

NEWSLETTER

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FACULTY RETIREMENTS

Professors Courtney and Smith, who will retire at the end of this academic year, have had distinguished careers that brought each to the top of his profession and discipline, and honour to the Department of Political Studies and the University. Each has been president of the Canadian Political Science Association; each has won a USSU teaching award; each has been named Distinguished Researcher at the University and awarded a prestigious Killam Research Fellowship in national competition. Each has written important books, and articles that number in the dozens. David Smith came to teach at the University in 1964, John Courtney in 1965. They were already friends, having been graduate students together (M.A. 1962, Ph.D. 1964) at Duke University, in North Carolina.



David Smith, born in Nova Scotia and brought up mainly in Ontario, took his B.A. at the University of Western Ontario. He was attracted to the University of Saskatchewan by the presence here of Norman Ward, then the leading scholar in the field of Canadian government. Ward suggested that it might help to make him feel at home in his new surroundings if he did a bit of research on something local, such as the Liberal party in Saskatchewan, which had been neglected by scholars. This suggestion was to give rise to

four books—one on the Liberal party in Saskatchewan and one on the party in the West, a third, with Ward as co-author, on the life of a prominent Saskatchewan Liberal politician, and the fourth an edited collection of Saskatchewan documents. His *The Regional Decline of a National Party: Liberals on the Prairies* (1981) received a Canadian Historical Association Certificate of Merit.

As a teacher, David Smith offered a new course on provincial government and a seminar on federalism that could be counted upon to be over-subscribed. He was to be sought out as a thesis supervisor, guiding 18 students to their M.A. degrees.

He was director of graduate studies in the Department for two decades, and served a term as Department Head.

Within the last ten years he completed three books on Canadian political institutions: *The Invisible Crown: The First Principle of Canadian Government* (1995), *The Republican Option in Canada, Past and Present* (1999), and *The Canadian Senate in Bicameral Perspective* (2003). These works skillfully combine constitutional theory with comparative analysis; the second of them won a Smiley Prize for the best book published in the field of Canadian politics in 1998-9.

Among the many other publications to come from his pen (yes, pen) are 150 book reviews. Students visiting Professor Smith's office who had the impression he was in the middle of writing something ... well, they had the right impression.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and served for many years as Saskatchewan member of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, and has been visiting professor at universities in Japan and Australia. He has received the seldom-awarded degree of D. Litt. from this University for the quality of his work.

Little-known fact about Professor Smith: that in his student days he had a summer job making telephone calls for a collection agency.

John Courtney was born and raised in Regina and held degrees from



the University of Manitoba (B.A.) and the University of Western Ontario (M.B.A.) when he took up graduate study in political science at Duke University. He was in his first teaching job at Brandon University when Norman Ward recruited him for Saskatchewan. He brought with him research interests that centred on the political party and branched out from there to the selection of party leaders and the concept of political leadership itself. He was to introduce here an innovative course on political leadership that proved highly popular with students—this year being no exception, with its enrolment of 40.

He wrote two books on the selection of party leaders, the later of which, *Do Conventions Matter? Choosing National Party Leaders in Canada* (1995) was especially timely, catching the selection process in a state of flux. A growing interest in electoral systems drew him into controversy over the wisdom of adopting proportional representation in Canada (he became the media's go-to academic on the skeptics' side of the issue) and resulted in two books: *Commissioned Ridings: Designing Canada's Electoral Districts* (2001), which became at once the standard source on the subject (he had his own experience as a commissioner to draw upon), and *Elections: The Canadian Democratic Audit* (forthcoming this year). Besides writing books, he has been an editor of five. He was co-editor of the *Canadian Journal of Political Science* for a three-year term, during which David Smith served as book review editor.

By word and deed John Courtney has been an exponent of the view that political science is a useful study, and he has been called upon frequently to testify before parliamentary committees, render expert testimony in the courts, and advise government agencies. He has been campaign manager for a candidate for election in federal politics; moreover, the candidate was elected.

He has contributed to this University's presence internationally by delivering papers at more than a score of conferences held in other countries, and has had visiting appointments at universities in Germany and Israel, and at Harvard and Northwestern in the United States.

All will miss Professor Courtney's office door at 909 Arts which displays a fine collection of cartoons on the theme of dogs eating homework.

Little-known fact about Professor Courtney: that he coached a hockey team (his contract was renewed, too).

It has been our good fortune to have two such scholars as colleagues, teachers and friends. It is hard to imagine them not at work, just as it is hard to imagine the Department at work without them. Our best wishes go out to them on their retirement.

Duff Spafford
Emeritus Professor of Political Studies

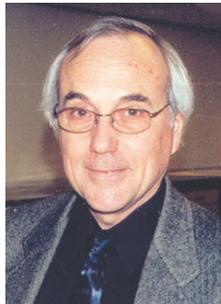
PASS (POLITICAL STUDIES & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION STUDENTS' SOCIETY)

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UPCOMING PASS EVENTS

- PASS is having a fundraising Beer Night for Grad at the Sutherland Bar on March 4th at 8:00 p.m. Stay tuned for more details.
- **The annual Graduation Dinner will be held at the Willows Golf and Country Club on March 27th at 6:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$25.00 per person and will be on sale in the Ward library starting Monday, March 1st. Announcements will be made in class.
- Trivia with the Profs will be held at Louis on Wed., March 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. New Executive for next year will be elected on this night. This is an all ages event.

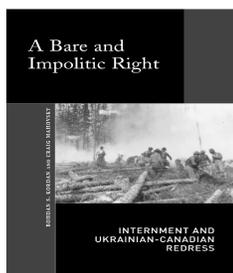
ANOTHER FACULTY RETIREMENT....



Andrew Hubbertz, Head of Government Publications, Main Library, retired in January 2004. He held, as well, the position of professional affiliate in the Department of Political Studies. His knowledge of governmental records was legion and legendary, matched only by his unflinching kindness and courtesy. Andy introduced hundreds of students to the arcana of documents. We wish him well in his new home along the Rideau in Manotick Ontario.

NEW BOOKS!

Bohdan Kordan and **Craig Mahovsky** announce a new book titled: *A Bare and Impolitic Right: Internment and Ukrainian-Canadian Redress*, Montreal-Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2004. Bohdan Kordan will also be teaching POLST 343.3 Post-Soviet Ukraine: Politics of Change and POLST 398.3 Ukraine's Foreign and Security Policy as part of St Thomas More College's new Summer Study Abroad in

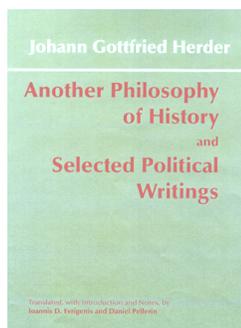


Ukraine Program. The program offers U of S courses (Language, Culture, Politics and History) during the summer session in Lviv, Ukraine (a UNESCO World Heritage site) in partnership with the Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv).

John Courtney's new book on Elections:



Canadian Democratic Audit (Vancouver: University of British Columbia



Columbia Press, 2004) has earned him praise: 'a master's master's grasp of ... the field,' says one reviewer. **Daniel Pellerin** is immensely relieved that his collection of Herder's writings in a new translation, co-edited with I. I. D. Evrigenis, made it to the printer at last, and he is keeping his fingers crossed that it will indeed appear on the shelves in March, as was promised by Hackett.

MORE FACULTY NEWS...

In late 2003, **Roy Romanow** was appointed to the Security Intelligence Review Commission, the watchdog agency that supervises CSIS, and was simultaneously named to the Privy Council by then-PM Jean Chrétien. In early 2004, he was named an Officer of the Order of Canada, and was admitted to the Saskatchewan Order of Merit for his many years of public service in Saskatchewan and for his work as royal commissioner on health care. **Don Story** will return to his post as department head in July 2004. He has spent the past year on sabbatical/administrative leave, writing a book on the failed Avro Arrow program. The Department appreciates **Joe Garcea's** dedicated efforts as Acting Head in 2003-04. **Cris de Clercy** presented a paper, 'Saskatchewan's Political Culture and Electoral Conservatism: A Response to Evelyn Eager's Thesis Thirty-Six Years later,' to a Seminar in honour of Sid Noel, 'Political Culture and Democracy,' held at the University of Western Ontario, in January 2004. **Kalowatie Deonandan** is co-editor (with David Close) of the forthcoming *Undoing Democracy: The Politics of Electoral Caudillismo in Nicaragua* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Press [June 2004]). She has contributed two chapters to this volume as well. She is also faculty advisor to the 2004 U of S delegation to the Canadian International Model United Nations which is being held in Ottawa in March. **William Buschert** will be a panellist for the Canadian Political Science Association workshop on "Education, Technology, and Citizenship" to be held in June at the University of Manitoba. He will also be presenting a paper on the

philosopher Philip Kitcher and the politics of science at the Annual Congress of the Canadian Philosophical Association.

NEWS ABOUT CURRENT AND FORMER STUDENTS

Stéphane Audet (MA '00) is now manager of Advisory Services of the Canadian Cooperative Association. He is in charge of a new program to stimulate the creation and development of cooperatives throughout Canada. He works with groups from across Canada, in both languages. **Naoko Nakai**



(MA '00) is living in Ottawa and teaching Japanese to Canadian diplomats, who must take the language program for two years before being posted to work in Japan. **Lisa Kindrachuk** [photo left] (MA, Public Admin. '03) is one of ten interns sponsored by Alberta's Department of Municipal Affairs to work in the Local Government sector in Alberta. **Shane Parker** (BA, '99) obtained his LLB from University of Ottawa in 2002 and was called to the Bar of the Law Society of Upper Canada last July. He is with Lane Mitchener (Ottawa Office). **Tom**

Esakin is working on an MA in sustainable development via long distance studies through Staffordshire University. **Andrea Still** (MA, '01) will finish her LLB at the University of Ottawa this spring.

Student Advising Sessions

For: Political Studies / Public Administration & Aboriginal Public Administration students

The Department will hold 2 group advising sessions:

SESSION 1: Wednesday, March 17, 2004

2:30-4:00 p.m. in Room 214 Arts

SESSION 2: Thursday, March 25, 2004

2:30-4:00 p.m. in Room 2E25 Agric.

Note: Students who want to take a 4th year seminar next year **MUST** come to one of these advising sessions.

This includes International Studies students.

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DATE: Monday, March 1, 2004

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