The University of Manitoba is positioning itself as a national leader in Aboriginal education by becoming the second university in Canada to offer a PhD in Native studies, says Renate Eigenbrod, head of the department.

“We need academics in politics, history, literature, the environment, treaty rights and other disciplines to educate the public as we work to achieve reconciliation,” Eigenbrod said. “These students will also become the leaders in their communities.”

Launched less than a year ago in July 2010, the program has six students, five of whom are Aboriginal. Two more students will begin their studies in July.

President David Barnard said the PhD program is in line with one of the four key goals of the U of M’s Strategic Planning Framework, namely to work with partners to make Winnipeg the national centre of excellence in Aboriginal education.

“The success of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities is vital to the social, cultural and economic development of Manitoba and Canada,” said Barnard. “I am pleased this program is already achieving great success. It speaks volumes about the strength of our faculty and students.”

As is the case with the undergraduate and Master’s program in Native studies, the PhD is an interdisciplinary program. Students enrolled in the program are focused on a variety of areas, including political studies, oral history, Indigenous literature, environmental studies and treaty rights and law.

The program is built on a strong foundation of Aboriginal scholarship and research at the U of M. There are currently 30 Aboriginal faculty members on campus at the U of M. The university already has more than 100 researchers working on issues related to Aboriginal people and their culture.
The University of Manitoba Faculty of Law has just changed the name of its law degree from LL.B. (Bachelor of Laws) to J.D. (Juris Doctor).

The change has been approved by the University of Manitoba senate and comes into effect immediately.

The change is the result of significant consultations with faculty, students, alumni, and the broader community and is in line with trends across Canada.

Support has been building over the past few years amongst students who want more professional credentials that can be taken from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and are recognized internationally.

The first student vote, in 2009, revealed a strong desire to change the name of the degree. A second student vote, held in 2010, revealed a similarly high level of support. Alumni from various decades were surveyed, and responded positively, with 73 per cent in favour of the name change.

Making this change will have no impact on the academic program leading to a law degree, nor its governance. Current Robson Hall students will have the option to indicate which designation they wish to have appear on their degrees when they graduate. All students entering the program in September 2011 and thereafter will receive a “Juris Doctor.”

St. John’s College head appointed

Christopher Trott has been named Warden and Vice-Chancellor of St. John’s College for a five-year term effective July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2016.

The search committee’s unanimous recommendation was ratified by college council on March 23, and confirmed by the university’s Board of Governors on April 19. Trott retains his tenured academic appointment in the department of Native studies, Faculty of Arts.

Trott joined the department in 1998. In 2000, he was appointed a Visiting Fellow of St. John’s College and, in 2001, a Senior Fellow. Since then, he has maintained an active role in the College, as a member of its Assembly and Assembly Executive and its Council and Council Executive. In 2007, he was elected dean of studies.

Trott’s research interests focus on the Inuit, and he maintains an active, externally-funded research programme in this area. He has also garnered awards for his teaching efforts. For ten years, Trott was the director of the Pangnirtung summer program on Baffin Island and also serving for much of that time as the chair of the graduate program in Native studies. Trott has served on a variety of university-wide committees, including Senate. He is an active contributor to the community at large, and currently serves as the Anglican Church council and executive.

Outstanding workplace initiative continues to move forward

Why do you look forward to coming to work each day? What could be done to make your workplace experience better? Over the past six months, these questions have been at the heart of outstanding workplace initiative (OWI) focus workshops, one-on-one meetings and web input. To date, the OWI team has heard from nearly 450 faculty and staff members. From that feedback, the team has identified, in phase one, five potential strategies. All employees are encouraged to visit the OWI website to read more about these strategies in the draft framework and voice their feedback.

“ This initiative is a great opportunity for us to solicit your input and action about our workplace,” offers Rosalyn Howard, director of learning and development services. “We want our faculty and staff to be strong ambassadors, speaking positively about their workplace. We will strongly be encouraging participation in the upcoming employee experience survey, the first of its kind at U of M. We all need to know what people appreciate and what they want to change.”

This in-depth anonymous employee experience survey is being planned for release in June. The intention is for the framework and survey results to inform an action plan, which will in turn enable the university to continue enhancing areas of strength, while also identifying and improving areas that are not working as well. If you would like to offer feedback as a unit, please contact Stan Amaladas at 474-8468.

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Conquering the paper trail

Aboriginal business awards announced

The 2011 winners of the Excellence in Aboriginal Business Leadership award have been announced by the University of Manitoba and the Asper School of Business.

Chubb Chabot, President of L. Chabot Enterprises, is the winner of the Excellence in Aboriginal Business Leadership award.

E. J. Fontaine and Eva Wilson-Fontaine, partners in Amik.ca, Anishinabek Consultants Inc., and Anish Corporation, will receive this year’s Excellence in Aboriginal Small and Medium Enterprises (SMME) award.

The recipients will receive their honours at the Excellence in Aboriginal Business Leadership Awards ceremony, held on October 5 at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

Chabot Enterprises Ltd. is an established, locally owned and operated construction company frequently undertaking projects tendered by the municipal and provincial governments. It has demonstrated a capability of handling virtually any project, large or small.

Amik.ca, Anishinabek Consultants Inc., and Anish Corporation, began in 2003 and have grown from a small operation to a corporation structure that involves three companies and nine full-time employees. They have annual revenues of over $1 million, and services in Winnipeg, Plain First Nation, Norway House Cree Nation and Thompson. Major existing and past clients include Heath Canada, Indian Residential Schools Resolution Canada, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, and Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak.

Aboriginal Business Leadership Award dinner celebrates Manitoba’s Aboriginal business success.

Win-Win partnership agreement

The University of Manitoba continues to build on a long and successful tradition of collaborating with other post-secondary institutions in the province with the recent signing of a new Partnership Protocol Agreement (PPA) with Red River College.

This PPA aims to provide unique and meaningful opportunities for students and enhance collaboration in research and development. The partnership will also enhance the ability of the two institutions to provide the province with the highly skilled workforce it needs to continue to innovate and succeed.

The PPA signed by University of Manitoba President and Vice-Chancellor David Barnard and Red River College President and CEO Stephanie Forsyth is aimed at strengthening existing collaboration between the University of Manitoba and Red River College.

The PPA reinforces a commitment to collaborative planning of programs and services, facilitating joint academic programming, pursuing bridge programming initiatives, enhancing student mobility and fostering collaborative research efforts. This will include looking for additional opportunities for the articulation of courses and programs so that students can transfer smoothly between the two institutions. The agreement also outlines a commitment on behalf of both institutions to furthering Aboriginal student access and achievement in post-secondary education.

Dr. Barnard said the new agreement will help Red River College and the University of Manitoba continue to lead the way in advancing economic, social and cultural development in Manitoba.

"Between our two institutions, we address a wide range of post-secondary education, research and training needs in Manitoba and we see opportunities to build on our existing leadership in advancing Manitoba’s innovation agenda," he explained. "This agreement reinforces what we are already doing and outlines specific ways in which we might enhance those efforts and build on them."

The University of Manitoba has a number of collaborative and partnership agreements in place with Red River College, the University of Winnipeg, the Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface and the Institute for Environment and Development. 95 per cent of business information in North America continues to be stored on paper. Individually, we use nearly 45 kg of paper each year — so much for the fabled “paperless” office. Here at the University of Manitoba, reducing the amount of paper used and recycling what is thrown away continues to be a priority.

In the 2005/06 fiscal year, for example, the university recycled over 340 tonnes of paper; that’s the equivalent of more than 5,700 mature trees.

When the ROSE project was first launched, many people from the university community submitted ideas for ways to reduce paper usage. Switching to electronic editions of manuals and publications, exploring eco-friendly fonts and using plain envelopes for internal mailings were among the suggestions.

Throughout the ROSE project, some large-scale changes have already taken place. Nearly 8,800 staff and 2,200 students have opted for electronic pay stubs and reduced use of envelopes and paper. Each student uses about 50 pages of paper a year, says Terry Hnatiuk, research information systems manager. "In addition, courier costs and effort should be greatly reduced using the online systems — a great eco-benefit!"

Another example, this time in the HR stream, is the implementation of an employee self-service (ESS) tool, which builds on the ePaystubs initiative. The University of Manitoba has about 8,800 employees, each of whom currently gets a printed T4, in an envelope, delivered to their door. Moving to electronic T4s is just one example of how ROSE initiatives are helping the university take a huge leap forward, not just in terms of modernization, but in the reduction of its environmental footprint as an institution.

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ROSE ECO-BENEFITS

• EPaystubs
  - Approximately 4908.2 kg of office paper with a 30 per cent post-consumer content will be avoided by moving to e-Paystubs. Some other environmental benefits of the move include:
    - Wood use, savings of approximately five tonnes, the equivalent of about 38 trees
    - Net energy, savings of approximately 58 million BTUs of energy
    - Greenhouse gases, savings of approximately 4908.2 kg CO2 equiv
    - Waste water, savings of approximately 147.6 litres of water.
  - Paper waste, savings of approximately 1615 kg pounds of solid waste.

• Monthly operating reports
  - Approximately 475.9 kg of office paper will be avoided by moving to electronic monthly operating reports.
  - Some other environmental benefits of the move include:
    - Wood use, savings of approximately two tonnes, the equivalent of about 14 trees
    - Net energy, savings of approximately 16 million BTUs of energy
    - Greenhouse gases, savings of approximately 1399.5 kg CO2 equiv
    - Waste water, savings of approximately 41.64 litres of water.
    - Solid waste, savings of approximately 454.5 kg of waste.

A move away from an almost entirely paper-based system in the research stream is expected to have huge environmental impacts. "According to the benefits we outlined in our benefits tracking document, the Pilot Software initiative will save approximately 1.3 million pages of paper a year," says Terry Hnatiuk, research information systems manager. "In addition, courier costs and effort should be greatly reduced using the online systems — a great eco-benefit!"

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A gift of ‘lasting influence’

Students thank their teachers at unique annual event

BY MARIANNE MAYS WEBER

The Bulletin

At the 19th Annual Students’ Teacher Recognition Awards on May 4, School of Art graduate Ryan Trudeau attributed a sort of everyday magic to teaching. “Every day we learn to transform abstractions into something concrete: symbols into words, words into sentences, sentences into novels; to take blocks and build them into skyscrapers. This is magic,” he said.

Trudeau told audience members that his high school science teacher came into the class on roller skates to teach his students about Newton’s three laws of motion. His teacher’s enthusiasm and humour made learning a transformative experience.

The exhilaration of learning continued, he said, when his U of M art professor Sharon Alward took “the hot, musty air of mistaken knowledge out of our heads and replaced it with the excitement of the unknown and uncertainty — that’s where we find innovation. She forced us out of our own convictions. I remember her shouting, “This is a breakthrough, and you should be congratulating yourself.”

“She cared deeply about her students and what it means to succeed, and I will always remember her,” he said.

His sentiment, among many of the others cited by students, echoed the words that opened the event.

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Sisters Nour and Joy Rashid, each chosen to represent their individual faculties, chose to honour the same high school teacher (unbeknownst to them), whose “compassion, sincerity and genuine passion and concern for the welfare of his class members” were memorable, along with his penchant for the unexpected — such as the life-sized poster of his own face on the classroom wall next to this desk.

Human Ecology student Hannah Sangalang thanked her teachers for their example, “to live colourfully, show your personality, value respect, always give credit, and — in their infectious drive to know more and share more — to be a conduit of knowledge.”

“Thank you for making me a true science geek,” began medicine student Kristjan Thompson in thanking his grade school science, math and history teacher.

He went on to name his professor George Zhanel “the Donald Trump of medical microbiology: larger than life,” and told him he was “forever indebted to your mentorship. I consider myself lucky for having met you.”

Judith Cheung’s presentation further attested to the transformative gift of teaching, and the Faculty of Architecture student expressed her desire to pass on what she’d learned. Cheung thanked her high school music teacher and her architecture professor for giving her “the gift of sight, to see the world with fresh eyes and to see it beautifully.”

“Mr. Haley,” she said, “you’ve helped me see the world through music, which has helped me to heal the deepest wounds in the darkest of times. And Dr. Eaton, you’ve helped me see the land and the places I inhabit in ways I could have never imagined. Both of you have given me gifts of your friendship, where I have always felt my thoughts and ideas were genuinely valued. You’ve given me the nourishment to help find the best in myself, and in the inspiration to help me learn about the world around me with rigour, humility and effervescent curiosity. “So I would like to give you my deepest gratitude for these gifts. I promise to share them with others; to share the compassion and the care you’ve shared with me, and to help others see the beauty in this world which you have helped me to see.”

Every year at this event, students from each faculty present awards of recognition to two teachers — one from their K-12 experience and another from their time at the University of Manitoba.

Human Ecology graduate Hannah Sangalang (right) presents Students’ Teacher Recognition Awards to Karen Lynn Miller (far left) of Keystone Christian School and Lena Horne (centre) of the department of textile sciences at the U of M.

Photo by Mike Latchislaw

Students’ Teacher Recognition Awards

Student-presenters and recipients, listed in order of faculty and student, K-12 teacher recognized, professor recognized.

Agriculture & Food Sciences: Student Kathryn Lepp, Honouring Brenda Sokoloski, Rivers Collegiate Inst.; Paul Bullock, Soil Science

Architecture: Student Judith Cheung, Honouring Randy Haley, J.H. Bruns College; Marcella Eaton, Landscape Architecture

Art: Student Ryan Trudeau, Honouring Michael Roy, College Beliveau; Sharon Alward, Art

Arts: Student Laura Husak honouring Kim Burnett, Beaumont Elementary; Derek Johnson, Anthropology

Student Nour Rashid, Honouring Darryl Toews, Morden Collegiate Inst.; George Maclean, Political Studies

Asper School of Business: Student Peter Samandias, Honouring Rachel Vigier, Ecole Tuxedo Park; Howard Harmatz, Business Administration

Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, & Resources: Student Lauren Eggie, Honouring Serje Richer, Swan Valley Regional Secondary School; Nancy Chow, Geological Sciences

Dental Hygiene: Student Nicole Leduc, Honouring Courtneay De Spiegeleere, St. Claude School Complex; Diane Girardin, Dental Hygiene

Dentistry: Student Michael Greene, Honouring John D’Alessandri, St. Paul School; Charles Lekic, Pediatric Dentistry


Engineering: Student Derek Neufeld, Honouring Michael Roy, Linden Christian School; Eric Bibeau, Mechanical Engineering

Human Ecology: Student Hannah Sangalang, Honouring Karen Miller, Keystone Christian School; Lena Horne, Textile Sciences

Kinesiology & Recreation Management: Student Ann Marguerite Mohammed, Honouring Patricia James, St. Joseph’s Convent; Colleen Plomton, Recreation Management & Community Development

Law: Student Brett Gladstone, Honouring Niel Dempsey, Gray Academy of Jewish Education; David Deutscher, Law

Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music: Student: Rayannah Kroeber honouring Lefco Doche, Ecole Lacerte; Larry Roy, Jazz Studies

Medicine: Student Kristjan Thompson, Honouring Robert Praznik, St. Alphonsus School; George Zhanel, Medical Microbiology/Infectious Diseases

Pharmacy: Student Joy Rashid, Honouring Darryl Toews, Morden Collegiate Inst.; Kristine Patskalo, Pharmacy

Science: Student Lian Smythe, Honouring Brian Howie, Chief Peguis Junior High; Gabor Lukacs, Mathematics

Student Lauren Hayward, Honouring John Poulter, Glenlawn Collegiate; Byron Southern, Physics & Astronomy

Social Work: Student Karen De Blonde, Honouring Carolyn Szun, St. Maurice School; Juliana West, Social Work

Photo by Mike Latchislaw
I am constantly inspired by our University of Manitoba alumni and how they have used what they have learned on this campus to achieve personal success while making their communities, their provinces or states, their countries and the world a better place.

Eight of our nine honorary graduates this year are University of Manitoba alumni who have achieved great personal success and have made great contributions to the university following graduation. They include:

- Allan Ronald, a pioneer in the field of infectious disease research who helped establish the U of M’s team of world-renowned infectious disease experts;
- Claude Bernier, who has been recognized for his work as a distinguished researcher and trailblazer with respect to improving global wheat production;
- Catherine “Kiki” Delaney, a philanthropist and Member of the Order of Canada. Ms. Delaney was one of the first women to conquer the male-dominated Bay Street status quo before establishing her own successful investment council firm;
- Stu Clark, a successful Calgary-based entrepreneur whose vision and generosity have been driving forces in helping make the I. H. Asper School of Business a world-class hub of entrepreneurial activity;
- Gary and Janice Filmon, who have made contributions to this province that extend far beyond Mr. Filmon’s tenure as Manitoba premier. As distinguished alumni of the U of M, the Filmons have consistently embraced the challenge of helping promote and advance the reputation of their alma mater;
- Terry Sargeant, the former chair of the U of M Board of Governors and one-time MP. Mr. Sargeant has been integral to trendsetting causes such as the Manitoba Clean Environment Commission as well as lending his support to the arts through his involvement on various local boards; and
- Phillip Lee, Manitoba’s first Chinese-Canadian lieutenant-governor and, for more than three decades, a staunch supporter and defender of Chinese Canadians across the country.

Dr. Izzeldin Abuelaish, a Palestinian doctor and fertility expert who was born and raised in a refugee camp in the Gaza Strip and has dedicated his life to the search for peace in the Middle East rounds out our list of inspiring honorary graduates.

While the alumni we are celebrating are an impressive group, I am confident the class of 2011 will join them at the top of our list of inspiring honorary alumni and that they will contribute to our university and our community. Once again, I offer my heartfelt congratulations and wish them all the success in the world.

2011 Support Staff Awards of Excellence

The nominees and nominators for the 2011 Support Staff Awards of Excellence were announced at a luncheon on May 17. This is the sixth year of these awards, celebrating the contributions of support staff with four separate awards — the President’s, Service, Leadership, and Team Awards.

The prestigious President’s Award recognizes exceptional contributions throughout a support staff member’s career at the U of M. This year’s nominees are: Greta Loewen, clinical support services, Faculty of Dentistry; Rosa Muller, Faculty of Law; Janet Sealey, dean’s office, Faculty of Arts; Gary Thompson, Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management; Tracy van Och, office of research services; and Lois Ward, International Centre for Students.

The Leadership Award celebrates individuals who have led their departments in achieving exceptional results and maintaining positive morale. This year’s nominees are: Charles Burchill, Manitoba Centre for Health Policy, department of community health services; Angela Kwan, circulation services, Elizabeth Dafoe Library; Carol Anne Northcott, dean’s office, Faculty of Human Ecology; Michael Perchaluk, Tara Petrychko, Malathi Sumaling; graduate orthodontic clinic and graduate orthodontic department staff support team with team members Candice Lewis, Elizabeth Kauk, and graduate orthodontic management team members Myra Friesen, Gail Kauk and Cathy Watt; collection management team, Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library, with team members Erika Kauk, Sarah Streger, Ellis Wessellius and Tim Wray; OPAL project team, Faculty of Medicine, with team members Jocelyn Advent, Michael Galych, Melissa Grapevine, Louis Kogler, Melissa Grapevine, Marvin Kocay, Laura Kryger, Bruce Martin, Keith McConnell, Jeanneine Neil, Monato Nifatam, Carol Anne Northcott, Allison Pattern, Andrew Perchaluk, Tania Gottschalk, Micah Garlich-Miller, Tania Gottschalk, and graduate orthodontic department staff support team with team members Jeanette Daniels, Laura Friesen, Gail Kauk and Cathy Watt; collection management team, Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library, with team members Erika Kauk, Sarah Streger, Ellis Wessellius and Tim Wray; OPAL project team, Faculty of Medicine, with team members Jocelyn Advent, Michael Galych, Melissa Grapevine, Louis Kocay, Laura Kryger, Bruce Martin, Keith McConnell, Jeanneine Neil, Monato Nifatam, Carol Anne Northcott, Allison Pattern, Andrew Perchaluk, Tania Petrychko, Malathi Sharma, Ilana Simon, Lonnie Smetana, Robert Semkiw, Kathy Sobba, Ed Spencer, Mark Torchia and Michael West; and student advocacy office staff team with team members Angel Therrien, Heather Morris, Brian Barth, Ali Wood-Warren, Diana Nguyen and Jena Colpitts.

Congratulations to all the nominees and thanks to the nominators and supporters. The awards will be presented at the President’s reception on June 9.
HONORARY DEGREE

Allan Ronald
O.C., B.Sc. (Med), M.D. (Manitoba); F.R.C.P.; M.A.C.P.; LL.D. (Providence College); D.S.C. (Winnipeg); F.R.S.C.

Dr. Allan R. Ronald, a pioneer of the University of Manitoba’s world-renowned infectious disease research program in Africa, is recognized for his tireless work in HIV/AIDS research. In 2002 he retired from a 35-year career at the University of Manitoba but continued to foster the HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention Program in Uganda. He is now Professor Emeritus in the department of medical microbiology and in 2011 was inducted into the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame.

Born in Portage la Prairie, Dr. Ronald trained in Manitoba, Maryland, Washington and Pakistan before returning to the University of Manitoba’s Faculty of Medicine in 1968 to head its infectious disease unit. In 1978 he established one of the first clinical investigation units studying a new disease in Africa that would eventually be known as HIV/AIDS.

In 1979, he was invited to coordinate a research training centre in Nairobi, Kenya, where he and other members of the Faculty of Medicine have significantly advanced HIV/AIDS prevention programs and the understanding of HIV transmission. The program started small but eventually would put the University of Manitoba on the map as a leader in the field of HIV epidemiology and immunology, as well as improve disease prevention and care. Lessons learned have been used widely throughout Kenya and around the world. The University of Manitoba’s University of Nairobi group has made major discoveries, including recognizing the importance of breast milk in the transmission of HIV from mothers to infants, the role of male circumcision in reducing the risk of HIV infection among men, and the role of the immune system in protecting some individuals from acquiring HIV infection. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Nairobi on over 40 occasions and at the University of Hong Kong, where he assisted in the development of an Infectious Disease Program.

Dr. Ronald led the departments of medical microbiology (1976-85) and internal medicine (1985-90) before serving as the faculty’s associate dean of research (1993-99). He also led programs in Winnipeg’s teaching hospitals, initially as head of clinical microbiology and later as physician-in-chief at the Health Sciences Centre and subsequently at St. Boniface Hospital as head of infectious diseases.

He has received awards from, among others, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, the Canadian Association of Professors of Medicine, the American Venereal Disease Association, and the Canadian Medical Association, which in 2003 presented him with its highest honour, the F.A.G. Starr Award. Dr. Ronald is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and an Officer of the Order of Canada.

HONORARY DEGREE

Janice Filmon
O.M., B.Sc.; M.Sc. (He.C.) (Manitoba)

Janice Filmon is recognized for her prolific work with community organizations and committees at the local, national and international levels including serving on the boards of CancerCare Manitoba Foundation and the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice at the University of Manitoba. In 2007 she was made an officer of the Order of Manitoba.

Ms. Filmon was born in Winnipeg and graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Science in Home Economics. She worked as a social worker with the Children’s Aid Society of Winnipeg and was a caseworker in Family Protection. She is a past president of the University of Manitoba Alumni Association and a past member of the University of Manitoba Students’ Union Scholarship/Bursary Fund and Endowment Fund Board of Trustees.

She is the president of the Nellie McClung Foundation, was the founding co-chair for Leadership Winnipeg, and continues to be involved in youth leadership. The Manitoba Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation has honoured her with the Guardian Angel Award. As well, the Manitoba Cancer Treatment and Research Foundation and Great West Life created the Janice C. Filmon Award for Leadership in Cancer Care in Manitoba, to honour those who make significant contributions in this field. And the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice has a student award named after her.

In 2005, Ms. Filmon received the Peter J. Curry Chancellor’s Award at the University of Manitoba for contribution to the university’s governance and development. In June of 2005, Janice and her husband, Gary, were jointly honoured with the Distinguished Alumni Award at the University of Manitoba’s Fall Convocation. Ms. Filmon is well known for her volunteerism; she was the founding co-chair of Leadership Winnipeg and founding chair of Manitoba A.L.I.V.E., a leadership initiative which teaches selected high-school students the skills needed in the voluntary sector. She was Chair of Festivals for the 1999 Pan American Games and a member of Toronto’s 2008 Olympic Bid Committee. She was the Honorary Co-chair of Thunderbird Lodge’s capital campaign and a board member for the Canadian Centre for Social Justice. She was a board member of the Manitoba Advisory Committee on Breast Cancer and national board member for Help The Aged. In 2006, she received the Variety Club’s Gold Heart Humanitarian of the Year award.

Tuesday, May 31, morning session

HONORARY DEGREE

The Honourable Gary Filmon
P.C., O.C., O.M.; B.Sc.; M.Sc. (Manitoba)

A dedicated public servant and volunteer, Gary Filmon led Manitoba as its Premier and contributed to the economic and social growth of the province. A University of Manitoba graduate, Mr. Filmon is an engineer by profession, but found his calling in public service. He served as a member of the Winnipeg City Council prior to being elected to the Manitoba Legislature in 1979. In 1981 he was Minister of Environment, and he also served as chair of the Manitoba Roundtable on Sustainable Development.

In 1983 he became leader of the Manitoba Progressive Conservative Party – a position he held until his retirement from politics in 2000. Mr. Filmon served as Premier of Manitoba for 11 years between 1988 and 1999. During his tenure, he steered the province through a recession, the 1997 Red River flood, and the worst wildfires in Manitoba’s history which burned in 1989. The province’s response included the evacuation of thousands of residents in northern Manitoba and the co-ordination of interdepartmental efforts, including working in close conjunction with the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre in Winnipeg. In 2003, he was commissioned by the government of British Columbia to undertake a survey of forest fires in that province.

Upon retiring from politics, Mr. Filmon was appointed to the federal Security Intelligence Review Committee, an independent body that oversees the Canadian Security Intelligence Service. He has also worked as a business consultant and was elected chair of the board of trustees for the Exchange Industrial Income Fund and was vice chair for Wellington West Capital Inc.

Among his other community activities, he has served as President of the University of Manitoba Alumni Association, and as President of the Association of Canadian Career Colleges. He is a member of the Senate of the University of Manitoba, Director of the Administrative Management Society and Director of the Red River Exhibition Board.

His awards and honours include a Community Service Award from the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers, B’nai Brith Canada Award of Merit, a Ukrainian Canadian Congress Tribute Dinner and together with his wife, Janice, he received the University of Manitoba Distinguished Alumni Award in 2005. Mr. Filmon is also a Member of the Order of Manitoba and Officer of the Order of Canada.

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Thursday, May 12, Faculty of Medicine session
The Honourable Philip Lee
C.M.; O.M.; B.Sc.; M.P.A.
(Manitoba)

Manitoba’s first Chinese-Canadian lieutenant-governor, the Honourable Philip Lee has played a prominent role in supporting and nurturing Winnipeg’s Chinese community for over 30 years. He continues to play a strong role in his community. Mr. Lee was born in Hong Kong in 1944. He came to Canada in 1962 to further his education at the University of Manitoba. During his student years, he was elected chair of the Chinese Students’ Association. In 1967 Mr. Lee began his career with the City of Winnipeg as a research chemist. Between 1967 and 1972 he worked in the area of water research, dealing with water supply and water quality studies for the City of Winnipeg. He produced several research reports pertaining to the Shoal Lake Water Supply. He retired from the City of Winnipeg in 2005 as the branch head chemist in charge of Winnipeg’s Industrial Waste Control Program.

Between 1979 and 1986, Mr. Lee served as a member of the Canadian Community of Winnipeg’s Refugee Assistance Committee. Much of Mr. Lee’s energy goes towards helping Chinese immigrants enter Canada and to enhancing the Chinese-Canadian experience. He was a driving force behind the construction of the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre in the Dynasty Building, the Chinese Gate and Garden, and the Mandarin Building, all of which remain important centres within the Chinese-Canadian community and important landmark destinations for visitors to Manitoba. Mr. Lee has also worked with Folkorama, Winnipeg’s annual multicultural festival, since its inception in 1970, and he continues to help the festival’s Chinese pavilion.

Mr. Lee has received the Golden Dragon Award for Citizen of the Year and was the Rotary Foundation’s Paul Harris Fellow. Mr. Lee is a member of the Manitoba Human Rights Commission. In 1999 he became a member of the Order of Canada and in 2002 he received the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Medal.

Mr. Lee’s leadership has been recognized through the City of Winnipeg Community Service Award, which he received in 1984. He also served on the Multiculturalism Council of Canada between 1984 and 1988. He received the Recognition of Service Award from the Community and Race Relations Committee, City of Winnipeg, in 1990. Mr. Lee received the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation in 1993. In addition to being an Executive Board Member of the Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre, he is also a member of the Chinese Development Corporation and a member of the Alumni Association of the University of Manitoba.

Catherine Delaney
C.M., B.A. (Manitoba)

A successful businesswoman and community advocate, Catherine “Kiki” Delaney is recognized for her support of charities focused on women, youth and the arts. Ms. Delaney has thrived in the investment business for over 30 years and has played a strong role in her community. Ms. Delaney began her career as a sales assistant at Merrill Lynch, later becoming executive vice-president at Guardian Investment Counsel and then a partner at Gusuken Shiff & Associates Inc. In 1992, Ms. Delaney founded C.A. Delaney Capital Management Ltd., an investment counselling firm designed at private wealth. Since its inception, Delaney Capital Management has become one of the leading investment counselling firms in Canada and one of the most recognised firms in capital markets in this country. In a 14-year period Delaney Capital Management has grown and expanded and today employs 16 people and manages over $1.8 billion on behalf of individuals and institutions.

In addition to the role Ms. Delaney has played at Delaney Capital Management, she has been involved in industry affairs as a director of the Toronto Society of Financial Analysts. She is a past president of The Ticker Club, one of the most prestigious investment organizations in Canada. In The Ticker Club’s 78-year history, Kiki Delaney was its second female president. Delaney Capital Management encourages the ethic of giving to charitable causes by matching employee gifts and by stressing the importance of community involvement. The firm is a major supporter of not-for-profit groups in the areas of health, culture and women’s and children’s issues including organizations such as The Per 21 Society, The Famous’ Foundation, LEAF – The Women’s Legal Education and Action Fund Foundation, Canadian Women’s Foundation, Trails Youth Initiative, The Avenue Road Arts School and many others.

Ms. Delaney is also very involved in the cultural life of Canada, serving as a trustee of the Art Gallery of Ontario, a board member of the National Arts Centre Foundation and she was on the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Foundation of Greater Toronto. She was once the Chair of the National Ballet School, the director of the Shaw Festival Board, and a past director of the Institute for Research on Public Policy.

In October 2006, Governor General Michael Jean appointed Ms. Delaney a Member of the Order of Canada.

Wednesday, June 1, morning session

Stu Clark
B.Comm. (Hons.) (Manitoba)

A renowned entrepreneur, philanthropist and volunteer, Stu Clark is recognized for his tireless dedication to supporting a variety of charities and educational institutions in Canada. Growing up in rural Manitoba, the second of four kids born to a teacher and a nurse who volunteered often, Mr. Clark was taught early about the value of giving back. To date, the successful Calgary businessman has given millions to various Alberta charities. In the past few years he has donated in excess of $9 million to his alma mater, the University of Manitoba, which enabled the establishment of the Stu Clark Centre for Entrepreneurship in the H. Asper School of Business. This Centre cultivates the development of new businesses and entrepreneurial thinking among Canadians and students by encouraging them to consider entrepreneurship as their life’s calling. Currently, the Stu Clark Centre supports a variety of programs aimed at youth as well as undergraduate students.

Mr. Clark also donated $4 million to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, which recently announced plans to name a room after him in the museum, to be called the Stuart Clark Garden of Contemplation. Born in 1954, Mr. Clark graduated with a B.Comm (Hons) from the University of Manitoba in 1976 and immediately set to becoming a successful entrepreneur. After graduating from the University of Manitoba, he went west to work in business and the banking industry in Vancouver and Calgary.

He returned to commercial banking in Winnipeg with the T.D. Bank and the Northland Bank, gaining invaluable experience in that field before being transferred back to Calgary in 1984. In 1986 he worked as CFO in a public oil and gas exploration company, Pinnacle Resources. He and his partners raised $2 million of shareholder capital; they sold that company in 1998 for approximately $1 billion. Since then Mr. Clark has been involved in the start-up and reorganization of a number of Calgary-based public and private entities.

Mr. Clark officially retired in 2001 but continues to sit on the Board of Storm Exploration Inc., and is chairman of the board of Rock Energy Ltd. Today, his focus revolves around his philanthropic interests; causes he’s chosen specifically to match his areas of interest and passion. His endowments to the University of Manitoba and the Canadian Museum for Human Rights stem from his belief in the power of education.
HONORARY DEGREE

Izeldin Abuelaish
M.B.Ch.B. (Cairo),
Dip. Obstetric (London),
Post Grad.Dipl. (King’s),
M.P.H. (Harvard).

A passionateator and eloquent
champion for peace in the
Middle East, Dr. Izeldin
Abuelaish is a Palestinian
doctor and infertility expert
who was born and raised
in the Jabalia refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. Despite
incredible tragedy, he has devoted his life to medicine
and the search for reconciliation between the Israeli and
Palestinian people. For years he has been an important
figure in Palestinian-Israeli relations. He has treated
Palestinian and Israeli patients and worked in Israeli
hospitals. He was the University of Manitoba Sal Kanee
Distinguished Lecturer in 2009.

On January 16, 2009, Dr. Abuelaish lost three of
his daughters and a niece when Israeli tank shells shattered
his house in the Jabalia camp. After this horrific personal
tragedy, Dr. Abuelaish continued to advocate for peace
and harmonious coexistence between Palestinians
and Israelis. He continues to live up to the description
bestowed upon him by an Israeli colleague: a magical,
secret bridge between Israelis and Palestinians.

He has received the Stavros Niarchos Prize for Survivorship,
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contributions to peace, reconciliation and recovery
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Thursday, June 2, afternoon session

HONORARY DEGREE

Terry Sargeant
B.A., LL.B. (Manitoba)

Terry Sargeant is being
recognized for his
distinguished record
of public and volunteer
service, in particular his
work as chair of the board
of Governors of the University
of Manitoba.

Born in Melbourne, Australia, Mr. Sargeant attended the
University of Manitoba, graduating with a B.A. in 1967.
Following graduation, he served in Parliament from 1979-1984
representing the riding of Selkirk-Interlake as a member of the New Democratic Party. In Parliament
he served as critic for both National Defense and Sports.
After his time in Parliament, Mr. Sargeant continued
his public service, serving as a senior official in the
provincial governments in Manitoba, the Yukon and
British Columbia.

Following almost twenty years of government service,
Mr. Sargeant entered the Faculty of Law at the University
of Manitoba. After articling with the Public Interest Law
Centre, he was called to the Manitoba Bar in June 2000.

He then worked as the chair of two important quasi-
judicial bodies in Manitoba – the Appeal Commission of the Workers’ Compensation Board and the Manitoba
Civilian Police Commission.

For nine years, Mr. Sargeant was as a member of the
University’s Board of Governors; he served as chair for four
of those years. In these roles, Mr. Sargeant volunteered
thousands of hours of his time to strengthening the
University’s governance system, advising two presidents
and leading a presidential search process.

Mr. Sargeant is a steadfast community leader and
volunteer, having served on the boards of numerous
arts organizations, including Prairie Theatre Exchange,
the Manitoba Theatre Centre and the Winnipeg Fringe Festival. He has also served in leadership roles in national
organizations, including the Council of Canadian
Administrative Tribunals and the National Association
of University Board Chairs and Secretaries.

Thursday, June 2, morning session

HONORARY DEGREE

Claude Bernier
B.A., B.S.A., M.Sc. (Manitoba);
Ph.D. (Minneapolis).

A distinguished researcher, scholar and pioneer in
plant pathology, Dr. Claude Bernier is recognized for his
work in plant pathology processes at home and around the world.

Dr. Bernier was born in Saint-
Boniface in 1931 and obtained his master’s degree
from the University of Manitoba. He earned his Ph.D.
in plant pathology from the University of Minnesota
and in 1965 he took the position of assistant professor
in the department of plant science at the University
of Manitoba.

Beginning in the 1970’s, Bernier contributed as a
consultant to many programs in developing countries,
particularly in the north of Africa, and was consultant
for the International Development Research Centre
(IDRC). He assessed the disease situation in food legumes
and the research capabilities of national programs in
Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Turkey, Iran and Afghanistan.

This led to the establishment of the International Centre
for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) at
Aleppo, Syria. He also directed a major project on wheat
pathology and tillage in Uruguay; his efforts to stabilize
wheat production in the entire country.

Throughout his career, Dr. Bernier contributed to his
community as a member of the Board of Governors
for Saint-Boniface College from 1966-76, serving as
president of the board from 1972-74. He was a board
member for Caisse populaire de Saint-Boniface, and
member of the Conseil de promotion de la coopération.

He was a member of the University Senate from 1974-76
and he also lent his expertise to Agriculture Canada, the
Department of Natural Resources, Red River Community
College, and the Canadian Phytopathological Society,
of which he was a member of throughout his career, serving
as vice-president from 1977-78.

Manitoba has always had one of the largest concentrations
of plant pathologists in Canada. Today, more than a
third of the plant pathologists in Manitoba were either
graduate students of Dr. Bernier, had him on their
advisory committees, or took his graduate course. This is
in addition to the hundreds of undergraduate students
who were exposed to plants through Dr. Bernier’s
teaching.

Dr. Bernier’s knowledge has been invaluable to so many
societies, including our own. In the 1980’s a wheat disease
called Tan Spot caused serious yield losses in western
Canada and elsewhere. It was Dr. Bernier’s research
program that provided the critical understanding of this
disease that brought it under control. He did the same
for lentils in 1990 when a fungus threatened
them. For a city boy exposed to
plants through his dad’s garden,
he has made an impact in the
agricultural world, working to save our
food stuffs from disease. His impact on
the 30 graduate students he trained is
immeasurable but the wake of his career
is evident in the 16 refereed journal
articles, numerous book chapters,
and participation in hundreds of
national and international conferences.

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DR. AND MRS. H. H. SAUNDERSON AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Saumen Mandal
B.Sc. (Hons.) (Calcutta), M.Sc. (Calcutta), Ph.D. (Glagow)
Department of Statistics, Faculty of Science

Dr. Saumen Mandal cares so deeply about his student's success and goes to such great lengths to ensure his students understand the material that one student was left to surmise that if you get a bad grade in his class, it must be because you never once asked him for help. His love for his subject matter, statistics, is evident in how he invariably smiles after solving an equation in class and he is, as one student said, “unbelievably helpful outside of class.” If an exam is on a Monday and students need his help, he’ll hold office hours on the Sunday. His research interests include optimal regression design, constrained optimization and estimation theory. He has no fewer than 25 refereed publications and has taught at schools in India and Scotland before teaching at the University of Manitoba. In 2004 he won the Merit Award in Teaching from the University of Manitoba and the University of Manitoba Faculty Association. He then won another teaching award in 2005, three in 2006, and in 2007 he won the Teaching Excellence Award for Exemplary Teaching of 1000 and 2000 level courses from the University of Manitoba's Science Students Association in the Faculty of Science.

Rodney Kueneman
B.A. (Hons.) (Waterloo), M.A. (Ohio State), Ph.D. (Ohio State)
Department of Sociology, Faculty of Arts

Dr. Rodney Kueneman began at the University of Manitoba as an assistant professor in 1975 but he also taught in communities such as Pinawa, Steinbach, and Stony Mountain Penitentiary. An inspiring teacher who challenges the preconceived views of his students, Dr. Kueneman is recognized by his students for his enthusiasm, creative teaching style, and dedication. Described by more than one student as the “most influential prof I’ve ever had,” Dr. Kueneman is, as one student said, “funny as hell and fiercely intelligent.” Early in his career he began winning awards, starting with the Olive Beatrice Stanton Award for Excellence in Teaching, which he won in 1984. In 1988, he received the University of Manitoba Community Outreach Award and in 1998 he received the University of Manitoba Merit Award (Service). Despite his awards and off-received accolades, his students say he lacks arrogance and can take material one is interested in and transform it into something the student wants to keep learning about.

Wednesday, June 1 morning session.

Peter D. Curry CHANCELLOR’S AWARD

Richard Lobdell
B.A. (Kanau), M.A. (Wisconsin), Ph.D. (McGill)
Department of Economics, Faculty of Arts

A tireless champion of the University of Manitoba and its students, Dr. Richard A. Lobdell has dedicated his career to the continued improvement and advancement of the institution. Dr. Lobdell joined the department of economics in 1973 as a professor with expertise in economic history. In 1982 he began his eight-year term as associate dean in the Faculty of Arts, and more recently he served as the vice-provost (programs) in the Office of the President.

Known for his intelligent and thoughtful analysis, as well as his keen sense of strategic thinking, Dr. Lobdell has served the university well as the principal liaison between the University of Manitoba and the Council on Post-Secondary Education. His advocacy secured additional funding for a number of key initiatives and programs at the university. During his tenure as vice-provost (programs), Dr. Lobdell advocated for the establishment and funding of a number of new academic programs and he played a critical role in negotiating the terms for the establishment of the International College of Manitoba. He also served as chief negotiator of the University team in collective bargaining with the University of Manitoba’s Faculty Association on numerous occasions.

As chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Review, he established the architecture for the conduct of both graduate and undergraduate program reviews at the university. As chair of the “Rules, Regulations and Red Tape” working group, he worked to streamline processes and rules in academic programs that will lead to greater efficiencies in the use of academic resources and enhance the quality of the student experience and the working environment for all staff. He chaired the committee that reviewed University I and he served on the Budget Advisory Committee.

Dr. Lobdell was also a key player in the university’s involvement in the Canadian International Development Agency’s initiatives in Botswana during the 1990s. The University of Manitoba/University of Botswana Link Program provided opportunities for faculty and student exchange for nearly a decade and Dr. Lobdell was the Canada Director of this program.

Many leaders – past and present – have benefited from Dr. Lobdell’s wise counsel. In all of his efforts on behalf of the University of Manitoba, Dr. Lobdell has helped to make this a truly great university, and for that he is recognized for his outstanding contributions to university development and governance.

Wednesday, June 1 afternoon session

PETER D. CURRY CHANCELLOR’S AWARD

This award is given to an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to the governance and/or development of the University of Manitoba. Recipients receive a certificate and medal, and have the privilege of directing $2,000 to support a university program of personal interest.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honour bestowed upon an individual by the Board of Governors, recognizing distinguished contributions to Manitoba in areas which are of major interest to the University of Manitoba, and/or which are directly associated with the University.

Edward Bailey
B.Sc. (Agriculture) (Manitoba)

Dedicated to the growth and promotion of Manitoba’s farms, Mr. Ted Bailey's work has been particularly influential in the success of the province’s egg industry.

After graduating from the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Manitoba in 1966, Mr. Bailey began working in sales at Feed-Rite Mills in Winnipeg. He left in 1974 and joined Mr. Bruce Campbell in purchasing Rosenort Feedmill, now called Riverbend Feed Mill Ltd. The business became the largest feed and service provider to the province’s egg industry and the expertise of Riverbend Feed Mill is often referred to as a contributor to the success enjoyed by Manitoba’s egg industry.

Throughout his career, Mr. Bailey was actively involved in the Animal Nutrition Association of Canada, holding such positions as National Chairman, National Director (equipment), Provincial Division Chair, and others.

From 2005 to 2008, Mr. Bailey acted as the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences Fundraising Campaign Chair. Under his leadership, a group of tireless volunteers raised $8.3 million towards the construction and endowment funds for two major faculty initiatives: the National Centre for Livestock and Environment (a research station that studies the long term economic and environmental sustainability of integrated livestock and crop production systems) and the Bruce D. Campbell Farm and Food Discovery Centre, an innovative new agricultural education facility.

In 2008 Mr. Bailey was recognized for his commitment and leadership to the Canadian feed industry by receiving the Animal Nutrition Association of Canada Golden Award.

Wednesday, June 1 afternoon session
GOVERNOR GENERAL’S MEDALS

Created in 1873 to encourage academic excellence across the nation, the Governor General’s Academic Medals have become the most prestigious award for outstanding scholastic achievements that Canadian students can receive.

Gold
Wanjun Jiang
Awarded for outstanding achievement at the graduate level

Silver
Lauren Elizabeth Hayward
Awarded for outstanding achievement at the undergraduate level

Bronze
Nicole Suzanne Marie Letuc
Awarded for highest standing in the in the two year Diploma program in Art, Dental Hygiene, or the Aboriginal Focus Programs

UNIVERSITY GOLD MEDALS

Awarded for highest standing in an undergraduate faculty or school.

Kathryn Jolene Lapp
Agricultural and Food Sciences

Judith Chi Ting Cheung
Architecture

Teresa Marie Braun
Arts

Krista Danielle Reimer
Arts

Brittany Leigh Holt
Asper School of Business

Zoe Anna Creelman
Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface

Adam Allen Agpalza
Dentistry

Christopher David Hedebrecht
Education

Sumek Vijayan Elimban
Engineering

Rachel Joy Lee Prowse
Human Ecology

Peggy Ellen Hamilton
Kinesiology and Recreation Management

Jennifer Margaret Gillis
Marie A. Drolet-Faculty of Music

Amber Nancy Dawn Baker
Nursing

Julia Fiorino
Pharmacy

Lauren Elizabeth Hayward
Science

Sara Elizabeth M’Gowan
Social Work

PROGRAM MEDALS

Awarded for highest standing in a faculty or school program.

Agricultural and Food Sciences
Agriculture
Laryssa Ann Grenkow

Agronomy
Amanda Leanne Stefanon

Food Science
Nina Yau Prasmee Harmah

Arts
Art
Kathryn Jolene Lapp

Fine Arts Studio
Ellen Janie Tiedale

Fine Arts Studio Honours
Teresa Marie Braun

Arts

General Degree
Kevin Alexander Brown

Advanced Degree
Erica Faren Lasker

Honours Degree
Jason Aaron Brown

Asper School of Business
Accounting Major
Briaanna Krysta Hall

Actuarial Mathematics Major
Garet Keth Ivan Kus

Entrepreneurship / Small Business
Andrew Lynn Gutten

Finance Major
Danyel Luc Campitelli

Human Resources Management / Industrial Relations
Jeffrey Ryan France

International Business Major
Brittany Leigh Holt

Management of Organizations Major
Thomas Daniel Sontag

Marketing Major
Jeffrey Michael Lloyd

Dental Hygiene
Nicole Suzanne Marie Letuc

Education
Early Years Stream
Charise Michelle Wurch

Middle Years Stream
Lisa Charleen Kraine

Senior Years Stream
Eric Raynard K. Bembele

Engineering
Bioinformatics
Warren Andrew Blunt
Civil
Andrew Marie Evans

Computer
Samantha Elizabeth Olsen
Electrical
Sumek Vijayan Elimban
Mechanical
Car Roger Bartel

Human Ecology
Fashi Social Sciences
Majda Atraj

Human Nutritional Sciences
Manon Gydaire Roy

Textile Sciences
Nallory Margaret Mary Giardino

Kinesiology and Recreation Management
Physical Education
Samantha Khandra M. Douglas

Recreation Management and Community Development
Ania Margaret M. Mohammed

Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources
General Degree
Leigh Kathleen Bryant

Advanced Degree
Leah Michelle Grzenda

Honours Degree
Jolene Melissa Rutter

Science
General Degree
Graham Brian Duff

Major Degree
Colin Brian Charles Rumbolt

Honours Degree
Brett Thomas Kiliasnik
Wrapping up, starting off

BY MARIANNE MAY'S WIEBE

The Bulletin

Graduation is just only the end of a long road, it's also the exciting start of life after university. So what are University of Manitoba graduates up to after convocation — and what are they planning to do in the future? To find out, The Bulletin spoke to several students who are about to graduate or have just done so.

Rayannah Kroeker will be one of several first-ever graduates of the Bachelor of Jazz studies from the U of M. The performance (voice) graduate says that she enrolled in the program because it is growing; she loves jazz in part because she sees it as music with a social conscience and history. "That striving for equality and justice is built right into the music," she said. "That is so much part of what I believe in, and it is a big part of me."

During her time as a student, Kroeker has been very involved in various activities including her work with the International Student Centre and the WorldW.I.S.E. (Work, Internship, Study and Exchange program) and with Jazz for Humanity, which she co-founded with a fellow music student from her high school (and now also from U of M) when she was 16. The project started as a way to bridge the gap between the diverse experience of the students in her school from Canada and those from Rwanda. In its first year it raised about $500 for widows of the Rwandan genocide; in the five years since, it's raised over $23,000 through the annual benefit concert and art auction.

The most satisfying moment of her degree? Besides her participation in WorldW.I.S.E International Development Week to bring attention to the living conditions in developing counties, it was pulling off her final recital, planned with plenty of collaboration with other musicians and friends. "There wasn't a single song on that program that I didn't love," she said. "It was about the freedom to show the essence of yourself and what you have to give." With her strong background in performance, and her love of adventure, Kroeker also plans to apply for Cirque du Soleil in fall.

First, however, she will take the summer off — after graduation and this year's Jazz for Humanity concert. "I have no doubt that I'll have enough on my plate quickly. The world really exploded for me this year at the U of M in terms of possibilities — I met so many dedicated people through the work with WorldW.I.S.E, and I know that my future will be somehow linked up with that kind of work, which is both meaningful and gratifying to me."

In other firsts, Maureen Flaherty is the first student to complete a PhD in peace and conflict studies through the Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice. After completing an MSW at the U of M in 1993, she continued to work in Winnipeg and in Eastern Europe, and returned to the U of M because of the unique peace and conflict studies program (PACS). "I wanted to do a particular kind of research in Ukraine and needed more tools and credentials to complete the work," she said. "The PACS program welcomed my ideas and taught me much throughout my time there."

For Kristjan Thompson, the U of M offered him a chance to study with a long-time mentor who started him on his path to medicine. Years ago, he took a summer job with the U of M's George Zhanel in medical microbiology and he has been studying with him ever since. He will work with Zhanel through his residency. "We have some of the most dedicated, passionate educators in the country and the graduates we produce go on to be the people who shape our world for the better," he said. "I came for convenience — the scholarships, reasonable tuition, being close to home and family — but ultimately I stayed for excellence."

Thompson recently got engaged; his fiancé has applied to the Faculty of Law and plans to complete her degree while Thompson finishes out his residency. For a self-described "weather geek," the U of M also offered exactly the unique experiences Chris Stammers was looking for.

In the summer of 2007, the atmospheric science (physical geography) graduate participated in Canada's only storm chasing course. "The experience was unlike any other course," he said. "After several weeks of in-class instruction, we set off to the American Great Plains where we spent five solid days chasing severe thunderstorms. We travelled over 5000 km and saw some great storms."

He also worked as a research assistant with the world-renowned research group on the Arctic, sea ice and climate change research. The highlight of his work term was traveling to Sachs Harbour, NWT, where he boarded the Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker Amundsen for a two-week scientific cruise in the Southern Beaufort Sea. "Being involved in such unique scientific research and with a large team of world-renowned scientists was an experience that I doubt will ever be surpassed," he said.

After two years of working in various jobs, from electrical assistant to telephone survey conductor, Ryan Trudeau left felt like he needed something more. Coming into university, he could not see a viable future within fine arts, he said, "but I could not relinquish my desire to create." The painter enrolled in the four-year thesis program at the School of Art and will graduate this spring.

He said, "My experience at university has fluctuated between passionate frustration, a symptom of the pressures of being in a full-time program, to an all-out love for the program and faculty."

"The rotating roster of guest teachers and artist talks by celebrated artists from across the continent was invaluable, and the fourth-year thesis program had a great collective atmosphere."

He plans to pursue graduate school after a few years of working on his art.

Nicole Leduc of Dental Hygiene remembers her first day...
What Makes People Healthy?

The Manitoba Centre for Health Policy (MCHP) is a Research Centre of Excellence that conducts population-based research addressing some of today’s most difficult health questions. MCHP maintains the comprehensive population-based data repository on behalf of the Province of Manitoba and provides data to researchers locally and nationally through local, national, and international research communities. Its research is used by provincial planners to inform policy, ultimately creating opportunities for a healthier Manitoba. We invite you to come and learn more about the impact our centre is having on the health and social well-being of Manitobans.

Monday, June 13, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Presentations from 5:30 - 5:45 pm

MCHP boardroom, Brodie Centre, 405-727 McDermot Ave.
University of Manitoba Bannatyne Campus

Food and refreshments available

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Meet the Dean: Lorna Turnbull, Faculty of Law

BY MARIJANNE MAYS WEBE

The Bulletin
Newly appointed dean of the Faculty of Law, Lorna Turnbull is committed to drawing out guiding principles and objectives from her faculty members. As she says, “The vision has to come from within.”

Turnbull views her leadership in the faculty as “serving the students and my colleagues, creating the spaces and opportunities for each of them to be successful on their terms while working in support of shared goals.” And so, her role, as she sees it, is to help give life to the vision that comes from her colleagues.

Her own values are deeply informed by the idea of service; in fact, it played a motivating role in bringing Turnbull to study law. In 1985 the young graduate with a BA in psychology was considering business school when she came across an article in Saturday Night magazine that profiled Madame Justice Bertha Wilson, the first woman appointed to the Supreme Court of Canada.

The article first caught Turnbull’s attention because of its striking title, “Sens and Sensiblity,” taken from a description by the writer (the late journalist Sandra Gwyn) of Wilson having the sense and sensibility — “a kind of practical sensitivity tinged with Scottish asperity” — to take on the challenges before her. The challenges, as serendipitously would it have, included the shipment and legalizing in the courts of The Charter of Rights and Freedoms signed into law three weeks before.

What impressed Turnbull most was the unwavering integrity, clarity and commitment to fairness Wilson brought to her profession. “Over the years,” recounts Turnbull, “Wilson was very quick to say that she didn’t believe in judicial activism and that law had to develop slowly and incrementally but in that interview it was clear that she was also someone who believed that law could be a force for social change.”

What Wilson said was, “the people and the law are inevitably intertwined, and the role of the profession is essentially to serve the needs of the people.”

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The value Turnbull places upon this kind of service-driven model of practice, research and teaching is rooted in the inspiration of Madame Justice Wilson. Turnbull places integrity as her guiding principle, and adds to it the need for compassion.

“Compassion is just the ability to imagine yourself in someone else’s shoes, to take a moment and think what we might be going on — sometimes we are too quick to judge others and I think that is dangerous,” she says.

“Blindly or rigidly adhering to some principle without the benefit of compassion risks trivializing that principle itself.”

Her interest in “how to make the law better serve the people, and especially those people who have been underrepresented” has, over the past decade, defined Turnbull’s academic research, writing and teaching. Research interests include gender equity, human rights and care-giving work (by mothers in particular), and she’s taught and continues to teach courses on human rights, advanced family law, legal research and systems and income tax.

That she teaches a course on income tax sometimes gives others pause, she says. People may not see the link between it and her largely human-rights based interests. But for Turnbull, the course makes perfect sense because it connects the dots between the analyses of gender and class.

It also connects to a more recent research direction for her: gender-based economic analysis and gender-budgeting. She is planning a jointly-edited book with other scholars and thinkers in the field, including renowned political analyst and economist Marilyn Waring. “Basically, we’re coming together to figure out the economics of care-work,” says Turnbull.

“Human rights, gender-based analysis and economics go together precisely because the decisions we make about economics affect the day-to-day lives of people in our society and who are the kinds of things we value and what kinds of things we don’t value.”

From the Archives: Taché Hall Residence

The 1950s saw the construction of a significant number of new buildings on the University of Manitoba campus which directly affected the status of the residence, Taché Hall, as the centre of the university’s social activities. This process began during the war years with the construction of a cafeteria for students outside of the residence building and was consolidated during the 1950s when the university built the Bison Buildings on campus which replaced residence as a social hub. Students also began to vocalize their right to self-government in the years after the Second World War and into the 1950s. Additionally, the rules restricting communication between men and women in residence began to relax; open houses and specific hours for visiting came into effect. Men living in residence were free to come and go whenever they wanted, while women still had to abide by a curfew and a sign-out, sign-in procedure.

In contrast to the war years, when student activities were less frequent — reflecting the seriousness of the time — residence life in the 1950s was peppered with pranks, water fights, and dormitory raids. Sanctioned social events like dances held in the residence gym or the auditorium were also popular. This photograph (PC 80, Box 11, 443-9), shows residence students socializing in one of Taché Hall’s lounges in the 1950s.

In May of 2011, Taché Hall ceased being a student residence. It will undergo renovations to become home to music and art students. Taché Hall’s history was celebrated on May 6 and 7 in events open to all.

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LECTURES, SYMPOSIA, SEMINARS

DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY

Thursday, May 26 | 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
A dialectical behaviour therapy DBT-based skills group for Aboriginal women.” Guest speaker, Michael Ellery, C. Psych. cand., assistant professor. In Theatre C, Basic Medical Sciences Bldg. MBT available for those in the rural and northern region.

OLEG & FRIENDS CONCERT
Sunday, May 29 | 7:30 p.m.
The final concert of the 2010-2011 series ‘Violin and Piano Rivery’ featuring Oleg Pokhanovski, violin and Darryl Friesen, piano. Selections include works by Prokofiev and Liut. Location: Broadway Disciples United Church, 396 Broadway at Kennedy

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May 30 to June 30, 2011
Monica Martinez, Shawaun Munro, Gurpreet Sehra, Durga De Silva
Curated by Sigrid Dahle, this group exhibition looks at studio-based research from the perspective of four graduates students, the first to be accepted into the School of Art’s newly established MFA program. The students are 18 months into the 24-month program.

Regular gallery hours: noon to 4:00 p.m., closed weekends and holidays.

NATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON OBESITY
Thursday, June 2, 2011
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Speakers: Dr. Michael Trevan, Dean, Chair of the Advocacy Committee, Department of Preventive Dental Sciences, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

SAVING THE PEOPLE APART?
Tuesday, June 7, 2011
10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Dr. Michael Trevan, Dean, Chair, Jazz Trumpet Search Committee, Marcel A. Desaultes Faculty of Music, 65 Dalke Road, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg.

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June 10-11

Several University of Manitoba music and art students
will participate in the 5th Annual Jazz for Humanity benefit concert and the Children of the World art auction. Started by two U of M music students, the event will provide students an opportunity to present their research to faculty and the public at large, in preparation for the wide variety of national and international conferences our students attend.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE
Physical Assistant Education Program (PAEP)

Position: Medical Director for a three year term
Start Date: July 1, 2011
Deadline: June 17, 2011
For Information: Dr. Ian Jones, PAEP Program Director, 253-171 Bannatyne Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3E 0W3.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE & WINNIPEG REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

Department of Clinical Health Psychology
Position: Contingent Geographic Full-Time Clinical Child Psychologist at the Assistant Professor level
Start Date: July 1, 2011
Deadline: June 17, 2011
For Information: Dr. Bob McLewraith

I.H. ASPER SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
Department of Supply Chain Management
Position: Medical Director for a three year term
Start Date: January 1, 2012
Deadline: June 17, 2011
For Information: Ron McChlitch, Ph.D., Acting Head, Department of SCM, Acting Director, Transport Institute, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3E 3N4, tel. (204) 787-3876, fax (204) 787-3755, email: bcmclwraith@hsc.mb.ca

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY
Department of Preventive Dental Sciences
Position: One-year, full-time contingent position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the Division of Pediatric Dentistry
Start Date: July 1, 2011
Deadline: June 3, 2011
For Information: Dr. William Wiltshire, Professor and Head and Chair of Search Committee, Department of Preventive Dental Sciences, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba, D341A-780 Bannatyne Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 2N2, tel. 474-9380, fax 474-7525, e-mail: michael.Trevan@umanitoba.ca

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SCIENCES
Department of Entomology
Position: Deputy Head, Entomology for a five-year term
Start Date: July 1, 2011
Deadline: June 5, 2011
For Information: BM678

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New VPRO Unit

The Vice-President Research Office has a new unit – the Office of Research Ethics and Compliance (OREC). While the unit is new, most of the staff are familiar.

The new unit represents the merging of Human Ethics, Animal Care and Ethics, Research Quality Management, Biological Safety, and Controlled Goods. The merger of these units into one better reflects the changing landscape for research standards in regulatory and compliance areas.

The biological safety and controlled goods components will only include the portion that relates to research. Both of these units will still be maintained within the Environmental Health and Safety Office.

In brief

Wisdom of the Ages

BY JOHN RYMON

Faculty of Arts researcher Roisin Cossar is hoping that making a connection with the past will give us a better understanding of the present.

Have you ever thought about how people lived long ago? Roisin Cossar definitely has. An associate professor in the department of history, Cossar is especially interested in the way in which people treated aging and the elderly in the Middle Ages. How old was ‘old’ in the Middle Ages? Were people more revered as they got older? Did they retire from work, and how did they approach the end of life?

"Studying aging in the past raises questions for how we regard aging today. Making such a connection with the past also allows us to consider how current ideas about aging will change in the future," says Cossar. "It challenges historians to examine age as a social construct, much like gender, race or class."

For much of her career, Cossar has been studying ancient documents from archives in the Italian city of Bergamo, the focus of her dissertation and first book, The Transformation of the Laity in Bergamo, 1265-1490. Most historians estimate that less than ten per cent of documents dating from the Middle Ages have survived, but the archives in Bergamo have proven to hold an abundance of these texts.

She has studied court records, receipts, contracts and various other documents created in the 14th century by notaries and clerics, educated and somewhat wealthier men of the church. Cossar has used these records as a source of information about the clerics themselves, often following the trajectory of their lives over several decades.

"She has been able to ascertain information on the length of their careers, how long these men lived, and how their rank and stature may have changed as they became older. Popular belief dictates that people lived to about age 40 during the Middle Ages, although this was only an average life expectancy because of the high infant mortality rate. The very old were rare, but the subjects of Cossar’s studies who survived to age 60 (which is when their notarial work began) often lived into their 50s and beyond. Doctors and medicine have always existed throughout history, although Cossar believes hospitals for the elderly in the Middle Ages were likely more akin to hospices, and medical care closer to spiritual care. Medicine experienced a shift in the 15th century with less reliance on ancient texts. The period saw increased interest in caring for the elderly and the beginning of geriatrics."

The older men Cossar has studied were not seen as isolated or weak, but rather as figures of authority both in their work and family lives. She has even been able to piece together information on the families these men created. Cossar also plans to expand on this area over the spring in Venice, which is an unexpected detour in her career path. When a return trip to North America was delayed last year by the volcanic eruptions of Eyjafjallajökull in Iceland, she began a ten day visit to the archives in Venice. "I had no original intentions to work in Venice, but I came across a lot of material on the families of these clerics and priests," she says.

Similar to today, men of the Roman Catholic Church were expected to live chaste lives. However, they would often form households consisting of concubines (housekeepers who became romantic partners), children, other relatives, servants and even slaves. These relationships sometimes did not begin until a cleric reached his 30s or 40s. Apart from religious reasons, family ties were seen as a risk that some of the church’s wealth would become accessible to outside family members.

Cossar published a recent article in the Journal of Women’s History on the women who lived with these men. However, what does the religious condemnation of these relationships tell us about the 14th century church’s attempt to reform the clergy? Cossar will be studying the answers in the months to come.

During an upcoming fellowship at Harvard next year, she plans to work from the picturesque Villäl Tatti, part of the Harvard Centre for Italian Renaissance Studies. Each year, the institute invites 15 people studying various aspects of the Renaissance to share their work and exchange ideas.

Cossar is optimistic. “This will push my research much further and I’ll be able to get another book out more quickly,” she says.
Chon heads to Venice Biennale

A Winnipeg firm and an instructor from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Architecture have been chosen to jointly represent Canada at the 2012 Venice Architecture Biennale in Architecture.

U of M’s Jae-Sung Chon and 5468796 Architecture Inc. will create a project called “Migrating Landscapes” which will be shown at the prestigious event in Italy, the Canada Council for the Arts and Architecture Canada/RAIC announced Monday.

The project will examine how Canadians express diverse cultural memories in the ways they live and build. It was inspired by the experiences of Johanna Hurme of 5468796 Architecture, who was born in Finland, her partner in owning the firm, Sasa Radulovic, born in the former Yugoslavia and Chon, born in South Korea.

“All are first-generation immigrants, who, like most migrant Canadians, had unsettling encounters with the Canadian landscape and built environment as they settled into their new homes and lifestyles,” the news release said.

“Migrating Landscapes” will explore this settling-unsettling dynamic. The three will design an abstract landscape for the existing Canada Pavilion in Venice. They will hold a competition, to be launched this summer, inviting emerging Canadian architects and designers to respond to this landscape with designs for dwellings, based on their own cultural memories.

Hurme, Radulovic and Chon will curate exhibitions of the winning entries in Canada and Venice. 5468796 Architecture is best known for designing the Cube, the award-winning but controversial outdoor stage at Old Market Square. Another of its projects is the AnX, the conversion of the old Greyhound bus depot into a student centre and transit hub for the University of Winnipeg.

You, more actively, this summer

BY CHRIS REID
The Bulletin

The recent warm weather makes this an ideal time to start taking strides toward healthy living, and the University of Manitoba’s recreation services department wants you to get active — Summer Active, that is.

Recreation Services are offering a variety of fun activities for staff and faculty at both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses for Summer Active 2011. Summer Active programs run from May 30 to June 24. Registration is available now.

“Summer Active gets people out enjoying the weather at noon playing bocce or trying different activities,” Recreation services fitness coordinator Ulla Liljegren said.

The events run during the noon hour or just after work and include everything from bocce to belly dancing, yoga, wall climbing and Pilates. Best of all, they’re free.

“After the winter months, it is important for those who may not be as active to get in to shape, and this is a fun and free way for staff at the university to do so,” she said.

Going strong into Summer Active’s 22nd year, Liljegren says she always enjoys helping the university community to get active and take a break from their normal routine at the office.

“We get sponsorship from departments and faculties across campus,” Liljegren said. “It’s a huge event to organize, but I love it because it sends the right message to university staff: Get active!”

Sneakers in Motion Day is the highlight of Summer Active programs. It will be offered on the Fort Garry campus on June 9 and at the Bannatyne campus on June 16. The day begins with a group warm up, and follows with the choice of a short or long walk around campus where participants have the chance to go through an obstacle course. After the walk, lunch is served and prizes are awarded for costumes.

“We want to bring awareness to all the development happening around campus,” said Liljegren. “The walk will take participants past the site of Winnipeg’s future stadium, and the new residence on the Fort Garry campus, weather permitting.”

Liljegren also encourages staff on campus to stay active year-round with a University of Manitoba gym pass. With a gym pass, members enjoy a host of options, from an introduction to inline skating, to shallow-water aquafit classes. Most of the programming offered by recreation services is very reasonably priced, and the price of a gym membership remains a steal for U of M students and staff.

“Membership certainly has its benefits. The cost of a gym pass includes a range of classes, from a moderate stretch-and-strength program to high-intensity kick-aerobics. Classes are offered every weekday throughout the summer,” she said.

For more information on how to get involved in Summer Active, visit the recreation services website.

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