Paul Kochan

President and Vice-Chancellor David Barnard announced the appointment of respected and experienced financial manager Paul Kochan as vice-president (administration) on July 23. “Paul’s talent and experience will be invaluable as we move forward with initiatives that will ensure the current and future success of the University of Manitoba including the next phases of the Resource Optimization and Service Enhancement Project (ROSE) and Project Domino,” Barnard said.

Kochan, a U of M alumnus, begins work on Sept. 17. He has enjoyed a stellar career in public and private sector management including 14 years as vice-president and chief financial officer of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority. In addition to two degrees from the U of M, Kochan has received three professional designations: Chartered Accountant, Chartered Business Valuator and Certified Public Accountant. He also has a strong commitment to the community and has served on the boards of the Ukrainian Council and Education Centre, the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra and as an amateur basketball coach.

Barnard also paid tribute to Deborah McCallum, outgoing vice-president (administration), who announced her retirement this spring and is staying on until her successor is in place.

THE REALLY, REALLY FREE MARKET

Bring what you have to give, take away what you need!

DROP OFF: Clean, safe items beforehand, Sept 12 to 14, at one of three locations: U Lot behind Welcome Center, Q lot across the road from St. Paul’s, B Lot behind Dafoe Library.

WHEN: Friday, Sept. 14, 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
WHERE: The Quad (Rain location is basement of Helen Glass)

Items: usable, clean clothing and footwear; sporting equipment; books; magazines, music; working tools; small appliances such as microwaves, mini-fridges, or toaster ovens; household items such as dishware, dishes, bedding, blankets, toys, pet supplies, crafts, art, decorations; non-perishable food

NEED MORE REASONS TO SAVE AND SWAP STUFF?
• Save money
• Help foster a sustainable U of M community
• Keeps unnecessary waste from landfill
• Give and get FREE stuff, a great way to get rid of unwanted stuff, efficient, safe, easy and neighbourly
• Declutter. Reclaim precious space in your home
• Help someone else in need

The really, really free market: A true zero waste event!

Summer’s in full swing and we’re cleaning out garages, closets, basements and back yards. Garage sales may be a nice way to make an extra buck, but why not spread some good karma and be environmentally friendly? Instead of the garage sale, bring items that you no longer have a use for to UMSU’s first Really, Really Free Market.

On Friday, September 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in partnership with the University’s Waste Prevention Office (WPO), UMSU will host the Really, Really Free Market. Take a look in your closets, basements, garages, kitchens, and start gathering you’re willing to contribute to our market, so that a student, staff or faculty member in need will find it and happily give it a new home! Bring whatever you want, or take whatever you want. It’s that easy!

The Really, Really Free Market is a community space for sharing, where people bring what they have and take what they need. Items can include usable books, music, tools, small appliances, crafts and pet supplies. There will also be free services on site to help round out the experience!

Drop-off locations will be outside the UMSU office, 101 University Centre, all day Saturday, September 14, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Alternative drop-off locations, the morning of the market, will also be determined. A local charity will pick up any leftover items, so everything brought will find a new home.
Hannescing street heat  
July 12, 2012  
Winnipeg Free Press  

The tracks that divide Winnipeg could become a ribbon of parkland and trails that form the backbone of an innovative new neighbourhood for 8,000 people. “Douglas Village” is a conceptual design created last year by U of M alumnus Don Reimer as part of his professional architecture degree coursework through the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada. Reimer’s work is the first detailed plan for what the 86-hectare marshalling yards could be if the land was available for redevelopment. He envisions a compact, dense neighbourhood with services such as doctors’ offices, shops and schools scattered among homes and affordable units of all types – co-ops, row houses, apartment buildings, seniors units and more traditional single-family houses. The tracks are used as the spine of the design, creating a central pedestrian path; roads mirror the curve of the existing tracks.

Poets and prairies and pens, oh my!  

The Board of Governors has approved the appointment of James Blatz as associate vice-president (partnerships) at the U of M effective July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014. Blatz is a professor in the department of civil engineering and previously served as the associate dean (research and graduate programs), Faculty of Engineering, and as associate head of the department of civil engineering. During his term as associate dean (research) in the Faculty of Engineering, Blatz fostered numerous partnerships efforts and research collaborations. Blatz also supported the development of a strategic research plan for the faculty with a focus on geographical and regional strengths in the engineering field in areas consistent with the university’s strategic plan. The strategic research plan was adopted unanimously by the Faculty of Engineering and serves as a guiding document for faculty members. Blatz has served on numerous boards and committee’s for technical societies and other organizations, most notably, he was appointed to serve on the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada, on which he continues to serve. He also serves on NSERC’s Executive Council, is chair of the NSERC New Faculty Awards Program, is a member of the NSERC Prairie’s Advisory Council, and served on the NSERC Strategic Partnerships Initiative Committee that led to the development of new partnerships grants including the successful Engage grant program. In 2011 he was appointed by Engineers Canada to the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board. Currently, Blatz conducts research for a number of private and public sector clients focusing on urban planning and management planning, risk-based decision analysis for engineering design as well as technical aspects of flood protection systems. His research results on sandbag structures have been quoted in National Geographic and he has appeared on the Discovery Channel’s ‘Daily Planet’ to present the science behind sandbag dikes. The recipient of a number of awards and honors, Blatz has been acknowledged for his research contributions with the Rh Award in the applied sciences category and the national Canadian Geotechnical Society Colloquium award. He has also been a recipient of the APEGMB Early Achievement Award, the Engineers Canada Young Engineer award, the U of M Student ‘Teacher Recognition Award, numerous U of M Merit Awards and is a Fellow of Engineers Canada.

The Bulletin welcomes submissions from members of the university community. Letters to the editors, columns and news briefs and photo suggestions.

THE U OF M IN THE NEWS

Harnessing street heat  
July 12, 2012  
Toronto Star Winnipeg Free Press, Edmonton Journal, Montreal Gazette, Shoreline Week

Benjamin Gillies [B.A. (Adv) ’10] is a political economy graduate from the U of M. In his studies he focused on urban development and energy policy and he recently wrote a column that was picked up across the country. In the column, he described the heat-absorbing qualities of road asphalt, which can shoot up to 60°C on a summer’s day, and stay that warm well after sunset. Suggesting that we view it “not as a burden that needs to be dealt with, but as an untapped asset,” Gillies offered an energy-conserving solution based on current research by others, which employs an infrastructure asset. 

Visionary designs for unsightly remnants

July 30, 2012  
Winnipeg Free Press

View in the iceberg... 
July 30, 2012  
The Globe and Mail

Sid Frankel, associate professor in the Faculty of Social Work, commented on Canada’s health-care system in the national newspaper. The Council of the Federation and its health care innovations working group have suggested useful measures to reorganize purchasing, health care delivery and evaluation. But, Frankel argues, they can be accused of reorganizing the deck chairs on the doomed Titanic while ignoring the iceberg. Persistent poverty and inequality are the most powerful determinants of health status and, therefore, health care expenditure, and yet, the federal government has increased the size of the iceberg with its eligibility restrictions on Old Age Security and Employment Insurance, he wrote. The premiers ignore this at their peril. No one, Frankel said, remembers the crew of the Titanic for making service more efficient by reorganizing deck chairs, but rather for causing a disaster by ignoring reality.

Headlines

“University of Manitoba engineering students rebuild bikes for disadvantaged kids”, Metro News, Aug, 4, story about nine a volunteer initiative from the U of M’s Institute of Transportation Engineers Student Chapter who rebuilt bicycles for nine Winnipeg kids, teaching the children bike repair along the way.

“Canadians lead Israeli archeological dig of early cities,” CBC, July 30, story about eight U of M students who are in Israel taking part in the project aimed at uncovering the earliest cities of the Hebrew path; roads mirror the curve of the existing tracks.

OF PRAIRIES, PENS AND POETS, an exhibit celebrating Manitoba Writers on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Manitoba Writers’ Guild, is currently being showcased at Archives & Special Collections, U of M Libraries. The exhibit showcases photographs of notable Manitoban writers, all of whom have papers and documents housed at the Archives & Special Collections. Showcased writers include children’s author Sheldon Oberman, journalist and suffragette E. Cora Hind, poet Dennis Cooley, Francophone writer Wielelle Roy and many more. The exhibit, curated by Jan Horner, Alanna MacIsaac and Jarad Buchwald, can be found at Archives & Special Collections, 330 Elizabeth Dafoe Library (third floor), to the left of the Icelandic Reading room. Due to renovations at the library, the building can be accessed from the back door which faces the “B” parking lot.

The exhibition will be viewable from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and runs until August 24.

Above: Photos from the Prairies, Pens and Poets exhibit, on view at Elizabeth Dafoe Library until August 24.

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ONLINE

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New St. Paul’s rector appointed
Christopher Adams has been appointed rector of St. Paul’s College for a five-year term from 1, 2012 to June 30, 2017. A double graduate, one of the U of M as a member of St. Paul’s College, Adams began his market research career in Toronto and moved to Winnipeg in 1997 to become vice-president of the Angus Reid Group. Since 2004, Adams has been a member of the Board of Probe Research, which researches challenges statements and opinions in the areas of behavioural sciences, politics, history, Aboriginal affairs and business and his scholarly work has been published internationally. A frequent guest on CBC, Global TV and CITY-TV, Adams is also an active contributor to the community at large; he currently serves as member of the Sacred Baptist Parish Council.

Prof appointed chief editor of British Journal of Industrial Relations
Professor of Business Administration in the I.H. Asper School of Business John Godard has been appointed the chief editor of the British Journal of Industrial Relations (BJIR) for a four-year term beginning July 1. The BJIR is an international, peer refereed research journal of the London School of Economics. Godard is the managing editor of a leading British journal in the field of industrial relations, its coverage, authors and readership represent a range of perspectives and disciplines within the social sciences. Godard’s own research covers the relationship between corporate institutional business environments, industrial relations and human resource management in society. His areas of interest are labour and employment relations, comparative industrial relations and human resource management. He joined the I.H Asper School of Business in 1991.

Chochinov receives top honour for visionary new therapy
On August 15, the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) will present the 2012 F.N.G. Starr Award to Harvey Max Chochinov, a renowned expert in palliative care. Chochinov is a psychiatrist and a distinguished professor at the U of M and the only Canada Research Chair in palliative care. “The vigour and driven approach with which Chochinov approaches palliative care make for an exciting week of hands-on, international leader in palliative care research,” said CMA President John Haggie. “He has taken great strides to advance medicine, and has helped define worldwide standards for end-of-life care.” Read more at: www.digitaljournal.com/pr/820293#fuzzZ5;YlK

Unforgettable! U of M soccer star celebrates her 25th at the Olympics
Midfielder Deseree Scott, a Faculty of Arts student at the U of M wore Canada’s colours on the women’s soccer team at the 2012 London Olympics. She was 2006-08 and 2010-12 Bison Sports Female Athlete of the Year and has appeared in 43 games for Canada internationally. She turned 25 on the day Canada met Sweden at the Olympics – and won. Scott was interviewed in her 25th birthday interview. Click here to watch the 2012 Barcelona interviews, 30th cap and celebrating it all with the http://t.co/m399b08f

U of M Institute for the Humanities: New director named
Associate professor in the department of English, film and theatre, Faculty of Arts, and fellow of St John’s College, David Watt has been named as the new director of the Institute for the Humanities at the U of M. His teaching and research interests are centered by his work about crime and books as well as film and literature. Watt has read and them, and is also keenly interested in the manuscripts and rare books held in the Archives & Special Collections in the Elizabeth Daloue Library. He is looking forward to serving as director of the Humanities as its director, and says that his main objective as director will be to foster dialogue about the purpose and place of the humanities in the university and the broader community.

Former Blue Bomber centre joins Bison coaching staff
Newly-retired Winnipeg Blue Bomber centre Obby Khan has joined the U of M Bison coaching staff as an assistant coach to work with the team’s offensive line and also assist in the head coach Rich Olson. Khan, 35, was a two-time first team All-Star and played with Winnipeg from 2006-08 to 2010-12. Obby Khan has been named as the new director of the Institute for the Humanities in the U of M. His teaching and research interests are centered by his work about crime and books as well as film and literature. Watt has read and them, and is also keenly interested in the manuscripts and rare books held in the Archives & Special Collections in the Elizabeth Daloue Library. He is looking forward to serving as director of the Humanities as its director, and says that his main objective as director will be to foster dialogue about the purpose and place of the humanities in the university and the broader community.

100 years young ... and (really) counting
By SEAN MOORE
The Bulletin
U of M’s Warren Centre for Actuarial Studies and Research turns 100 years old this year. The facility was officially opened at the ARC 2012 conference, which runs from August 1 till August 4 in University Centre on the Fort Garry Campus.

The U of M’s actuarial program, one of the oldest and most successful in North America, is also among the first programs to earn accreditation from the Professional Board of Actuaries (SOA), the largest actuarial professional body in the world.

100 years young ... and (really) counting
By ILANA SIMON
The Bulletin
Fun, free and educational, the Biomedical Youth Camp drew more than 200 Aboriginal, New Canadian and inner-city youth to the U of M Bannatyne Campus for an annual camp that focuses on activities related to medical procedures and emergencies by making slime. They will also learn about health careers like physiotherapy and medical simulation technology to replicate real-life medical procedures and emergencies.

“By connecting our inner-city neighbours with science at a young age, we are building a strong foundation for them to become future University of Manitoba students in Medicine, Nursing, Physiotherapy and Basic Sciences,” said Francis Amara, associate professor, biochemistry and medical genetics and director, Biomedical Youth Program and Inner-City Science Centre.

“I am seeing so much enthusiasm from children and youth about biomedical Youth Camp and our Inner-City Science program that I am confident their excitement will translate into the pursuit of biomedical research and health careers,” he added.

Attendees at the sixth annual inner-city biomedical science camp on Bannatyne Campus.
BY ANGELA HECK
For The Bulletin
August 9, 2012

It’s coming up and it’s going to be great.
Orientation, that annual rite of passage for new students, will take place September 4 and 5 on the Fort Garry campus. The Bannatyne campus will host orientation activities, produced in conjunction with UMSU and the GSA, on August 29 to 31.
Numerous orientation activities are also planned for key groups such as the Aboriginal Student Orientation, International Student Orientation, Residence Student Orientation and Faculty and College-specific events.
This year, the office of student life takes the lead on coordinating the event and, in conjunction with direct entry faculties, will host the almost 6,000 new students arriving at the U of M this year.
“ar this is a massive undertaking that involves many different people within the university. After months of planning, we’re looking forward to welcoming our students and giving them a positive start to their academic journey,” said Brendan Hughes, director, student life.
Orientation will include presentations about student services, opportunities and support available to students, while also providing a chance to meet new people and become a part of the campus community.
An energetic pep rally is planned on September 4 and entertainment, lunch and a barbecue are also planned. On September 4, Ryan McMahon, a nationally recognized Metis comedian, and Shy-Anne Hovorka, an award-winning songwriter and performer will take to the stage.
September 5 will have a student focus, with current students or recent graduates performing in conjunction with the “All About U” Expo.
“Orientation is a great place to start to build school spirit and helps set the foundation of an exceptional student experience,” said Hughes.
Student life is currently looking for volunteers to assist as “meeters and greeters” for the first few days of the academic term at both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne campuses.
(For more on this year’s student life Orientation Coordinator, 204-480-1034 or cora_dupuis@umanitoba.ca.)
To find out more about Orientation, an information meeting will be held on Thursday, August 23 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the Senate Chambers, E3-262, or contact Sarah Saunders, Orientation Coordinator, 204-480-1034 or sarah_saunders@umanitoba.ca.
If you are willing to lend a welcoming smile and a helping hand, contact Cora Dupuis at cora_dupuis@umanitoba.ca.
> More information about Orientation can be found at umanitoba.ca/orientation.

Here it comes .... Orientation 2012-2013!

BY LINDSAY STEWART GLOR
For The Bulletin
August 9, 2012

For the Bulletin

Welcome to the Information Technology Procurement Centre

BY Brian Mitchell
For The Bulletin
August 9, 2012

With an ever-evolving need for connectivity from faculty, staff, and students, IST has been diligently deploying new wireless across campus.
Wireless N is the newest and most current wireless technology available today. It provides a wider range and capacity to support the many users who now connect to the university’s Network.

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Wireless upgrades on campus

Biological Science: Live July 3
Sinott: Live July 19
Arms: Live July 20
University Centre: Live July 26
Machray Hall: Live August 1
Art Lab: In testing August 1
St. Andrew’s College: In testing August 2

Buildings to Feature New Wireless Service

Meet the ITPC Team

Marlaine Lavelle, Barry Tobin

Monique Whitehill, Viha Nguyen, Marcelo Aprosoff, Marlaine Lavelle, Barry Tobin

Monique Whitehill is the manager responsible for operations of the ITPC. She joined the U of M on May 1 and comes from the Province of Manitoba where she served as the Director of ICT Procurement for the past five years. She has worked in purchasing for over 20 years, with experience in the health care, lotteries and government sectors.

Marcelo Aprosoff is the ITPC Solutions Consultant. He has specialized in IT and related procurement for the past 12 years, the last four within the Faculty of Medicine.

Viha Nguyen is ITPC’s Managed Print Services Coordinator and is the functional lead for the University’s Managed Print Services Project. She has worked at the U of M for four years, primarily at Computers on Campus.

Barry Tobin is the Senior Purchasing Consultant for ITPC and has worked in the procurement field for over 25 years, with 17 years of service at the U of M and 15 years specializing in IT purchasing.

Marlaine Lavelle is the Purchasing Consultant for ITPC and has worked in the procurement field for over 17 years, with 17 years of service at the University as the lead for the Purchasing IT category.

*These buildings will offer Wireless instead of N itself.

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When to contact the ITPC.
As the ITPC gets settled in its new space, the team is eager to start meeting customers, especially with those in the early stages of planning a new project. “We want people to know that they can bring us in early on a project, even before the RFP stage,” says Whitehill. “We’re here to help and can navigate IT procurement on a couple of different levels.”

So just when do you knock on the door at 125 University Centre, looking for assistance?
Here are a few suggestions from the ITPC team:

• Any time you wish solution or sourcing support from the ITPC for any IT related requirements, regardless of value.
• When you have any procurement requirements that exceed the self-service threshold (e.g. purchase through EPIC).
• Any time you need to enter into, modify, extend or terminate a contract for any IT goods or services. The ITPC will engage legal counsel when needed.
• If you have suggestions as to IT products or services that you would like to buy on contract and/or through EPIC procurement.

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For more on ROSE, see the website at: >>umanitoba.ca/admin/rose

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You’re invited. Yes, YOU!
Welcome to our *wonderful, exciting, awesome, fun* homecoming party

BY MARIANNE MAYS WIEBE
The Bulletin
Make no mistake: This is one big party! Every year Homecoming allows alumni to return to the university to see old friends, reacquaint themselves with U of M campuses — including the beautiful new buildings, landscaping and other infrastructure — and, perhaps, to relive some student memories.

It’s also a time when students, staff and faculty, along with the alumni who return, can share in the plethora of exciting and unique activities organized for the weeklong celebration.

This year’s events include campus tours, an exhibition of alumni work in the gallery at School of Art’s stunning new ARTlab building, kid-sized fun courtesy of Bison children’s programs, an open house at the Bruce D. Campbell Farm and Food Discovery Centre and a lunch feast at Migizii Agamik (Bald Eagle Lodge), the beautiful and award-winning building that houses the Aboriginal Student Centre at 45 Curry Place.

All of this is in addition to a trio of big kick-offs, including the next series of Visionary Conversations (Wednesday), the Homecoming Gala Concert (Thursday) and the big football game on Saturday afternoon. Cap your weekend off by joining alumni, faculty and friends at the Alumni Dinner, back on campus for the first time in more than a decade, and help us honour our 2012 Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Gerry Price [BSc(ME)/70, MSc/72].

What can you do? How about: have some fun!

So what can you do? It’s simple, says Jana Thorsteinson, acting executive director of Alumni Relations. “Join in! There are so many activities taking place on campus throughout the week.”

You can also welcome alumni visiting the campuses. On Friday, September 14, swarms of visitors will converge on Fort Garry campus for tours. See someone who looks lost? Ask them if they need help getting somewhere. Engage them in conversation about the exciting things happening at the university. “Be an ambassador for the U of M,” says Thorsteinson. “Make others feel welcome. Participate. Have fun with it.”

Homecoming is one of the biggest events of the entire school year. The campuses are in full bloom; everything looks wonderful. This is an ideal time to show your friends and family where you work, and to bring others to the university that is, after all, here for the larger community. How about touring your nieces and nephews around to get them started on their student futures? Bring your kids! There’s lots to do.

And this is a great time to do some boasting about the fantastic facilities at the university and the innovative research being done here. Invite a neighbour to Visionary Conversations. Bring that former student or sports fan you know to the Saturday afternoon football game and experience the crowd cheering on the Bison as they take on (and CLOBBER) the Calgary Dinos. It’s a little matter of hometown pride.

Check the overview of events here and plan to attend. Come and help celebrate all of the great things that make the University of Manitoba home. And see you at the party!

See the full events listing:
>>umanitoba.ca/people/alumni/homecoming/194.html

PREVIEW HOMECOMING 2012

As faculty and staff you make the University of Manitoba a special place.
Make Homecoming 2012 your homecoming too. Join us for the celebration!

SHARE THE EXCITEMENT AT THESE EVENTS AND MORE:
Visionary Conversations: We Need to Talk About Racism – September 12
Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music Gala Concert – September 13
Bison Football Game – September 15
Alumni Dinner – September 15

Visit umanitoba.ca/homecoming for a complete list of Homecoming events.
Above: Tanzanian women outside a hut in Karatu, Tanzania.

Bottom photo: A Tanzanian man.

Middle photo: U of M student Tito Daodu with Tanzanian students and others outside the school in Karatu, Tanzania, during the five-week service learning trip. Top photo: A Tanzanian student.

**HEAD, HEART, FEET: U OF M, IN TANZANIA**

Part 2 on service learning, at the International Centre for Students (ICS), Tanzania

BY MARIANNE MAYS WIEBE

The Bulletin

Rachelle Mouseau is in her final year of medicine, and her plan is to apply for a residency program in the field of obstetrics and gynecology. What she didn’t plan on was getting the kind of outside of the classroom experience that she was able to get on a U of M service learning trip to Tanzania through the International Centre for Students (ICS).

Working with the Non-Governmental Organization, or NGO, Canadian Physicians for Aid & Relief (CPAR), with whom the university has established a strong relationship over a long period of time, ICS sent her and three other U of M students to Karatu, Tanzania to spend five weeks there.

The objective of the trip was to develop and execute a program for secondary school students addressing common issues including gender, discrimination, self-respect, adolescence, puberty, sex and contraception. After a week in orientation and preparation, the next four weeks were spent in the secondary schools in the region.

Prior to coming to Tanzania, Mouseau thought about how being in Tanzania helped these students. “Had they helped me more than I helped them?” she wondered.

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“I’m proud and so lucky to have met the wonderful students in Karatu and hope that more medical students can have the chance to embark on a similar journey,” Mouseau finished.

The unique CPAR-UM partnership in Tanzania

What’s unique about this program offered through the ICS, is that not only that it provides students with hands-on experience in their field, but that it is a “demand-driven” model, explained Tony Rogge, director of the ICS, about the program, now in its fifth year. This is in part because CPAR is an organization that focuses on grassroots support and going “where the need is.” According to the website, its mandate is to provide support to “community efforts to ensure access to clean water, adequate food, primary health services and a safe and healthy environment.”

In fact, said Rogge, the university works with this NGO to fill particular needs of the region by matching particular students’ skills and educational background with program objectives.

“It’s definitely a unique relationship between the U of M and CPAR,” continues Rogge. “The attitude is not just to drop in and fix problems, but to work in an integrated way with both the NGO and the community or region.”

“It’s about applying skills and knowledge, but it’s also about going to learn, to look, to listen, to feel,” he said. “It’s a whole-student approach which encourages a different attitude: It puts everything together — heart, head, feet; caring, the cognitive, and action and skills. If they are learning and they care, good things will happen.”

The focus of the ICS-Tanzania program, suggested Rogge, is captured by the Swahilli word for the program, “Ibadilizi Mtitum,” which means “change the way you see things.”

**Rogge: ‘If the students are learning and they care, good things will happen’**

“I think this experience was unlike anything else I have had in my medical training,” she said. “I had the chance to develop communication and leadership skills. I was able to form relationships with these students and obtain crucial feedback from them.”

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**‘Daily amazement’: Broadening the educational experience by becoming a global citizen**

For the first time this year, the program involved two students from the Faculty of Medicine. Tito Daodu was the other Faculty of Medicine student who went on the trip (and winner of last year’s Nahlah Ayed Prize for Student Leadership & Global Citizenship; see inset right). Daodu said that one of the most crucial things she learned was how wide and varied the human experience is.

“Many of the things that we take for granted or believe to be fact are not necessarily the same in other places of the world.” Daodu said. “My world view on the dynamics of gender and reproductive health were challenged and I learned to appreciate the view of these things from other perspectives.”

She also felt that her Tanzania experience broadened her training in medicine, particularly in having a very concrete appreciation for the importance of preventative health measures.

“Simple public health interventions can completely change the trajectory of someone’s future health,” said Daodu.

As we watched these young people take ownership of their health and begin to appreciate...
MEET WORLD
International Centre for Students (ICS)

Above: Three students from WelWel, form one girls, in the Arusha region of Tanzania. Top right: University of Manitoba students (left to right): Tito Daodu, Faculty of Medicine, Breann Maxwell, gender and women’s studies, Faculty of Arts, Carly Anderson, Faculty of Human Ecology, and Rachelle Mousseau, Faculty of Medicine.

the potential health consequences of their actions, I was filled with an incredible feeling of hope for their future. As someone who is interested in global health, this experience broadened my skill set and helped me learn to work in a diverse environment.”

Breann Maxwell, a fourth-year Faculty of Arts student majoring in women’s and gender studies and minoring in political studies, had never traveled outside of Canada before going to Tanzania.

The intensity of the experience, she said, was due in part to the strong relationships she formed in a relatively short period of time. “I learned a lot about transient relationships during my time in Karatu,” said Maxwell.

“These types of relationships are so special. While the personal interaction lasts such a short amount of time, the impact of this relationship may stay with those involved for many years to come. I know I will be influenced in the future by those relationships with the community, CPAR staff and students I was lucky enough to meet.”

Many of the people she met were memorable; “The students in our program amazed us daily,” she said.

But for Maxwell, the most remarkable part of the time with students was the final day at each of the schools. “At Mlimani,” she recounts, “two of the students wrote a song as a goodbye gift for us. It was absolutely amazing. Our promises not to cry were shattered the moment they began to sing.”

The experience reinforced, for her, the importance of the availability of education around equality, self-respect and sexuality.

“After having the opportunity to create and implement this program I am more passionate than ever about the absolute necessity for education like this to be available to people across the globe. Watching these young people begin to think differently about practices which enforce inequality and keep one group subordinate to another was nothing less than inspiring.

“In order for the world’s greatest challenges to be addressed, such as conflict, increasing population, climate change, poverty, hunger, and so many more, we need to place value on the education of young people — particularly women and girls about their rights,” Maxwell added.

“I hope that I will have the chance to be a part of more programs like this one. This experience was truly remarkable.”

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The nomination deadline is in December, and winners are announced in February.

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**Summer reading continues**

**George Toles’ Top 10 books**

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**Well, lucky bulletin readers, this year’s summer books special continues with a list from the King of Voracious Reading himself, Dr. George Toles. I spoke with the long-time collaborator of filmmaker Guy Maddin and author of *George Toles’ Top 10 Books* for the*,* with the department of English, Film and Theatre by telephone from Hamburg, New York, where he was working on his latest writing project.**

**Anyone who’s ever taken a course with Toles — or had the good fortune to sit beside him on the bus to university or anywhere else — knows that his reading tastes run from ecletic to rauous, and beyond, and that he always has a pulse on the latest trends and amusing insights about whatever he’s reading, or has read.**

**Which seems to be nearly everything — except, as irony would have it, the first book on his list, Proust’s *A Search of Lost Time*, which runs a monumental total of seven volumes, and which, in addition to taking top honrs as his favourite novel, is a work that Toles is “obliged to concede that I haven’t read in its entirety.”**

**How did an unfinished book make his top ten list? Here’s George Toles to explain the mystery of the uncompleted favourite, and to take us through the remainder of his scintillating list of Top 10 Books:**

**George Toles:** Early on, the 4,200 pages of the book were just so confounding as a project and I could never feel that I had quite the right translation, so I would just “dip in” when I was in a Proustian mood and read many, many pages, but not with any sense of answerability to the whole reading challenge. I don’t know how much of [it] I still haven’t read, [but] for me there’s just no better novelistic language in existence. I don’t know how much of [it] I still haven’t read, [but] for me there’s just no better novelistic language in existence.

**Number two is a book that just about everyone seems to be reading these days, *Hilary Mantel’s Wolf Hall*. I’m not a regular reader or defender of historical fiction [since] they seem too much a creation of library research and efficient literary invention. The very thought of historical fiction gives me indigestion. So I resisted for a while […] and I never thought I would list a lawyer as one of the great characters of fiction, but here I am. The way Cromwell manages challenges as they come, with extraordinary success and not being upended; you feel as if you are staying near to Cromwell [as] he is growing both in stature and these increasing internal divisions. It is never as if you are staying near to Cromwell [as] he is growing both in stature and these increasing internal divisions. It is never and, the book breathes and just rushes along.

**Number three, not necessarily in order, is another, shorter, historical novel by a woman novelist, which seems to me to be a work of genius, Penelope Fitzgerald’s *The Blue Flower*, a novel about Novalis and his courtship of Sophia, who was both symbol and person for him. It has precisely the kind of detail that can convince you of the art of place that is known from within, though an extraordinarily complex and removed.**

**The next one is a chestnut from Victorian reading lists, Thomas Hardy’s *The Return of the Native*, which I encountered this summer on audio book. If you want to cast the ideal voice for the purblind doormaster of Hardyian narration, who also has a complicated sense of fun, Alan Rickman [reading] is the go-to guy. Listening to him conjure up Egdon Heath in its wild, human-repellant unfriendliness and darkness. The theme reminded me again of why I love Hardy so much.**

**This is an unflinching in his prose [but] something about the way that effort exists with his extraordinarily sharp understanding of place and people is unfailingly poetic, in the right way.**

**Number five is *Skylark*, by Dzsen Kosztolányi, about an unhappy trio in a place that’s devoid of interest, a couple and their extremely plain, unmarried daughter. To keep her from losing faith in life, they send her away to visit relatives and while she’s gone: the parents come out of the tomb of domestic life to which they’ve given themselves, feeling only the smallest amount of guilt.**

**Number six is Theodore Dreier’s *An American Tragedy* from the mid-1920s. Dreier is another extraordinary brick-by-brick storyteller. The action of the story itself is so colourful and varied and yet you feel like you’re not confined to the particulars of the story, that somehow it’s this magic that people haven’t staggared to what you could imagine a novel showing you, the whole set-up — economically, socially — all the various ways institutions impinge on people in a manner they’re not conscious of.**

**Now, to get to the most immoderate book in every sense, a book which goes too far, by any standards, and somehow gets away with it, *Philip Roth’s 1995 National Book Award winner Sabbath’s Theater*. Magnificently obscene, troubling, hilarious, in a cringe-inducing way: it is uncomfortable and it’s merciless but everything that’s in Philip Roth, as this angry, funny, thenefranchised, melancholy, suspicious figure — it’s all here, in one teeming, spectacular mess.**

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**I wanted to mention another book, a short book of essays by Simone Weil and Rachel Bessofgal called *War and The Iliad*. Both essays were written in 1940, I read a list of critical essays, and I don’t think I’ve ever read two essays more beautifully composed, deeply thought out, and on urgent matters. Both women died not long after they wrote these essays, so I don’t know how much of it I still haven’t read, but I never thought I would list a lawyer as one of the great characters of fiction, but here I am. The way Cromwell manages challenges as they come, with extraordinary success and not being upended; you feel as if you are staying near to Cromwell [as] he is growing both in stature and these increasing internal divisions. It is never and, the book breathes and just rushes along.**

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University of Manitoba is now accepting proposals from across the university community for scholars in the fields of commerce, finance, economics, political studies, history and literature; leaders in the areas of commerce, industry and government; and others who have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of knowledge or to cultural, social and economic development.

Besides public lectures, distinguished visitors are encouraged to engage in a variety of activities that allow them to interact with university faculty, staff and students, as well as members of the outside community.

**Submission deadline: September 30, 2012**

The Robert and Elizabeth Knight Distinguished Visitors Program is supported by the R.G. and E.M. Knight Fund, which was established to commemorate the lives and achievements of alumni Robert Greenwell Knight and Elizabeth Moore Knight.

For more details on submitting a proposal, visit umanitoba.ca/president.

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The Faculty of Medicine Archives at the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library

Established in 1974, the Faculty of Medicine Archives strives to preserve and facilitate access to the rich heritage of Manitoba’s medical school through its representation in a number of documentary forms and collections. The Archives contains textual, photographic, and multimedia records as well as many unique medical artifacts providing multiple perspectives on the evolution of medicine and medical education in Manitoba from 1885 to the present. Holdings contain information on topics such as medicine in the First and Second World Wars, epidemics in Manitoba, the treatment of disease, and the provision of health care in Northern communities, in addition to many other themes and events.

The Faculty of Medicine Archives is located in the Neil John Maclean Health Sciences Library at U of M’s Bannatyne Campus. The Archives’ digitized content, finding aids, and virtual exhibits may be accessed online.

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For The Bulletin

Iacopino has announced the launch of a new five-year strategic plan, a bold undertaking that includes a $1-million investment in staff and student satisfaction. The workplace and student focus is tied to the campus-wide outstanding workplace and student experience initiative now underway.

“Two Big days for the faculty,” Iacopino said to staff at the official launch in March. “Our emphasis will be on the outstanding workplace and student experience initiatives that we’ll go through together over the next five years. We’ve reached the point now where we can really do this the right way, as long as we’re all dedicated to it and engaged in it.”

The four-point plan will include programming for all sectors developed in partnership with university staff covering areas such as civility, conflict, change management and leadership development. The plan will introduce development and training opportunities for staff advancement potential within the unit.

“One of the areas of focus that was identified university-wide is career and professional development,” said Rosalyn Howard, director of learning and development services, and member of the implementation committee. “So we’re going to be looking at career paths in the university as a whole, take the energy and commitment that dentistry is showing, try some things here first and align with what we’re doing university-wide.”

An extensive facility renovation — with many projects already underway — is also a feature piece of the plan. Among the notable projects is an upgrade to the main clinic reception area and a wholesale gutting and rebuild of student lounge space and support space for staff. Earmarked at $1 million, funding will be derived through resources made available by recent restructuring of clinical operations and new program revenues.

Iacopino said it’s a worthwhile investment.

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For The Bulletin

Chairman David Barnard congratulated the eight of the honorees are alumni and faculty demonstrating once again that our province’s success and our faculty’s success are inextricably linked.

“The 14 people who will receive Manitoba’s highest civilian honour have all made long-lasting and valuable contributions to our province,” said Barnard. “I am especially proud that eight of the honorees are alumni and faculty demonstrating once again that our province’s success and our university’s success are inextricably linked.”

The eight individuals who are alumni and faculty of the Uof M are: Brian Postl [MD/76], current dean of the Faculty of Medicine at U of M; and the former founding president and CEO of the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority; Bob Silver [BSc/70], Pauline Clarke [MEd/85]; James Coyne [BA(Hons)/51, LLB/61]; Etienne Gaboury [BA(latPh)/53]; Krik Elson [BSc/70]; Crystal Marie Kolt [BSc(MusEd)/83]; Art Miki [MD/69, MEd/75]; and Deborah Thorlakson [BN/75, MEd/89].

Established in 1999, the Order of Manitoba recognizes individuals who have demonstrated excellence and achievement in any field of endeavour, benefitting in an outstanding manner the social, cultural or economic well-being of Manitoba and its residents.

For more on the inductee, see full story here: >>See more images in this series at: bit.ly/POMBask

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FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD SCIENCES
Position: Tier I Chair in area of Food and Feed Safety Systems Professor or Associate Professor rank (Tenable for seven years and renewable)
Deadline: October 15, 2012
Start Date: January 1, 2013
For Information: Dr. Martin Scanlon, Acting Associate Dean (Research), 259 Agriculture Building, U of M, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 2N2 or by e-mail to scanlon@cc.umanitoba.ca

FACULTY OF LAW
Position: Up to three tenure-track or tenured positions, Assistant, Associate or Professor rank
Deadline: September 30, 2012
Start Date: July 1, 2013
Position nos.: 15004, 14799 and 15208
For Information: Dean Lorena A. Turnbull, c/o Marcia Kort, Confidential Assistant to the Dean, U of M, Winnipeg MB, Canada R3T 2N2, fax (204) 474-7663, email Marcia.Kort@ad.umanitoba.ca

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Position: Health Sciences Centre Hospital Librarian at General/Assistant Librarian, with a two-year probationary period
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Start Date: November 1, 2012
For Information: Ms Karen Adams, University Librarian, U of M Libraries, Winnipeg, MB, R3T 2N2, email Karen Adams@umanitoba.ca

FACULTY OF MEDICINE
Division of Continuing Professional Development
Position: Full-time Research Associate term position
Deadline: September 7, 2012
Start Date: October 1, 2012
Position number: 12998
For Information: Dr. José François
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FACULTY OF MEDICINE
Department of Radiology
Position: Full-time tenure-track position at rank of Assistant or Associate Professor
Deadline: April 1, 2012
Start Date: October 1, 2012
Position number: 14086
For Information: Dr. Sandor Demeter. Academic Chair: Department of Radiology, G226A, 20 Sherbrook Street, Winnipeg, MB R3A 1R9, tel. (204) 787-1328, fax (204) 787-2080, email sdemeter@hsc.mb.ca

FACULTY OF PHARMACY
Department of Chemistry
Position: Two Tenure-Track Appointments in Clinical pharmacy or Pharmacy practice at Assistant or Associate Professor rank
Deadline: October 15, 2012

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Henry Friesen Young Scientist Award (For Pre-Doctoral Fellows)
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T. Edward Cuddy Summer Student Award
James S. McGoy Summer Student Award
Sr. Jacqueline St-Yves Award for Best Paper
Vincenzo Panagia Distinguished Lecture Award
Kalwant Dhalla Research Technician Award
Heart & Stroke Foundation Award For Masters Student

The closing date for applications/nominations is September 14, 2012.

Winners will be decided by committee and notified mid-October. Awards will be presented at the ICS Awards Day, November 30, 2012.

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Civil engineering professor James Blaz was recently appointed Associate Vice-President (Partnerships) within the Office of the Vice-President (Research and International). Read more on page 2.

Join the Discussion about Racism

The speaker series Visionary Conversations is back this fall for another round of thought-provoking discussions. Join President and Vice-Chancellor David Barnard, along with the University of Manitoba’s trailblazing researchers and alumni, for the second season launch in September during Homecoming.

We Need to Talk About Racism

Wednesday, September 12, 2012
Robert B. Schultz Theatre, St. John’s College, Fort Garry Campus

Reception in Galleria: 6:30 to 7 pm
Sponsored by the Alumni Association Inc.
Panel Discussion: 7 to 8:30 pm

Featured speakers:
Phil Fontaine (Alumni) – former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Owner of Ishkonigan
Emma Larose – Professor, Native Studies, Faculty of Arts
Lori Wilkinson – Associate Dean/Professor, Sociology, Faculty of Arts
Andrew Woolford – Associate Professor, Sociology, Faculty of Arts

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Not all fun and games

Emergency room doctor says play structures can pose dangers for kids

BY KATIE CHALMERS-BROOKS
For The Bulletin

Keeping little kids safe is a never-ending job for most parents. They grab small hands before crossing the street, make sure food is cut into manageable bites, protect delicate skin from the sun before heading to the playground.

But how much thought do moms and dads give to the play equipment their kids climb? These structures put small ones several meters in the air yet often have few barriers to keep them from falling to the hard ground below.

The Faculty of Medicine professor and expert in child safety Lynne Warda says parents need to take a more critical look at play structures and even avoid them all together. Every year, more than 28,000 children across Canada end up in emergency departments after suffering a significant injury from playground equipment, Warda says. She sees some of them at the Children’s Hospital where she works as an emergency pediatrician.

“You don’t need to be at the top of a play structure to have fun. Families can have a lot more fun at ground level playing together,” says Warda. “We’re educating parents and childcare providers, encouraging them to choose alternatives to play equipment.”

She says families are better off returning to the basics—running, jumping, or exploring, which not only helps develop a child’s motor skills and imagination but requires the parents to be more involved.

The most common playground injuries are from falls. According to the Canadian Paediatric Society, playground deaths are rare and almost always caused by strangulation. Kids wearing scarves or drawstrings are at greater risk since the clothing gets caught on equipment, typically at the top of a slide. A child’s head can also get stuck in openings, such as between ladder rungs. This has happened when kids are wearing bike helmets, the Society warns.

Parents must do their part to reduce the risk but children can easily fall off structures if knocked by another child. Warda says equipment should be lower to the ground, have better guard rails and keep in mind the age appropriateness of the user. Covering the ground below with pea gravel or sand is far preferred over cement or grass but requires maintenance to keep it from getting packed.

The Canadian Standard Association sets guidelines for the design of the structure and the cushion factor of the surrounding ground surface, but they are voluntary and not necessarily followed in public spaces or homeowners’ backyards.

While unsafe equipment still exists, the number of injuries has steadily declined over recent decades as more playground designs incorporate greater safety features and more natural components. A pair of slides built into a hill at Assiniboine Park’s Nature Playground is a good example, Warda says, since the design eliminates the possibility of kids falling from a great height.

Warda and the Manitoba Coalition for Active and Safe Kids are leading a provincial campaign and research project funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada intended to reduce head injuries, fractures, and drowning among local children. This is part of a national commitment for reducing injuries in the most popular sports and recreation injury activities for children and youth.

“I see this every shift that I go in,” says Warda, who splits her time between the hospital, community, and classroom. “These are preventable injuries, either preventable by the child, the family or the community in some way.”

Her team went to Manitoba beaches to find out whether or not parents are keeping their young ones within an arm’s reach when around water, as is recommended. More than half of individuals caring for kids age one to four were not. “Not surprisingly, a lot of infants and toddlers were not closely supervised,” says Warda, a mother of two.

She’d like to see more preschoolers wearing life jackets while at the beach, on a dock or in a boat. This summer, communities in Manitoba and across Canada will be encouraged to set up kiosks at beaches to lend lifejackets—and in doing so perhaps prevent a tragedy. More toddlers drown annually than die in motor vehicle collisions, Warda notes.

Her team has also monitored helmet use in Winnipeg over the last 16 years at nearly 200 public places like parks and schools and found that there’s a growing number of cyclists wear them—about 40 per cent. This number is higher for kids and lower for teens. Realizing that children in low-income areas are the least likely to wear helmets prompted Warda and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority injury prevention program IMPACT to target their efforts to specific neighbourhoods. Donning a helmet can mean the difference between a minor concussion and a serious brain injury, she says.

Researching best safety practices early on in her career got Warda thinking about how safe the hospital environment was for kids in her care. She researched pediatric hazards in healthcare facilities and created a check list for staff to apply. They took medications and cleaning chemicals out of rooms. They removed blind cords to avoid the risk of children becoming entangled; they upgraded all child beds to keep youngsters from becoming entrapped, and added a bubble-like feature to the top of cribs to prevent toddlers from crawling out.

“We were making all these recommendations to families for their homes and I looked around at the ‘homes’ around the hospital and realized there were pretty common hazards that we would tell parents to correct that we had at the hospitals,” says Warda. “Times have changed. We just know a lot more than we did 40 years ago.”

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Researchers Lynne Warda investigates ways to make playgrounds safer in Manitoba, and how to get more kids to wear helmets and lifejackets.
BY MARIANNE MAYS WIEBE
The Bulletin

“More” they said.

It drew crowds, created buzz, stimulated discussion and featured faculty members in their areas of expertise. It also won an award for its unique engagement of our community. Last year, the audience came and loved it. And what they wanted was more.

This year, “more” is indeed on the agenda for Visionary Conversations, the series hosted by President and Vice-Chancellor David Barnard. The plan for the upcoming year will see the series increase in number, from once every eight weeks to once per month. Topics for the season range from the informative to the controversial; all will be thought-provoking and inspiring.

“We were very pleased with the resounding success and impact of Visionary Conversations,” said John Alho, associate vice-president (external), chair of the planning group that organizes the series. Alho notes that the success of last year’s award-winning program is a good indication of how this series is engaging the university and wider community.

“Engaging the community in conversations around important issues of the day is part of the role of a university in any democratic society. We anticipate that our upcoming season will be even more exciting, and so we are thrilled to be able to offer more events in the series, fostering a greater understanding of issues of interest and significance to our wider community,” he said.

Join the conversation!

The upcoming season of Visionary Conversations will also bring in U of M alumni from various fields to add to the conversation with faculty and other experts from within the university. It will be a body of topics, including the education system, the future of innovation, the North, Western Canada, Indigenous success, the rise of China, the role of the arts in society and much more.

The season will launch with a panel comprised of faculty and alumni members tackling the topic of racism. Alumnus Phil Fontaine, former National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations, Emma Laroque, author and professor, department of Native studies, Faculty of Arts, Andrew Woolford, associate professor, sociology, and Lori Wilkinson, associate dean and professor, sociology, Faculty of Arts, will gather to discuss this serious topic in a panel discussion called “We need to talk about racism.”

The event is featured as part of this year’s homecoming activities and is expected to draw many alumni and other community members, including students, faculty and staff of the U of M and members of the wider Winnipeg and Manitoba community. It takes place on Wednesday, September 12.

Come up later in the Visionary Conversations season is the President’s Symposium on the Arts, which will include a panel entitled “The Arts: Foundation of a Vibrant Community,” with faculty members Edmund Dawe, dean, Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music, Paul Hess, director, School of Art, Francine Morin, professor, curriculum and teaching (with a focus on arts education in schools), Faculty of Education, and George Toles, distinguished professor, department of English, film and theatre and long-time collaborator with the filmmaker and U of M Filmmaker-In-Residence Guy Maddin.

Join the conversation: Check the schedule and mark your calendars now! If you’re in another city, watch for Visionary Conversations on the Road, coming this fall.

To watch previous Visionary Conversations, go to: > umanitoba.ca/visionaryconversations/

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