University of Manitoba's Allan Ronald, a renowned infectious disease researcher who has come to the aid of some of society's most vulnerable populations, will be inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

The Portage la Prairie-born doctor pioneered the U of M’s world-recognized infectious disease research program. Ronald helped change the landscape of the research field, and has spent the better part of the last three decades studying infectious diseases in hard-hit Africa, and as a mentor to others working in the field.

The small program he established in 1980 eventually would put the university on the map as a leader in the field of HIV epidemiology and immunology, disease prevention and care.

Ronald retired in 2000 after a 32-year career as a professor and researcher but has kept busy fostering the comprehensive HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention Program in Uganda. His expertise is still sought-after by government and international agencies.

“Africa is a vast and complex continent, and Allan is one of those rare individuals who has been able to leave a lasting mark,” said colleague Stephen Moses, medical microbiology, internal medicine, and professor at the U of M. “The programs and systems he pioneered remain models for what can be achieved.”

Ronald will be inducted in the Builder (Innovative Leadership) category.

“We are extremely proud of Dr. Ronald and his strong connection to the U of M. His contributions to the ongoing battle against HIV/AIDS in Africa are groundbreaking,” said Dr. David Barnard, president and vice-chancellor.

The Canadian Hall of Fame was established in 1994 and is located in London Ontario.

Med Hall of Fame for HIV/AIDS research pioneer

Allan Ronald.
In the News

Building a better bee
Maclean’s
October 11, 2010

In a story about the death of bees, U of M entomologist Rob Currie shares his research. The suspect in the death of so many bees is the Varroa mite, a tiny parasite that latches onto the nectar of bees, feeding on their blood and transmitting diseases in the process. The mites usually destroy any hive they infect. Currie has been selectively breeding bees for eight years, and created a strain that can remove the mites from other adults. But Currie notes genetic advantages come with a trade-off. “They’re putting energy into grooming,” he said, noting that this behavior can lead to a drop in honey production, making the insects less effective pollinators. “If it can’t produce honey it doesn’t have much usefulness.”

Aboriginal leaders honoured
Winnipeg Free Press, CBC, CJBQ
October 15, 2010

Retired professor Allan Ronald has spent the past 30 years studying infectious diseases in Africa and it was recently announced that will be inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame. He officially retired in 2000 after a 32-year career as a professor and researcher at the U of M but he has continued to develop a comprehensive HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention Program in Uganda. In 1985, Ronald established one of the first clinical investigation units exploring sexually transmitted infections in Africa. The program brought international attention to the University of Manitoba, which has become a leader in the field of HIV epidemiology and immunology.

Law to the masses
Winnipeg Free Press, Canadian Press, Broadcast Wire, CBC, CJBQ, Canada First Perspective
October 15, 2010

The Faculty of Law and the Law Society of Manitoba have partnered in a program to give law students from remote communities free tuition and living costs. The forgivable loans program would see students return to their home communities after graduation and get reimbursed 20 percent of their tuition and living costs annually for five years. The partners believe that after five years the lawyers will be established in his or her home community and probably stay there. The faculty expects two students per year to be helped by the program.

Colonoscopy effectiveness questioned
Reuters, MSNBC
October 6, 2010

Internal Medicine’s Harminder Singh lead a study that recently garnered some media interest. Colonoscopy exams may miss as many as one in 13 colon cancers, the study suggests. His research teams said their findings should be a heads-up to clinicians performing the exam, as well as to patients preparing for it. Both groups could do things to improve the detection rate, they said. “Several recent studies have raised questions on the effectiveness of colonoscopy as currently performed in everyday clinical practice on reducing risk of subsequent colon cancer,” Singh said; “Therefore, it is important to study the factors associated with the diagnosis of colon cancer occurring after colonoscopy.”

Headlines

“Shooting to aid breast cancer research,” Winnipeg Free Press, Oct. 4, 2010, story about a partnership between Hebrew University and the I.H. Asper School of Business, which help bring innovative ideas to market and help scientists share expertise on cutting-edge agricultural research in Manitoba and Israel.

“Manitoba deals unveiled in Israel,” Winnipeg Free Press, Oct. 14, 2010, story about a partnership between Hebrew University and the I.H. Asper School of Business, which help bring innovative ideas to market and help scientists share expertise on cutting-edge agricultural research in Manitoba and Israel.

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Manitoba, China higher education talks

BY MARIANNE MAWS WIEBE
The Bulletin

The offices of international relations and the vice-president (research) at the University of Manitoba, along with other faculty units and members of the U of M association of Chinese professors, have planned a conference to highlight current cooperation between the U of M and China and looking to the future of U of M-China relations. A group of university delegates, including President and Vice-Chancellor David Barnard, visited China earlier this fall.

Entitled “Celebrating Manitoba-China Cooperation in Higher Education: An Academic Symposium,” the purposes of the conference are to further understanding of the Chinese higher education context, current trends and future needs, and to discuss the U of M’s future priorities for China.

This year China and Canada celebrate 40 years of diplomatic relations. Over that duration, there have been 49 University of Manitoba partnership agreements signed, and more than 100 faculty member professional involvements in China. In the 2009-2010 school year, 40 per cent of international students at the University of Manitoba are from China.

The day-long event takes place on October 23 in the ITICE Atrium, with oral and poster presentations, film screenings and panels.

Tech wizardry reigns at new centre

The Bulletin

At the ready: New IST Help and Solutions Centre celebrates grand opening.

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Help & Solutions Centre

Online Services - Information Services & Technology

Service touch screen service stations where students can claim an ID, check passwords or browse the AV media catalogue.

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Director of computer and network services Marvin Kocay notes that “1ST customers indicated that it was difficult to know where to go in IST for assistance and who to ask for help.” The need for the change was identified during the IST reorganization in 2009, in town hall meetings and a customer service survey.

The new centre solves that problem by integrating five former stand-alone services and help desks in IST into one centrally-located service centre.

And the new location features more than just comfortable seating while you wait for your audience with the tech wizards of O2: the new customer-flow software matches services required to the next available staff person in order to ease wait times and to better utilize staff resources.

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CHOOSING CHANGE

BY ROSALYN HOWARD
For The Bulletin

Learning and Change for Supportive Supervision

When people change themselves, learning is the key process. In fact, learning and change seem the same. To change, we need to learn new information, skills, assumptions. To learn, we need to change our mindsets, knowledge base and behaviors.

A very satisfying change for all involved is increased supervisory effectiveness. The leader of a work unit has a tremendous impact on that unit. Linda Dutko, Sprott School of Business, Carleton University, is a well known researcher and presenter on today’s workplaces. Some of her work focuses on what she calls “supportive managers” — those who model respect, two-way communication, positive feedback, coaching and mentoring, consistency and a focus on results.

Regardless of the type of workplace, if those supervisory behaviours are present, people identify/low job stress, higher job satisfaction, higher satisfaction with organizational policies, higher trust in their supervisor and higher commitment to the organization.

With supervisors rated as supportive, people are absent from the workplace much less frequently. Also, supervisors that are not viewed as supportive get less information from unit members, and therefore, not surprisingly, make poorer decisions, become even less trusted and the cycle continues.

The changes at U of M require good leaders. At Learning & Development Services (LDS), we provide learning opportunities for leaders. We formalized our 45-hour Excellence in Supervisory Practices (ESP) program, which currently has 75 people registered and about to graduate.

One of the first to complete the program, Kristy Janisiewicz (budgets and grants), writes about change and learning from her perspective. “Commitment, attitudes and accountability will be on the forefront of every learning curve and will drive the charge for positive change. The ESP program has done well to prepare me for an exciting future that I am now in better control of, to take on the new challenges. I’ve become the leader I knew I could be.”

>> For more information about the Excellence in Supervisory Practices program, go to http://www.umanitoba.ca/admin/human_res-sources/lds/1829.htm

Rosalyn Howard is the director of LDS. Please contact her with any comments about how we can support each other in change at rosalyn_howard@umanitoba.ca

The Derrida difference

BY MARIANNE MAYS PIEBE
The Bulletin

Over 160 students and scholars were in attendance at the third international conference on the work of French theorist Jacques Derrida. This year’s conference, “Freud After Derrida,” took place from October 6 to 9 and included presentations by scholars from 17 different countries engaging with topics such as psychoanalysis and the literary text, temporality, responsibility, architecture, animality, memory, dream, writing, law, the uncanny, life, death, repetition, sexuality, silence and mourning.

The international character of the conference was equalized by the sense of community that permeated sessions. Many attendees commented on the impressive conversational atmosphere that pervaded the event, and several called it “one of the best experiences” they had attended.

Keynotes and panels included renowned scholars David Farrell Krell, Samuel Weber, Sarah Wood, Alberto Pérez-Gómez, David Willis and U of M’s Dawne McCance, Distinguished Professor in religion and editor of Mosaic, the U of M interdisciplinary journal that sponsored the conference. A memorable closing dinner party was held at the Conservatory in Assiniboine Park.

Inaugural Jewish Studies Day

BY MARIANNE MAYS PIEBE
The Bulletin

On Wednesday, October 20, the university held its first ever Jewish Studies Day in cooperation with the Canadian Institute for the Study of Anti-Semitism and the Institute for the Humanities. Justin Jarom Lewis, program co-coordinator with Benjamin Baader of Judaic studies at the U of M, was a co-organizer and a presenter at the event.

The day was part of an ongoing effort to reach out and to bring Jewish scholarship to the larger community, noted Lewis. “The idea is to share the research that is going on within the [Jewish Studies] program, and also to attract other Jewish scholars to Winnipeg,” he said.

One scholar brought in to speak at the inaugural event was Samuel Zevon Konig, director of Hillel Canada (The Foundation for Jewish Campus Life) who is also a master’s student at Carleton. His talk compared the response to anti-Semitism in the prelude to WWII in two diverse communities, South Africa and Quebec.

Lewis’s own paper, written in collaboration with sociologist William Shaffir, presented a study of the split within the academic study of Hasidic Judaism, of scholars, on the one hand, using a sociological or social-historical perspective, and on the other, intellectual historians working with Hasidic texts. The paper contextualized the published teachings of Canadian Hasidic leader Tzviel Rebbe of Boisbriand, Quebec in light of his own community’s uses and responses to his teachings.

The organizers intend to continue the Jewish Studies Day program format as part of the larger mandate of the Judaic studies program, which is to promote the study of Jewish civilization, of Jewish religious expressions and traditions, and of Jewish cultural, social, and political formations and movements in all their variety. The program, the oldest of its kind in Canada, also frequently co-sponsors other Jewish community events.

Red Cross Running ...

If you were driving the TransCanada between Brandon and Winnipeg one fall weekend, you may have seen this: people running down the road pushing a huge bed on wheels. It’s all part of an annual tradition of the U of M School of Agriculture, which held its 29th Aggie Bed Push fundraiser September 24 to 27. During that time students pushed the bed approximately 220 km, from Brandon to Winnipeg (resting at night), ending up at the Fort Garry Campus on Monday. The annual event is organized by U of M Agriculture students, and this year raised thousands of dollars for The Canadian Red Cross.
Cambodian Royal Flush

U of M king and queen of the latrine solve sanitation problems

BY SEAN MOORE
The Bulletin

Roughly a year ago a couple named Jacks and Tamara Baker quit their jobs in finance and marketing to travel, something unexpected happened. On the eve of their departure for Asia, they received a phone call and were offered a job with International Development Enterprises (IDE) Cambodia as water and sanitation program managers, an organization and sector they knew nothing about.

And now the U of M Asper School of Business graduates (Jacks graduated in 2003, Baker in 2006) are the “Latrine King and Queen of Cambodia.”

IDE Cambodia hired them to create a sustainable solution to the world’s most lagging United Nation’s Millennium Development Goal: get the 2.5 billion people who currently lack access to hygienic sanitation to access and adopt it.

Funded by USAID and the World Bank, they began the program in October 2009 and are now the innovators behind the most successful sanitation initiative in Cambodia, an approach now sought to be replicated globally. On October 19 the couple spoke to Asper students about how to marry commerce with social change. They will also give the keynote address at IDE Canada’s annual fall banquet on October 22 at the Fort Garry Hotel.

In one year Jacks and Baker have increased latrines in one region alone by 36 per cent, easily the most any NGO or charity has done before. This is a huge breakthrough in a country where more people have cell phones than toilets.

The design itself is beautifully simple, but it’s the market forces and business principles — supply, demand, marketing — that catalyzed a market that people didn’t believe existed. The demand was difficult; convincing people to change a practice they’ve been doing for generations, Jacks said. “I want to motivate people to change and you can’t shame them into doing it, you have to give them something to aspire to. People change because they see the light, not because they feel the heat.”

Since IDE Cambodia began its project last year, sanitation-related revenues in the project regions of Cambodia have increased 800 per cent. Jacks and Baker catalyzed a market that people didn’t believe existed.

Those without toilets risk snake bites at night, sometimes even rape, and the scourge that it really is,” Jacks said. “We know how to solve a major part of this problem and we’ll do it. It will take time but we know how to do it now.”

Above: Cambodian worker builds an Easy Latrine; below: Jacks with village chief.
Larry Phillip Fontaine
O.M., B.A. (Manitoba); L.D.D. (Royal Military; Brock; Windsor; Laidlaw; Winnipeg; Western Ontario)

A dedicated and highly respected Aboriginal leader, Mr. Fontaine is recognized for his instrumental role in advancing Canada’s First Nations people throughout the years of his distinguished career. Recently called “Canada’s foremost Aboriginal leader of his generation”, Mr. Fontaine is a proud member of the Sagkeeng First Nation and an alumnus of the University of Manitoba.

Forced to attend an Indian residential school, Mr. Fontaine endured racism, sexual and physical abuse and the despair of losing contact with his family and his culture. He determined to become involved in politics and advocate for First Nations people from a position of leadership. Entering public office as Chief of the Sagkeeng First Nation at the young age of 28, Mr. Fontaine established the first Aboriginal-controlled education system in Canada; a locally-controlled Child & Family Services agency and the first on-reserve alcohol and addictions treatment centre in his home community.

In the early 1980s, he was elected Manitoba Regional Chief for the Assembly of First Nations (AFN). When his term expired in 1991, he was elected Grand Chief of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs where he served for three consecutive terms. In this position, he was instrumental in protecting Aboriginal and treaty rights in the Canadian constitution. He also negotiated the first comprehensive self-government plan for Manitoba First Nations and signed historic employment equity agreements which resulted in thousands of job opportunities for First Nations citizens.

In 1997, he became the National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations – the highest elected position in First Nations politics. He served in that capacity for an unprecedented three terms during which he advocated for self-determination and the implementation of treaty and land rights as crucial means to alleviating poverty among First Nations people. One of the most dramatic and meaningful achievements of Mr. Fontaine’s career, was in leading the successful resolution and settlement of claims arising out of the 150-year Indian residential school tragedy. The Final Settlement Agreement now being implemented is the largest, most unique and comprehensive settlement in Canadian history. Worth over $5.2 billion in individual compensation, the settlement also includes a Truth and Reconciliation Commission, an education fund, healing resources and commemoration funding.

In 2009, Mr. Fontaine retired as National Chief of the AFN.

Mr. Fontaine has received many awards and honours for his work, including the first Equitas Award for Human Rights Education, a number of honorary degrees and membership in the Order of Manitoba.

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Dr. Judd has also conducted a longitudinal study of rural women’s experiences of violence in the face of domestic and sexual violence and has explored how rural women’s experiences of violence are affected by social and economic factors. Her research has focused on the role of gender and socioeconomic status in shaping women’s experiences of violence. Dr. Judd’s research has been published in numerous academic journals and has contributed to our understanding of rural women’s experiences of violence.

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Dr. Holley’s skills as a translator of scientific knowledge were especially evident to the Canadian public in the summer of 2008 when an outbreak of Listeria occurred. He was exceptionally helpful to media and government officials in his ability to clearly explain the manner in which this illness is transmitted and how it can be prevented.

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The title Professor Emeritus is an honour conferred by the Board of Governors after retirement on individuals who have rendered distinguished service to the university and who have significant records in teaching, research and scholarship.

Timothy E. Anna
B.A., M.A., Ph.D. (Duke); F.R.S.C.
Department of History, Faculty of Arts

A distinguished researcher and educator, Dr. Anna has made a significant impact on the understanding of Latin American history. He is also recognized for his dedication to his students and to the pursuit of academic excellence. Dr. Anna joined the Department of History at the University of Manitoba in 1969 and for many years was the only Latin Americanist in the department. His teaching encompasses all periods of Latin American history, but his research relates specifically to the Spanish American Wars of Independence and the early years of national formation. He is an accomplished author, having published extensively on the failure of Spain to defeat the Spanish American rebellion during the Wars of Independence, specifically in Mexico and Peru. He has also written on the political turmoil in Spain during the same period and within the first and second governments of independent Mexico. His most recent work has focused on the first federal republic in Mexico. Of his five books, four have also been translated and published in Spanish. He has produced 45 articles and 100 scholarly book reviews. Dr. Anna has received numerous honours for his work, including membership in the Royal Society of Canada, the Killam Research Fellowship and the Winnipeg Ri Institute Foundation Award.

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Lila Goodspeed
B.A.(Hons.), Cert.Ed., B.Ed. (Manitoba)

A celebrated educator and tireless community volunteer, Ms. Goodspeed is dedicated to the growth and enhancement of her city and province. During her lengthy career as a teacher, Ms. Goodspeed taught at the junior high, high school and post-secondary levels. She shared her love of learning and quest for personal growth and development with her students who gained much from her insight and knowledge. Ms. Goodspeed is also a published author, having contributed to a variety of materials including children’s stories, TV scripts, resource guides for educators and high school textbooks. A long-time philanthropist and dedicated volunteer, Ms. Goodspeed’s commitment to her community has been demonstrated through her involvement with several charitable organizations. She has served the Lake Winnipeg Foundation, the Gimli Film Festival, the Manitoba Theatre Centre, the Nellie McClung Foundation, the Lester B. Pearson United World College, the Hope Task Force of the Health Sciences Centre and the Alumni Associate of the University of Manitoba. Ms. Goodspeed was recently honoured for her dedication to the local community by receiving the Lieutenant Governor’s Vice-Regal Volunteer Award, as well as the Make a Difference Award. Ms. Goodspeed has also served on a number of community boards, including the boards of the Manitoba Theatre Centre, the Duke of Edinburgh Awards, the Winnipeg Blue Bombers and CancerCare Manitoba. She has also been involved with the United Nations through her membership on the Advisory Board of the UN Winnipeg Branch, the Canadian Delegation of the UN Mid-Decade for Women Conference in Denmark and the UN International Year of Volunteers World Conference in the Netherlands. Ms. Goodspeed has been honoured for her commitment through receipt of the Golden Jubilee Award, the YMCA-YWCA Woman of Distinction Award and the national Flare Magazine Volunteer Award.

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Martin Sidney Weinberg
B.Comm. (Manitoba); C.F.A. (Virginia)

Mr. Weinberg is recognized for his outstanding achievements in business and his dedication to enriching his community. A graduate of the University of Manitoba, Mr. Weinberg is currently President and Senior Managing Director of Canterbury Park Management Inc. In 1987, Mr. Weinberg founded Loring Ward Investment Counsel and pioneered several key concepts in the industry. In 1995, he went on to establish Assante Corporation, which combined Loring Ward Investment Counsel with a mutual fund dealer company, Equion Group. Mr. Weinberg helped develop Assante into a leading wealth-management company, earning wide recognition for its success in the sports management field. Following the sale of Assante’s Canadian operations in 2004, Mr. Weinberg became Chairman and CEO of Loring Ward International, which included Assante’s US operations. In 2005, he agreed to purchase together with others, the Canadian asset management operations of Loring Ward. Mr. Weinberg is also a committed community member, giving fully of his time and resources to a variety of causes including health care, medical research, human rights, quality of life, social responsibility and the Jewish community here and in Israel. An engaged volunteer, Mr. Weinberg has served on numerous fundraising campaigns including the United Way, the University of Manitoba’s Research Chair in Gastroenterology, the Winnipeg Public Library, the Museum for Human Rights, Einai Birth Camp and others. In 2009, he received an Outstanding Volunteer Fundraisers Award from the Association of Fund Raising Professionals.

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Distinguished Service Award

Gabriel Frankel
B.Comm. (Hons.) (Manitoba)

A graduate from the Asper School of Business, Mr. Frankel is recognized as an active campus leader and volunteer who inspires fellow students and staff alike. Throughout his time on campus, Mr. Frankel has been actively involved in campus life. He was involved with the Bison Men’s Track and Field team, the Commerce Students’ Association, the JDC-West Student Group, and was a member of the University of Manitoba Students’ Union Council. A tireless volunteer, Mr. Frankel gave freely of his time at numerous campus events. Whether it was selling tickets or soliciting donations, Mr. Frankel was a common sight at many fundraisers and volunteer activities.

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Distinguished Professor Emeritus

An accomplished researcher, academic and educator, Dr. Straw is a professor in the Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, Faculty of Education

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Coffee With a Co-Worker
The Bulletin plays 10 or 20 questions with Hannah Loewen

Coffee or tea? Herbal Tea. With 1/2 a teaspoon of honey.

Even her recurring dreams confirm it: Hannah Loewen is definitely someone who knows how to work with her hands. The music aficionado and pianist by training is a librarian in the music library by day, but at night in her dreams, she walks on her hands when she really needs to get somewhere quickly. Besides all that book filing and helping students to find the perfect Rachmaninov concerto or Bach aria, Loewen recently researched and taught herself how to sew musical scores into hard covers, by hand. Her favourite music? It definitely falls into the expansive, romantic category, besides Rachmaninov she likes the sweeping, dreamy textures of Chopin and Debussy — but when she’s feeling the need for a more structured, regulated approach, she reaches for a Mozart sonata. “You always know where it’s going,” she says. The structure she enjoys in music and library work also defines her as a person, she says. She’s very organized, though she loves to try new things. And her appreciation for structure doesn’t keep her from enjoying the music library, which can get fairly noisy: “It’s the only ‘loud’ library on campus,” she explains. “The music students don’t have a lounge, so they come here.”

What you enjoy most about your job: I love helping students find the items they REALLY need NOW! Summer is a drag in the library, because the students are gone. I also love our monthly (or more often, depending projects we have going) popcorn days at the library.

How you came to this vocation: My long term goal is to become a librarian, and this job is a great way to get experience. I also love music; have studied piano (and teach piano) and have a minor in music here at the university.

People on campus might recognize you or know you because … I did my undergrad here, worked with Mini U for two summers, worked at Congress and also had the privilege of travelling to Newfoundland last fall with the Support Staff Endowment group.

‘My idea of fun is a great book. Suspenseful, heart-wrenching. And it’s better if I cry.’

Name a couple of items you have sitting on your desk: The Winnipeg Yellow Pages phone book is my monitor stand; my mouse pad says, “The Happiest Celebration On Earth.” Because I am in the library, there’s not much space for personal items, so no pictures, no stuffed animals, no coconut milk broth.

Cooking at home or out at a restaurant? I cook, but only for myself. I do have a few tried, tested and true recipes: chocolate chip cookies, cheddar chowder, banana muffins, chipa [Paraguayan manioc or corn flour bread; part of Loewen’s childhood, from ages five to nine, was spent in South America].

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A recent memorable film: Bride and Prejudice

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LECTURES, SYMPOSIA, SEMINARS

PSYCHOLOGY COLLOQUIUM SERIES
Friday, October 22 | 9:30 a.m.
“The relation of behavioral persistence to the maintenance of treatment by David Walker (ABA), Dept. of Pediatrics Division of Pediatric Psychology, U of Iowa, Children’s Hospital of Iowa, Centre for Health Facilities and Development, University of Iowa. Co-sponsored by Manitoba Association for Behavior Analysis. In P4122 Drull Robin.

PSYCHOLOGY: ZUBEC LECTURE
Friday, October 22 | 3:00 p.m.
Bernard Weiner - Social, UCL. In Rm. 200 A & B, Robson Hall.

CLASSICS LECTURE
Sunday, October 24 | 3:00 p.m.
“Reconstructing Dead Romans: Reconstructing the Lives of Slaves and Freedmen from Their Tombs and Epitaphs” by Linda Marie Gigante, Fine Arts, University of Louisville. This lecture will be held as part of the bicentennial celebration of the University of Rome’s slaves and freed persons. In 237 University College.

JEFFREY COOK MEMORIAL LECTURE (ARCHITECTURE)
Monday, October 25 | 6:00 p.m.
“Architect Depends” by Jeremy Till. The lecture will present Till’s award winning book Architect Depends, and how an architect’s dependency, far from being a threat, can be seen as an opportunity, but only if we move away from received architectural wisdom. At Centre Space, Russell Building, Faculty of Architecture.

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE LECTURE
Tuesday, October 26 | 6:00 p.m.
“The Air of Other Planets” by Sean Lally, founding principal of WEATHERS, assistant professor, Architecture, University of Illinois. The WEATHERS office pursues the spatial, organizational and social opportunities associated with working with ‘material energy’, as a building material that trickle down to influence our daily lifestyles. At Centre Space, Russell Building, Faculty of Architecture.

CLINICAL HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY
Thursday, October 28 | 7:00 p.m.

HISTORY SEMINAR
Thursday, October 28 | 11:30 to 2:30 p.m.
“Marketing Romance: Evangeline and the Making of Tourism/History” by Ian McKay, History, Queen’s University. In 409 Tier.

ARCHIVAL STUDIES MA PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION
Friday, October 29 | 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Rm. 339, Elizabeth Dawe Library.

PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY COLLOQUIUM
Friday, October 29 | 3:30 p.m.
“100 Years of Superconductivity: What Have Theorists Contributed to the Story?” by Frank Maniglio, Department of Physics, University of Alberta. 330 Allen Building.

THE 2010 JACKSON LECTURE (HISTORY)
Friday, October 29 | 3:00 p.m.
“Warrior Nation? The Use and Abuse of History in Harper’s Canada” by Ian McKee, History, Queen’s University, presented by The Department of History Colloquium Committee, in the Cross Common Room (rm. 108), St. John’s College. All welcome.

COAST TO COAST SEMINAR SERIES
Tuesday, November 2 | 1:30 p.m.
“A Sea of Change” by Marion Lewis, Department of Geography. Dalhousie University. The world’s oceans are undergoing massive alterations; this talk will focus on the scientific evidence to date, with a view towards what the future might bring. RSVP to ag-uofm@westgrid.ca if you plan to attend or would like more information. In E3-568 EITC Building.

IMMUNOLOGY SEMINAR
Thursday, November 4 | 12:00 p.m.
“Learning from the success of maternal passive immunization strategies to protect the newborn” by Ian Wark, Immunology. 500 Brodie Centre.

PHYSICS & ASTRONOMY COLLOQUIUM
Friday, November 5 | 3:30 p.m.
“Black Hole Horizons for Dynamical Stabilities” by Alex Nielsen, Department of Physics and Astronomy, University of Canterbury. 330 Allen Building.

NATIVE STUDIES COLLOQUIUM SERIES
Friday, November 5 | 1:30 p.m.
“Archives and Social Justice: Wilard Ireland and two early Aboriginal Rights cases in British Columbia” by Anne Lindsay, graduate student, archives studies program.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA LIBRARIES
Position: GIS Environmental Studies Librarian at Assistant/Associate Librarian rank.
Start date: February 1, 2011
Deadline: November 19, 2010
Position Number: 11821
For Information: Ms. Karen Adams, Director of Libraries, The University of Manitoba Libraries, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2, Karen_adams@umanitoba.ca

MARCEL A. DESAUTELS FACULTY OF MUSIC
Babs Asper Professorship in Jazz Performance
Position: Assistant Professor in Jazz Trumpet
Start date: July 1, 2011
Deadline: January 1, 2011
Position Number: 11710
For Information: Joan Linklater, Associate Dean, Chair, Jazz Trumpet Search Committee, Manitoba Beatus Faculty of Music, University of Manitoba, 65 Dace Road Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2, e-mail: Joan_linklater@umanitoba.ca, fax (204) 747-7502.

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Department of Philosophy
Position: Full-time tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor
Start date: July 1, 2011
Deadline: December 8, 2010
Position Number: 11821
For Information: Carl Matheson, Chair, Philosophy Search Committee, Philosophy, University of Manitoba, 455 University College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3T 2MB, e-mail matheso@cc.umanitoba.ca

FACULTY OF ARTS
Department of Anthropology
Position: Full-time tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor
Start date: July 1, 2011
Deadline: November 22, 2010
Position Number: 11912
For Information: Susan Frohlick, Acting Chair, Anthropology, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, R3T 2N2, um-anthro@cc.umanitoba.ca

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENCES
Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics
Position: Department Head
Start date: January 1, 2012
Deadline: November 22, 2010
Position Number: B637

Academic Job Opportunities
A full listing of employment opportunities at the University of Manitoba can be found at www.umanitoba.ca. U of M encourages applications from qualified women and minorities, including members of visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadian and permanent residents will be given priority. Please include the position number when responding to job opportunities.

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS
All music events take place in Eva Claire Hall unless otherwise indicated
Monday, October 25, 7:00 p.m.
Jazz Student Ensembles & Aqua Books, 274 Garry
Tuesday, October 26, 8:30 p.m.
Ensembles at Mard Jazz, CCFM, 340 Provencher

Wednesday, October 27, 7:30 p.m.
U of M Symphony Concert featuring music by Robert Turner (“Diplopia in Light”), Berlioz (“Phaeton”), and Schubert (“Rondeau de Competition”) and Borodin (“Symphony No. 2”). Piano soloist is Chris Kayler (master’s student). The Great Hall in University College. Tickets $10/$5 at the door.
Wednesday, October 27, 8:00 p.m., Dr. Carla Smith, Post-Baccalaureate Vocal Recital, The Hang at the Orbit Room, 2077 Pembina. This evening features 8 student ensembles. No cover charge, must be 18+ to attend.
Thursday, October 28, 7:30 p.m.
Perennial Vision, w/ guest artist, jazz quartet. Tickets $15 at the door. Contact Richard Gillis for more information.
Wednesday, November 3, 12:30
Mid-day recital for guests attending the “Take Your Kids to Work Day.”
Wednesday, November 3, 8:00 p.m., The Hang at the Orbit Room, 2077 Pembina.

>> More music events at http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/music/events/index.html
Communities become more age-friendly

BY KATIE CHALMERS-BROOKS

A treacherous sidewalk or a heavy door at the entrance to a public building might be no big deal for young people but they can be major hurdles for older folks.

Everyday obstacles like these can be major hurdles for older folks.

As Canada Research Chair in Healthy Aging, Menec has spent the last several years trying to find out what exactly is impeding Manitoba’s seniors. It’s a pressing issue, given Canada’s population of seniors is expected to grow to 19 per cent by 2021.

For her research, Menec goes straight to the source, doing in-depth interviews, surveys and focus groups. Members of her team have hit the pavement in Winnipeg, making note of obstacles they come across in public spaces. Menec has even equipped seniors with pedometers to measure their activity levels or with cameras so they can record barriers in their own backyards.

Participants say they face a lack of affordable housing, poor access to public transportation, and little or no programming for seniors in their neighborhoods. If someone can no longer drive, but lives nowhere near a bus stop or can’t get there because of icy pavement or snow drifts, their quality of life—and health—suffers, Menec explains. The little things are important and ultimately affect the bigger picture as the aging population grows.

Menec will discuss her healthy aging research Wednesday, Nov. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre in St. John’s College as part of the Bringing Research to Life Speaker Series.
Putting the ‘urban’ in architecture

The Urban Media Lab 2010 is an intensive two-week imaging-skills workshop that takes place in the weeks prior to the fall session, and is typically located in the core area. The focus of the UML, says instructor Scott Barham, is “to foster the development of drawing and photography skills by pairing environmental design students with practicing artists and photographers.”

According to Barham, the course places Architecture’s environmental design students in an on-site situation in which they sort out impressions each day, sometimes in drawings or photographs — “but perhaps mostly absorbing the complex interrelationships of urban space, and how nature, commerce and community balance their agendas against what has been offered up from history and thinking about what might be accomplished with fresh approaches.”

The intent of the workshop is not to arrive at solutions but to uncover implicit questions posed by the urban situation, and to form a bank of stimuli and images that will become an effective resource for students, he says.

Because they are incoming student to the Faculty of Architecture, notes Barham, this is a somewhat fun and unorthodox manner for self-discovery and for students to be introduced to the considerations of architecture, especially in an urban setting.

The Urban Media Lab 2010 exhibit showed at the Gallery of Student Art (GOSA) from October 4 to 15. The show highlighted drawing and photographic works from the Urban Media Lab 2010 course in environmental design (Architecture). Students enrolled in the course are expected collect a bank of images and impressions of the city, and to engage in questions of how cities function in relation to nature, our cultures and history.

Above: the Urban Media Lab 2010 show at GOSA.

Tomson Highway returns

Cree playwright, novelist and cabaret artist/pianist Tomson Highway will return to the University of Manitoba where he studied music in the 1970s. The Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture is sponsoring Highway’s position as the Distinguished Playwright-In-Residence this fall, which will see him performing, lecturing, visiting classrooms and offering mentorship to students.

He will also deliver the Marjorie Ward Lecture at St. John’s College on Thursday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Robert B. Schultz Lecture Theatre. Admission is free.

As a culmination of his time at U of M, Tomson Highway will perform live with singer Patricia Cano and Winnipeg saxophonist Neil Watson in “The Tomson Highway Cabaret,” an extravaganza of songs written for his forthcoming play. Performances are at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 23 at Eva Clare Hall, 65 Dafoe Rd. Tickets are $20; reserve at (204) 480-1068.

Tomson Highway.

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