

Department of Political Studies Newsletter

University of Saskatchewan

Faculty News

Bohdan Kordan, currently on sabbatical, is curating an exhibit of antique postcards depicting the urban landscape of Ukraine. "Far, Far Away: Postcards from Pre-Revolutionary Ukraine" runs May 7- June 22, 2007 at the St Thomas More College Gallery. The exhibit is organized in conjunction with the meeting of the Canadian Association of Slavists at the 2007 Congress of Humanities



and Social Science. A catalogue prepared by Prof. Kordan will accompany the exhibit. In October 2006, Professor Kordan, a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Foundation of Ukrainian Studies, a major educational funding agency in support of Ukrainian Studies in Canada, was elected Vice-President of the Foundation.

Peter Phillips has been appointed for 2006-08 Professor at Large in the Institute of Advanced Studies, University of Western Australia (UWA), Perth. This UWA program is designed to enable individuals who have achieved distinction through broad intellectual interests to visit the university and roam widely across disciplines and the intellectual life of the campus community. His appointment, in conjunction with the School of Agricultural and Resource Economics, involved an initial nine week visit in April-June 2006, when he undertook academic exchanges with scholars in the School, the Colleges of Agriculture and Law, the Department of Political Science and the Aboriginal Studies Centre. During his visit he also convened a Masterclass on governing transformative change for graduate students from UWA, Curtin and Murdoch Universities, directed a series of graduate seminars, and presented a series of public lectures.

Professor Phillips also has two edited volumes in press, both forthcoming later this year: *Governing Transformative Technological Innovation: Who's in Charge?* (Edward Elgar) and has co-edited with Professor Chika Onwuekwe, University of Calgary, *Accessing and Sharing the Benefits of the Genomics Revolution* (Kluwer/Springer).

Bill Rafoss had an article published in the November 2006 issue of the *Restorative Directions Journal* entitled "Rediscovering Aboriginal Traditions: Using Aboriginal Elders to Resolve Human Rights Disputes."

Roy Romanow delivered a series of lectures in Canada and the US on health care. Amongst them were: the Woodrow Lloyd Lecture in January 2007 at the University of Regina (sponsored by the Faculty of Arts and the

Canadian Plains Research Centre) his topic being "Health Care and Canada's Shared Destiny;" "Reflections on the Current State of Health Care in Canada," given as part of the President's Distinguished Lecture Series at the University of Victoria on October 2006; "What Kind of Society Do We Want? Social Values and the Health and Well-Being of Canadians," delivered at the University of Western Ontario, also in October 2006 as part of that University's Health Policy Initiative and Inaugural Lecture Series; and "Shared Destiny and the Health and Well-Being of Canadians," the keynote address at the Government of Ontario Conference on "Healthy Eating, Active Living," in Toronto in November 2006. Romanow was also named a member of the Council of National Ambassadors in support of Canada's RCMP Heritage Centre, to be opened in May 2007 in Regina. This is a \$40 million project to house and promote the heritage and contribution of the RCMP to Canada.

Jeffrey Steeves has an article entitled, "Beyond Democratic Consolidation in Kenya: Ethnicity, Leadership and 'Unbounded Politics'" in the journal *African Identities* Volume 4, Number 2, October 2006. It is based on his research on post-redemocratization in Africa. In addition, Professor Steeves will be awarded a Master Teacher Award, the University's highest teaching honour, at the 2007 Fall Convocation. He was also the recipient of an USSU Teaching Excellence Award conferred on March 18, 2007. Professor Steeves can now claim the distinction of having garnered every major teaching award which the University confers, as previously he was also the recipient of the College of Arts and Science Teaching Excellence Award.

Don Story and Ron Wheeler were invited participants in



Congratulations to Haley Gagnon, winner of the 2006-7 NEXEN Aboriginal Student Scholarship Award! She was the top continuing student in the Aboriginal Public Administration Program.

a workshop on Canada and Afghanistan at the Centre for Defence and Security Studies at the University of Manitoba in December.

New Scholarship

The Gordon and Naomi Barnhart Scholarship



The Gordon and Naomi Barnhart Scholarship was established by the Honourable Lieutenant Governor Gordon Barnhart and her Honour Naomi to recognize academic achievement of students specializing in Political Studies, Public Administration, and/or Aboriginal Public Administration at the University of Saskatchewan who have a demonstrated interest in the study of Canadian governance. The value of the award is expected to be approximately \$1000 per year.

Guest Speakers

On January 25th, U of S alumnus **Michael Byers** gave a 990 seminar on "A Discussion of Canada's Involvement in Afghanistan." The Department of Political Studies was honoured to host the **Honourable Barry Strayer**, the speaker at the annual Timlin Lecture held on February 21st in Convocation Hall. His topic was "Patriation of the Constitution and Charter: 25 Years After." The lecture was well attended, as was the reception following. On February 21, 2007, The Department also hosted Role Model Speaker **Dr. Linda Trimble**, Chair of the Political Science Department at the University of Alberta. She gave a 990 seminar on "Women, Party Leadership, and the Press: Media Coverage of Conservative Party Leadership Contests", and a public lecture entitled "What if Women Don't Want the Job? Women's Underrepresentation in Canadian Legislatures." The Department was honoured to host the **Honourable Lieutenant Governor Gordon Barnhart** February 28th, who presented a 990 seminar on the topic of "Monarchy in Parliament." On April 25th, **Mario Tema**, an indigenous activist, teacher, and former mayor from San Marcos, Guatemala, along with interpreter and journalist **Dawn Paley**, gave a public presentation entitled "The Canadian Gold Mining Industry and its Impact on Community Development in Guatemala."

APA Grads 2007

The following students are the first cohort to graduate from the Aboriginal Public Administration Program:

Allery Carrier is a 28 year old Cree Assiniboine from the Piapot First Nation and a father of 7 year old Amira. He works as a researcher within the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations (FSIN) Treaty Governance Process. His future plans are to work for a year and then pursue graduate school options. "*The Department of Political Studies has provided me with an excellent foundation for continuous learning, and both personal and career development.*"

Haley Gagnon is a member of the Red River Metis nation in Manitoba. In her non-academic life Haley is a Member of the Primary army reserve. In 2006 She was a Saskatchewan Legislative Intern in Regina through the University of Saskatchewan. As well, she has been an executive Member of both PASS and APASS, a student tutor, a member of the sexual assault awareness committee, and a student liaison for course development at the University of the Arctic. In the fall Haley will be attending Carleton University in the School of Public Policy and Administration pursuing a Masters in Public Administration

Kendra Topola also graduated from the Aboriginal Public Administration Program this year.

Jordan Wapass is a member of the Thunderchild First Nation. He received his B.A. in Political Studies in October of 2005 from the U of S. Over the course of his 5 years of study at the U of S, Jordan established many great relationships. He was a member of the Huskies wrestling team, an APASS executive member, an assistant to Professor Anna Hunter, and a youth coach for the Eastside Youth Soccer Association. Jordan will be continuing his education at Simon Fraser University in BC starting in September 2007 in the Masters of Public Policy program. He is excited about the challenges that await him and is very grateful to his family, friends, the Department faculty and fellow students for his U of S experience.



Profiles of SLIP Interns

Kiley Frantik was born in Leoville, where she graduated from high school and won the mathematics award. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree, with Honours in Political Studies from the University of Saskatchewan in 2005. She is currently completing her requirements for a Master of Arts degree. Her thesis examines the history, purpose, and operations of regional economic development authorities in Saskatchewan. Kiley's awards and achievements include the Dean's Honour list, a Graduate Teaching Fellowship, an Explore Bursary to study French, and a Graduate Student Association bursary. She was also a finalist in the 2004 "Your Future is Here" scholarship program. In high school she participated in the Students Against Drunk Driving Program, and her recent extracurricular involvement includes active membership in PASS, reporting for *The Sheaf*, and tutoring. In Saskatoon, she has been a volunteer mentor for children through the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Association. She regularly participates in charitable events such as "Relay for Life" which raises funds for cancer research, and the Food Bank's "Trick or Eat" program.

Justine Gilbert is a graduate of Usher Collegiate in Regina, where she actively participated in drama productions. She also enjoyed writing for the *Regina Leader-Post's* "Minus 20" series. Following graduation from high school, she spent three years in England, but returned to Regina to pursue a BA with a double major in Economics and Political Studies and with minors in Asian Studies and in Leadership and Dialogue. Justine's awards and achievements include the Dean's Honours List, the Academic Gold Scholarship (for being in the top one percent of her faculty) and the Academic Silver Scholarship. In 2005, she received the David L. Beattie Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded annually to an outstanding Economics student. Her other educational experiences have involved traveling to China to research its health care system, examining social welfare services in Regina, and working with the Mayor's Task Force on Shaping Regina. At the University of Regina, Justine is a volunteer team director with Engineers Without Borders. She is also a member of the Economics Student Society and the Golden Key Society. She has served as a volunteer at the Globe Theatre. During the summer of 2006, Justine was employed by Regina's Old Warehouse Business Improvement District. She was responsible to preparing development research pertaining to the economic impact of this business area on Regina's economy.

Jarita Greyeyes is the 2007 Rawlco Aboriginal Saskatchewan Legislative Intern. This internship is part of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program and exists through a financial contribution from Rawlco Radio. Jarita is Cree, with roots in the Muskeg Lake and Red Pheasant First Nations. She was born in Edmonton and raised in Toronto and Saskatoon. Jarita attended elementary

school in Toronto and attended high school at the Etobicoke School of the Arts and at Rosthern Junior College. There she served on the dormitory council for a one-year term and was a member of the College's drama troupe, *Thespionage*. Jarita has a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in Psychology and a minor in Politics from the University of Winnipeg. In 2006, she received the Business Council of Manitoba Aboriginal Education Award, in recognition of her involvement in community activities. While at university, Jarita volunteered to help organize of the Aboriginal Student Council's annual spring pow wow and was hired as a tutor for students through the university's Aboriginal Student Services Department, in the areas of Psychology, English, Politics, and Drama. She has been a member of the Board of Directors for the University of Winnipeg Students' Association (Local 8 of the Canadian Federation of Students) and has served on the University's Senate. She was elected as the Manitoba Aboriginal Commissioner for the provincial component of the Canadian Federation of Students and subsequently served on the Federation's national executive as the representative for the Aboriginal caucus. Through her involvement in student politics, Jarita has worked on a number of important issues, including those pertaining to ending violence against Aboriginal women (in collaboration with Amnesty International's "Stolen Sisters" campaign) and eradicating poverty (through the "Make Poverty History" campaign).

Jarita's volunteer work includes serving as a teacher's assistant at the Manitoba Theatre for Young People. She has organized activities for children as a youth program volunteer for the Spence Neighbourhood Association in Winnipeg.



Justine Gilbert, Jarita Greyeyes, Jonathan Selnes, Kiley Frantik, and Lucy Pereira

Lucilia (Lucy) Pereira graduated from Bishop James Mahoney High School, where she was actively involved in the debating team, the Model United Nations Club, and the school band. In addition to playing the flute, she achieved the Grade 8 level in piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music. Upon graduating from high school, she was awarded the Canadian National Railway Scholarship and the St. Mary's Credit Union Bursary. Lucy was an active member of the Girl Guides of Canada, where she mentored and encouraged younger girls to become leaders in their communities. Lucy graduated from the U of S in 2005 with a BA (High Hons), and in 2006 with an MA in Political Studies. Her thesis, "Free and Fair: The Politicization of

Election Monitoring Reports”, examines the processes of election observation and monitoring in developing countries seeking democratic consolidation. While at university, Lucy was on the Dean’s Honour List. She received a University of Saskatchewan Graduate Scholarship, the St. Thomas More Political Studies Award, the Norman Ward Scholarship, and the Robert Lawton Elliot Book Prize. In 2002, Lucy was one of four elected University of Saskatchewan student Senators and she has served as a volunteer with the Elizabeth Fry Society. She has served as a court case worker, attending afternoon docket court twice a week. As well, she volunteered to spend one-on-one time with women in the Community Training Residence. Lucy is an active member of the Saskatoon Portuguese Canadian Community Association. She has served as the youth coordinator and has organized dances and religious events.

Jonathan Selnes is from Melfort, where he played basketball, baseball, and football, and participated in judo, skateboarding and snowboarding. He graduated from Melfort and Unit Comprehensive Collegiate in 2001 and was awarded the Melfort Cooperative Association Leadership Award. Jonathan spent a year in Sweden as a Rotary Exchange Student. He took high school classes at the Varsberg Gymnasium Skolan and became conversationally fluent and functionally literate in Swedish. Following his return from Sweden, Jonathan was awarded a Scholar’s Advantage (Entrance) Scholarship to attend the University of Calgary. He completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2006, with a major in political science and minor in history. He was a member of the Dean’s List. During his first three years at the University of Calgary, Jonathan lived in the Residence Halls. He initially represented students from his floor in the Residence Students’ Association. Subsequently, he was elected the Association’s president and was responsible for hiring, training, and managing a staff of forty and a \$150,000 budget. He also served on several university-wide committees, including the Residence Advisory Committee and the Student Advisory Council. His contributions were acknowledged when he received the RLPA Leadership Society Certificate of Appreciation and the Residents Students’ Association Certificate of Appreciation. Jonathan has also been involved as an organizer and participant in Shinerama, a fund-raising event to support people with cystic fibrosis. During the past two summers, he has been employed as a cook at the Saltlik Steakhouse in Calgary.

Student News

Michael Byers’ (BA ‘88) has a forthcoming volume entitled, *Intent for a Nation: A Relentlessly Optimistic Manifesto for Canada’s Role in the World* (Douglas and McIntyre, May 2007).

Michel Carpentier (BA Hons. ‘04) informs us that since graduation, he has worked in a variety of capacities as he seeks to complete his MA degree. From January – July 2006, he was

an intern at the Saskatchewan Legislature as part of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program. The experiences gained while working within the political and policy environment and while on the comparative study tour to Ottawa and London, England were invaluable to his education. Since, he has been employed as a consultant for the City of Regina engaging community organizations in a city-wide needs assessment on crime prevention. Also while in Regina, Michel worked with the Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy, providing research to the *McCall Post-Secondary Education Affordability and Accessibility Review*. He is currently employed by the Legislative Assembly Service conducting research for the Standing Committee on Human Services examining Bill No. 40, the Status of the Artist Amendment Act.

Darcy Diachinsky (current Political Studies major) had the opportunity to meet former Prime Minister Paul Martin at the Liberal Leadership Convention in Montreal.

Jim Farney (MA ‘03) is completing a Ph.D. at the University of Toronto and writes, “I’m now teaching Political Studies at Queens on a two-year contract and plan to submit my dissertation this summer. It is a study of Canadian and American social Conservatives and the research for it has entailed my doing great deal of traveling. While on one such trip in Washington D.C, I had the pleasure of running into one of my former U of S professors John Courtney. More important (and exciting) than this academic stuff, however, is that I’m getting married in June to a wonderful woman named Christina.”

Trevor McLeod (BA Hons ‘97) is now a mid-level associate at Fraser Milner Casgrain LLP in Calgary, Alberta. He is involved in the Better Calgary Campaign, a non-partisan movement dedicated to making Calgary a “sustainable city”.

Ted Patterson (MA ‘03) writes, “Since starting as a Senior Policy Analyst at the BC Ministry of Health last January, I’ve had the good fortune to be paired with a few good mentors and to work on several high profile projects. By May I had been drafted by the Deputy Minister’s Office to travel around the province with an Assistant Deputy Minister/Chief Nurse Executive and an Executive Director to address emergency department overcrowding, an issue which was and remains one of the government’s top priorities. By July I was made a Director in the ADM’s division, still working on the emergency department portfolio, but now also involved in a myriad other policy areas and corporate activities.

I have been told that in my short time in this position I

have seen, done and learned things that many public servants wait a better part of their careers to experience, e.g., personally briefing the Minister on cabinet submissions and priority initiatives, or witnessing the



Prime Minister Paul Martin and Darcy Diachinsky

resignation of one of the most powerful Deputy Ministers in the province, and the intricacies that the transition period entails (my office is twenty feet away from the Deputy's), etc. In the next few years or so I hope to start yet another adventure by moving closer to 'the Centre' with a management position in Cabinet Operations.

What rings loud and clear for me through all of this is the fact that my time in the Political Studies Department at the U of S prepared me in so many ways - both subtle and apparent- to be able to be among the best anywhere, at any level of government - period. Let this stand as a reassurance to those of you who feel they would be better served in Toronto, Montreal or Vancouver. Not so! By the way, I'm always looking to hire young talent from Saskatchewan..."

Jody Grismer Rempel (BA Hons '00) gives us an update on her career: "I first began working for the Legislative Assembly of Alberta in the spring of 2003 as a Historical Researcher/Writer. One year later I became the Special Assistant to the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. Working in this capacity has given me the opportunity to participate in many exciting projects and to play a non-partisan role in the legislative process. As 2006 was the centennial anniversary of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, many special events took place and many projects celebrating "100 Years of Democracy" came to fruition. One of these was the long awaited project Centennial Series, a four- volume collection highlighting the people and events that have shaped the democratic traditions of Alberta. As a Project Researcher for these publications, I was able to hone my research and writing. I was responsible for conducting historical and parliamentary research and drafting supporting sections and appendices for *A Higher Duty*. As the General Editor of *A Century of Democracy*, my research, writing and project management skills were used again. Scheduled for release later this fall, the volumes in this series are entitled, *On Behalf of the Crown: Lieutenant-Governors of the North-West Territories and Alberta, 1869-2005*; *The Mantle of Leadership: Premiers of the North-West Territories and Alberta, 1897-2005*; *A Higher Duty: Speakers of the Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories and Alberta, 1888-2005*; and *A Century of Democracy: Elections of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, 1905-2005*.

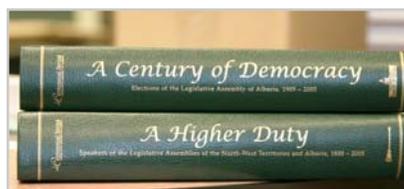
Josie Steeves, current Political Studies major, has been elected to the Executive of the USSU.

Neil Thomlinson (MA '92) is Associate Professor in the Department of Politics and Public Administration at Ryerson University. Consistently, since 2003, he has been named a "popular prof" in *Maclean's* Guide to Canadian Universities. In July 2006, he began a five year term as Chair of his Department. In terms of research, Neil is currently working with Dr. Wendy Cukier on a paper analyzing media coverage of gun control, and is revising his doctoral dissertation for publication. Neil is also an active volunteer in the community. In recognition of his volunteer service as a board member, Treasurer, and President of AIDS Calgary, he was awarded the Canada Volunteer Award by Health and Welfare Canada in 1991. He also

serves on the Policy and Accreditation Committee of the Ontario Municipal Management Institute (OMMI).

Alicia Wilkinson (BA '06) has been teaching English in Japan this year. She comments that her classes are quite diverse as her students range in age from two to seventy, and everything in between. Aside from work, she has been keeping busy exploring the nearby towns, studying Japanese, participating in such activities as pottery and paper doll making, and enjoying various festivals (knife festivals, paper lantern festivals etc..) She writes: "I am hoping to start a sword drawing class...I have also discovered that one of my students is a sake brewer, so I am trying to wrangle a tour of his brewery and maybe some taste-testing." Given her lack of facility with the language, she is finding "buying groceries... SOOO difficult" and has developed a great appreciation for her rice maker.

Jill Zmud (BA Hons '00) is living in Ottawa and writes: I am really enjoying my new job. I am lucky because I seem to have landed in an office with great people and great managers. Lately, I have been doing a lot of work on Sri Lanka and Pakistan. I am learning a lot. In other news, I recently found out that I have been appointed to the National Board of the YWCA. As you can imagine, I am incredibly excited and honoured. I wanted to find a volunteer position that I could really sink my teeth into and this is definitely it! I have my first conference call tonight and will surely be doing a lot of listening."





Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program



THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROVIDES FIVE INDIVIDUALS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE THE DAY-TO-DAY WORK OF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE. EACH INTERN IS MENTORED BY TWO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

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