Back to school

Campus abuzz: Homecoming 2011 underway as students return

On Sunday, September 18, many activities in honour of many graduates of the University of Manitoba will bring hundreds of classmates together to reminisce and salute the memories and good times they had while here. Of the almost 190,000 graduates of the university since 1877, and about 130,000 known living alumni, 84,622 still live in Manitoba, while 63,593 continue to call Winnipeg home.

“We’ve added new events to attract the community at large to Homecoming 2011 and we are also working with partners across the campus to make the last Homecoming football game to be played at the Bison Stadium the biggest and best ever,” says Jana Thorsteinson, Alumni Association acting executive director and acting director for alumni affairs. “Homecoming offers something for everyone, and we invite the community to join us.”

This year offers a few additional highlights. Visionary Conversations: This new speaker series, hosted by U of M President and Vice-Chancellor David Barnard, kicked off Wednesday, September 14. At the packed premier event, titled Apocalypse or Utopia?, some of the university’s leading minds shared insight on issues affecting our world and how the decisions we make today will shape our future.

Homecoming Gala Concert and Reception: The Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music’s free concert—a mix of classical and jazz performances—on Thursday is your opportunity to see the incredible talents of our faculty members. Following the concert, join the performers for a reception.

Migizii Agamik/Bald Eagle Lodge Open House: The open house of Bald Eagle Lodge (also known as Aboriginal House) takes place on Friday, September 16. Learn about the significance of the space, as well as how Indigenous teachings and culture contribute to the university learning experience.

Grand Opening of Bruce D. Campbell Farm and Food Discovery Centre: On Friday, September 16, you can visit Canada’s first interpretative facility that shows the ways that our food is grown, harvested, processed, made and brought to our dinner tables. Take your car or travel by our shuttle from the Fort Garry Campus to the centre at the Glenlea Research Station south of Winnipeg.

Homecoming Football Game: It’s the end of an era more than four decades in the making: the last homecoming game at Bison Stadium. Help us fill the stands to capacity and cheer the Brown and Gold on Saturday, September 17. Pre-game festivities start at 11:30 a.m. with kick-off at 1:00 p.m.

Homecoming Reunion Dinner: Reconnect with former classmates at the annual dinner on Saturday, September 17. Memories, music and laughter mix with great food, and alumnus and comedian Dean Jenkinson as emcee will make the evening a night to remember—literally. The University Singers will pop by as well!

More than 10,000 alumni and friends are expected to take in activities on both campuses and around the city. See the The Origin of Homecoming video at: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YNcWb_Aq8 Twitter hashtag #UMHomecoming
This facility will help recruit athletes and will be a great location where students, staff, alumni and other fans can cheer on the Bisons. Furthermore, the new landmark project will help to further the facilities our athletes, students, staff and the community use when construction begins on the new Active Living Centre.

There will be more positive innovations in the year ahead. We have recently created a new Office of Campus Planning to facilitate discussions about how to make best use of assets such as the former Southwood Golf Course.

There will be some challenges along the way. I want to thank you all for your patience if and when construction projects require some short-term disruptions in traffic, pedestrian movement or temporary relocations of office or classroom space. However, the improvements in our campus spaces will be far more than make up for those challenges.

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**Indefatigable: Jayas joins the 300 club**

“Dr. Jayas is an outstanding example of the type of passionate researchers at the University of Manitoba who are steadfast in their commitment to excellence,” said President Barnard, president and vice-chancellor at the University of Manitoba. “His first refereed article was published in 1983 and appears in the Canadian Agricultural Engineering Journal. Article 300, written 25 years after he obtained his PhD, will be published in an upcoming Journal of Stored Products Research.

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**THE U OF M IN THE NEWS**

Growing Manitoba

August 19, 2011

Globe and Mail

In the first three months of this year, Manitoba’s human population increased by 2,700 while Nova Scotia’s declined by 1,100. Why is Manitoba growing when Nova Scotia is shrinking? The answer, in short, is immigration and Manitoba does it aggressively. Lori Wilkinson, a U of M sociologist, provides her insights. Last year, 15,805 immigrants arrived in Manitoba, the most since 1946, most of them under a federal program that lets provinces nominate candidates for immigration. And more than 85 per cent of immigrants who come here stay here. The province does a particularly good job of matching newcomers to unfilled jobs. The top three job categories for immigrants in 2009 were in industrial butchers, truck drivers and welders. “The Manitoba government can take credit” for the influx, says Wilkinson, who specializes in immigration issues. Immigration “isn’t a priority for one department; it’s a priority for the whole government.”

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**Changes bring opportunities for new school year**

While the start of the new school year at the University of Manitoba always offers new hope and new opportunity, this fall will be especially memorable because of changes we are making to better serve a new generation of trailblazers, visionaries and innovators.

The transformations bearing fruit this fall are part of a vision to revitalize the physical spaces where we live, work, study and play. In addition to bringing new excitement to our university, these changes are also contributing to the impressive vibrancy already being experienced in our city and province.

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Law Faculty welcomes new students  on September 6th, 2011.

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University of Manitoba alumnus MD/TJ and professor of pediatrics, Stanford University’s Hugh O’Brodim presented the keynote address. Minister of Health Theresa Oswald and Grand Chief Derek Nepinak, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, also brought greetings at the white coat ceremony.

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WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT THE NEW ONLINE BURSARY TOOL

“This is my second time applying for a general bursary and I much prefer the online application process to the previous method of waiting in line and handing in the form. It is much more convenient this way! The process was very straightforward and user friendly.”

“The process was quite smooth and the instructions/questions were easy to follow. I don’t think I had any problems at all when filling out the form. I’ve only applied once last year with the paper format. I like the online format better because it’s much easier to fill in and submit.”

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Integrated travel brown bags next week

Due to a flood of interest, an additional time slot has been added to next week’s brown bag sessions on integrated travel and expense management. Held September 21 and 22, the sessions will provide an overview of the Concur integrated travel tool, more information about the new corporate credit card, and a detailed training and rollout schedule. To register, contact Kimberlee Potter at 474-7900 or potterk@cc.umanitoba.ca. Those who have already registered for September 21 are welcome to attend either session.

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The University of Manitoba’s new online bursary application has already been used by thousands of U of M students. Indeed, within two weeks of its August 24 launch, more than 2,900 submissions had already been received. That number is expected to climb as the October 3 deadline approaches, likely surpassing the 3,000 mark reached last fall. This year, there is $3 million in funding available to U of M students through bursaries.

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Prior to using this online tool, staff had to manually check eligibility for as many as six thousand students who had accepted their awards, including those applying for one of 1200 entrance awards. This year, that part of the process is completely automated. As a testament to the speed of the new process, on August 24, Financial Aid & Awards was able to make the $2.1 million in integrated travel and expense management.

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Fort Garry Campus: Wednesday, September 21
Senate Chamber, E3-262 EITC Building Session begins at 11:30 a.m.
Session 2 begins at 1:30 p.m.

Bannatyne Campus: Thursday, September 22
Theatre E, 1st Floor Dentistry Building Session begins at noon.

Read about all of the ROSE initiatives on the resource optimization website at:
> > www.umanitoba.ca/admin/rose
Shantou exchange celebrates 10 years of collaboration

BY ILANA SIMON
For The Bulletin

For the past decade, Chinese and Canadian medical students and faculty members have gained exceptional global experience in medical education, research and patient care thanks to a visionary partnership between Shantou University, the University of Manitoba and the Li Ka Shing Foundation.

To celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Shantou University and University of Manitoba academic exchange program, the "Ten Years of Building Bridges in Medical Education and Research" symposium will take place Tuesday, September 20, from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. in Frederic Gaspard Theatre, Bannatyne Campus. Everyone is welcome to attend.

David Barnard, University of Manitoba president and vice-chancellor, said the Shantou University/University of Manitoba exchange program has built important cross-cultural connections between Manitoba and China and has produced innovation in medical teaching, learning and research.

“The University of Manitoba is very grateful for the exchange program over the past 10 years of Mr. Li Ka-shing, the Li Ka Shing Foundation and Husky Energy Inc. We are honoured to host Ms Solina Chau, Li Ka Shing Foundation director, and Dr. Frieda Law, Shantou University exchange program coordinator, to mark this auspicious occasion,” he said.

The partnership began in 2000 when Mr. Li Ka-shing visited the University of Manitoba to accept the International Distiguished Entrepreneur Award (IDEA) presented by the Associates of the Asper School of Business. Mr. Li, chairman of Cheung Kong Group and founder of the Li Ka Shing Foundation, met with University of Manitoba representatives while in Winnipeg and later invited them to Hong Kong, and to visit Shantou University and discuss an academic cooperation.

In 2003, the Li Ka Shing Foundation contributed $1M to support the exchange program and two cardiovascular clinician-scientists from Shantou came to Winnipeg as the first exchange scholars. In 2007, the program expanded thanks to a $1M contribution from Husky Energy Inc., and it continues to develop, fostering greater cooperation between both universities.

“At the symposium, exchange alumni from both universities will reflect on their academic and student experiences highlighting the impact the program has had on their scholarly pursuits,” said Dr. Patrick Choy, University of Manitoba exchange program coordinator.

“As well, we are pleased to have leaders and supporters of the exchange program from China and Canada who will officially open the celebratory symposium.

More than 100 medical students, residents, researchers, and faculty members have participated in the exchange program over the past decade, broadening their perspectives on health-care delivery, research, and medical education.

Teresa Waarykow [MD/05] completed one of clinical electives at Shantou. "We focused on both traditional Chinese medicine and Western medical systems including acupuncture and the use of traditional medicinal plants," she recalled. "We also travelled to rural villages where surgeons performed cleft palate repairs on young children, and we experienced the frenzied chaos of the makeshift outreach clinics."

The exposure to a completely different medical system was eye-opening. "It taught me the importance of keeping an open mind, especially when dealing with patients from backgrounds different than my own," said Waarykow, who later took part in the exchange as a faculty member.

Shu-ru (Sue) Chen, a medical student at Shantou University, completed family and emergency medicine electives in Winnipeg last year, and she, too, found the experience enlightening.

"We had the opportunity to see patients 'hands-on' and learn more about family medicine, which is new to China," said Chen. "This experience dramatically expanded my academic skills and my personal development, and I gained knowledge and skills which I hope to share with others."

In a unique initiative started this year, Chen is participating in the U of M's Bachelor of Science in Medicine (student research) program under the supervision of cardio-vascular researcher Dr. Ian Dixon, Professor of Physiology. For Chen, the introduction to Canada's health care system will not soon be forgotten. "I was amazed by the passion of medical professionals, the active involvement of patients, and the fairness of public health care," she said.

In 2012, the number of Shantou elective participants will increase to facilitate the training of 'English Immersion' stream medical students, noted Dr. Clayton Dyck, deputy coordinator for the U of M's exchange program. "We have exciting opportunities ahead in the exchange program for new activities and sharing of ideas that will lead to continued collaboration and success in the next decade," he said.

New labs for researchers

The Honourable Gary Goodyear, Minister of State (science and technology), recently announced new funding from the Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) of $700,547 to three U of M researchers who are working on projects that will directly impact agricultural and food science research initiatives.

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"These researchers have embarked on truly innovative research programs in an area of agriculture increasingly important to our society," said Digger S. Jayas, U of M vice-president (research and international). "The continued support of our government is an asset to not only our researchers, but also to the people of Manitoba."

Véronique Alain, Faculty of Human Ecology, has received $159,974 to establish a functional foods research laboratory equipped with state-of-the-art mass and proteomics technology. This new infrastructure will use techniques to understand how flavours are formed in functional foods at the molecular level, and the wide scale functional food market is predicted to reach $92 billion by 2013, the support will position the U of M as a leader in Canada with respect to functional food research.

John Hanesiak, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources, received $399,757 to establish a Mobile Atmospheric Research System (MARS). The resulting interdisciplinary research will contribute new knowledge to areas surrounding severe weather, wind energy applications, and directly benefit agricultural agencies by improving crop models used to predict crop yields. MARS will complement existing infrastructure at the university and in the province of Manitoba, making it the first of its kind in Canada.

Juan Carlos Rodriguez-Lecompte, Faculty of Agricultural & Food Sciences, has received $260,165 to establish the first integrated Avian Nutritional Immunology Laboratory related to human health. His laboratory will investigate the impact of nutrition on animal health and food safety as they relate to human health.

YouTube ‘Vote AnyWay!’ contest challenges youth

In an average election, only about one-third of Canadians aged 18 to 25 casts a ballot— a rate far lower than their parents and grandparents. Many young adults appear turned off by campaigns, and others seem tuned out of democracy altogether. Political scientists and students at the U of M aim to reverse this trend by encouraging young people to “VoteAnyWay” in the October 4th provincial election.

“VoteAnyWay” means choosing to take part in the Manitoba election despite all of the cynicism surrounding the role of young people in politics,” explains project co-director and U of M adjunct professor Jared Wesley. "As a non-partisan project, ‘VoteAnyWay’ also means voting any way that you choose, for whichever candidate or party you prefer."

To encourage young Manitobans to engage one another in the election, the VoteAnyWay project is sponsoring a public service announcement (PSA) contest. Open to all Manitoba residents under the age of 25, the contest challenges entrants to put their movie-making talents to the test by designing the most effective youth voting advertisement, in 29 seconds or less.

“Too often, older Canadians find themselves scolding younger citizens about why voting is important. These lengthy lectures about civic duty aren’t working. We need to get youth involved in the discussion, and turn this into a two-way conversation,” Wesley said.

Many recognized Manitobans and others have already participated in the initiative. Winnipeg philanthropist Gail Asper recently garnered quite a lot of media attention for the initiative with her unique homemade rap called “Vote AnyWay.” Filmed for YouTube on the steps of the Manitoba Legislature, CBC’s Saturday morning program Day 6 (with host Brent Bambury) even provided a remix by Canadian DJ Skratch Bastid, which can be viewed on the CBC Day 6 website.

To see Gail Asper, er, bust a move for the contest, visit: facebook.com/VoteAnyWay
THE SWEET REWARDS OF TEACHING
UTS welcomes new director Mark Torchia

BY MARIANNE MAYS WIEBE
The Bulletin

"It's only a good day if you learn something new," says Mark Torchia, when asked to articulate what motivates him. Given his enthusiasm for learning, it's perfectly apt that Torchia has been installed as the new director of university teaching services (UTS), the unit whose mission is to "contribute to the practice and scholarship of teaching through guidance, collaborative problem-solving, and research with respect to teaching and learning effectiveness."

Torchia laughs that students often anticipate their attendance at the U of M in the sense of "going" to the University of Manitoba, even when it may be that they are going only a few miles away.

There can be the sense that they are leaving the community to go to the institution; however, he notes, that's not so. To Torchia, what is special about the U of M is precisely that it is "part of the community."

Education is the "golden thread" that crosses from the university and into the community itself. Because Winnipeg has such a sense of community, he says, "it's a very compelling thing: students see you as a real person. You're genuine."

It's more than this connection to community that compels Torchia to see education as a golden thread, however. There's also the transformation offered by learning itself.

For Torchia, who is also an investor in the joy of teaching and learning is fueled by application, by making the learning real. "Giving something back, the knowledge that you pass on to that you see is then used by others—and perhaps even passed on or utilized in secondary and tertiary ways," he says, is something he finds immensely gratifying.

He is also inspired by naysayers. He finds naysayers inspiring? Yes, he does: He likes to "turn it around," to see something that "can't be done" as a challenge rather than insurmountable.

Seeing both sides that way seems to run deep for Torchia, since he names his guiding principle as aspiring to "a sense of strength mediated by understanding." When knowledge is conditioned both by strength and compassion, it's a powerful thing, he adds.

The pleasure of teaching

It was his own mentor that first triggered Mark Torchia's interest in the role of teaching. After thirty-some years in healthcare—including time with the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority (WRHA), as an Associate Professor of Surgery and overseeing the first two years of the Medicine program at the University of Manitoba—Torchia always hoped that at some point in his career, he would end up working more directly with education.

It gives an overwhelming sense of pleasure, of something like reward," he says about teaching. "The feeling that you might be accomplishing something, passing something on to others. There's a sense of undefinable reward."

Working with the WRHA supplied Torchia an opportunity to meet many practitioners, professors, students—and others, such as patients and family members—in various roles across the community. That exposure helped him to recognize the wider responsibility of the teaching role, to understand that teaching and being in the classroom is only "a small part of what the role is," he says.

UTS as a ‘wellness centre’ for teaching

Torchia notes—in part because teaching itself is evolving, changing practice that continually presents new and specific challenges. UTS sees those challenges as potential learning opportunities.

UTS normally fulfills its mandate as a resource through a variety of approaches. It is a forum of exchange about higher education ideas; it is also a centre that offers practical help, including courses and publications to benefit U of M teachers.

The emphasis, its new director says, is on "evidence-based, best practice" teaching help. In addition to a free certificate program called CHET (Certification in Higher Education Teaching), for graduate student teachers. UTS offers many free regular courses and workshops on everything from using reference management tools to blended learning (incorporating online learning and other technologies into teaching), working with large classes to writing syllabi.

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The University of Manitoba congratulates the following academic staff members who were awarded tenure and/or promoted in 2011

**Tenured Faculty**
Dr. Silvia Alesi-Severini, Faculty of Pharmacy
Dr. Benjamin Baader, History
Professor Karen Baptist Wilson, Landscape Architecture
Dr. Hari Bapuji, Business Administration
Dr. Stacie Burke, Anthropology
Dr. Susan Close, Interior Design
Dr. Ryan Compton, Economics
Dr. Margaret Docker, Biological Sciences
Dr. Thomas Falkenberg, Curriculum, Teaching and Learning
Dr. Ken Ferron, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dr. Jason Fiege, Physics and Astronomy
Dr. Shaahin Filizadeh, Electrical and Computer Engineering
Dr. Gordon Fitzell, Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music
Dr. Christopher Frank, History
Dr. Andrew Halayko, Physiology
Dr. Gilbert Kiouac, Oral Biology
Dr. Nicola Koper, Natural Resources Institute
Dr. Steven Lece, Political Studies
Dr. David Levin, Biosystems Engineering
Dr. Kathryn Levine, Faculty of Social Work
Dr. Corey Mackenzie, Psychology
Dr. Brian Mark, Microbiology
Dr. Maria Medved, Psychology
Dr. Javier Mignone, Family Social Sciences
Dr. Donald Miller, Pharmacology and Therapeutics
Dr. Olarewaju Ojo, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Dr. Evartius Oshiohene, Faculty of Law
Dr. Oleandr Paseyka, Accounting and Finance
Dr. Kathryn Ritchot, Student Counselling and Career Centre
Dr. Clea Schmidt, Curriculum, Teaching and Learning
Dr. Dana Schroeder, Biological Sciences
Dr. Jennifer Schulz, Faculty of Law
Dr. Jessica Senehi, Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice
Dr. John Serieux, Economics
Dr. Mioyoung Suh, Human Nutritional Sciences
Dr. Lucas Tromly, English, Film, and Theatre
Dr. David Walker, Environment and Geography
Ms. Pam Wener, Occupational Therapy
Dr. Wen Zhong, Textile Sciences

**Promoted Faculty**

**Promotion to Professor**
Dr. James Blatz, Civil Engineering
Dr. Pinaki Bose, Economics
Dr. Oliver Botar, School of Art
Dr. Peter Budzelaar, Chemistry
Dr. Paul Bullock, Soil Science
Dr. Nazim Cicek, Biosystems Engineering
Dr. Karen Grant, Sociology
Dr. Andrew Halayko, Physiology
Dr. John Hanesiak, Environment
Dr. Andrew Halayko, Physiology
Dr. Christopher Frank, History
Dr. Yunhua Luo, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Dr. Carey Mackenzie, Psychology
Dr. Brian Mark, Microbiology
Dr. Ruth Ann Marrie, Internal Medicine
Dr. Neil McCarthy, Philosophy
Dr. Maria Medved, Psychology
Dr. Elizabeth (Liz) Millward, Women’s and Gender Studies

**Promotion to Full Librarian**
Ms. Liv Volmestad, Libraries

**Promotion to Associate Librarian**
Ms. Lisa Demczuk, Libraries
Ms. Lori Giles-Smith, Libraries

**Promotion to Senior Instructor**
Mr. Ken Bentley*, Kinesiology and Recreation Management
Ms. Lisa Fine, Social Sciences
Dr. Lorraine (Rainey) Gaywish, Extended Education
Mr. Kevin Scott, Biological Sciences
Ms. Marilyn Seguire, Nursing
Ms. Carla Shapiro, Nursing
Mr. Jeffrey Young, Biological Sciences

**Promotion to Instructor II**
Mr. Claude Berube*, Kinesiology and Recreation Management
Ms. Pamela Danis*, Kinesiology and Recreation Management
Mr. Jonathan Rempel*, Kinesiology and Recreation Management
Mr. Michael Shirant*, Kinesiology and Recreation Management

**Promotion to Assistant Professor**
Dr. Ewa Courvoisier-Grywacz, Emergency Medicine
Dr. Francis Zvomuya, Soil Science
Dr. Michelle Michael, Medical Microbiology
Dr. Srisaladevi Navaratnam, Internal Medicine
Dr. Evartius Oshiohene, Law
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Dr. John Serieux, Economics
Dr. Shirley Thompson, Natural Resources Institute
Dr. Lucas Tromly, English, Film & Theatre
Dr. Christopher Trott, Native Studies
Dr. Mauro Vrelleri, Internal Medicine
Dr. Bing Chen Wang, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Prof. Karen Wilson Baptist, Landscape Architecture
Dr. John Wylie, Medical Microbiology
Dr. Wen Zhong, Textile Sciences
Dr. Francis Zvomuya, Soil Science

*indicates effective date prior to 2011
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September 15, 2011

Enhanced student experience: New director appointments

BY SEAN MOORE
The Bulletin

Further cementing its commitment to providing an exceptional student experience, the University of Manitoba has created and filled a new position—director of student life—that will improve students' university experiences by enhancing opportunities for them to engage in service learning, and activities outside of classrooms and labs. The university has also appointed a new director of University 1.

“Our goal is to ensure the University of Manitoba remains a transformative place that allows students to learn and grow; to provide a place for them to engage in a rich and rewarding community,” said David Barnard, U of M president and vice-chancellor. “The university is fortunate to have appointed two individuals of remarkable talent and vision to positions that will continue our successes in achieving this goal.”

Elizabeth (Betty) Worobec and Brendan Hughes are the successful candidates who will continue to promote and support new opportunities for students to experience and engage in university life.

Elizabeth (Betty) Worobec is the new Director of University 1 at the U of M. Worobec received her PhD in biochemistry from the University of Alberta in 1985 and in 1988 she arrived at the U of M’s department of microbiology. In 2004 she became assistant department head, and in July 2005 she was appointed associate dean (student affairs) in the Faculty of Science. Worobec will use her talents and inventiveness to further promote and support first-year student experience at the U of M.

Brendan Hughes is the new director of student life at the U of M. This newly created position will allow Hughes to bolster a dynamic university experience for students by promoting their abilities to learn and thrive. Hughes arrived in Winnipeg from Lakehead University where he was new student orientation and commuter services coordinator. He has over 20 years of experience in promoting student development, leadership, engagement and orientation.

The university continually adapts to meet student needs and to ensure they are provided with a transformative experience. The U of M’s goal is to ensure it is a student-focused research university—a place where students can define themselves, and define their futures.

The Sheepdogs: From the cover of the Rolling Stone to campus coup

The Sheepdogs played two shows for rez students on Sunday, September 4, one outdoors for the residence welcome barbecue before a crowd of about 1000 people, and the second show for a sold-out Residence Students’ Association Council (RSAC) social later that evening at University Centre. So how did the U of M manage to land the now-famous band that saw its popularity rise exponentially overnight after winning the cover of Rolling Stone?

Clarence Chong, coordinator of marketing and community relations with student residencies at the university says that they worked with a former student and resident of Taché Hall, Stu Anderson, to book the band. Anderson currently works as an agent for Paquin Entertainment.

“It was an incredible experience for rez students to have The Sheepdogs play at the Residence Welcome barbecue fresh off their Rolling Stone magazine cover,” said Chong.

“Hopefully one day The Sheepdogs show can go down in U of M residence history alongside the now infamous KISS concert in Taché Hall during the 70s!”

Enhanced student experience: New director appointments

Infrastructure gains: The big three

THE FORT GARRY CAMPUS is a busy place these days. In addition to the return of students, faculty and staff for the new 2011-2012 academic year, some new and in-progress buildings have made a significant change to the landscape. Pembina Hall Residence is one of the biggest changes, with each of its 360 single-room units featuring an exterior glass wall for plenty of natural light and excellent views of the campus to the north and the Red River to the south. Of course, stadium construction also continues, as does the construction of ARTLab, the new space for the School of Art, scheduled to open in November.
STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS STREAM ONTO CAMPUS FOR ORIENTATION 2011.

Photos of poutine-eating, student-volunteer left and immediately above, musicians Flo and Koley by Mike Latschi
All other photos by Mariianne Mays
Scenes from 2011 Orientation and UMSUFe
HOMECOMING 2011
Bison Homecoming Football vs. Saskatchewan
Saturday, September 17
1:00 p.m.
University Stadium

And we’re launched!
VISIONARY CONVERSATIONS, a new speaker series hosted by U of M President and Vice-Chancellor David Barnard was kicked off on September 14. Titled Apocalypse or Utopia?, some of the university’s leading minds shared their insights on issues affecting our world and how the decisions we make today will shape our future.

Look for other conversations in the series later in the 2011-2012 academic year.

Photo above by Mariianne Mays Wiebe; photo left by Mike Latschislaw.

Bison co-ed cheerleading team practices during orientation 2011.

THEY ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO SOMETHING. From the social aspects of university to a geometry course (someone’s teacher is reading this!), from returning to play with the women’s soccer team to finishing the final year of a degree, from their first year at Asper business school or Engineering to coming back to University 1, to more involvement with their student associations, all of these students had something they said they were looking forward to this fall.

Students Mehrdad Bagherzamani, a second year agriculture student, Kalayevanen Couttignane, a first year engineering student, and Nithinit Chamlerdwat, a second year science student, are looking forward to involvement in social activities and entering their second year of university.

Alex Cornick is in her second year and hoping to get into kinesiology. She looks forward to being more involved in school activities this year, in part because she is on the St. Paul’s College Student Council. Chloe Werle and Julia Dacosta are both returning to University 1, Sarah Dobie is entering the Asper program. Rizzle Muñoz, a fourth year Arts student, is looking forward to graduating with her degree in psychology.

Above, Rizzle Muñoz, a fourth year psychology student; above left photo, Mehrdad Bagherzamani, a second year agriculture student, Kalayevanen Couttignane, a first year engineering student, and Nithinit Chamlerdwat, a second year science student; photo above right, Alex Cornick, second year U1, Sarah Dobie, first year Asper, Chloe Werle and Julia Dacosta, both second year U1.
The ‘unparalleled opportunity’ of a human rights museum

BY HELEN FALLDING AND MARIANNE MAYS WEBE

Would a virtual reality exhibit make museum visitors more empathetic to suffering? Are Indigenous rights and human rights the same thing? What can Manitoba’s new Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR) learn from museums in other countries?

Those kinds of questions will be explored by some of the U of M’s most creative researchers in a series of independent conversations that starts this fall.

“This speaker series featuring renowned visionary thinkers will help shape how the Canadian Museum for Human Rights explores the fundamental issues that truly define our community, our province, our country and the world,” said U of M President and Vice-Chancellor David Barnard. “The establishment of this museum creates an unparalleled opportunity for all of us to help determine how best to promote and protect the basic rights to which all people are entitled.”

Murray: ‘Our goal is to take those risks, break down barriers and invite dialogue’


The seminars run most Monday afternoons until March, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m., in Room 206 at the Faculty of Law on the Fort Garry campus. Highlights from the series include:

- On September 26, Andrew Woolford (sociology) and Adam Muller (English) explore the risks and benefits of using new technologies to appeal to the emotions of museum visitors; on October 31, Tina Chen and Jarvis Brownlie (both from history) discuss lessons from China and from the fight for residential school compensation in Canada; on November 14, Fiona MacDonald (political studies) and Peter Kulchyski (Native studies) investigate the potential impact of prioritizing Indigenous peoples at the museum (joined by CMHR elder Dave Courchene); and on November 28, Maria Cheung (Social Work), Terry Russell (Asian studies) and David Matas (Law) argue that the voices of Falun Gong practitioners persecuted by China need to be heard in a Canadian museum.

All seminars in the series Critical Conversations: The Idea of a Human Rights Museum are open to the public, with graduate students who attend for credit taking the lead in the lively discussions to follow each presentation.

“A truly critical conversation about human rights requires the participation of a diverse public audience, since there are multiple experiences of and perspectives on human rights and their denial,” Woolford said. He is organizing the seminar series along with Muller, Struan Sinclair (English) and Karen Busby, academic director of the university’s Centre for Human Rights Research Initiative.

Human rights are a strategic focus for the U of M, building on existing expertise and offering all departments and faculties the opportunity to participate. The university already has more than 150 scholars dedicated to the study and promotion of human rights issues.

Earlier this year, the U of M signed a memorandum of understanding with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights to facilitate cooperation to advance human rights education and research, and to empower people to change thought and take action for human rights.

The Canadian Museum for Human Rights is expected to open in 2013.

Centre For Human Rights Research Initiative: chrr.info/

A Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics Panel Discussion

Feminism and ‘Slutwalks’: Can reclaiming words empower women?

Participants:
Brenda Austin-Smith, Department of English & Film Studies
Jila Ghomeshi, Department of Linguistics
Meena Krishnamurthy, Department of Philosophy
Karen Busby, Faculty of Law

Friday, September 30, 12:30-1:30
Concourse Lounge, University College
Everyone welcome
**Montreal calling**

This autumn the U of M will provide one of its outstanding students with the opportunity to accompany university president David Barnard to a conference in Montreal where the student will contribute to the dialogue on the future role of Canadian universities.

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constantly fosters leadership in our students and we are always seeking new ways to challenge them, encourage their personal growth inside and outside of the classroom or laboratory, and learn from their perspectives," said Barnard.

"I'm excited to offer the opportunity to one of our student leaders to travel to Montreal, where he or she can contribute to an important discussion about the future of our universities."

The two-day conference that starts October 25 is the annual gathering of AUCC (the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada), the representative body of 95 Canadian public and private not-for-profit universities and university-degree level colleges. This year's conference is titled "Universities 100: Navigating a Changing World" and it intends to promote dialogue on the role of universities in Canada's future. AUCC is encouraging student participation.

The U of M's student life office, which ensures students receive exceptional experiences and opportunities to learn and grow, is asking interested students to submit either a short essay, video or audio file explaining their personal leadership history and to describe their vision of the U of M's role in the year 2021.

For more go to:  
www.umanitoba.ca/student/leader

**Health inequity study aims to help province's vulnerable**

A new program at the University of Manitoba will receive $2M in funding over the next five years to tackle health and social inequity in Manitoba's children. The Canadian Institutes of Health Research's (CIHR) Institutes of Population and Public Health (IPPH), and Human Development, Child and Youth Health (HDCYH) Programmatic Grants in Health and Health Equity funding, is supported in partnership with the Public Health Agency of Canada and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

The Honourable Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health, recently announced funding to support the research project, "PATHS Equity for Children: A Program of Research into What Works to Reduce the Gaps for Manitoba's Children" at a new conference held at the University of Manitoba's Bannatyne Campus.

Patricia Martens, professor in the university's department of community health sciences, will lead the project that includes a team of 16 researchers at the U of M and throughout Canada and the US. In addition, partners from nine government ministries, the Healthy Child Manitoba Initiative, all 11 regional health authorities within the province and the United Way are also involved in the research.

"At provincial and national levels, policies and programs are developed to reduce health and social inequity," said Martens. "The new five-year study will determine which Manitoba programs have improved overall outcomes, but more importantly, verify which ones narrowed the gap and those that widened the gap in child health inequity."

Making use of the 100 plus databases housed at MCHP in the Faculty of Medicine, Martens and her team will study the results of multiple programs and policies introduced in the past 10 years, ones that could potentially impact inequities of children and youth in our province. Programs and policies such as new models of primary health care, hospital policies on breastfeeding, programs to support healthy pregnancies and positive parenting, educational interventions like summer enrichment programs or suicide reduction programs will be examined. As well, the researchers will examine if being involved in more than one of these programs would have a multiplying effect on positive outcomes and reduced gaps.

While the databases remain anonymous, they can be linked to information such as family units and neighbourhoods, geographic-based information on health and social services and outcomes, physician visits and use of hospitals, immunization programs, educational outcomes, early childhood intervention programs, use of child care, use of social assistance programs, and the use of public housing.

The objective of this collaborative project is to work with those at the front line of programs and policies, to help interpret the results within context, and to then translate the research findings into evidence-informed policies and programs to reduce the gap in health and well-being for Manitoba's children.

For more information or a complete list of co-investigators:  
www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca

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**RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS 2012–2013**

**Deadline for applications: November 14, 2011**

The Centre on Aging invites applications for Research Fellowships for the 2012–2013 academic year from University of Manitoba faculty members.

The Centre on Aging conducts, stimulates, and promotes research on aging, provides and interdisciplinary focus for the research activities in aging at the universities in Manitoba, and supports the teaching of students in aging.

The Centre on Aging Research Fellowships are designed to support aging-related research in any discipline. The Research Fellowships are open to all University of Manitoba faculty and each consists of a $10,000 stipend. The stipend will typically be used as a research grant for costs directly related to the proposed research project, or as a combination of both.

Detailed information on the Research Fellowship is available on the Centre on Aging’s Web site:

www.umanitoba.ca/centres/aging under Faculty opportunities.

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**INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS**

**Presidental Review Committee**

The Presidental Review Committee invites submissions by members of the University of Manitoba Community

Dr. David Barnard's current term as President of the University of Manitoba ends June 30, 2013. Dr. Barnard has requested that, in accordance with his agreement with the University, the Board of Governors initiate a review to consider the extension of his appointment beyond the current term. To that end, the Board of Governors has established a Presidential Review Committee. The role of the Committee is to review the President's performance, to seek submissions from the University Community and to report to the Board by November 15, 2011.

The Board of Governors has asked that the Presidential Review Committee "solicit informed opinions from ... members of the University Community." The Presidential Review Committee invites submissions from all members of the University Community. Specifically, the Committee seeks submissions on the following criteria:

• The President's performance as chief executive officer of the University,
• The President's contribution to enhancing the stature of the University and to the promotion of its academic excellence,
• The President's performance in exercising institutional leadership,
• The President's performance as an institutional spokesperson and in communicating effectively within the University, with related institutions, with governments and government agencies, with national and international bodies and with the public,
• The President's performance in developing and implementing a strategic plan.

All submissions will remain confidential and no comments will be attributed to the submitter. Submissions should be submitted to the Presidental Review Committee, care of Mr. Jeff Leclerc, Secretary to the Committee.

By mail:  
Presidental Review Committee  
313 Administration Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3T 2N2

By email:  
jeff_leclerc@umanitoba.ca

All submissions must be received by September 29, 2011.

For further information on the Presidental Review process, please visit umanitoba.ca/ governance.

www.umanitoba.ca
COFFEE WITH A CO-WORKER
The Bulletin plays 10 or 20 questions with Keith Millan

Coffee or tea? Coffee, black, no sugar. Preferably strong.

Precision and creativity. What Keith Millan enjoys about building is the process of seeing something through from design or concept to completion. The technician for the workshop in the Faculty of Architecture, where he has worked since 2001, Millan learned the necessary skills through his years self-employed as a renovator. He especially loves fine woodworking and finish carpentry because they are both “creative and precise,” he says.

His job at the workshop requires a wide variety of woodworking, building and machining skills as well as the organizational abilities for project and workshop management. The summer is a time when larger projects can be undertaken, such as the current completion of the workshop renovation. During the school year, many architecture classes book workshop time and engage Millan’s expertise for their various studios and projects. He says his job is to “teach others how to design and detail for sustainability,” while keeping the workshop in the best possible condition for students, making it “an optimal environment.”

In addition to his dy sense of humour, Millan is a world traveller. He has been the world over from New Zealand to Bali and back, but he is rooted in Canada. What he likes about being at the U of M in particular, he says, is that it also provides him the possibility of passing on his skills, and the knowledge that he has gained through experience.

- Mariianne Mays Wiebe

What puts a smile on your face? Something that is really well designed.

Recount a childhood memory that has stayed with you: I really enjoyed going to my cousin’s farm and spending time there in the summer.

Dinner with friends — in or out and where and what? I prefer to cook at home and have friends over. This time of year: it’s barbecuing, things like souvlaki or salmon.

Where did you grow up? Winnipeg, for the most part.

Something you do better than most people you know: Furniture making.

Describe something eye-opening you’ve experienced. Waking up every day.

Childhood hero? No childhood heroes.

Guiding principle: ‘Attend to what you are doing right now’

What is your guiding principle? Attend to what you are doing right now.

What is the most educational thing you have experienced? Everything is educational.

What do you appreciate or admire in others? Straightforwardness.

What do you value in your friends? Difference.

Something you think is highly underrated: Simplicity.


Favourite piece of music? Mozart’s Horn concertos.

A word you really like: “Schwerpunkt,” the German word for “point of focus,” because it reminds me of Laser cutters a point of focused energy. The U of M architecture workshop just recently purchased a technology that uses a laser to cut materials. Laser cutting works is a computer-directed output of a high-power laser. The material melts, burns, or vaporizes away, leaving a precise edge and a high-quality surface finish.

BY U OF M STAFF AND FACULTY

PAIN AND THE SOCIAL. Ranjan Roy has just published a book that has been over 30 years in the making. Since the late 1970s, Roy has been investigating chronic pain and pain management; when he first began, he also noted the effects of social support on mitigating pain.

Since that time, Roy has written many books, many of them on the social aspects of pain—in fact, this is his thirteenth book and (retirement be darned!) he is working on number 14. A professor in the Faculty of Social Work and the department of clinical health psychology, Roy has been involved in research in this fascinating field since he became an academic. When he started, he says, he was a complete novice in research; Roy says that psychiatrist Allan McFarlane, who became his friend and mentor of his (and to whom Roy has dedicated his interdisciplinary book), invited him to begin this collaborative adventure.

Social Support, Health, and Illness: A Complicated Relationship overviews the explosion of research over the past 40 or so years in the field of health and social relationships. The book also takes into account research that shows the potential negative aspects of social support, such as an emotional or financial strain on caregivers, or over-solicitous behaviour in caregivers, which can become counterproductive both to the relationship and to the person living with pain.

The focus on caregivers alongside those who live with pain or chronic health issues is unique, and Roy provides historical and theoretical backgrounds in his study of the often-complicated relationships underlying various forms of social support. — Mariianne Mays Wiebe

BY U OF M STAFF AND FACULTY

Social Support, Health, and Illness: A Complicated Relationship (2013) by Ranjan Roy is published by University of Toronto Press.

Advertise in the Bulletin
For details call 474 8111

Recommended Reading

WHAT I’M READING

JEN STORM: This summer, the book that was recommended to me was The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian. I’d never heard of the book, nor of Sherman Alexie, but when I had my copy I couldn’t put it down. I felt nor of Sherman Alexie, but when I had my copy I couldn’t put it down. I felt...
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Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics Presents

Bipole III: Social and Ethical Considerations in the East vs. West side debate

Public Forum
Speakers will include:
Lynne Fernandez, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
John Ryan, University of Winnipeg

Thursday September 22, 1:00 - 2:30 pm
Concourse Lounge, University College, Fort Garry Campus
Everyone welcome

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Nash hits the U of M hardwood

Two-time National Basketball Association MVP Steve Nash was in Winnipeg on September 12 to receive this year’s St. Boniface Hospital Foundation International Award for humanitarian activities. He participated in a basketball clinic with 10 inner-city basketball players at the U of M’s Investors Group Athletic Centre, assisted by the U of M Bisons and University of Winnipeg Wesmen men’s basketball teams.

Following the clinic, Nash spoke on the importance of nutrition in an athlete’s life. The game and the speech were open to the public. Nash, who was born in Johannesburg, South Africa, moved with his family to Regina when he was 18 months old. He later moved to Vancouver and Victoria.

NBA Star Steve Nash at the U of M

youtube.com/watch?v=H6kTjHJMNKc

University of Manitoba

2010 Merit Award Recipients

The Collective Agreement between the University of Manitoba and the University of Manitoba Faculty Association includes provision for merit awards, granted to Members to recognize outstanding achievement in a given calendar year. The amount of each award is $3,000. The two joint University/UMFA committees responsible for administering the merit awards made their decisions in May. Below is a list of recipients:

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Combination:
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- Dr. Sergio Carvalho, Dept. of Marketing, Asper School of Business
- Dr. Carla Taylor, Dept. of Human Nutritional Sciences, Faculty of Human Ecology

The total amount of the fund was not allocated. The remainder was given to the Libraries for acquisitions, as per Article 23.5 of the UM/UMFA Collective Agreement.

Former Duff Roblin prof, this year’s Galimberti lecturer

Paul Thomas, former Duff Roblin Professor in government at the U of M, was this year’s Galimberti lecturer at the Institute of Public Administration of Canada’s (IPAC) 63rd annual conference on Tuesday, August 30 on the topic: “Strategic communications in the public service in the 21st century”.

The memorial lecture was created in 2007 to honour Joe Galimberti, who served IPAC for 31 years. Galimberti devoted his life to excellence in public service and to enhancing the theory and practice of public administration around the world. With this annual lecture IPAC remembers Galimberti’s cherished ideals and IPAC’s work to bring innovation and excellence to public service.

Thomas is currently Professor Emeritus at the U of M, where he taught for over 30 years. In 2003 he was awarded the Vanier Medal for exceptional achievement in public administration and the Queen’s Jubilee Commemorative Medal for Public Service. In 1994, he was awarded the Lieutenant Governor’s Award for distinguished public service by the Manitoba Chapter of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada. In 2007 Professor Thomas received IPAC’s De Celles Award for teaching excellence and was awarded the Order of Manitoba.

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FORT GARRY + BANNATYNE CAMPUSES

LECTURES, SYMPOSIA, SEMINARS

DEPARTMENT OF CLASSICS LECTURE
Sunday, September 18 | 3:00 PM
Via Egnatia: A Journey Across the Lower Balkans Through Time by Yannis Lolos, University of Thessaly. In 237 University College.

CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS: THE IDEA OF A HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUM SEMINAR SERIES
Monday, Sept. 19 | 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

THIN AIR ON CAMPUS
Tuesday, September 20 | 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Margaret Macpherson. Macpherson’s new novel, Body Trade, is a harrowing tale of two young Canadian women swept into a violent underworld in Central America.

Wednesday, Sept. 21 | 11:30 to 12:20 p.m.
Kim Anderson-Jones shares her research into the lives, traditions, and wisdom of aboriginal women.

Friday, Sept. 22 | 12:30 to 12:20 p.m.
Jacob McArthur Mooney McArthur Mooney’s new poetry book, Falk, takes a fresh look at identity and place by investigating our desire to align where we are with who we are. All are invited to attend the presentation in 409 Tier Building, Fort Garry Campus.

NURSING CAREER FAIR
Monday, Sept. 26 | 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
In the Atrium, Helen Glass Centre for Nursing.

CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS: THE IDEA OF A HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUM SEMINAR SERIES
Monday, Sept. 26 | 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.
“Spatializing Suffering, Exhibiting Rights: Affect and Absurdity in the Modern ‘Ideas Museum’” (Part 1) by Andrew Woolford (sociology) and Adam Muller (English). In 206 Robson Hall, Faculty of Law.

INSTITUTE FOR THE HUMANITIES OPEN HOUSE
Friday, Sept. 30 | 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.
The director, the research affiliates, representatives from the Research Clusters and the Board of Management will be on hand to answer questions, talk about the Institute’s programs this year, and to discuss research projects supported by the Institute. Refreshments will be provided and everyone is welcome to attend. Please join us 409 Tier Building.

PANEL DISCUSSION: FEMINISM AND ‘SLUTWALKS’: CAN RECLAIMING WORDS EMPOWER WOMEN?
Friday, Sept. 30 | 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
Brenda Austin-Smith, Department of English & Film Studies; Jia Ghomehi, Department of Linguistics; Meena Krishnamurthy, Department of Philosophy and Karen Budz, Faculty of Law; Concourse Lounge, University College. Everyone welcome.

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY COLLOQUIUM
Friday, September 30 | 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 21 | 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
“Debunking Arguments Against Commonwealth Realism” by Dan Korman, University of Illinois. In 384 University Building.

CORRECTED NOTICE

FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE
Department of Interior Design
Position: Full-time tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor
Deadline: November 15, 2011
Start Date: July 1, 2012
Position number: 12056
For Information: Dr. William Wilshire, Head and Chair of Search Committee, Department of Preventive Dental Sciences, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba.
Fax (204) 789-3856, Email: ia_wilshire@umanitoba.ca

FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND WRMH CRITICAL CARE PROGRAM
Department of Internal Medicine
Position: Head of the Section of Critical Care and Medical Director, Critical Care Program, five years renewable
Deadline: December 1, 2011
Start Date: January 1, 2012
Position number: 13405
For Information: Dr. Sharon Macdonald, Department Head, Department of Community Health Sciences, Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba.
Bannatyne Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 0W3; email sharon_macdonald@umanitoba.ca

FACULTY OF MEDICINE
Department of Community Health Sciences
Position: Full-time tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor
Deadline: October 15, 2011
Start Date: January 1, 2012
Position number: 12397
For Information: Peter A. Catin, Ph.D., Acting Head, E&MS, (204) 789-3856, email: peter.catin@umanitoba.ca

FACULTY OF MEDICINE
Department of Regenerative Medicine
Position: Full-time tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor
Deadline: October 15, 2011
Start Date: January 1, 2012
Position number: 13546
For Information: Dr. Geoff Hicks, Director, Regenerative Medicine Program, Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba, 50502, 675 McDermot Ave, Winnipeg, MB R3E 0V9, tel. (204) 787-8933, fax (204) 787-2133, email hicksge@c.umanitoba.ca

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY
Division of Community Dentistry and joint appointment at Centre for Community Oral Health, Department of Preventive Dental Science
Position: Full-time continuing Research Assistant Professor for an initial period of one year at the rank of Lecturer / Assistant Professor
Deadline: October 15, 2011
Start Date: January 1, 2012
Position number: 13540
For Information: Dr. William Wilshire, Head and Chair of Search Committee, Department of Preventive Dental Sciences, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba.
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FACULTY OF DENTISTRY
Division of Orthodontics, Department of Preventive Dental Sciences
Position: Assistant Professor
Deadline: January 15, 2012
Start Date: July 1, 2012
Position number: 11678
For Information: Dr. William Wilshire, Head and Chair of Search Committee, Department of Preventive Dental Sciences, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba.
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FACULTY OF DENTISTRY
Graduate Periodontics Program, Department of Dental Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences
Position: Director of the Graduate Periodontics Program in the Department of Dental Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences, five years renewable (renewable)
Deadline: October 15, 2011
Start Date: October 1, 2011
Position number: 13541
For Information: Dr. Mark Whitmore, Dean, Faculty of Science, University of Manitoba, 250 Machray Hall, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, R3T 2N2, email mark_whitmore@umanitoba.ca

FACULTY OF ARTS
Department of German and Slavic Studies
Position: Full-time Probationary position at the rank of Instructor I in the area of German Language
Deadline: October 15, 2011
Start Date: January 1, 2012
Position number: 13546
For Information: Dr. Stephen Jaeger, Department of German and Slavic Studies, 237 University College, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, R3T 2N2.
Email: jaeger@umanitoba.ca

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA LIBRARIES
Undergraduate Services
Position: Undergraduate Services Librarian at a General/Associate Librarian rank
Deadline: October 14, 2011
Start Date: January 1, 2012
Position number: 13546
For Information: Ms Karen Adams, Director of Libraries, The University of Manitoba Libraries, Winnipeg, MB R3N 2N2.
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FACULTIES OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENCES AND SCIENCE/OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT (RESEARCH)

FULL-TIME CONTINGENT APPOINTMENT
Full-time continuing Research Assistant Professor
Deadline: November 15, 2011
Start Date: January 1, 2012
Position number: 13540
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**Research Orientation Series**

**Week Three:** Overview of internal grants (Janice Ristock and Nancy Klos)
- September 22, 2011
  1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
  ORS Boardroom, 540 Machray Hall
- September 23, 2011
  12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
  700 John Buhler Research Centre

**Week Four:** Overview of CFI Funding (Tracy Mohr and Gary Glavin)
- September 29, 2011
  1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
  ORS Boardroom, 540 Machray Hall
- September 30, 2011
  12:30 to 1:30 p.m.
  718 John Buhler Research Centre
  (Note different location)

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**Upcoming Events**

**6th Annual Undergraduate Student Research Poster Competition**

The 2011 competition will take place on:

- **Thursday, October 27, 2011**
  1:00 to 4:30 p.m.
  Manitoba Rooms 210-224, University Centre, Fort Garry campus

**Forms to be submitted by**

- **September 30, 2011** to:
  Shellie Johannesson
  207 Administration Building
  Fort Garry Campus

To download the application form, or for more information, visit: [http://umanitoba.ca/research/92.htm](http://umanitoba.ca/research/92.htm)

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**Unravelling the pot**

**BY MELNI GHATTORA**

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As he suspected, Fowler, an assistant professor of anthropology, had stumbled across ceramic pots that originate from Southern Africa, an area he is very familiar with. He has been conducting archaeological research in South Africa since 1997, and is a specialist who studies pottery. His office shelves are lined with remarkable artifacts he has collected over the years, and when he begins the story of how these vessels took form, only then does one truly appreciate the history each pot reveals.

In December 2010, Fowler and his team wrapped up a three-year study called The Nguni Ceramics and Society Project (NCSP). The group worked in Swaziland and throughout eastern South Africa, from the Mozambique border, down to the Eastern Cape. Covering approximately 25,000 square kilometres, they worked with Swazi and Zulu potters (two branches of Nguni speaking peoples in Africa today), to observe and document the process of how ceramics pots are made within each group, and determine how long the process dates back.

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Fowler feels he is one step closer to understanding why archaeological cultures would have the same type of artifact style distributed over a vast area. He has determined the style of making things, such as ceramic pots, varies significantly within a culture, like the Zulu, while the things themselves may look very similar.

“Something potters do are virtually identical, like how you shape a pot, whereas other things like decoration are highly variable,” says Fowler. “What that provides for archaeologists is a way to move away from just looking at the object, and begin to try and reconstruct its history and all the decisions that went into making it.”

But how do you ‘see’ these decisions in a vessel? The answer is that the production process must be ‘unravelled’.

Observing the construction of vessels is just one part of the process. Fowler brings the collections into the lab (all the pots he has watched being made) and approaches them as would an archaeologist. He effectively reverse-engineers the process of making the pot, such as using chemical and mineralogy analyses to look at clay sources and how potters make clay recipes.

During the shaping process, “One thing we’ve observed is that potters will stop one-third of the way up, then start again somewhere else, and then start after another third and repeat the process so that the pots don’t collapse,” says Fowler. “We can see these in an x-ray and I’ve looked at vessels that date back 1,800 to 700 years ago, and they have the exact same lines in the same places.”

An ‘aha’ moment for the researcher was upon realizing what the potters do is not similar, it’s identical.

“When I can go in and visit groups of potters and they fashion vessels exactly the same way. They don’t know each other, they’ve never met each other, they are hundreds and hundreds of kilometres apart and they do things identically. It’s just fascinating,” shares Fowler. “That retention of knowledge and that unchanged aspect of it, that’s the next phase of our project. Right now we have a baseline to figure out how far back in time this tradition goes.”

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