

Memorial University of Newfoundland

The only university in Newfoundland and Labrador, Memorial is Atlantic Canada's largest university with a student enrolment of nearly 18,000. It also boasts 900 permanent faculty and 1,400 support staff. Memorial provides undergraduate, graduate and professional programs in virtually all academic disciplines and operates in four locations: St. John's (including the Marine Institute), Sir Wilfred Grenfell College in Corner Brook, the Labrador Institute in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and the Harlow Campus in England. Memorial University has a range of specialized teaching and research facilities, including the Ocean Science Centre in Logy Bay, the Bonne Bay Marine Station in Norris Point and a language institute on the French Island of St-Pierre. Our more than 55,000 alumni are highly valued nationally and internationally.

The Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development

Named in honour of scholar and former Memorial University president, Dr. Leslie Harris, The Leslie Harris Centre of Regional Policy and Development was established on October 1, 2004. Dr. Harris is known for his integrity and independence while making a practical contribution to Newfoundland and Labrador, and these are the values which the Centre attempts to emulate.

The Harris Centre co-ordinates and facilitates Memorial's educational, research and outreach activities in the areas of regional policy and development. The Centre does this by encouraging faculty members to undertake research in regional issues, by encouraging departments and faculties to offer more courses in regional policy and development, by organizing regional workshops between the University and stakeholders, and by acting as a catalyst between the University, all levels of government and non-governmental organizations. In brokering these activities, the Harris Centre will in some situations take a leading role, while in others, the role will be that of a partner, supporter or facilitator. Among the Centre's recent activities was a study on the Federal Government presence in Newfoundland and Labrador.

"Memorial Presents" is a public forum hosted by the Harris Centre four times per year, where presenters from Memorial University discuss issues of concern to Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. This presentation is complemented by panelists, who may be from the University or from the community, and who add their viewpoints to the main presenter's. The audience is then provided an opportunity to question the presenters or to add their own comments. For more information about "Memorial Presents" or about the Harris Centre, visit our Web site:

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MEMORIAL PRESENTS

***The Fishery:
Can It Save Rural Newfoundland and Labrador?***

Wednesday, May 17, 2006 - 7 p.m.
Northern Light Inn
L'Anse au Clair



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David Vardy is a graduate of Memorial University, the University of Toronto and Princeton University. Over the past 30 years he has held a variety of senior positions in the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, including president of the Marine Institute, deputy minister of Fisheries, chair and CEO of the Public Utilities Commission, and Clerk of the Executive Council.

David has participated on the Panel of Eminent Persons appointed by the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to examine issues related to the management of seals (2001), was chair of the independent panel appointed by the Provincial Minister of Fisheries and Aquaculture to review the inshore shrimp industry (2002), and served as an advisor on fisheries management to the Royal Commission on Renewing and Strengthening Our Place in Canada (2003).

David recently completed his term as associate director of the Harris Centre and as adjunct professor of Political Science at Memorial. He has managed a variety of studies on various public policy issues, including: Labrador marine transportation, the federal presence in Newfoundland and Labrador and the prospects of a fixed link across the Strait of Belle Isle.



Kelvin Letto started to fish with his father when he was 15 while still attending high school. Today, he still fishes inshore and is the owner/operator of his own enterprise.

Kelvin is an active member of many community and regional groups including local church groups, recreation groups, and the local fire department. He has been involved with economic development, and in particular the fishery sector, since he joined the L'Anse au Clair Fisheries Committee in 1972. In 1982, he founded the L'Anse au Clair Harbour Authority. Prior to the cod moratorium in 1992, he did work for the FFAW on the state of the cod fishery on the Labrador Coast and the Northern Peninsula. Kelvin was a member of the Newfoundland and Labrador Fisheries Loan Board from 1988 to 1990. Currently, he represents fishermen from L'Anse au Clair to Red Bay on the FFAW Council. He has been the fisheries representative on the Labrador Straits Development Corporation since it was incorporated in 1995.

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Gilbert Linstead is the general manager of the Labrador Fishermen's Union Shrimp Company. He received his post-secondary education at the College of Fisheries in St. John's.

Gilbert was instrumental in the establishment of the L'Anse au Loup Community Council in 1975 and served as its secretary/treasurer until 1980.

He helped found the Eagle River Credit Union and served as its vice-president for three years. He has been active with the Southern Labrador Development Association and the Labrador Straits Development Corporation. Gilbert is currently a member the Northern Shrimp Advisory Committee, the Groundfish Advisory Committee for the Gulf Region, the Pelagics Advisory Committee and the Northern Coalition, and is involved with many other organizations associated with the fishery. He is also vice-president of the Fisheries Council of Canada and president and CEO of Labrador Choice Seafoods which operates an ultra-modern shrimp processing plant in Charlottetown, Labrador.



Claude Rumbolt, a member of the Labrador Metis Nation, has spent most of his life as a fishing activist in Labrador, both as a unionist and a fisheries development specialist.

He completed a certificate in Naval Architecture and, after completing a Probationer's Summer School in 1968, he moved to Port Hope Simpson where he helped establish a fishermen's committee. He also served as president and later as coordinator of the Regional Development Association. During this period, he worked to expand the membership of the Combined Councils of Labrador to include all the communities of Labrador. In 1977, he completed a report for the provincial government which led to the construction of fish plants at Mary's Harbour, Cartwright, and the upgrading of facilities at St. Lewis and William's Harbour, as well as community stages at Henley Harbour and Seal Islands.

Claude worked for the Extension Services of Memorial University and ran for political office in 1979. Later that year, he was hired jointly by the FFAW and the newly-formed Labrador Fishermen's Union Shrimp Company, where he worked for 22 years. In 2003, Claude accepted the position of fisheries development specialist for the Labrador Metis Nation.