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### Acting Chair's message 2010

-Jennifer Smith



Jennifer Smith

As many of you know, our chair, Bob Finbow, has taken a much-deserved sabbatical and returns to duty in July for his second term as chair. Having filled in for him this year, I am writing the chair's report. I am also retiring from the university after 30 rewarding years.

Why have these years been so rewarding? Great colleagues and staff. A benign employer that gives faculty ample opportunity to pursue research and professional interests. Most of all, the students. Teaching them – and learning from them – has been an overwhelmingly positive experience. I can count on one

hand the negative experiences, which amounts to barely a trace. The students are interesting, fun, and smart people with whom to deal. They are also extremely fair in their evaluations of their professors. It makes me cringe to think how inept I must have been during the first years of teaching – but the students put up with it. Then there were the years when my research preoccupations, relevant or not, continually spilled into the classroom – and they put up with that. Only in the final years has my understanding of what is important to convey in the classroom appreciated significantly – and naturally they have responded positively to my seeing the light. When asked by young colleagues about teaching, I always say the same thing. Run towards the students, never run from them. In the end, they are the *raison d'être* of the university enterprise.

As you would expect me to say, much has changed in 30 years. And for the most part, the change is rooted in technology that, in particular ways, has altered how we work and teach. Although a source of new teaching techniques, interestingly, it has had no effect whatsoever on students' ability to detect a fraud in the classroom.

Students continue to respond to intellectual firepower over showmanship. Technology has made it easier to conduct research and to work collaboratively with distant colleagues. It has enabled an enormous increase in communications and therefore output generally. Fortunately, it has NOT changed the department's ethic of contributing to the public life of the community.

In 1918, Senator Dennis and his wife wrote to the chairman of Dalhousie's board of governors to indicate their desire to endow a chair of government and political science in honour of their oldest son who lost his life in WW1. They wrote that in the Maritime provinces, and in Nova Scotia in particular, Dalhousie was an influence on the side of "sound learning, liberal and progressive thought, democratic ideals and a wholesome patriotism." Each of the holders of the chair has made a contribution to good governance in Canada and I fully expect that tradition to continue. The Dennis' also established the Eric Dennis Gold Medal for the undergraduate student with the highest standing in Political Science at graduation. Year after year we have watched the gold medal winners carry the concern for good governance into their own careers.

I retire in complete confidence that the Department of Political Science will continue to excel in teaching and research, and that it will continue to honour the tradition of public service to the community in precisely the spirit that the Dennis' described so long ago.

**Jennifer Smith, Eric Dennis  
Memorial Professor of  
Government and Political Science  
and Acting Chair**

## **New faculty:**

### **An interview with Margaret Denike**

Degrees:

-PhD in Social and Political Thought  
(York University)

-Masters of Law (LLM) (Queens's  
University)

-MA (University of British Columbia)  
in English Literature, with a focus  
on Literary Theory and the  
Philosophy of Language

-BA (Simon Fraser University)



Margaret Denike

#### **Can you expand on your professional life for us?**

Among the most valuable sources of knowledge, experience, and training for my academic career are co-workers and volunteers—peers and mentors—with whom I have worked over the course of my formal education at equality-seeking, social justice, and human rights organizations and services. From colleagues at legal organizations and support services for sexual and racial minorities, and from groups such as the Law Commission of Canada, and the

Court Challenges Program of Canada, I have come to understand the immeasurable contribution of committed volunteers at non-government organizations in advancing human rights and social justice, and in informing and shaping law and public policy. This experience has been invaluable for courses in sexual and racial politics and human rights.

Before joining Dalhousie's Department of Political Science, I spent several years as a Professor and Coordinator of Gender Equality & Social Justice (Nipissing University) and Human Rights (Carleton University). As the Chair and Coordinator, I developed new degree programs and related curriculum, and implemented a practicum component that enabled students to obtain credit for working at both government and non-government Human Rights organizations and services. I hope to foster similar opportunities for students in Political Science at Dalhousie.

#### **How do you see the relevance of Political Science in university education?**

It would be hard to think of an area of study at the university level for which social and political thought would not be relevant. Questions about power, governance, justice, rights, accountability, and responsibility arise in most educational and professional contexts. Understanding the conditions that enable social, cultural, and legal change, and being empowered to participate in such developments, are among the most valuable skills provided through educational experiences. Moreover, students are increasingly attuned to developments in

international politics and practices, to the effects of cultural and economic globalization, and to their own place in the global community, whatever their area of study.

Political theory provides important tools for understanding and critically assessing the epic transformations that are underway in the institutions of global governance, humanitarianism and human rights. Political studies equip students with analytical skills to participate in these developments, to address the challenges of state and non-state actors in humanitarian crises, and to assess the effectiveness of varying approaches that are designed to remedy poverty, violence, and lack of security in different contexts.

#### **What is the current focus of your research?**

My research tracks developments in the sexual and racial politics of Canada and the U.S. pursuant to the sweeping social and legal changes now impacting family formations, namely: the decriminalization of homosexuality; the recognition of same-sex relationships; the development and regulation of reproductive technologies; the decriminalization of non-monogamous sexuality; current legal hearings on polygamy; and so forth.

With respect to current developments in human rights and humanitarian policy, my research examines causes and predictors of systemic violence, persecution and genocide, with the aim of recognizing the conditions that facilitate, sustain, and contain large-scale violence in different cultural and political settings. This

involves analyzing the forms and structures of racial and ethnic discrimination, and the role of nationalisms and related ideologies in fostering conflict. Theorizing and mapping the structures of persecution and genocide is an exercise that also relates to assessing the approaches of international human rights mechanisms and legal institutions, and their ability to achieve justice and restoration.

This research will continue to benefit from the participation of - and collective conversations with - graduate and undergraduate students in the new courses that I have introduced to the Political Science programme at Dalhousie, including: *Theories of Persecution and Genocide*; *The Politics of Fear*; *Sex and the State*; and *Human Rights: Institutional Foundations*.

#### **Thoughts about Halifax?**

I simply feel very lucky to be here. Halifax provides a vibrant, friendly, community that has a rich cultural history in a spectacular coastal setting. With several universities in the area, it also enjoys a dynamic intellectual community. What more could one ask for?

### **An interview with Anders Hayden**

Degrees:

- PhD, Sociology, Boston College
- MES (Environmental Studies), York
- BA, Political Science, McGill

#### **Would you tell us about your professional life in the pre-Dalhousie days?**

Before doing my PhD, I worked as the Research and Policy

Coordinator for 32 Hours, a Toronto-based organization committed to a reduction and redistribution of work time. I also worked as a writer, editor, and translator for the International Freedom of Expression Exchange, an umbrella organization for groups around the world promoting press freedom and the protection of journalists. I spent a year in the West African island nation of São Tomé and Príncipe as the coordinator of the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives, which supported community development projects.



Anders Hayden

#### **What are your thoughts on the relevance of Political Science to university students?**

Students have no trouble seeing the relevance of environmental politics. They know that the world is facing a range of serious environmental challenges. Solutions to these challenges require more than technological change; they involve significant social and political change. This raises important political questions related to the role of the state, the market, and social movements. Above all, there are important political debates over whether minor reforms or more radical

change to the political economy will be needed to address environmental challenges.

### **What do you find challenging about teaching political science?**

The challenges vary greatly from class to class, but I always try to think about creating pathways that students can take from where they are now toward greater knowledge and insight. Ultimately, it is up to them to take the opportunity, but a teacher can clear the way as well as inspire them to want to do so.

In a large introductory class, I faced the challenge of having students at very different levels—some of whom are thinking seriously about politics for the first time and others who are quite advanced in their thought and analysis. In my statistics class, the challenge was to communicate the importance of the subject matter—which was not immediately obvious to me when I first studied it—and to find ways to explain it in interesting and, where possible, humorous ways.

In my environmental politics and climate politics classes, most of the students are highly motivated and care deeply about the issues. That makes it much easier to do my job. The main challenge is that the state of environmental and climate politics is currently rather discouraging in North America, so I try not to overwhelm students with negativity and try to include discussion of examples of positive change.

### **How about your research interests?**

My primary interest is in social and political responses to climate change, with a particular emphasis

on the evolving balance between efforts to promote ecological modernization (“green growth”) and ideas of sufficiency that challenge the endless growth of production and consumption. I am just finishing an article on the decision of the Conservative-led government in the UK to cancel plans to expand Heathrow airport—a surprising instance of a business-oriented government taking action in line with green activists’ critique of the limits of carbon-intensive growth. A future project is to look into Nova Scotia’s efforts to promote ecological modernization through renewable energy development.

I am currently involved in a research project comparing climate policy responses in Canada and the European Union, with an emphasis on the allocation of emissions reductions efforts within federal/multi-level jurisdictions. The goal is to derive lessons from the EU that might be applicable to Canada, which has so far failed to allocate such efforts successfully among provinces.

In the past, I have written a great deal on the issue of work-time reduction—both its contributions to reducing the ecological impacts of wealthy societies and the more advanced work-time policies in some European countries. I look forward to doing further work in this area in the future.

### **Thoughts about Halifax?**

I have really been enjoying Halifax. It offers a good mix of the benefits of city life and the friendliness of a smaller centre and interesting neighbourhoods to explore. It’s great to run in Point Pleasant Park or along the waterfront. However, I

think it has been a major urban planning mistake to encourage so much commercial and residential development in sprawling suburban areas outside the city core. The trend is toward increasing automobile dependence, traffic congestion, rising greenhouse gas emissions, vulnerability to rising fuel costs, and visual impoverishment of the city. The most forward thinking cities in North America and Europe are enabling people to live well in dense and vibrant communities that prioritize walking, cycling, and public transit. Halifax is at a crossroads. It still has the potential to turn away from the outdated urban model of the last century and build on its strengths as a very livable city, but it will take some new thinking to do so.

## **An interview with Ruben Zaiotti**

Degrees:

-PhD, Political Science, University of Toronto

-Master of Studies, Oxford

-BA, University of Bologna

### **Would you tell us about your professional and research life pre-Dalhousie?**

My main areas of interest are international relations theory, international security, border control and European Union politics. Currently I am working on two research projects. The first looks at the transatlantic partnership over issues of homeland security. The second examines the challenges of European Union foreign policy after the signing of the Lisbon Treaty.



My recent publications include the monograph “Cultures of Border Control: Schengen and the Evolution of European Frontiers” with University of Chicago Press, and articles for Review of International Studies, Journal of European Integration, International Journal of Refugee Law, Cultures & Conflicts. Formerly I served as editor-in-chief of the Journal of International Law and International Relations.



Ruben Zaiotti

### **Tell us about your “long and winding road” to Halifax?**

“Halifax? Hmmm...” I must admit that when I was first contacted for the job interview at Dal I had mixed feelings. On one hand, I had heard great things about the city and the department. On the other, the idea of packing all my belongings and moving east with my family (recently graced by the arrival, all at once, of two cute little boys, Luca and Ari) to start a new life made me a little nervous. Surprising, because I am accustomed to moving, and previous moves were more challenging than this one.

My journey started in Italy, where I was born and raised and where my long lasting love affair with academia first bloomed. After graduating from the *Alma Mater Studiorum*, the “nourishing mother of studies,” as the University of Bologna is known, my scholarly peregrinations continued further North, in what was then still *Cool Britannia* - the lack of sun during my stint in the UK made me realize only later what I should have known all along, namely that the ‘cool’ in this slogan had to be taken literally. Not having learnt my lesson or, masochistically, because I thought the British weather was too mild for my taste, at the turn of the millennium I decided to make the big leap and cross the Atlantic Ocean, and settle in even cooler Canada.

To tell the truth, a less mundane reason brought me here, namely my then college sweetheart, Nancy, who later on became my wife. (By the way, is the fate of all college sweethearts to turn into wives? That seems to be the case whenever the term is mentioned in a conversation.) She told me: “You’ll love it here, come with me,” and I was persuaded - though I am not sure if I really had a choice. But since I am a wannabe urbanite - I’m actually a mountain boy, raised in a small town close to the Italian Alps - I accepted on the condition that we would find an abode in Toronto. All Canadian readers who are not from TO, especially in the Maritimes, are surely hating me right now for this revelation. But in my defence, I can say that back then I didn’t know any better.

After almost a decade of loitering between Yonge and Bloor and the U of T campus and completing a PhD, getting married, having two

kids and becoming a Canadian citizen (incredible how many things you can do in such a short span of time!), the time had come to move along and realize my full potential. Or, as my parents would put it, it was time to find an actual job. Since I mentioned my parents, let me digress for a moment and tell you a revealing anecdote about how they saw my career path in academia. Not that long ago, my father, whom I have regularly kept updated about my studies, told me: “Ah, Ruben, I am very proud of you and of all that you have accomplished in Canada!” And then, after a pause, he added “By the way, what are you doing down there?” (NB: my father is what I consider an educated person, so I can only explain his perplexity by blaming my communication skills - not an uplifting assessment for someone whose job should be that of facilitating the spread of knowledge!).

Now back to my journey: where was the new coveted destination to realize my potential, aka finding a job? Well, in the academic profession, often you are not the master of your own destiny. My story is no exception. This time fate suggested Halifax. And I am glad it did! My first year in the city has been hectic, to say the least. Besides starting a new job, I also had to endure the joys and sorrows of being a home owner – namely re-invent myself as carpenter, painter, construction worker, etc, etc. Ah, and did I mention being the father of two little fast-growing and ever-more-demanding twins? Despite all, I love my new life, my colleagues and Halifax. Who would have known? In Canada there is really life beyond Toronto.

## Honours Essays

**Gavin Charles:** *Information, Institutionalization and Intervention: Exploring the Informational Dimension of Humanitarian Intervention*, Supervisor: Dr. F. Harvey

**Jolanda Lapegna:** *Crossing the Threshold: Examining the Contributing Role of Environmental Degradation to Acute Conflict*, Supervisor: Dr. A. Hayden

**Trevor Morse:** *Urban Governance and Diversity Management: Investigating the need for Attention and Empowerment*, Supervisor: Dr. K. Good

**Meredith Rudner:** *Can a Win by the Parti Quebecois Reverse a Growing Anglicization in Quebec?* Supervisor: Dr. J. Smith

**Julian Whitten:** *The Global Politics of Gender*, Supervisor: Dr. M. Denike

## News from the Podium and the Undergrad Society

-Gavin Charles



Gavin Charles at the Forbidden City in Beijing, May 2011

The Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society (DUPSS) got off to an auspicious start this year, with the best attendance in recent memory for a Fall-semester AGM. After an election that saw stiff competition for nearly every position, DUPSS welcomed several new committed and talented individuals to the Society leadership, which was headed this year by Laura Boby. The strong numbers, which continued beyond the AGM, attested to the effectiveness of this year's more comprehensive recruitment strategy, which included class announcements, posters, and society fair participation. It was particularly inspiring to see numerous first-year students attending our meetings.



DUPSS members at the Dalhousie Arts and Social Sciences Society Ball, October 2010

DUPSS undertook a variety of exciting events and initiatives this year. In response to overwhelming demand from new members of the Society, one of our first decisions in the fall semester was to put in another order for our Dalhousie Political Science t-shirts. In November, we co-hosted a public lecture by Neil Brooks, author of *The Trouble with Billionaires*, who gave a very interesting presentation on the societal harms posed by economic inequality. To start off the second semester, we held a wine and cheese reception in the beautiful Lord Dalhousie Room, providing an opportunity for

students and faculty to mingle and chat. In conjunction with the DSU elections in March, we organized a question-and-answer session with the candidates for the executive, board of governors, and senate positions, as well as representatives of referenda campaigns. We were fortunate to have the department's own Dr. Lori Turnbull as moderator of this event, which drew an impressive turnout to the University Club on the night before the election.

One of DUPSS' most significant achievements this year was the publication of our undergraduate journal of political science, entitled *The Podium*. It was my pleasure and honour to act as editor-in-chief of this year's edition, with Meredith Rudner filling my old role of co-editor. Meredith and I coordinated a team of undergraduate students who read every submission. The best papers then advanced to the second stage of the selection process, where they were reviewed and evaluated by graduate students and professors who generously volunteered their time to assist with this project. Eight papers were published from approximately thirty submissions, making this quite a selective undergraduate journal.



The DUPSS logo, designed in-house last year. The image is used on the society's t-shirts, the cover of *The Podium*, and Society posters.

I was especially pleased that the papers published in this year's edition represent all of the four key sub-fields within the department: international relations, Canadian politics, comparative politics, and political theory. The project culminated with a launch party near the end of term that was attended by the authors, the student and faculty reviewers, and the broader DUPSS membership.

Our Winter-semester AGM was well-attended, and once again most of the races were quite competitive. The newly elected executive will offer next year's incarnation of DUPSS an outstanding combination of experience and new ideas. I wish them all the best in their efforts to maintain and build upon the successes of this year.

## Undergraduate Awards

**Gavin Charles** has been awarded the **James H. Aitchison Award**.

In 1979 colleagues of Dr. J.H. Aitchison established a fund from which an annual prize would be awarded in recognition of the best undergraduate honours essay. The fund was established to honour Professor Aitchison who was instrumental in founding the Department. Gavin also won the **Eric Dennis Gold Medal in Political Science**. Founded by Senator William Dennis and Mrs. Dennis, this medal is awarded on graduation to the student who stands first among those taking First Class Honours in Government and Political Science.

**Michael Murphy** was awarded the **Commonwealth Political Philosophy Prize**. The award is

given annually to the student with the highest grade in a course on political philosophy/the Foundations of Political Thought. The award was established by John W. Beveridge (BA, Honours 1971) for students who demonstrate interest and achievement in the field of political philosophy.

## Conor Noseworthy wins Mushkat Memorial Prize



Conor Noseworthy

**Conor Noseworthy** was recently awarded the **Mushkat Memorial Essay Prize** for his essay - *Tolerance, Hate Speech, and Conflicting Human Rights*. The \$4000 prize is awarded to registered full-time Dalhousie University Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences students in any year of study. Conor is 21, from Halifax, and is returning for his fifth and final year this fall

**What made you take political science? Was there anything or anybody who inspired you?**

Like a lot of people, I had some trouble deciding what exactly to pursue after my first year. I'd taken a half credit introduction (with Peter Aucoin) that sparked my interest, but it wasn't until second year— when I found myself

unexpectedly consumed by the 2008 presidential election—that I realized that political science is where my interests lie.

**I understand you are doing a double major in Political Science and Economics. Is there a connection between those fields that you find interesting?**

Funnily enough, it was only because of a term spent in Commerce that I ended up in Economics courses. While business wasn't my cup of tea, I really enjoyed the intuitive, methodological approach in Economics. I kept at it after switching programs, and have found it invaluable in analyzing political phenomena. Not only is it a handy tool to have when political debates start to bend under ideological strain, but it's nice not to be intimidated by the inescapable financial aspects of studying governance. Both disciplines together give a much more nuanced picture of political life, and (at least I find) give a clearer understanding of the social scientific method.

**Is there a particular area of political science that interests you?**

Political Theory is definitely one of my major areas of interest (thanks to two great professors in my third year). The history of political thought, ideological diversity and evolution, electoral systems and voter behaviour (especially alternatives to rational choice theory) are all really interesting to me. I also tend to pick classes in Canadian politics. It's especially neat to see how the two subfields connect.

**The prize was for a particular essay. Tell me about that?**

The Mushkat Memorial Prize was looking for an interdisciplinary essay on the meaning and principles defining tolerance. I'd taken a philosophy of human rights course the previous semester, and thought my paper could fit well with that theme. I wrote about the justifications for hate speech laws in spite of rights to free expression. I tried to take a broad approach, and used arguments from international law, communitarian philosophy, and a sort of sociological/consequentialist reasoning to make the case for boundaries in our idea of 'tolerance'. It was definitely my own kind of response to the sorts of hate speech instances we were seeing around that time. I was really honoured to be the selection committee's choice, as it was something I put a lot of heart and effort into.

**What do you think you will do once you graduate? Do you have any long term plans, career-wise? Is there a political field that interests you?**

After graduation, I'd really like to pursue a Master's in Political Science, somewhere in Canada. I'm currently undecided about whether to focus more on Political Theory or Canadian Politics, so I'm looking to keep both options open right now. In terms of a career, I think I'd really like to become a professor one day. The opportunity to share my knowledge with others, while satisfying my own curiosities through research is really appealing. It's funny, how people look at my majors and ask when I'll be getting into politics, but for now my aspirations are definitely more academic than applied.

## Andrew Harmes – An example of our undergraduate students' academic excellence

-Kristin Good



Andrew Harmes

The Department of Political Science would like to offer its congratulations to Andrew Harmes whose paper was selected for publication in Federalism-e.

His paper, "Open Federalism: Harper's Proposal for Canadian Federalism," was written for The Dynamics of Canadian Federalism (POLI 2210), a course taught by faculty member Kristin Good. Andrew is entering his third year of a Bachelor of Arts degree (with a double major in Political Science and Canadian Studies). He is twenty-two years old, from Bedford, Nova Scotia and has aspirations of studying law. Federalism-e is an online peer-reviewed undergraduate journal that publishes papers on subjects of interest to scholars of federalism. The journal is published by the Royal Military College (RMC) in conjunction with Queen's University, the home of Canada's prestigious Institute of

Intergovernmental Relations (IIGR). The journal publishes papers dealing with a variety of topics of interest to scholars of federalism including theories of federalism, multi-level governance and intergovernmental relations. Papers can be submitted in either of Canada's two official languages.

The latest issue is posted on the IIGR website:  
<http://www.queensu.ca/iigr/links/linksIIGR/fedE.html>  
 For more information about paper submission, and to access past issues of the journal visit:  
<http://www.federalism-e.com/>

## Dalhousie Model UN: University of Pennsylvania MUN Conference (UPMUNC) 2010

- Rabbiya Aslam

In November 2010, our Dal MUN Society's team of four delegates attended the UPenn Model UN conference in Philadelphia, representing the Democratic Republic of Congo. We were first time participants in a Model UN Conference which has now become one of our most memorable and stimulating experiences at university.



Dalhousie's delegates to the MUN conference in Philadelphia



Our team was composed of delegates Rabbiya Aslam (BSc in Psychology), Rabeyl Aslam (BSc in Economics), Nithasha Moideen (BSc in Microbiology and Immunology) and Nikitha Moideen (BSc in Neuroscience). Our decision to participate was largely due to our all-science backgrounds: we were seeking the opportunity of gaining entrepreneurial and leadership skills to give an all-rounded edge to our education. Model UN delivered precisely thus.



Delegates Nikitha Moideen, Rabbiya Aslam, Nithasha Moideen and Rabeyl Aslam

From the moment of arrival at the conference venue to the closing ceremonies of UPMUNC XLIV we were transported into a different culture; of parliamentary procedure, wearing business attire at all times, using Model UN language and identifying ourselves as representatives of DRC rather than students from Canada. The first day definitely brought out feelings of nervousness: Standing among 1400 bold delegates from over ninety of the world's most prestigious universities, including most Ivy League schools, we were intimidated to say the least! The opening ceremonies kick-started with an inspirational speech by child rights activist, Kimmie Weeks. He shared his experiences with civil war as a child and his efforts to create a better world for children in West Africa through disarmament of child soldiers and providing

## Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science News

-David J. Meadows

This has been a successful year for the Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science (DGSPS). As DGSPS President, I oversaw the successful amendment of the society's constitution to improve administrative transparency and increase financial accountability.



David Meadows

The DGSPS also participated this year in the successful referendum vote, with 83.4% in favour, to overhaul the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students and create a new graduate student association to govern all Dalhousie graduate students. While operating under a reduced budget for 2010/2011, the DGSPS also remained active in promoting several social activities, including covering the cost for DGSPS members to attend the Department's Annual Holiday Dinner in December, monthly Trivia Nights at the new Grad House, as well as upcoming Summer social events.

In March the DGSPS hosted its Sixth Annual Graduate Political Science Student Symposium. Coordinated by DGSPS Symposium-Chair Carla Suarez, the theme of this year's Symposium was "Security and Conflict: Evolving Theory and

Practice." Graduate students from across North America attended the Symposium, and presented on a wide range of topics, including transitional justice, peacekeeping and peace-building, terrorism and transnational security threats, environmental and resource conflict, and Canadian security issues. Two members of the DGSPS, Catherine Vergos and Kirin Brown presented at the Symposium. Numerous graduate student members of the DGSPS volunteered to assist in the organization of the Symposium, and the Symposium was well attended by undergraduate and graduate students, Dalhousie faculty members and the general public from the Halifax area. The DGSPS was honored to have three outstanding keynote speakers address the Symposium, including Alice Musabende, Canadian High Commissioner David Collins, and Former Canadian Ambassador Paul Heinbecker. Overall, the Symposium was an outstanding success in fulfilling the DGSPS's overarching objectives to enhance the academic experience of Political Science graduate students, to foster professional, academic and social exchange amongst students of Political Science, and to promote political awareness both on campus and within the broader community of Halifax.

As outgoing DGSPS President, I would like to thank my fellow executives on the DGSPS for their positive help and support – Angelle Bourque, Margaret-Anne Gansner, Sabrina Hoque, Cameron McKay, Carla Suarez, and Catherine Vergos. The DGSPS would also like to thank Frank Harvey and Karen Watts, as well as the other Faculty and Staff of the Department of Political Science and the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies for their continuing support.

health care and recreation supplies. As the evening progressed, we were consistently encouraged by interaction with delegates in our committees and adapted quickly to the Model UN lingo of caucusing, points of orders and motions and learnt meanings of frequently used phrases such as 'Decorum delegates'! Then onward the next three days were a blur; from debating positions on the issues to forming blocs and writing resolutions before advocating them in front of our committees: Social, Cultural and Humanitarian (SOCHUM), Legal Committee, Disarmament and International Security (DISEC) and Special, Political and Decolonization (SPECPOL). It was an exhausting experience but we continued with enthusiasm alongside other delegates.

The UPMUNC staff also managed to arrange exclusive workshops with important personalities. For instance, Richard Whiteford, environmental activist, writer and senior presenter with Al Gore's Climate Project conducted an informative forum about the vast economic and geopolitical ramifications of global warming and Brian Till, 25-year old author of *Conversations with Power*, gave a speech on his book which is a collection of interviews with former world leaders (including Bill Clinton, Jimmy Carter, Pervez Musharraf and Mikhail Dorbachev) on lessons about leadership and power. Participation in UPMUNC was an incredible experience.

As we sat observing the closing ceremonies, we realized that although we prepared for the conference in the months preceding UPMUNC, we learnt more about the UN in the four day conference. It definitely required us

to step outside our comfort zone. By the end of the conference we became comfortable addressing a crowd of over 150 intellectual delegates; a feat which would make most science students cower- and we were no exception prior to UPMUNC! Above all, we were impressed and inspired by the calibre of debate, professionalism and passion showed by delegates. We regard the UPMUNC experience with a high level of appreciation and are honoured to have undertaken this opportunity.

## Sixth Annual Political Science Graduate Symposium

-Carla Suarez



Carla Suarez and Alice Musabende

The Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science (DGSPS) and the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies (CFPS) held its sixth annual Graduate Symposium on 10-11 March 2011. The Graduate Symposium, entitled "Security & Conflict: Evolving Theory and Practice", featured thirty presentations from graduate students, eight panels, and three keynote addresses. Key insights and expertise shared by our keynote speakers, including Rwandan-Canadian freelance journalist Alice Musabende, High Commissioner David Collins, and former UN Ambassador Paul Heinbecker, were instrumental to the Symposium.

Presenters at the Symposium came from a wide range of disciplines, such as Political Science, International Development Studies, Law, Public Administration, and Strategic Studies. The interdisciplinary nature of the Symposium resulted in lively discussions and networking opportunities throughout the course of the two days.

The Graduate Symposium panels focused on different facets of international security including: Security Theory, Discourse and Images; Transnational Threats; Terrorism; Environment and Resource Wars; State Fragility and Intervention; From Peacekeeping to Peacebuilding; Transitional Justice; and, Canada: Multiple Threats and Responses. Each panel benefitted from a chair (Dr. Paul Bennett, Kirin



High Commissioner David Collins

Brown, Dr. Margaret Denike, Dr. Ann Griffiths, Sabrina Hoque, Dennis Stuebing, Byron Peacock, and Catherine Vergos,) and a discussant (Tony Bislami, Jenny Baechler, Ken Hansen, Dr. Robert Huish, Commander David Peer, Carla Suarez, Dr. Shelly Whitman, and Dr. Ruben Zaiotti,). These individuals were instrumental in providing valuable feedback to the presenters and at generating discussions during the 'Question/Answer' period.

The Symposium was widely attended by faculty members, undergraduate and graduate students from Dalhousie University and Saint Mary's University, government officials, CFPS Defence and Research Fellows, CIC members, and the Halifax community at large. In addition, the following universities were represented at the Symposium: Carleton University, Columbia University, Memorial University, McGill University, Royal Military College of Canada, University of Calgary, University of Houston, University of New Hampshire, University of Ottawa, the University of Southern California, University of Western Ontario, Wilfred Laurier University, and the University of Toronto. The research of five Dalhousie students was proudly featured at the Symposium, including two MA students from Political Science, Kirin Brown and Catherine Vergos. The Symposium Committee is grateful for the generous financial support from the Canadian International Council, Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, the Department of National Defence (Security and Defence Forum), Dalhousie Student Union, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Political Science Department and the President's Office.



Symposium Presenters

In particular, the Symposium Committee would like to acknowledge the invaluable advice and support that it received from CFPS, including Dr. David Black, Dr. Shelly Whitman, and Dr. Ann Griffiths as well as CIC, especially from Dr. Paul Bennett. Furthermore, Shannon Langton, Ali Vahdat, and Karen Watts helped us plan, organize and advertise the Symposium and we are truly grateful for their efforts.



Symposium Committee

Lastly, I would like to recognize the outstanding work of the Symposium Committee—Tony Bislimi, Michael Boone, Angelle Bourque, Kirin Brown, Carolyn Ferguson, Margaret-Anne Gansner, Sabrina Hoque, David Meadows, and Catherine Vergos. The success of the Symposium is largely attributed to their tireless commitment and support.

### Graduate Award:

### Doris Boyle Prize for Best Graduate Essay

This year's **Doris Boyle Prize** winner is **Matilka Krow**. The prize is awarded for the best essay written

by a graduate student in the area of international relations.

Doris Boyle served for many years as Administrative Secretary of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, from its creation in 1971 until her retirement. The prize was created by faculty and research staff of the Centre to honour her contributions to the activities of the Centre.

Matilka is currently in Afghanistan researching for her Master's thesis.

### Graduate Program News

- Frank Harvey



Frank Harvey, Graduate coordinator

Our graduate students have had a very successful year.

All of our MA students have successfully defended their MA thesis proposals and are working with their supervisors on several very interesting research projects -- e.g., the evolution of private military firms, East coast energy negotiations, the comparative advantages of competing assimilation models to accommodate ethnic minorities, state formation and state building strategies in Afghanistan, and reintegration/reconciliation efforts in post-conflict Africa.

Our doctoral students have had an equally productive year. Anita Singh successfully defended her PhD



dissertation on Prime Minister Stephen Harper's India policy and was awarded a two year Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF). She has decided to complete her postdoctoral work at the Munk School of International Affairs in Toronto. David McDonough will be defending his dissertation (on Canada's strategic culture and its impact on security and defence policy) in July. David was awarded PDFs from SSHRC, Killam and the Stanton program (sponsored by RAND Corporation). David accepted the two-year SSHRC PDF and will be working with David Welch at the Centre for International Governance Innovation at the University of Waterloo.



Anita Singh and Frank Harvey at spring convocation

Sean Clark will be defending his dissertation in June and, along with Sabrina Hoque, organized a very successful roundtable at this year's International Studies Association Annual meeting in Montreal. The panel was derived from a much larger edited book project by Sean and Sabrina on the decline of American hegemony and leadership, soon to be published by Routledge.

Iain Grant will be defending his PhD (on international oil and gas politics in Eastern Europe) dissertation on July 26. Dave Meadows and Eric Lerhe are scheduled to submit

drafts of their dissertation in June and October, respectively. Sabrina Hoque, Glenn Graham, Sarah Dunphy, Mohammed Ehsan and Michelle Coffin successfully completed their written and oral comprehensive exams and are currently preparing to submit and defend their dissertation proposals. Marcella Firmini, Byron Peacock and Cameron McKay successfully completed their written comprehensive exams in their major field and wrote their minor comps in May.

Our new PhD students, Tony Bislmi and Carla Suarez, were both awarded major Canadian Graduate Scholarships from SSHRC—the CGS scholarships provide funding for each of the next three years of their doctoral programs and are considered among the most prestigious awards in the SSHRC graduate scholarship program. In addition to their SSHRC scholarships, both Tony and Carla were also awarded President's Graduate Scholarships from Dalhousie University. Congratulations!

The Graduate Admissions Committee has not yet awarded our first Glynn Berry Graduate Scholarship in International Affairs, but we are looking forward to a new round of graduate applications next year. The first award will go to a truly outstanding graduate student conducting research in the field of Canadian foreign, security, defence or development policy.

## Faculty News and Notes

**Peter Arthur** took over the position of Honours coordinator in July 2010. In May 2011 he attended the

Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of African Studies at York University, where he delivered a paper on "Capacity Development as a Strategy for Post-Conflict Reconstruction in Africa." He has identified food security (insecurity) in Africa as the focus of his ongoing research.

**Brian Bow** was in Washington, DC, for his sabbatical leave. He finished up his term as a Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at the Woodrow Wilson Center, and took up a new appointment as Senior Fellow at the Center for North American Studies at American University. He has been working on a SSHRC-funded book project on the history of regional integration in North America, tentatively titled *The Making and Unmaking of North America*. With frequent collaborator Arturo Santa Cruz, he is co-editing a volume on organized crime in Mexico and its regional implications, for which he is contributing a chapter on the evolution of the Mérida Initiative [*uh oh – be still my heart: editor*]. He has also been working on smaller projects too numerous to recite here, like a chapter on economic crisis and the social construction of North America for a volume on regional integration edited by Laura Macdonald and Jeff Ayres and a chapter on Canada's impulse to pursue "counterweights" for a volume on Canadian diplomacy, edited by Janice Stein. He was recently elected the ISA-Canada representative and International Relations section co-chair for the 2012 Canadian Political Science Association conference.

**Louise Carbert** has spent her sabbatical year analyzing Canadian election results in an effort to sort out emerging patterns in women's



candidacy for election to the House of Commons. She has presented various iterations of her analysis at conferences in Washington, DC, Dalhousie, Mount Allison and Toronto. She has also published her recent work on rural women's political leadership and women and municipal governance. The University of Manitoba invited her to celebrate International Women's Day there, where she spoke at two separate events about women and politics in Western Canada.

As indicated in her interview, **Margaret Denike** has developed several new courses for the Department. Her research in human rights and humanitarian policy is focused on learning to recognize the conditions that facilitate, sustain and contain large-scale violence in different cultural and political settings. It involves an analysis of the forms and structures of racial and ethnic discrimination, and the role of nationalisms and related ideologies in fostering conflicts between citizens. Her research in sexual and racial politics in North America examines the impact on family formations of such developments as the decriminalization of homosexuality, the recognition of same-sex relationships and the development and regulation of reproductive technologies.

**Katherine Fierlbeck** helped organize the conference of the Canadian Association of Health Services and Policy Research held in Halifax in May 2011. Just before the conference, the University of Toronto Press published her new book, *Health Care in Canada: A Citizen's Guide to Policy and Politics*. In it she examines the challenges faced by the Canadian health-care system. She provides an in-depth discussion of how

health care decisions are shaped by politics and why there is so much disagreement over how to fix the system.

**Kristin Good** presented papers this past academic year at a policy workshop hosted by the Trudeau Foundation, the American Political Science Association's annual meeting in Washington, DC and the Canadian Political Science Association meeting in Waterloo. She has been invited to give a keynote address on her book, *Municipalities and Multiculturalism* (2009) at the Nordic Association for Canadian Studies' annual meeting in Aarhus, Denmark in August. She is currently working with Triadafilos Triadafilopoulos (University of Toronto) and Luc Turgeon (University of Ottawa) on an edited volume entitled *Segmented Cities? How Urban Contexts Shape Ethno-Nationalist Politics* (UBC Press).

**Frank Harvey** began his term as graduate coordinator in July 2010. He has a new book – *Explaining the Iraq War: Counterfactual Theory, Logic and Evidence* – set to be published in December of this year by Cambridge University Press.

**Anders Hayden** addressed the Canadian Political Science Association on "Stopping Heathrow Airport Expansion: Sufficiency, Ecological Modernization, and Core Political Imperatives" in May. At Dalhousie he presented papers on "Europe's Climate and Energy Policy: Lessons for Canada in Sharing the Effort of Emissions Reductions" and "Climate Leaders and Laggards: Linking Environmental Action to Core Political Imperatives in Canada and the EU." His latest publication is "La reducción del tiempo de trabajo y una estrategia ecológica post-crecimiento" (Work-time reduction

and a post-growth ecological strategy) in *Ecologia Politica* (Spain) 40:47-54.

**Finn Laursen** continued to direct the EU Centre of Excellence (EUCE) at Dalhousie, one of five such centres in Canada receiving financial support from the European Commission. The Centre supports EU related research by faculty members and also has some means for student support, especially graduate students doing EU related research. It organizes an annual research conference and invites speakers from Europe. This year's annual conference took place 10-12 April at a time where a number of students could participate. The topic was "The EU and Transatlantic Relations: Security and Political Economy Issues". More than 20 papers were presented. Two books will now be prepared on the basis of the conference papers and some additional solicited chapters. Based on last year's conference "The EU's Lisbon Treaty" two books are now in press. One entitled *The Making of the EU's Lisbon Treaty: the Role of the Member States* will be published by PIE Peter Lang in Brussels. The other one entitled *The Lisbon Treaty: Institutional Choices and Implementation* will be published by Ashgate.

**Dan Middlemiss** is Acting Director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies. His "Interview with Rear-Admiral David Gardham" appears in the *Canadian Naval Review*, 7:1 (Spring 2011). He has presented several papers at conferences dealing with Canada's military and defence, including: "The 'Greening' of the Canadian Navy," November 2010; and "Polls and Canadian Opinions about Canadian Defence Policy," October 2010. An updated

## Department Seminar Series

**Dr. Sylvia Bashevkin**, Principal of University College in the University of Toronto and Professor of Political Science at the University of Toronto. "*Women Foreign Policy Elites in the USA, Finland and Sweden*", November 10, 2010

**Neil Brooks**, Professor of tax law at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto, "*The Trouble with Billionaires*", November 19, 2010

**Dr. Kristin Good**, Department of Political Science, Dalhousie

University, "*Municipalities and Multiculturalism*" January 25, 2011

**Dr. Gary Kinsman**, Professor of Sociology at Laurentian University in Sudbury, and long-time queer liberation and anti-capitalist activist, "*The Making of the Queer Threat: Sex, National Security, Terror*", February 8, 2011

**Dr. Chedly Belkhodja**, Professor, Department of Political Science, Université de Moncton, "*International Students, Universities and Immigration: Issues and Challenges*", March 4, 2011

**Dr. Ben Cowan**, Faculty of History, **Dr. Matt Numer**, Faculty of

Health and Human Performance, **Dr. Elaine Craig**, Faculty of Law, "*Sex in Translation: Queer Theory across Disciplines*", March 16, 2011

**Dr. Stella Gaon**, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Saint Mary's University, "*Is Democratic Politics an Oxymoron?*", March 18, 2011

**Dr. Linda White**, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto, "*Constructing Paradigm Change in Early Childhood Education: Rational and Cultural Influences on Policy Change*", March 28, 2011.

version of the latter was published by the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies in *Is There Life Abroad After Afghanistan? The Future of Canadian Expeditionary Operations*, edited by Ann Griffiths.

**Jennifer Smith**, acting chair of the Department, has co-edited (with Michael Jackson) a book on the Canadian Crown tentatively entitled *The Crown in Canada: Contemporary Perspectives*. McGill-Queen's Press plans to bring out the book this fall. She continues to battle with the government on Senate reform.

**Lori Turnbull** along with Peter Aucoin and Mark Jarvis has written *Democratizing the Constitution: Reforming Responsible Government*, which will be published shortly. She also published "Minority Government in Nova Scotia: Does it Empower Private Members?" in the *Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law*. She was one of two members of CBC Nova Scotia's "Mainstreet"

Election Panel commenting on the federal election held on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

In keeping with his research on European migration, **Ruben Zaiotti** has published *Cultures of Border Control: Schengen and the Evolution of Europe's Frontiers*, University of Chicago Press; and "Performing Schengen: Myths, Rituals and the Making of European Territoriality beyond Europe" in *Review of International Studies*, Volume 37, No. 2 (2011). He has presented papers on issues related to European migration and security at conferences hosted by Dalhousie's European Union Centre of Excellence and at other universities.

## Honorary Doctorate of Civil Law awarded to Peter Aucoin

Congratulations to our colleague Peter Aucoin, who received an Honorary Doctorate of Civil Law from Saint Mary's University on 20th May 2011.

Peter is a Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Public Administration at Dalhousie University. He retired from the department in 2009. At the time of his retirement he was the Eric Dennis Memorial Professor of Government and Political Science.



Peter Aucoin

Peter remains the leading scholar of public management and governance in Canada and continues to publish on these subjects. Currently he and co-authors Mark D. Jarvis and Lori Turnbull are writing a book on the trials and tribulations of the country's parliamentary democracy

and working out some practical recommendations designed to strengthen the democratic underpinnings of the system. The book, entitled *Democratizing the Constitution: Reforming Responsible Government*, is published by Emond Montgomery and is due in June 2011.

Peter is an alumnus of the department, having earned an MA in Political Science in 1966. His MA thesis, supervised by Professor Murray Beck, was entitled "The Conservative Leader in Nova Scotia: Selection and Position in a Minority Party."

## The Centre for Foreign Policy Studies: 2010/11 Highlights

-Sabrina Hoque



Sabrina Hoque

As in past years, the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies has had a very full and promising year, having participated in a large number of events, and engaged in numerous ambitious programs. In September 2010, students, academics and members of the Halifax community came together to attend the benefit concert co-hosted by the Centre and the Child Soldiers Initiative (CSI). Held at the Rebecca

Cohn Auditorium, this event featured former child soldier, Emmanuel Jal of WAR child, local spoken word artist, El Jones, as well as dance-hall reggae performer SAA Andrew. As a follow-up to the concert, the Centre and CSI also hosted a Sudanese Youth Roundtable Event, a workshop on Sudanese young people integrating into Canadian society.

As a Centre of Excellence for the Canadian Department of National Defence's Security and Defence Forum (SDF), the Centre had the opportunity in October to organize the SDF's conference on the topic of "Is There Life Abroad After Afghanistan? The Future of Canadian Expeditionary Operations". The SDF's annual conference is intended to highlight centre research activities and to foster interaction among SDF centres and the broader Canadian security and defence community. The conference opened with a private dinner for representatives of the SDF centres and invited guests, and an address by David Welch, CIGI Chair of Global Security and the interim Director of the Balsillie School of International Affairs at Waterloo University. This was an engaging, well-attended two-day conference, which featured topical presentations and lively discussion by a diverse group of DND, CF and academic participants. As Publications Coordinator and Editor of the Canadian Naval Review, Dr. Ann Griffiths recently finished editing and publishing an updated selection of papers from the Fall SDF conference.

The Centre also continued to publish the Canadian Naval Review and its electronic companion, the online, moderated discussion

forum: BroadSides. BroadSides, now well established as a forum for timely engagement of important issues, has received 157,700 "hits" between July 2008 and March 2011, and lately averaged in excess of 10,000 visits per month.

The Centre began the academic year with its seminar series, a prominent weekly forum on diverse issues with strong support and attendance (more than 1200 in total) from the university community, the Canadian Forces, and the wider NGO and Halifax communities. Over the course of the academic year, the CFPS Seminar Series hosted a wide range of topics from Security and Peace in the Middle East, "Chinese Arctic Policy," "Women Foreign Policy Elites," "Life in Canada's Foreign Service," "South Africa as Emerging World and Regional Power," "Navies and Coastguards," "Corruption and Counter-Insurgency in Afghanistan," "Democratic Demonstrations," "European Union's International Identity," and "Shabab Spring - Uprisings, Revolts, and Revolutions in 2011". In conjunction with the Liberal Party of Canada, the Centre co-hosted a presentation on "Exporting Democracy" delivered by the Honorable Bob Rae. The Centre also collaborated with the Canadian Red Cross to organize a seminar delivered by Fatima Gailani, the President of the Afghan Red Crescent Society, on "Humanitarian Response to Challenges in Afghanistan." Dalhousie's History Department engaged the Centre in a panel discussion and film screening titled, "Eyes on Egypt." The seminar featured local filmmaker, Tarek Abouamin, and Professor Amal Ghazal from Dalhousie's History Department.

The Centre's Defence Fellow, Commander David Peer, has been conducting a "Maritime Security in the 21st Century" project, which is embedded as an integral component of the new Maritime Security Policy Program (MSPP). Led by Defence Fellow, Dr. Aldo Chircop, the Centre launched the inaugural meeting of our new Arctic Forum in March this year. This Forum will link the research of numerous Dalhousie researchers into a wide-ranging exploration of political, legal, scientific, environmental, human, and maritime security aspects of the Eastern Arctic region. The Centre has also been an integral part of the successful TK Foundation Grant Proposal on Piracy, in collaboration with the Marine Affairs Program and the International Oceans Institute. This will result in a major, multi-dimensional research project over the next two years at Dalhousie University in support of another key pillar of our new MSPP.



CFPS Weekly seminar series

The Centre continues to expand its Child Soldier's Initiative (CSI) under its Conflict Affected Children and Youth research pillar through various activities under the leadership of Deputy Director, Shelly Whitman. In particular, the Centre organized a book launch event in October in support of the CSI, featuring General Roméo Dallaire (ret'd) and former child soldier, Ishmael Beah. The Centre

also co-organized a workshop with the Institute of International Relations at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad in February of this year, which explored the link between conflict affected youth and small arms and light weapons. In November, the Centre hosted key academic scholars and key experts for a roundtable workshop on the theme of the International Criminal Court – Peace and Security. The CSI continues to link our efforts with other government departments and garners support from the senior administration at Dalhousie, as well as the wider community.

The 6th Annual Graduate Symposium was held in March 2011. The title of this year's symposium was "Security and Conflict: Evolving Theory and Practice." Keynote Addresses from Alice Musabende (Rwandan genocide survivor), High Commissioner David Collins and Ambassador Paul Heinbecker highlighted the event. Attracting excellent participants from across Canada and beyond, the conference was supported through several partnerships, including the Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science (DGSPS), the Canadian International Council (CIC), and the SDF Special Project funding.



Dan Middlemiss

Dan Middlemiss is currently filling in as Acting Director for the Centre while David Black begins his academic sabbatical. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our Administrative Assistant, Shannon Langton, for her dedication and hard work as she continues to provide the Centre with indispensable administrative support. Lastly, the Centre would like to congratulate Deputy Director, Shelly Whitman, and her family on the new addition to their family! Baby boy Jonah was born at the IWK on June 2nd, weighing in at 10lbs 8oz. In the meantime, Matt Gillis and Sabrina Hoque have stepped in as Acting Deputy Directors for the Centre while Shelly is on her maternity leave.

## Dalhousie's new Defence Fellow: David Peer



David Peer

In 2010, Dalhousie University appointed David Peer to a two-year term (with possibility of extension) as Defence Fellow in the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies.

Peer spent 10 years as a naval reservist and then joined the regular force. He gained a BSc and MSc in Mechanical Engineering from the University of New



Brunswick. He attended MIT during the years 1989-91, where he earned an MSc in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, and an Ocean Engineer's Degree. In 2005 he received an MA in Defence Studies from Kings College, University of London. Before joining the Centre, he was the Chief Naval Architect for the Canadian Navy, National Defence Headquarters (DND) in Ottawa. He has special expertise in naval regulation and safety.

**How have you found the transition from DND to Dalhousie University?**

Very interesting. On the one hand, the university is as much a bureaucracy as a government department. On the other, the key to getting things done is different. In the university, one has to work to convince independent spirits to move together on a project. In government, the relationship of authority is central.

**What projects are you pursuing?**

At the moment, the main one is to manage the Maritime Security in the 21st Century Project. It is a collaborative effort of the Centre and the Navy. The purpose of the project is to think broadly about the Maritime environment in which navies around the world currently operate. What are the political dynamics that navies face? What are the threats that governments expect their navies to meet? What are the legal and governance issues that loom for navies in particular operational circumstances?

We are accustomed to thinking about the functions of navies in terms of diplomacy, policing and military force. Should we continue thinking along these lines? Or along

other lines? What should the balance be? For example, in Canada is the navy seen as a useful tool of diplomacy? Are navies the right tools for policing the high seas (think piracy off the coast of Somalia)? These are questions that we need to ask ourselves in order to figure out what is the best fleet for Canada, and the purpose of the Maritime Security project is to enable us to do so.

Other research involved in the project centers on maritime infrastructure, which for Canada is all about shipbuilding policy right now. Also, on my list is monitoring the work of other Maritime Security initiatives such as the Arctic Forum and any discussions on the impact of climate change on security. My particular interest is how these issues affect the navy, though the center takes a much broader view.

**Are you involved in upcoming conferences?**

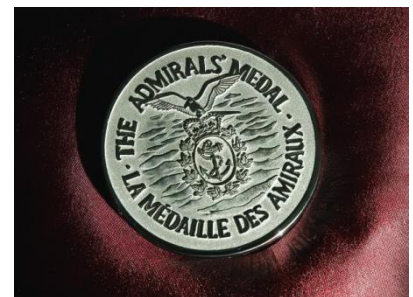
Yes. High on the agenda is planning for the Maritime Security Conference 2012 in Halifax next year. The conference is sponsored by NATO's three maritime Centres of Excellence and will involve naval representatives from NATO countries. As well, I hope to include academics that have thought through Maritime security issues and are able to communicate a fresh approach to them.

**You are here for 2 years. What do you hope to accomplish?**

Part of my job as Defence Fellow is to write papers and give presentations, and in doing so represent the navy to the Centre and the Centre to the navy. Through my publicized work, I want

to get people to ask the tough questions about the future of navies period, not just the Canadian navy, in the world order now unfolding. I want to help people to re-conceive the appropriate role of navies in our time and particularly the Canadian navy and our supporting maritime infrastructure and capabilities.

**Peter Haydon, 2009 Admirals' Medal Foundation Award winner**



The Admirals Medal

Last year the Canadian Navy honoured Peter Haydon with the 2009 Admirals' Medal Foundation Award. The citation reads: "In recognition of his significant personal contribution to Canadian maritime affairs, most especially for his contributions to researching, editing, and writing about naval history, educating the public with regard to maritime affairs and for his many years of service to the Royal Canadian Navy (RCN)."



Peter Haydon

According to Peter, the award is given annually to someone who is deemed to have made “a significant contribution to Canada’s naval and/or maritime dimension.” The trust that issues the award was established some 20 years ago by three Canadian admirals (Nigel Brodeur, Bob Stephens and Dan Mainguy) in honour of their fathers, all of whom had also been RCN admirals.

Peter is a former career officer in the RCN, who retired in 1988, rank of commander, after 30 years of service at sea in submarines and destroyers and on various national and international staffs as a strategic planner. In 1992 he received an MA in Political Science from Dalhousie University. His MA thesis is entitled “The 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis: Canadian Involvement Reconsidered.” Peter is a senior research fellow with the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies at Dalhousie and the founding editor-in-chief of the Canadian Naval Review. He specializes in naval and maritime security issues and Canadian defence policy.

## ALUMNI updates:

### Amnesty International appointment

Former student **Susan Thompson** is ‘over the moon’ with excitement about her appointment as the Regional Advisor for the Great

Lakes of Africa (Burundi, D.R. Congo and Rwanda) for **Amnesty International**.

### Former student publishes book

**Tamila Karpyk** (MA 2009) has recently published a book *Europeanization of Ukraine: ‘Mission Unaccomplished’* (VDM Verlag Dr. Müller, May 2011). She is currently a consultant at the Media Badger Social Media Consultants Company and Projects Coordinator at the International Organization of Ukrainians “Fourth Wave”.

### Post-graduation adventures

-Rebecca Sewell

After handing in my MA thesis last fall, I stared into the post grad void with anticipation, wondering what I would do with the experience of the program behind me. While I loved the academic environment at Dalhousie, and felt very fulfilled with the program, I was interested in expanding my mind further with something a little more tangible.

With a one way ticket to Mexico in hand, I set off to Central America for 2 months. I meandered from the sky blue coasts of Belize, to the stunning highlands of Guatemala, down through the chaotic markets and tranquil beaches of El Salvador, to the colonial towns of Nicaragua,

and finally stepped out into the bustling streets of Costa Rica’s capital.



Rebecca Sewell

Taking that experience with me, I found myself on another plane shortly thereafter, this time bound towards a different continent entirely. I am now teaching at an English language academy in Daegu, South Korea. While in Central America, I often felt an onslaught of vibrant cultural differences, but Korea has presented a more gentle and gradual cultural shift. As with any country I have visited, I am grateful for the opportunity to explore a new landscape and culture, and get to know the people that make it up. Just as I was beginning to gain a better understanding of political culture at home, I am now immersed in a different cultural environment entirely. I am grateful for these opportunities that are keeping my eyes wide open, constantly learning. Following this year in Korea, I will try to see as much of the continent as I can before heading back to Canada to pursue environmental law.



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