On April 28, University of Manitoba Distinguished Professor Emeritus and alumnus Dr. Allan Ronald, along with five other eminent doctors, were inducted into the world’s only national Medical Hall of Fame.

Born in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, Ronald is an internationally respected expert in infectious disease. As a mentor of young physicians, his limitless enthusiasm and dedication has ensured the advancement of the study of infectious disease as a discipline.

After receiving his doctorate in medicine from the University of Manitoba in 1961, Ronald proceeded to Maryland, Washington and Pakistan for his training in internal medicine, infectious diseases and clinical microbiology. His return to Winnipeg in 1968 set in motion the creation of the Manitoba Infectious Disease program. It became internationally recognized and has been acknowledged as Canada’s centre of excellence in the research and training in infectious diseases.

In 1980, Ronald assisted the University of Nairobi in creating one of the premiere initiatives in health collaborations between northern and southern institutions. The U of M/University of Nairobi World Health Organization Research and Training Program in Sexually Transmitted Diseases. In 2001, the Ugandan-based Academic Alliance for AIDS Care and Prevention in Africa was established, of which Ronald is a founding member. A father of three and grandfather of 12, he and his wife, a nurse, have assisted in providing thousands of Africans with antiretroviral therapy and training in HIV care. Beyond Africa, Ronald spent a year in Hong Kong assisting the infectious diseases program that would later oversee that region’s SARS epidemic.

Ronald, a trailblazer with exceptional leadership skills, has chaired the U of M’s infectious diseases department and the department of internal medicine. Recognized for its elite status in Canada, the department of medical microbiology was also under his leadership for nine years. He was associate dean of research from 1993 to 1998 and has served on Medical Research Council/CIHR committees for more than 35 years.

An officer of the Order of Canada, Ronald has been recognized for his numerous contributions with the prestigious Gairdner Foundation Wightman Award (2006) and the Canadian Medical Association’s highest honour, the F.N.G. Starr Award. Selected as one of the 30 Outstanding Manitobans in 2009, he is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (2000).
In the News

Promises, promises
The National, CBC
April 25, 2011
In a report examining the legitimacy of NDP Leader Jack Layton’s platform promises, Faculty of Law professor Michelle Gallant was interviewed. Layton has said he'd focus on tax havens in order to re-route money back into the Canadian system, to which Gallant told the CBC: “The NDP says a billion dollars is to be found by cracking down on tax havens, a number that will double in year two and then quadruple. But while Revenue Canada has already identified billions in taxes offshore, retrieving any of it is a complicated business.”

The heart of the matter
Winnipeg Free Press
April 26, 2011
As the story begins: “World renowned heart researcher Dr. Naranjan Dhalla has reached a remarkable milestone. The University of Manitoba professor and principal investigator of experimental cardiology at the St. Boniface Hospital Research Centre has published 600 peer-reviewed papers in his 44-year career. In all, Dhalla has published 730 papers and has been cited more than 12,000 times. ‘It’s important not just to do good research, but to be seen doing good research,’ said Dhalla, who was honoured during a special banquet earlier this month.”

Spinal cord injuries treatment unveiled at U of M
Canadian Press, CTV Winnipeg, Global TV French Tribune
April 25, 2011
A machine being developed by graduate students from the Faculty of Engineering made news. Reported to be “a revolutionary way of treating people with spinal cord injuries,” the machine, called a bike stimulator, simulates nerve receptors in a person’s foot by tapping the soles of their feet. It helps people with serious mobility issues; doctors say this simple process creates new neural pathways in the spine, enabling damaged nerves to heal. “NASA has been using special shoes to stimulate the mechanoreceptors of the foot sole for astronauts to compensate for the lack of stimulation for their bodies in a zero-gravity environment; hence, enabling them to walk normally when they get back to earth,” said Zahra Moussavi, Professor of Electrical Engineering. “What we’ve done here is to use that idea, combine it with other sensory input stimulation, and apply it to patients with spinal cord injuries.”

Grief before relief
Winnipeg Free Press
April 25, 2011
Asper School professor John McCallum provided his thoughts to media about a recent Statistics Canada report that said consumer prices rose 3.3 per cent across the country over the past 12 months ending March 31, and there doesn’t appear to be any sign of a let-up on the horizon. McCallum said the inflation follows what has been a “great ride” for both the province and Canada as worldwide demand for commodities has soared over the past few years. Now we’re having to pay more for their byproducts ourselves, he said. McCallum said as price-takers, consumers don’t have many options at their disposal when staring down inflation: they can’t go without food, energy, or shelter. But they can “shop around like crazy” in some cases. “You don’t have to accept the first price. Get up the nerve to haggle and bargain. It might not work in many cases but nobody will give you a crazy” in some cases. “You don’t have to accept the first price. Get up the nerve to haggle and bargain. It might not work in many cases but nobody will give you a price break if you don’t ask for it,” he said.

ROSE message from the president
The Bulletin
May 5, 2011
Over the past two years, hundreds of projects from the University of Manitoba community have assisted with the implementation of the service enhancement (ROSE) project. This project is called a “Revolutionary Opportunity to Service Excellence” and was developed as a result of increasing budgetary pressures while enhancing efficiency and improving the way we provide service to our students and faculty. ROSE is one of the most significant projects being undertaken by the university and its achievements will be a lasting legacy for this institution.

I know that this project brings significant and positive change in the way we do things at the university. I believe in the projects that we are bringing to a great institution we need to embrace this change. While ROSE as a project will eventually come to an end, a culture of continuous improvement is here to stay at the University of Manitoba. I am committed to providing the tools and supports that are necessary to make this change possible and positive for every member of our staff and faculty. Together we can succeed in propelling this institution forward as a leader in research, a centre of excellence for learning and an outstanding place to work.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support for this project. Sincerely,
David Barnard, President and Vice-Chancellor.

ROSE appreciation breakfast
BY LINDSAY STEWART GLOR
For The Bulletin
Two years ago, the University of Manitoba launched the resource optimization and service enhancement (ROSE) project as a way to improve services, maximize efficiencies and trim expenses. Since then, ROSE has become one of the university’s largest initiatives, bringing with considerable change.

Hundreds of people, representing every faculty and department, have been involved in the development, coordination and implementation of the ROSE project.

On April 3, University of Manitoba President David Barnard took time to personally thank 150 people currently working on the project at a special appreciation breakfast.

“A project like this doesn’t happen without good leadership and creativity,” said President Barnard before the event.

“The university owes a lot to the team for taking their ideas and using them to improve the way we do our work,” he said.

While addressing a packed room Tuesday, the President focused on a message of change. “Change is an aspect of everything that lives,” he said. “The University of Manitoba has evolved over the past 100 years and it continues to evolve. You are part of that evolution.” Before introducing a short video, which included messages of appreciation from the university’s chancellor and vice-presidents, the President asked for continued support through the project’s final phase. “I want to move to be the kind of great university we know we can be, we need to embrace this change and encourage others to embrace these changes as well,” he said.

While there are always challenges associated with bringing large scale change to an institution of this size, many involved are clear on the benefits. “My view is that the ROSE project is actually critical to the long-term success of the university,” says Joanne Keselman, Vice-President (Academic) at the university. “What’s it really intended to do, and what I think it will do, is create more productive learning and work environment for everyone at the university.”

The implementation of ROSE initiatives will continue over the summer months, with many software updates going live in September. It adds up to lots of change in a relatively short amount of time.

For the President, having the ability adapt and accept to new changes is key to the University of Manitoba’s future success. I believe in order to be a great institution we need to embrace this change,” says President Barnard. “While the ROSE project will eventually come to an end, a culture of continuous improvement is here to stay at the University of Manitoba.”
Celebrating successes

FOR THE BULLETIN

For those working on ROSE initiatives, the journey from concept to completion has been and continues to be both challenging and rewarding. Now, in month four of its final phase, the project is gaining momentum and teams can point to more than a few major successes. Some, like the recent rollout of the IT Service desk, are quite visible, while other initiatives are making great strides at a lower level. Among these initiatives are a host of new systems and tools which will soon be available for use by staff and faculty, such as two major web-based components of the new human resources self-service (ESS) portals.

These two components — the employee self-service (ESS) and management information (MIP) portals — will modernize how staff view and use employee information. The ESS is entirely web-based, which will result in quicker turnaround times and an enormous reduction in paperwork for both users and HR staff. Residual benefits will include a reduction in the environmental waste associated with the mass printing and mailing of information like employee T4 slips.

In addition to viewing and printing T4s and pay stubs online, ESS users will be able to manage their own employee information and have access to things like current benefit coverage, salary, overtime balance and vacation entitlement. “If you’re planning that big family reunion, for instance, you can actually see how much vacation time you have,” offers Jan Spak, director, HR Services.

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While gaining support for a new system can be difficult, Spak hopes that users will soon discover the long-term capabilities offered by the MIP and ESS portals. “We are providing them with some basic tools to get them started and interested,” says Spak. “Over the years we can build on it.”

The human resources team is also steadily moving towards the implementation of its eRecruitment system. A vendor for the web-based system was chosen in January and a phased-in approach to training will take place over the next few months. The landing page for the new system is currently being developed, which includes professional branding. Part of this branding includes choosing a name for the tool, which will be decided through a university-wide contest, launched May 4. More information about this contest can be found on the ROSE website.

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• Eight units were involved in the first rollout of the IT Service Desk at the Fort Garry campus, which began on April 4. In the first two weeks alone, staff fielded hundreds of calls and issued more than 400 tickets. Of those, 252 were resolved within those two weeks, and 134 were solved on first contact. The average response time was 12 minutes, with an average resolution time of four hours and 10 minutes.

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• The student services team’s classroom scheduling initiative has reached two major milestones. The first is the purchase of the Ad Astra class scheduling system; the second is the establishment of a space utilization committee. Chaired by Dr. David Collins, Vice Provost (Planning), the committee is advisory and will report to both Debbie McCallum and Joanne Keselman. An inaugural meeting was held in April.

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The 132nd annual Spring Convocation of the University of Manitoba began on April 29 with the 104th graduation ceremony for the Diploma in Nursing program, and the largest of this category for a decade, with 64 students receiving their parchments this spring. Five more sessions continue the convocation with ceremonies on May 12, May 31 and June 1, 2 and 6.

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The 123rd annual Graduation Convocation of the University of Manitoba began on May 4 at the Fort Garry campus. The Pow-Wow celebrates Aboriginal graduates.

The Pow-Wow celebrates Aboriginal graduates

The 122nd annual Traditional Graduation Pow-Wow for Aboriginal students will be held Saturday, May 7, 2011, at the University of Manitoba. The Pow-Wow honours and commemorates the academic achievement of Aboriginal post-secondary students from the University of Manitoba.

Approximately 158 Aboriginal students are expected to graduate in 2011. The ceremonies will take place in Investors Group Athletic Centre, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with the Pipe Ceremony conducted by Elder Charlie Nelson. The Grand Entry starts at 1:00 p.m., followed by 2:30 p.m. a presentation of certificates and other gifts will take place. An Honour Song will be presented, during which time all the graduates will assemble on the Circle. The entire audience will be invited to greet and congratulate the honourees.

Following the ceremonies, there will be a Feast at 5 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room on the second floor of University Centre. A craft sale will be held all day in Investors Group Athletic centre on the second and third floors.

A second Grand Entry will be held at about 7:00 p.m. These events are free and open to the public.

Aboriginal mentorship program launched

Some University of Manitoba Aboriginal students feel lost and alone as they pursue their dreams of becoming health professionals.

A new mentorship program was launched April 21, in the Buhler Atrium close to the Centre for Aboriginal Health Education that overlooks McDermot Avenue. The university’s Centre for Aboriginal Health Education is recruiting mentors in health professions and the Aboriginal community to support students as they embark on their career paths.

Mentors might go for coffee with students, pick berries, conduct mock interviews or introduce students to colleagues in the professional community.

Elder-in-Residence Margaret Lavallee named the mentorship program Kaawechimoseyawat, which is Ojibway for “walking with one another.” This is because mentors will likely learn from the students as they pass on their own experiences.

“It’s not about mentors being above our students. We’re taking this journey together,” says Linda Diffey, program co-ordinator at the Centre. Her mother, a residential school survivor, graduated from the St. Boniface school of nursing in 1953.

About 70 people came out to the event to hear Theodore Fontaine read from his new book Broken Circle, the story of his life, even though she’s a generation younger. Others at the event were university students untangling unhealthy emotional patterns picked up from parents raised by priests.

Harry Lalaville, acting director of the centre, said there has been “an organized silence” about what happened to First Nations people.

One of his biggest challenges as a physician is getting “those Indians” to understand what his book is getting to those he is getting to。“Why can’t those Indians get over it?”

Fontaine, who studied civil engineering at the University of Manitoba for a few years in the 1980s, said Canadians hearing about residential schools constantly asks, “Why can’t those Indians get over it?”

Fontaine’s autobiography is his answer. Aboriginal

For more: umanitoba.ca/convocation/
It's been five years: Richardson Centre celebrates

BY SEAN MOORE The Bulletin

Besides ensuring cleanliness and ventilation in his crew's quarters, Captain James Cook insisted his crew eat a balanced diet, and he reckoned it played a role in fending off diseases like scurvy. His 18th century sailors ate cress, sauerkraut and a kind of orange extract. Perhaps he is western civilization's first example of someone getting closely using food to promote health: in all his voyages, no crew member was recorded to have succumbed to scurvy.

If Cook sailed today, he'd probably feed his crew functional foods. Functional foods are any foods that confer health benefits beyond providing energy, vitamins and minerals. (Think of omega-3 infused products lining your grocery shelf.) Functional foods are the beneficial substances extracted from functional food and put into, say, pill or capsule formats.

The Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals (RCFNN) at U of M’s Smartpark is one of the few research facilities in the world concerning itself with this burgeoning field, and it is turning five years old this May. Since its inception, it has adhered to its mission of leading functional foods and nutraceuticals research while supporting the development of an economically viable functional food and nutraceutical industry.

Functional food is big business. A couple of years ago PricewaterhouseCoopers, a consultancy, surmised that the global market for functional foods would grow from $76 billion in 2007 to $128 billion in 2013. The grand financial rewards may be new, but some firms have been selling functional foods for over a century. Lactic acid bacteria, for example, have been cooking up ways to lower cholesterol in humans since the late 1970s the building was showing some alarming signs of deterioration. Radiator pipes rattled incessantly and were rusted and prone to bursting; original residence furniture as well as furniture from the Second World War was still in use in many of the dormitories; and the building lacked carpeting of any kind.

Combined pressure from the Residence Students’ Association Council and the Residence Administration eventually resulted in a $5.5 million commitment from the provincial government. Due to vandalism, the cost of repairs, and a diminishing number of students returning to residence each year, Tché Hall had become more trouble than it was worth for the administration. In 2005, Tché Hall had ceased being a student residence. It will undergo renovations to become both an educational and living space for students to meet the needs of students today.

In May of 2011, Táché Hall will undergo renovations to become home to music and art students.

- Andrea Martin, Archival Studies student and intern at the University of Manitoba Archives & Special Collections

The RCFNN Open House on May 18 will feature displays of current research studies, allow you to sample tasty, healthy food products, as well as provide ice cream and balloons for the kids - fun for all!
Faculty profile: Law faculty member marks 30 years

BY MARIANNE MAYS WIEBE

A miracle month, after a many-year drive. With his thirtieth year of teaching drawing to a close, Brian Schwartz of the Faculty of Law is not letting up. "Well, on the one hand, I've endured much, and on the other, I don't think I've peaked yet," he says.

He had a bit of a head start, given that he started teaching at 24.

His quip is in keeping with the creative energy, imagination and diversity of interests — and even humour — that he brings to his work and which have defined his career.

March 2011 was something of a "miracle month" for Schwartz. So he's named it, and for good reason. Early in March, the Asper Chair in International Business and Trade Law was in Israel to wrap up his stint as visiting professor at the Interdisciplinary Centre in Herzliya, where he delivered a mini-course on comparative constitutional issues. The module course text has since been published. While in Israel, he also met with academics and administrators at Hebrew University about a three-week course of instruction in May for U of M law students that he has been working to set up for the past three years. It will cover areas such as international law, human rights and trade.

On his return to Winnipeg, Schwartz continued on his productive run, acting as a keynote speaker at a meeting on Prairie federal justice officials, finishing up a brief on labour law for the Supreme Court, presenting at a U of M conference on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and launching his Frontier Centre for Public Policy book Revitalizing Manitoba, a monograph compilation of pieces that were serialized in the Winnipeg Free Press. Attending a broad range of public policy issues of Manitoba, Schwartz's pieces propose reforms for a freer, more pluralistic society.

During this time, Schwartz also penned a proposal for an Israeli peace initiative that recently appeared in the Winnipeg Jewish Review.

Schwartz notes that the seeming whirlwind of activity is really the result of a many-year drive, a combination of long-term, diverse research pursuits, teaching experience and related work efforts now coming to fruition.

A specialist in constitutional law, Charter of Rights, international law, legislative process, labour-management relations and internet and e-commerce law, he sees himself as a free thinker and critic of social systems.

He doesn't teach anything currently that he taught when he first started 30 years ago. Says Schwartz, "When I first started it was primarily Canadian constitutional law, and about 10 years ago I was appointed the Asper Chair. It was the first privately endowed chair at the Law School, and a huge opportunity and so I had to refocus some of my efforts into international business and trade, though I've kept up my constitutional portfolio in a number of other ways.

"The subject matter is very different, but I think the unifying factor is a long-standing interest in institutions and how you design them and how they can operate for the interest of the greater good and individual freedom. So in a very broad sense the constitution has been a primary concern; all of my books have been about constitutional issues."

He has recently begun a course in Internet and e-commerce law. He sees all kinds fascinating social, political, ethical, privacy and human rights issues associated with the net.

His enthusiasm for his material is apparent. He says that what drives him is the possibility that comes with the role of public intellectual. "The life of a real intellectual — rather than an ideologue — is exciting when you read or imagine a whole new way of looking at the familiar or a new vision of what could be," he says. "To experience that excitement requires openness to other perspectives and to factual reality — values that should always be present in academic work, but which sadly are sometimes missing."

His own approach to education is "more about teaching students a love of learning, openness to competing perspectives and ultimately the ability to conduct an internal critical dialogue," he says, "to develop self-hand questioning rather than staying in your comfort zone.

"I believe that legal education should not be divided in to the "practical" and "theoretical". The best thinking is both. I believe very strongly in integrating scholarship and teaching in every possible way."

In addition to his teaching and research duties, which he clearly enjoys, Schwartz is the inaugural and general editor of the Asper Review of International Business and Trade Law as well as editor of "Underneath the Golden Boy," the review of legislative developments in the field. He has also taken on the co-editorship of the Manitoba Law Journal, which will shift its focus from being a general law journal to one with a focus on developments in the Manitoba court system.

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Thanks to Jennifer Chlopecki for help with this story.

Tache Hall Residence closes its doors

BY SEAN MOORE

During its 100 years, Taché Hall has seen two world wars, a few floods, underwear raids, a KISS rock concert, student protests, student hook-ups, innumerable pranks (some involving nakedness) and studying.

But this May, as part of Project Domino, Taché Hall will start transforming into the new home for the Taché Hall Residence. The residence is currently being built on the old science physical plant site, and will replace the residence's current home, Taché Hall. The residence will be a new residence so it's better suited for the needs of today's students.

Air Training Plan. Although the building was designed to sleep 300 men and 200 women, the building was restructured so that it could serve as residence for up to 3,100 soldiers; students were moved into temporary accommodations.

In the 1950s students began to vocalize their right to self government and demanded that the rules restricting communication between men and women in residence be relaxed (men and women slept in different wings and had separate gymnasiums and pools in the building's basement). In contrast to the somber war years, when student activities were less frequent, residence life in the 1950s was peppered with pranks, water fights and dormitory raids. This only seemed to increase in frequency because the in the early 1960s the university published the 20-page book, "The Residence..., under a new name: Taché Hall."

"For me personally, it's kind of an amazing experience knowing I'm the end of an era at the university," Kylie Clark, a 2011 graduate and Taché Hall Resident, says. "I lived in Speechly Hall before and I loved Speechly, but I definitely love Taché more. I'm really sad it's closing but I'm really excited about the change."

Project Domino will rejuvenate this heritage buildings so it's better suited for the needs of today's students.
Scenes from an open house, Architecture

All photos by Marianne May Wiebe, except where otherwise noted.
Faculty presents annual showcase of student work

The evening of April 21 saw the Faculty of Architecture students display the projects they worked on during the year. Students from the departments of Architecture, City Planning, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture and the PhD program in Planning and Design showed work in a celebratory evening that was open to the public.
Coffee With a Co-Worker
The Bulletin plays 10 or 20 questions with Jeff Masuda

Coffee or tea? Coffee. Any kind, but an Americano is preferable.

‘Things can be better than this.’ If enthusiasm alone could change the world, Jeffrey Masuda would have a good shot at moving a mountain or two. Given that the assistant professor of environment and geography is also fueled by discipline, smarts and attention to detail, it’s no wonder that the young academic who moved to Winnipeg in 2009 is rapidly accumulating publications, projects and awards.

Growing up, Masuda lived in an Edmonton suburb that was overshadowed by the petrochemical industry. It played havoc with his asthma — but it also sparked the beginnings of his interest in the environment, especially as it relates to public and population health. He is fascinated, he says, by the tension between livelihood and sustainability, and between environmental and developmental concerns.

In addition to his commitment to “community based, action-oriented” research, he is interested in what he calls “problematizing” knowledge and what counts as knowledge. Too often, he maintains, the experience of certain communities or certain kinds of knowledge are marginalized.

This is also why Masuda employs unique research methods such as photography and film, media to engage participants with the subject matter and the question of how information and knowledge about it is collected and defined: “participatory action research media,” or “trans-media.”

- Mariianne Mays Wiebe

Name one thing that not too many people may know about you. Thirteen years as a medic in the reserves paid my way through university and taught me all I know about dress and deportment.

Recall a childhood memory that has stayed with you: Summer road trips with the family; traipsing across the continent in an RV and getting to know every KOA west of the Mississippi.

Did you like school growing up? I had a hard time carving out a unique identity in the cultural wasteland of suburbia. By high school, I found my niche in music and a love of the outdoors.

What do you like about being in an educational environment now? The liberating feeling and power of collective intellectual curiosity. And the great coffee at Espresso 151.

An unusual experience: Getting fired from McDonald’s for instigating a pickle fight (true story).

You are always thrilled to spend any free time: Composting. It’s like magic.

Something you do better than most people you know: Brew my own beer.

What do you appreciate or admire in another person? Creativity.

Something you think is highly underrated: Procrastination.

What is your guiding principle? Work harder than the person you are competing against.

Dinner with friends — in or out and where and what? Depends on the babysitting situation! Last home meal was build-your-own Mediterranean pizza. Last restaurant was The Grove.

Recent memorable book you have read: Slavoj Zizek’s Living in the End Times. It’s been my trusty sleep aid for months!

A word you really like: Versatile. Because it is so versatile.

Do you play a musical instrument? Saxophone, since I was 13. Any bands out there looking for a rusty saxophonist?

Your motto: Sharing sharing sharing. Hasn’t changed since Beavers.

Describe something eye-opening you’ve experienced. Near death experience in executing a class 5 rapid run upside down while kayaking on the Chilliwack River in BC.

Can you remember the last time someone said something to you that really stayed with you? ‘Eddy out, by god, eddy out!!!’ (See previous question.)

Work on stadium progresses

A birds-eye view of the 33,000-seat football stadium at the University of Manitoba. Premier Greg Selinger recently said at a news conference that construction is progressing well and on budget. The new stadium is scheduled to open for the 2012-13 Canadian Football League season.

Renowned Jazz Trumpeter Joins Faculty

The Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music has just announced the appointment of jazz trumpeter Derrick Gardner to the Babs Asper Professorship in Jazz Performance.

Gardner is internationally renowned and brings to the faculty over 20 years experience as a professional musician, teacher, composer, arranger and producer, and he has performed at nearly every major national and international jazz festival.

‘As the Faculty of Music continues to build an outstanding team, we are thrilled to welcome our newest colleague, Derrick Gardner, an exceptional artist and teacher,’ says Edmund Dawe, faculty dean.

Gardner has performed at many of the world’s premiere venues and with some of the biggest names in the history of jazz, including the Count Basie Orchestra, The Carnegie Hall Band, The Vanguard Jazz Orchestra, Ella Fitzgerald, The Mingus Dynasty Big Band, Slide Hampton, Jimmy Cobb, Jon Hendricks and Harry Connick Jr. and many more.
Research Associate Positions

The University of Manitoba anticipates research associate positions available over the next six months beginning May 1, 2011 till October 31, 2011. Successful candidates must hold a doctoral degree or have equivalent qualifications and experience. Minimum starting salary is $33,000.00/annum (under review). We offer a full range of staff benefits for applicable appointments. The University encourages applications from qualified women and men, including members of visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian and permanent resident applicants will be given priority.

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Lectures, Symposia, Seminars

Department of Immunology Research Seminar
Thursday, May 5 | 5:00 p.m.

Department of Immunology Annual Graduate Student Research Presentations
Thursday, May 12 | 3:00 p.m.

Shift Ice Conference: Security, Environment, Aboriginal and Identity Issues in the Canadian North
Thursday, May 5 and May 6 | 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Storytelling Festival
May 12 to 14 | Various locations

Academic Job Opportunities

FACULTY OF MUSIC
Position: Full-time probationary position at the rank of Instructor I
Start Date: July 1, 2011
Deadline: June 6, 2011
Position Number: 12923
For Information: Joan Linklater, Associate Dean, Chair, Music Search Committee

FACULTY OF EDUCATION
Position: Full-time Senior Instructor position, three year term in the areas of K-12 Language and Literacy Education/Inclusive Special Education
Start Date: January 1, 2012
Deadline: June 15, 2011
Position Number: 12858
For Information: Dr. Judy Anderson, Head, Department of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science, University of Manitoba, at janderse@cc.umanitoba.ca

FACULTY OF SCIENCE
Department of Biological Sciences
Position: Full-time temporary (tentative) appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor
Start Date: January 1, 2012
Deadline: June 15, 2011
Position Number: 12858
For Information: Dr. John Riis, Dean, Faculty of Education, Room 203 Education, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB R3T 2N2. Fax: 204-474-7551. Email: jriis@umanitoba.ca

FESTIVAL OF LANGUAGE
Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning
Position: Full-time Senior Instructor position, three year term in the areas of K-12 Language and Literacy Education/Inclusive Special Education
Start Date: August 1, 2011
Deadline: April 5, 2011
Position Number: 12859
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Upcoming Events

CIHR Café Scientifique
Antibiotics: How the bugs are fighting back
Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
McNally Robinson Booksellers
1120 Grant Avenue
To assist us in planning seating, RSVP to: (204) 474-9020

HLHP Research Institute Seminar Series
The Failure of Canada to Manage Lifestyle-based Disease: Challenges and Opportunities.
with Robert Ross, PhD
Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.
136 Frank Kennedy Centre
Dr. Ross is recognized internationally as a leader in the area of obesity, physical activity and metabolism and has published extensively in these and related areas. He is a Past-President of the Canadian Society for Exercise Physiology, a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine, and was a Past-President of the American Association of Physiologists, a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine, and was a Past-President of the American Association of Physiologists.

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Dialogue on Aging

BY JOHN RYMON

Healthy Living Minister Jim Rondeau opened the Centre on Aging’s 28th Annual Spring Research Symposium on May 2. In welcoming the over 400 attendees and congratulating the centre for its work to date, he said, “The Centre on Aging continues to be a vital partner in the age-friendly initiative,” referring to the initiative led by the Seniors and Healthy Aging Secretariat supporting seniors in leading active, socially engaged and independent lives.

Established in 1982 as a focal point for University of Manitoba researchers studying the experiences of aging individuals and the dynamics of an aging society, the centre has since developed a national and international reputation for excellence in research. Janice Ristock, associate vice-president (research), extended greetings from the University of Manitoba, also congratulating the centre and its promotion of open dialogue, the theme of this year’s symposium.

“Dialogue on Aging” is an annual symposium held in May at the Atrium.

The Honourable Jim Rondeau greets attendees at the Centre on Aging’s Spring Research Symposium.

Left to right: Sylvia Rothney (CEO, Alzheimer Society, Manitoba); Verena Menec, Director Centre on Aging; Zaid Ali About, Recipient, Alzheimer Society Graduate Student Fellowship; Christine Henrichsen, Recipient, Esther and Samuel Milmut Scholarship; Julie Erickson, Recipient, Centre on Aging Betty Havrana Memorial Graduate Fellowship; Kristina Zawaly, Recipient, Jack MacDonnell Scholarship for Research in Aging; Janice Ristock, associate vice-president (research); Christopher Fries, Recipient, Centre on Aging Research Fellowship; Mary Shariff, Recipient, Centre on Aging Research Fellowship.

Our intent is to bring university researchers together with community, which is why we’ve called it “Dialogue on Aging,” said Verena Menec, director of the Centre on Aging. “There are many age-related issues that we need to highlight.”

Some of those issues were brought to light during the morning’s opening plenary by three University of Manitoba researchers.

Christopher Fries, assistant professor in the department of sociology, presented some of his research on complementary and alternative therapies. According to Fries, up to 20 per cent of Canadians use some form of alternative healthcare as opposed to the “formal” healthcare system of hospital-based services, which is a factor in overall population health. This is influenced by culture, socioeconomic status, age, gender, and the “marketing of ethnicity.”

Ethnicity was highlighted by Yuewen Gong, professor and associate dean (research) in the Faculty of Pharmacy, in his research into aging from the view of traditional Chinese medicine. Gong briefly explained some of the concepts found in Chinese medicine including the opposition and interdependence of Yin and Yang, the five elements of the organ system (wood, fire, water, earth and metal), and the connection between various organs and body parts found in the Zang-Fu System. He reiterated the importance of culture and how it influences beliefs and practices specific to ethnicities.

Finally, Chris Slow, professor in the department of pharmacology spoke on evidence-based anti-food - food containing bioactive components known to have physiological benefits beyond their basic nutritional value. Many seniors’ eating habits decline with age putting their health at risk, and Slow used loss of taste as an example. Adding salt to increase flavour also increases the risk of hypertension, while adding sugar as a sweetener can put a person at risk for diabetes. Loss of taste can also lead to a decreased enjoyment and motivation to eat and consequently poor nutrition, illustrating the need for foods with higher concentrations of nutrients. Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada anticipates a growing market demand for food with health promoting qualities, especially foods that promote cognitive performance, joint health and digestive health.

Concurrent sessions rounded out the morning, with topics as diverse as the ethical issues raised by how we drug the elderly to how age and the elderly were perceived during the Middle Ages.

Faculty fellowship and student scholarship awards were also presented, along with memorial tributes to the centre’s former director, Barbara Payne who passed away in September, and Evelyn Shapiro, responsible for implementing the first province-wide home care program in Canada.

In addition to researchers and university representatives, the symposium offered a promotional opportunity for over 20 not-for-profit organizations and community agencies aimed at seniors. The Manitoba Society of Seniors Inc., Alzheimer Society and The Arthritis Society were among those with exhibitor booths in the Brodie Atrium.

The impressive attendance at the Centre on Aging’s symposium underlines the impact and importance of its research and events. Manitoba’s population is seeing an ever increasing percentage of seniors. In 2006, a total of 161,885 Manitobans were aged 65 and over, representing over 14 per cent of the province’s total population and an increase of 3.5 per cent since 2001.
Campus Beautification Day
Thursday, May 26th, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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Enjoy some exercise and fresh air while beautifying our campus!!!
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- Call Wendy (474-9413) – Fort Garry Campus
- Call Ben (789-3792) – Bannatyne Campus
- E-mail campbeau@cc.umanitoba.ca for further details or to submit your idea for a group project.

Rain Date: Friday, May 27th, 2011

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University of Manitoba Faculty of Medicine Announcement

The R. Samuel McLaughlin/MMSF Research and Education Fellowship Award

The Manitoba Medical Service Foundation and the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Manitoba, invite applications from medical residents for The R. Samuel McLaughlin/MMSF Research and Education Fellowship Award. The award is intended for residents who have successfully completed their CFPC/RCSPC – track residency training and are wishing financial support to fund further medical fellowship training in research or medical education useful to the University of Manitoba. Candidates in their senior year(s) of residency training may be considered for this award should they be able to combine their current residency training with the terms of the award.

The R. Samuel McLaughlin Research and Education Fellowship has a value of $25,000 (Cdn.) per year and the Manitoba Medical Service Foundation (MMSF) will provide matching funds for this award. The combined funding of the award is $50,000 per year. The term of the award is for one (1) year, commencing July 1st.

Full guidelines and application forms can be obtained by visiting:
http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/medicine/research/other_funding.html

Complete application packages must be submitted by June 3rd, 2011 to:

Dr. P. Nickerson, Associate Dean (Research)
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Chancellor Harvey Secter is the titular head of the University of Manitoba. He holds a Bachelor of Commerce, a Bachelor of Laws with the Gold Medal in Law from the University of Manitoba and a Master of Laws from Harvard. Mr. Secter directed the growth of Ricki’s Canada Limited, a family retail business, from a ten store chain to a multi-divisional national operation of 150 stores. He has worked as a researcher and instructor at Harvard and the University of Manitoba and as Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba. Mr. Secter is an active community philanthropist and volunteer, past President of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, a member of the Premier’s Economic Advisory Council, the Board of the Health Sciences Centre Foundation, the United Way advisory Committee, and the Assiniboine Park Conservancy. He has provided many years of service to a variety of other corporate, professional and philanthropic organizations as well.

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