New vice-provosts appointed

Two new vice-provosts have been appointed by the University of Manitoba Board of Governors (BOG). At its April 20 meeting, the BOG approved the appointment of David Collins as Vice-Provost (Academic Planning and Programs) for a four-year term effective July 1, 2010. Collins will succeed Richard Lobdell, who provided service in the portfolio within the provost’s office for 14 years.

Collins served as dean of the university’s Faculty of Pharmacy, a position that he held since 1999. Under his leadership, the faculty developed and now delivers one of the the strongest professional programs in Canada. Collins forged strong alliances with professional organizations, alumni and friends of the faculty. Working with these partners and other university stakeholders, Collins played a key leadership role in the approval, planning, fundraising and physical relocation of the faculty to the Apotex Centre at Bannatyne Campus.

He has also made significant contributions to university governance as a member of several Senate committees and a past member of the Senate executive committee and the Senate Committee on University Research. He is a member of the Chancellor’s Committee, the OARs Academic and Efficiencies project team and serves as a member of advisory and steering committees of several university centres.

At the June 22 meeting, the BOG approved the appointment of Susan Gottheil as Vice-Provost (Students) beginning August 13, 2010. Gottheil will succeed Dave Morphy, who provided service to the portfolio within the provost’s office for 29 years.

Susan Gottheil is currently the associate vice-president of Enrolment Management at Mount Royal University in Calgary, Alberta, a position she has held since 2006. From 1994 to 2005, she served as assistant vice-president (Student and Academic Services) and associate vice-president (Enrolment Management) at Carleton University, where she also worked as Employment and Educational Equity coordinator. Gottheil began her career at Vanier College Cégep in Montreal where she spent nine years teaching in the humanities and Women’s Studies. She earned her BA in Political Science from McGill University and her MA in Women’s History from Sarah Lawrence College in New York.

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In the News

Tim Hortons cups provide fuel beyond caffeine

CBC
July 5, 2010

Microbiologists Richard Spiraling and David Levin have received media attention for turning discarded Tim Hortons coffee cups into ethanol. “We see a lot of cups being thrown away,” Spiraling says. “Knowing that these are not sent away to the landfill and recycling at this time, we thought they would make excellent food for the bacteria that we use to make biofuels such as ethanol or even hydrogen.” Since starting the project in 2009, they’ve had some promising results: they have found they are able to generate about 1.3 litres of ethanol from about 100 Tim Hortons cups. They’re hoping that will eventually lead to more sustainable sources of ethanol, widely used as a gasoline additive and alternative fuel for cars. Tim Hortons cups, which work better than Starbucks coffee cups, have already been pre-treated and processed into a bacteria-ready form and are an abundant waste material. “We have so much biomass that it would be a shame not to use it,” Spiraling says.

Mosquito sterilization studied in Manitoba

CBC
June 21, 2010

Biological Science’s Steve Whyard is getting noticed for his research on curtailing mosquito populations by sterilizing the insects. Whyard says that in other insects, when sterile males are introduced to a species, the population drops dramatically. He has discovered the gene that produces male mosquitoes and is using it to develop a sterile male mosquito program. Now he’s working to see if the gene can be turned off to reduce numbers of mosquitoes in Winnipeg without genetically modifying them or relying on the use of chemicals such as malathion.

The famous thinker you’ve never heard of

The Globe and Mail
June 19, 2010

Distinguished Asa Yoel Smil on the department of Environment and Geography was the focus of a column that discusses the research that got the attention of billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates. The column describes his interests in energy, the environment, food, population, the economy and public policy. “He seems to know a lot about almost everything. He has published 200-something books and hundreds of academic papers, and has another four books coming out this year. He is (almost) resigned to the fact that our great debates about energy and the environment are largely pointless, because they are hugely distorted by politics and sadly uninformed by basic facts,” the writer states.

Cholesterol-busting food

The Globe and Mail
June 11, 2010

For the first time in Canada, food companies have been given authority to promote products as having cholesterol-lowering abilities and Peter Jones, director of the University of Manitoba’s Food Innovation Centre, says it does open the floodgates for other products. “It does open the floodgates for other products,” Jones says. “We’re hearing a new era now in Canada.

New vice-provos, continued

The hiring of a staff member to help with the daily inquiries from individuals and families throughout the province. The AMRC will fill a void in current programming and services that are available to both the families of and the individuals living with Asperger Syndrome in Manitoba.

‘Student power’ for AS adults, children

When Asperger Manitoba Inc. (AMI) officially opened its new resource centre on June 10, U of M assistant professor of Psychology Anne Montgomery and her students were there to share in the victory. The school psychology program in the Psychology department at the University of Manitoba helped to found the program in grant support from Investors Group and The Winnipeg Foundation, and in partnership with the Society for Manotoba with Disabilities (SMD) Self Help Clearinghouse.

The Asperger Manitoba Resource Centre (AMRC) is the first to offer a skill building group for adults with Asperger Syndrome (AS), an autism spectrum disorder. Adults with AS are often invisible for support services in Manitoba.

According to Montgomery, the skill building program allows group participants work through curriculum addressing those areas with which they still encounter challenges within their daily lives, including social skill development, anger management, anxiety, peer relationships and job readiness.

Other services being offered by Phase 1 are a peer support group for adults with AS, a peer social group for adults with AS, a support group for caregivers of adults with AS and an online newsletter and networking opportunities.

Future phases in the development of the resource centre will also include the creation of a resource library, and neuroanatomy — at the medical/ dental, graduate, or undergraduate level of teaching.

Persaud honoured with highest award

The American Association of Anatomist’s (AAA) 2010 Henry Gray/Elsevier Distinguished Educator Award was presented April 17 during the society’s annual meeting to T. Vidhya (Vid) Persaud, professor emeritus, Human Anatomy and Cell Science, University of Manitoba.

The award, co-sponsored by AAA and Elsevier, is AAA’s highest award for human anatomy education in the anatomical sciences as broadly defined — including gross anatomy, embryology, histology, and neuroanatomy — at the medical/ dental, graduate, or undergraduate level of teaching.

In 1972, Persaud accepted an academic appointment in Anatomy and Cell Science, faculties of Medicine and Dentistry at the U of M, where he dedicated the next 30 years to his faculty and served for 16 years as chair, developing the department into one of the most productive in Canada, with an enrollment of approximately 125 students, homework, and experience with respect to collaborative partnerships. He has organized several annual Canadian enrolment management summits. As administrator of the Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (ACRAO), Persaud has assisted a Canadian institution in developing their strategic enrolment plans.

Events

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Conflict resolution and peacebuilding with a global reach

BY CHRIS RUTKOWSKI

If there is one place on campus where the entire world seems to come together, it would be the Mauro Centre. It’s not a large place: a few offices tucked away in St. Paul’s College at the University of Manitoba. But for its 21 PhD students from 11 different countries, the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice has the entire world in its sights.

“With the assistance of a professor at my university in Virginia, I came to check out the University of Manitoba and especially the Mauro Centre,” notes Jodi Read, a student working on public policies regarding border security. “I realized that my goal of working to build a world with more peace and justice fit well within the Mauro Centre.”

Ali Askervan, from Azerbaijan, is studying the ongoing conflict between Russia and Chechnya. He was also referred to the Mauro Centre by someone who was aware of its unique nature.

He says, “My professor at American University in Washington, DC, recommended this program to me. The global character of the Mauro Centre is very impressive.”

Exactly how did the Mauro Centre acquire such an international reputation, while so few people in Canada even know of its existence?

The Mauro Centre was established in 2001 with an initial donation of one million dollars from Arthur V. Mauro. Mauro was chancellor of the University of Manitoba and a philanthropist with a lifelong commitment to opening dialogue between people about peace and justice. In its brief history, the centre has established a PhD program in peace and conflict studies, coordinated the North American Conflict Resolution Student Exchange Program (2003 to 2007) and developed numerous peace and conflict outreach activities such as the Sol Kanee Lecture on Peace and Justice and an annual student conference.

St. Paul’s College at the University of Manitoba has provided more than $200,000 in scholarships to support PhD students. The Mauro Centre is also part of the Rotary Initiative with the Canadian Museum of Human Rights to establish a Peace Research Centre at the University of Manitoba specifically for the PhD program in Peace and Justice.

The need is apparent to Peter Karari, a student from Kenya whose work focuses on political violence and organized crime. His passion for peace is driven by his past experiences.

As he explains, “My focus on peace and conflict studies was influenced by my background in poverty, my work with the poor in the Kibera slums in Kenya, the 1998 terrorist attacks on the American Embassy in Kenya and ethnic violence in 2008. We started a self-help group for the marginalized and the vulnerable in the Utundu House next door to the Embassy. We lost fourteen of our close friends in the attack.”

Karari was desperate to know how best to intervene in the conflict and help the lives of those who were suffering—mostly poor and destitute people at the mercy of the rich and those in power. He asked many questions about what he saw and experienced in his native country.

Why did innocent Kenyans have to die? What did the terrorists want? Why not use peaceful means? I wanted to learn why terrorism exists and how we can avoid such aggression.”

Karari joined Compassion International, a non-governmental organization working in Kenya, and found himself working with orphans, single mothers and people with HIV/AIDS — which he calls “the poorest of the poor.”

He pursued a bachelor’s degree but wanted more knowledge and ideas. In 2007 he was among eight out of 8,000 applicants to receive a scholarship to study peace and conflict studies in Germany. He studied conflict on many diverse subjects: war in Afghanistan, the Bush Doctrine, climate change, and terrorism. But while he was there, ethnic violence engulfed his homeland and he became grief-stricken.

His questions multiplied and became more urgent. He said he wanted to understand why peace is so elusive. “I knew I had to gain more knowledge on how to bring peace in the world and how to solve conflicts peacefully.”

Karari came to the University of Manitoba specifically for the PhD program in peace and conflict studies at the Mauro Centre. But his personal experience and his drive for peace likely best exemplifies the goals and direction of the centre.

“Can we buy eternal peace in the world?” he asks solemnly.

Peace and conflict studies students, led by Peter Karari (ethno-political violence, peace-building and human rights), Paul Cormier (intercommunity conflict resolution), Jodi Read (U.S.-Mexico border transnational security, social justice, peace-building and community development), Sandra Krahm (individual interdisciplinary master’s with a focus on peace education), Akia Kumar (religious conflict and peace-building in the South Asian context), Cathy Rocke (workplace initiatives that seek to address social inequality), Grace Kyoon-Achan (alternative dispute resolution and human security issues).

Karari: ‘We lost fourteen of our close friends in the attack.’
Academic enhancement initiatives: Part 4

BY MARIANNE MAYS WIEBE
The Bulletin

Each issue of The Bulletin features two initiatives awarded funding by the Academic Enhancement Fund (AEF). Recipients were contacted for a response and a brief overview of their projects. 12 new projects have been funded. All support excellence and innovation in teaching, research, scholarship and creativity through the new program for academic enhancement at the U of M. Funding through the AEF fosters academic enhancement as one of four key areas identified by the strategic planning framework for development over the upcoming years, along with student experience, Aboriginal achievement and being an employer of choice.

The U of M 2009/2010 operating budget included an allocation of $1.6M for academic enhancement, 30 per cent of which was designated to support academic and research program innovation through the AEF.

Initiatives awarded funding contribute to the university’s unique positioning in the project area(s), draw upon strengths from across the university, foster linkages within the university, strengthen strategic linkages with local community and beyond.

The call for proposals from September 30, 2009 resulted in 27 applications which were assessed and ranked according to their alignment with the overall purposes of the fund. Applications were evaluated by a committee established by the Vice-President (Academic) and the Vice-President (Research).

All full-time academic staff members with professorial or academic librarian rank were eligible to apply for support. Applications were sponsored and endorsed by at least two deans or directors of faculties or heads of colleges and were accompanied by a cover letter that addressed, among other things, the importance of projects to their units and to the university.

Featured funding recipients featured in this issue are Leslie Ashworth (School of Light), with a project sponsored by U of M Libraries and Faculty of Arts and Sharon MacDonald (Faculty of Medicine), whose project is sponsored by Kinesiology, Medicine and Social Work.

David Churchill/Shelley Sweeney, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Two-Spirited (LGBT) in coordination with the archival studies program to identify particular strengths of the existing collection at U of M archives and special collections, along with areas that can be expanded upon, and key people and contacts for oral history interviews. The second component involves conducting new oral histories to expand and enrich the collection of materials, and build on older oral histories presently in the collection.

As part of the U of M archives and special collections, these sources will appeal to academics, particularly those researching LGBT and related themes. Moreover, oral histories are a crucial educational resource for both teachers and community workers conducting outreach and public awareness around such topics as homophobia, coming out, and HIV/AIDS prevention. This resource will serve those already at U of M, and is anticipated to draw new faculty students, and researchers from abroad to work and study at the university.

The initiative, particularly the oral history component, is coordinated by UMIH director David Churchill, with assistance from Krista Walters (UMIH assistant to the director). Shelley Sweeney (head, Archives and Special Collections) has been responsible for coordinating the archival component of the initiative with assistance from Graham Stinnett (Archives and Special Collections/Archival Studies program). Graham’s participation has allowed the oral history research team to work with the materials still being catalogued in the LGBTT archives.

This capacity over the summer of 2010 as the initiative’s archivist, assisting with locating materials and compiling a database of contacts for the oral history interviews that will take place this summer.

Faculty advisors from arts, including Liz Millward (Women’s and Gender Studies) and Janis Brownlie (History), are actively involved in the initiative, providing both training workshops and ongoing consultation for research assistants. David Smith (English, Film, and Theatre media lab) has also been an active consultant on the technical component of the project, providing invaluable guidance and training, as this project involves the use of advanced audio-visual equipment and computer software for managing and editing digital video files.

This initiative will dramatically enhance the LGBTT resources at the University of Manitoba, and ultimately enhance the LGBTT resources at the university. It will also position the U of M to contribute to the well-being of Manitoba children through strengthening interprofessional education, translational knowledge, knowledge translation and advocacy in support of the development of appropriate interventions.

We propose to create an infrastructure partnering the U of M, beginning with the faculties of Medicine, Social Work and Kinesiology and Recreation Management, with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and Healthy Child Manitoba to change the picture painted by Dr. Frost in his University of Manitoba Disadvantaged Children: The University’s Commitment to Protecting Human Rights while others had a 25 per cent chance — even though each started with the same potential at birth. He called on us to muster our energy and address the root causes so that so much valuable potential is not wasted.

This project is about mustering the resources of U of M faculty members and students to contribute our leadership and energy to enhance opportunities for disadvantaged children. It focuses on Winnipeg’s core area as an important first step towards engagement of the university with disadvantaged children across the province. It will facilitate collaborative team work amongst students and faculty members from the Fort Garry, Bannatyne and Inner City (William Norrie Centre) campuses of the university. It will also position the U of M to contribute to the well-being of Manitoba children through strengthening interprofessional education, translational knowledge, knowledge translation and advocacy in support of the development of appropriate interventions.

Random Samplings: Snapshots from the U of M archives

1978 U of M Jingle on YouManitoba YouTube

Before Glee, there was … the 1978 University of Manitoba Jingle “All Encompassing Campus,” complete with a full chorus of voices and a catchy tune and lyrics to draw in the listener. Now you can hear the retro jingle with all U of M Archives photos that accompany it on the YouTube video.

GO TO: bit.ly/uofm_retro

All Encompassing Campus

Does this sound like you?
You’re working a job
But there’s so much you need to learn
Or you just finished school
The world is so big
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The U of M experience will broaden your mind
We’ve got it all together
Make the most of what you do
The all encompassing campus
The U of M is here for you
The time is so right
You’re looking to earn a credit, a diploma or your degree
Even learning for fun, the choice is yours
When you turn to your university

Above and left: YouManitoba YouTube stills of Archives photos that accompany the 1978 U of M Jingle, “All Encompassing Campus.” A boy, a young Prince Charles and his official U of M student escort tour the campus in 1970; left, Fort Garry Campus, 1975, looking north toward the new University Centre and the Administration Building. Archives photos.
The internationally-educated agrologists program

Welcoming the world’s agricultural talent to Manitoba

BY STU SLAYEN
For The Bulletin

Abu Bakar Siddique was ready to return to his native Bangladesh last year. With a PhD in agronomy from the U.K., his job as a security officer in downtown Toronto simply wasn’t fulfilling. And it certainly wasn’t the right fit for a man who has an extensive education and experience in field crop production.

Before Siddique could pack his bags, though, he happened upon the website for the Manitoba Institute of Agrologists (MIA) when they successfully completed the IEAP this summer. The participants all have agriculture degrees from outside of Canada.

graduation. “We are very proud of this program,” said IEAP coordinator Alicia Franco-Espinosa. “We help change people’s lives and, with our partners and people in the industry, we make it possible for the world’s agricultural talent landed in Manitoba to practice agrology here.”

The program is a combination of regular courses through the faculty and courses tailored specifically for the IEAP, including business and technical communication and Practising the Profession of Agrology (PPA). The PPA course, in particular, helps students learn about the unique nature of the profession in Manitoba while meeting people who work in the agriculture industry. The program also includes a four-month co-op work experience. It’s a formula that impresses the students and produces graduates who are ready for work. And it also helps internationally educated agrologists gain some comfort with the profession in Manitoba before advancing their careers. “This program has given me focus,” says the once-shy Yirgalem Kidane. “I used to be afraid to shake people’s hands.”

Now, the Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) from Ethiopia is feeling confident and ready to apply her skills here, and to ultimately share her emerging knowledge about short-season crops with former colleagues in Ethiopia. She is serving her co-op placement at the department of plant science at the U of M. “Moving to Manitoba was an opportunity to give my children (now 22 and 14) a better, more prosperous life,” says Jaime Paredes, from El Salvador. As part of the program, he will do a six-month term position as a research assistant at the Brandon Research Centre, and hopes it will turn into a permanent position. “It’s really interesting working with students from all over the world,” he says. “We’ve become really good friends.”

As a newcomer, I had no exposure to western Canadian agriculture,” said Richard Balog, a soil scientist from the Philippines. “The program, especially the field trips, gives the experiential element and teaches me how to integrate into the professional community and lets me interact with other agrologists.” Balog is now working as an environment officer with Manitoba Conservation.

“These people come to Manitoba to learn, grow and succeed,” said Franco-Espinosa of the students. “Their drive to excel and their eagerness to apply their knowledge and unique experience are remarkable.”

Project ROSE: Phase Two team member profile

The U of M has undertaken two resource optimization projects (entitled ROSE and OARs) aimed at finding ways to improve service, reduce costs, eliminate duplication, share resources, leverage technology and apply best practices. In each issue, The Bulletin features articles or interviews with faculty and support staff involved in the projects.

What is your role on the External Relations work stream?

My role on the External Relations work stream has been to work as part of the team to develop an enhanced service delivery model for marketing and communications across campus. For this phase, our scope has entailed identifying and working towards the development of an External Relations pilot to drive strategy and focus. Part of my role has been to participate in the “Is it’s” and “To Be” workshops with the faculties and departments (Faculty of Arts, Asper School of Business, Enrolment Services, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Commerce, Engineering, Earth, and Resources, Extended Education, Faculty of Science and University 1) who will be involved in the pilot.

In your view, why is ROSE important?

The ROSE Project has given us the opportunity to look more closely at how we carry out our work. The project has given us the chance to recognize what we are currently doing well and expand on our strengths across the university. With this greater understanding, opportunities have also arisen where we can identify areas for improvement, adapt best practices and work more efficiently.

These steps forward can have an impact on our productivity, employee satisfaction and ultimately all benefits across the university community.

What are some of the specific activities undertaken within the External Relations stream during this phase of the project?

Within the External Relations stream, the pilot participants worked extensively to map out their current marketing and communications activities. Having the opportunity to determine the process flows allowed us to understand the wide variety of needs, distinctions and unique requirements across campus. With this enhanced appreciation for the scope of our needs, we were able to identify commonalities in requirements as well as opportunities for synergies.

If one of the key deliverables of ROSE is service enhancement, what does good service look like to you?

To me good service should ultimately flow from a strategic matching of resources to need. With the ROSE project, we will hopefully be able to provide some areas of the university community with access to human resources and expertise that are currently not available to them. Good service will also come in the form of providing a stronger university brand that can be leveraged, targeted and utilized for a more concise marketing approach. Transparency, involvement and the development of a common platform for communications and marketing will ultimately translate into good service for all our constituents.

From your perspective, what outcomes and benefits can the university community expect to see as a result of ROSE?

From the perspective of our pilot, I think the university community can expect a greater strategic focus on marketing and communications activities, facilitated by the alignment of goals, objectives, greater communication and collaboration. The university can expect to see more effective use of resources, and a higher level of consistency, connectivity and integration gained from working from a common platform. Levels of expertise and best practices will be able to be shared and developed across the campus. Performance metrics will also be available to gauge how we are doing, what is working well and what needs to change going forward.
BY MARIANNE MAYS WIEBE

The University of Manitoba Summer Institutes cultivate what director of Summer Session Bill Kops has named a “community of inquiry.” Each institute gathers students and faculty from several academic disciplines together to participate. The two-week courses, under the umbrella of U of M Extended Education, examine topics of global concern with individuals who bring their global views and experiences. Summer Session 2010 includes eight summer institutes.

At the reception that welcomed faculty and students from Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India to Winnipeg and to the Summer Institute Education and Social Justice in a Multicultural Society, Kops called the opportunity offered by summer institutes “exciting, collaborative, topical and creative.”

Running from July 5 until July 16, Education and Social Justice in a Multicultural Society included Ruby Sain, professor of Sociology, and four students from Jadavpur University, who joined U of M faculty Lori Wilkinson (Sociology), Jerome Cranston and John Wiens (Education), Renate Eigenbrod (Native Studies) and 42 students in Education, Native Studies and Sociology, along with guest lecturers from other disciplines.

Together, they participated in dialogue on the opportunities and constraints created by policies that have reduced public funding for education, leading to escalation of costs and other implications that have a bearing on social justice. The course focussed special attention on social exclusion and human rights.

According to academic coordinator Howard Davidson, the intensive nature of the summer institutes provides participants with invaluable opportunities to learn from and converse with one another—both in the classroom and informally— the worth of which he calls “impossible to measure.” He has spent time during the past two years working with people in India and was instrumental in organizing the course.

Sociologist Lori Wilkinson, whose own research interests are in migration studies, ethnic relations and equal access issues, travelled to India to meet with Ruby Sain and her students. She spent a week there, teaching courses at Jadavpur University and discussing curriculum possibilities with Sain. Wilkinson says, “there’s nothing like a face-to-face meeting. It gave Ruby and me a chance to learn about one another as well; she’s a sociologist as am I, but we come from very different sociological traditions.”

Coming back to Winnipeg, Wilkinson was able to give other faculty a sense of what their Indian colleague would bring to the table. All of the crossing of boundaries, geographical and disciplinary, made the process rewarding, if somewhat complicated. “At times it felt like a three-ring circus, and at times it still does,” she laughs.

“But the thing about collaboration is understanding that each of us has a different point of view; and that I will have a different point of view as a sociologist than the Native studies and education folks as well. And we also need to think about the students, who will have a

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Summer Institutes 2010

Jadavpur University students Mallarika Sarkar and Pallabi Bhattacharyya.

The forum enabled participants to exchange information about evaluation for improved health promotion planning and delivery. The institute was comprised of two streams: program evaluation and HIV research.

“A unique community-university partnership has been established to conduct collaborative evaluation research,” said Javier Mignone, associate professor with the Faculty of Human Ecology and co-chair of the Summer Institute Health of Populations Evaluation. “Using a combination of lectures, case studies and group work, the participants learned the concepts and tools of participatory evaluation.”

Five organizations — including U of M Human Ecology faculty, Health in Common, United Way of Winnipeg, Prairie HIV community-based research program of Nine Circles Community Health Centre, University Without Walls of the Ontario HIV Treatment Network and the Faculty of Social Work at the University of Manitoba — joined in partnership to establish a community-university network to conduct applied evaluation research for knowledge development, exchange and utilization.

“The collaborative evaluation process is very important for community organizations that wish to monitor and improve their respective programs, projects or organizations,” said Bohdanna Kinasevych, co-organizer of the institute and evaluation consultant with Health in Common.

The seminar also involved facilitators, organizers, volunteers and approximately 20 keynote speakers and instructors, including Michael Quinn Patton (Designing Evaluations that actually Get Used), Margaret Kovach (Indigenous Methodologies in Evaluation), Mark Tyndall (HIV Research), Barbara Macdonald (Evaluating Programs to Reduce Malnutrition) and Shauna Butterwick (The Realities of Evaluation Interdisciplinary and Researchers as Public Intellectuals).

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Men’s Health Week

International Men’s Health Week was celebrated during the week of June 14 to 20. This year’s theme was men and physical activity. All activities of the Men’s Health Week organizing group were directed toward making men aware of their self-care responsibilities regarding their own health, and focusing their attention on the importance of keeping fit through physical activity in order to obtain and maintain good health.

To encourage boys and men to take increased responsibility in promoting their own health and preventing illness, displays and information booths were set up at several clinical facilities and academic institutions in the city. Throughout the week, information brochures and pamphlets were handed out to the passers-by (mostly men and some interested women) on various men’s health issues. All men were encouraged strongly to pay attention to their own health needs and to have the recommended checkups done on time.

At the University of Manitoba, the display was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A fairly large number of men visited the display and received important information about men’s health. It was once again a very productive and satisfying week. Many thanks to Wellam Yuko, research associate, Victoria General Hospital; Olga Paliyenko, RN (BPRN student, men’s health course); and Bhupinder Sidhu (BN student, men’s health course) for their assistance in staffing the information booths.

- Peri Venkatesh, faculty of nursing, organizing group, Men’s Health Week
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Position Number: 11415
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Position Number: 08952
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Events

• The Bulletin publishes events involving the university community at no cost.
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• E-mail events to bulletin@umanitoba.ca

Meeters and greeters needed!
To register as a Meeter and Greeter for University 1 Orientation, contact Karen Borbridge at 474-8882 or Karen_Borbridge@umanitoba.ca with your name, faculty or department, e-mail address, desired location on campus, and t-shirt size. New recruits and retirees are welcome, so please contact friends and encourage them to sign up. Registrations will be accepted until end of August, but the earlier you sign up, the better!

This year, U1 Orientation will be held on September 7 and 8. Meeters and Greeters in the University Student Help Centre in 205 Tier building between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. on September 7. The early morning is perked up with a thank you gift of a travel coffee mug (promptly filled with coffee). Donuts also provided. Meeters and Greeters then spend only one hour of their time in their assigned locations, helping new University 1 students find their way around during their first morning on campus.

For Functional Foods

Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals
Want To Lower Your Cholesterol? Can Spices Protect Your Heart?!
The Richardson Center for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals, University of Manitoba, is conducting studies to investigate the effect of natural plant compounds on blood lipid levels as well as testing the potential of spices and herbs to reduce cardiovascular risk factors.

The study is open to men and post menopausal women who meet the following criteria:
- have elevated cholesterol levels
- not taking medication to lower blood lipids
- non-smoker

Volunteers will be compensated for their participation. Please call 204 298-5483, Dr. Peter Jones, principal investigator; visit www.rcffn.ca or find us on Facebook.

Classified Ads

Kings Park: Stunning architectural modernist RIVERFRONT home ideal for visiting professor. 5 minute walk or 1 minute drive to U OF MANITOBA. 2 minute walk to beautiful PAPERK PARK. 2.700 square foot 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bathroom split level designed by renowned architect Gus da Roza (designed Winnipeg Art Gallery) overlooking international award winning landscaped expansive trees lot adjacent to forest and river. Double attached garage & tons of storage. Available after mid-August 2010. Excellent value at $2,500 per month plus utilities. Visit http://j40ilkeny.com for details, photos, maps. Contact Greg at (204) 952-8063 or gregvandeman@gmail.com.

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Start date: January 1, 2011
Application Deadline: Beginning September 20, 2010 until positions are filled
Position Number: 09099 and 11411
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L.H. ASPER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Department of Business Administration - Business Policy/ Strategic Management
Position: Tenure-track position in Business Policy/Strategic Management at the rank of assistant or associate professor
Start date: January 1, 2011 or July 1, 2011
Application Deadline: Beginning September 15, 2010 until position is filled
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Do people ever ask to be taken off the list for the "Asbestos" emails? All the time. I just tell them, sorry, but this is a safety issue and will be sent to anyone using university mail.

When did you start working at U of M? This is my 20th year.

Favourite part about working at the university? Talking with people at the university. For years I've talked to a lot of the same people on the phone every day and we haven't met but we talk as if we were best friends and known each other forever. I love it. The people are just great.

Tim Hortons or Starbucks? Tim Hortons. I love Tim Hortons.

Favourite sport? Hockey and golf.

Best lazy Sunday is ... laying on a couch watching TV.

Last book or movie that made you cry? I just saw one on TV on the weekend that made me cry. It was really sad. It had Mel Gibson in it ... Oh yes, Edge of Darkness. But I cry at a lot of things; I cry at Shrek.

Favourite Bond actor? The original one, Sean Connery.

Your favourite movie of all time and what you like about it? Beaches. True friendship never dies.

When did you come to Winnipeg? 1977.

Where are you from originally? Dunville, in Newfoundland.

What do you miss about Dunville and what would you miss about Winnipeg if you weren't here? I miss the ocean and my childhood friends and if I left Winnipeg, I would miss the small city with a big heart (friendly Manitoba).

Your favourite colour and why. Green is my favourite colour; I always felt it was a lucky colour. Luck of the Irish.

Name a couple of items that you have posted at or have sitting on your desk. A picture of Newfoundland and a vase full of pussy willows.

Favourite food or special meal? Steak and Lobster.

Favourite campus spot to eat? Our little courtyard at Physical Plant.

Favourite campus building? It used to be Alumni House; I loved that building, but now it's probably Engineering 1. I like that it's old and they didn't do much to it, and I like the stairs.

Anything else you'd like people to know about you? I am a little shy but I really enjoy interacting with people and I love to laugh. This might be one of the reasons that I enjoy working in a large department and a big part of my job is interacting with so many people.

- Sean Moore

Coffee with a co-worker

The Bulletin plays 10 or 20 questions with Barb Nemetchek


Barbara Nemetchek may have the most recognizable name in the University of Manitoba community. Nearly every day she sends out e-mails that contain the words "Asbestos Abatement" to every staff and faculty member.

She's a little like the Wizard of Oz. She sends her message throughout the land and we all know of her, but few have seen her in spite the fact that her name is well known. She communicates with each and every one of us, but who is she? The Bulletin decided to visit Barb Nemetchek and learn more about the woman who speaks to us all.

Memorial Avenue of Elms

The Memorial Avenue of Elms, located along Chancellor Matheson Road, is intended to be a living memorial to the men of the Manitoba Agricultural College who fought valiantly and gave their lives for freedom during the First World War. The avenue was over a mile in length and the staff, students, and alumni of the college planted the trees lining the street in honour of these brave soldiers. The Avenue of Elms originally extended from Pembina Highway to the west entrance of the Administration Building and the original trees are still standing among the buildings lining Curry Place.

1953 photo, U of M Archives
These graduates earned their celebration
Extended Education’s 503 graduates represent 26 certificate programs

By Sandra Stechsen
For The Bulletin

As part of the “sandwich generation” responsible for children and aging parents, many of the graduates of Extended Education’s certificate programs face unique challenges. Yet they have successfully juggled personal lives, work and study. As Lori Wallace, dean of Extended Education pointed out at their graduation ceremony on June 17, “You are highly motivated, willing to make sacrifices and have the maturity to persevere when the going gets tough.”

Wallace also announced the new Faculty of Arts Bachelor of Arts Integrated Studies degree program, developed in collaboration with Extended Education. Some of Extended Education’s certificate programs will transfer into this degree.

Many of the 503 graduates representing 26 certificate programs attended with family and friends. The ceremony follows the university’s regular conversation where degree students studying through Extended Education, marked their graduation.

Guest speaker Shannon Fontaine, CEO of the Manitoba Tourism Education Council, congratulated the graduates, not only for finishing, but also for starting, their programs. After the certificates were presented to the graduates, Julie M Kuska, executive director of the Alumni Association, welcomed them as new alumni. She reminded graduates that “they’ve sent the powerful message that “it can be done. It’s never too late, and it can be fun.”

Instructor Service Recognition annually acknowledges instructors in continuing education for their outstanding service to students and their contribution to program design, development and delivery over eight years or longer. Instructors Roger Bouvier, Judy Cranwill and Sean Mulvenna were presented with the Instructor Service Recognition at the graduation. Not in attendance but also recognized were Ralph Mackay and Nette Neudorf.

Award winners share their stories
Extended Education presented a number of awards before and during the graduation ceremony.

CMA Manitoba Award of Excellence (Certified Management Accountants)
Accountant Ken Foot had completed accounting courses in the past but as his position evolved into more of an assistant comptroller, he looked for professional development opportunities to update his skills. Foot works for American Bixiax Inc., a manufacturer of nylon film that goes into packaging for food and medical supplies. The Certificate in Financial and Management Accounting gave him a more rounded knowledge of companies and helped him define how his job has evolved and can evolve even more in the future.

IPMA Award for Academic Achievement (International Personnel Management Association)
Although Carla Mulvenna already had a Commerce degree from the University of M, she saw the Certificate in Human Resource Management as an opportunity to gain useful knowledge and a credential that would advance her career. Being able to transfer credits from her degree was a bonus. As an HR consultant for the province of Manitoba, Manitoba Conservation, she’s responsible for recruitment, selection, labour relations issues and other HR functions. “The HR Legislation course was a good refresher for me and really relevant to what I deal with at work,” she says. Mulvenna completed all of her courses from home by taking distance courses, and “enjoyed the flexibility and convenience, especially when I didn’t have to rush from work to class in the winter.”

ASQ Academic Achievement Award (American Society of Quality)
When Patrick Dirks joined the quality assurance department at Manitoba Public Insurance two years ago, his manager suggested he take the Quality Management Certificate program. As a claims controller, Dirks completes audits to determine if MPI service centres comply with procedures. The QM program, he says, forced him to view his organization holistically as a system. It was a challenge to juggle courses with work, family and coaching football and to forfeit holidays for studying; and remembering high school math took some effort! He adds that the program has also helped him define how his job has evolved and can evolve even more in the future.

IPAC Public Sector Management Award (Institute of Public Administration in Canada)
When Gregory Kristalovich completed the Certificate in Public Sector Management, he came away with a broader and more complete understanding of public policy. As a program manager with the MB4Youth Division of Healthy Living, Youth and Seniors, he manages the youth services unit which administers student employment and volunteer programs. According to Kristalovich, learning the concepts, strategies and initiatives that guide public policy development has helped him make better informed decisions on public policies. “The connections I made with other professionals have been invaluable,” he says. “It opened my critical analysis skills and ability to examine issues from multiple perspectives.” He developed a more comprehensive understanding of the relationship between governments and citizens, though he was “equally surprised and honoured” at receiving the IPAC Award.

Doris Kristjanson with Dr. Ron Bartmannovich
Kristjanson Scholarship recipients Catherine Lee and Kathryn

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Bringing Research to LIFE

In brief
Leader in palliative care recognized for ‘lifetime achievement’

Harvey Chochinov, considered among the leading palliative care researchers in the world, has two more major accolades to add to his resumé. He is the 2010 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Canadian Association of Psychosocial Oncology for his "exceptional and enduring career contributions to psychosocial oncology." Chochinov also received the 2010 International Psycho-Oncology Society's Bernard Fox Memorial Award, which recognizes an individual's outstanding contribution in education, research or leadership to the field of psycho-oncology. "I congratulate Dr. Chochinov on his latest achievements," says Diger Jarray, vice-president (research). "He has undoubtedly improved the quality of life of terminally-ill patients around the world. His contributions to palliative care have, and continue to be, innovative and far-reaching." A Distinguished Professor in the Faculty of Medicine's Departments of Psychiatry, Community Health Sciences and Family Medicine, Chochinov is also director of CancerCare Manitoba's Palliative Care Research Unit and a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Palliative Care. His groundbreaking research in this field is helping transform the landscape of end-of-life care, not only across Canada but worldwide. Chochinov was the first to study the issue of dignity in the terminally ill. He developed Dignity Therapy, a therapeutic intervention for suffering at the end of life designed to address psychosocial and existential distress among patients. The tool is considered a major contribution to advancing care for the terminally ill. He also leads a Canada-wide study of factories in New York, where she pollution escaping from the chimneys. "We're going to give you a hand and you can come back," she says. "It was like a second wind. I feel like I've been offered a second chance. I'm incredibly grateful. It feels really good to have someone stand behind you." Surprisingly, the American Physical Society when she about the field, had five years earlier met indirectly provided her with some career path." Physicist Marija Nikolic-Jaric died at age 93. The news brought the world to a "It was a tremendous psychological boost that there is someone, not just someone but the American Physical Society, who says it's okay to take a break, things happen and if they do we're going to give you a hand and you can come back," she says. "It was like a second wind. I feel like I've been offered a second chance. I'm incredibly grateful. It feels really good to have someone stand behind you." Since September she has been using her award to do research in the field of microfluidics within the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, in Prof. Douglas Thomson's lab. She's sending cells down a tiny channel - about the size of a couple of human hairs - and subjecting them to different kinds of electric fields to explore their electric properties. The goal is to connect these characteristics to the physical properties of cells with cancer and other deadly diseases. The hope is this technique can be done using a tiny chip, providing medical personnel - including those in developing countries - with a more accessible, convenient and less expensive option for diagnosis than the bulky equipment currently used. "The possibilities are fantastic. This is a huge field and growing exponentially," says Nikolic-Jaric, who wants to contribute to the battle against cancer in a practical way. Her personal loss has given her newfound determination. "I confirmed what I believed in before," she says, "never to give up." To learn more about the M. Hildred Blewett Scholarship, go to http://www.aps.org/programs/women/scholarships/blewett/index.cfm.

BY KATIE CHALMERS-BROOKS

Physicist Marija Nikolic-Jaric is accustomed to tackling difficult problems. But nothing could have prepared her for the personal tragedy she faced. Her husband, also a physicist, was diagnosed with a brain tumor at age 43. The news brought the world to a stop for Nikolic-Jaric, who, at the time was set to defend her thesis for her PhD. Research was the furthest thing from her mind while she cared for her husband; he died 18 months after his diagnosis.

Suddenly a widow and a single mom, Nikolic-Jaric put her career aside to care for their toddler son. It was some time before she felt strong enough to take on her thesis and jump back into the intense world of physics which she adored. Given the practical hurdles she faced, taking that leap felt overwhelming. "I knew that I was good at research. I just did not know whether I would have anyone willing to give me the opportunity to show just what I can do," says Nikolic-Jaric, now a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Manitoba. "I was sure that I wanted to go back, but was not so sure that I would necessarily find the environment open to my untraditional career path."

A woman Nikolic-Jaric had never met indirectly provided her with some direction. M. Hildred Blewett, a fellow Canadian physicist equally passionate about the field, had five years earlier (in 2004) left more than $1 million to the American Physical Society when she died at age 93. Blewett wanted a scholarship created for women who, early in their careers, had to interrupt their work for family reasons; the money would help them resume their research. Blewett grew up poor and had to take a year off from college because she couldn't afford to continue. She would go on to develop a technique to control pollution escaping from the chimneys of factories in New York, where she worked for General Electric.

Last year, Nikolic-Jaric became the first Canadian woman to receive the $42,000 US M. Hildred Blewett Scholarship. She says it's not uncommon for female physicists to put their careers on hold to raise kids, care for family members, or allow their spouses' academic pursuits to be the priority. "It can be especially difficult to get back into this predominantly male field - which is always advancing - but this scholarship is helping to change that," says Nikolic-Jaric. "It was a tremendous psychological

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AGNES NEUFELD’S CURRENT EXHIBITION “PORTRAITS” at the Gallery of Student Art (GOSA) in University Centre consists of 30 portraits, five apiece in two separate series. One is a series called “Friends” (2009) and the other is “Farm Workers” (2010); the two series are part of a group of 30 portraits. Photos dimensions are 24” x 24”.

Neufeld says that she began the group of portraits when she felt compelled to document her daughter’s transition from a teenager to young womanhood. The “Friends” series grew out of photographing her daughter’s friends in the same stage of life. The farm series followed, which evolved from Neufeld’s agricultural background. The photos in the second series are of young men hired as farm labourers.

“I am interested in photographic individuals, but also in the collective group,” she explains. Neufeld says she works mostly in series form because she likes the themes and patterns that can emerge. The group of portraits is the first she’s done that uses a minimal approach. She says, “I felt the subjects were the main focus and I didn’t want any distractions.”

Neufeld enjoys portraiture in particular because “portraits provide meaningful insights about a subject,” she says. She notes that “the unexpected can occur. Sometimes the subject is more apprehensive than expected, or self-conscious.” As a photographer, she values the intimate experience and the vulnerability of both subject and photographer in the portrait process. And, she says, “the essential mystery remains, despite the avenue to interpret the subject.”

Agnes Neufeld is currently studying for her Fine Arts degree at the University of Manitoba; she is in her fourth year, majoring in photography. “Portraits” opened on June 28 and continues until July 23, 2010.