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PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE NAMED

THE BOARD OF REGENTS of Memorial University has endorsed the membership of the committee that will co-ordinate the search and selection of the next president of Newfoundland and Labrador's university.

Memorial's Presidential Search Committee held its inaugural meeting earlier this month. It is chaired by Bob Simmonds, who also serves as chair of the Board of Regents. The committee is representative of a broad section of groups from within and outside the university.

The other members include, from the Board of Regents, Jennifer Guy and Jim Keating; representing faculty, Prof. Shane O'Dea, English, Dr. Donald McKay, Faculty of Medicine, Dr. Sonya Corbin Dwyer, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, and Cyr Couturier, Marine Institute; student representatives Cameron Campbell, MUNSU, and Kimberley Keats, GSU; administrators Dr. Mark Abrahams, dean, Faculty of Science, and Ann Marie Vaughan, director, Distance Education and Learning Technologies; and from the public, Steven Belanger of Belanger Clarke Follett & McGettigan.

The committee is supported by Glenn Collins, university registrar who also serves as adviser to the Board of Regents, and Tina Pardy, secretary of the Board of Regents.

In addition, the Board of Regents has formally approved Janet Wright and Associates as the consulting firm to assist the Presidential Search Committee.

The committee will be consulting widely over the coming weeks to gather information on community expectations for a new Memorial University president. These consultations will focus on the challenges and opportunities which would be the focus of Memorial's new president as well as on the qualities and characteristics required of an individual for success in that important leadership role. Consultation sessions will be organized on Memorial's campuses in St. John's and Corner Brook and elsewhere.

"We are looking for input from as many sources as possible to help us in the task of identifying and selecting the best possible person to lead our university through these challenging but exciting times."

"In advance of those consultations, our committee is encouraging individuals and groups from both inside and outside the university to gather together and discuss the kinds of characteristics they would like to see in a new president," said Mr. Simmonds. "We are looking for input from as many sources as possible to help us in the task of identifying and selecting the best possible person to lead our university through these challenging but exciting times."

Information on the consultation sessions will be released as the schedule is developed.



PHOTO BY CHRIS HAMMOND

BIKE OFF Memorial's sustainability co-ordinator got into the spirit of Earth Day this year by doing something for the environment. Toby Rowe, left, donated her favourite bike to Project Green's Bikeshare group on April 22. Here, Sarah Smellie, Bikeshare co-ordinator, accepts the donation. For more on Bikeshare, see www.mun.ca/projectgreen.

Earth Sciences team takes national award

By Kelly Foss

THE MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY TEAM may have gone into the Canadian regional Imperial Barrel Award competition as underdogs, but they emerged as the clear winners.

Calling themselves Rock Enerji, Tiffany Piercej, Burcu Gacal Isler, Jennifer Cranshaw and Adam Gogacz – all graduate students from the Department of Earth Sciences – successfully beat participants from three other Canadian universities to win a place at the world championships.

The Imperial Barrel Award is a competition for geosciences students from around the world sponsored by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. It takes place in Denver, Colo., in June.

To get there, 89 teams from Canada, the United States, Europe, Asia Pacific and Africa competed in regional play-offs to determine the 12 teams who would go forward to the next stage of the competition and vie for the top prize of \$20,000.

The Canadian competition saw Memorial University go

head-to-head with students from Dalhousie University, the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta.

Dr. Elliott Burden, an Earth Sciences professor at Memorial and the team's coach, said the teams were given eight weeks to review a case study with the task of finding hydrocarbons in an unfamiliar geographic area. In Memorial's case it was a piece of property in Australia.

During the competition they had to showcase their results in a 30-minute presentation to a panel of industry experts.

"The best teams that either discovered the most hydrocarbons or presented the best sales pitch for finding the new oil would score the highest grades," he said. "It gave the students a good hands-on experience in practical work in the oil business. This is a major component of what they will be asked to do on a weekly basis in the oil industry, but something students might not necessarily see until they get into the work force."

Dr. Burden said the four participating Canadian universities all have strong petroleum geology programs.

"Memorial's win demonstrates to the oil industry that

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SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI: Dr. Edmund Dawe



PHOTO BY BOJAN FÜRST

By Bojan Fürst

DR. EDMUND DAWE, a pianist, is a graduate of Memorial's School of Music and today is dean of the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music at the University of Manitoba. While overseeing a massive expansion of the school consumes most of his waking hours, he still finds time to perform and teach. He recently answered a few questions for our contributor Bojan Fürst.

Tell me a bit about what preoccupies you these days and why.

In July 2007, I began a new position as dean of the Faculty of Music at the University of Manitoba. In recent years, the faculty has outgrown its current building and plans are underway to relocate the faculty into state-of-the-art facilities by the fall of 2012. Last May, we announced a historic gift of \$20 million from Dr. Marcel A. Desautels and his foundation. I have the privilege of spending each day working with a truly exceptional group of colleagues. So, most of my time is spent in day-to-day administrative responsibilities. I also perform on a regular basis. Last summer, I completed the recording sessions for a CD of two-piano works with New Brunswick colleague, Lynn Johnson. Previously, I have recorded two solo CDs and a CD as a member of the Atlantic Arts Trio. I cannot imagine my life without piano performance.

Visual arts students appear in Waterford anthology Poetic partnership

By Pamela Gill

STUDENTS IN AN INTAGLIO CLASS at Grenfell College have had the opportunity to collaborate on a poetically artistic endeavour with the Waterford Institute of Technology in Waterford, Ireland – an anthology that was launched in conjunction with the April Rabbit in Corner Brook earlier this month.

"Eleven of my students each produced an image based on a poem of their choice from this new anthology of Canadian poetry," said Kent Jones, visual arts professor. "The anthology is now complete, with 65 poets and some 650 pages of text. There are more 30 artworks in the anthology, including work by all my students, myself, students and faculty from the Rhode Island School of Design, and Waterford Institute of Technology."

Titled *How the Light Gets in ...* (from *Anthem* by Leonard Cohen), the anthology also includes Canadian artists Gerald Squires, Wesley Bates and John Conway.

The anthology includes the students' images and bios.

The artwork of third-year visual arts student Mark Adams is featured in the anthology, a piece based on Carl Leggo's poem "Come by Chance."

"This is a wonderful experience," said Mr. Adams, who praised Prof. Jones for his efforts to connect the class with professional experiences. "It goes to show the opportunities for outreach there are for Grenfell students."

Tell me about your experience at Memorial? How did it shape you?

I owe a great deal to Memorial University. I entered the then Department of Music in 1977, when the program was still very new. However, from the outset, it was clear that the level of education was high and there was an underlying excitement among faculty and students – a sense that we were making history and contributing to building an important post-secondary program in the province. The musical training I received at MUN was first rate. I benefited from numerous performance opportunities and received the support and encouragement of an outstanding group of professors. I was very well prepared for subsequent graduate work. I returned to MUN and taught at the School of Music as a visiting assistant professor (1986-'87), and a sabbatical replacement (1987-'88). It was a privilege to be a member of the faculty, and to see how much the program had grown and developed in a relatively short time.

What is your best memory of your days at Memorial?

Most of all, I remember being part of a closely-knit group of friends. We worked hard and had a great deal of fun! I also remember participating in the many annual performances and tours – Festival Choir, MUN Chamber Choir, the Kiwanis Music Festival.

You are a Newfoundlander. How does that influence your music and your work or does it?

The earliest account of the Dawe family name in Newfoundland dates back to the 1590s when records include a George Dawe who fished in Newfoundland in the spring and summer, and returned to England in the fall. So history and roots have always been very important to me. I think this has always influenced me in some way or another. I am interested in knowing the connections between the music I am preparing and its historical and stylistic context. My research interests also focus on the history of piano performance and pedagogy. Over the past decade, I have spent many hours doing research in major libraries and archives – it is fascinating and extremely valuable in my work as a performer and teacher.

The anthology was released in Waterford, Ireland, in mid-March as part of the new Sean Dunne International Festival of Arts and Culture. On April 23, UNESCO World Book Day, the anthology was launched at the Canadian Embassy in Dublin by Canada's ambassador to Ireland. This embassy launch also included the students' work.

"The anthology will also have an important slot at Cuirt, the biggest of the Irish international literary festivals," said Prof. Jones.



Image by Mark Adams, which corresponds to the poem "Come by Chance" by Carl Leggo.

What do you miss about Newfoundland?

I have a large extended family, so I miss them. I try to get home at least once each year. I miss so many things about the culture, the humour, the political satire, and the folk tradition. I have lived in Winnipeg for less than two years, but I see many similarities between Newfoundland and the rich cultural tradition of Manitoba.

For most people music is something they play or listen in order to relax. What does a professional pianist and professor of music listen to when he is not immersed in his work?

Yes, music is central to everything I do. I listen to music constantly – orchestral works, chamber music, lieder, solo piano music, historic performances. I love to explore the vastness of contemporary music and its multitude of styles and influences. Rachmaninoff once said that "Music is enough for a lifetime, but a lifetime is not enough for music."

Besides music, what are your other passions in life?

I love to read, go to movies and, above all, spend time with my family. Karla and I have been married for 25 years. She is a musician (organist) and faculty member at the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music. We have three children: Noel (22), Nick (20), and Natalie (17).

What are you reading at the moment?

I tend to have several books going at once. At the moment: *Developing Talent in Young People*, by Benjamin S. Bloom, *My Memories of Liszt*, by Alexander Siloti. He was one of the last pupils of Franz Liszt. And *Olga Samaroff Stokowski An American Virtuoso on the World Stage*, by Donna Stanley Klin. And I am rereading: *As Near to Heaven A History of Newfoundland and Labrador*, by Kevin Major As I stated earlier, roots are important!

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Rural Leadership Award for dean of Medicine



Dr. James Rourke

By Sharon Gray

DR. JAMES ROURKE, dean of Medicine at Memorial University, received a Rural Leadership Award on April 17 from the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada (SRPC). The award was presented during a SRPC conference in Halifax.

Dr. Michael Jong, chair of the Nominations and Awards Committee for SRPC, said nominations for this award were received from across Canada, and Dr. Rourke was recognized as an outstanding leader in rural medicine and education. The nomination came from medical students, residents and the group of doctors at Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Sarah Cutler, a MUN medical student, said "Dr. Rourke is a wonderful example of a dean who has helped to enrich the lives of this medical school's students. He has been a teacher and mentor to many students through both academics and extracurricular activities. He has been extremely well received by students as a guest lecturer for various medicine courses and teaching clinical skills. And, though surely busy, he takes the time to attend and take interest in student led activities and fundraisers."

Dr. Rourke grew up on a farm and attended a one-room rural public school. He graduated with his MD from the University of Western Ontario in 1976, where he completed his family medicine training in 1978 and his master's of clinical science (family medicine) in 1993. He is certified by the College of Family Physicians of Canada in family medicine (1978) and emergency medicine (1985) and was awarded a fellowship in 1990.

Dr. Rourke was an active rural family physician (including

obstetrics and emergency work) in Goderich, Ontario for 25 years with his wife and partner Dr. Leslie Rourke.

Dr. Rourke has a long-standing interest in rural medicine and medical education and is a recognized leader at provincial, national and international levels. As project director, Medical Education Design Team (2000-2001), for the Northern Ontario (Rural) Medical School Project proposal, he was very involved in the initial development work that led to approval to build the Northern Ontario Medical School. He was chair of the WONCA (World Organization of Family Doctors) Working Party in Rural Practice that has organized seven world rural health conferences and was involved in developing a joint WONCA/WHO project "Health for All Rural People."

This is the third time the SRPC has honoured a Canadian doctor with the Rural Leadership Award.

FELLOWSHIP AWARDS FOR FIVE DOCTORS

The Society of Rural Physician of Canada (SRPC) awarded the Fellowship in Rural and Remote Medicine (FRRMS) to five physicians in Newfoundland and Labrador during the 17th Rural and Remote Medicine Conference in Halifax over the weekend.

Dr. James Rourke, dean of Medicine; Dr. Leslie Rourke, Family Medicine; Dr. Conleth O'Maonaigh, a physician in Fogo and winner of the 1997 Yong Kee Jeon Award for Excellence in teaching from the Discipline of Family Medicine; Dr. Trudy O'Keefe, past president of the Newfoundland and Labrador Chapter of the College of Family Physicians of Canada; and Dr. Judith Ophel, a doctor at the Labrador Health Centre, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and the 2008 Family Physician of the Year for the province, received the FRRMS for their dedication to the profession and acquired expertise.

Fellowships in Rural and Remote Medicine recognize doctors who have worked in rural and remote Canada for at least 10 years and are a member of SRPC for at least five years. Because rural doctors practice a distinct form of medicine that has many challenges and requires a varied skill set and an ability to work under sometimes difficult circumstance, the SRPC created the FRRMS.

Rant like Rick winners announced Fine rant

THE WINNERS of this year's Rant like Rick contest were announced at a special awards ceremony held on the St. John's campus April 27.

Elizabeth Hann from St. John's won the Rant like Rick Award valued at \$10,000. Melanie Hoskins of St. John's and Stacy Gagnidze of Calgary, Alberta, won the runner-up prizes of free tuition for two semesters at Memorial.

"We are thrilled with the results of this year's contest," says Shona Perry-Maidment, acting director of student recruitment. "The response from across Canada was overwhelming and the creativity and talent that was displayed in the entries was truly remarkable."

A Grade 12 French immersion student at Holy Heart of Mary High School, Elizabeth Hann's rant was inspired by the chaos surrounding high school graduation. She says that "people need to relax, especially when it comes to the forming of Facebook groups back in September detailing which girl 'owns' a particular dress when graduation isn't until June!"

A Grade 11 student at Prince of Wales Collegiate, Melanie Hoskin's says she used the Rant like Rick contest to "vent her frustration on the lack of transAtlantic air service in

Newfoundland after recently being stranded at both the Toronto and Montreal airports."

A Grade 12 student at Western Canada High School, Stacy Gagnidze's rant was a light-hearted commentary on Prime Minister Stephen Harper's hair. Stacy says that "it's no secret that many Canadians don't like Stephen Harper, but when you ask why, not many people have a good solid answer. I decided to find a small detail that could deem Stephen Harper unpopular, so I chose his hair. It has stayed the same since 1985!"

"Rant like Rick gives prospective students an opportunity to interact and connect with the spirit of Memorial," said Michael Pickard, associate director of marketing. "Once again this year we took a modern approach, posting ads on Facebook and asking students to upload their entries to YouTube."

The Rant like Rick campaign is based on the concept of Rick Mercer's rant component of his show The Rick Mercer Report. In total, 108 entries were received including 50 entries from the Grade 11 and 12 classes at St. Bonaventure's College in St. John's, NL.

To view the winning rants, visit www.mun.ca/rant.

INBRIEF

Kudos for volunteers

The spotlight shined brightly on the university's own on April 9 during the 23rd annual MUN Volunteer Day Awards.

Students, residences and employees were honoured for their outstanding contributions both on and off campus.

Steph Power was named Student Volunteer of the Year, while Adam Daniels was this year's recipient of the David Kirkland Student Leadership Award.

There was a tie for this year's Volunteer Club/ Society of the Year awards – Engineers Without Borders and SIFE Memorial were honoured for their countless volunteer activities and projects.

Barnes House was chosen as the Volunteer Residence of the Year.

Chris Hibbs of Career Development and Experiential Learning received this year's Staff Volunteer of the Year, while Dr. Angela Loucks-Atkinson from the School of Human Kinetics and Recreation accepted the Faculty Volunteer of the Year award.

Ed Loveless, a faculty member from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics accepted the Glenn Roy Blundon Award.

And, Facilities Management's Carpentry, Electrical and Plumbing units won the Volunteer Department of the Year.

MUN Volunteer Day is co-ordinated and hosted by the Student Volunteer Bureau, and is a partnership of the Centre for Career Development and MUNSUS.

Two credentials, one unique experience

The Faculty of Business celebrated another significant accomplishment with the Society of Management Accountants on March 3 when it officially signed the MBA/CMA agreement. This new partnership will make it easier for MBA students to earn the CMA designation.

The process of earning the CMA designation normally includes an entrance exam, the CMA strategic leadership program and the CMA case exam, but the MBA/CMA program will allow qualified students to be exempt from certain courses in the CMA strategic leadership program if they successfully complete an MBA course in that area. The requirements for entry into the MBA program remain the same.

The CMA designation is internationally recognized as a high standard for managerial accounting. This designation, combined with an MBA degree will make graduates highly competitive in the working world.

Grad student honoured

Christina Bourne, a graduate student in the Department of Biology, is the latest recipient of the Graduate Student Union Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The award is presented annually based on excellence in teaching-related activities as demonstrated by student comments, innovative teaching methods and evidence of exceeding normal teaching requirements.

Ms. Bourne works at the Writing Centre and is in the process of obtaining her M.Sc. in biology. She received an undergraduate (honours) biology degree from Memorial in 2005.

Dr. Yolanda Wiersma, an assistant professor of Biology, is Ms. Bourne's supervisor and nominated her for the award.

She chose to nominate her student based on watching Ms. Bourne teach three one-hour lectures in Dr. Wiersma's Principles of Ecology class.

This was one of the requirements for the GPT, a program that provides graduate students with training and practice in teaching at the undergraduate level.



Jillian Terry

From exams to employment – summer job search 101

THE EXAMS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN, books and notes packed away, and term marks have been released. As the winter semester fades away into distant memory, many of those students not returning to Memorial for the next four months have begun the annual tradition of finding a summer job. For some, it's as easy as picking up some more shifts at your year-round place of employment, but for others the search may take some more time to be quite as fruitful.

No matter what the circumstance, the next few weeks of job-finding frenzy will be hectic ones – updating that dusty old resume before distributing it around town, waiting by the phone for interview calls, and finally showing off your job-worthiness with a great first impression. It's daunting, to say the least, but there are tons of ways to make the whole process a little less painful.

For me (and I suspect many other recent Memorial graduates), the experience this time around will be a little different. With a theoretical degree in hand, I just left my job in retail after three years. After taking a month-long travel break, I'll be back in town looking for employment, but not just another stint in the sales or service industries.

I'd like to do something related to the four years of academia I've just completed before heading off to start graduate studies in the fall.

Sounds simple, but it's harder than you may think. The university and the provincial government are the two most likely sources of employment for those in my situation, having just finished an undergraduate degree in the humanities or social sciences. Whether it's as a research assistant for a professor in your department or a summer intern at the Confederation Building, the university and government offer many opportunities to further your relevant job experience.

But what about everyone else? For those of you returning to Memorial in the fall, you may just be looking to get some quick cash. However, that doesn't mean you need to slave away at a sun-deprived mall or call center for the next four months. On the contrary, there are lots of jobs both in and outside of the city that will offer you the chance to experience something new and have an exciting summer, all while making the money you need to fund your student lifestyle.

The Centre for Career Development on-campus is a

great place to start. You can walk in and speak to a member of their helpful staff, or just take a peek at their excellent website to find job postings of all types, from tour guide positions to ESL teaching in Korea, camp counsellor openings in the United States to student marketing jobs with local and national corporations. Besides just jobs, the Centre for Career Development offers help with resume and cover letter writing, interview skills – basically everything you need to know about getting a job.

While the comfort of the library may seem a lot less scary than entering the workforce, the search for a summer job can lead not only to a great paycheque but can also open doors for future job opportunities once you're out of school. The current global economic slowdown has made job-hunting more difficult, but with a little extra effort you may find yourself having an amazing four months at work before heading back to the books next fall. And if not...well, there's always next year – your favourite study spot at the QE II Library will welcome you back with open arms in September, regardless of where your job search takes you this summer.

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

At the recent Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District I conference in Boston, **Victoria Collins**, executive director of Marketing and Communications, made three presentations to the annual gathering of advancement professionals from eastern Canada and New England. Trends in Advancement, co-presented with John Lippincott, president of CASE, focused on the impact of the economic down turn on universities' and colleges' fundraising, marketing and alumni relations programs. Communications & Marketing 101, co-presented with Tamsen McMahon of Sametz Blackstone Associates, provided an overview of the field and case studies to new advancement professionals. Transitions – Managing, Surviving, Thriving, co-presented with Robert Caldwell of Holderness School, explored experiences and lessons learned in managing advancement operations during institutional leadership transitions.

Dr. Robert Greenwood, director of the Harris Centre, gave the following presentations in February and March: The Harris Centre: Connecting Memorial University to Provincial Needs, presentation to Department of Human Resources, Labour and Employment, Community Partners Meeting, St. John's, March 25; Innovation and Creativity in City Regions: Do We Have What it takes to Compete with Canada's Urban Centre's? presentations to Rotary, March 16 in Clarenville, Feb. 5 in Corner Brook, Feb. 3 to the North-West Rotary, St. John's; Rural Sustainability and Knowledge Mobilization, presentation to Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Industry Association Annual Conference, Our Province, Our Environment: Coping with Change, St. John's, March 12; The Harris Centre: Connecting Memorial University to Provincial Needs, presentation to deputy ministers, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, St. John's, Feb. 13; and Rural Sustainability and Knowledge Mobilization, keynote speech, Hospitality Newfoundland and Labrador Annual Conference, Corner Brook, Feb. 7.

Dr. Christopher Kovacs, Faculty of Medicine, made three recent invited oral research presentations and lectures. At the Comparative Maternal Endocrinology of Calcium Regulation workshop held as part of the International Bone and Mineral Society Conference in Sydney, Australia, he presented on Maternal adaptations to calcium homeostasis during pregnancy and lactation do not require the vitamin D receptor. At the Advances in Mineral Metabolism Confer-

ence in Snowmass, Colorado, he presented on PTH, PTHrP and skeletal recovery after lactation. At the Osteoporosis Outreach Program in Toronto he gave a lecture on Pregnancy, lactation, and bone.

Two Memorial University alumni and a current student have recently received special recognition. In the "In Appreciation" section of his new *Introductory Psychology* textbook, author **David Myers** notes the detailed contributions of students **Charles Collier**, **Alex Penney** and **Megan Freake** to the teaching of Psychology in general, and to the writing of his new textbook in particular. According to Rick Maddigan, an associate professor of Psychology at Memorial and supervisor of the student's research, this is the first time Dr. Myers has chosen to acknowledge contributions from students, and Memorial University students were the only ones to receive this honour.

Dr. Ross A. Klein, Social Work, is the author of a new Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives report, titled *Cruising without a Bruising: Cruise Tourism and the Maritimes*. In the report, Dr. Klein says the Maritimes experienced an 1,800 percent increase in cruise passenger numbers between 1990 and 2008. However, he warns that this growth is not necessarily good for local ports and communities. According to a research associate of CCPA, "there is a need for a fuller account of the direct and indirect costs and benefits related to this industry. Investing in infrastructure for cruise ships must be weighed against other such infrastructure projects that might have greater social and economic benefit for local communities." In 2008, the ports collectively welcomed more than 550,000 cruise passengers. In 1990, four ports combined (Halifax, Sydney, Saint John, and Charlottetown) received less than 30,000 passengers. This report offers policy recommendations including concrete and constructive steps for increasing the economic benefit to ports and local business, for addressing threats to the marine and local environment, and for increasing security and safety of Canadian passengers onboard cruise ships.

NOTABLE

Dr. Elizabeth Murphy, associate professor, and Doctoral Candidate Maria Rodriguez-Manzanares from the Faculty of Education recently received an award from the editorial review board of the *Journal of Distance Education* for the best research article of 2008 published in the journal. The article was titled *Revisiting Transactional Distance Theory in a Context of Web-Based High-school Distance Education*. The award will be given during a ceremony at the conference of the Canadian Network for Innovation in Education (CNIE) in Ottawa in May.

The Japanese translation of the textbook, *Descriptive Inorganic Chemistry*, whose senior author is **Dr. Geoff Rayner-Canham** at Grenfell College, has just been published. This book has also been translated into Korean, Spanish, and German, while a Khmer translation for Cambodia is currently in progress. Dr. Rayner-Canham and his co-author, Dr. Tina Overton of the University of Hull, England, are currently working on the fifth edition of this world-wide best-selling text in its field.

Dr. Nabil Shalaby is this year's recipient of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics Motivational Teaching Award. The award honours faculty members who have encouraged students in the department to undertake deep and demanding study in mathematics and/or statistics, and have made study in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics a valuable experience for students. The award recognizes success in inspiring students to further study in mathematics and/or statistics, and in generating a stimulating and exciting intellectual environment.

A team of Master of Applied Social Psychology (MASP) students has been selected as one of three finalists in the Canadian Evaluation Society National Case Competition. Memorial students competed against 17 other teams from 16 universities in round one of the competition and will now travel to Ottawa in June for the finals. Members of the team included **Stephanie Avery**, **Natalie Reardon** and **Reanne Meuse**, all senior MASP students, along with **Ashley Barrett**, a first year MASP student. Their coach, Monique Goguen Campbell, is currently an ACOA senior analyst and a graduate of the MASP program.

Killam Fellow heading south



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Jared Penney

By Kelly Foss

AS MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY'S latest recipient of a Killam Fellowship, Jared Penney is hoping to begin his cross-border adventure this fall.

Originally from Corner Brook, the bachelor of science student is currently in his third year of a joint honours degree in applied math and chemistry. His selection for a Killam Fellowship will allow him to spend one semester at the State University of New York in Plattsburgh, NY.

"I've spent my entire education in Newfoundland," said Mr. Penney. "I want to see something different. I want to get somebody else's point of view. I'm really looking forward to doing more travelling."

The Killam Fellowships Program is a scholarship program which allows undergraduate students to participate in a bi-national residential exchange program between Canada and the United States. Scholarship recipients have the option to spend either one semester or a full academic year as an exchange student in the other country. The program is designed to encourage exceptional undergraduate students in the two countries by providing a unique opportunity for academic exchange.

To be chosen for the fellowship, students must first apply to their home university, which then puts forth its top applicants to a national selection committee.

"I applied last year and was shortlisted nationally," said Mr. Penney. "It was very disappointing. But this year I received a letter from the foundation suggesting I reapply. I was pretty excited when I found out I was successful."

As part of his fellowship, Mr. Penney will receive a cash award of \$5,000 US, a \$500 allowance to offset health insurance costs and he can apply for a \$800 mobility grant which would allow him to take an educational field trip in his host country. He will also get to attend a fall orientation session in Ottawa and a spring seminar in Washington.

The Killam Fellowship program is administered by the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the United States of America and is supported by the American Killam Trusts, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, and the Foundation. It is an integral part of the Foundation's multidimensional strategy to foster mutual understanding between the citizens of Canada and the citizens of the United States.

About 40 scholarships were available for 2009-10.

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What is your advice to today's crop of MUN music students?

Work hard and know your craft! I hope you consider music to be your vocation, your calling. Music is a powerful force, and one of the most fundamental and versatile forms of human expression. Go out into the world and seek out ways to use music and your talents to make a positive difference. The world desperately needs the many benefits music can provide.

To hear some of Dr. Dawe's exceptional performance visit his website at <http://www.edmunddawe.com>.

CORRECTION

During spring convocation, Dr. Linda Inkpen will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree and Ben Hansen will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree. Incorrect information appeared in the last edition of the Gazette (April 9, 2009).

Rothermere fellow hopes technology can make a safer ocean

Robots in a dangerous world



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Rothermere Fellow Michael Furlong hopes to eliminate risk to human life in harsh marine environments.

Rothermere, Memorial's first chancellor, and is given to an exceptional scholar whose research will contribute or be of value to Newfoundland and Labrador. It includes university fees, a personal maintenance stipend, and other expenses such as return air travel to the United Kingdom.

"I am interested in putting robots out to work in real-world environments, particularly harsh environments and if there is one thing we are not lacking in Newfoundland and Labrador is a harsh environment,"

To be eligible, candidates must have completed a bachelor's degree at Memorial and have completed, or be about to complete, a master's degree either at Memorial or at another North American university.

Mr. Furlong was extremely happy when he heard he had won the Fellowship.

"It's a great honour to be selected from the candidates for the fellowship. Winning this award is also an opportunity to experience British-style education, which is different from the Canadian and American systems," he said.

An electrical and computer engineering graduate from Memorial's Faculty of Engineering, Mr. Furlong is currently in-between finishing his master's in robotics at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) and starting his PhD, and will spend his summer working on connecting models of human behaviour into some search and rescue robots at the Robotics Institute at CMU. However, he is interested in returning home, and to Memorial, at some point.

"I am very interested in applying my research efforts to real-world problems", he said. "Research projects (and not only ones from the Engineering Faculty) can be easily spun off by the university to profit not only the university but also the province as a whole. I would be very much interested in going back to Memorial not only to further my research but also to partake in the university as an engine of innovation and economic growth for the province."

By Jackey Locke

AS A NATIVE NEWFOUNDLANDER, Michael Furlong knows all about the province's harsh marine environment. The challenges that many seafarers face on a daily basis on the ocean is a reality not only for them, but for family and friends on land, too.

As this year's recipient of the Rothermere Fellowship, Mr. Furlong is helping to make a difference – by making robots.

"I am interested in putting robots out to work in real-world environments, particularly harsh environments and if there is one thing we are not lacking in Newfoundland and Labrador is a harsh environment," he said. "Search and rescue is a big problem we have that automated vehicles could help solve. By searching the ocean and reporting back, we could reduce the number of people on the ocean in bad weather and multiply the number of eyes searching, hopefully reducing loss of life in naval accidents.

"The same technology for searching and exploration could be used to monitor environmental accidents like oil spills or to track populations of various marine animals for the purposes of more effective fishing, reducing bycatch, or more ecologically-friendly fishing, knowing species populations in order to set fishing quotas," he added.

The Rothermere Fellowship was established by Lord

NEW FACULTY

Introducing Memorial's new teachers and researchers



Dr. John Shik, Faculty of Medicine

Dr. John Shik is a staff nephrologist with Eastern Health and an assistant professor with the Faculty of Medicine. He is about to take on the role of clerkship director for internal medicine residents.

After completing his MD at the University of Toronto in 2000, he did postgraduate training in internal medicine at Memorial University from 2000-2004, followed by sub-specialty training in nephrology at Memorial from 2004-2005. He is also working on a master's of clinical epidemiology at Memorial.

Dr. Shik has considerable research experience in various areas. He is the regional principal investigator for a study on quotidian dialysis registry being conducted through Eastern Health's Nephrology Department. This study is part of an international

registry to compare daily dialysis with twice weekly conventional hemodialysis.

From 2001-2005, under the supervision of Dr. Brendan Barrett, Dr. Shik evaluated the rates of catheter-related blood stream infection as part of continuous quality improvement in patients undergoing hemodialysis at the health sciences centre in St. John's.

While a resident at Memorial, Dr. Shik won the 2003 Dr. John Simpson Award for Excellence in Teaching, the 2003 Dr. David Hawkins Research Award and the 2002 Pfizer Quality Assurance Research Award.

Dr. Shik has his nephrology certification from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.



Dr. Martin Ordonez, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Dr. Martin Ordonez joined Memorial's Faculty of Engineering in January as an assistant professor in electrical and computer engineering. He teaches design-oriented courses such as analog electronics and power electronics, and is responsible for integrating engineering design into the curricula and developing undergraduate laboratories.

Dr. Ordonez is passionate about his work. Inspired at an early age by his elder brothers and all the marvellous electronics gadgets he could get his hands on, he is the third electronics engineer in his family.

Born and raised in Neuquén (Patagonia), Argentina, Dr. Ordonez received an Ing. degree in electronics engineering from the National Technological University (UTN-FRC), Córdoba, Argentina, in 2003;

and holds master's and PhD degrees in electrical engineering from Memorial, 2006 and 2009 respectively.

Dr. Ordonez's research interests include activities in the area of renewable power conversion, which involves characterization and utilization of renewable power sources; power conversion architectures and high-performance power electronics topologies; high-efficiency energy storage systems; grid-tie bidirectional power conversion and power flow management. His industrial experience in power conversion includes research and development at Xantrex Technology Inc./Elgar Electronics Corp. (now AMETEK Programmable Power), Deep-Ing Power Electronics, and TRV Dispositivos, where he developed high-density dc-dc power converters, UPS inverters, and digital controllers using digital signal processors.



Dr. Sonja Boon, Department of Women's Studies, Faculty of Arts

Dr. Sonja Boon is an assistant professor of Women's Studies whose research primarily involves looking at the nature of embodiment through autobiographical writings.

"I have termed this 'corporeal autobiography,'" she says, "in the sense that I am looking at how people express themselves and their lives through their physical and their embodied experiences."

In 2008, Dr. Boon's research won her the Catharine Macaulay Prize awarded by the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, as well as the Canadian Women's Studies Association Graduate Essay Prize.

The first person to graduate from Simon Fraser with a PhD in Women's Studies, Dr. Boon is enthusiastic about assisting with the further development of Memorial's Department of Women's

Studies. She just finished teaching a new course titled Phallic Breasts, Pregnant Men, and Beauvoir's Backside: Feminist Theory and the Body.

In addition, along with her colleague Vicki Hallett, Dr. Boon initiated The Blue Castle Salon in fall 2008, a monthly event dedicated to the celebration of women as producers and disseminators of culture, with a particular focus on the women of Newfoundland and Labrador. More information can be found at <http://bluestockingsalon.blogspot.com>.

In addition to her research and teaching work, Dr. Boon is a baroque flutist and will be appearing as a guest artist with the Hot Earth Ensemble in a program titled Too Hot to Handel on May 17, 2009.



Dr. Nik (Nikita) A. Makretsov, Faculty of Medicine

Dr. Nik Makretsov, assistant professor of pathology has joined the Faculty of Medicine after completing a breast cancer fellowship at the University of Cambridge in the U.K., funded by the International Union Against Cancer and American Cancer Society, and the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Dr. Makretsov is a pathologist with an MD and a PhD. His academic interests are translational research in breast cancer, such as validation of new prognostic and predictive biomarkers for future treatments of breast cancer, and teaching. He has an extensive expertise in research and clinical immunohistochemistry, tissue microarrays and automated image analysis, and is an active breast cancer clinical scientist and practicing pathologist. He is certified by Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons and by the

European Board of Pathology as a specialist in anatomical pathology.

Dr. Makretsov earned his MD in 1993 from the Far-Eastern State Medical University, Eastern Russia. From 1993 to 1995 he completed a PhD in oncologic pathology at the Cancer Research Centre of the Academy of Medical Sciences in Moscow.

From 2001-2004 Dr. Makretsov did a clinical research fellowship in cancer pathology at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, and, earlier in 1999 a fellowship at the Rizzolli Institute, University of Bologna, Italy.

Dr. Makretsov is the breast pathology site group co-chair of the Laboratory Medicine Program at St. Clare's Mercy Hospital.



Crystal Rose, Ferriss Hodgett Library, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College

After a 10-year hiatus from Corner Brook, Crystal Rose has returned to the city to work as public services librarian with Grenfell's Ferriss Hodgett Library. Ms. Rose holds a bachelor of fine arts from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver and a master's of library and information studies from Dalhousie University in Halifax.

"My experience working as a youth services librarian for the Toronto Public Library, the largest public library system in Canada, as well as my background in visual arts, allows me to make a unique contribution to Grenfell," she said. "I have started a graphic novel collection at the Ferriss Hodgett Library, a resource that will be utilized by students and faculty in many areas, from

visual arts to English to social/cultural studies. I am also helping to curate an upcoming joint exhibit of graphic novels between the library and the college's art gallery."

Ms. Rose said she was attracted to Memorial's Corner Brook campus because of its intimate size, its great location in western Newfoundland and, of course, its excellent library.

With technology having greatly impacted the way users access library resources, Ms. Rose's research interests focus on improving online services for end-users by studying their "information retrieval behaviour."

A trip to remember

By Sharon Gray

IT'S GOING TO BE the adventure of a lifetime for Dr. John Weber and Sarah Hillock when they bicycle from Rome to Amsterdam, a distance of 2,700 kilometres. And it's all for a good cause. Dr. Weber is raising money for graduate student scholarships for the School of Pharmacy and Ms. Hillock, a local artist, is raising money for Eastern Edge Gallery.

"I accepted the job at Memorial largely to help build research and graduate studies in the School of Pharmacy. I'd also like to be able to fund undergraduate students with an interest in research."

The trip starts May 9 in Rome and will end about June 20 for Dr. Weber in Amsterdam, nearby where he did post-doctoral work at Erasmus Medical Centre in Rotterdam. He will stay to meet with colleagues in The Netherlands while Ms. Hillock goes on to Glasgow, Scotland.

The trip is particularly important for Dr. Weber, who has been a faculty member in the School of Pharmacy since 2006, because it has been 10 years since he completed graduate school and he will have a "significant" birthday on May 22. He wanted it to be memorable birthday and when Sarah came up with the idea of the bicycle trip he realized it could also be an opportunity to do some fundraising.

"I accepted the job at Memorial largely to help build research and graduate studies in the School of Pharmacy," he said. "We only have one graduate scholarship in the School of Pharmacy so it is really important to raise money for more scholarships. I'd also like to be able to fund undergraduate students with an interest in research."

Dr. Weber's goal is to raise \$1 for each kilometre he cycles and use this \$2,700 to leverage matching funds.

The couple expects to cycle about 130 km every other day, camping along the way or staying in hostels to keep expenses down. They will not only be transporting themselves, but pulling a trailer with camping gear and art supplies, including paint, canvas and an antique easel. They've been preparing themselves since January by doing

Memorial issues travel advisory

AS OF APRIL 27, the Public Health Agency of Canada is recommending that travellers from Canada postpone elective or non-essential travel to Mexico until further notice. In compliance with this recommendation, Memorial University is postponing all travel to Mexico by faculty, staff and students.

This includes all travel to Mexico on university business, university-funded travel, or university-sanctioned travel (e.g. co-op work placements, research, student exchanges, conferences, workshops, etc.).

Swine influenza A H1N1 (swine flu) is a respiratory infection that causes outbreaks of influenza in pigs. Sporadic human infections with swine influenza have occurred in the past; however, these are usually caused by direct exposure to pigs.

Symptoms are similar to seasonal influenza (flu) including headache, chills, cough followed by fever, loss of appetite, muscle aches and fatigue, runny nose, sneezing, watery eyes and throat irritation. Nausea, vomiting and diarrhea may occur in adults as well as in children. In more severe cases, or in people with chronic conditions, complications such as pneumonia may develop.



PHOTO BY H SIMS

Sarah Hillock and Dr. John Weber will cycle 2,700 kilometres from Rome to Amsterdam, raising money for two worthy causes.

spin classes and bicycling at every opportunity.

The couple is starting the trip near Italy's mountainous Abruzzo region, where more than 150 people were killed recently in a recent earthquake. "Because we are starting very near where the earthquake in Italy happened, this trip is also in honour of those victims," said Dr. Weber.

Dr. Weber has created a blog site and you can follow his

trip at <http://scholaride2009.blogspot.com/>

To donate to this fundraising trip, please contact Darcy McMeekin, development officer, School of Pharmacy, at mcmeeekin@mun.ca or 777-8977. To donate online go to www.munalum.ca.



PHOTO BY LORI LEE HOLLETT

GERARD KELLY, sculpture technician in the Division of Fine Arts at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Corner Brook, will be exhibiting a recently-completed sculpture at Kingsbrae Sculpture Garden in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, this summer as part of the Kingsbrae Sculpture Competition. Adjudicators narrowed down entries by professional artists from across the country to just 17 artists, one of which is Mr. Kelly. The winning entry will remain on permanent display at Kingsbrae Garden. There is a \$10,000 prize for the competition winner.

MBA students make their case



The winning team of the internal MBA case competition, clockwise from left, Meaghan Ludlow, Colleen Laite and Christina Wang. Not pictured: Amanda Ivany. Deloitte and Touche sponsored the competition and awarded a \$1,000 top prize.

By Meaghan Whelan

WHEN MBA STUDENTS return from case competitions, they invariably say that it's one of the highlights of their program. The chance to put what they've learned to the test and present to business experts leaves them excited and proud of all they've accomplished.

Oftentimes, however, the experience is limited to a four-member team and the Faculty of Business wanted to do something to make the competition experience available to more students.

With support from Deloitte and Touche, who offered a top prize of \$1,000 and a slate of judges, the Faculty of Business hosted the first internal MBA case competition on April 18.

Peggy Coady, director of graduate programs in the Faculty of Business said the event was a success. "Sixteen great students gave four great presentations. I was impressed by their analysis and presentation skills and I look forward to the internal case competition becoming a regular event," she said.

The competition was judged by Steve Dilny and George

Colbert of Deloitte and Touche and Rick Daw, the executive-in-residence of the Faculty of Business and recently retired partner at Deloitte and Touche.

"We have a great relationship with many groups and organizations in the business community who want to be involved with the faculty, to be on campus meeting students. Deloitte sponsored our case competition and also stepped up as the first speakers in the new MBA Speaker Series," explained Ms. Coady.

Don Belanger, associate partner, and Steve Dilny, senior consultant, both with Deloitte and Touch, were on campus on April 20 as the first in the MBA Speakers Series. They used the opportunity to network with MBA students, share information about Deloitte's consulting practice and announce the case competition winners.

Colleen Laite, Meaghan Ludlow, Amanda Ivany and Christina Wang were named the winning team, splitting the \$1,000 top prize. A second team, Matthew Boland, David Godsell, Becky Hobbs and Catherine Organ received an honourable mention for their creative presentation.

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we are a respected and respectable institution that is able to do this sort of work," he said. "It certainly demonstrates that to our provincial government and to the general public as well. We're doing our jobs and doing it well."

A major emphasis of the competition was the ability of participants to work together as a team. Despite the fact that its members all come from different fields of study, Rock Enerji left no doubts on that front – especially when the group showed up in matching burgundy and black clothing.

"As soon as Memorial walked into the room they looked over and said, "There's the Memorial team,"" said Dr. Burden.

Gacal Isler said the team took the competition seriously, working 16 hour days in the final weeks leading up to the event.

"We worked on our theses during the days, and on this competition during the nights and weekends," she said.



Burcu Gacal Isler, Jennifer Cranshaw, Tiffany Piercey and Adam Gogacz, with coach, Dr. Elliott Burden, successfully beat participants from three other Canadian universities to win a place at the Imperial Barrel Award world championships.



Memorial held its student leadership conference earlier this month on the St. John's campus. This year's theme was: Leader Forum 2009: Take Action. Delegates participated in sessions focused on leadership development and the community – from teambuilding, to ethics, to practical presentation skills, to women in leadership. This year's keynote speaker was Mike Nordby, head of the Global Youth Mentor organization, who spent 21 days before Christmas as a homeless person on the streets of Winnipeg. Also, Dr. Michael Temelini of the Political Science department examined the art of communicating. Leader Forum 2009 is a program of Student Affairs and Services.

EARTH SCIENCES PRESENTS \$50,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

UNDERGRADUATE and graduate Earth Sciences students were feted last week as the department held its annual scholarship and awards presentation.

Approximately \$50,000 was presented to top students of what department Head Dr. John Hanchar said was one of the largest and strongest Earth Science departments in Canada.

"Each year, we produce about eight to 10 per cent of Canada's professional practicing earth scientists," said Dr. Hanchar. "Not bad for a province with only two per cent of Canada's population. Our students, our programs and our research programs are broadly recognized worldwide. We aim to stay that way."

Joining Dr. Hanchar for the presentation were members of professional associations, learned societies, academia and family members of some of the department's named scholarships.

During the event, the department head also made special recognition of the members of Rock Enerji (see above).

This year, three new scholarships were presented including the Oil and Gas Week Scholarship; Teck Scholarships in Earth Sciences created by Teck, a Canadian mining company; and the Rees Scholarship in Earth Sciences, created by a relatively recent alumnus.

Dr. Hanchar called on guests and graduating students to continue to help address the growing need for additional support for awards and for program development.

"The financial value of awards presented today is approximately \$50,000", he said. "This is nowhere near the actual cost for a university education for even a single student.

"As you prepare to leave here and to develop your careers, we would like you to think about someday returning the favour and contributing to an Earth Sciences scholarship program," he added. "Our history is your history. Our future successes are in many ways tied to your future success."

New home

Funding boosts research in Labrador

By Jeff Green

RESEARCHERS STUDYING a myriad of issues in Labrador will soon have a new home base.

Memorial is establishing a new research facility in North West River, thanks to roughly \$1.8 million in federal funding announced by Ottawa under its Arctic Research Infrastructure Fund.

“We see this new facility as a truly multi-disciplinary research one.”

The money will allow the university's Labrador Institute, which is located in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, to renovate the nearby North West River Learning Centre, which serves a diverse aboriginal and northern population in central Labrador.

The institute partnered with the Nunatsiavut government to apply for the funding.

In total, close to \$2.5 million was awarded for the two Labrador projects.

The Nunatsiavut government received \$700,000 to renovate facilities in Nain to create a Nunatsiavut government research centre.

Memorial will use its portion of the funding to refurbish and update the existing building in North West River to become the hub for research in Labrador, supporting local research activities and providing logistical services to satellite facilities in other communities throughout the region.

“Memorial researchers are very active in the region, but we really lack space for them to work, which in turn acts as a hindrance to additional research that may occur,” said Dr. Keith Chaulk, director of the Labrador Institute. “This initiative will address this concern.”

“We see this new facility as a truly multi-disciplinary research one”, he added. Likely most of the research will be done in the areas of ecology, archaeology, anthropology, geography, linguistics and health. Within these areas, most of the focus will be on northern and aboriginal research. We also hope that the facility will lead to local training and capacity building, possibly a field school during the summer.”

The funding will allow the institute to create new laboratories, office space, storage areas and some accommodations for researchers. Major work will also be done to the exterior of the building.

Tenders will be called this summer and the project should take about two years to complete.

Memorial University is committed to supporting research and education opportunities in Labrador and partnering with aboriginal groups, as indicated in the university's strategic plan (2007-2012). The university

plays a role in the development of the province and remains committed to its cultural, social and economic needs.

That work is facilitated, in part, by the university's specialized centres including the Labrador Institute which co-ordinates and supports research in region.

In total, 20 infrastructure projects have been selected by the federal government under the \$85 million Arctic Research Infrastructure Fund.



Dr. Keith Chaulk, director of the Labrador Institute, welcomes the new funding to create a research hub in North West River.

NEWS & NOTES

For more information about the items below, contact the Office of Research, 737-8251.

Listed below is a selection of the funding opportunities for which information has recently been received by the Office of Research. For links to further information on these items, visit Grant Funding Opportunities on the Research website at www.mun.ca/research/overview/grant_opp.php.

- Aid to Research Workshops and Conferences in Canada
- Burroughs Wellcome Fund – Preterm Birth Initiative
- CIHR Emerging Team Grant: Comorbidity of Brain Disorders and Other Health Problems
- CIHR Grants: Meetings, Planning and Dissemination (Various Institutes)
- CIHR Knowledge Synthesis Grant
- CIHR Operating Grant: Boys' and Men's Health
- CIHR Team Grant: China-Canada Collaborative Teams in Health Research
- CIHR Team Grant: Terry Fox New Frontiers Program in Cancer
- Government of Canada New Horizons for Seniors Program
- Heart and Stroke Foundation Operating Grant: Prevention of Cardiovascular and Respiratory Diseases
- Janeway Research Advisory Committee – Letters of Intent
- NSERC Collaborative Health Research Projects Program
- NSERC Collaborative Research and Training Experience (CREATE) Program

- NSERC Major Resources Support Program
- NSERC Strategic Network Grants Program
- PRAC Call for Proposals – Offshore Environmental Technologies

Imminent deadlines

June 1

Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (US) – clinical research awards (letter of intent).
Janeway Children's Hospital Foundation – research proposals for child based research grants (letter of intent).

Memorial University, Office of Research – salary-based research grants program (re-designation of salary).

North Atlantic Treaty Organization, NATO Science for Peace and Security Program – advanced study institutes; advanced research workshops; collaborative linkage grants; advanced training courses; science for peace projects.

Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research Inc. – conference and workshop grants; international collaborative research grants.

June 5

National Institutes of Health (US) – new research grants.

June 11

The Charles A. and Anne Morrow Lindbergh Foundation – Lindbergh grants program.

June 15

Canada Council for the Arts – Killam prizes (nominations).

Muscular Dystrophy Association (US) – research grants program (letter of intent).

June 30

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute – India studies fellowships programme.

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Irving Fogwill papers added to archives

IRVING FOGWILL'S papers are the latest addition to the Archives and Special Collections at the QE II Library. Mr. Fogwill's daughter, Sylvia Fogwill Thomas, on behalf of her and her brother Douglas Fogwill and their families, presented the papers April 15.

Irving Fogwill (1901-1984) was born St. John's and worked with the railway after leaving school. Involved in trade unionism at an early age, he was one of the seven men who founded the Newfoundland Trades and Labour Council (later Newfoundland Federation of Labour) in 1936. The union organizer supported confederation with Canada and in 1950 was named by Premier Joseph Smallwood to head of a committee charged with organizing the Workmen's Compensation Board (WCB). In 1951 named first chair of the WCB, a position he held until he retired in 1967. Mr. Fogwill was also a writer and published his first volume of poetry – *Prelude to Dawn* – in 1931. Writing under the pen name John Avalon, he was published in local newspapers and magazines, especially *Protocol* of which he was co-editor in the 1940s. An anthology of his poetry and prose – *A Short Distance Only* – was published in 1981.

Attending the presentation of his papers were, from left, Archivist Linda White, Sylvia Fogwill Thomas, Associate University Librarian Su Cleyle, Bert Riggs, head, Archives and Special Collections, Ms. Thomas' daughter Pamela Dowber, and her grand-daughter Hannah Dowber.



PHOTO BY DAVID SORESENSEN

Dean awarded for outstanding contribution to education

By Heidi Wicks

DR. DAVID DIBBON, dean of Memorial's Faculty of Education, was honoured with the Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association (NLTA) Patricia Cowan Award, at the organization's Biennial Convention on April 16. The award recognizes outstanding contributions and/or support for education by groups or individuals outside the K-12 school system.

Previous to becoming dean of Education, Dr. Dibbon worked in the public school system as a teacher and school administrator. He has been an advocate for the cause of public education since the early days of his career.

"I'm committed to research focused on making the school system a better place for students to learn and for teachers to work," Dr. Dibbon said. "When I left the school system (10 years ago) to work at the university one of the goals I set for myself was to do work that could contribute to improving the working conditions for teachers and learning conditions for students.

"So, practical utility has always been a measure of how I judge my own work. For this organization to acknowledge that this work has had a positive impact on teaching and learning in the province is a tremendous honour."

Dr. Dibbon's areas of research interest include organizational learning, leadership and learning, teacher supply and demand, online learning communities, teacher working conditions, new teacher transitions and other policy-related initiatives. He has presented his findings in these areas locally, nationally and internationally.

An elected member of the Eastern School District Board of Trustees, Dr. Dibbon was recipient of the Distinguished Principal of the Year award from the Canadian Association of Principals in 1999.



Dr. David Dibbon

New director for School of Nursing

By Sharon Gray

DR. JUDITH MCFETRIDGE-DURDLE has been appointed as the new director of Memorial's School of Nursing. The appointment was approved at the Board of Regents March 31 meeting. Dr. McFetridge-Durdle will begin her term as director on Aug. 1, 2009.

Dr. McFetridge-Durdle is currently an associate professor in the School of Nursing and Department of Medicine at Dalhousie University. She holds a PhD in Nursing and has post-doctoral education in behavioural medicine. Her program of research in cardiovascular nursing includes 13 projects funded primarily by established granting organizations such as the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Health Canada and the Heart and Stroke Foundation. She has published 19 refereed articles in high impact academic journals. She is also the author of 63 published abstracts. She has delivered 25 invited presentations and has supervised eight masters' of Nursing and three PhD students.

Previous academic nursing experience includes her tenure as director of a Nurse Practitioner Program at Duke University and as an associate director of a CIHR Nurse Scientist Program. Dr. McFetridge-Durdle has taught and developed courses at the undergraduate and graduate level and is past recipient of a Teacher of the Year Award.

She served on the National Expert Committee on Inter-professional Education for Collaborative Patient-Centred Practice, and was an important contributor to two large Health Canada initiatives related to interprofessional health education. She also has extensive experience with faculty and university-wide committees at different institutions and has made significant contributions for the profession of Nursing, serving as chair of the Education Advisory Committee of the College of Registered Nurses of Nova Scotia.



Dr. Judith McFetridge-Durdle

A step closer to graduation

By Courtenay Griffin and Kristen Decker

AS THE WINTER semester comes to an end many students are preparing for the summer months again, whether it's heading off to a work term, starting a summer job or planning a vacation.

Although spring traditionally signals the end of the academic year, the summer semester presents an opportunity for students to take their program a step closer to graduation.

Memorial@Home, the university's online and distance education service, allows students to continue working toward their degree no matter what their schedule is or where their travels take them. Darren Anderson, a civil engineering student at Memorial, agrees.

"I'm required to take a number of electives in addition to my core courses to graduate, and these add up," he said. "So while on my work term I decided it was a great time to catch up. Distance education makes it possible for me to take some of the courses from academic semesters and complete them during work terms, which I think is great."

Memorial@Home's newest campaign, Taking it a step closer, which recently wrapped up, aimed to highlight the benefits of completing a course or two over the summer months. Students can have the flexibility they need to carry out their plans while completing courses on their own time to further their degree.

The campaign's goal was to attract students with posters and tent cards around the University Centre and library Commons.

To help promote Memorial's Sustainability Week, all promotions were printed on recycled paper and reusable coffee sleeves were provided to Treats' customers in an effort to encourage a greener perspective. A Memorial@Home blend of coffee was also provided at Treats to bring awareness to the campaign.

Memorial's online and distance education capabilities make it the largest among Canadian comprehensive universities. Offering over 350 undergraduate and graduate degree courses from 10 faculties and schools, distance education has surpassed 16,000 registrations annually from across the province and around the world.



People power

The Jeroboam and Gregory J. Power Awards for Poetry were presented at a ceremony hosted by the Department of English in the Junior Common Room April 8. This year's winners are Randy Drover who was awarded The Jeroboam Poetry Prize, for a poem on a Newfoundland or Labrador theme, for *Ugjektok-1940*; Lynette Adams, who took first place in the Gregory J. Power Award for her poem *The Second Sight*; Randy Drover, again, who received the second place Power Award for *The Barber's Apprentice*; Kyle Carpenter, with the third place Power Award, for *Ferrying*; and Nigel Jenkins, with an honourable mention in the Power Award, for *Twilight*. Here from left are Lynette Adams, Nigel Jenkins, Randy Drover and Kyle Carpenter. Listen to the winners read their work at Memorial's podcast page, www.mun.ca/marcomm/podcasts.

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Thursday, April 30

Newfoundland Historical Society monthly lecture and AGM. A panel discussion with authors of the recently published *Short History of Newfoundland and Labrador* 8-9:30 p.m. Hampton Hall, Marine Institute, Ridge Road.

Instructional Development Office and School of Graduate Studies presents Communicating About Your Research to a Diverse Audience 2-3:30 p.m. ED-3005, Education Building. Registration required at instrdev@mun.ca or 737-3028.

Friday, May 1

April Arnott Memorial Scholarship fundraising dance/party 8:30-11:50 p.m. Reid Community Centre, Mount Pearl.

Botanical Garden season opening 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 306 Mount Scio Road.

Department of Geography - Blue Box Seminar Series. Reconstructing Sea Level Change: What Can the Past Tell Us about the Future? by Dr. Robin Edwards, senior lecturer in Earth Sciences, School of Natural Sciences, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland, 1-2 p.m. SN-2012, Science Building.

Junior Naturalist Camp Registration at the Botanical Garden 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, May 2

Botanical Garden Spring Clean-up 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. sponsored by the Friends of MUN Botanical Garden.

International Student Advising Office and Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism present an information session on the Newfoundland and Labrador Provincial Nominee Program 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Inco Centre, IIC-2001.

Monday, May 4

ABC's of Composting free lecture 12-1 p.m. Botanical Garden, 306 Mount Scio Road.

A free public screening of *A Sense of Wonder*, a film about Rachel Carson's *A Sense of Wonder* 7-9 p.m. Inco Innovation Centre, IIC-2001.

Tuesday, May 5

Vermicomposting, a free lunchtime lecture, 12-1 p.m. Botanical Garden, 306 Mount Scio Road.

DELT presents Introduction to Desire2Learn workshop 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Education, E-1001.

Wednesday, May 6

Equal Voice Experiences 2:30-4 p.m. Engineering, EN-1001.

Canadian Society for 18th Century Studies Conference planning session 1-2 p.m. Arts, AA-3018.

Getting the Most From Your Soil - free lecture 12-1 p.m. Botanical Garden, 306 Mount Scio Road.

Celebrate North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (May 3-9). Meet Sheila Miller, director and the new Department of Health and Safety, 10-11:30 a.m. UC-3018, University Centre.

Instructional Development Office and School of Graduate Studies presents Supervising International Graduate Students workshop for faculty 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. ED-3005, Education Building. Registration required at instrdev@mun.ca or 737-3028

Thursday, May 7

Waking up your Spring Garden Bed - free lecture 12-1 p.m. Botanical Garden, 306 Mount Scio Road.

Gardiner Centre presents Transforming your Organization to an E-Business: Growing with your Customers 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. B-4019, Business Administration.

Interpreting Statistical Tables and Using Data Extractors by Laine Ruus, data librarian, University of Toronto. This two-day event takes place in room L-2028, QE II Library. For details about the sessions, see today.mun.ca. RSVP Aspi Balsara at abalsara@mun.ca or ext. 7427.

Gardening Workshop: Elementary Plant Propagation, with Tim Walsh, nursery manager, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Botanical Garden.

Friday, May 8

Planting a Half-Barrel, a free lecture presented by Tim Walsh, nursery manager, 12 a.m.-1 p.m. Botanical Garden, 306 Mount Scio Road.

PhD oral defence of Amit Kudale, Department of Chemistry, titled Inverse Electron Demand Diels-Alder Reactions of Electron-Deficient Coumarin-Fused Dienes, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. IIC-2014, Inco Innovation Centre.

Sunday, May 10

Three Cheers For Composting Family Program 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Botanical Garden, 306 Mount Scio Road.

Monday, May 11

Gardiner Centre presents The Fundamentals of Project Management 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. B-4019, Business Administration.

Tuesday, May 12

DELT presents Uploading Files and Managing Content in Desire2Learn 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Education, E-1001.

Wednesday, May 13

Wessex Society Lecture. Dr. David Quinton will give a talk, accompanied by film, on Newfoundland links with the West Country of England, 8-10 p.m. Hampton Hall, Marine Institute.

Not a Nation? (Or Does Newfoundland Nationalism Make Historical Sense?) 7:30-9:30 p.m. IIC-2001, Inco Innovation Centre. Dr. Sean Cadigan, History; David Cochrane, CBC; and Dr. Godfrey Baldacchino, UPEI will discuss the rising tide of nationalism in Newfoundland and Labrador. Free admission. Sponsored by The Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development.

Thursday, May 14

Retirement reception for Dr. Richard Neuman 3-6 p.m. The Fluvarium. Contributions may be made to any of the secretarial staff in the Division of BioMedical Sciences. RSVP by May 6 so the food and beverage order may be placed.

Tuesday, May 19

Department of Women's Studies/Faculty of Arts presents The Blue Castle. This week, joint presentations on Cassie Brown by Nancy Earle and Joan Sullivan, 8-9 p.m. The Ship Pub.

DELT presents Using the Gradebook in Desire2Learn 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Education, E-1001.

Instructional Development Office and School of Graduate Studies

present Meet RefWorks: Your Bibliographic Information Organizer workshop 10-11:30 a.m. L-2028, QE II Library. Registration required at instrdev@mun.ca or 737-3028.

The Artist as Rural Entrepreneur with Charlotte Jones, SWGC Art Gallery; Gaylene Buckle, Theatre Newfoundland and Labrador; and Shirley Montague, Trails, Tales and Tunes Festival 7-9 p.m. Bonne Bay Marine Station, Norris Point. Presented by the Harris Centre.

Wednesday, May 20

Instructional Development Office and School of Graduate Studies present Meet RefWorks: Your Bibliographic Information Organizer, 10-11:30 a.m. L-2028, QEII Library. Registration required at instrdev@mun.ca or 737-3028.

Comparing Multiple Treatments to Both Positive and Negative Controls, Department of Mathematics and Statistics colloquium with Nairanjana Dasgupta, Department of Statistics, Washington State University, 2-3 p.m. Mathematics, HH-3017.

Gardiner Centre presents Business Correspondence Writing: Writing it Right 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. B-4019, Business Administration.

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1-BR 2-storey apt, quiet, off Monkstown Rd. Hardwood floors and staircase. W/D. Kitchen: double sink and tiled counter. 20 mins walk MUN, 10 mins downtown. \$550/mo; POU; available May 1, lease to each Aug 31. No smoking, no pets. Suitable for single professional. 726-3951.

House for Sale - 50-year-old home on large, treed lot backing on parkland, 4 bedrooms, 2½ bathrooms, wood burning fireplace, deck, garage and 3 car driveway. 10 mins. from MUN and HSC. For more information, call Chris at 682-9675.

Memorial University professor and spouse seeking house to rent or buy in St. John's, preferably in east end. Please contact Judy or Fred at nwboy@hotmail.com or call (902) 435-0068.

Professor's house available for rent July 1/09 through July 1/10 in historic and central Georgestown neighbourhood. Three bedrooms plus a study, furnished and equipped (including washer/dryer). Beautiful house, hardwood floors, private yard with deck, off-street parking. Perfect for a growing family; no smokers, no pets. \$1,300/month pou. Contact: Arthurs@mun.ca, (709) 753-4251.

Faculty available to house sit starting in September 2009. Interested in short and long-term stays. Call or email Terry Young, 777-6100; tlyoung@mun.ca.

Sail Away with us at The Rooms

In conjunction with the exhibition *Slicing the Waves: Canoes, Kayaks and Small Wooden Boats*, join us for a series of engaging programming that will take you from stem to stern and everywhere in between.

Sunday Show & Share - Defining Lines Sunday, May 3, 2 – 4 pm

Members of the Wooden Boat Museum of Newfoundland and Labrador will be on-hand with moulds, models and lines plans to demonstrate and discuss hull forms. Come along and find out how you can help save the disappearing hull forms of our heritage.

Curatorial Tour of *Slicing the Waves* Wednesday, May 6, 7 & 8 pm

Join Rooms' curator of Archaeology and Ethnology, *Kevin McAleese* for an insightful tour of this wonderful exhibition.

Sunday Show & Share - Making Origami Boats Sunday, May 24, 2 & 3 pm

Miki Lee can turn a piece of paper into a canoe, a kayak or a neat rowboat, come along with the family and she'll show you how.

Boat Film Series - *From the Stump Up – Brookings Boats* Wednesday, May 27, 7 & 8 pm (22 min.)

This documentary from *Land and Sea* introduces us to Warren Brookings— one of the last of the old time boat builders – whose love affair with wood endured long after wooden boats went out of fashion. Many thanks to the CBC for providing this episode for viewing.

Slicing the Waves: Canoes, Kayaks and Small Wooden Boats February 5 - October 18

This exhibition looks at how these small but important vessels were made and used, and how they are still a part of our lives today.

Events are included with the cost of admission.



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