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POLITICAL STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
SASKATCHEWAN

# **NEWSLETTER**

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## **WHAT'S NEW IN THE DEPARTMENT?**

**David Smith** has completed his three-year term as department head. He has been succeeded by **Don Story**. Professor Story in turn, has been succeeded by **Jeffrey Steeves** as the Department's graduate chair. Professor Smith, who is on sabbatical leave for 2000-01, received a three-year SSHRCC grant (\$23,000) to study bicameral legislatures in Canada and abroad. Professor Smith testified at the Senate of Canada's Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee on Bill C-20, the "Clarity Bill" on provincial succession, and appeared on two panels at the Canadian Political Science Association meetings in Quebec City in August, 2000.

**Hans Michelmann** was appointed to a 5-year term as an Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Science.

**Jene Porter** is one of four members of a research team whose \$235,000 Heal Net Centre of Excellence grant was recently approved, by Industry Canada, for its second year. The project examines resource allocation by regional health boards, with a focus on distributive justice. Part of the grant supports a graduate student in the department of Political Studies.

**Peter Phillips** (BA high honors '80), whose PhD is from the University of London, has been appointed a Professional Affiliate in the Political Studies department. Dr. Phillips is a professor of agricultural economics at the University of Saskatchewan.

**Russell Isinger** (BA high honors '87, MA '97) is teaching a section of the second-year international relations course for the Department this year.

**Ron Wheeler** presented a paper entitled "All in Favour? Consensus Decision-Making in the UN Commission on Human Rights, 1982-1999," at the Millennium Symposium on Science, Society and Human Rights, in Regina in August, 2000.

**Kali Deonandan** has accepted a 2-year appointment as the Coordinator of the International Studies program in Arts and Science at the University of Saskatchewan. Political Studies is one of the core departments within it. Professor Deonandan also participated in a two week educational program and a three day symposium at the University of Havana in Cuba in May-June, 2000. At the symposium Professor Deonandan presented a paper on contemporary revolutionary theology in Nicaragua.

**Cris de Clercy** (BA '91, MA '92), an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science, has been named a Research Fellow with the Centre for the Study of Cooperatives at the University of Saskatchewan. She completed her PhD at the University of Western Ontario in the spring, 2000.

**Joe Garcea** is returning to the Department this year following his stint as Chair and Director of Research and Analysis for the Saskatchewan Task Force on Municipal Legislative Renewal. Professor Garcea will be speaking on the work of the Task Force at a Departmental Seminar in November, and he will be teaching (POLST 306.3) on municipal government Term 2, 2000-01.

**Richard Sigurdson**, a former member of the Department has been named Chair of Political Science at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton. John Courtney's manuscript *Commissioned Ridings: Designing Canada's Electoral Boundaries* has been accepted by McGill-Queen's University Press for publication in 2001.

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW GRAD STUDENTS - from sea to shining sea!**

Jason Aebig	University of Saskatchewan
David Brock	Dalhousie University
Ryan Dollimore	University of Toronto
Garry Ellis	Brock University
Evan Jones	Simon Fraser University
David Thomas	University of Calgary
Helen Weir	University of Victoria

## **MASTER'S THESES DEFENCES COMPLETED SO FAR IN 2000 ...**

**FONTAINE, Sean**, Canada towards Cuba: A Middle Power's Foreign Policy

**HANSELMANN, Calvin**, Agenda Setting: Saskatchewan Property Assessment System Reforms, 1997-1995

**KURYLO, Maria**, Canada's Commissioner of Official Languages: The Unexplored Concept of the Officer of Parliament

**McLEAN, Alex**, The Application of the Concept of 'Citizens Plus' to Status Indians in Canada

**NAKAI, Naoko**, The 10 Days Following Hiroshima: An Analysis of the Japanese Decision to Surrender

**SZALA, Michael**, The Supreme Court and Equality before 1996: The Application of Douglas Rae's Schema

**SYKES, Stuart**, The Calgary Declaration: A Different Kind of Unity Initiative

**WILSON-LOESCHER, Cathie**, Paradigmatic Policy Change: A Case Study of the 1994-1996 Immigration Settlement Renewal Consultation

## **NEW BOOKS**

**NO ORDINARY ACADEMICS: Economics and Political Science at the University of Saskatchewan, 1910-1960.** In *No Ordinary Academics* **Shirley Spafford** (BA Hons '59) describes the circumstances and people that turned an academic department in an isolated prairie university into a thriving intellectual community that would nurture some of Canada's best minds. This is the story of the people who studied and taught economics and political science at the University of Saskatchewan from 1910 to 1960. They form a strong cast of characters, who brought to their tasks an unusual individuality and sense of purpose, and include such luminaries as Frank Underhill, Robert MacGregor Dawson, Norman Ward, and Mabel Timlin. Shirley Spafford studied with Mabel Timlin and Norman Ward. She is now a private scholar living in Saskatchewan. The book was published by University of

Toronto Press in 2000.

**THE REPUBLICAN OPTION IN CANADA: PAST AND PRESENT.** **David E. Smith** was recently awarded the 2000 Smiley Prize by the Canadian Political Science Association. Named for Donald Smiley, the prize recognizes the best book published in English or French in the field relating to the study of Canadian government and politics. Professor Smith's book was recognized as the most outstanding work for 1998 or 1999. The book was published by the University of Toronto Press in 1999.

The third edition of **CLASSICS IN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY**, by **Jene M. Porter** of the Department of Political Studies has been published.

## **AN UPCOMING EVENT....**

**Jane Jenson** of the Universit<sup>é</sup> de Montr<sup>é</sup>al will deliver the annual Timlin Lecture at the University of Saskatchewan on 6 February 2001.

## **NEWS ON FORMER STUDENTS**

**St<sup>é</sup>phane Audet** (BA Hons, '98, MA '99) lives in the Ottawa-Hull region where he administers the Young Canada Works program for the province of Ontario.

**Gerry Baier** (MA '95), whose PhD is from Dalhousie University,

has been appointed to a tenure-track position at St. Thomas University, Fredericton.

**Michael Byers** (BA Hons '88) has been appointed an Associate Professor of Law at Duke University.

**Raj Chari** (BSC '90, BA Hons '91 and MA '93) holds a 3-year contract to teach political science at Trinity College, Dublin. He recently participated in the American Political Science Association meetings in Washington, D.C.

**Roberta Cross** (BA Hons '91) upon graduation joined the Canadian Foreign Service as a Trade Commissioner. Roberta was posted to the Canadian Embassy in Havana, Cuba, for two years. She is currently a Communications Strategist in the Western Hemisphere Summit Office.

**Marcus Grundahl** (BA '96) is Director of the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs in New York.

**Brooke Jeffrey** (MA '74) is a Professor of Political Science at Concordia University in Montreal. Her latest book is *Hard Right Turn: The New Face of Neo-Conservatism in Canada* (1999).

**Steven Lewis** (BA Hons '71, MA '72), former CEO of both the Saskatchewan Health Services Utilization and Research Commission and the Saskatchewan Health Research Board, has been appointed to the governing council of the Canadian Institutes for Health Research.

**Richard Lockert** (BA Hons '92, MA '98) is Resource Developer for the Saskatchewan Association of Rehabilitation Centres in Saskatoon.

**Naoko Nakai** (MA '2000) works with the Canadian Dream Experience in Ottawa. The company assists young Japanese to live

and study in Canada. Her responsibilities include the company's marketing efforts in Japan.

**Jeff Senior** (BA Hons '92, MA '94), **Sean McLuckie** (BA Hons'93, MA '98), and **Keith Lewis** (BA Hons '95) are all with Immigration Canada in Ottawa.

**Mike Stewart** (BA '98) is an accountant at Integrated Business Systems in Richmond, Virginia. The company develops software for golf courses.

**Erin Tolley** (BA Hons '99) was accepted following a national competition as one of four 10-month Interns in the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament.

**Ivan Yaholnitsky** (BA Hons'79 and MA '85), who is Director of the Bethel Business and Community Development Centre in Lesotho, South Africa, was awarded the 2000 Alumni Humanitarian Award by the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Association.

**Loleen Youngman Berdahl** (BA Hons '93), whose PhD is from the University of Calgary, is Director of Research at the Calgary-based Canada West Foundation.

## **PASS ANNOUNCEMENTS!**(Public Administration & Political Studies Students' Society)

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Another exciting year of PASS festivities is about to begin!! We will be having three beer nights this year: 1-Thursdays October 19, 7-9 at Great Western; 2-February 1st, 7-9 at GW; 3-March 30th, 7-9 at GW.

We will have a series of speakers throughout the year, and a political film night hosted by one of the professors.

This year's PASS OUT Bus Trip will be taking place the first weekend back to school in January. This year's destination is Edmonton.

Keep your eyes and ears open for other upcoming events such as Pool with Profs, Resume Workshop and Trivia Night.

All money raised at these various events will go towards Graduation. Have a great year everybody!