

# NEWSLETTER

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## A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS!



Left to right (back row): Evan Richet, Elan Hammel, Jacqueline Thomarat, Anthony Yannacoulis, Kiley Frantik, Rhiannon Stromberg, Lucilia Pereria; (front row): Nicole McDonald, Ashley Metz, Juanita Bacsu, Patrick Thomson

## STUDENT NEWS

Our new Master's students have been awarded the following:

- Juanita Bacsu** – Graduate Teaching Fellowship
- Kiley Frantik** – Graduate Teaching Fellowship
- Lucilia Pereira** – University Graduate Scholarship
- Rhiannon Stromberg** – University Graduate Scholarship
- Jacqueline Thomarat** – Graduate Teaching Fellowship

**Stéphane Audet** (MA '99) is the new Executive Director for Conseil de la Coopération de l'Ontario (CCO). He is very familiar with the CCO having worked there as the Program Director of Young Canada Works in both official languages from 2000 to 2003. Prior to this, he was Manager of the "Advisory Services" component of the Co-operative Development Initiative, for the Canadian Co-operative Association and Conseil Canadien de la Coopération. Stéphane is enthusiastic about his new position and looks forward to developing new initiatives with an emphasis on co-operation among co-operatives and member services.

**Gerelt Bayantur** (MA '05) went home to Mongolia over the summer. She was awarded the *Vivian Williams Morton and Arthur Silver Morton Memorial Travel Scholarship* which aided her research in Mongolia. She is now back in Saskatoon, in the Master's program in the History Department. "It was a wonderful summer back home. I met members of the parliaments at the State Great Hural and talked about the research I did with Professor Steeves. I have already had job offers with government in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Department of Foreign Relations of the Parliament. Instead, I decided to come back here and finish my second degree, then go back to Mongolia and contribute to my country's development. The future belongs to those who believe in themselves."

**Derek Birch** (BA Hons '00) completed a MA in Political Science at UBC, graduating in November of 2001. He began law school at UBC in September of 2001, graduating in May 2004. Over the summer of 2003 Derek worked at the Victoria law firm Arvay Finlay with the noted constitutional lawyer Joseph Arvay, Q.C. In September 2004, Derek began clerking for Mr. Justice Ian Donald and Madam Justice Risa Levine of the B.C. Court of Appeal. In July 2005, Derek began articling with the noted Vancouver criminal lawyer P.M. Bolton, Q.C. (recent clients in the news include Svend Robinson and Dave Bassi) at the Vancouver firm Bolton & Muldoon.

**Michel Carpentier** (MA '05) was selected to attend the March, 2005 CIIA Conference in Halifax as a participant. The conference included a youth symposium on 8 March and a National Foreign Policy Conference on 9-10 March. Michel is one of the four Saskatchewan Legislative Interns for 2005-06.

**Jennifer Cushon** (BA Hons '01) is now pursuing her PhD in Community Health and Epidemiology at the U of S.

**Curtis Ellinger** (BA Hons '05) was awarded a travel grant by the College of Arts and Science to allow him to attend the 2005 Liberal Party of Canada Biennial Convention.

**Nathan Elliott** (BA Hons '02) is doing his PhD in History at the University of Calgary.

**Nicole Gareau** (BA Hons '96) After having completed her BA degree, she attended the College of Law at the U of S and obtained her LLB. After graduation, she joined the Foreign Service and has been working with Citizenship and Immigration Canada since then. Nicole worked for two years at the Consulate General of Canada in Hong Kong and is currently the Refugee Coordinator at the Canadian High Commission in Nairobi, Kenya. She writes that she will be returning to Ottawa in the summer of 2006, and hopes to start a part-time MPA in September 2006 while continuing to work as Second Secretary (Immigration) in the Canadian High Commission.

**Jeremy Geddert** (MA '03) accepted a position with the Department of Finance in Regina.

**Tanis Halpape** (BA Hons '02) was chosen last December to be an official election observer with the Canadian mission to Ukraine headed by former PM John Turner. "It was an amazing experience," writes Tanis. "I was situated on the Black Sea in the oblast of Kherson. In the previous rounds of the election this oblast reported high rates of fraudulent activity. It was an absolutely unbelievable learning experience, it was amazing to be involved in such an historical international moment."

**Kristine Hirschhorn** (BA Hons '94) was awarded a post-doctoral fellowship through the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation, to conduct a survey of pharmacists and dietitians regarding their use of natural health products.

**Lesia Horbay** (BA Hons '05) was selected to be a Parliamentary Intern in Ottawa for 2005-06. During the year

she will work with two MPs (one from the opposition benches and one from the government benches). Her assignment for the first half of her internship is to serve in the office of Mr. Jay Hill, currently the House Leader for the Conservative Party of Canada.

**Michael Jordan** (MA '05) received a \$2000 scholarship from Professor Peter Phillips and the GELS<sup>3</sup> project for research on intellectual property, toward the completion of his MA thesis.

**Sean Kochan** (MA '04) started work with the Alberta Liberal Opposition as a research analyst in August 2005, and he is very excited about his new position. He comments, "I've been assigned 4 portfolios: energy, aboriginal affairs and northern development, community development and government services. I'm finding it very challenging to learn each area in depth, particularly the Energy portfolio which occupies about 85% of my time."

**Trevor McLeod** (BA Hons '97, LLB '03) has been in living in Calgary and working at a national law firm there. After completing articles at Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP, he accepted a job in the firm's corporate litigation department and has been litigating ever since.

**Matthew Mitchell** (BA Hons '04) was accepted into a Masters in International Studies Program with a concentration in International Development at Laval University. He writes: "It is a two year program and I've chosen the one year course work and one year thesis route. The program is focused around International Law, Economics and Politics ... luckily enough, one of the mandatory courses is The Politics of Canada and Quebec in the International system."

**Alison Neary (Leontaridis)** (MA '03) is now living in Victoria, B.C., and working as Executive Assistant to a Senior Cabinet Minister with the B.C. Provincial Government. "I am loving it and learning a lot. I have been married for almost two years, and my husband is one of the three Canadian Tenors."

**Nicole Pogue** (MA '04) writes: "I was offered a contract extension at the Library of Parliament and the opportunity to work with the House Foreign Affairs and International Trade Committee. At the same time, an offer came from Elections Canada. For those of you who know me, you'll not be surprised that I gave little thought to the option before me. As much as I enjoyed my time at the Library...Elections Canada had my heart! And, so I've spent the month of September at EC and I've enjoyed every minute of it. I'm in the Corporate and Parliamentary Research Branch of the National and International Research Directorate. I do a variety of things, from analyzing reports and polls, to preparing correspondence for the Chief Electoral Officer. My daily task is to prepare a report of what happened in the House, the Senate and in Committees the day before. It's a fast paced office...much busier than I was used to at the Library, but it keeps my mind sharp and challenges me every day."

**Bill Rafoss** (MA '05) presented a paper on "Aboriginal Governments and the Charter of Rights" at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland conference in May, 2005. He states, "this was a big honor and a bit overwhelming." Bill continues to work as a Supervisor with the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission in Saskatoon.

**Krista Robertson** (BA Hons '99) was accepted to the Master's Program in Environmental Science at the University of Calgary.

**Tracy Sletto** (BA Hons '94) has recently been appointed as Director, Senior Management Services in the Office of the Deputy Minister to the Premier. Her husband **Corey Brooks Decillia** (BA Intl, Hons '95) is the Saskatchewan reporter for CBC National Television News.

**Stacey Smith-Coleman** (MA '04) is teaching the first year political studies course in Prince Albert this term.

**Drew Wilby** (BA Hons '05) and **John Courtney** (Professor Emeritus) co-authored a paper on "Elite Attitudes on Electoral Reform in Canada." They presented the paper to the American Political Science Association meetings in Washington, D.C. in early September. "It is quite a coup" said Courtney, "for someone about to enter a graduate program (in his case, University of Calgary) to present a paper to the world's largest gathering of political scientists."

**Adam Wilson** (BA'03) is currently working for the Alberta Government as a Business Planning Analyst Intern with the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation.

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Congratulations to our Master's students who successfully defended their theses in 2005. They are:

- **Clare Pellerin**
- **Gerelt Bayantur**
- **William (Bill) Rafoss**
- **Ayuz Mukadam**
- **Jeffrey Walters**
- **Michael Jordan**

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## NEW SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE INTERNS!

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Interns for the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program have been selected. They are: **Michel Carpentier** (BA Hons, MA candidate, Political Studies), **Haley Gagnon** (Third Year BA, Aboriginal Public Administration), and **Stewart Low** (BA Hons, International Studies) from the University of Saskatchewan. The fourth intern is **Justin Leifso** (Fourth year BA Hons, Political Science) at the University of Regina. For seven months, beginning in January 2006, the four interns will be assigned to members of the government and opposition caucuses in the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly. See the Spring 2006 Newsletter for more.

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## Comment from one of the Saskatchewan Legislative Interns (2004-05)

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**Kevin Chernoff** (current student) writes: "I'm into my last leg of SLIP here in Regina. It has been all I expected it to be, no regrets, I'd do it again. The program is best for the person who has a passion for provincial politics, but even those with a moderate interest should apply for it. There's a lot to gain from programs like SLIP. I spent my time with Her Majesty's Loyal Saskatchewan Party Opposition for the first rotation. Then I worked with NDP Member Graham Addley for a time. I'll spend the remaining two months in the Speaker's Office."

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## FACULTY NEWS

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**John Courtney** (Professor Emeritus) was selected to receive an Earned Doctor of Letters at Spring Convocation on May 25, 2005. From University News Communications: "John Courtney served on faculty for 39 years at the U of S, first with the former department of economics and political science and more recently with the department of political studies. For three months this fall he will serve as Public Policy

Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Centre in Washington D.C. His research and publications have been devoted to questions of representation, party leadership and party conventions, electoral reform, and electoral districting. He is the author of four books and has received several research grants. Numerous awards have been bestowed upon him and he has held visiting teaching appointments in Germany, the United States and Jerusalem.”

**Cristine de Clercy** and **Peter Ferguson** completed a large study this spring, and gave two papers from this project to the Laurier Institute for the Study of Public Opinion and Policy May 2005 workshop, and the Canadian Political Science Association Annual Meetings in London, Ontario. A new article based on these findings has been published: Peter A. Ferguson and Cristine de Clercy, ”Regulatory Compliance in Opinion Poll Reporting During the 2004 Canadian Election,” *Canadian Public Policy*, 31: 3 (September 2005), 243-257.

**Kalowatie Deonandan** has an article entitled: “The Helms Burton Bill and Canada’s Cuba Policy: Convergences with the US,” in *Policy and Society*, Vol 24, No. 1, forthcoming Fall 2005. She also has a paper, “Re-Interpreting Canada’s Cuba Policy,” in the *Proceedings of the Conference on Convergence and Divergence in North America* (Vancouver. B.C: Simon Fraser University, forthcoming Fall 2005).

**Peter Phillips** is a co-principal investigator and member of the management committee of the \$2.2 million, 4 year GELS Project on Translating Science: Genomics and Health Systems. His specific part of the project will deal with (1) Public and Private Partnerships in protecting and mobilizing traditional knowledge and (2) new models of governance. He is also a lead collaborator on the \$13.4 million, 4 year, Designing Oilseeds for Tomorrow’s Markets Project (led by U of A and NRC/PBI). Phillips will be leading the work on GELS issues related to new oilseed varieties (i.e. regulation, marketing, IPR management).

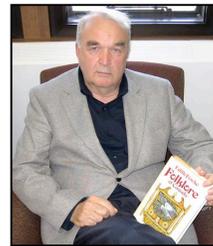
**Ken Pontikes**, Academic Director of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program, has been appointed by Saskatchewan’s Minister of Labour to serve as co-chair of a multi-sectoral committee that will select recipients of the inaugural Saskatchewan Works and Family Balance Awards. The awards will be announced on December 1, 2005. These are the first such awards in Canada, and will recognize Saskatchewan workplaces that have implemented effective practices to help employees balance work and family responsibilities.

**Roy Romanow** was reappointed to a second three-year term as Senior Fellow in Public Policy in Political Studies, commencing July 1, 2005. In May he produced the foreword for a biography on Emmett Hall, authored by Dennis Gruending and scheduled for release in November 2005. Mr. Romanow received the Distinguished Canadian Award in Regina. On May 16 he gave a speech and was presented an award at the Canadian Cooperative Congress held in Saskatoon, and later in May he spoke to the annual conference of the Government Relations Officers of the Association of Canadian Colleges and Universities. In June, Mr. Romanow gave a speech to the Canadian Psychology Association in Montreal and produced an opinion/editorial piece for the *Globe and Mail* entitled “Now’s the Time to Stand Up for Medicare.” He was a recipient of an honorary degree, Doctors of Laws (Honoris causa) from Carleton University. In July, Mr. Romanow produced a 2,000 word essay on his personal reflections on Saskatchewan for the July 2005 edition

of *Maclean’s* entitled “Rich in Diversity.” Mr. Romanow gave a speech, “Tommy Douglas’s Other Legacy: The Creation of a Professional Public Service in Saskatchewan,” at the national conference for the Institute of Public Administration of Canada which met in Regina. In September, Mr. Romanow delivered the opening speech to University of Toronto’s conference on the recent Supreme Court Chaouilli decision on Medicare. Also in September, at the 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Canadian Public Health Association Convention in Ottawa, he participated on a panel, along with Federal Minister Carolyn Bennett and Dr. David Butler-Jones (Canada’s Chief Medical Health Officer) and Professor Richard Lessard. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Regina at the 2005 fall convocation.

Mr. Romanow teaches a graduate level class in Political Studies.

**Robert Schwab**, Sessional Lecturer, will be teaching a course entitled “The British Raj in India” for Saskatoon Seniors Continued Learning Inc. (Coordinated by the U of S Extension Division). Dr. Schwab was the keynote speaker for the celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi’s birthday on October 2, 2005 sponsored by the India Canada Cultural Association of Saskatoon. This took place in front of the Gandhi statue downtown. After garlanding the statue, the celebration moved to a lecture venue at VIDO where the keynote address and a panel discussion took place. The title of Robert Schwab’s address was: “Searching for Gandhiji: The Twenty-first Century’s Need of a Great Soul.”



**Duff Spafford** (Professor Emeritus) is helping to collect the best-known books written, translated or edited by former students at U of S. The collection now resides in the Retirees’ Lounge in the newly renovated College Building.

**Don Story** has been awarded the *Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan* for his volunteer work in the community. This medal recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to our province, and is a symbol of the pride and vision of Saskatchewan and its people. The medal will be awarded by Her Honour the Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan.

**Ron Wheeler** was awarded a USSU Teaching Excellence Award for 2004-05. He also has been nominated for three years in a row as an outstanding teacher and one of the most popular professors at the U of S in *Maclean’s*.

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## CAREER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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The Department is offering a course designed to provide students with a learning experience in the community entitled: Career Internship (Political Studies 383.3). Students must apply for permission to register in this course, and must be either in 3rd or 4th year to apply. Those selected will be placed with either a governmental or non-governmental agency to assist in various capacities on a part-time basis. The basic requirement is that students devote as much time to their internship duties as they would devote to a three credit unit course. Students interested in the Career Internship Course should contact Prof. Garcea: e-mail: [joe.garcea@usask.ca](mailto:joe.garcea@usask.ca); Phone: 966-5222; Office: 908 Arts.

## ANNUAL PRIZES IN POLITICAL STUDIES AWARDED!!

### Awarded in May:

Donald Alexander McNiven Prize (\$3500) – **Erin Morgan**  
MacGregor-Dawson Prize (\$500) – **Brian Ward**  
PASS Prize (\$250) – **Lesia Horbay**  
Barron-Garcea Prize (\$250) – **Nancy Karvallas**

### Awarded in September:

Dorothy Jackson Nenniger Scholarship (\$1500) – **Alicia Wilkinson**  
Robert Lawton Elliott Book Prize (\$90) – **Lucilia Pereira**  
Phebe Winifrid Rowles Memorial Scholarship (\$3000) – **Rhiannon Stromberg**  
Norman Ward Memorial Scholarship (\$1000) – **Lucilia Pereira**

## 3 NEW PRIZES!!

Three of our former graduates have each generously donated prizes to the Department. They are: **Jason Aebig** (BA Hons '99), **Russell Isinger** (MA '97) and **Bruce Cory** (MA '94).

- J. D. Aebig Essay Prize in Canadian Government and Politics (\$500)
- Allan P. Isinger Essay Prize in Canadian or International Security Policy (\$250)
- Cory Prize for the Most Outstanding Thesis in Political Studies (\$500)

**Students are asked to submit essays to be considered, to the Department Head by April 15, 2006.**

## PASS

(Political Studies & Public Administration Students' Society)

PASS would like to welcome all Political Studies students back for another exciting year. PASS is the heart of the Political Studies department and we thank all of our members for making it such a great venture. As for those who aren't members yet, we would like to invite you to our events to see what PASS is all about. This year we are delighted to offer a Political Films Night, a Members Appreciation Night, Pool Night, a number of pub crawls and other social events. In addition, we are planning a bus trip for students to see the provincial budget, an event corresponding to the federal election. We are also attempting to bring in a number of speakers for political studies students. As if that's not enough, PASS will be hosting a Political Studies Career Fair and a debate for the upcoming year. This fall, look for PASS apparel to be sold on our website: <http://www.arts.usask.ca/pass>. The PASS executive hopes that students and faculty will appreciate our efforts and come out and enjoy what we have organized on their behalf. Join us and have some fun!

### PASS Executive 2005-2006



Left to right: Brian Rakochoy, Mark D. Richards, John Saltasuk, Kai C. So, Roy Romanow (honorary PASS member!), Chris Costley, Cole Goertz, Malori Keller, Nicole Hassan, Kristin Longpre. (not in photo: Haley Gagnon, Jarad Hermanson, Kim Assailly)

## PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS

The Department of Political Studies offers two exciting interdisciplinary programs:

- Public Administration Program
- Aboriginal Public Administration Program

Both programs are open to any student who meets the university's entrance requirements. They are open to students regardless of what stage they are at in their studies. Information about both programs can be found in the *University Calendar*. Brochures are also available on the 9th floor of the Arts Tower, by the elevator. If you are interested, please contact Professor Joseph Garcea at: [joe.garcea@usask.ca](mailto:joe.garcea@usask.ca) or phone: 966-5222.



### Aboriginal Public Administration Students' Society (APASS)

The Aboriginal Public Administration Student Society (APASS) is welcoming new members and participants for its sophomore year. Aboriginal Public Administration offers students a broad but intricate knowledge base in the public, private, profit, and non-profit sectors of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal governmental affairs. Our group provides for student networking and hosts many events that deal with academic endeavors, as well as non-academic fundraisers and community events. Our mandate is based on mutual respect and building partnerships with the outside community and student body. Membership fees will be discussed in the future.

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**Look for the next issue of this Newsletter in the Spring of 2006.**