



ACT UP Grenfell theatre student Meghan Greeley is garnering rave reviews for a film role.



DEAN OF BUSINESS Dr. Wilfred Zerbe is the new dean of the business school. He takes up the post in January.



PLAYWRIGHT IN RESIDENCE Andy Jones, star of stage and screen and one of Canada's finest storytellers, has been named writer-in-residence.

Two elected to Royal Society

By Kelly Foss
and Sharon Gray

IN ANOTHER FIRST for Memorial, the Royal Society of Canada (RSC) has named two university research professors to the society. Dr. Sean Brosnan, former head of the Department of Biochemistry in the Faculty of Science, and Dr. Patrick Parfrey, Faculty of Medicine, will be inducted at a ceremony in Ottawa on Nov. 28. This marks the first time professors from biochemistry and medicine at Memorial have been named to the RSC.

Drs. Brosnan and Parfrey have a long history at Memorial and have known each other for years – they even attended the same university in Ireland. Dr. Parfrey earned his MB (medical degree) at University College, Cork, while Dr. Brosnan did his B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Ireland and his D. Phil. at Oxford. Dr. Brosnan joined the Department of Biochemistry in 1972 and is cross-appointed to the Faculty of Medicine; Dr. Parfrey joined the Faculty of Medicine in 1984.

The accomplishments of the two men during their careers at Memorial would fill several books. Both have a long list of research accomplishments, publications and honours. Both have devoted themselves to training graduate students. And both have strong spousal partnerships. Dr. Brosnan has collaborated with his wife, Dr. Margaret Brosnan, on research on the functional organization of the liver. Dr. Parfrey's wife, Dr. Benvon Cramer, is chair of the Discipline of Radiology in the Faculty of Medicine.

So what does this latest honour mean?

"This is certainly an honour to me, but it also reflects the people I've worked with in the lab for the past 40 years," said Dr. Brosnan. "My wife, Margaret, has been part of the team for the past 25 years and I had a fantastic research assistant, Beatrice Hall. Grad students, undergraduate students, post docs – they've all made their contribution. Without the team there is nothing."

Dr. Parfrey is also quick to give credit to the people he works with.

"Drs. Brendan Barrett, John Harnett and Rob Foley are wonderful colleagues with whom I still work, and our research teams comprise excellent people including Drs. Elizabeth Dicks and Deborah Gregory, and Elizabeth Hatfield. With other co-investigators including Drs. Terry-Lynn Young, Mike Woods, Daryl Pullman and Jane Green, the very new field of genetics and genomics is moving ahead in Newfoundland and Labrador with the overall objective of improving health outcomes in the community."

As a researcher, Dr. Brosnan's work covers a broad canvas. He studies the conversion of amino acids to glucose in diabetes (which raises blood glucose levels), the role of amino acids in the function of folic acid and

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PHOTO BY CHRIS HAMMOND

GREEN LIVING The Women's Association of MUN (WAMUN) held its plant sale and raffle Sept. 23 in the Inco Building Atrium. The annual event is a fundraiser for WAMUN's scholarship fund. Here, Marjorie Evans prepares plants for sale.

Journalist, biologist get convocation honours

A VETERAN JOURNALIST and a world-renowned molecular biologist will receive honorary degrees during Memorial's fall convocation next month.

Former *Sunday Express* editor Michael Harris and Elizabeth Blackburn, the Morris Herzstein Professor of Biology and Physiology at the University of California, San Francisco, will be awarded Memorial's highest honours at convocation ceremonies in St. John's on Friday, Oct. 23.

Honorary degree recipients are chosen by the Senate, the university's academic governing body, after careful examination of the grounds for their nomination. The honorary doctorate is designed to recognize extraordinary contribution to society or exceptional intellectual or artistic achievement. The awarding of honorary doctorates, an important feature of Memorial's convocation, serves to celebrate both the individual and the university as well as to inspire graduates, their families and guests.

Sir Wilfred Grenfell College will celebrate convocation Friday, Oct. 9, in Corner Brook.

About 900 undergraduate and graduate degrees will be

awarded at convocation in St. John's and Corner Brook.

Mr. Harris is an award-winning national journalist whose career has taken him around the world and to some of the biggest stories in the country. Among his posts, Mr. Harris has served as executive director of news and anchor at NTV in St. John's, *Ottawa Sun* columnist, and the national affairs columnist with Sun News Service from 1996-99.

But it is for his tenure as editor and publisher of the *Sunday Express* in St. John's from 1986-1990 that he is best remembered in this province.

When Mr. Harris began to publish the weekly newspaper in 1986, St. John's had been a one-newspaper town for two years following the demise of the *Daily News*. With high-quality columns and an uncompromising level of investigative journalism, the paper had a powerful effect on its competitor, the *Evening Telegram*, and on local politics. Mr. Harris broke and then pursued the story of child abuse at Mount Cashel orphanage.

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Tribute to alumni

By Bojan Fürst

ON OCT. 27, the Alumni Association of Memorial University of Newfoundland will once again celebrate the achievements of some of their most accomplished members.

"We are very excited to be able to announce this year's recipients of Alumni Tribute Awards. They are truly exceptional alumni who have made extraordinary contributions to their communities and to Memorial," said Heidi Janes, co-chair of Alumni Tribute Awards.

Dr. Edward Roberts is the 2009 recipient of Alum of the Year award. Dr. Roberts has dedicated his life to Newfoundland and Labrador as a public servant, lieutenant-governor of Newfoundland and Labrador and the chair of the Board of Regents of Memorial University. He received an honorary degree from Memorial in 2003.

"Dr. Roberts' passion for this province, its people, its history and especially for Labrador is unrivalled," said Ms. Janes. "I cannot imagine a person more deserving of this award."

Harold Mullowney is the recipient of the 2009 Outstanding Community Service Award.

"Anybody who knows Mr. Mullowney knows that dedication to his community is exemplary. We are very proud to count him as one of our own and we are excited to be able to recognize his community work with the highest praise we can bestow on our alumni," said Ms. Janes.

Mr. Mullowney's dedication to his home community of Bay Bulls and the entire Irish Loop is unprecedented. As a councillor, mayor, volunteer and community organ-



Ed Roberts



Tom Bursey



Harold Mullowney



Priscilla Corcoran Mooney

izer, Mr. Mullowney is a driving force behind a range of environmental, economic development, tourism, heritage and civic initiatives and partnerships in the area.

"Priscilla Corcoran Mooney has boundless energy," said Ms. Janes of this year's Horizon Award recipient. The

award recognizes extraordinary achievements of Memorial alumni under the age of 35.

Ms. Corcoran Moody is an entrepreneur, a health worker, community activist and the youngest mayor in the history of Branch.

"Her passion about rural Newfoundland communities is contagious," said Ms. Janes.

The recipient of the 2009 J.D. Eaton Alumni Award recognizing outstanding contribution to Memorial University is Tom Bursey. The founder and the current chair of the Affinity Newfoundland and Labrador Ottawa Dinner, Mr. Bursey has been a driving force behind one of the most successful alumni events in the university's history.

"Tom's infectious enthusiasm is impossible to resist. The importance of the Affinity Dinners – entirely Tom's concept – is impossible to overestimate. These events bring together alumni in four major Canadian centres and are crucial in creating and keeping the bonds of friendship and camaraderie that started at Memorial," she said.

An internationally recognized expert in human resources, Mr. Bursey has always been generous with his time and talent and his support for Memorial.

"Alumni Tribute Awards are a really special event. This is a unique opportunity to pause and recognize remarkable achievements of people who have called Memorial home at some point in their lives and who still maintain strong connections to the university," said Ms. Jones.

This year's ceremony will take place on Oct. 27 at R. Gushue Hall. For tickets and more information please contact 709-737-2313 or e-mail rsvpalumni@mun.ca.

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Mr. Harris is also a published author, writing on the Mount Cashel tragedy, the Crosbie family and the collapse of the Atlantic Cod fishery, among other topics.

He holds a BA in English from York University in Toronto and was the Woodrow Wilson Scholar at University College, Dublin, Ireland.

For his contributions to improving the standard of Newfoundland journalism and his unceasing pursuit of justice, Michael Harris will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree in St. John's on Oct. 23.

Dr. Elizabeth Blackburn is most noted for her discovery of the enzyme telomerase, which has major implications for cancer research and treatment. Her work has been published in major scientific journals and she has received all the major accolades of science with the exception of the Nobel Prize. A member of Britain's Royal Society since 1992, she was elected the following year as a foreign associate of the National Academy of Sciences in the United States.

In 2002 she accepted appointment to U.S. President George Bush's Council on Bioethics, the group that examined the issue of stem-cell research. Two years later, she and another member of the council were fired by the White House for their objections to the report issued by the council. She said the



Dr. Elizabeth Blackburn and Michael Harris

report misrepresented the research. Her principled stand led to an international controversy that served to point out the importance of scientific independence and academic freedom.

Dr. Blackburn earned a B.Sc. and M.Sc. at the University of Melbourne, and a PhD at Cambridge, and did her postdoctoral work at Yale University.

For her contributions as an ethical role model and a distinguished scientist, Dr. Elizabeth Blackburn will receive an honorary doctor of science degree at the Oct. 23 convocation in St. John's.

For more on convocation, see www.mun.ca/convocation/.

OBITUARY

FELICITY (FELIC) O'BRIEN

Felicity (Felic) O'Brien, a retired research assistant in the Department of Earth Sciences, passed peacefully away on Sunday, Aug. 30, 2009, surrounded by her loving family, age 70 years.

MELVIN DURNFORD

Melvin Durnford, a retired staff member in the Department of Facilities Management, passed peacefully away surrounded by his loving family on Sept. 1, 2009, at the Palliative Care Unit, L.A. Miller Centre, aged 68 years.

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Drs. Pat Parfrey, left, and Sean Brosnan have been recognized with Canada's highest scholarly honour.

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Vitamin B12, the use of amino acids by the body to synthesize creatine (the same substance that is used by athletes to increase their strength) and the utility of amino acids in the preservation of organs for transplantation.

As a medical doctor, Dr. Parfrey is an expert in kidney disease and serves as a staff nephrologist with Eastern Health. He is also a clinical epidemiologist who heads up research teams in three major areas: clinical epidemiology in nephrology, the clinical and genetic epidemiology of inherited diseases, and health care delivery research. In the health care delivery area he has established partnerships with the Newfoundland and Labrador Department of Health to evaluate restructuring in acute care hospitals, needs for long-term care beds, and needs for coronary revascularization and utilization of new drugs. He heads up the Interdisciplinary Research Team in Human Genetics, which last year obtained a large grant from the

Canada Foundation for Innovation to establish a genetic research centre at Memorial University.

The RSC elects members from all branches of learning

“Without the team there is nothing.”

who have achieved national and international recognition by publishing learned works or original research in the arts, humanities and sciences. Founded in 1882, the country's oldest scholarly organization currently has about 1,800 fellows.

The two Memorial fellows will be inducted into the Royal Society's ranks at a ceremony on Nov. 28.

More information can be found at www.mun.ca/honours/research/recognition.php.

Galbraith Lecturer looks at moral roots of economic crisis

By Janet Harron

IT'S BEEN JUST over a year since the Wall Street collapse that triggered the worst global financial setback since the Great Depression.

What lessons have we learned in the past year as a result of this collapse? And besides the purely financial, what causes might have contributed to the severity of the recession?

It's fitting, perhaps, that a lecture series founded by one of the great economists of our time, is attempting to answer some of these questions.

On Oct. 16, the John Kenneth Galbraith Lecture in Public Policy is hosting Dr. Theodore Dalrymple, who will speak on The Moral Roots of Economic Crisis.

Dr. Theodore Dalrymple is the pen name of Dr. Anthony Daniels, a philosopher, physician, psychiatrist, world traveller, sociologist, journalist and critic. He has worked as a doctor in Africa and the South Pacific, and also been a foreign correspondent in several war-torn countries. Until his recent retirement he worked as a doctor and psychiatrist in a British prison, and in a general hospital. He is commonly referred to as “the



George Orwell of our time,” as his writing produces a body of thought that is deeply suspicious of contemporary intellectual fashions.

“Dr. Dalrymple was chosen by the selection committee for his ability to take an unflinching look at societal problems — such as criminality, domestic violence, drug addiction, aggressive youths, hooliganism, and broken families — and to associate these problems with a decrease in civilized behaviour on the part of ordinary citizens,” said Mike Clair, associate director, Public Policy, at the Harris Centre. “According to Dr.

Dalrymple, the decline of civilized behaviour (such as self-restraint, modesty, zeal, humility, irony, and detachment) is a disaster for social and personal life.”

In his analysis of economic crises, John Kenneth Galbraith gave a great deal of attention to human conduct. Dr. Dalrymple's lecture will address how peoples' fear of inflation and the resulting loss of faith in the value of money, promotes greed and encourages speculation. He argues that, although greed is an integral

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Graduate school enrolment surges

Graduate students are making Memorial their academic institution of choice. The School of Graduate Studies said enrolment has surged 13.8 per cent.

Dr. Noreen Golfman, dean of the School of Graduate Studies, pointed to a number of reasons for the bump in graduate student registration. Memorial's competitive tuition and the Canadian recession are factors, but the active efforts of the recruitment team at the School of Graduate Studies is what put enrolment over the top.

As of the first week of September, there were a total of 2,758 full-time and part-time students enrolled in graduate studies. That's compared to the 2,415 graduate students enrolled in 2008. In 2007, there were a total of 2,302 graduate students.

Many of the students registered for graduate programs are from Atlantic Canada and Ontario, but there is a sizeable international contingent, as well. Dr. Golfman said the increase is likely related to the tightening job market due to the global financial situation.

Mosher named volleyball coach

Terry Mosher, a former Sea-Hawk and the 2001 Volleyball Canada Coach of the Year, has taken over the reins of the Memorial women's volleyball program for the 2009-10 season.

The new coach is eager to get his team on the court.

“We will have a young team but we will be very competitive,” he said.

Mr. Mosher has coached a few of the current Sea-Hawks in the past.

Mr. Mosher was named the Volleyball Canada coach of the year in 2001 and has been a successful coach in Newfoundland for several years. He is a four-time recipient of the Newfoundland and Labrador Volleyball Association (NLVA) coach of the year award (1996, 1998, 2000, 2003).

He is a former standout with the Memorial men's volleyball program and is a 1976 Athletic Honour Society inductee.

Sustainability celebration at Memorial

There will be a celebration of the signing of the university's Sustainability Declaration and the completion of the construction phase of the Energy Saving Retrofit Program with Honeywell on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

The event takes place in the Landing on the third floor of the University Centre, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The celebration will also be an opportunity to learn more about the infrastructure upgrades that will generate significant savings for the university and reduce green house gas emissions, visit displays on sustainability projects at Memorial and learn what you can do on campus and at home to reduce energy use and reduce your impact on the environment.

There will be prize draws throughout the day. At 1 p.m., there will be a media event with Dr. Christopher Loomis, president *pro tempore*, and other guests.

More information on the project can be found at: <http://memorial.myenergymatters.ca/>.

First Space showing Grenfell artwork

Artwork by graduates of the 2009 visual art program at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College has travelled to the St. John's campus for display.

The show, titled Resolved Component, takes place on the main floor of the Queen Elizabeth II library, and was curated by fellow SWGC visual arts graduate – and member of the class of 2009 – Charlotte Morgan.

Some of the mixed media on display was produced by the students during their time as students, but some of the work is new and showing for the first time.

Comprised of a wide variety of creative techniques, there is something suited to all tastes. Large-scale embroidery hangings, hand-sewn stuffed toys, lithographic prints, textile work, photographic collages and paintings all explore various avenues of creative expression.

The Resolved Component will run until Dec. 18.

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Vit Bubenik, Department of Linguistics, presented a paper titled *On the Reconstruction of Experiential Constructions in (Late) Proto-Indo-European* at the XIXth International Conference on Historical Linguistics, Nijmegen (Netherlands), Sept. 10-14.

Anna Russell-Mercier and **Andrew Harvey**, off-campus housing (OCH) co-ordinators on the Corner Brook and St. John's campuses, presented at the annual spring conference of the Atlantic Association of College and University Student Services (AACUSS) at St. Francis Xavier University. The presentation, entitled *Off-Campus Student Engagement: Filling the Gaps*, discussed how the OCH offices in Corner Brook and St. John's work to address the needs of commuter students to protect their rights as tenants, make them aware of resources, and keep them involved in the Memorial University community.

Dr. Doreen Helen Klassen, associate professor of folklore and anthropology in the Social/Cultural Studies program, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, and invited graduate faculty in ethnomusicology, School of Music, St. John's, presented a paper titled *I Guess We Should Use Some Drums: Negotiating Applied Ethnomusicology in an Intercultural Mennonite Context*, at *Sound in the Lands*, June 4-8, at Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Ont. Dr. Klassen was a member of the conference program committee and serves on the editorial committee for *Sound in the Land: Essays on Mennonites and Music*, a book with selected papers from this conference.

Dr. Graham Worrall, Department of Family Medicine, has been awarded the Canadian Family Physician Best Original Research Article 2009, for his article: *One Hundred Coughs — Family Practice Case Series*. The award will be presented at the College of Family Physicians of Canada's Family Medicine Forum in Calgary, on Oct. 30.

Prof. Roselyne Okech of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College's tourism program participated in a number of conferences recently. From July 1-3, she delivered two presentations titled *Empowering Communities through Heritage Tourism*, a case study of Conche community in Canada, and *Tourism Impact on Environment: Tour Operators' Role on Ecotourism Management in Rwanda* (Okech, R.N. & Wadawi, J.K.), at the sixth ATLAS-Africa Conference, Gaborone, Botswana. From May 28-31 at the seventh Asia-Pacific CHRIE Conference (APaCHRIE), Singapore, she presented *Assessment of Ecotourism Impact and Management in Kenya: A Visitors' Perspective*. Also on May 28 she presented *The Importance of Hospitality and Tourism Education in the Current Global Economic Crisis* at the same conference. Finally, Dec., 14-17, 2008, she presented *Rural Tourism Entrepreneurship in South Africa: The Role of Women and Technology* at the International Conference organized by Business Economics Institute (BEI) and Global Business Development Institute (GBDI), Las Vegas, NV.

NOTABLE

Prof. Roselyne Okech of Grenfell College's tourism studies degree program was awarded the Outstanding Reviewer Award at the seventh Asia-Pacific CHRIE Conference (International Council on Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Education), held in Singapore May 28-31.

Raising funds, awareness and hope

By Shannon O'Dea Dawson

CHERYL'S GIRLS raise spirits as they gather together and support Cheryl Miller who continues her battle with breast cancer. In 2007, when she was first diagnosed, a small group decided to do the breast cancer walk in support of her fight. The group grew in 2008, led by Cheryl's sister Pam Clancey and Pam's daughter Nicole Clancey, to include friends, family and co-workers.

Ms. Miller had worked with Financial and Administrative Services at Memorial since 1984 but has focused on recovering since being diagnosed in May 2007.

Ms. Miller is not alone. She is one of the estimated 22,700 women to be diagnosed with breast cancer this year in Canada and one of the 150,000 women having been diagnosed and living with breast cancer in the past decade. One in nine Canadian women is expected to develop breast cancer during her lifetime. With early detection and treatment the five-year survival rate for breast cancer in Canada is now 87 per cent – and that is cause for hope.

"Cheryl is in the fight of her life and continues to inspire all those who know her," said Pam Clancey. "She is living with grace, determination and optimism. The support she's received has been inspirational."

Cheryl's Girls were recently recognized by the Canadian



Pam Clancey, left, Cheryl Miller and Nicole Clancey.

Breast Cancer Foundation for their fundraising efforts. The plaque is placed in the office where Cheryl worked as a daily reminder of their friendship and hope.

On Oct. 4 Cheryl's Girls are taking the steps necessary to help create a world without breast cancer by lacing up for the annual Run for the Cure breast cancer walk around Quidi Vidi Lake in St. John's. If you'd like to support, help raise awareness and reach a new goal, contact Pam Clancey at pclancey@mun.ca or Christine Wareham at cwareham@mun.ca.



THEY'RE BACK New students flooded onto Memorial's campuses earlier this month. At Orientation opening ceremonies on the St. John's campus, first-year students gear up for a celebration of all things Memorial at the Field House on Sept. 7.

Presidential search update

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY'S Presidential Search Committee held its fourth meeting on Saturday, Sept. 19. The meeting was attended by the full 12-person committee, as well as support staff and two consultants from Janet Wright and Associates, the executive search firm contracted by the university to assist in the initiative.

The position of president and vice-chancellor of Memorial University has been advertised in three university publications – two in Canada and one in the United States – as well as nationally in the *Globe and Mail* and provincially in the *Telegram* and the *Western Star*.

Additionally, the consultants have been actively identifying and communicating with individuals whom the committee felt met the criteria outlined in the Position Profile posted on the Memorial University website (see www.mun.ca/regents/presidential_search/).

The committee reviewed over 40 applications, expressions

of interest and nominations. The submissions were international in scope and included documentation from excellent candidates, both male and female, non-Canadians, expatriate Canadians and Canadians from all parts of Canada, including the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

"I am very impressed with the high calibre of candidates we are considering," said Robert Simmonds, chair of the Presidential Search Committee and of Memorial's Board of Regents.

"The qualifications and leadership experience they offer are tremendous and we are delighted to see the interest in this position from a wide variety of very capable individuals. This response reflects how well Memorial University is perceived here at home and around the world."

The committee and consultants plan to continue efforts in the coming months with a view to concluding a successful search by early 2010.

METTP graduates honoured by Marine Institute

By Darcy MacRae

THE MARINE INSTITUTE (MI) held a graduation ceremony for the Marine Engineering Technician Training Plan (METTP) on Friday, Sept. 18, at the Drill Hall in Pleasantville, in St. John's.

Thirteen naval cadets earned MI diplomas in marine engineering technology, including six cadets from Newfoundland and Labrador. The provinces of Saskatchewan, Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were also represented in the graduating class.

"On behalf of the Marine Institute, I applaud all the graduates who were celebrated Friday. They have worked tirelessly to reach their goals and are very deserving of the diplomas they received," said Glenn Blackwood, executive director, Marine Institute. "It is very gratifying to know the Marine Institute is contributing to the training of the Cana-

dian Navy. The graduating cadets are well trained and well-equipped to meet their next set of challenges head on. They are all destined for great careers as marine engineering technicians, careers that will see them make major impacts both in our country and around the world."

The Marine Engineering Technician Training Plan is a cooperative venture between the Canadian Navy and the Marine Institute. The METTP is a five-year program, with cadets spending the bulk of the first two years studying to be marine engineering technicians at the Marine Institute campus in St. John's. Upon graduating from the two-year diploma course, the naval cadets advance to full-time careers within the Canadian Navy, serving for at least three years.

After graduating from MI, the naval cadets are stationed in Halifax, N.S. or Esquimalt, B.C., and are employed as marine engineering technicians.

"We are proud to deliver quality programs and instruc-

tion to the future leaders of the Canadian Navy and we take satisfaction in the fact we can call these men and women Marine Institute alumni," said Mr. Blackwood.

This partnership between the Marine Institute and the Canadian Navy has been in place since 1992. More than 800 navy cadets have graduated from MI during this time.

"Past METTP graduates of the Marine Institute have achieved much success in their field and I have full confidence the most recent graduates will follow in their footsteps," said Mr. Blackwood.

The Marine Institute is one of only two post-secondary institutions in the country to have such an agreement with the Canadian Navy.

Mr. Blackwood said this is fitting considering the proud history Newfoundlanders and Labradorians have of serving in the armed forces.

H1N1 preparedness planning continues

MEMORIAL'S EMERGENCY management team continues to work on a comprehensive plan towards minimizing the impact of the H1N1 influenza virus on all four of its campuses.

Attendance at several information sessions on the St. John's campus over the past few weeks has been strong, indicating Memorial's preparedness message is reaching the university community. Those who attend the sessions can take advantage of a question and answer period and will have access to public health professionals.

Emergency Management Co-ordinator Karen Alexander said she believes Memorial is "well prepared" should the H1N1 virus become apparent on campus.

"The university planning process has been able to avail of the expert advice and direction of many people," said Ms. Alexander. "It is therefore well equipped to respond to an H1N1 outbreak on campus should it occur."

Upcoming information sessions for students, faculty and staff and other related H1N1 information will be posted at <http://www.mun.ca/h1n1/intro/> in the coming days. A session at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College was slated for Sept. 23, with Principal Bill Iams and Sue Froude of The Western Regional School of Nursing presenting. Approximately 1,000 people have attended sessions so far.

In addition, H1N1 awareness posters have been put up on all of Memorial's campuses, reminding people that prevention by hand washing is the best defence against H1N1 and other flu viruses.

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More than 200 new graduate students attended the Graduate Student Orientation Sept. 12 at the Inco Innovation Centre. Here, students take a break during the day-long activities. Organizers said that 96 per cent of the students who completed feedback forms stated that the Graduate Student Orientation was a useful event for them.

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part of nature, it can be controlled and asks what safeguards can be put in place to control greed. He also considers the role of individual responsibility and what we can do to bring more sanity to economics in order to prevent a similar calamity from occurring again.

Dr. Dalrymple/Daniels has written 16 books on an extensive amount of topics including culture, arts, politics, education, medicine and travel. His published works include *Life at the Bottom: The Worldview that Makes the Underclass* (2001), *In Praise of Prejudice* (2007) and *Not with a Bang But a Whimper* (2008). Theodore Dalrymple is Dietrich Weismann Fellow of the Manhattan Institute of New York.

The free public Galbraith Lecture takes place at 7:30 p.m., in the Inco Innovation Centre, Lecture Theatre room

IIC-2001. Questions and discussion will be invited from the audience. A reception will follow.

The Galbraith Lecture Series in Public Policy is an initiative of Memorial's Leslie Harris Centre and the Offices of the President and the Dean of Arts.

The annual event brings to Memorial outstanding figures whose work reflects excellence in scholarship and public affairs. It is intended to help put significant, timely and complex issues in context.

The series was made possible through a generous donation from Dr. John Kenneth Galbraith, the internationally-renowned Harvard economist and author who was awarded an honorary doctorate from Memorial University in 1999.

Dr. Galbraith died on April 29, 2006, at the age of 97.



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New law and society program

By Janet Harron

IN ANOTHER first for the Faculty of Arts, a new major in Law and Society will be offered for the first time in the Winter 2009 semester.

The new major will build on the successful foundation of the existing Law and Society minor, which has been offered by the Faculty of Arts for more than 10 years.

The program encompasses many diverse disciplines of study, among them anthropology, history, linguistics, philosophy, political science and sociology.

"Laws are fundamental to any successful society," said Dr. Reeta Tremblay, who initiated the new major while dean of arts and who is now vice-president (academic) *pro tempore*.

"Throughout history as communities and countries have struggled to create and nurture robust economies and higher standards of living of their citizens, social and legal institutes have been essential to their efforts. Law and Society is the study of how legal and social systems are interconnected, how people live and how law is woven into communities."

Ultimately, according to Dr. Tremblay, students will gain an understanding of what happens when legal innovations and institutions succeed and when they fail.

Law and Society is not a pre-law program but aims to introduce students to different facets of law and the role of law in society through the ages.

This is a good example of how an interdisciplinary liberal arts program can act as a stepping stone to many professions, whether students are hoping for a career in law or law enforcement or are simply aiming to become a well-informed member of Canadian society.

This interdisciplinary major program will be offered to candidates for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts, in conjunction with a major or a minor in a single discipline.

For further information on the new major in Law and Society, please contact Professor Peter Ayres at payres@mun.ca or 737-8254.



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Meghan Greeley in a scene from Sherry White's film *Crackie*.

Grenfell theatre student is 'one of Canada's hottest new actresses'

By Pamela Gill

GRENFELL THEATRE student Meghan Greeley and theatre alumna Sherry White are getting some good press these days, thanks to Ms. White's film *Crackie*.

The film was screened at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) last week and is a favourite of the critics. Ms. White wrote and directed the film, which was produced by Jennice Ripley and Rhonda Buckley.

Ms. Greeley, who is in her fourth year at Grenfell, played Mitsy, a 17-year-old girl who lives in a decrepit house in a small town in Newfoundland.

According to the film's synopsis, Mitsy was raised by and lives with her grandmother. Bride, played by Memorial honorary grad Mary Walsh, spends her days scrounging in the local dump and her nights entertaining men in her bedroom.

Mitsy is accepted as a student at the local college, studying hair design. Her harsh-tongued grandmother is secretly proud of her. She wants Mitsy to elevate her life. She has no idea that Mitsy secretly plans to move to Alberta to live with her real

mother, Gwennie, after graduating. Mitsy has a crush on smooth talking Duffy, who convinces her to adopt his old ratty mutt (hence the title of the film). Mitsy hopes the pathetic dog is a quick answer to her lonely prayers. She looks for stability in her new responsibility as a dog owner. But when Gwennie shows up unexpectedly and stirs up trouble, Mitsy's world starts to unravel. She must decide whether the woman who raised her is her enemy, or her strongest ally.

The film's final screening at TIFF was last Thursday; it was also screened Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Ms. Greeley was flown to Toronto by the festival to attend the screenings.

Globe and Mail writer John Doyle described *Crackie* as "a small masterpiece of Canadian realism ... gorgeously made, this hushed, intelligent movie has no sentimentality and marks the arrival of a major filmmaking talent."

Ms. Greeley's talent was also featured in this month's edition of *Elle* magazine, which touts her as "one of Canada's hottest new actresses."

The business of show business

By Meaghan Whelan

WITH DAYS that started early in the morning, or didn't start until 6 p.m., Lisa Smart didn't have a typical 9-5 work term. Ms. Smart is a B.Comm. student who spent her final co-op work term as the publicity and media assistant for the *Republic of Doyle*, a new series to air nationally on CBC in January 2010.

"You expect glamour and to be dazzled when you think about a film set, but within the first day I realized how much hard work goes into making something like this," she explained.

Republic of Doyle is a comedic drama about a father-son private investigator team based in St. John's. As the publicity and media assistant, Ms. Smart spent much of her time on set, working with the stills photographer on promotional photos, responding to local media inquiries and developing an interactive media strategy for the show.

"We want to entice people to turn on their TVs, so I've been doing a lot of really interesting research into how to use Web 2.0 to promote *Republic of Doyle*. We are developing ideas relevant to *Republic* that would appeal to online Canadian audiences," she said.

Ms. Smart said that she drew on her course work in marketing and advertising management at various points throughout her work term, but the film set was an opportunity to see all facets of business at work. "Normally for a work term you are entering a company or department that is already established and has somewhat of a formal structure, but in this instance everything was totally new. It was



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Lisa Smart on the *Republic of Doyle* film set.

a learning environment and I was able to dive in and experience so much," she explained. "I began my work term with the production team in May before filming started. We went from less than 12 employees to over 80 in a matter of weeks. I saw the entire organization grow, taking shape while all of the business functions developed."

The official work term ended in August, but Ms. Smart is

still working part-time on the production. "It's an exciting job. It's really cool to be living at home and to be involved with a national television series," she said. "I've learned so much from this experience and I'm grateful that I can continue to work with a group of such hardworking people who are remarkably proud and passionate about this project."

New CD features historic recordings

By Jeff Green

RARE ARCHIVAL RECORDINGS spanning 64 years, 10 Mi'kmaw communities and four provinces have gotten a new lease on life thanks to the efforts of Memorial University's Research Centre for the Study of Music, Media and Place (MMaP).

For the first time, 24 tracks of traditional Mi'kmaw songs, hymns, anthems and fiddle tunes are featured on the new CD *Welta'q: It sounds good: historic recordings of the Mi'kmaq*.

The disc includes recordings from Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec from 1944-2008.

The album is part of the MMaP's Back on Track archival series which has been making rare and otherwise inaccessible music available to the general public and educators since 2005.

The project was produced by ethnomusicologist Dr. Janice Esther Tulk, a Memorial PhD graduate who currently is a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) post-doctoral fellow at Cape Breton University in Nova Scotia.

The album includes recordings from institutions across the country and field recordings from private research collections. As well, it includes a 60-page booklet written by Dr. Tulk that includes textual and musical transcriptions, translations of Mi'kmaw texts, extensive notes, photographs, and discography, and artwork by Mi'kmaw artist Jerry Evans.

"The diversity of musical genres included on this CD challenges any narrowly conceived notion of what Mi'kmaw music is," said Dr. Tulk. "Further, the inclusion of the story of Mi'kmawesu – a flute-playing trickster in Mi'kmaw culture – demonstrates the inclusiveness of the Mi'kmaw concept for music. Welta'q means "it sounds good" and can extend beyond music to other aspects of expressive culture, such as story-telling performances.

"While many of the songs on this CD will be recognizable to community members, and some even to the



broader population, many of these performances were not widely known during the consultation process," added Dr. Tulk. "By releasing them to the public, we hope to preserve and celebrate Mi'kmaw culture, while also providing historic source material to inspire future generations of Mi'kmaq."

Dr. Beverley Diamond, director of MMaP and producer of the archival series, said the release of the CD helps preserve historic Mi'kmaw recordings, making them available to everybody.

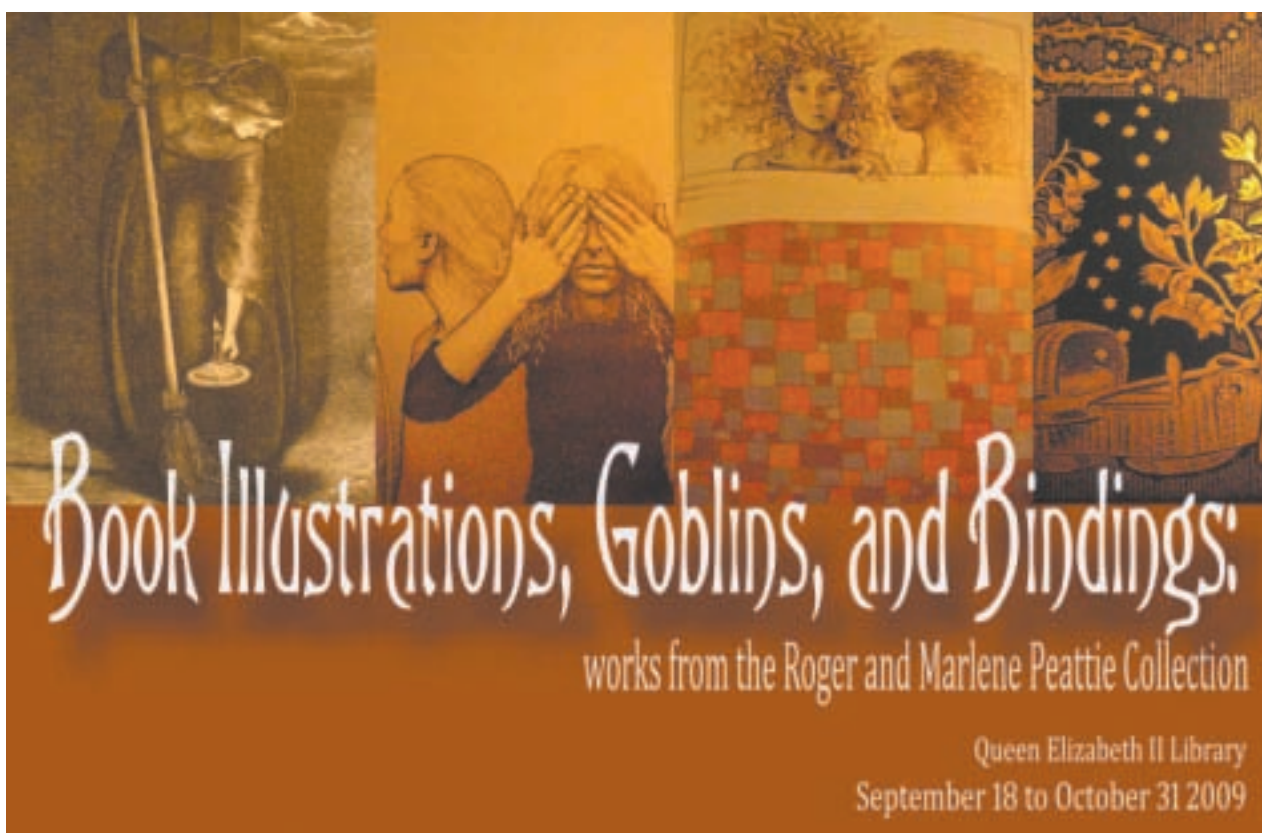
"Dr. Tulk has done a superb job of selecting and documenting the archival material on this CD," she said. "The range of musical idioms and stories is an important record of the interactions and intercultural connections that have been important to Mi'kmaq people in Atlantic Canada."

Funded by Memorial University's Leslie Harris Centre for Regional Policy and Development, the CD was produced with the approval of Mi'kmaw Ethics Watch at Cape Breton University. The recordings were digitized, edited and mastered by Spencer Crewe of Memorial's MMaP.

To order copies of *Welta'q: It sounds good: historic recordings of the Mi'kmaq*, visit www.mun.ca/mmap/music/cds.

Featured performers on the album include:

- Sarah Denny – Eskasoni, NS
- Lee Cremo – Eskasoni, NS
- Chief Peter Jeddore – Miawpukek (Conne River), NL
- Friendship Centre Drum Group – St. John's, NL
- Paul Pike – Corner Brook, NL
- Peter Michaels – Middleton, NS
- Harriet Denny – Eskasoni, NS
- Annie Cremo – Eskasoni, NS
- Martin Sack – Shubenacadie, NS
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- Bella Caplin – Listuguj, QC
- Charles Marshall – Millbrook, NS
- Birch Creek Singers – Elsipogtog (Big Cove), NB



Bottled water free

AS ONE of his first official acts as Memorial University president, Dr. Chris Loomis signed a Bottled Water Free pledge during Orientation 2009 on the St. John's campus.

The document pledges to eliminate the distribution of bottled water at all university-sponsored events. It also signifies Memorial's dedication to develop a Water Access Plan to upgrade current infrastructure which will increase access to public drinking water and ensure all new campus buildings include adequate access to public drinking fountains.

"Signing the declaration during orientation reinforces Memorial's commitment to building a greener, more sustainable campus," said Dr. Loomis. "We recognize that our tap water is safe and should be used instead of bottled water which carries with it costs and environmental implications."

Dr. Loomis also said that the response to students' requests to put an end to the prevalence of bottled water on campus and the pledge to go bottled water free are concrete examples of the university moving forward on its commitment to a sustainable campus and community.

An evening with Rex

MEMORIAL ALUMNUS and honorary degree recipient, Rhodes Scholar, and Canada's most opinionated man – seen, read, and listened to by millions of Canadians each week – Rex Murphy will speak on the St. John's campus Oct. 5.

His new book, *Canada And Other Matters Of Opinion*, offers a cornucopia of comment on a head-spinning range of subjects, and covers a range of topics as eclectic and wide ranging as the intelligence that put them together.

Since graduating from Memorial University and spending time at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, Mr. Murphy has been writing and talking. His skills in that area have made him one of Canada's most-watched and best-read commentators, while his speeches have earned standing ovations from coast to coast. A frequent presence on CBC television and radio, including a regular commentary spot with "Point of View," Mr. Murphy writes a weekly column for the *Globe and Mail*.

Rex Murphy will be launching his new book, *Canada And Other Matters Of Opinion*, at the D. F. Cook Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 5. Admission is free but pre-registration is recommended by e-mailing jharron@mun.ca. Free parking available in Lot 15. Copies of his book will be on sale at the event.



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Dr. Wilfred Zerbe will become dean of the Faculty of Business Administration on Jan. 1, 2010.

Board approves new dean of business

By Meaghan Whelan

THE BOARD of Regents has approved Dr. Wilfred Zerbe as the dean of Memorial's Faculty of Business Administration. Dr. Zerbe, who is currently associate professor and special advisor to the dean for accreditation in the Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary, will begin his term on Jan. 1, 2010.

Dr. Zerbe holds a PhD in commerce and business administration from the University of British Columbia. He has served as associate dean (MBA program), associate dean (executive education) and associate dean (planning and development) at the Haskayne School of Business.

He has also taught extensively internationally, most recently as visiting professor with the École Supérieure des Sciences Économiques et Commerciales (ESSEC) Business School in France.

"The educational and research programs of the Faculty of Business play a key role in contributing to the economic development of Canada and Newfound-

see *DEAN* on page 10

Former PM to discuss indigenous education

By Heidi Wicks

PAUL MARTIN will speak at Edge 2009: Innovation and Inspiration in Teacher Education – an international conference hosted by Memorial's Faculty of Education.

The former prime minister is currently the co-chair, with Nobel Peace Prize laureate Wangari Maathai, on a \$200-million British-Norwegian poverty alleviation and sustainable development fund for the 10-nation Congo Basin Rainforest.

He has recently established two new initiatives for indigenous communities. The Martin Aboriginal Education Initiative, which aims at reducing the Aboriginal youth dropout rate and at increasing the number of Aboriginal students attending post-secondary institutions, and the CAPE Fund, which helps establish and grow successful mid-market Aboriginal businesses both on and off reserve.

His talk at the Edge conference is titled Indigenous Education: Seeking Advice. He hopes his talk will be more of a forum for discussion, and made it very clear that he's not coming to make a speech, but to outline what his initiatives are.

"I'm far more interested in what the audience has got to say than what I want to say," he said. "These are some of the leading educators from around the world, and we're very active in Aboriginal high schools, primary/elementary schools. I'm coming to outline what we're doing so that I can get the comments and the expertise of the people who are in the audience."

Edge 2009

Edge 2009 features presenters and attendees from around the globe, including the U.K., U.S., India, Uganda, Nigeria, Israel, as well as representatives from all 10 provinces in Canada and 10 U.S. states.

Under the umbrella of inspiration and innovation in education fall many fascinating speaker topics, from It Smells Gross, Sir: A School Gardening and Composting Project with Junior High Students, to Teaching: How Juggling While Roller Skating Can Bridge the Theory to Practice Gap, and Child's Play: Using Popular Culture and the Imagination to Teach Emergent Literacies in the Public Classroom.

Grad student Joan Dohey will present on how film-making can be incorporated into modern school curriculum.

"Lights! Camera! Action!" versus "Grab your pen and paper!" – which one sounds more exciting?" she said. "As



Former prime minister Paul Martin

educators, we need to tap into our students' passion for technology. Having watched my daughter go through school unmotivated and unengaged, and basically doing the same things I did 30-plus years ago, I questioned the delivery of our curriculum. My research is child-based and motivates kids by tapping into their passions, giving them a vehicle and voice with which to discover and interpret the world around them."

World-renowned technology education expert Dr. Chris Dede of the Graduate School of Education at Harvard University, will provide one of the keynote addresses, discussing emerging immersive media such as virtual environments and augmented realities.

Dr. David Dibbon, dean, Faculty of Education and conference chair, noted that the objective of the conference is to spark a dialogue about inspiration and innovation in teaching and teacher education, and to provide opportunities for researchers, teachers, administrators, policy-makers and students to generate and share new knowledge.

"The program is rich in content and includes an impressive line-up of local, national and international speakers, as well as numerous papers, workshop and panel discussions by practitioners, teachers and researchers. I'm very pleased with how the conference has developed and I'm already looking towards Edge 2010."

For a full line up of Edge 2009's schedule and events, please visit www.mun.ca/edge2009.

New leadership for Computer Science

By Kelly Foss

DR. EDWARD BROWN is not new to Memorial, but he is taking on a new role at the university. As of Sept. 1 this alumnus is the new head of the Department of Computer Science.

After completing his undergraduate degree at MUN in 1982, Dr. Brown obtained his master's from the University of Toronto and returned to Memorial as a lecturer. Since then, he has gone on to get a PhD in Education from Toronto and a law degree from Victoria and is currently an associate professor with Computer Science.

Born in Botwood and raised in St. John's, Dr. Brown has his own law practice and focuses on information privacy, both as a lawyer and as a researcher.

"There are certainly ties between my interests as a lawyer and my research interests, particularly in the area of privacy and protecting personal information," he said. "I think having something of an unconventional and varied background helps me see computer science in a broader way and I'd like to expand the profile of the department so that it will appeal to people with broader interests."

"Part of projecting a clear identity for the department is understanding what the science of computing is all about," he added. "Most people think computer science is programming. But that's just one aspect. The paradigm of computing is important for



Donna Batten, undergraduate advisor, and Dr. Manrique Mata-Montero, deputy head, graduate studies, welcome the new head of Computer Science, Dr. Edward Brown.

understanding structures and processes not only in the natural world but also inherent in the human experience, from DNA encoding and cognitive science to social networking and business models. It's a discipline that has so many connections with the things people do, not only in the sciences but in everyday life."

He said an important part of his new role is continuing to foster relationships with other units across the university.

"Ultimately, no matter what specialty you study in computer science, even on the theoretical side, the applications come from other disciplines," said Dr. Brown. "I think there is a generous understanding of what computing brings to different disciplines, but my job is to expand on and foster that understanding."

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- SSHRC Aboriginal Research Pilot Program
- NSERC/ESS Geo-mapping for Energy and Minerals (GEM) Program
- Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars Fellowships in the Social Sciences and Humanities 2010-2011
- CIHR 4th Annual Partnerships for Health System Improvement
- JR Smallwood Foundation for Newfoundland and Labrador Studies
- SSHRC Bora Laskin National Fellowship in Human Rights Research
- SSHRC Jules and Gabrielle Leger Fellowship
- SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowships
- NPRB Gulf of Alaska Integrated Ecosystem Research Program
- AACR Innovative Grants-Pancreatic Cancer Action Network *Formally Titled "The Pancreatic Cancer Action Network-AACR Pilot Grants"
- CIHR Fall 2009 Priority Announcement Doctoral Research Award (Specific Research Areas)
- KFOC Biomedical Research Grants & Allied Health Research Grants
- AACR-Pancreatic Cancer Action Network Pathway to Leadership
- AACR Fellowship-Pancreatic Cancer Action Network
- AACR Career Development Awards-Pancreatic Cancer Action

IMMINENT DEADLINES

Nov. 1

Canadian Breast Cancer Research Alliance – IDEA grants.

DAAD - German Academic Exchange Service – graduate study scholarship for fine arts, architecture, music, dance; German studies research grant (graduates and undergraduates).

Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada – doctoral research award; research fellowship.

Memorial University, Office of Research – northern scientific training program.

Memorial University, Office of Research – president's award for outstanding research (nominations and applications).

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

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada – aid to research workshops and conferences in Canada.

The Tree Research and Education Endowment Fund (TREE Fund) – John Z. Duling grant program.

Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Inc. - dissertation fieldwork grants; Hunt postdoctoral fellowships; post-PhD research grants.

Nov. 2

Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada – grants in aid of research.

Nov. 9

Parkinson Society Canada – clinical research fellowship program; clinical movement disorder fellowship program.

Nov. 13

Canadian Hemophilia Society – research grants.

Canadian Hemophilia Society/Wyeth Canada – care until cure research grants

Caring for the province's children in care

By Shannon O'Dea Dawson

DR. KEN FOWLER applies his research expertise to study Newfoundland and Labrador's children in care and offers recommendations in a comprehensive report.

"This report is why I'm an academic," explained the assistant professor in the Department of Psychology. "It's rewarding to work with people who want to make changes to improve the lives of children and families in our province. The fact that many of the recommendations have already been and continue to be adopted is encouraging."

The research process was objective and respectful, conducted in an environment of trust, explained Dr. Fowler.

"All participants openly shared their experiences in a constructive and professional way including the Department of Health and Community Services, the Janeway, foster parents and families, the Child Youth Advocate and representatives from the courts to highlight challenges, offer remedies, describe successes and innovations – all focused on the children in care."

Dr. Fowler was commissioned by the provincial government to complete an in-depth exploration of provincial and regional programs and services associated with children in the care and custody of Child, Youth and Family Services entitled *Children in Care in Newfoundland and Labrador – A Review of Issues and Trends with Recommendations for Programs and Services*.

This comprehensive body of evidence focused primarily on the estimated 625 Newfoundland and Labrador children, some 250 of which are aboriginal, in group homes and in foster care. Research looked to establish an accurate profile of all children currently in the care and custody of Child, Youth and Family Services and determine the extent to which existing placements were suitable.

Dr. Fowler focused primarily on children less than 16 years of age in foster care and in group homes throughout the province. Individuals most knowledgeable about the children currently in care (mainly social workers) completed the Children in Care Profile Questionnaire representing a total of 579 children, resulting in a response rate of 93 per cent. In addition, a total of 90 interviews were conducted with CYFS directors, managers, social workers, government officials, foster families, and other professionals from each health authority, resulting in one of the most accurate profiles of children in care ever compiled.



Dr. Ken Fowler

Dr. Fowler's research found that the average number of placements was almost three per child. Slightly more than half the children in care were identified as being in continuous care, 35 per cent in temporary care and almost 10 per cent were in interim care. Most children in care did keep in regular contact with their birth parent(s). About three-quarters of all children (with siblings) in care maintained regular contact while just over half maintained regular contact with relatives. Over 60 per cent maintain contact with significant others.

The three primary family history challenges for children in care were neglect, emotional abuse and substance abuse.

There are nine recommendations following this substantial and substantive body of evidence including ongoing education and training for foster parents, establishment of standards for emergency placement options, a new rate structure for the caregiver program, and more culturally-sensitive placement processes especially given the unique needs of the aboriginal population.

An important recommendation involving the recruitment and retention of social workers is highlighted as is other work complementing this research. Currently, in collaboration with Dr. Stacey Wareham from Memorial, Eastern Health researchers, and representatives from the Department of Child, Youth, and Family Services, Dr. Fowler is conducting interviews and focus groups within each health region to gain insight into the issues surrounding social worker recruitment and retention.

The complete report with all research details and recommendations is available at www.gov.nl.ca/cyfs/publications/index.html. Dr. Fowler can be reached in the Department of Psychology at 709-737-7672 or kfowler@play.psych.mun.ca.

Major award for business professor's research

By Meaghan Whelan

NEW RESEARCH from business Professor Paul Komiak that sheds new light on whether, in this global economy, markets are or are not integrated, has earned a \$10,000 award from the Canadian Institute of Chartered Business Valuators (CICBV).

The paper – *Control Premiums: Evidence against Market Integration* – investigates why, among target firms located in different countries, some control premiums are higher than others, an overarching valuation question. Control premiums, the amount that a buyer is willing to pay over the current market price, should be similar if the markets are fully integrated.

Prof. Komiak's research is the first to examine whether acquiring firms pay higher relative premiums for firms that have presence in their home country than those that do not.

Prof. Komiak found evidence that suggests home bias may account for the lack of market integration.

"Home bias refers to the phenomenon of investors overweighting their stock portfolios with domestic stocks, despite the gains from cross-border diversification," he explained. "I found that the target firm location impacts the control premiums offered in acquisition transactions, which is evidence of a home bias."

There are many reasons why home bias may exist, such as

differences in investor protection, cultural characteristics or geographic proximity, but home bias is an anomaly to finding the best possible use for assets. Managers and investors are constantly seeking to use resources in the most efficient manner possible, and Prof. Komiak thinks that creating awareness of incidences of home bias may serve to mitigate its occurrence.

The paper specifically focuses on home bias in the foreign direct investment decisions of acquiring firms in merger and acquisition activities. "As capital markets become more integrated companies are able to carry out acquisitions across national boundaries more easily so that cross-border acquisition activity intensifies relative to domestic acquisition activity," he said. "The presence of home bias reveals a lack of integration."

This new knowledge about market integration and the role of home bias could be used in a variety of situations. "There are many applications for research like this. It has academic appeal, but it is also useful to practitioners. Business valuers can use it as a position paper, managers can use it during their merger and acquisitions activity or it may end up before the courts in the litigation cycle as evidence," Prof. Komiak said.

The paper will be published in a 2010 issue of the *Journal of Business Valuation*. Prof. Komiak will receive his award at the CIBV recognition reception and dinner in Kelowna, BC, on Sept. 30.

land and Labrador and in supporting the province's traditional roles as a source of natural resources and as the gateway between the new and old worlds," said Dr. Zerbe. "I am excited to be joining Memorial University and working with the academic and non-academic staff of the Faculty of Business Administration, the leadership of the university and our partners in government and industry to continue the growth and development of the faculty as a leading Canadian and international business school."

Dr. Zerbe's research focuses on emotions in the workplace, ethical decision-making, and employee motivation and satisfaction. He has taught at undergraduate, graduate and executive levels, and has extensive experience in university governance and process improvement. Dr. Zerbe also serves

as a consultant to public and private organizations in the areas of leadership development, team building, communication, conflict resolution and change management.

Memorial's Faculty of Business Administration is recognized as a leader in Canadian business education, offering innovative programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, including bachelor of commerce, bachelor of business administration, master of business administration, executive MBA (petroleum), master of employment relations and PhD degrees.

Graduates of the faculty occupy positions of leadership in the private and public sectors provincially, nationally and internationally and its undergraduate and graduate students boast the best case competition record among Canadian

universities. The faculty is also home to the Gardiner Centre, which provides executive education, management development and business solutions to client organizations and individuals.

Research contributions by members of the faculty to top business journals rank first among universities in Atlantic Canada. In 2008-09, Memorial University was awarded more than \$90 million in research funding, helping its scholars develop innovative solutions and technologies in a variety of disciplines, including business. In particular, Memorial's research priorities and activities are helping to strengthen Newfoundland and Labrador's position as an emerging leader in meeting Canadian and global energy needs.



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Visitors from India experienced the MI bridge simulator.

Marine Institute hosts trade delegation from India

By Darcy MacRae

THE MARINE INSTITUTE (MI) hosted a delegation from India earlier this month, representing companies and organizations taking part in a trade mission to Atlantic Canada from Aug. 31 to Sept. 4.

The delegates from India began their tour of the Marine Institute with a visit to MI's Centre for Sustainable Aquatic Resources. They then proceeded to the Marine Institute's Centre for Marine Simulation, where they experienced a virtual boat ride through the narrows of St. John's harbour courtesy MI's full motion, full mission bridge simulator.

The tour of MI by the Indian delegation concluded with presentations from the Marine Institute's School of Ocean Technology, the Center for Aquaculture and Seafood Development and from the Offshore Safety and Survival Centre.

"It was a productive day for all parties involved and we enjoyed the opportunity to showcase the Marine Institute to a group of individuals who are interested in doing business in Newfoundland and Labrador and throughout Atlantic Canada," said Glenn Blackwood, executive director, Marine Institute.

The companies and organizations taking part in the trade mission represent a broad cross-section of India's economy, including sectors such as information and communications technology, manufacturing and shipping. The mission is organized by the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) as a follow up to the successful Atlantic Gateway business mission to India that took place in February 2008.

The objectives of the mission are to promote trade between Atlantic Canada and India, build on the growing international trade potential of the Atlantic Gateway, and examine related business opportunities that can be developed in the short to medium-term.

The trade mission is being organized by ACOA in collaboration with the World Trade Centre Atlantic Canada.

After leaving the Marine Institute on Thursday, the trade delegation from India travelled to Halifax, NS to continue their mission. While in the Atlantic provinces, the Indian companies will be matched with counterparts to explore new business opportunities and to participate in a five-day program to learn more about Atlantic Canada, its business community, and the Atlantic Gateway.

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Thursday, Sept. 24

MUN Cinema Series presents *Tulpan* 7 p.m. Empire Theatres, Avalon Mall, St. John's. See www.mun.ca/cinema.

Staff orientation 8:40 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Junior Common Room, R. Gushue Hall.

Homeless, Hungry and Out of Smokes: An Ethnography and Folklife Study of a Street Kid Community in Downtown Toronto, PhD oral defence of John Bodner, Department of Folklore, 2-4 p.m. IIC-2014, Inco Innovation Centre.

Information session on NSERC's Canada Graduate Scholarship/Postgraduate Scholarship programs and the Industrial Postgraduate Scholarship programs for graduate students. 7-9 p.m. Bitters Pub and Restaurant, Feild Hall.

Friday, Sept. 25

Stolen Goods, a concert with tuba player Karen Bulmer and pianist Timothy Steeves, 8 p.m. D. F. Cook Recital Hall, School of Music.

Rock for the Cure, a CIBC Run for the Cure fundraising event, 6:30-10 p.m. The Breezeway.

Let's Talk Science Open House 10 a.m.-2 p.m. University Centre, the Landing, UC-3018.

Academic Expo sponsored by the Office of Faculty Relations 2-4 p.m. Atrium, Inco Innovation Centre.

Introduction to Desire2Learn 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Education, E-1001. To register, visit www.distance.mun.ca and click on Desire2Learn Workshops.

Coalition for Sustainable Forestry retreat 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Grenfell College, Forest Centre, Room 2014. Runs to Sept. 27.

Saturday, Sept. 26

Phil Nimmons and David Braid in concert 8 p.m. D. F. Cook Recital Hall, School of Music.

Ken Proudfoot Potato Festival 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Botanical Garden, 306 Mount Scio Rd.

Student LIFE Forum 2009 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Delta St. John's Hotel and Conference Centre, Salon B.

Monday, Sept. 28

H1N1 Preparedness Planning Information Session for Students Only 10-10:50 a.m. Inco Lecture Theatre, IIC-2001. Information about H1N1 emergency preparedness is also available at www.mun.ca/h1n1.

H1N1 Preparedness Planning Information Session for Students Only 4-5 p.m. Inco Lecture Theatre, IIC-2001.

PhD Oral Defence of Sebastian Luque, Department of Biology, titled Maternal and Pup Growth Strategies of Sympatric Antarctic and Sub-Antarctic Fur Seals at Ile de la Possession, Iles Crozet, Southern Indian Ocean, 2-4 p.m. IIC-1004, Inco



Memorial's Botanical Garden is holding the Ken Proudfoot Potato Festival on Saturday, Sept. 26. This popular event has been renamed to honour the memory of a great Friend of the Garden and will take place at the Botanical Garden, 306 Mount Scio Road. Mr. Proudfoot, shown above in a potato patch, passed away earlier this year. The event runs from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For more, see www.mun.ca/botgarden/home.php.

Innovation Centre.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Global Cinema Series — *La Haine*, presented by Jennifer Selby, Department of Religious Studies, 7 p.m. room IIC-2001, Inco Innovation Centre.

Shell Canada Information Session (Engineering) 5-7 p.m. Engineering Building, EN-2006. RSVP at cdel@mun.ca.

Shell Canada Information Session (Geosciences) 5-7 p.m. Earth Sciences, ER-4065. RSVP at cdel@mun.ca.

Association of Consulting Engineering Companies-Canada Information Session 7-9 p.m. Engineering Building, EN-1040. See www.engineeringlegacies.com. RSVP cdel@mun.ca.

H1N1 Preparedness Planning Information Session for Students Only 3:30-4:30 p.m. Hampton Hall, Marine Institute. Information about H1N1 emergency preparedness is also available at www.mun.ca/h1n1.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

Memorial Toastmasters Club meeting 7-9 p.m. Inco Innovation Centre IIC-2014.

Nursing admissions information session 1-2 p.m. Science, SN4073.

Nexen Inc. recruitment information session 4:30-6:30 p.m. Engineering Building, EN-4000. RSVP cdel@mun.ca.

Kiewit Corporation information session 5:30-7:30 p.m. Engineering Building, EN-1040. RSVP cdel@mun.ca.

ExxonMobil/Imperial Oil information session 6:30-8:30 p.m. Earth Sciences, ER-4065. RSVP to cdel@mun.ca.

Career and Graduate School Fair 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Field House.

Carrying the Tune: The Personal Reflections of a Traditional Music Popularizer by Clary Croft 7:30-9:30 p.m. MMaP Gallery, Arts and Culture Centre (2nd floor).

Thursday, Oct. 1

MUN Cinema Series presents *Adoration* 7-9 p.m. Empire Theatres, Avalon Mall.

CD launch for *Welta'q – It Sounds Good: Historic Recordings of the Mi'kmaq* 4:30-6 p.m. MMaP Gallery, Arts and Culture Centre (third floor).

Iron Ore Company of Canada information session 4:30-6:30 p.m. Engineering, EN-4000. RSVP to cdel@mun.ca.

Information session for bachelor of social work and master's in social work students with Huron-Perth Children's Aid Society 5-7 p.m. School of Social Work, J-2008.

Toll-like receptors are shaping the intricate interactions between HIV-1 and human dendritic cells by Dr. Michel J. Tremblay, Research Center in Infectious Diseases, Laval University, 12-1 p.m. HSC, Lecture Theatre D.

Friday, Oct. 2

Kick off to the Trans Canada Highway Tour with the MUN Wind Ensemble under the direction of Denise Grant 8-10 p.m. D. F. Cook Recital Hall, School of Music.

Free admission to the Botanical Garden 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 306 Mount Scio Road.

Women's Studies Speakers Series presents Dr. Sonja Boon who will speak on Medicine, Morality and the Maternal Body in the writings of Samuel-Auguste-André-David Tissot, 2-3 p.m. SN-4087, Science Building.

AustraLearn Information Session 12-1 p.m. University Centre, the Landing, UC-3018. RSVP to cdel@mun.ca.

Saturday, Oct. 3

The Off-Campus Housing Office will be taking interested students on a hike of the East Coast Trail 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Meet at Hatcher House.

Monday, Oct. 5

Lifelong Learning presents the NL Book Club reading *The Badger Riot* with J.A. Ricketts 7-9 p.m. Call 737-7979 to register.

Faculty of Arts presents An Evening with Rex Murphy who will launch his new book, *Canada and Other Matters of Opinion*, 7:30-9 p.m. D.F. Cook Recital Hall, School of Music.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

RCMP career presentation 6-8 p.m. Education Building, ED-3034B.

Memorial Sustainability Celebration 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Landing, 3rd Floor University Centre.

Wednesday, Oct. 7

Education admissions information session 1-2 p.m. Science, SN-4073.

Thursday, Oct. 8

TA Loeffler will launch her 2010 attempt: Everest 2010 Mountain of Learning 7:30-9:30 p.m. Inco Theatre, IIC-2001.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

Global Cinema Series showing of *The Herd*, presented by John Sandlos, Department of History, 7-9 p.m. IIC-2001, Inco Innovation Centre.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

1809: Haydn and Mendelssohn, a concert with Nancy Dahn, Vernon Regehr and Maureen Volk, 8-10 p.m. D. F. Cook Recital Hall, School of Music.

EDGE conference: Inspiration and Innovation in Teaching and Teacher Education 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Sheraton Hotel and Conference Centre. See www.mun.ca/edge2009 for further details.

Teacher Education in Canada: The issues and challenges by Dr. Robert Crocker, Dr. Clare Kosnik and Dr. Bruce Sheppard, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sheraton Hotel. See www.mun.ca/edge2009/memorialpresents.php.

New writer-in-residence announced

By Janet Harron

DON'T BE SURPRISED if Memorial's writer-in-residence program has a slight theatrical bent this fall. Andy Jones, star of stage and screen and one of Canada's finest storytellers, has been named to the position and he couldn't be more pleased.

"I'm looking forward to promoting the role of playwright as writer," said Mr. Jones, who was awarded an honorary degree in 2000. He laments the fact that since the work of playwrights tends to be produced rather than published, the public often doesn't think of playwrights as writers.

"The work is fulfilling its real purpose in a sense by being produced," he explained but acknowledges that since his work hasn't been published extensively and he doesn't work as a novelist, people don't tend to recognize him as a writer.

As a founding member of CODCO and co-founder of the Resource Centre for the Arts at the LSPU Hall, Mr. Jones has been a professional writer and actor for over 30 years. He has written five critically acclaimed one-man comedy shows: *Out of the Bin*, *Still Alive*, *King O' Fun*, *To the Wall*, and *An Evening with Uncle Val*. With the CODCO collective he wrote five full-length theatre pieces: *Cod On a Stick*, *Sickness Death and Beyond the Grave*, *Das Capital*, *Pocket-crums*, and *The Tale Ends*.

Mr. Jones has also had major roles in several films, including *Rare Birds* and *Young Triffie*. His numerous awards include two Gemini awards, Emmy and Genie nominations, election to the Newfoundland Arts Council Hall of Honour, the Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council's Award of Excellence, and the ACTRA Award of Excellence for Lifetime Achievement.

According to Mary Dalton, poet and professor of English, Mr. Jones is "without a doubt one of our most brilliant and accomplished writers. His theatre pieces are major contributions to Newfoundland literature, informed by a sense of the traditional culture and of the contemporary questions that preoccupy us. His recent work in adapting traditional folk tales is also an important achievement. We are very fortunate to have him as our writer-in-residence this year."

Although Mr. Jones didn't attend Memorial himself, he is full of praise for the university and its facilities. In the fall of 2007 he even taught students in the Diploma in Performance and Communications Media the ins and outs of

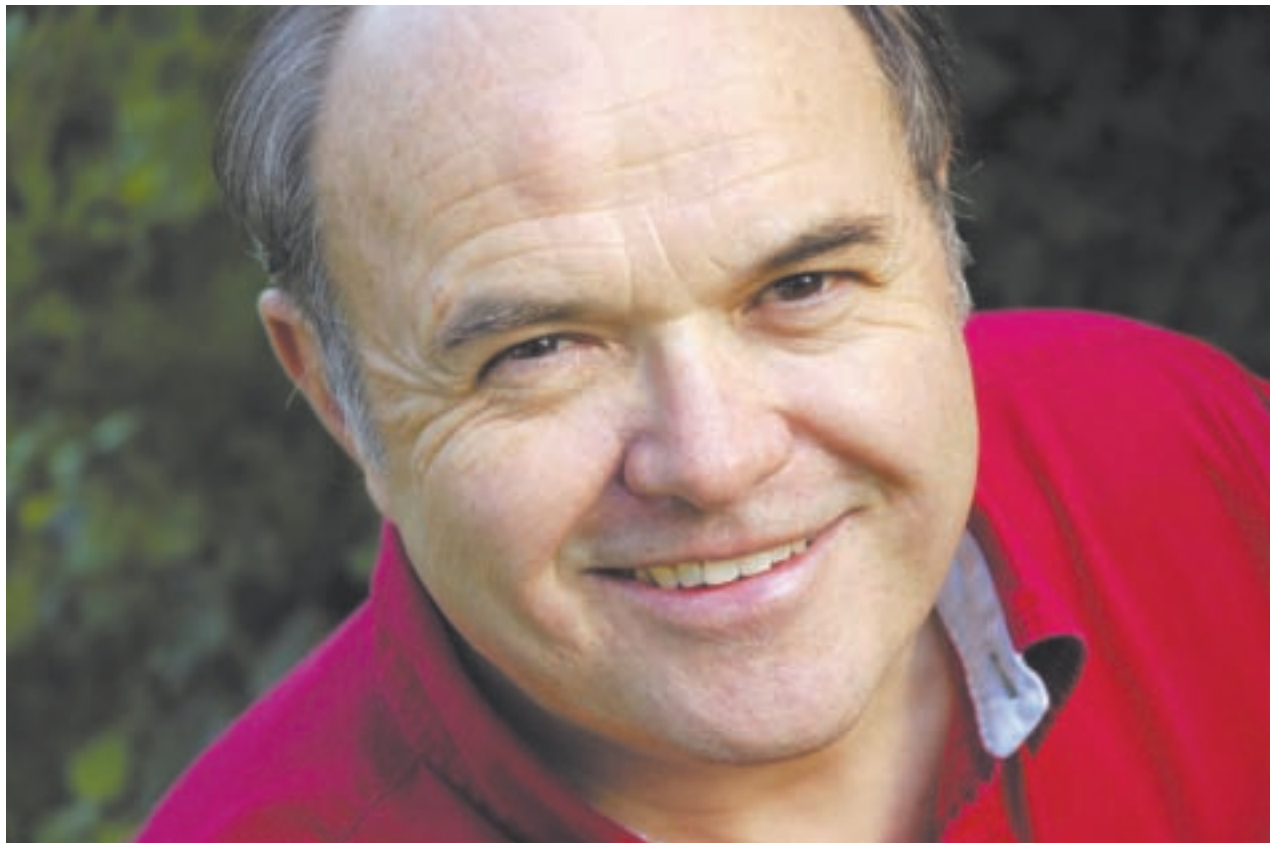


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Andy Jones

mounting a play.

He singles out the opus *Folktales of Newfoundland*, the work of the late Dr. Herbert Halpert and Dr. John Widdowson, as a seminal work for those interested in Newfoundland stories. "They transcribed all of the stories, just the way they were told, including all the ums and ers. All the tapes are available in MUNFLA and this is a fabulous resource for all of us."

Mr. Jones' latest book, *The Queen of Paradise's Garden*, is a traditional folktale taken from *Folktales of Newfoundland*. He is currently performing the story as a puppet show for all ages every Sunday in September at the Signal Hill Visitors Centre.

Mr. Jones loves the effect that storytelling has on people and the effect it has on himself. The solitary act of writing is another matter: "I much prefer writing with a team. I've done a lot of writing alone since 2002 and seven years of that is enough!"

Mr. Jones will be getting lots of team-writing time this fall. He will be available for one-on-one manuscript consul-

tations throughout his term as writer-in-residence and is interested in looking at all genres of writing but is particularly interested in plays and scripts. To make an appointment for a consultation, please contact him directly at ajones@nlfd.net or leave a message on his office phone 737-6942.

Mr. Jones will give his first performance as writer-in-residence on Oct. 1 at Petro Canada Hall at 8 p.m. Admission and parking is free. On Nov. 23, he will give an afternoon workshop at the Holyrood Library, followed by an evening performance there; both events are free and open to the general public.

The Canada Council for the Arts, the Faculty of Arts and the Department of English are sponsoring Mr. Jones' four-month stint as Memorial's writer-in-residence for the fall 2009 term. The writer-in-residence serves as a resource for the entire community, meeting with writers at any stage of development, working in any genre. This service is provided free, and is available to everyone, not just those with ties to the university.

PhD student lured to Mealy Mountain forest

By Jeff Green

THE RUGGED AND ecologically-rich forest covering Central Labrador's Mealy Mountains are offering a Memorial University PhD student fascinating clues on how climate change is affecting vegetation and wildlife in this sensitive region of the province.

Andrew Trant is focusing his work on traditional Innu land in the area, digging soil pits, taking samples and studying the various strategies trees use to persist in the harsh and often volatile habitat.

He spent several weeks in the forest this summer and is set to go back in the fall.

The biology student's research is focused on forest ecology – investigating how the treelines in the Mealy Mountains are responding to climate change.

"The work I do is analogous to ecological story-telling," said Mr. Trant, who first came to Memorial in May 2007 after obtaining a science degree (honours) from the University of Guelph in Ontario and a master of science from Acadia University in Nova Scotia.

He is currently about halfway through his PhD studies at Memorial.

"Using tree rings, soil pits and genetics, I can start to unravel the past and begin to understand what the future has in store."

And, that future could look bleak, he said, for some



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animals including the endangered Mealy Mountains caribou and other sub-Arctic species which depend on a habitat that's already threatened by an advancing treeline.

"The effects of climate change are more pronounced in northern areas," noted Mr. Trant, who is a member of the Labrador Highlands Research Group which includes other ecologists, geographers and researchers from Memorial.

"Perhaps treeline advance is better thought of as the replacement of tundra by trees. Leading off of this, I am very interested in looking at the persistence of northern ecosystems and the ecological factors associated with their ability

to persist."

Thanks to funding from the Northern Scientific Training Program – which provides financial assistance to students doing northern research – Mr. Trant has been able to spend just about every season in the Mealy Mountains area.

The federal program provides funding for roughly 300 students each year at more than 35 universities across the country.

Memorial received \$56,600 this year to support the northern fieldwork of 19 students in areas such as geography, biology and anthropology and archaeology.

Mr. Trant is going back to Labrador this fall to work with local Innu experts.

"For the past few years, I have been helping to teach forest ecosystems and climate change modules with a group of Innu environmental guardians," he said. "I am returning to Labrador to teach a course on seasonal transitions and how the forests and wildlife prepare for winter."

And he said there are lessons to be learned from the Labrador forest.

"Basically, I am looking at the different strategies trees use to persist in harsh and often unsuitable habitat," he noted. "It seems many of the tree species we have in Labrador – especially black spruce – persist in otherwise inhospitable climates, by cloning themselves. It seems likely that these trees just wait and wait until conditions become suitable and then they are able to advance."