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Robert G. Finbow, Chair

It has been a challenging and busy year since I took over as chair of the department. The high volume of administrative work has given me an instant appreciation for the efforts of my hardworking predecessors. In particular, the immediate past Chair, Jennifer Smith, left things in great shape and provided invaluable advice as I took my first tentative steps. It has been a learning experience to adjust to administrative rules and norms, overcome my organizational limitations, and work out kinks in office management. Fortunately our collegial, faculty members have provided much assistance and made things smoother.

We have embarked on an administrative reorganization for the Department and Centre. Together with the Director and deputy director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies we have reassessed department and centre needs

and worked out a new collaborative arrangement between our administrative staff. This plan is being implemented by Karen Watts, our talented and hardworking administrator, who was given a supervisory role after a brief (and worrisome) departure to another department. The new collaboration in the office has been tested successfully this spring. I look forward to implementing this further with the incoming director of the Centre, David Black.

It will be an exciting time of renewal for our two units next year. As David takes the reigns of the Centre, we are currently hiring a new deputy director and a new administrator for the Centre and department. We owe Dan Middlemiss a vote of thanks for stepping in once again as director and helping guide the Centre to additional success. His deputy, Dave Perry also put tremendous effort into the departmental reorganization and we wish him well as he departs for graduate studies. We also owe thanks to two excellent temporary employees, Lynn Lantz and Sheri Lane, for keeping us afloat while we reconfigured department administration.

We will also be hiring two new full-time faculty members in the fall, in environmental studies and international relations with a focus on Europe and international organization. These will fill the big gaps left by the departure of Bob Boardman and Denis Stairs. These positions will strengthen the faculty

resources available for teaching, research and administration in the Centre and Department. This will be an important opportunity to regenerate and prepare us for the challenges of the next decades. We will need good appointments and strong contributions from all to maintain our excellent programs and contribute to existing and new collaborations in international development, public administration, Canadian studies, women's studies, European Studies, the EU Centre of Excellence and the university-wide College of Sustainability.

Our colleagues continued to win well-deserved awards. Peter Aucoin was made a Member of the Order of Canada "for his contributions as a leading political scientist and advisor to government bodies." Finn Laursen was awarded a prestigious Jean Monnet Chair ad personam by the European Commission. VP Alan Shaver wrote: "This Chair is awarded to distinguished professors who can demonstrate a high level of international teaching and research, achieved in part outside their country of residence, and professors with a distinguished background as former or current high-level practitioners in the field of European integration." Frank Harvey was appointed as University Research Professor. As the terms of reference state, this "title is granted to a limited number of Dalhousie faculty members, who have achieved distinction in scholarship."

Bob Boardman has decided to take early retirement, and we are happy that he will have more time for family and personal interests. But his high standards in research and teaching, his excellent administrative service and his innumerable collegial contributions to department life will be sorely missed. On a happy note, Kristin Good got married in June and we wish her all the best for a great future. Kristin was also reappointed

to a tenure track position. Peter Arthur was given tenure and promoted to Associate professor before heading off on a well-deserved sabbatical. Jerry Davis, CRC in Oil and Natural Gas, will remain on board with a post-retirement appointment.

Our students also continue to excel. The undergraduate student society was active in organizing events, including several socials and a meeting with Fair Vote Nova Scotia, and completed another volume of their journal, The Podium. Under Frank Harvey's dedicated leadership, the honours programme thrived with 23 students completing theses on a wide range of topics; the honours luncheon in April was a wonderful celebration of their success. Special thanks go out to Lori Turnbull, our hardworking undergraduate coordinator; in addition to her extraordinary efforts at the open house and other recruitment events, she managed to create a highly successful multi-section first year offering with significant online content and even a writing class component.

Louise Carbert continued her hard work as Graduate Coordinator and brought in excellent students despite the competitive disadvantages of Dalhousie, which fell further behind the increased scholarship spending in other provinces. About 20 MA theses were successfully defended this year. Our graduate students won prestigious honours and showed the departmental banner at conferences and workshops at Dalhousie and around the world. Anita Singh received a SSHRC doctoral fellowship, David McDonough secured a Killam fellowship, David Meadows won a President's award and Susan Thomson received an International Development Research Centre Research Award. Essay prizes were given to Sean Clark and David McDonough. The graduate students ran a successful March symposium

on "Challenging Canada: Strategic Threats and Shared Responsibility in an Insecure World". David McDonough organized the CFPS and Canadian International Council workshop on "American Nuclear Strategy and the Implications to Global Security" in May.

We finally managed to get the Lounge spruced up with a new ceiling, fresh coat of paint, blinds for the window and furniture to enhance student enjoyment in this now wireless-enabled space. We also secured new kitchen equipment and are happy to see so many of our students, as well as IDS counterparts, enjoying the space. The social life of the department continued with a very successful graduate reception, Christmas dinner, honours luncheon and a lunchtime celebration for Kristin's wedding. Frank and Anupa Harvey graciously

Student Prizes: Spring 2008

Eric Dennis Gold Medal
(university medal in Political Science)

Tristan Cleveland

James Aitchison Award
(best Honours essay)

Lev Bubis

Commonwealth Prize in Political
Philosophy

Shari Rutherford

H.B. McCulloch Memorial Prize
(best first-year essay)

Kal Mungovan

Doris Boyle Prize (best graduate
essay on international relations)

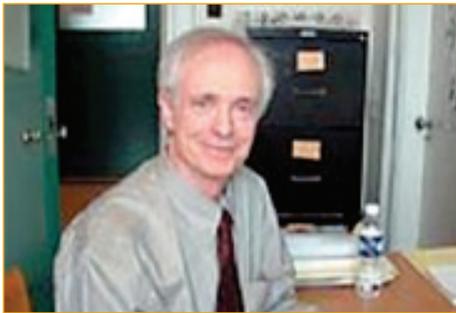
Matthew MacDonald

hosted a celebratory evening to thank Jennifer Smith for her efforts as Chair. David Black volunteered his coffee shop, Local Jo's, for a sociable send-off for Tim Shaw, who taught his last course at Dalhousie after more than 30 years of service.

Overall, the department enters the next year in a strong position to continue its traditions of excellence

and increase its contributions to faculty and interdisciplinary programs. We greatly appreciate the generous support of our alumni which has been used to fund student travel to conferences, the graduate student symposium, the nuclear strategy workshop, the undergraduate student society, instructional aids, and student

internet workstations. We also appreciate contributions to the Glyn Berry Memorial Scholarship which we hope will meet its fundraising target soon. We will consider new opportunities to provide additional scholarships and prizes from your donations. Please stay in touch and let us know where your careers have taken you since graduation



Robert Boardman

Interview with Dr. Robert Boardman

What did you study in college and where?

I grew up in England, Manchester, and went to University College London to do an economics degree.

What made you decide to select political science as a specialty?

Well, I don't think I ever did. It was more that I drifted into it by way of IR. The economics degree came with various specializations, most of them subfields of economics and some not. I was interested in history and I was planning for a long time to specialize in medieval economic history. So I guess if I had taken that route that would have made me a historian with an economics degree. But then I decided that the international relations specialization looked more interesting. I was camping in Morocco at the time. There wasn't much political science in the programme apart from that (and a fascinating two-year-long political theory course). I stayed on at UCL for a PhD in international relations, but even then things

were mixed up – IR was part of the law programme and was taught in the law school, and headed by a professor with a background in sociology. Maybe the reason I always liked teaching first-year political science is that it gave me a chance to fill in the gaps in my own education.

How did you come to Dalhousie, and what was it like adjusting to life in Maritime Canada?

Adjusting was no problem. I have been so fortunate to be able to work at a great university, with wonderful colleagues, and to do all that while living in Nova Scotia, and especially on the south shore. I came to Dal in 1971. Life here was a contrast to England, where apart from one year I had lived only in very large cities – London and Manchester. Halifax was a much more liveable place. Even before that I knew I would like Canada as I had been here before, on a school trip in the early 1960s, though that was only to Quebec and Ontario.

You had many research interests over your career in foreign policy, IR theory and functionalism, etc. What inspired you to focus on particular topics and themes in your research?

My research interests have revolved around various international, European and

environmental topics. I was interested in European politics and integration before I came to Dalhousie, and started a class on Europe soon afterwards. It has been satisfying to see the Faculty's creation recently of a BA programme in European Studies, and the research of the new European Union Centre. At first my interest in European topics overlapped with an older interest in Chinese foreign policy from my doctoral research, and I later worked on Soviet/Russian and Japanese topics.

My long-term interest in environmental politics began around 1974 and was partly a product of research and teaching on the United Nations. Also, as a result of events in the early 1970s such as the UN Stockholm conference of 1972 and Great Lakes problems, environmental issues were then going through one of their periodic upswings. One reason I like environmental research is that it is possible to cover almost the whole of political science – Canadian politics, comparative politics, IR, political theory, public policy studies.

You served as both Centre director and department chair. What were the principal rewards (and frustrations) of this administrative work?

Undergraduate Student Society

This has been my third year as a member of the Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society and just as in previous years it has been a pleasure to work with the students and faculty of the department. The society's executive committee this year was diverse and provided great feedback and support. The society participated in a number of events to support the department including the departmental and recruitment fairs. Our incoming President, Robert LeForte, helped organized a successful event with Fair Vote Nova Scotia. Members of the faculty were also kind enough to attend our annual Wine and Cheese event. In addition, while we did not receive enough submissions to move ahead with this year's edition

of *The Podium*, we completed the 2007 volume.

Working with the society has been a great experience for me and I hope we have represented the students of the department well. I'm sure the society will be in great hands next year and I look forward to seeing the society grow. It was especially exciting to see some second and third year students step up and run for positions during the annual general meeting. It is essential for us to connect with all of the students in the department, not only those in their last year of study.



Phil Homburg

I can't say I enjoyed all the regular administrative tasks in the department. But they had to be done. The amount of administrative detail, and despite computers the volume of paper we generate as a result, seems to rise each year. There was some satisfaction in learning how complex organizations work, and it's rewarding to see colleagues bending their minds around difficult problems. On good days in the department chair's office I was intrigued by the scale and the variety of problems: worrying about money to pay for postage stamps one moment, and the next grappling with curriculum changes or how to secure replacements for retiring faculty. Some of the Faculty assignments were interesting. I did a couple of terms on the Faculty's student affairs committee and

there you could see concrete and worthwhile results in terms of helping students out of difficulties.

In a lot of ways the Centre work was more rewarding. I inherited a tradition of Centre emphasis on conferences, workshops and contact with government, and it was an enjoyable challenge to try to maintain this. It has been exciting to see the Centre's continued growth. Last spring I took part in the third of the graduate students' annual security studies symposiums, which are now an impressive national event.

How has the department changed since your arrival? How has the nature and conduct of research and teaching altered?

The technologies have changed of course. In the 1970s course outlines

were printed out on a mysterious machine in a closet on the 3rd floor by the departmental secretary, the formidable Mrs. Skinner. Students signed up for classes each fall by lining up at departmental desks set up in the gym. It was a cumbersome process but at least it guaranteed some human contact. Students today should be impressed at how well we all managed in the old days before computers and the new communications technologies. However, I must confess I am not a good role model of adaptation to these for teaching purposes.

My own training in new teaching technologies didn't get much beyond Intermediate Chalk. Another change is that there has been considerable progress in terms of the gender balance of Dalhousie faculty members. There were no female professors in the political science department in the 1970s.

What are the most substantial changes you have witnessed in the department and university during your career?

Does Mike McGwire's map count? He was an old Royal Navy hand from Britain. He was an expert in the Soviet military and came to Dalhousie the same year I did. He taught here in the 1970s and 1980s and the day before he left (initially to go to the Brookings Institution in Washington) he glued the world map from his office onto the wall in the corridor outside the political science office. It's still there. I think this was designed to teach us all to think about international issues. I hope students still notice it.

When I came in 1971 there was a pool table in the department. Unfortunately that didn't last long. There were also philosophers in the building. They didn't last long either. There have been other changes. The campus is different. The Killam library was newly opened when I

came. It didn't have the central roof until a long time afterwards, and so no coffee and sandwich places. When you walked in the first thing you saw was books, which now seems a quaintly old-fashioned notion of a library.

Dal was a smaller university then. A few years ago I found a copy of a calendar from the late 1960s, a couple of years before I arrived. This covered all faculties and classes in one small volume, but the interesting thing was the way it listed the professors of the departments. They were listed along with their home addresses and telephone numbers. It gave an oddly intimate feel to the place. I don't know if students of the 1960s interpreted this as an open invitation to drop in on professors at home in the evenings to ask about term papers. Probably not.

Do you have any particularly positive (negative?) or amusing recollections from your years at Dalhousie?

A few years ago – well, many years ago now – I got an early reminder that time was marching on and that one day I would have to think of retirement. It was at the start of classes one September. I was chatting with new students in the first-year class, and one student told me she was very much looking forward to the class. Thinking that word must have spread about the brilliance of my teaching, I asked her why. Because her parents had taken it, she said, but more importantly because they had met each other in my class.

While the department is sorry to see you leave, we are pleased you are looking forward to the freedom of early retirement. Can you tell us what your plans are, scholarly and otherwise, for the next few years?

Yes, I do have a number of projects under way. The third edition of Canadian Environmental Policy is nearly finished, and this will be

Undergraduate Publications



Dr. Kristin Good

papers in the 9th volume of *Federalism-e* in April, 2008. Their papers were originally written for a second year course entitled *The Dynamics of Canadian Federalism (POLI 2210)*, which is taught by Dr. Kristin Good, Assistant Professor in the Department. *Federalism-e* is an undergraduate journal that is supervised by Dr. Christian Leuprecht, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Royal Military College, and supported by Queen's University. 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.

published next year. I am working on a study of the interactions between science and policy processes on international environmental issues. I have also been doing some research on Ireland which I hope to continue, and there are a few other incomplete projects I would like to return to.

After all that I suppose it's back to the couch and *Seinfeld* repeats. I also want to have time to get back to the piano, which has been under used in recent years, and there are gardening

Congratulations to three of the Department of Political Science's undergraduate students – Natalie Bradbury, Jennifer Chisholm and Sarah Chisholm - who published

Dalhousie's students represent 3 of 7 papers selected nationwide for publication in the 2008 issue. We hope to see our students continue to make our department proud through their academic excellence and initiative! Here is a list of the papers:

Natalie Bradbury,
Are We Clear, Now?: Analysis of the Effectiveness and Legitimacy of Bill C-20, the Clarity Act (2000)

Jennifer Chisholm,
Non-Constitutional Measures as an Alternative to Constitutional Amendment: Post Meech Lake and Charlottetown

Sarah Chisholm,
Restoring Fiscal Equilibrium in the Canadian Federation: The Strides of the Harper Government

The papers are available online at the following address:
<http://www.federalism-e.com>.

chores that I will no longer have an excuse for neglecting. Christine and I have a lengthening list of travel plans.

Thank you for answering (and also for your years of dedicated service to the Department).

And thank you for asking! I will be thinking of everyone as classes get under way again in September.

Faculty News



Peter Aucoin, OC

Peter Aucoin was appointed Member of the Order of Canada in October, 2007. Peter was the keynote speaker at the National Conference of the Institute of Public Admin-

istration of Australia, Sydney in June. Peter also won the best article of 2007 in Financial Management Institute Journal.

Peter Arthur and **David Black** co-authored a chapter, "The Benefits of an Indirect Approach: the Case of Ghana," in *Exporting Good Governance: Temptations and Challenges in Canada's Aid Program*. (Jennifer Welsh and Ngaire Woods (eds.). Waterloo: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 2007.)

Robert Boardman completed "Polar Bears and the Canadian Arctic: Local Communities in a Globalizing World" for Christopher Gore and Peter Stoett (eds.) *Environmental Challenges and Opportunities for Emond* Montgomery Press. He published several reviews and gave a talk on environmental governance in Canada at Simon Fraser.

Brian Bow co-edited with R. Patrick Lennox a forthcoming book, *An Independent Foreign Policy for Canada?: Challenges and Choices for the Future*.

David Black was invited to present on the Plenary Panel on International Development Through Sport for the conference *To Remember is to Resist: Forty Years of Sport and Social Change, 1968-*

2008, at the University of Toronto. His paper title was "The Ambiguities of Development: Implications for Development through Sport." David was also elected President of the International Studies Association-Canada section in June 2008.

Louise Carbert was busy getting the Nova Scotia chapter of Equal Voice Canada up off the ground. Equal Voice Canada is a non-profit, multi-partisan organization directed to the election of more women to public office. Through Equal Voice, she is currently offering a civics-education workshop called "Government is Us." This workshop covers the basics of how parliamentary democracy works, and shows women just how easy (and delightful) it is to become involved in the political process.

Jerome Davis CRC in Oil and Natural Gas, testified on offshore activities and prospects for LNG imports before the N.S. House of Assembly Committee on Economic Development. He made presentations on Albertan 'unconventional oil' to the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (St. Anthony's College), and on Iraq oil and US foreign policy for the Centre. He co-authored five papers on the problem of 'leisure time invention', and presented a paper on the European Union and its problems of future Russian gas dependency to the 9th IAEE European Energy Conference, Florence Italy. Current projects include work on federalism and the Nova Scotia and Newfoundland Labrador Offshore Accords with Jennifer Smith, a co-authored work with the University of Lapland (Finland) on Arctic oil and gas resources for the EU, a

paper on prizes and patents, and (when time allows) a trade book provisionally entitled "Showdown! The Politics of Oil and Natural Gas in the 21st Century"

Katherine Fierlbeck's book "Globalizing Democracy" is coming out in a second edition this year. She published "Canadian roots are more liberal than Tory" in *Literary Review of Canada* July-Aug., 2007.

Robert Finbow was mostly preoccupied with managing the department but completed work on his MCRI on Halifax's engagement in multi-level governance, and presented the results in the essay "From historic community to contemporary metropolis: Halifax's experiences with multi-level governance in four policy fields". He also continued comparative research on regional development in the NAFTA nations.

Kristin Good was married in her home town of Winnipeg. She was selected to the Canadian delegation at the Forum of Federations Fourth International Conference on Federalism in New Delhi. She was an expert resource person for the inaugural roundtable of the Global Centre for Pluralism in Ottawa. And she participated in the Forum of Federations Country Roundtable on "Diversity and Unity in Federal Countries" in Montreal.

Frank Harvey was appointed University Research Professor. His book, "The Homeland Security Dilemma: Fear, Failure and the Future of American Insecurity," will be published this year. Frank's article, "The Homeland Security Dilemma: Imagination, Failure and the Escalating Costs of Perfecting Security," *Canadian Journal of Political Science* (40:2 (2007)), was shortlisted for the John McMenemy Prize for best paper published in the journal in 2007.

Finn Laursen Canada Research Chair in European Union Studies, was awarded a Jean Monnet Chair ad personam by the European Commission. He edited "The rise and fall of the EU's Constitutional Treaty".

Dan Middlemiss and Denis Stairs published, "Is the Defence Establishment Driving Canada's Foreign Policy?", in Jean Daudelin and Daniel Schwanen, (eds), *Canada Among Nations, 2007: What Room For Manoeuvre?* (Kingston, ON: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2008), 66-90.

Tim Shaw taught his summer class for us one last time in 2007 and is teaching this summer at Carleton University. He is now Director, Institute of International Relations at The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. He is currently organizing the Academic Council on the United Nations System annual meetings which UWI will host in 2009.

Jennifer Smith is editing an online series of publications on the federal government's proposed reforms of the Senate, which proposals are now before Parliament. The series can be found on the website of the Institute of Intergovernmental Relations: www.queensu.ca/iigr. Jennifer also testified before the Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, which held hearings on Bill S-224 (filling Senate vacancies) on 30th April 2008, Parliament Hill, Room 257, East Block.

Denis Stairs served for a third year as a member of the Jury for the Donner Book Prize and was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre. The Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute in Calgary (CDFAI) promoted Denis to "Senior Research

News from the Centre

By Dan Middlemiss & Dave Perry



Dan Middlemiss

2008 is a time of impending change for the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies (CFPS). In July 2008, Dr. Dan Middlemiss' tenure as CFPS Director will end, and we welcome Dr. David Black for a five-year term as Director. Similarly, Dave Perry's term as Deputy Director will come to an end in August, when he leaves to pursue doctoral studies at Carleton University.

As the Centre enters the third year of the current five-year funding cycle, there will be significant changes ahead. Fortunately, given a tremendous year from the Centre's research community,

we stand in very good stead within the SDF community. The previous year saw the third iteration of the Graduate Student Symposium, and our annual Maritime Security Conference, as well as a workshop on Canadian Forces Interoperability, and major conference on Arctic Surveillance held in partnership with Defence Research and Development Canada.

In May, the Centre co-sponsored a lively Workshop on "American Nuclear Strategy and the Implications for Global Security". Finally, in Mid-June, we had the annual Maritime Security Conference which was organized by our Defence Fellow, Commander Ken Hansen. This year the focus was on, "Breaking the Box: Making Strategic Choices For Maritime Security Needs in the Twenty-First Century".

Fellow," and also appointed him as the Chair of its Advisory Council (in succession to Jack Granatstein). Denis has also published four articles this past year.

Lori Turnbull published "The 2006 Provincial Election in Nova Scotia" in *Canadian Political Science Review* and collaborated with Jennifer Smith on "The Nova Scotia House of Assembly: on the Cusp of Change?" for the Canadian Study of Parliament Group. She was invited to speak at a roundtable discussion on parliamentary reform at the Atlantic Provinces' Political Science Association annual conference in September 2007.

Gil Winham is currently Vice-Chairman, Board of Directors, North-South Institute, Ottawa and is also the Chairman for Academic Council, World Trade University, Chilliwak, B.C. Gil published and presented papers at various conferences this past year and was also a visiting lecturer at the Colegio de Mexico, Mexico, D.F. Gil continues to conduct training sessions for government officials on negotiation on tariffs and subsidies and trade in services.



Frank Harvery,
Honour's Coordinator

Honours Essays, Spring 2008

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Bardowell**

– “Democratic Principles, The Stabilizer of the National Divisions:

the Case of Nigeria's challenge with National Cohesion” (supervisor Peter Arthur)

Geoffrey Brisbin – “The Revolution Will Not Be Televised: The News Media and Humanitarian Intervention” (supervisor Frank Harvey)

Michael F. Brison – “Salt and Light: the New Christian Right and Cognitive Dissonance” (supervisor Florian Bail)

Lev D. Bubis, – “Health Care Governance in the Charter Era: A Reformulation of the Public/Private Debate” (supervisor Katherine Fierlbeck)

Jeffrey J. Carr – “Urban Sprawl: A comparative analysis of urban growth containment strategies in Portland and Toronto” (supervisor Kristin Good)

Reynold P. Caskey – “Realistically Speaking” (supervisor David Black)

Tristan Cleveland – “Nation Defined by Polemics” (supervisor Kristin Good)

Thomas D. Glen – “Finding Their Voices: Dissent and Disobedience by Military Members in the Contempo-

rary Western Societal and Political Order” (supervisor Ken Hansen)

Amanda Y. Hester – “The Oppressor's Fear: A post-colonial look at the US War in Iraq.” (supervisor Florian Bail)

Phillip R. Homburg – “Leo Strauss' Moral Critique of Liberalism” – (supervisor Florian Bail)

Dylan C. Johnston – “From the Vietnam Syndrome to the Iraq Syndrome” (supervisor Bob Finbow)

Kevin W. Johnston – “US Imperialist Intervention in Allende's Chile: Effective or irrelevant?” (supervisor Bob Finbow)

Jessica M. Lemieux– “Fitting In: An Evaluation of Reintegration Programs for Child Ex-Combatants in Sierra Leone and Northern Uganda” (supervisor David Black)

Kaitlin E. Long – “Who owns the North?” (supervisor Bob Finbow)

Jamila K. MacLean – “La Belle et Les Bêtes: Ségolène Royal and the Media in the 2007 French Presidential Election”. (supervisor Louise Carbert)

Carol L. Malko – “Chaos Theory as a Model for Interpreting Scandals: The Case of the HRDC Debacle. (supervisor Peter Aucoin)

Devin S. Monajem – “Public Private

Partnerships and Water Privatization in the Canadian Context.” (supervisor Brian Bow)

George W. Rae – “Coercive Diplomacy: The Case of “Fundamentalist” States” (supervisor Frank Harvey)

Stephanie M. Redden – “A Gendered Region of Canadian Political Culture: An Investigation of Political Culture in the Maritimes and the Effects it has on Levels of Women's Political Participation.” (supervisor Louise Carbert)

Stephen Sabourin – “Understanding Canada's Involvement in Afghanistan” (supervisor Brian Bow)

James A. Taylor – “The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms: Strengthening Organized Labour's Bargaining Power or Offering ‘The Hollow Hope?’” (supervisor Jennifer Smith)

Christian E. Tschirhart – “Failed States and International Law” (supervisor Brian Bow)

Claire M. Van Koughnett – “Hastening the Process: A Gendered Perspective on Participatory Democracy as Customary Law Reform in Botswana” (supervisor Katherine Fierlbeck)

Graduate Programme News



Louise Carbert,
Graduate Coordinator

In September, 12 new graduate students from across Canada and 1 student from Belgium joined the department. New MA students are:

Joyce Silver is this year's intern at the

office of the United States Consul-General in Halifax. The internship is now in its sixth year, and it has now launched several successful careers in international (and intra-national) diplomacy. It is an excellent way for a young person to gain first-hand experience of United States government and Canada-US relations.

Our own **Matthew MacDonald** (BA, MA Dalhousie) received a prestigious SSHRC Canada Graduate Scholarship which entitles him to study anywhere in the world. Instead, he chooses to stay in Canada to enter the doctoral program at Carleton University. Matthew plans to study the security dimension of partisanship in Pakistan.

Our PhD program is one of the smallest in the country, but our students are among the very best.

We admitted only one new PhD student in September – **Tamila Karpyk**. Tamila is originally from Ukraine, and came to Dalhousie via Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. She plans to do a dissertation on the hot-button topic of Ukraine's accession to NATO. To that end, she received funding from the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies to attend the Young Atlanticist Summit that was held in conjunction with the NATO Summit in Bucharest, Romania in early April

(read Tamila's account of her visit further in this newsletter). Tamila is active in the affairs of the Centre for European Union Studies, working with Finn Laursen. She also did a great job in taking the lead role in organizing the Graduate Student Symposium.

Anita Singh received a SSHRC doctoral fellowship. She is proposing to study the question of women's participation in three case studies of militant terrorism: Chechnya, Kashmir, and Sri Lanka. She will work under the supervision of Professor Harvey.

David Meadows is hard at work preparing to do field work. He proposes to investigate why, after the collapse of the Soviet Empire, Latvia went "west" and Belarus went "east." Instead of standard geo-strategic and institutionalist explanations, he thinks that historical and cultural legacies determine the diverging paths of macro-economic reforms in each country.

Sean Clark's greatest accomplishment this year happened at the 2007 meeting of the Canadian Association for Security and Intelligence Studies in Calgary. He was awarded the Geoffrey Weller Memorial Prize for his paper "Afghanistan and the Paradox of Moral Imperialism," which was selected as the Best Paper in the Graduate Category.

David McDonough was awarded an Isaak Walton Killam Predoctoral Scholarship. David came to us with a SSHRC, so he's really an "honorary" Killam scholar for the time being, but a great honour all the same. David received funding from the Canadian International Council to organizing a workshop on nuclear strategy that was held in May 2008, and involved an impressive group of people.

Eric Lehre is establishing himself as a media figure, drawing on his professional experience and academic knowledge to comment on Canadian defense policy. He also presented at seven academic events.

Alex Wilner wrote five articles, and five articles warning about deterrence theory, the looming threat of international terrorism and the new cold war.

Joel Cobb continues to teach full-time at McMaster University in a contractually-limited position. In addition to teaching and completing the last chapter of his dissertation, Joel presented a paper "Integrated immediate deterrence and counter-terrorism" at International Studies Association in San Francisco.

Sue Thomson is close to defending her thesis on survivors' first-hand experiences of post-genocide Rwanda. She was awarded an International Development Research Centre Research Award to complete this project; IDRC has posted an fascinating profile of Sue's life and work http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-120428-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html

Alfonso Motta Allen defended his doctoral thesis titled "United Nations peacekeeping operations: México's response to an emerging international security paradigm".

Alfonso's thesis argued that Mexico should engage in a practice of what he called "selective peacekeeping." Such a practice could potentially catalyze México's armed forces to deal more efficiently with international and domestic security threats. The thesis concluded by proposing a series of policy recommendations for successful Mexican participation in United Nations peacekeeping operations.

More detailed profiles of our doctoral students are posted at the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies website, under staff

<http://centreforforeignpolicystudies.dal.ca/staff.php>

Master's Theses completed in 2007-08.

- **Paul Black**, What factors need to be present for minority government to work? A comparative analysis of the 1998-99 and 2003-06 minority governments in Nova Scotia
- **Julie Breau**, The road to reintegration: Girl soldiers' journey in post-conflict Sierra Leone
- **Jordan Guthrie**, State-society relations in Uganda: The search for security, development and state legitimacy in the northern region
- **Kyle Clendinning**, Raw goods, raw deal: Neoliberalism and the prospects for economic growth in Ghana
- **Kyle Cruickshank**, The development of private transnational regulations: Shift in governance or shifty governance?
- **Richard Draper**, Quest for control: A psychological and behavioural approach to violence in Colombia
- **Susan Embury**, Oh Canada, we stand on guard for thee? Canadian defence policy in a post 9/11 world
- **Peter Galambos**, The elusive bomber: Reflections on the search for the suicide terrorist profile
- **Robert Godfrey**, Against the current: An analysis of the barriers facing the International Joint Commission
- **Stephen Hamilton**, The Ontario Municipal Board and regulatory capture: Is the OMB biased towards developers?
- **Larissa Kloegman**, Why Canada's "New" government eliminated the Court Challenges Program: Prime Minister Harper and the Anti-Court Party
- **Derek Light**, Income taxes and asymmetrical federalism in Canada: A historical institutional explanation
- **Malcolm Savage**, Industrialization in Ghana enhancing the role of small and medium scale enterprises
- **Anthony Sealey**, The accountability of the Canadian nonprofit sector in shared governance arrangements
- **Caroline Vavro**, Corporate social responsibility in foreign oil firms: Window-dressing or reality?
- **Brent Wellsch**, The ethics of reconstruction: The dissolution and re-emergence of trusteeship within international society
- **Aimée White**, Why women's participation is essential to sustainable peacebuilding: Lessons from Sierra Leone.
- **Claire Woodside**, Seeing through crude oil: The resource curse, transparency, and revenue governance
- **Paul Yeoman**, Planting the seeds of change: Seeking sustainability in Canadian agricultural policy

Alumni News

John Akokpari, (PhD, 1996) is Senior Lecturer at the University of Cape Town, SA

Christine Arab (MA 1996) is presently working for the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) based in Tirana, Albania.

Erin Baines (PhD, 2000) is assistant professor at the Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia and the research director of the Justice and Reconciliation Project (JRP).

Gerald Baier (PhD, 1999) is assistant professor of political science at UBC, where he helped organize the 2008 CPSA annual meetings in June.

Elizabeth Goodyear Grant (MA, 2001) and **J. Andrew Grant** (PhD, 2005) both have tenure track posts as assistant professors in political studies at Queen's University.

Riley D. Hennessey (MA, 2006) has been hired as a Policy Analyst with the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs of New Brunswick.



Riley Hennessey with NFL & Labrador Premier, Danny Williams

Vassy Kapelos (MA, 2006) is now doing on-air TV journalism in Saskatchewan, covering the elections last year and the Grey Cup.

Larissa Kloegman (MA 2007) has recently been recruited by the Department of Justice and is working

on restorative justice with First Nations Groups in British Columbia.

Stuart Shaw (MA, 2006) published his MA thesis as a book titled "Building Peace and Democracy or Organizing Exit: Elections and United Nations Peace Operations" Stuart was contacted by German publishers VDM Verlag through the department and was invited to publish the book. Stuart is working as a Foreign Service Officer at the Department of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa.

Donald Sullivan (MA, 2007) is pursuing his Law degree at the

University of Calgary where he is also the President of the Law Society. Donald is summering at the firm of Bennett Jones and expects to article with them in the future.

Larry Swatuk (PhD, 1993), has been appointed Director of the Environment and International Development Program at the University of Waterloo.

Janis van der Westhuizen (PhD, 1999) is Associate Professor at University of Stellenbosch, South Africa. He has taken over Tim Shaw's role as Pearson Visiting Professor in Political Science and taught a class

on 'Comparative Perspectives of the Developmental State' for us this summer.

Aimee White (MA, 2008) spent one year in the Research & Development Unit at United Nations Volunteers in Bonn. months Aimee was a Junior Professional Consultant (Internship through United Nations Canada) for the first six months and was contracted as a Research Consultant. Aimee worked on research projects related to Volunteerism for Development, Volunteer Reflection, Volunteer Infrastructure and Knowledge Management.

Graduate Student Symposium



Joyce Silver

The Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science (DGSPS) and the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies (CFPS) held the Third Annual Graduate Symposium on March 14 &

15, 2008, entitled "Challenging Canada: Strategic Threats and Shared Responsibility in an Insecure World." The event brought together graduate students and scholars from across Canada and the United States for two days. The topics focused on during the Symposium also highlighted many of the research strengths our department has to offer, including Current and Emerging Threats to Canada, Issues in Human Security, Environmental Security and Arctic Sovereignty, and Military Policy and Strategy. The Symposium itself stressed that Canadian Foreign Policy and Defence is a complex crossroad, and therefore, we

encouraged high-levels of debate on these topics. The best example of this relationship were our two keynote speakers, Major-General Daniel Gosselin, Commander of the Canadian Defence Academy, and Scott Taylor, journalist and editor of *Esprit de Corps* magazine, who honoured us with their insights on the Symposium's central questions.

There was unanimous agreement between students, professors, presenters, and keynotes, that the symposium was a major success and enjoyed by all who attended. The event was triumphant in bringing together a diversity of perspectives and opinions helping to generate extended and lively debate during all panel sessions. As well, the welcoming atmosphere of Halifax and Dalhousie encouraged all attendees to participate in the discussions. While only our third such event, the DGSPS has nonetheless established itself as a leading political science graduate society in Canada and Dalhousie University as a top destination for scholars studying Canadian Defence

and Security. We look forward to working with the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies (CFPS) and the Security and Defence Forum (SDF) in the future to promote the same level of dialogue and discussion at the next Symposium. The success of this year's event is directly attributable to the constant and generous support the DGSPS has had from the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies and the Department of Political Science at Dalhousie. Additionally, Dr. Brian Bow, Dr. Stella Gaon, Dr. Dan Middlemiss, and Dr. Robert Boardman were instrumental in generating discussion and feedback as conference panel chairs.

Invaluable support was also given to us by Janna Fertsman, Sheri Lane, Karen Watts, Dr. Robert Finbow and all the members of the DGSPS. In particular, the Co-Chairs would like to thank the Symposium Committee for all their help, especially Danna Farhang, David McDonough, Alex Wilner, Tamila Karpyk, Philippine Colson and Anita Singh. Thanks also to others who helped, your contributions did not go unnoticed and were greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at next year's symposium!

My Experience at the Young Atlanticist Summit

By Tamila Karpyk, PhD Candidate



On April 2-4, 2008 I took part in the Young Atlanticist Summit held during the NATO Summit in Bucharest. I represented Canada along with two other

participants. My trip was co-sponsored by the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies. It was an exciting and thrilling

experience for me. During this event we had a chance to share our experiences and learned more about NATO's current and future security challenges. Over 120 university students and young professionals from 35 Alliance and Partner countries, including Afghanistan, were present for this event.

We met with NATO and national leaders and discussed issues on the Summit agenda during debates and simulation exercises. An additional 300 students and professors at Kabul University also participated in the event through video teleconference. Both the students in Bucharest and Kabul had the

opportunity to present questions to the NATO Secretary General. The students in Kabul focused on specific questions on NATO's long-term commitment to the reconstruction and development of Afghanistan. The connection was made possible by the NATO Virtual Silk Highway project. The participants also met with the First Lady of the United States, Laura Bush. She highlighted the importance of Afghanistan's democratic successes and urged the young leaders in Bucharest to learn more about the challenges faced by their peers in Afghanistan.

Seminar Series

By Brian Bow & Kristin Good

A number of visiting speakers and Department faculty members gave talks on current events and/or ongoing research. Following is a list of events from the 07-08 seminar series:

Dr. Brian Bow, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Dalhousie University, "Anti-Americanism in Canada, Before and After Iraq," October 24, 2007 (co-sponsored with CFPS).

Dr. Jerome Davis, CRC in Oil and Gas, Dalhousie University, "Oil, Iraq and American Foreign Policy: What's It All About?" October 10, 2007 (co-sponsored with CFPS).

Reuven Schlozberg, Doctoral Candidate, University of Toronto, "From Banal Evil to Moral Responsibility: Hannah Arendt's Work on Thinking, Judging and Willing as Moral Thought," September 24, 2007.

Dr. Toni Erskine, Lecturer, University of Wales Aberystwyth, "Kicking Bodies and Damning Souls: The Danger of Harming 'Innocent' Individuals while Punishing 'Delinquent' States," September 21, 2007.

Dr. Lori Turnbull, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Dalhousie University, "Does Canada Need An Ethics

Commissioner? Assessing Competing Models of Political Ethics Enforcement," February 8th, 2008.

Dr. Tamara Hill, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Mount Allison University "Blogging the Hill: Garth Turner and the Canadian Parliamentary Blogosphere," March 7th, 2008.

Dr. Arthur Benz, Dept. of Political Science/Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Carleton University, "German Dogmatism and Canadian Pragmatism? Stability and Change of Federal Constitutions," March 28th, 2008.



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