Aboriginal Business Leadership Awards: 2012 recipients announced

BY PETER POMART
For The Bulletin

The Excellence in Aboriginal Business Leadership Award will be presented on October 4 at a gala event at the Fairmont Winnipeg. In May of this year the U of M and the Asper School of Business announced the winners, Andrew Clarke and Tim Sweeny.

Andrew Clarke, owner of Clarke Financial Planning and Insurance Services, is the winner of the Aboriginal Business Leadership Award, and Tim Sweeny, owner of Creeway Aviation, is the winner of the Excellence in Aboriginal Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Award.

Clarke Financial is a full service financial planning firm that manages over 60 million dollars for over 600 corporate, government and individual clients across the country. Headquartered in Winnipeg, the company is 100 per cent First Nation owned and operated. Clarke, a Certified Financial Planner, launched the firm in 1994 using his own money as start-up capital. He has served as both treasurer and chair of the Aboriginal Chamber of Commerce and has trained others to become licensed financial service representatives.

Tim Sweeny started Creeway Aviation in 2006 to address the growing needs of Northern Manitoba’s aviation industry. The company, based out of Thompson, Manitoba, provides aircraft charter and maintenance services. It also offers students in the Aircraft Maintenance Engineer (AME) apprenticeship program the opportunity to work towards their AME license without having to leave their own community.

The dinner is one of Manitoba’s most prestigious events for honouring Aboriginal business leaders. The stories behind their successes motivate and inspire students to pursue work in a wide variety of sectors, or establish businesses of their own. Proceeds from the event will benefit commerce students in the Asper School’s ABEP (Aboriginal Business Education Partners) program.

Tickets to the event are available at 204-474-7037 or at destefan@cc.umanitoba.ca.
As our vision for the development of the Fort Garry campus evolves, the conversation within our community will continue. Below are just some of the questions I have heard from students, staff, faculty and other stakeholders in recent months.

What does the University of Manitoba plan to do with the Southwood precinct? Taking ownership of the Southwood precinct offers a rare opportunity for the University of Manitoba to transform the entire Fort Garry campus and how people think about it. It is a rare opportunity to do something unique and transformational; to be aggressively sustainable in our thinking as we integrate the future development of the existing campus space with Southwood’s 120 acres, to allow for the future needs of the university community and our urban relationship with the community, in the form of a new, sustainable, multi-use neighbourhood. We see the potential for our campus community as a whole to become a 24/7 live/work/learn/play environment, shaped by five goals and guiding principles: connected, destination, sustainable, community transformative. We will move forward from being a campus community towards a vibrant campus community destination. Development will be determined by the result of an Open International Design Competition.

What is the Open International Design Competition? The University is sponsoring VISIONARY (re)GENERATION, an Open International Design Competition, with the objective of transforming the Fort Garry campus into a new, sustainable 24/7 “live, work, learn, play” campus community, connecting students, staff, faculty and other stakeholders in the process. Jurists will select finalist teams based on their vision and response to our guiding principles. Finalists will advance to a second, more detailed design phase. The winning multi-disciplinary team should then be awarded a master plan contract to engage in a campus master planning process with the university and community stakeholders.

What are the benefits of developing the Southwood precinct? It gives us a chance to think about several important things: the future academic needs of the university, the way we connect to the city, the way we connect to the campus community as a whole to become a 24/7 live/work/learn/play environment, shaped by five goals and guiding principles: connected, destination, sustainable, community transformative. We will move forward from being a campus community towards a vibrant campus community destination. Development will be determined by the result of an Open International Design Competition.

Could the U of M simply retain the Southwood precinct as a greenspace and focus development on other precincts around the Fort Garry campus? The Southwood precinct provides an opportunity to create a thriving neighbourhood that will both enhance the campus experience and support the university’s core mandate for excellence in teaching and research. This area is an opportunity to create a model sustainable community with a mix of greenspace, public space and higher-density buildings. Rather than turn our backs on the city and its people, development of the Southwood precinct will be an organic extension of the Fort Garry Campus, and, through good stewardship and planning, create a pedestrian-focused community that will be an inviting and accessible destination. Maintaining the Southwood precinct solely as greenspace would ensure the physical barrier between the university of Manitoba and the rest of the city, perhaps even reinforcing any perception that the university is not a part of the city.

How does Rapid Transit play a role in the development of the Fort Garry campus, and specifically, the Southwood precinct? Locating a Rapid Transit station within the Fort Garry campus will allow for the development of a dense, mixed-use transit and pedestrian hub that offers convenient access to the Fort Garry campus and reduces personal vehicular traffic in the Southwood precinct, thus allowing for the development of medium- and high-density housing. Access to our campus community shouldn’t require a car, and we shouldn’t cut off or otherwise set apart from the surrounding community.

Where exactly will the Rapid Transit station be located? A specific station location has not been determined, as it will be a focus of the Open International Design Competition, sponsored by the university, to propose one or more Rapid Transit hubs. The City of Winnipeg is the authority that will determine station locations as part of the Southwest Rapid Transit Corridor Phase 2 routing planning.

How many people do you eventually see living in the Southwood precinct? If medium- or high-density spaces are developed, approximately 6,000 residents may eventually reside within the Southwood precinct.
Researchers inducted into Academy of Health Sciences

BY ILANA SIMON
For The Bulletin

Three Faculty of Medicine professors who have transformed the care of people with diabetes, heart failure and organ rejection are being recognized for their pioneering efforts. Heather Dean, Lorrie Kirshenbaum and Richard Keijzer were inducted into the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS) during a ceremony in Ottawa on September 21.

Fellows are elected by their peers based on their demonstration of leadership, creativity, distinctive competencies and commitment to advancing academic health sciences. Membership is considered one of the highest honours for the Canadian health sciences community. The objective of the CAHS is to provide advice on key issues relevant to the health of Canadians.

“These researchers are certainly deserving of this prestigious honour. Their accomplishments in their specialized fields have in their own way improved the well-being of many Canadians,” said Dipjyot Jaya, vice-president (research and international), and Distinguished Professor at the U of M.

Heather Dean (pediatrics) was the first pediatrician to report a type 1 diabetes care model in Canada. She has served as a consultant regarding children with diabetes for many provincial, national and international agencies involving children’s health, aboriginal health, health services and public policy. Lorrie Kirshenbaum (physiology) is best known for his groundbreaking work on viral gene therapy and the regulation of both cell cycle and death proteins in the heart. His research has revolutionized the field by providing a means to genetically modify non-functional proteins in cells that cause human disease. Peter Nicholson (internal medicine and immunology) is a leader in transplantation science. He and his colleagues have been at the forefront in identifying subclinical inflammation as a cause of organ rejection, particularly relating to the kidneys.
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Buses already travel to the Fort Garry campus along University Crescent, King’s Drive and Chancellor Matheson. Why do we need a Rapid Transit corridor through Southwood? A pre-proposal planning process, the area transitioned within the Visionary (re)Generation Open International Design Competition, including the Southwood precinct, can be transformed into a world-class showpiece of collaboration through a sustainable, mixed-use development focused on pedestrian movement, rather than automobile use. It would improve connection and access to and from other areas of the city, enhancing the attraction to living and working on campus. Rapid Transit would be the spine in a vibrant network of pedestrian walkways, interconnected facilities and greenspaces that could stretch from Pembina Highway to the Red River — growth that will attract visitors and residents alike. Examples of successful development like this include Arlington Transit Mall and the Rosslyn-Ballston Corridor in Arlington, Virginia. Rapid Transit provides the opportunity for fast, reliable, convenient service for staffs, students, future residents and visitors. In addition, reduced automobile use in the Southwood precinct would be a positive attraction for residents and be in line with the area’s sustainability mandate.

What about the residential components? What kind of housing are we talking about? To make the Southwood precinct a true pedestrian-friendly community, housing would be a combination of medium- and high-density buildings, such as apartments or townhomes, and possibly condominiums. Ground level units could include amenities such as professional offices (doctors, cafes, grooming, etc.), allowing for rooftop recreation facilities such as rooftop gardens. The buildings could be separated by a highly-developed public space, with walkways and innovative landscaping. Fountains, sculpture gardens and other attractions could also help to make the area an attractive destination for people from across the city. The river and how we interact with it could feature prominently in the plan. However, these specific features and details are completely dependent on what is produced as a result of a soon-to-be announced design competition.

What about the greenspace itself? Is it the desire of the University of Manitoba to have much of the Southwood precinct remain as greenspace. Typically, new urban developments include only about ten per cent greenspace, but because we are starting with a “clean slate” in designing the Southwood precinct community, we are envisioning a much more extensive greenspace network through an inclusive planning process for the area. The key to achieving such a high proportion of publicly-accessible greenspace is to design the buildings and structures in an efficient and compact manner.

Will there be access to the Red River? One of the things we have thought about in considering the future development of the campus, which has been backed up by feedback from consultation sessions, is that the river is an asset and we need to make it a priority to build it in to our plans. You can spend a lot of time here and not even notice the river, because presently there is no public access to any of the river that borders the existing Fort Garry campus, or within the Southwood precinct. However, with the creation of a master plan involving all precincts of the University of Manitoba, including The Point, for example, we think there is a significant opportunity for additional river access on the Fort Garry campus. Winnipeg is a city of rivers: we would like to see river access in the Southwood precinct opened up to create a public destination environment that is connected to a greater city greenspace network. The proposal could contemplate a marina, restaurants, boardwalks, etc., but we are open to proposals brought forward from the design competition.

What will be developed along Pembina Highway in the Southwood precinct? Just as the university could open itself up more to the river, it could do the same with Pembina Highway. It is a major arterial route connecting the south end of Winnipeg to its centre, yet the current campus is removed from Pembina. It should be more visible. We would like to see development designed around easy access, encouraging two-way connectivity between the city and the university. There could be a new entrance to the university created along Pembina Highway that would allow Rapid Transit vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians to access the university more easily. The Markham and Waverley Heights communities could also be possible. New entrainment and linkages between the campuses and existing roadways will be part of the development of an area master plan through the Visionary (re)Generation competition.

That could be years from now. What will be going on in the Southwood precinct before development begins? In the short term, the Southwood precinct will be available for light recreational use, but not organized events. Such recreational use could include birdwatching, walking and bicycling. The university is currently constructing an interim access road off of St. Johns Road to service maintenance requirements related to the interim use of Southwood Lands as a passive recreation area. The construction of the access road is necessary to access the Southwood Precinct. This road will be used by only our Physical Plant workers and our contracted maintenance supplier. This road is temporary and is not part of the future Southwood Precinct development plan. Maintenance of the Southwood precinct will respect the university’s sustainability model of best practices, using an Integrated Pest Management Program driven by education and research during this interim period.

For more information see: umsats.ca

UMSATS project leader: Dario Schor.

The little spacecraft that could

BY CHRIS RUTKOWSKI
The Bulletin
Half a millennium. That’s all that was keeping project leader Dario Schor from getting his team to assemble UMBUG and get it ready for testing at the Canadian Space Agency in Ottawa. When they started putting together all the components of the spacecraft, the team discovered it was a “minor design flaw”: “It’s not a major problem,” he says. “It’s just a matter of grinding down the metal end of the spacecraft.”

Designing and assembling UMBUG has been a labour of love — and lack of sleep — for the dedicated team of students and faculty advisors of the University of Manitoba Space Applications and Technology Society (UMSATS). Their creation is the U of M’s first satellite, being propelled by Gravity Industries’ UMBUG satellite, about the size of a litre container of milk, and it may be destined for Earth orbit.

“This has been an exciting time at the University of Manitoba as we embark on our quest to launch the first studentsponsored satellite in the province of Manitoba,” says Schor. The ambitious interdisciplinary project is the result of three years of work for more than 100 University of Manitoba students from a variety of disciplines, including engineering, science, management and architecture, plus some 50 advisors from academia and industry. Their impetus was an announcement in 2010 by the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) about the Canadian Satellite Design Challenge (CSDC), a challenge for students in post-secondary institutions to design, build, and test an operational triple-picosatellite (T-Sat). The competition culminates this month, when a panel of judges tests the entries and considers their spaceworthiness and scientific quality. The winning design will be launched into space within a few years.

Social Sciences, Humanities and Fine Arts

Schooling:
- Dr. Hari Bapuji, Department of Business Administration, I. H. Asper School of Business
- Dr. Stephan Jaeger, Department of German and Slavic Studies, Faculty of Arts
- Dr. Greg Morey, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts

Combination:
- Dr. Rotimi Akalu, Department of Human Nutritional Sciences, Faculty of Human Ecology
- Dr. David Camfield, Labour Studies Program, Faculty of Arts
- Dr. Javier Mignone, Department of Family Social Sciences, Faculty of Human Ecology
- Dr. Shahin Shooshtari, Department of Family Social Sciences, Faculty of Human Ecology

Life Sciences, Natural Sciences and Engineering

Teaching:
- Dr. Haideh Safavi-Gours, Department of Immunology, Faculty of Medicine
- Dr. Quan Wang, Department of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

Combination:
- Dr. Harold Aukema, Department of Human Nutritional Sciences, Faculty of Human Ecology
- Dr. Dilantha Fernando, Department of Plant Science, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences
- Dr. Don Flaten, Department of Soil Science, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences
- Dr. Jeanette Monfar, Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering

The Collective Agreement between the University of Manitoba and the University of Manitoba Faculty Association includes provision for merit awards 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.

Life Sciences, Natural Sciences and Engineering

Teaching:
- Dr. Andrew Morris, Department of Statistics, Faculty of Science
- Dr. Jason Pfeifer, Department of Human Anatomy and Cell Science, Faculty of Medicine
- Ms Colleen Plumton, Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management

Research:
- Prof Sandra Geisler, Faculty of Nursing
- Dr. Ramathan Sri Ranjan, Department of Biosystems Engineering, Faculty of Agricultural & Food Sciences
- Dr. Abba Gumel, Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Science
- Dr. Mohammad Jafar Jozani, Department of Statistics, Faculty of Science

School of Business
- Dr. Hari Bapuji, Department of Business Administration, I. H. Asper School of Business
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- Dr. Greg Morey, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts

The total amount of the fund was not allocated. The remaining was given to the Libraries for acquisitions, as per Article 25.8 of the UM/UMFA Collective Agreement.

Biology Unimpeded by Gravity (UMBUG) satellite, about the size of a litre container of milk, and it may be destined for Earth orbit. University of Manitoba

2011 Merit Award Recipients

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Season launch of Visionary Conversations draws crowds

BY MARIANNE MAYS WIEBE
The Bulletin

The U of M’s award-winning Visionary Conversations series kicked off its new season during Homecoming 2012 with a well-attended discussion about the difficult topic of racism. The event, which took place on September 12, featured three faculty members and an alumnus discussing the role of racism in Canada and what can be done to overcome it.

The topic is an urgent one, said first speaker Lori Wilkinson, sociology, because of the way it shapes Canadian society and individual sense of belonging within our society. Too often, there is the mistaken feeling that racism doesn’t exist in Canada. Statistics evidence otherwise, she averred, following her statement with examples of hate crimes and similar race-based or religion-based incidents.

Wilkinson pointed to two types of racism: Overt racism, often directed at individuals or otherwise obvious targets, measurable and visible; and covert racism, less obvious, which takes place at the institutional level and affects individuals through harmful messages and outcomes.

Second speaker Andrew Woolford, another faculty member in sociology, built on Wilkinson’s argument about racism by drawing on genocide studies. Defining genocide as “the attempt to destroy a group in whole,” through various strategies, Woolford noted that genocide and its strategies take on local characteristics and intersect with other forms of racism, domination, oppression, discrimination, ethnocentrism and classism.

Woolford expanded genocide studies research to a North American context, particularly Canadian and U.S. assimilation policies as applied to Indigenous populations and expropriation of Indigenous lands or other pursuits of political power and financial gain. Education, he noted, often considered benevolent or neutral, is one of genocide’s most insidious strategies.

Alumnus James Wilson (M.Ed.Administration) personalized the discussion. The Opaskwayak Cree Nation member, who was named Commissioner of the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba in 2010, augmented the connection between racism and education by remarking on the danger of lowered expectations for students that educators might see as “disadvantaged.” These lowered expectations play out in the school system in various ways, he said, including internalized racism.

Final panelist of the evening was Emma LaRocque, Metis author of When the Other is Me and longtime faculty member in the department of Native studies. LaRocque expounded on conceptions of “civilization” and the impact of the Euro-Canadian interpretation of history for Canadian education and for Aboriginal Peoples. Dismantling the “myths” that perpetuate racist practices, LaRocque pointed out embedded values in underlying false assumptions. Privileging “farmer” over “hunter,” for example, or suggesting that European immigrants “settled” the land, demonstrates the way history continues to be “white-washed,” she said. Metis peoples in particular, she said, lost everything. “Aboriginal Peoples have real cultures,” she emphasized, “and racism is an experience” — not just word or a historical study. There are high stakes in the racism that is perpetuated by refusing to acknowledge the continued effects of colonialist history. LaRocque said, “Racism takes a human toll.”

The evening finished with a question-and-answer period, during which panel members engaged with the audience, discussing further issues around racism including affirmative action, employment equity, racism as a belief system, the personal damage inflicted by racism, individual and collective recovery from racism, the role of education, taking social and individual responsibility for the issue, and the necessity of a multi-pronged approach to combating racism.

To watch this fascinating discussion in its entirety, go to: bit.ly/NN8bMh

RSVP at visionary.conversations@ad.umanitoba.ca
SPOTLIGHT: ARTS CELEBRATING ARTS

A LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION is by nature broad and diverse, rather than narrow and specialized. Choosing courses from many disciplines provides wide and useful education. In the first year, an Arts student normally takes a variety of introductory courses. At the U of M, this is part of the University 1 curriculum. This provides wide knowledge of subjects but helps students to choose certain areas for further study.

In most cases, students take courses in at least some of the major categories within the liberal arts: Humanities (English Literature, Modern Languages, History, Philosophy), Social Sciences (Anthropology, Economics, Political Science, Sociology), and the Sciences. At the same time, programs within the Faculty of Arts usually allow for some degree of specialization in a major discipline or in a group of thematically-linked courses. By concentrating on a given subject, whatever it may be, students go beyond the mere surface of things and gain a solid grasp of the core material in a given area.

The Faculty of Arts comprises a vast diversity of departments: anthropology, classics, economics, English, film and theatre, French, Spanish and Italian, German and Slavic studies, history, Icelandic, linguistics, Native studies, philosophy, political studies, psychology, religion and sociology. It also houses many programs: Canadian studies, Catholic studies, Central and Eastern European studies, criminology, global political economy, Judaic studies, labour studies, Latin American studies, Medieval and Renaissance studies, Ukrainian Canadian heritage studies, and women’s and gender studies.

This year’s event, hosted by George MacLean, associate dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, and professor, department of political studies, Faculty of Arts, and Jeffery Taylor, dean, Faculty of Arts, and professor, department of history, honours 200 students, faculty and staff. Taylor says the event is the faculty’s “annual opportunity to showcase our incredible faculty students, staff, and alumni.”

“I t is a popular event, with attendance normally in the 300-400 range. While celebration is the main purpose of the occasion, it also provides an opportunity for faculty and staff to meet and socialize with colleagues they might not normally encounter in their day-to-day work.”

Each year two distinguished Faculties of Arts graduates receive an award and address to the audience about how their U of M education contributed to their personal and professional success. This year, alumni Niki Ashton and Paul Moist were honoured.

Ashton echoed President Barnard’s assertion about the Arts, adding that the “conversations had and lessons learned [during her time in the Faculty of Arts] come back to her daily in her work.” The NDP member of parliament for Manitoba’s Churchill electoral district graduated with a BA in global political economy. Currently she is finishing her PhD in Peace and Conflict Studies at the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice.

Citing education and involvement in community as two significant aspects of becoming a citizen, Ashton suggested that time at university is about learning “how to become a citizen, to ask the right questions, and how to work together to move forward.”

Second award recipient Faculty of Arts alumnus Paul Moist was recognized for his work as the fifth national president of Canada’s largest union, the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE). Moist received his BA with studies in Canadian history and political science. “In a world where everything is possible and nothing is certain,” he said, “education adds certainty and value to everything.”

Other award categories include: the Dean’s Honour Roll and Medal winners; Bison Sports Academic All-Canadians; celebrated graduate students; Faculty of Arts individual service anniversary and support staff team awards; celebrated support staff, sessional’s and faculty; Arts Excellence in Teaching awards; the Award in Internationalization; Professor of the Year 2012; and major grants awarded to Faculty of Arts researchers.

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New writer in residence Sally Ito welcomed

BY SANDY KLOVAK
The Bulletin

It was a heartfelt reading from Winnipeg writer Sally Ito to a nearly packed house that marked her introduction into the U of M family as the university’s newest writer-in-residence.

Ito shared an excerpt from her grandfather’s memoir that she has translated from Japanese at her welcome event on Friday September 21, hosted by the Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture (CCWOC).

The reading described her grandfather’s deportation back to Japan from Indonesia after news that the Japanese had lost the Second World War, ending in the emotional reunion of the protagonist and his small daughter, Ito’s mother.

The event also featured readings from creative works by two students. Leo Baskatawang, an M.A student in native studies, read from a story from his creative master’s thesis, something an M.A student in native studies, read from a creative master’s thesis. Leo Baskatawang, an M.A student in native studies, read from a creative master’s thesis, something an M.A student in native studies, read from a creative master’s thesis.

Since its opening in the fall of 2008, the Centre for Creative Writing and Oral Culture has hosted a residency that brings a writer and/or storyteller to the U of M to visit classes, host workshops and mentor writers individually.

Born in Taber, Alberta, Ito is a poet, essayist and short fiction writer. A former Monbukagakusho Scholar, Ito holds a BFA in Creative Writing from the University of British Columbia and an MA from the University of Alberta. She has published three books of poetry, most recently, Alert to Glory (Turnstone Press, 2011). Ito’s work in short fiction and creative non-fiction has been published in various literary journals as well as in a collection of short stories entitled Floating Shore (Mercury Press, 1998). In addition to writing, Ito also teaches creative writing at the Canadian Mennonite University.

“My grandfather’s memoir was really emotional and personal. I am so happy to see my grandfather join our U of M family,” Ito said about her new position.

Ito will hold a poetry workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 100-2:30.

To arrange a meeting with Ito, email her at ccwocwir@cc.umanitoba.ca or call 204-480-3067.

New writer-in-residence Sally Ito reads at the event. Introducing the writer were Renate Eigenbrod, acting director of CCWOC, and Lori Wilkinson, associate dean, Faculty of Arts, both seated at right. Photo by Marianne Mays Wiebe

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What’s important to him in his work: Making creative connections; the possibility for deep focus. While no Luddite, he eschews the constant connectedness of the internet in favour of quiet — his office is without either computer or a desk; instead, there’s a big armchair in the room.

What he sees as most important for management: The ability and vividness to stay connected to flesh and blood, the “blood flow” of the business, connectedness of the internet deep focus. While no Luddite, he finds it important that students think it’s important that students take a very individualized focus. This focus slides too easily for various reasons, including a tendency to treat each case individually, removing it from its larger cultural context.

Everyday essential: ‘Unplugging for at least part of the day’

Concerning the relationship between money and the meaning of life: A strong inspiration has been Jacob Needleman’s book of the same title (i.e., 1992’s Money and the Meaning of Life). “I’m not against profitability” Litz asserts, “but I think it’s important that students contemplate the nature and degree of influence of money on their business and life decisions.”

Everyday essential: ‘Unplugging for at least part of the day’

What he enjoys about teaching: That he still enjoys it as much after doing it for all this time. What makes him smile: Finding an object with potential for analogy in one of his courses.

In your book, why do you make the argument that policing needs to be seen as a racialized practice? Most of the work done on race and policing has tended to take a very individualized focus. This focus slides too easily into “police bathing” or locating the issue as a problem of “a few bad apples.” But the issue is much more complex and complicated than that. Using the frame of racialized policing produces a clearer understanding of the issue, and moves us to re-think our strategies for responding to the matter of Aboriginal-police relations.

What led you to research the topic and write the book? The research for this book came out of work I’ve been doing with the Manitoba Research Alliance through our SIRC CURA project on “Transforming Aboriginal and Inner-city Communities.” On one issue that kept coming up was people’s experiences with the police. So [Nahanni Fontaine of the Southern Chiefs’ Organization and I] decided to collaborate on a project that involved interviewing Aboriginal people about their encounters with police, both good and bad. We ended up doing 78 interviews. In order to do justice to what people had to tell us, I decided to write a book.

Racialized Policing: Aboriginal People’s Encounters with the Police (Fernwood Publishing, 2012) by Elizabeth Comack, professor, department of sociology, Faculty of Arts. Her research interests include feminist criminology and the sociology of law.

COFFEE WITH A CO-WORKER

The Bulletin talks with Reg Litz

Where creativity, ethics and entrepreneurship meet continual learning, Reg Litz likes to use analogies in his business courses. In fact, his office is fully stocked from floor to ceiling with odd demonstration objects and games he uses to engage students in thinking through business problems. His courses, including ones on family business, executive responsibility and creativity and entrepreneurship, all emphasize what he sees as a necessary balance between creativity and ethics. The ethical dimension of his approach both to teaching and business is strongly shaped by Christ.

The professor in the I.H. Asper School of Business has been teaching here since 1995, after several years as a sessional. Having done undergraduate work at the U of M, Litz returned to Winnipeg after completing his doctoral studies at the University of Pittsburgh. A love of innovative pedagogy and the possibilities of the classroom is obvious from his conversation, and everything he touches on reveals his sense of fun and a desire to stir students to unique and thoughtful conversations. He wants students to be asked to view a film and synthesize its relation to the readings — an unusual task for a business course, perhaps.

The joy of learning seems to have transferred to his students as well. He’s won several awards for his teaching, including Merit Awards for Outstanding Teaching and a Student-Teaching Recognition Award. Over the years, Litz has published articles on analogies and strategies for teaching, conceptualizing and conducting business, about analogies as sociology as various as the Marquis Strip’s relevance for family businesses and “Kitty Hawk in the classroom,” and strategies that draw on In the evening: Sandy Klawow

DISCUSSIONS ON POLICING PRACTICES
don’t often cover the topic, but according to U of M sociology professor Elizabeth Comack, the subject of her newest book is one that cannot be ignored any longer. Racialized Policing: Aboriginal People’s Encounters with the Police explores the complex way in which racism intersects with policing in the context of law enforcement’s interactions with Aboriginal people.

“Police have been designated as ‘reproducers of order’ in society,” says Comack. “They are given an insurmountable task. To try to manage and contain problems of crime, violence, and disorder. In the process, though, the police engage in troublesome practices of their own.”

She argues that law enforcement’s alleged use of racial profiling on Aboriginal people has been underemphasized for various reasons, including a tendency to treat each case individually, removing it from its larger cultural context.

Drawing on extensive first-hand interviews conducted with Winnipeg Aboriginal people about their experiences with police, the professor in the department of sociology explores the complex topic by analyzing several instances of police relations with Aboriginal people, including the deaths of J.J. Harper and Matthew Dunias, both shot by Winnipeg police officers. Comack will speak about her book at the Mauro Centre (St. Paul’s) on October 19 from noon to 12:45.

Dinner with friends: The Yeburger at Keltie’s, Shaver at Falafel Place. Filet mignon and a Caesar salad at Hy’s, anything at Red Roar, St. Boniface.

Underlined: “Doing the right thing because it’s the right thing to do.” In his spare time: He plays the piano and occasionally composes music.

Researcher given ‘royal’ treatment

Charles Bernstein, a renowned expert on inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), helped put Winnipeg on the map as home to some of the most innovative gastroenterology research in the world. The professor’s pioneering efforts have been recognized by the Royal Society of Canada (RSC), the country’s top association of scholars and scientists.

Bernstein has been elected as a Fellow of the Society, which is considered the highest honour an academic can achieve in the arts, humanities and sciences. Bernstein is among 71 new Fellows for 2012, the RSC recently announced.

Distinguished Professors Raymond P. Perry and Frank Plummer (who is already a RSC Fellow) are also being recognized. Perry will receive the Konrad Adenauer Research Award, which is given to a Canadian scholar whose research work in the humanities or the social sciences has earned international recognition. Plummer won the McLaughlin Medal, which celebrates distinguished achievement in medical sciences in Canada.

"We are extremely proud that these leading researchers choose the University of Manitoba as the place where they want to be. Their dedication and accomplishments in their research have put Manitoba on the map as one of the best places in the world to live, work and study. We are extremely proud of our researchers here at the University of Manitoba. Fellows and award winners from across the country will be officially inducted and honoured Nov 17 at the Ottawa Conference Centre. This will bring the total number of current Royal Society Fellows from the U of M to 42.

To do: Mountain hiking in the Alps. Childhood hero: Don Jonas, Blue Bomber.

Favourite authors (he’s a book lover): Scott Peck, John White, Michael Czörzesmyth, Henry Mintzberg, random used books he finds.

TV he likes: “Get Smart,” “Seinfeld,” “60 Minutes.”

Music he loves: Bach’s Goldberg Variation played by Glenn Gould, most anything played by Bill Evans, the Marsalis family (jazz), Brahms Requiem, and the Mozart piano concertos.

Elizabeth Comack.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Annual Outreach Award

Each year the University of Manitoba honours support and academic staff who have been notably active in outreach activities. The university will hold its 33rd Annual Outreach Reception on Tuesday, November 27, 2012. Deans and Directors are accepting nominations until Friday, October 12 of anyone active during 2011-2012 in enlarging and enriching the contacts of the university. Administrative units of the University should send their nominations to their respective Vice-President. Outreach activities may include increasing access to existing university programs, extending the nature and range of the university’s programs and services, and sharing most effectively with the community the resources of the university.

While there are no restrictions on nominating a previous recipient, the case for doing so must be based on outreach activities since the previous award.

The Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Campbell Award

To mark the end of the term of Dr. Ralph Campbell as President of the University of Manitoba, his colleagues and friends established a trust fund to support the Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Campbell Outreach Award for meritorious service in outreach activities. The award is referred to as the Campbell Award.

The Campbell Award will be presented at the Annual Outreach Reception in November, 2012 to a staff member of the University of Manitoba. The value of the award will be that determined from time to time by the Board of Governors. In each of the past years, the award has been $1,000. If, in the judgment of the committee of selection there are two candidates of equal merit, the committee may recommend that the Campbell Award be divided between the two candidates.

Nominations for the Campbell Award will be accepted from staff members of the University, alumni and members of the community. No recipient of a Campbell Award is eligible to receive it a second time until the tenth year after the first receipt of the award.

The Presidential Advisory Committee on University Outreach will continue to act as the selection committee for the Campbell Award and to advise the President of the most appropriate recipients for this year. The committee will bear in mind the diversity of faculties, schools and administrative units within the University and will attempt to give due recognition to all areas over a period of time.

Nomination forms can be found on wwwumanitoba.ca/admin/vp_academicawards_honours.html and submitted to: Dr. Janice Ristock, Vice-Provost (Academic Affairs), Chair of the Selection Committee, by Friday, October 12, 2012. The nomination forms must be accompanied by three letters of support, including at least one letter from outside the University.

Dr. Alphonso Lingis

Alphonso Lingis is an internationally renowned philosopher, photographer, writer, world traveller, and translator. His innovative work, esteemed both for its profundity and for its accessibility to a general audience, spans phenomenology and existentialism, art, architecture, sculpture, animality, and embodiment.

Public Lecture

ONE’S OWN VOICE
Tuesday, October 2, 7:30 p.m.
Robert Schultz Lecture Theatre,
St. John’s College, Fort Garry Campus
Reception to follow

Open Seminar
Wednesday, October 3, 2:30 – 5:15 p.m.
307 Tier Building, Fort Garry Campus

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND BOTH EVENTS
A full listing of employment opportunities at the University of Manitoba can be found at umanitoba.ca. U of M encourages applications from qualified women and men, including members of visible minorities, Aboriginal peoples, and persons with disabilities. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however Canadians and permanent residents will be given priority. Please include the position number when applying for openings at the university.

POSITION NUMBER: 14226
DEADLINE: October 31, 2012

For Information: Dr. Dawn Wallin, Acting Head, Department of Educational Administration, Foundations and Psychology, Rm. 230, Faculty of Education, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, R2N 2N2; telephone: (204) 474-9010; fax (204) 474-7550; email: Dawn.Wallin@umanitoba.ca

FACULTY OF MEDICINE
Department of Physiology
Position: Assistant Professor
Position number: 15155
DEADLINE: Review of applications to begin as early as November 15, 2012
Start Date: January 3, 2013
For Information: Andrew J. Halayko, PhD, Chair, Search Committee, tel. (204) 789-3696, email halayko@cc.umanitoba.ca

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA LIBRARIES
Position: Nursing Liaison Librarian
Position number: 15203
DEADLINE: October 26, 2012
Start Date: January 1, 2013
For Information: Karen Adams, University Librarian, The University of Manitoba Libraries, Winnipeg, MB, R2N 2N2, email Karen_Adams@umanitoba.ca

ACADEMIC JOB OPPORTUNITIES

FORT GARRY + BANNATYNE CAMPUS

MATHS SEMINAR
Thursday, October 4 | 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

PHYSICS SEMINAR
Monday, October 1 | 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

THE EUREKA PROJECT SPEAKER SERIES
Thursday, Oct. 4 | 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
“Ownership of Intellectual Property” by Silvia de Sousa, lawyer, Thompson Dorfman Dreadnutt LLP. In 210-135 Innovation Drive. Free but please RSVP to Wanda Smith at info@eureka-project.ca or 204-262-6400.

ASE CAREER FAIR 2012
Thursday, Oct. 4 | 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Students from the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences and the Faculty of Engineering are invited to attend the career fair for an opportunity to network with over 60 potential employers. 2nd floor University Centre.

8TH ANNUAL CHILD HEALTH RESEARCH DAY
Thursday, Oct. 4 | 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
This all-day event features several speakers on the topic of child health. In Theatre A, Frederic Gaspard Theatre, Bannatyne Campus. To register or for more information visitaprogs.ca/c/event/chrd1202program.pdf

ROMÉO DALLA SPEAKS
Friday, October 5 | 10:30 a.m.
Senator Romeo Dallaire speaks on lessons learned from the Rwandan genocide, followed by panel discussion with genocide expert Andrew Woodford (socialist) and Sean Byrne, executive director of Arthur Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice. In Moot Court Room, Faculty of Law.

VISIONARY CONVERSATIONS
Tuesday, October 9 | 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
“15399: Key to Economic Success,” Reception 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., panel discussion from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. In Robert B. Schultz Theatre, St. John’s College. RSVP to: Visionary_Conversations@umanitoba.ca.

SOL KANE 2012 LECTURE ON PEACE AND JUSTICE
Wednesday, October 10 | 1:30 p.m.
Lecture by Dr. Martin Marog, author and member of drafting Committee of the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland. 2nd floor MPJ, University Centre.

ECOLOGY SEMINAR
Tuesday, October 9 | 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
“Barriers to Frontline Surgical Nurse Detection of Delirium in the Hospitalized Older Adult” by Linda Lasamna at Inn at the Forks, Forks Ballroom East. To listen to this lecture, register as a one-day participant at umanitoba.ca/caselines/arb/ departments/german_and_slavic/3363.html.

SPEAKERS BUREAU
Tuesday, October 9 | 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
“Whither the Premodern?” by the Group for Premodern Studies. Short papers on the topic of premodern studies with discussion to follow. In 409 Tier Building.

PHYSICS SEMINAR
Tuesday, October 12 | 3:30 p.m.
“High current sources of free electrons for the electron accelerators of tomorrow” by Russell Mannell, physics department, U of M in 330 Allen Building.

3RD PRESIDENT’S RECEPTION FOR RETIREEE
Saturday, October 13 | 2:00 p.m.
Retirees are invited to meet with Joanne Keselman, vice-president (academic) and provost, who will represent President Barnard at the reception and provide an update on the university, and to meet with other retirees. Speaker is Peter Jones, director, Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutritional Health, on “Putting your Best Food Forward.” RSVP by Friday October 5 to Linda Lasamna at linda.lasamna@umanitoba.ca or by telephoto at 204-474-9124. In Marshall McLuhan Hall, Room 204 University Centre, Fort Garry Campus.

FALL 2012 BROWN BAG LECTURE
Friday, October 12 | 12:00 to 12:45 p.m.
Elizabeth Comack will speak about her recently published book, Racialized Policing: Aboriginal People’s Encounters with the Police in 370 Helen Glass Centre. To participate via Telehealth, call 975-7714 option 2.

NURSING SEMINAR
Monday, November 5 | 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.
“Barriers to Frontline Surgical Nurse Detection of Delirium in the Hospitalized Older Adult” by Vera Duncan. In 370 Helen Glass Centre.

NATIVE STUDIES COLLOQUIUM: INITIATIVES FOR VIBRANT CHANGE
Wednesday, November 7
The U of M is offering a daylong program for Grade 9 students as part of Take Our Kids to Work, which exposes students to a variety of occupations, fun activities and workshops highlighting the diverse work happening on our campus. If you are a parent or guardian of a Grade 9 student, visit the U of M Take Our Kids to Work website atumanitoba.ca/takeourkidswork to register. Registration deadline is October 3.

For music events seeumanitoba.ca/facul- ties/music/events/index.html

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT: wwwumanitoba.ca/faculties/music/events/index.html

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Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) is a cancer of the white blood cells. It is the mostly widely diagnosed type of leukemia in the Western world, mostly affecting older men and has a poor survival rate. As the Baby Boomer generation grows older, the incidence of CLL will increase.

In the new era of personalized medicine, what new diagnostic tests will improve detection at the earliest stages? What research discoveries will pave the way to new treatments and improve survivalship? What clinical trials are being conducted in Manitoba? Join us in a lively and open discussion on CLL with Canada’s leading scientists, clinicians, patient advocates and nurses on this important disease.

Moderator:
Dr. Spencer Gibson

Experts:
Dr. Versha Banerji
Dr. James B Johnston
Dr. Aaron Marshall
Dan Skwarchuk
Dr. Cynthia Toze

BY KATIE CHALMERS-BROOKS
For The Bulletin

Brian Mark and Michelle Lobchuk might be going after different targets but they’re doing so with similar intensity. Mark is zeroing in on antibiotic-resistant bacteria and devious viruses while Lobchuk is tackling miscommunication between nurses and the family members who care for their chronically ill loved ones.

Both were named Manitoba Research Chairs by the Manitoba Health Research Council last year.

After receiving the designation, Mark continued his investigations into a microbial infection that preys on people with weakened immune systems, most often patients with cystic fibrosis (CF). Known as pseudomonas, the bacteria show up in the lungs of people with CF and can be lethal given that the microbe deploys enzymes that destroy antibiotics as soon as they detect its presence.

Over the past seven years, Mark and his colleagues have been developing small-molecule-based strategies that go in and shut down the release of these antibiotic-destroying enzymes. This bodes well for a whole family of antibiotics whose therapeutic value is being steadily eroded by these enzymes.

“It would boost the antibiotic efficacy to the point where the infection would be more manageable. It could prolong lifespan,” says Mark, noting most CF patients die from respiratory failure related to damage caused by chronic lung infections. “We’ve shown that it’s possible to boost antibiotic efficacy using our approach. To take it to where patients can get it, it’s hard to say, it could be many years away. It could be that the approach may get adjusted somewhat, the target may change. There are multiple targets that we’re studying. There is still a lot of research to be done.”

To date Mark has solved its three-dimensional crystal structure, which is the U of M team’s specialty. This allowed them to do precise measurements and design a drug that perfectly fits within the physical specifications. A collaborating chemist at Simon Fraser University makes the molecule and Mark then tests its effectiveness.

Mark also solved a key structure used by the deadly Crimean–Congo hemorrhagic fever virus, which is most prevalent among agriculture workers in the Middle East and transmitted to humans through ticks. The virus produces an enzyme that helps it to evade the human immune system.

The fight against these minute menaces is ongoing and multifaceted, says Mark. “I like the challenge. You never know what to expect.”

Lobchuk is tackling a different sort of complexity: the type that permeates caregivers and patients.

For more information:
umanitoba.ca/postercompetition
SPOTLIGHT ON: ACTIVE LIVING AND BISON SPORTS

The Bison Athlete Walkway of Honour opens

Left: Bison Athlete Walkway Of Honour sign. Above: At the ribbon-cutting of the walkway on September 15, Harvey Sctor, Chancellor of the U of M, Jane Watkinson, dean, Faculty Of Kinesiology And Recreation Management, Kristi Hunter, former Bison athlete (women’s volleyball), Jeff Hnatuk, president & CEO, Sport Manitoba, Dave Gaudreau, MLA-St. Norbert, Coleen Dufresne, athletic director at the U of M, and student athlete Nicholas Stewner.

The Bison Athlete Walkway of Honour was officially opened at Investors Group Athletic Centre, Plaza on Saturday, September 15, during Homecoming Weekend. This unique walkway commemorates the exceptional athletic achievements and contributions to the community of former Bison Athletes by listing their names on one of 19 three-sided towers. Approximately 4,000 Bison alumni will be acknowledged in the following sports: Men’s and Women’s Basketball; Women’s Field Hockey; Football; Men’s and Women’s Golf; Men’s and Women’s Gymnastics; Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey; Women’s Soccer; Men’s and Women’s Swimming; Men’s and Women’s Track and Field; Men’s and Women’s Volleyball; and Men’s and Women’s Wrestling. This will be the first of a kind recognition of all former athletes on any university campus in North America. With approximately 2.6 million visitors each year to the U of M campus, it acknowledges the many Bison alumni that have contributed to the university in so many different ways.

Active Living Centre construction set to begin

On October 11, construction will begin on a new world-class health, wellness and fitness facility. The new 100,000 square foot Active Living Centre will house a state-of-the-art indoor running track, a 40-foot climbing wall, a social gathering area for students, a strength and conditioning room, a group workout area, three multi-purpose rooms and a space devoted to bringing together service providers from multiple disciplines (exercise physiologists, exercise psychologists, registered dietitians, athletic therapists, etc.) with researchers and graduate students to support people striving to begin or sustain an active lifestyle. Each year, more than 7,800 students and 1,000 staff and community members use the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management’s recreational facility. The faculty promotes sport and active living through various university and community programs for people of all ages. It has a long history of success in Intercollegiate Sport and prepares future kinesiologists, physical educators and recreation specialists, while producing knowledgeable consumers of physical activity.

The new Active Living Centre

The world-class, 100,000-square foot facility will provide

QUALITY: World-class facilities for everyday users
ACCESSIBILITY: University and community programs for all ages and abilities
CAPACITY: Up to 2,000 users each day
PUBLIC IMPACT: Adoption of healthy lifestyles for prevention and treatment of chronic disease
EDUCATION: Preparation of future kinesiologists, physical educators, recreation specialists and coaches

See more here: bit.ly/S2AP90

ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2012
ACTIVITIES BEGIN AT 10:45 AM
X LOT, FRANK KENNEDY CENTRE, 17 DAFOE ROAD

Join us to celebrate the exciting start of the Active Living Centre’s construction and learn how this world-class health, wellness and fitness centre will enhance the student experience at the University of Manitoba.

umanitoba.ca/activelivingcentre