

NEWSLETTER

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FACULTY NEWS

Cristine de Clercy is a co-investigator on the new Centre for the Study of Co-operatives/CUIISR \$1.75 million SSHRC grant to study the social economy. Titled 'Linking, Learning and Leveraging: Social Enterprise, Knowledgeable Economics and Sustainable Communities', this is the single largest SSHRC grant ever awarded to the U of S. As the chief organizer for one of the 5 research clusters, she will oversee the distribution of well over \$100,000 in graduate and undergraduate scholarships and internships. In March, Dr. de Clercy gave a presentation to the federal government's Policy Research Institute as part of a one day conference to disseminate findings from the CSC's previous SSHRC grant. She published a co-authored paper, 'Regulatory Compliance in Opinion Poll Reporting During the 2004 Canadian Election' in the September 2005 issue of *Canadian Public Policy*.

Kalowatie Deonandan is on sabbatical for the 2005-06 academic year. During the past term, she conducted research in Latin America and the Caribbean and also presented two papers. The first, 'Globalization, Democratization and the Corruption Pandemic in Central America,' was delivered at the Conference on Re-mapping the Americas: Globalization, Regionalization and the FTAA, St. Augustine Campus, University of the West Indies, Trinidad and Tobago. The second, 'The Sandinistas Then and Now,' was presented at the School of Continuing Education, Cave Hill Campus, The University of the West Indies, Barbados.



Anna Hunter is spending the current academic year at the University of Arizona working toward her doctorate in law. Her dissertation is on Aboriginal Public Administration. In January, Anna presented the Harry Daniels Distinguished Lecture at the University of Winnipeg. Her topic was 'Exploring Accountability Indicators in Indigenous Communities.'

Bohdan Kordan had an article published recently. It is titled 'Through the Looking Glass: The Diplomatic World of Kenneth P. Kirkwood,' *Australasian Canadian Studies*, vol. 22-23, nos. 2-1 (2004-05), pp. 149-179.

Daniel Pellerin, former instructor in the Department, recently had a paper published in the *Review of Constitutional Studies*, vol. 11, no. 1. The paper is titled 'Between Despair and Denial: What To Do About the Canadian Senate.' Pellerin now lives and teaches at UC DAVIS, University of California.

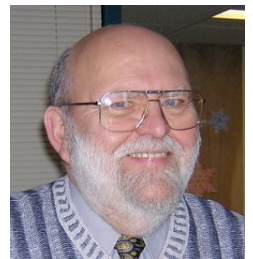
Roy Romanow delivered a paper to a University of Toronto conference on the Chaoulli Supreme Court decision in September of 2005. The paper, 'In Search of a Mandate?', was published along with the other participants' presentations by



the University of Toronto Press in a book titled *Access to Care, Access to Justice*. He also wrote the foreword to this book. Mr. Romanow delivered an address to a symposium in honour of John Whyte, 'Constitutionalism and Political Morality,' at Queen's University in September. In October 2005, he addressed the CIIA, Saskatoon Branch as a guest speaker. Also in October, Mr. Romanow delivered a public lecture to

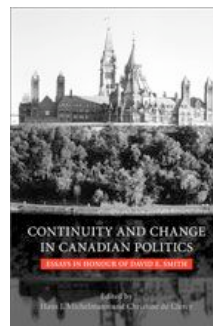
the Health Law Institute at Dalhousie University, and later gave the keynote address to the Canadian Bioethics AGM. He received a Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University of New Brunswick. For the conference titled 'Equality: The Heart of a Just Society Looking Forward Looking Back,' he served on a panel with Rt. Hon. Joe Clark and Mr. Justice Barry Strayer. On Nov. 4, he attended the Commonwealth Fund, 2005 International Symposium on Health Care Policy, in Washington, D.C., and participated on a panel with Uwe Reinhardt of Princeton University. In November, the 20th AGM of the Council of Canadians presented Mr. Romanow with the Distinguished Canadian Award and he delivered the keynote address, titled 'Recommitting to the Miracle of Canada.'

Robert Schwab was nominated for the Sylvia Wallace Sessional Lecturer Award. Dr. Schwab has taught for the Department since 1992 and has developed a number of important classes, one of them being the very first on-line course on campus, POLS 110.6.



In February **David E. Smith**,

Professor Emeritus, was presented with a festschrift written in his honor by political scientists from across Canada and edited by Professors Hans Michelmann and Cristine de Clercy. The volume is entitled *Continuity and Change in Canadian Politics: Essays in Honour of David E. Smith*, published by the University of Toronto Press. A copy has been deposited in the Ward Library, 907 Arts and is available for viewing.



STUDENT NEWS

Mark Blythe (MA '97) accepted a position with the NDP caucus office in Regina in the spring of 1998, and later worked for various members of cabinet. Later in 1998, Mark entered the doctoral program at the University of Alberta. 'In the

summer of 2000, I married (Laura) who is now a grade six teacher subsidizing my scholarly pursuits.'

Ian Burgess (BA Hons '01) is working as a Research Assistant for 'Canada Remembers' with Veterans Affairs. He is responsible for the Seventh Book of Remembrance which commemorates all fallen Canadian Forces personnel since October 1947, excluding the Korean War, whose deaths were attributable to military service. His research project was unveiled by the Governor General and the Prime Minister in November.



Michael Byers (BA Hons '88) is a Professor in the Political Science department at the University of British Columbia where he holds a Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Global Politics and International Law. Dr. Byers' work focuses on the interaction of international law and politics, particularly with respect to human rights, international organizations, the use of military force and Canada-United States relations. He is a regular contributor to the *London Review of Books* and *The Globe and Mail*. His most recent book is *War Law: Understanding International Law and Armed Conflict* (Douglas & McIntyre, 2005).

Jodi Cockerill (BA Hons '93) writes: 'I lived in Germany for seven years, got married, had a baby, translated five books and finished my PhD dissertation. I'm now very happy to be back in Canada with the doctorate behind me. I'm currently working as an editor/translator in Nova Scotia.'

Kirk Eaton (BA Hons '03) writes: 'After completing the public administration program at the U of S, I went to Halifax to pursue a Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree at Dalhousie. I was attracted to this program for its co-op opportunities and its balance between policy and management courses. Having gained a solid foundation of knowledge in economics, accounting and public policy through the public administration program at the U of S, I stood in good stead for undertaking an MPA program. While at Dalhousie, I did my co-op at the Centre of Excellence for Evaluation (CEE), a division of the Treasury Board Secretariat in Ottawa. I had a tremendous experience working at the CEE and I have since become a big advocate of program evaluation and results-based management. I then accepted a position with Treasury Board Staff in the BC Ministry of Finance, where I have to draw on my training in public administration every day. In just six months I have had the opportunity to work with some of BC's top decision makers and to provide briefings for the Minister of Finance and the Treasury Board on a wide array of issues.'

James Farney (MA '02) and **Bohdan S. Kordan** recently published an article titled 'The Predicament of Belonging: The Status of Enemy Aliens in Canada, 1914,' *Journal of Canadian Studies*, vol. 39, no. 1 (Winter 2005), pp. 70-89.

Megan Furi (MA '01) is working as a Legislative Officer in the Legislative Initiatives Directorate at Indian and Northern Affairs Canada in Ottawa.

Marcus Grundahl (BA Hons '97) writes: 'Just to get you caught up on my goings-on, I am now working for Antidote International Films, a fairly well established independent film production company. My reason for taking this job, other than the pay, is to understand the business model of film making. I think I'm finally recognizing my interest in the media/entertainment industry (as it has always stirred something in me). We are working on a number of films at the

moment. One of our films, "The Hawk is Dying," was recently selected for the Sundance Festival. I am also consulting on the side. I have been retained as a marketing consultant for The American-Scandinavian Foundation. As you might know, the underutilization of property in NYC is close to a crime. I am developing a usage plan for the building, Scandinavia House, located on Park Avenue. The building is only 5 years old and was designed by the 'starchitect' James Stewart Polshek. The ultimate outcome of the plan will be to attract a young affluent American and Scandinavian demographic to use the space and the foundation for their purposes.'

Kristine Hirschhorn (BA Hons '95) has been awarded a CIHR postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Toronto.

Christine McDougall (BA Hons '04) writes: 'I am writing to you from Africa where I was selected for a CIDA internship through the Canadian Cooperative Association after working as a Program Director at the Core Neighbourhood Youth Co-op in Saskatoon. Things are going very well, and Uganda is an amazing country! I am still, however, on a continual job search as this internship will be over in March. I do plan on travelling here for a few months but then back to reality.'

Jerod Orb (BA '04) writes: 'I've been in Ottawa for the past 18 months working as a Parliamentary Assistant for Andrew Scheer, MP for Regina-Qu'Appelle. I'm responsible for all duties relating to the Member's role in the House of Common, including office management, strategy, and media contact.

I became involved in party politics in 2001, and was the president of the U of S PC association. By being active, I met many like-minded young Conservatives that were interested in taking a hands-on approach with politics. Taking Political Studies at the U of S was a necessary step for finding work in this field. It provided me with a fine understanding of the Canada we know.'

STUDENT ADVISING SESSIONS

Group student advising sessions will be held Tuesday, March 14th and Monday, March 20th 2:30-4:00 p.m. in 241 Arts. If possible, students in Public Administration & Aboriginal Public Administration should attend the advising on March 20th, as there will be a special session held for these programs that day. Please remember that individual advising with a faculty member will be available during these sessions. Any student wanting to take a 4th year POLS seminar must attend an advising session (IS and STM students included).

Ted Patterson (MA '03) writes: 'I am now living in beautiful Victoria, B.C., and was just hired as a Senior Policy Analyst by the Intergovernmental Relations Branch of the B.C. Ministry of Health! I'm pretty excited about it, because I get to work on a number of health related projects that came out of the much-publicized First Ministers' meetings on health care in 2004.'

Bill Rafoss (MA '05) will present a paper in March at a conference in Regina titled 'Moving Towards Justice: Legal Traditions and Aboriginal and Canadian Justice.'

Tim Rickard (BA Distinction '00, LLB '99) writes: 'I graduated from the College of Law and completed my BA while working during 1999. In August of 2000, I started my articles with the City of Saskatoon in the Solicitors Department. In April 2001, as was required by the Law

Society, I was sent on a six-week 'learn how the other half lives' tour of experience in the private sector. At the end of this six-week term, Woloshyn & Company offered me a full-time permanent position, and, I have been here ever since. I was admitted to the Saskatchewan Bar in July, 2001. My practice involves a significant amount of criminal work, and I am extensively involved with many First Nations across the province dealing with matters concerning self-government, policing, employment, land leases and claims. I have found my political studies background to be a very good resource generally, and in particular, to ground my understanding of the concerns and difficulties faced by First Nations.'

Joseph Swan (BA '02) writes: 'I have spent the last three years working for the Prince Albert Grand Council as a Courtworker/Community Justice Worker for the communities of Pelican Narrows, Deschambault Lake, Sandy Bay, Crieghton, Amisk Lake, and Sturgeon Landing. The work experience was excellent. As a court worker I was a liaison for the community and the court system, helping those who needed assistance within the criminal justice system. As a community justice worker I facilitated the alternative measures and extrajudicial sanctions for my regional communities. I gained a lot of work and life experience working with my people. My goal was to help alleviate the problems faced by First Nations and non-First Nations youths and adults in dealing with the criminal justice system. Those three years were definitely my most profound experience in a long while. I am now working for Saskatchewan Justice as a Program Manager with the Community Services Branch in Regina. In this position, I manage the ongoing community justice approach to developing and delivering community-based justice initiatives throughout the province. I serve the communities southeast, central and west of Prince Albert. I am glad to have the opportunity to utilize what I have learned at the university level.'



months, four interns will have an opportunity to observe and participate in the day-to-day work of members of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly.

This year's interns are Michel Carpentier (an MA student in political studies), Haley Gagnon (a third-year student in the Aboriginal Public Administration Program), and Stewart Low (a recent graduate with a BA (Hons) in international studies). The fourth intern is Justin Leifso (a fourth-year student in political science) from the U of Regina.

These four Saskatchewan legislative interns are assigned to MLAs. Even though they will work in a political environment, they are required to be politically neutral and to keep information in confidence as they assist their assigned Member with research, speech-writing, committee duties, and some constituency work. They will not undertake partisan tasks, (such as campaigning or fundraising for political parties).

The members of the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly who have volunteered to mentor the 2006 interns are Lon Borgerson (MLA Saskatchewan Rivers), Judy Junor (MLA Saskatoon Eastview), Hon. P. Myron Kowalsky (Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and MLA Prince Albert Carleton), and Sandra Morin (MLA Regina Walsh Acres) from the Government caucus. The members who will participate from the Opposition Caucus are Dan D'Autremont (MLA Cannington), June Draude (MLA Kelvington-Wadena), Don McMorris (MLA Indian Head-Milestone), Don Morgan (MLA Saskatoon Southeast), and Lyle Stewart (MLA Thunder Creek).

Applications for the 2007 Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program will soon be available. Further information about the program is available on its website (<http://www.legassembly.sk.ca/internship>) or from Ken Pontikes, the program's Academic Director, who can be contacted through the Department of Political Studies at the University of Saskatchewan.

SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



2005-06 INTERNS

Left to right: Michel Carpentier, Haley Gagnon, Justin Leifso, Stewart Low

The Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program entered its fifth year of operation in January, 2006. For the next seven

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A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITIES
Arts Science Study Abroad

The Department of Political Studies in collaboration with the Department of Religious Studies and Anthropology will be conducting a study/travel program to India in July and August of this year. This program is geared toward participants with an interest in Indian religions and the contemporary political situation in South Asia. The two second-year courses offer students an unique opportunity: to experience India's ancient heritage; to learn about its contemporary political dynamics; and to earn 6 course credits at the 200 level (3 credit units in

Political Studies and 3 credit units in Religious Studies) while studying and travelling for four weeks in Northern India. The India component includes time in Delhi, Vrindavan/Mathura, Agra, Jaipur, Amritsar, Dharamsala, Haridwar/Rishikesh, Varanasi, Ayodhya, Sarnath, and Bodhgaya/Rajgir.

This University of Saskatchewan study/travel program is to be offered for the first time in July-August 2006. The Political Studies component (*POLS 298.3 Turmoil and Change: Politics in Modern India*), led by Robert Schwab, will explore the political issues that impact on India including Hindu-Muslim relations, caste politics and regional identities. Dr. Schwab has a Ph.D. in Political Development in South Asia from McGill University and spent five and a half years living and studying in India. For more information, go to: <http://www.usask.ca/relst/India>

UPCOMING PASS EVENT!!

The Annual Graduation Dinner

will be held:

Saturday, April 1st, 2006 at The Willows

6 p.m. Cocktails

7 p.m. Dinner

8 p.m. Program

Tickets are \$25/person, and can be purchased starting Feb. 20th from any PASS member either in person, or

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The Department would like to thank PASS for all their hard work this past year. It is much appreciated!



Aboriginal Public Administration Students' Society (APASS)

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 endeavours, 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.

Please Contact Drew Lafond@ 373-6394 or uofs_apass@hotmail.com

The Dalton Camp Award

The Award was established by FRIENDS of Canadian Broadcasting in 2002 to encourage and recognize excellence in essay-writing on the link between democratic values and the quality of the media in Canada. Each year, up to three Canadians are selected to win a prize consisting of a bronze cast medal and \$5,000.

The deadline for entries is March 31 each year. For more information on this award please go to:

<http://www.friends.ca/DCA/>

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Look for the next issue of this Newsletter in the Fall of 2006.

The Department would like to know what our former students are doing now!

Please submit your news to:

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Good luck with finals, and we hope you have a great summer!