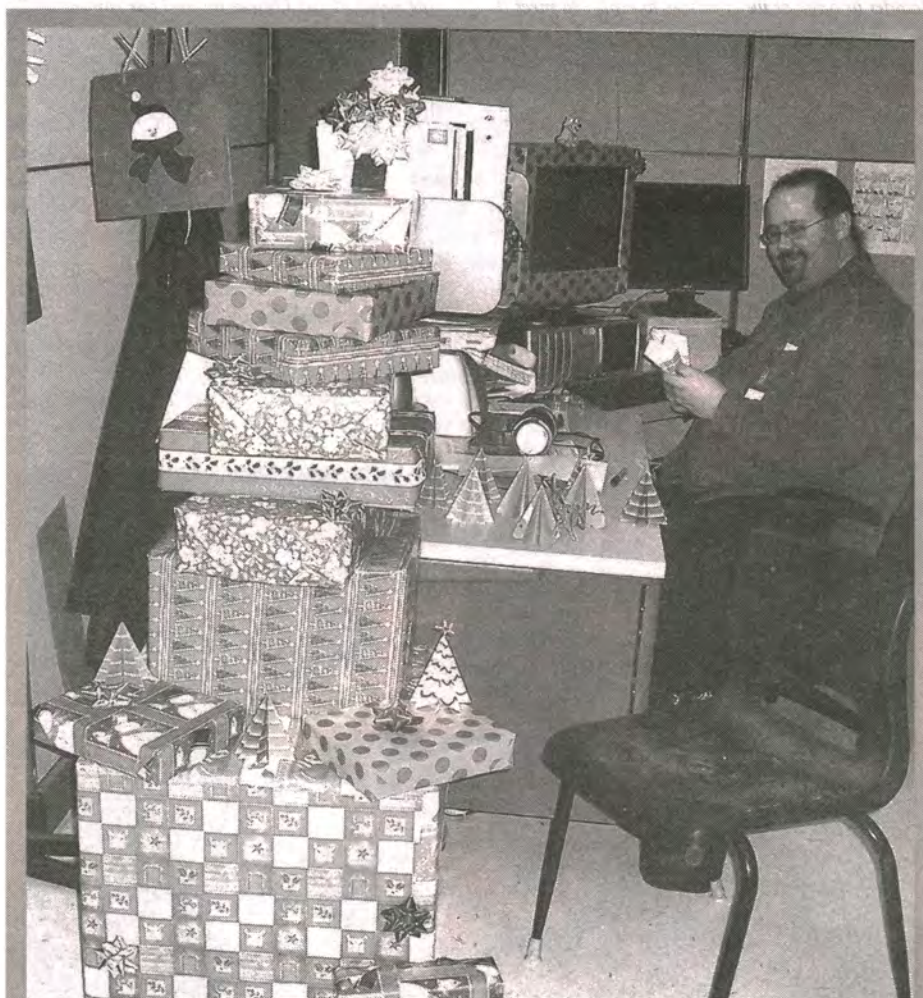
The Faculty of Arts held its first Faculty Colloquium on November 29, 2006. The event, sponsored by Dr. Esther Enns, Dean of Arts, was established to celebrate research conducted by scholars working in the Faculty of Arts. The inaugural Colloquium, "The Social Science and Humanities Contribution to Health Research," brought together scholars from different disciplines who are engaged in interdisciplinary research on health.

The five speakers addressed the diverse ways in which research in the Humanities and Social Sciences has enriched the study of health. In his talk, "Bordering Biomedicine: Perspectives from the Social Sciences and Humanities on Health, Illness and Disease," Peter Twohig, Canada Research Chair, Atlantic Canada Studies, reflected on the promise of, and challenges to, interdisciplinary health research. His discussion focused on his own interdisciplinary experience pursuing a project related to diabetes and his effort to direct an international, interdisciplinary working group that hosts an annual conference on health, illness and disease at Oxford University each summer.

Dr. Audrey MacNevin, Sociology and Criminology, demonstrated what an approach grounded in gender theory and taking into account the material conditions of women's lives reveals about their health. In "Andean Women's Perceptions of Sexual and Reproductive Rights," she presented a report of preliminary findings from a gender- and health-based research project she conducted as part of a research team in Peru over the last three years. In her presentation, "Group Categories in Pharmacogenetics Research," Dr. Lisa Gannett addressed the current controversy over whether the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) system of racial and ethnic classification should be used in pharmacogenetics research as suggested by the U.S. Federal Drug Administration (FDA). Gannett argued that the assumptions of both parties in the realist-social constructionist debate on race need to be relinquished. Specifically, dichotomies between the social and scientific and what is descriptive and evaluative/normative should be relinquished in favour of a pragmatic approach that is local and context-specific rather than global. This approach incorporates practical and ethical as well as theoretical dimensions and recognizes intersections of the social and the biological in the constitution of group categories.

The speakers also addressed the specific methodological advantages and challenges of working on collaborative and interdisciplinary projects. Dr. Madine VanderPlaat, Sociology and Criminology, noted that Humanities and Social Science research is often viewed as an "add on" to conventional scientific investigation. In "The Role of the Social Sciences in Ecohealth Research," Dr. VanderPlaat considered the role of the social scientist and the social sciences in multidisciplinary projects that focus on the relationship between human health, environmental health, and community well-being. In "Corporate Ethical Issues in the Biotechnology Industry," Dr. Chris MacDonald, Philosophy, discussed his research on ethical issues in the biotechnology industry. MacDonald highlighted the distinctiveness of his approach which looks at corporate decision-making rather than public policy or laboratory ethics. He focused in particular on a special issue of the Journal of Business Ethics, which he guest-edited, and which brought together scholars from a wide range of disciplines to consider issues ranging from the use of "terminator seed" technology in agriculture through to the marketing of genetic tests.

The Faculty of Arts Colloquium will be held twice annually.



Holiday Spirit in Full Swing at ITSS

Colin Sutton, Web Developer, was among the members of Saint Mary's Information Technology Systems and Support (ITSS) Department who participated in a fun-filled decorating contest in December. Four areas were challenged to work as teams to decorate their respective areas, with all teams making or bringing in their own decorations. Congratulations to the grand prize winners, the Server and Admin Group team.

Women, Migration and Citizenship: Making Local, National and Transnational Connections

Today, increased global migration flows are ever more apparent. They have given rise to various rights issues and major policy concerns locally and globally. These include, but are not limited to, questions having to do with: continued human displacement; human rights abuses; the growth of undocumented or irregular migrants, as well as temporary migration and circular migration; security issues; de-skilling, underemployment and economic and social exclusion; the increasing reliance on economic categories and skilled and unskilled distinctions; the impact of migration on economic and social development, and the list continues. In Nova Scotia, for example, given a declining population and particular labour demands, the attraction and retention of immigrants have become key concerns.

At the same time, we see a clear pattern of the feminization of migration, given: increased participation of women in all migration streams; the growing global demand for feminized jobs; and a rising "care deficit" in countries of the North (and corresponding global care chains) where migrant women are meant to provide the necessary productive and social reproductive labour. And yet, the gendered implications of these contemporary realities, rights and policy issues are still very much unacknowledged and under-researched. How is gendered migration playing out locally, nationally and transnationally, and what is the impact on citizenship discourses and practices?

Dr. Evangelia Tastsoglou, Chair, Sociology and Criminology, and Dr. Alexandra Dobrowolsky, Chair, Political Science, both members and chairs of the *Atlantic Metropolis Centre's Gender, Immigrant/Migrant Women and Diversity Domain*, have co-edited a book, *Women, Migration and Citizenship: Making Local, National and Transnational Connections*, (just released by Ashgate Press, 2006) that sets out to fill in some of the gaps. The objective of this volume is to delve into recent and rapid changes to migration patterns and citizenship processes and what they mean for women.



Dr. Evangelia Tastsoglou, Chair, Sociology and Criminology (left) and Dr. Alexandra Z Dobrowolsky, Chair and Associate Professor, Political Science

The collection features original research that examines women's diverse im/migrant and refugee experiences and exposes how gender ideologies and practices organize migrant citizenship. It includes case studies that span from the Philippines and Somalia to the Caribbean, and from Australasia to Britain and Canada. The editors hope that the rich cases contained in this collection not only identify structural social, political and economic impediments, but also highlight women's agency as women negotiate citizenship on local, national and global scales.

Reviewers of the book have provided early positive feedback describing the collection as "groundbreaking" and achieving "a remarkable feat". Margaret Abraham of Hofstra University has written, "Combining theory with well researched case studies, the authors of this excellent multi-disciplinary volume raise key questions and offer important insight on the complexity of im/migrant women's experiences. They challenge us to rethink the subject of im/migrant women and citizenship in new ways".



Saint Mary's University was well represented at the Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBIE) 40th Anniversary Conference held in Quebec City from November 12-15, 2006. Danica Francis, a fourth year student in International Development Studies and Political Science, was awarded the Student Leadership in International Education Award, while Alana Robb, International Student Advisor, received the Internationalization Service Award. Both awards were presented by Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's University, who also serves as Chair of the CBIE Board. Dr. Dodds is pictured with Alana Robb at the award ceremony.

Fall Convocation 2006

More than 300 students in the Faculties of Arts, Commerce, Science, and Graduate Studies and Research received their degrees at this year's Fall convocation ceremony. Held on Sunday, October 29, 2006 at Halifax's World Trade and Convention Centre (WTCC), the event drew hundreds of supportive friends and family members who joined the graduates to celebrate their success.

Chenara Murray, Bachelor of Commerce graduate, served as valedictorian. Murray, a native of the Bahamas, gave an inspirational speech to her peers. "To all of you graduates here today, make sure you go on in life and fulfill your dreams," she said. "You have proven that you can achieve; now it's time for you to go out in the world and strive for excellence. Remember, reach for success, but also make sure you reach for happiness in your life as well."

This year's Hooding Recipient was Allison Langille. A native of New Glasgow, Langille was also presented with the University's official Alumni Pin. She received her Honours Degree in Psychology at the ceremony.

Other highlights included the presentation of the President's Award for Excellence in Research to Dr. Kevin Kelloway, professor of management and psychology. Dr. George Mitchell was also named Professor Emeritus of Astronomy and Physics.

Honorary Degree Recipients

Saint Mary's paid tribute to three of its own as Dr. Elizabeth Chard, Louis Deveau and Peter McCreath were awarded Honorary Degrees from the University. Dr. Chard and McCreath were awarded Honorary Doctor of Civil Law Degrees, while Deveau was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Commerce Degree.

Dr. Elizabeth Chard

Born and educated in Halifax, Dr. Chard holds three degrees from Dalhousie University – a Bachelor of Arts (First Class Honours in History); a Master of Arts and a Bachelor of Education. She pursued graduate studies at McMaster University.

In 1961, she began her career at Saint Mary's as a lecturer in History (Nova Scotian, Canadian, American, and historiography) and served two terms as Chair of the Department. When the University became co-educational in 1968, she assumed the position of Dean of Women, then one year later, Dean of Residence (Women).

In 1973, she was offered the position of University Registrar "for one year." That year stretched into 32 years during which the registry moved from a totally manual system to one involving a significant amount of computerization — first through the *Student Information System (S.I.S.)* implemented in 1985 through to the current *Banner* system. Not only has the method of work changed, so too has the student population. During her time at Saint Mary's, she saw an increase from approximately 500 students – all-male – in 1961 to a student body of more than 8,600. Today females exceed males by approximately 4% and the total student population hails from more than 90 countries.

Within the University community, Elizabeth has contributed her time and talents to numerous endeavours including athletic administration. She was the first woman to serve as President of the then-*Atlantic University Athletic Association (AUAA)* and also the first woman and first non-Athletic Director to become President of the *Canadian Inter-universities Athletic Union (CIAU)* for which she served two consecutive terms.

Outside the University, she has been a tireless volunteer at The Presbyterian Church of Saint David and in both provincial and national organizations serving mentally challenged athletes and the disabled community. In recognition of her leadership, St. Thomas University conferred upon her a *Doctor of Laws (honoris causa)* in 1991. In retirement, Elizabeth hopes to maintain close ties with Saint Mary's University and to expand her volunteerism.

Louis Deveau

Deveau is the Chairman and Founder of *Acadian Seaplants Limited*, a seaweed manufacturing, cultivating and processing company specializing in agri-chemical, animal feed, food ingredients and cultivated edible marine plant products.

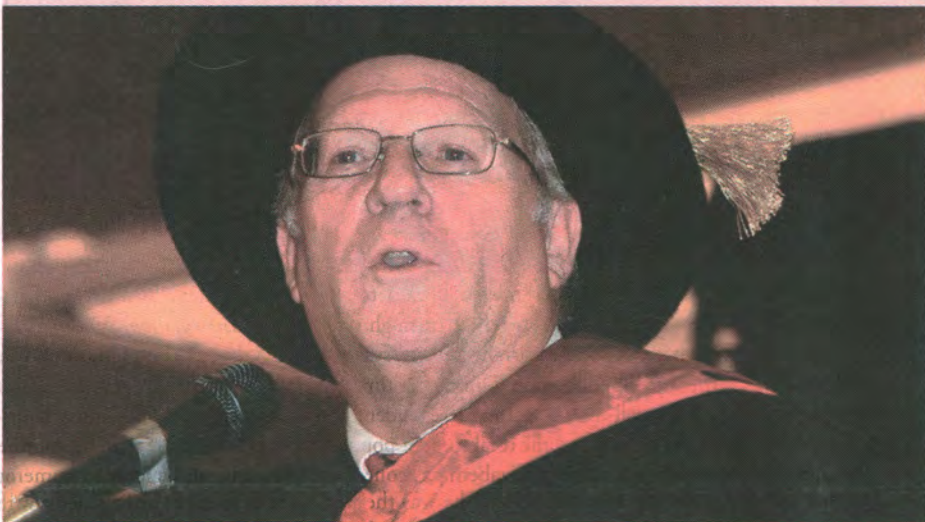
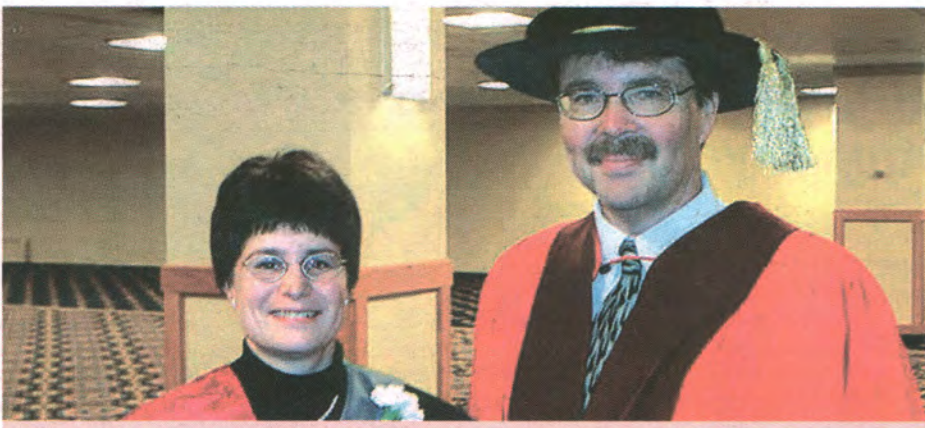
He was born in Salmon River, NS and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree at St. Anne's University in Church Point, Nova Scotia in 1953. Two years later, he earned a Diploma in Engineering from Saint Mary's and, in 1957, received his Bachelor of Engineering Degree from the Technical University of Nova Scotia (now *DalTech*).

His involvement in the economic development of marine resources in the maritime provinces dates back to 1961. He worked for the Federal Department of Fisheries for six years and was responsible for the development of the snow crab and shrimp industries in the maritimes.

Deveau ventured into the seaweed industry when he was recruited by *Marine Colloids* of Rockland, Maine more than 35 years ago. From 1967-1989, he held positions as President of Marine Colloids Canada Ltd.; President of *Philippine Marine Inc.*, Manila; President of Gel Mex, Mexico and Vice-President of Marine Colloids Inc. His responsibility for the worldwide procurement of seaweeds for processing into carrageenan led him to circle the world numerous times. During this period, he also spearheaded the development of an entirely new industry – seaweed farming in the Philippines and Malaysia.

In 1980, Deveau acquired Marine Colloids, Canada from its US parent and, in 1981, Acadian Seaplants Limited was born. Since then, he has continuously invested in the development of product manufacturing technology, quality assurance and marketing. His strategy has transformed Acadian Seaplants into a diversified, fully integrated company, processing wild seaweeds into value-added agricultural products, animal feeds, fertilizers, food ingredients and cultivated seaweeds for global food markets.

Today, Deveau's company operates five major manufacturing facilities in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island from a corporate office in Dartmouth, NS. Acadian Seaplants seaweed products are marketed and sold in over 70 countries around the world. He is also responsible for the development of a sustainable resource management model and innovative harvesting technologies. Other countries around the world have adopted aspects of his model for the sustainable management of their marine resources. He holds an Honorary Doctorate in Business Administration from St. Anne's University and has received a number of awards for his entrepreneurial achievements.



TOP: Bachelor of Commerce graduate Katherine MacLeod Brown and Dr. Don Naulls, Associate Dean of Arts and Marshall of Convocation.

Middle: Dr. Esther Enns, Dean of Arts, helps graduates prepare for the ceremony.

Bottom: Peter McCreath, honorary degree recipient, addresses the graduates.

Peter McCreath

McCreath was born in Halifax, NS and is a graduate of Saint Mary's (Bachelor of Education and Master of Education). He also holds a Master of Arts Degree from Dalhousie and a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Hons) from the University of Toronto. His diverse background includes service as a naval officer, high school and university teacher, author, television broadcaster, journalist, public affairs executive and consultant, and small business operator. For a decade, he served as a member of the professional staff of the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union.

In 1988, McCreath was elected to the House of Commons of Canada for the rural Nova Scotian constituency of South Shore. During five years in Parliament, he served as *Parliamentary Secretary* in the Departments of Finance, Industry and International Trade, then as *Minister of Veterans Affairs* and as a Member of the Treasury Board. McCreath was responsible for shepherding over 30 pieces of financial legislation through Parliament including the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Following his time in Parliament, he served five years as Director of Corporate Communications and Public Affairs for the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Atlantic Canada, and for the past four years has been a corporate communications and public affairs consultant.

McCreath has served on the *Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission*, the *Canadian Multiculturalism Council*, the *Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission*, as Chairman of the *Board of the Canada Studies Foundation*, as President of the *Canadian Council for Multicultural and Intercultural Education*, as a member of the Board of the University of Kings College, the *Pier 21 Society*, the *Confederation Centre for the Arts* and the *VisionTV Foundation*. He is the author or editor of several books on Canadian history, politics, multiculturalism, and human rights.

He currently serves on the board of *Friends of the Family Estate Services Inc.*, on the Board of the Manning School of Business at Acadia University, and the Transportation Committee of the *Metro Halifax Chamber of Commerce*, and as a member of the *Canadian Association of Liquor Jurisdictions*.

In March, 2000, McCreath was appointed by Queen Beatrix as *Honorary Consul for the Kingdom of the Netherlands at Halifax*.

In December, 2001, he was appointed by the Government of Nova Scotia to serve as the first private sector Chairman of the newly created *Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation*. In recognition of his work overhauling the NSLC, Peter McCreath has been invited to be a featured speaker at prestigious *Conference Board of Canada* and *Federated Press* annual crown corporation governance conferences for the past three years.

McCreath was awarded one of the first *Citation for Citizenship Awards* by the Government of Canada in 1988, presented with the *Canada 125 Medal* in 1992, was appointed a member of the *Queen's Privy Council for Canada* in 1993, was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in 1996, and awarded the *Queen's Jubilee Medal* in 2002.



Dr. Elizabeth Chard is congratulated by Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President, after receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Civil Law. One of Saint Mary's most widely respected community members, Dr. Chard retired from her position as University Registrar in 2005. She currently serves as Protocol Officer for the University.



Chenara Murray, valedictorian, addresses the graduating class. Murray earned her Bachelor of Commerce degree.



Dr. Kevin Kelloway (left), professor of management and psychology, receives the President's Award for Excellence in Research from Dr. J. Colin Dodds.



Dr. Terry Murphy, Vice-President (Academic and Research) addresses the graduating class.



Left to right: Dr Jaroslav Dostal, Geology; Chenara Murray, valedictorian (at podium); Dr. Donald Naulls, Political Science (back row, seated); Louis Deveau, honorary degree recipient (front row); Dr. Paul Dixon, Associate Vice-President and Registrar; Peter McCreath, honorary degree recipient; and Dr. J. Colin Dodds.



Master of Science (Applied Science) graduates Colin Garroway and Erica Oberndorfer.



Saint Mary's Celebrates its Employees 13th Annual Employee Recognition Awards



Honorees pause for a group photo at the 13th annual Saint Mary's University Employee Recognition ceremony on November 17, 2006.

Saint Mary's University paid tribute to its employees at the 13th Annual Employee Recognition Awards Ceremony on November 17, 2006. More than 100 people gathered in the McNally Theatre Auditorium for the special event which was organized by the Department of Human Resources.

"Congratulations and I thank all of you for your continued contributions and achievements," said Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President, as the room filled with applause. "Your commitment, support and leadership make all the difference to today's Saint Mary's," he added.

Chuck Bridges, Vice-President (Assoc.) of External Affairs, served as emcee for the festivities. Those who presented employees with their awards included Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President; Dr. Terry Murphy, Vice-President (Academic and Research); Gabrielle Morrison, Vice-President, Administration; Larry Corrigan, Vice-President, Finance; and Kim Squires, Director of Human Resources.

Faculty and staff marking 10 years of service to the University were presented with a 10K white gold pin, while those celebrating 25 years of service were presented with either a limited edition lithograph of the Loyola Tree by Leighton Davis (former Curator of the University's Art Gallery) or a Saint Mary's gold wristwatch. Those who have given 35 years of service were presented with a 10K yellow gold lapel pin with ruby insert.

This year, the University was also pleased to begin the tradition of recognizing part-time Faculty, Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Instructors, and Executive Professional Development Instructors with 15 years affiliation with Saint Mary's.

An additional highlight of the ceremony included the presentation of the *President's Awards for Exemplary Service*. This year's recipients were Vic Catano, Chair, Psychology; Judy Grandy, Assistant Manager, Bookstore; and Bill Promaine, Manager, University Security.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

Dr. Marguerite Abdul-Masih	Religious Studies
Keith Bain	Atlantic Centre for Students with Disabilities
Anne Baker	Geography
Lynne Carey	ITSS
Derrick Colburn	Residence
Dr. Arla Day	Psychology
Kimberley Dunn	External Affairs
Gerry Duranceau	Facilities Management
Dr. Ellen Farrell	Management
Sandra Fougere	Management
Dr. Philip Giles	Geography
Gwen Hardiman	English
Lisa Jordan	Athletics and Recreation
Greg MacKinnon	Finance, Information Systems and Management Science
Tricia MacPhee	Human Resources
Denise Moore	Cooperative Education Program
Robert Morrow	Financial Services
Janet Richey-Watson	Financial Services
David Slauenwhite	Geochemical Centre
Dr. Veronica Stinson	Psychology
Rachelle Warner	Modern Languages and Classics
Dr. David Wicks	Sobey School of Business

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

Robert Cook	Library
Dr. Atul Dar	Economics
Sandra Hamm	Library
Roger MacDonald	Facilities Management
Dr. Georgia Pe-Piper	Geology
Sam Scribner	Residence

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

Dr. Michael Larsen	English
Paul Rooney	ITSS

15 YEARS OR MORE AFFILIATION (PART-TIME FACULTY)

Kent Baker	English	22
Charles Baxter	Accounting	19
Dr. Mark Boyle	Psychology	16
Elizabeth Bruce	Religious Studies	17
Louise Burley	English	18
Gerry Cameron	International Development Studies	21
John Cathcart	Accounting	16
Joyce Conrad	Sociology and Criminology	21
Dr. Jutta Dayle	Anthropology	17
Don Dougherty	Accounting	17
Dr. Michael Earle	History	18
Jim Grant	Management	15
Dr. Janet Guildford	History	17
Niki Hare	Modern Languages and Classics	24
Cecily Honig	Geology	19
Gordon Johnson	Accounting	21
Dr. Gwyneth Jones	Biology	18
Sheila Kindred	Philosophy	36
Todd Leader	Psychology	16
Stella Lord	Political Science	18
Foster Lyne	Mathematics and Computing Science	24
Dr. Ron McDonald	History	30
Dr. Tim O'Neill	EMBA	30
Dr. Victor Parliament	Psychology	25
Douglas Pitcairn	Astronomy & Physics	15
David Robinson	Economics	18
Dr. Robert Ryan	Geology	23
Errol Sharpe	Sociology and Criminology	17
William Steele	Economics	18
Alan Surovell	Engineering	18
Dr. Martial Thiebaut	Mathematics and Computing Science	20
Daniel Walker	Accounting	18
Glenn Walton	English	22
Dr. Jeff Young	Management	23
Dr. Marty Zelenietz	Anthropology	26

15 YEARS OF AFFILIATION: EXECUTIVE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Ravi Tangri	Continuing Education, World Trade & Convention Centre	15
Scott Vernon	Continuing Education, World Trade & Convention Centre	15

Congratulations to all. A full listing of all recipients is also online at http://www.smu.ca/newsreleases/2006/documents/EERecognitionPoster_001.pdf

Scholarly Professional DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Valerie Creelman attended the Renaissance Society of America Conference in San Francisco, California (March 23-25). There she presented her paper entitled "Ryght worchepfull maistresse": Petitionary Letters and the Formation of Margaret Paston's Honour.

Dr. Madine VanderPlaat was Guest Editor of the Immigration and Families edition of Canadian Issues/Thèmes Canadiens. (Spring 2006) and presented a paper on "Research on Family Migration/Reunification: Issues and Challenges" at the 11th International Metropolis Conference. Lisbon: October 2-6, 2006. She has also been appointed Adjunct Professor, Women's Studies, Shaanxi Normal University, Xi'an, China.

Dr. Evangelia Tastsoglou co-edited, with Dr. Alexandra Dobrowolsky, *Women, Migration and citizenship: Making Local, National and Transnational Connections* (Ashgate, 2006). Her peer-reviewed report, with Diane Crocker, Alexandra Dobrowolsky, Edna Keeble and Carmen Celina Moncayo, *Security and Migration, Changes and Challenges: Immigrant and Ethnic Communities in Atlantic Canada, Presumed Guilty?* is in press (SWC). With C. Okana and C. Belkodja (Universite de Moncton) she was awarded \$25,000 by the Canadian Race Relations Foundation for a project on "La force du préjugé et l' introspection de la communauté Arabe et Musulmane du Nouveau Brunswick et de la Nouvelle Ecosse aux lois sur la sécurité nationale". In September 2006 she was invited by the Programme in Hellenic Studies and the Hellenic Heritage Foundation Chair at York University to deliver the opening lecture for the year on the topic of "The Temptations of New Surroundings: Family, State and Transnational Gender Politics in the Movement of Greek Domestic Workers to Canada in the 1950s and 1960s".

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dr. Alexandra Dobrowolsky and Dr. Evangelia Tastsoglou co-organized a "Gender, Citizenship and Migration" workshop for the 11th Annual International Metropolis conference in Lisbon, Portugal (October 2-5, 2006). At the workshop, Alexandra presented her paper entitled: "Gender, (In) Security and Citizenship: Making National and Transnational Connections". Alexandra also took part (via video feed) in the conference, Governing (and Representing) Women: Local, National and Global Approaches, sponsored by the Australia National University on November 2, 2006.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Dr. Paul Bowlby presented "Responses to Religious Pluralism in Halifax Regional Municipality Schools" at the 10th International Metropolis Conference, Toronto, ON., October 2005. He also presented "The New Religious Diversity in Halifax Regional Municipality" at the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion Conference, York University, May 2006. Dr. Bowlby had "Religious Diversity at the Margins of the Canadian Metropolis" published in *Our Diverse Cities*, Number 2, Summer 2006, pp. 112-116. He has received a pilot research grant from the Atlantic Metropolis Centre (AMC) in 2006. The project title is "The Role and Capacity of Religious Organizations to Contribute to the Nova Scotia Immigration Strategy." The grant is in the amount of \$3500.00. Co-researchers include Prof. David Sable and Mr. Blake Wright.

Dr. Anne Marie Dalton participated in an event co-sponsored by CFORE and Concordia University on September 26, 2006 as part of the executive of the Canadian Forum on Religion and Ecology (CFORE). She was part of a panel responding to the film "God's Earth: A Call for Environmental Stewardship."

Dr. Nancie Erhard, presented a paper entitled "Interfaith Alliances for Progressive Politics" at a conference on Religion, Science and Public Concern: Discourses on Ethics, Ecology, and Genomics at the University of Leiden, Netherlands, October 27-28, 2006. She also spoke to the Diversity Forum at the Aarhus School of Business in Aarhus, Denmark.

ENGLISH

Dr. Brian Bartlett recently led a week-long poetry workshop at the Tatamagouche Community of Writers. He gave poetry readings there and at the International Institute for Canadian Studies Conference (Kings College) and the Nova Scotia Library Association Conference (Holiday Inn). An anthology he edited, *Don McKay: Essays on His Works*, was published this fall by Guernica Editions in Toronto.

Sara Malton organized two panels on the subject of "Romantic and Victorian Finance" for the September 2006 joint conference of the North American Society for Studies in Romanticism and the North American Victorian Studies Association at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

HISTORY

Dr. James Morrison has been serving on the 11 member Nova Scotia Voluntary Planning Task Force on Heritage which began public hearings in August 2005. Several community meetings were held throughout the province and an Interim Report "Our Heritage Future: A Shared Responsibility" was issued in June, 2006. The final report will be presented to the Nova Scotia government in early December, 2006.

Dr. Kिरrily Freeman presented a paper entitled "Pedestals Dedicated to Absence: Vichy's Legacy in French Urban Spaces" at the Spaces of War Conference held at the University of Minnesota from October 26-29.

PHILOSOPHY

Dr. Chris MacDonald has an article forthcoming in the *Journal of Business Ethics*, entitled "Corporate Decisions About Labelling Genetically Modified Foods." The paper was co-authored by Melissa Whellams, an M.A. student in Saint Mary's University's IDS program.

Sheila Kindred has recently published a paper entitled "Two Naval Brothers, One City: Charles and Francis Austen in Halifax" in "Jane Austen and the North Atlantic: Essays from the 2005 Jane Austen Society Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada," ed. Sarah Emsley, Jane Austen Society, 2006. She

also presented a conference paper with Hugh Kindred entitled "Resort to Persuasive Authority: The Use and Abuse of Legal Argument in Political Discourse" at the 6th ISSA (International Society for the Study of Argumentation) Conference on Argumentation in Amsterdam, June 2006.

GEOGRAPHY

Cristian Suteanu (Geography Department and Environmental Studies Program) presented the paper "Analysis of changing patterns for the characterization of seismically active areas" at the 18th Annual Meeting of the Atlantic Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers which was held at Saint Mary's University, Halifax, from October 13 - October 15, 2006. His paper "Evolving dissipative systems with discrete appearance: anisotropy and spatial scaling" was published in *Interjournal for Complex Systems*, CX, 1653, 2006.

MODERN LANGUAGES & CLASSICS

On Sunday, November 12, Dr. Geraldine Thomas gave a public lecture at the Nova Scotia Art Gallery entitled "The Art and Times of Cleopatra". The lecture was held in conjunction with the new exhibition, The Art of Ancient Egypt.



In the News...

The Globe and Mail featured a story in late November on Dr. Cyril Byrne who was instrumental in the growth of the Irish Studies Department at Saint Mary's. Dr. Byrne, who taught at the University for more than 30 years, passed away in late August 2006.

CBC Radio (Mainstreet - Halifax) aired a story on the Computing Science (CS) Huskies who participated in the North America-Northeast Programming Competition in mid-November. The Huskies placed 6th overall in the event - not far behind Harvard University and MIT among others.

Dr. John Chamard, Marketing Department, was highlighted in The Halifax Chronicle-Herald, The Halifax Daily News and allnovascotia.com after being named the University's new CIBC Professor in Entrepreneurship and Venture Development.

Dr. Esther Enns, Dean of Arts, was featured on allnovascotia.com in mid-November. The widely read online business publication reported that she has been appointed President of the Canadian Society for Studies in Higher Education (CSSHE).

Dr. Andrew Harvey, Economics Department, appeared on CTV News where he discussed small business month.

Dr. Kevin Kelloway, Management Department and Psychology Department, was interviewed by CTV News about bullying in the workplace.

Dr. Chris MacDonald, Philosophy Department, was interviewed by The Montreal Gazette regarding ethics in the corporate world.

Dr. John McMullan, Sociology/Criminology Department, recently released a study on organized crime circles that extort money from online gambling websites. Media outlets covering the story included: CBC TV (The National), CBC TV (Canada Now), CBC Radio (Mainstreet - Halifax), CBC Radio News (Toronto), CBC Radio News (Vancouver), CBC World Report, CKCW AM Radio (Moncton), World Casino Magazine, The Las Vegas Gambler, The Edge Magazine, and The Canadian Press (CP).

Robin Metcalfe, Curator of the Art Gallery, was interviewed by DU&ICH, a German magazine, about Patient Zero. Metcalfe was also included in a Halifax Chronicle-Herald story about the Carl Zimmerman Art Exhibit being held in the University's Art Gallery.

Dr. Tanya Peckmann, Anthropology Department, worked with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in identifying a dead man - known as "John Doe" - found in a wooded area near the Halifax International Airport two years ago. News of this story made the front page of The Halifax Chronicle-Herald in addition to being featured in The Halifax Daily News. Dr. Peckmann, who is Forensic Anthropologist for the province's Medical Examiner's Office, was also interviewed by CTV News and CBC TV (Canada Now) about her work on the case. She was also interviewed by CKDU Radio in Halifax about her work with 3-D facial reconstruction and identifying deceased Aboriginal persons in Canada.

Dr. Carlos Pessoa, Department of Political Science, gave an interview to Radio Globo (Recife, Brazil) on the implications of the re-election of the Brazilian President Luis Ignacio Lula da Silva.

Martin Rutte, Chair of the Centre for Spirituality and the Workplace at the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's, was featured in The National Post where he discussed how the topic of God in the workplace is becoming more widely accepted in corporate environments.

Dr. Marcin Sawicki, Astronomy and Physics Department, was highlighted on the Metro Group Radio Stations - Q104 FM, C100 FM, KIXX Country, and 96.5 SUN FM - and in The Halifax Chronicle-Herald upon being awarded \$180,000 from the Canadian Space Agency (CSA).

Dr. Harvey Silverstein, former Chair of the University's EMBA Program, was interviewed by The Christian Science Monitor Prince Edward Island's plan to adopt more solar power technology. Dr. Silverstein, and other professors from the Sobey School of Business, will assist the Island in making solar power technology a reality.

Dr. Rob Singer, Chemistry Department, was featured in The Halifax Chronicle-Herald about his research involving "green chemistry."

Dr. Stephen Smith, Psychology Department, appeared on Global TV where he discussed the lack of realism in television crime dramas.

Dr. Alec Soucy, Religious Studies Department, spoke to The Halifax Chronicle-Herald about the role that microcredit can play in breaking the cycle of poverty.

Dr. David Wicks, Dean of Commerce for the Sobey School of Business, was quoted in a National Post story about the value of a Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree. Dr. Wicks was also interviewed by numerous media outlets regarding Bahamas-based banks that will soon be established in Halifax. He spoke to The Globe and Mail, The Halifax Daily News, and The Halifax Chronicle-Herald about the long-term economic benefits that the new financial institutions will bring.



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Sobey School of Business Professor Receives CIBC Professorship in Entrepreneurship and Venture Development



Left to right: Alana Green, student in the Sobey School of Business and Owner of Green Choi Kwang Do; Ian Penny (BComm. '87), Vice-President, Atlantic Canada, CIBC Commercial Banking; Terry Gardiner, Vice-President, Retail Distribution, CIBC; Dr. John Chamard, management professor, Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's and CIBC Professorship in Entrepreneurship and Venture Development; Dr. Terry Murphy, Vice-President (Academic and Research), Saint Mary's; Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's; and Mr. Paul J. Dyer, Chair of the Saint Mary's University Board of Governors.

Dr. John Chamard is taking on a new and exciting role at Saint Mary's University thanks to the generous support of CIBC.

At a formal ceremony held in the University's Art Gallery on November 26, 2006, it was announced that Dr. Chamard, a management professor in the Sobey School of Business, will hold the title of CIBC Professorship in Entrepreneurship and Venture Development.

The event drew more than 70 guests including representatives from CIBC and faculty, staff and students from the Sobey School of Business. CIBC awarded the University with \$400,000 in 2004 to make the position a reality. Through the professorship, Dr. Chamard will carry out educational, community and research activity in the area of entrepreneurship and venture development.

This gift directly supports the *Hearts & Minds Capital Campaign*. The goal of the Hearts & Minds Capital Campaign is to raise \$40 million to enhance student learning, teaching, research and to foster a more innovative campus environment at Saint Mary's.

"Dr. Chamard will be inspiring the next generation of Atlantic Canada's entrepreneurs who will be a driving force in the region's future success," said Ian Penny, Vice-President, Atlantic Canada, CIBC Commercial Banking. Penny graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce Degree from the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's in 1987.

Dr. Chamard is honoured to hold the inaugural CIBC Professorship in Entrepreneurship and Venture Development at Saint Mary's. "New venture creation is vital to the economic and social well-being of Atlantic Canadians," said Chamard. "Everyone at Saint Mary's is proud that CIBC has provided the support that will help us preserve our leadership role in the development and training of entrepreneurs."

Dr. J. Colin Dodds, President of Saint Mary's, expressed gratitude to CIBC on behalf of the University. "The University applauds CIBC's support of our *Hearts & Minds Capital Campaign*" said Dodds. "Most importantly, the University is thrilled that the Sobey School of Business at Saint Mary's will provide a tremendous level of support to entrepreneurial activity and venture development - which is a strong economic engine in Atlantic Canada's economy."

CIBC is committed to supporting causes that matter to its clients, employees and communities. CIBC aims to make a difference in communities the bank calls home through corporate donations, sponsorships and the volunteer spirit of employees. With a focus on youth, education and health, and employee commitment to causes including the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure, the United Way and the CIBC World Markets Children's Foundation, CIBC is investing in the social and economic development of communities across the country. In 2005, the CIBC group of companies contributed more than \$42 million worldwide to charitable organizations and community initiatives. Of this, \$28 million was invested in Canada to support national, regional and local organizations.

CS Huskies Shine at Northeast-North America Programming Contest

A team of computing science students from Saint Mary's placed sixth at the annual Northeast-North American Programming Contest. A total of 75 teams from Canada and the United States competed in competition that was held in early November at the Rochester Institute of Technology, NY.

Jason Hines, Harry McCleave and Chris Adams — who call themselves the *Computing Science (CS) Huskies* — defeated McGill University among others, and placed just behind perennial high-performers Harvard and MIT.

The trio also came in second overall out of 18 teams from Eastern Canada.

This is the ninth consecutive year in which Saint Mary's has sent a team of computing science students to the regional championships (Four first place finishes 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003; Four second place finishes: 2001, 2004, 2005, 2006; One third place finish: 1998).

Dr. Pawan Lingras, professor of Mathematics and Computing Science, served as team coach.

"Our CS Huskies showed everyone that we are the best in the East," he said. "We had a strong team who worked hard to get to the regional championships. Everyone at Saint Mary's is proud of their stellar performance."

Dean of Arts Elected President of CSSHE



Dr. Esther Enns

Dr. Esther Enns, Dean of Arts, has been elected President of the *Canadian Society for Studies in Higher Education (CSSHE)*.

The CSSHE is an interdisciplinary association that brings together researchers and practitioners from diverse disciplines, institutions and sectors to focus on issues of higher education. Its mission is to facilitate, promote and share research in such areas as teaching and learning, academic and administrative leadership, and higher education policy.

She will be serving a two-year term from 2006-2008.

An upcoming national conference of the Society will examine trends and issues around degree recognition and accreditation in Canada.

Dr. Enns has been instrumental in the growth of the Faculty of Arts at Saint Mary's, particularly in the internationalization of programs offered to students. She is also committed to ensuring that students have access to international mobility programs.



Left to right: Momodou Jain, Chair, Research Strategy Committee and Senior Lecturer with The University of The Gambia; Denis Leclaire, Director of International Activities; Heidi Taylor, Program Manager for International Activities; and Mohamed Jah, Founder and Managing Director of QuantumNET LTD. Jah and Jain recently visited Saint Mary's to discuss partnership opportunities that will benefit Nova Scotians and Gambians alike. Saint Mary's enjoys a unique relationship with The Gambia which dates back to the 1995 establishment of the Saint Mary's University Extension Program (SMUEP). The University of The Gambia was subsequently formed as a direct result of SMUEP.