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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL STUDIES

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WELCOME NEW FACULTY MEMBERS!

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FACULTY NEWS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Duff Spafford retired from the Department as of the end of June 2002. However, the tie remains since he is now Professor Emeritus, a position that allows him, if he so wishes, to continue to sit on graduate committees!

Jene Porter, who is on sabbatical leave (July-December 2002) continues to foster university-community relations through his work as CEO of the Canadian Institute for Society and Humanity.

In June, the Institute organized a one-day seminar on 'The New Rural Economy,' at which one of the speakers was Dr. Mark Drabenstott, President and Director, Centre for the Study of Rural America, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City; in September, it held another day-long conference, this time the subject was 'The Economy, Society, and Education: Responding to Aboriginal Peoples.'

Anna Hunter, a new tenure-track appointee (see above) has begun teaching the first of three new 3 cu. courses as part of the political studies component of the Indigenous Justice Program.

This term's course (POLST 222.3), entitled Aboriginal Governance and Politics, has over 20 students enrolled. Next term Professor Hunter and Murray Long will present Political Studies 322.3 and 323.3, respectively titled Aboriginal Management and Administrative Systems and Aboriginal Policies and Programs.

Jeffrey Steeves received the College of Arts and Science Distinguished Teaching Award at Convocation last May; more recently, he has been cited for teaching excellence at the U of S in Maclean's 2001-02 Guide to Universities and Colleges in Canada.

Peter Ferguson, who taught Comparative Politics, among other subjects the past few years, is this year on the other side of the desk. He is finishing his PhD requirements at UBC and preparing for his comprehensive examinations.

John Courtney, Jene Porter and David Smith attended the Boston meetings of the American Political Science Association at the end of August. Jene Porter gave a paper— 'What is Modernity and How did it Arise?' —to a Panel of the Eric Voeglin Society. John Courtney delivered the First Public Democratic Audit Lecture at Mt. Allison University on 27 September. His subject was "Canada's Electoral Democracy." The lecture series, organized by the Canadian Studies Program at Mt. Allison, is designed to

draw to a close the two-year study which will, in 2003 and 2004, see the publication of twelve volumes on various democratic institutions in Canada.

Ron Wheeler presented a paper on “‘Noninterference’ and China’s Voting in the United Nations Commission on Human Rights” at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association on May 29, 2002, and chaired a panel on ‘Humanitarianism and International Law.’ An article by Ron Wheeler entitled ‘All in Favor: A Study of Consensus Decision-Making in the UN Commission on Human Rights, 1982-1999’ will appear as a chapter in a book entitled Science, Society and Human Rights to be published under the auspices of UNESCO later this year.

David Smith has had a chapter on ‘Canada’s Republican Silence’ published in the book *Shaping Nations: Constitutionalism and Society in Australia and Canada*, edited by Linda Cardinal and David Hendon (University of Ottawa Press, 2002).

NEW DEPARTMENT PRIZE

The Department has a new undergraduate award, the Barron-Garcea Essay Prize, awarded to students for excellence in the preparation and writing of an essay related to their undergraduate or graduate studies. The prize will be given in alternate years to a student in Political Studies or Native Studies, and will be decided by committees within the respective Departments. The initial prize is \$250.00 and will be given this year to a student in Native Studies.

WELCOME NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS!

Left to right: James Cairns, Cathy Nilson, Craig Nyirfa, Karla Radloff, Steven McGuire, Alison Neary, Jeremy Geddert, Shane Garrity

NEWS ABOUT PRESENT & FORMER STUDENTS

Stacey Smith (now Smith Coleman), Hons ’00, is now Quality of Care Coordinator for the Prince Albert Health District. She says that ‘having a degree in Political Studies is very useful ... It has taught me to research, write, work independently and think critically. For that I am grateful.’

Megan Furi, MA ’02, is an intern at the Library of Parliament; she has been told (she writes) about ‘what a good education we receive at the U of S.’ Jim Farney, MA ’02, is now settled into the PhD political science program at the U of T. He reports that only 3 of the 19 new PhDs are Canadian specialists, ‘which makes TA positions easy for us to snap up.’ He is the only person in the first year of the program from the Prairies.

Tanis Halpape (BA Hons ’02), and last year’s PASS president, has been selected as a policy research intern with the World Bank. The Bank, in cooperation with CIDA, is implementing an initiative (‘People’s Voice Project’) in the Ukraine that focuses on the empowerment of civil society. Bonnie Leask (BA Hons POLST/NATST. ’02), has received an international internship through the Indigenous Peoples Program of the U of S Extension Division. She will be working in Fiji for the Pacific Concerns Resource Centre, an organization promoting awareness in the South Pacific region about nuclear arms testing, indigenous rights, women’s rights and youth rights.

Far from Saskatchewan too is Annie Seller currently on an internship with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. She has been living and working in a small indigenous community, located in northern Venezuela. The focus of this internship has been promoting child rights by working with both Venezuelan national child rights laws and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The experience, she says, has opened her eyes to the way the world really works for the majority of the world’s people.’

The op-ed page of the Globe and Mail has benefited from the thoughts of former U of S political science graduates over the past summer: Jennifer Welsh (BA Hons '87); Murray Dobbin (BA '69); and Michael Byers (BA Hons '88). All are authors of new books dealing with Canadian or international politics or political theory. Another former political science student turned author is Erika Simpson (BA Hons '84). McGill-Queen's University Press have recently published her book NATO and the Bomb: Canadian Defenders Confront Critics. Erika is an associate professor of political science at UWO. Stephanie Boisard, currently in the MA program, gave a paper last March at the 'Canada: Rupture and Continuity' conference held at McGill University and sponsored by the Association of Canadian Studies and the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada. Her topic was 'La Loi Sur les Indiens et l'Initiative pour la gouvernance des Premieres Nations: Implications pour les gouvernements autochtones.' Niki Pogue, this year's president of PASS, spent part of the summer in the French program at Trois-Rivières. She reports that students caught speaking English receive a 'red card': 'If we receive three red cards, we are expelled from the program. There are people everywhere with red cards in malls, cinemas, even taxi drivers have them.' A modern version of the white feather, perhaps.

**Correction: The last issue of the Newsletter misidentified Corey Neal Henry. It should have read that he holds an Hons BA '99. Sorry for the mistake.*

CO-OP SSHRC-RELATED STUDENT FUNDING

Graduate opportunity: M.A. Scholarships, Fellowships and Research Assistantships in Co-operatives and Social Cohesion. Value: approximately \$10,000-12,000 (MA) per academic year. Awards are open to students entering any discipline or any interdisciplinary program of graduate studies at the U of S. For more information, please contact Professor Cristine de Clercy, Centre for the Study of Cooperatives (966-8508).

Public Administration

The Public Administration Program is approaching its 20th anniversary. The program was designed to provide students with training that gives them the requisite skills for careers in the governmental sector, as well as both the for-profit and the voluntary sectors. If you are interested in learning more about the program see the Department of Political Studies Web-site or contact Prof. Joseph Garcea at 242-3567 (908 Arts).

Brochures are available on the 9th Floor Arts by the elevators.

Aboriginal Public Administration

The Department is waiting for final approval on the proposed Aboriginal Public Administration Program, part of the U of S Indigenous Peoples and Justice Initiative. If students are interested in receiving information, please contact Professor Anna Hunter at 909 Arts.

PASS EXECUTIVE – 2002-03

(Political Studies & Public Administration Students' Society)
UPCOMING PASS EVENTS

(Also, check web page for regular updates:

[PASS Homepage](#)

- Member Beer Night at GW Brewery – date to be announced
- Pool With the Profs – date to be announced
- Oktoberfest – date to be announced
- Political Film Night – November 4th

- Pub Crawl – November 15th (may include a stop at Huskies hockey game)
- Student Polling will take place on a regular basis in the Arts Building.
- PASS will be presenting a speaker from CSIS in mid-October

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NEED SOME HELP??

Andrew Hubbertz has developed a tutorial on the use of the records of Parliament online, available at:

<http://library.usask.ca/govpub/tutorial/house/>

It is intended for undergraduate students and adults who need a working knowledge of how to use the records of Parliament, especially the House of Commons. The tutorial is organized into seven brief sections, with exercises for reinforcing what is learned. Andrew Hubbertz is Government Information Librarian in the University Library and a Professional Affiliate of the Department.

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