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## Chair's Message 2009



**Robert G. Finbow, Chair**

The Department had another strong year, though touched in the end by tragedy. As always, the Chair has received strong support from our active faculty. And I have been assisted by very strong, professional administrators at the department.

We welcomed new staff at the Centre and department. David Black took over as Centre Director and Shelly Whitman now serves as Deputy Director. They have continued to stage core Centre events in its role as a Security and Defence Forum partner, such as the Maritime Security conference (ably organized by Ken Hansen) and have brought new ventures in collaborations with the Canadian

International Council and the Child Soldiers initiative.

With Karen Watts still guiding the office, this has been a very positive and productive year. We were pleased to welcome Shannon Langton as a new administrative secretary, bringing with her new energies and a positive outlook. In the interim, we were fortunate to have Susan Vincent bring her experience to bear as she improved the filing system and office procedures, especially at the Centre, before taking a private sector job.

We were all saddened when an essential team member, our excellent, collegial student assistant Samantha Li, was killed in a tragic auto accident in July, only 5 weeks after graduating from Dalhousie University. Her efficiency, generosity and warm humorous spirit will be sadly missed by all.

Despite facing stiff competition from better funded campuses, the graduate program drew some strong new students to the doctoral and MA programme. Graduate coordinator Louise Carbert has worked hard to seek creative means to support MA and PhD students in these

difficult economic conditions and has helped keep our graduate programme vibrant. The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Graduate Student Symposium on "Geopolitics vs. Global Governance: Reinterpreting International Security" drew high profile guests like Senators Romeo Dallaire and Hugh Segal.

Several graduate students won prestigious prizes. Sabrina Hoque won an SSHRC Doctoral Award. Sabrina's research focuses on the challenges faced by multilateral institutions, examining the trends of unilateralism vs. multilateralism within the changing global security conditions of the 21st century. PhD student Glenn Graham received a Joseph Armand Bombardier Canada Scholarship from the SSHRC. PhD candidate David McDonough received a Killam Doctoral Fellowship for 2009-10.

At the CPSA annual meetings, the Chair met with some 15 or more alumni of our MA and PhD, now in various academic careers, government service or degree programmes around the world. This indicates the immense value for our small department's reputation and influence of our graduate programmes, despite the obstacle of limited funds for scholarships compared to other institutions.

It was another strong year for the undergraduate programme. A few courses showed some decreased enrollment, in keeping with trends for the end of the double cohort, but most of our offerings remained well subscribed. Some 14 students defended their honours essays this spring, guided by Frank Harvey as Honours Coordinator. A student in a first year class,

Elizabeth Croteau, was a top-ten finalist in CBC's Canada's Next Great Prime Minister contest.

Faculty also continued to win recognition for excellence in research and teaching. Jennifer Smith was awarded the Eric Dennis Memorial Chair which dates from the department's earliest years (see the article on Jennifer's appointment below). Brian Bow was awarded a J. William Fulbright Visiting Research Chair for the spring 2010 term, to be held at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. He will be working on a long-term research project on regionalism and anti-regionalism in North America, titled "Neighbourhood or Community?: Identity Politics and North American Integration. This is a fitting reward for his years of service; Brian also received tenure this year.

Frank Harvey won the 2009 Dalhousie Outstanding Graduate Advisor Award, his second teaching related award at Dalhousie University. (See the article on Frank's award below). Our hard-working undergraduate coordinator, Lori Turnbull, was reappointed to another 3-year term as assistant professor. Denis Stairs, former faculty colleague and university vice president, received the A. Gordon Archibald Alumni of the Year Award for his "outstanding personal service, commitment and contribution to Dalhousie University".

Department colleagues and former students gathered at a luncheon to honour Bob Boardman, who retired after more than 30 years of service in July 2008. Peter Aucoin is also taking retirement as of July 2009. These two retirements leave big gaps for the

department to fill, as these two dedicated colleagues are irreplaceable for their intellectual skills and countless contributions to departmental administration and teaching. We have fortunately been able to hire strong new faculty to maintain departmental excellence.

The department will soon welcome Dr. Ruben Zaiotti who will be joining us as a new assistant professor after his post-doctoral term ends in 2010. Ruben was hired to our posted position in International Relations with a focus on Europe, and will reinforce teaching in the department and European Studies programmes. His research is on refugees, immigration and the European Union's neighbourhood policy.

Ruben will join a number of colleagues who have conducted research on European Union related themes with the support of the European Union Centre of Excellence at Dalhousie. The EUCE, headed by our hard-working colleague, Finn Laursen, has guided the complex applications required to attract European Union funds to the university.

The department continues to search for a faculty member in Environmental Politics as the competition from other universities is strong and good candidates have so far been lured elsewhere. When this position is filled, the department will increase its contributions to the new College of Sustainability at Dalhousie University.

In addition to the active Centre seminar series, which brought numerous speakers on security and international relations, and four excellent talks by the job candidate on environmental and

international relations themes, the department also hosted speakers on urban development, Canadian politics and political theory. We start the new academic year with high profile events. On September 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a lecture and book launch of *Guerilla Diplomacy* by Darryl Copeland to raise money for the Glyn Berry fund.

A two-day conference "From 'New Public Management' to 'New Political Governance'" will be held to honour the academic career of Peter Aucoin on November 11-13 later this year. To commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada's foreign affairs department, the Centre and DFAIT will co-sponsor a November 6th event on "Canadian Multilateralism: Past Present and Future".

The department has also increased its international exchanges welcoming two visitors, Sebastian Plociennik from the University of Wroclaw Poland and Victoria Rheinhardt from the University of Leipzig. Both were supported by the Erasmus Mundus Global Studies programme. The department is also participating in a new exchange with the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) in Beijing; two Chinese students will be here this year, hopefully starting a bi-lateral exchange of students and faculty over the coming years.

Generous alumni donations have been a valuable support to the department and its students. Alumni funds have been used to aid Student travel to conferences and research trips abroad and to support student associations. These monies have also been used to fund the Glyn Berry Memorial Scholarship, and to sustain other endowed prizes

and scholarships such as the Keens-Morden scholarship in the current difficult investment climate. We remain grateful to our generous donors for their continued support.

## Peter Aucoin retires

By Herman Bakvis and Robert Finbow



**Peter Aucoin with Governor General Michaëlle Jean**

Peter Aucoin recently retired after more than 35 years service at Dalhousie University. He has been one of Dalhousie's most distinguished academics. Both his teaching and research have shaped public policy and influenced scholars and administrators. As Dalhousie's School of Public Administration attests on its website, "His contribution to the study and practice of public administration is matched by only a few in Canada and across the Commonwealth". In an age when scholars narrow their interests to cope with increasing volumes of specialized information, Peter demonstrates unusual breadth in his contributions. He distinguishes himself as an academic who is accomplished in applied domains as well as theoretical ones. He is a highly influential scholar whose work now shapes the thinking of academics and practitioners alike.

Peter's research has been celebrated by the profession and rewarded with repeated funding. He has been one of the most productive scholars in his field, as evidenced by the award of several SSHRC research grants in the past years. In his most recent SSHRC grant competition (2008), he was ranked 2nd out of 145 with a 'record of research achievement' of 5.75 out of 6. He has influenced both scholarly discourse and debates and decisions on core issues of public management in Canada and in other Commonwealth nations. In 2008, he was named a Member of the Order of Canada for "his contributions as a leading political scientist and advisor to government bodies, specializing in the areas of public administration and political governance".

His combined academic and public service achievements have been recognized many times over. He is the only 2 time winner of J.E. Hodgetts award for best English article in *Canadian Public Administration*. His 1995 book, *The New Public Management: Canada in Comparative Perspective* (Institute for Research on Public Policy) was awarded the international Charles Levine Book Prize as the best book in comparative public policy and administration. He won the 1999 Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Excellence in Public Administration from the Institute of Public Administration of Canada. He was the 2005 recipient of the Institute's Vanier Medal for Exceptional Achievement in Public Administration. In 2006 he was elected a Fellow, Royal Society of Canada. He also won the best article of 2007 in *Financial Management Institute Journal*.

## In memoriam: Samantha Li



Samantha Li

Our wonderful student assistant, Samantha Li, was killed in a tragic auto accident in July. The department was stunned and immensely saddened by Samantha's sudden death. We were privileged to have this exceptional,

multi-talented and genuinely nice young person work in our office. She was a valuable colleague who brought efficiency, dedication, and collegiality to her work everyday.

Samantha had been with the department as student assistant over the past two years, and was also an honours student in English. She was headed to UBC with full scholarships for her MA this fall. She was also an excellent young violinist and played in two string quartets.

She made amazing contributions to our department in her too brief time here. She impressed everyone with her efficiency, generosity and good humor. She not only worked hard, but also helped fill the office with laughter and will be sorely missed by all.

Contributions in Samantha's memory may be made to the Samantha Li Memorial Award in English c/o External Relations at Dalhousie University.

Peter Aucoin's service to the profession has remained exemplary throughout. He has served as Chair of the Political Science department and Director of the School of Public Administration. In 1995-96, he was President of the Canadian Political Science Association. He is a former Vice-President of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada. He has served on the Editorial Boards of *Canadian Public Administration*, *Public Sector Management*, and *Canadian Journal of Policy Research*. He has also served on the Editorial Boards of *Governance*, *International Public Management Journal*, and, *Public Management Review* (UK). He is a former co-editor of the *Canadian Public Administration* book series of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada.

Peter has taken a leading role in several public commissions, including the Macdonald Royal Commission on Canada's economic prospects, the Lortie Royal Commission on Electoral Reform, and the Gomery inquiry. In each case his intellectual contributions and policy prescriptions have been influential in shaping new directions in public policy and management.

Throughout his teaching career, Peter has maintained a steady and collegial contribution to the teaching activities of the department and School of Public Administration. He has been active as a supervisor and instructor for numerous students in public administration and political science. He has been energetic in both, preparing the next generation of public servants and in instructing the current generation of mid-career civil servants through specialized

courses at the graduate and undergraduate level. He has played a central role in Dalhousie University's Centre for Advanced Management Education. His excellence in these roles was recognized with the receipt of the 2006 Dalhousie University Alumni Association Award for Teaching Excellence—Dalhousie's university-wide teaching award.

In addition, Peter Aucoin has been an exemplary colleague in the Department of Political Science and the School of Public Administration at Dalhousie University. He has performed a great deal of service, often on difficult issues. Such service has extended to colleagues at other universities – including department reviews, promotion files, and reviews of journal and book manuscripts – and he is well-known for his detailed, supportive comments on the manuscripts of established and new scholars alike. Peter can count hosts of former students working at the local, provincial, national, and in other jurisdictions.

It is not surprising, then, that Peter is incredibly well informed and keeps up-to-date on contemporary issues and conundrums. In the case of the Lortie commission, for example, several of the younger researchers associated with that Commission had the opportunity to publish under their own names and subsequently went on to do graduate work and successful academic or public service careers.

In addition to steadily securing major grants, Peter has a record of collaboration with his peers and mentoring and working with junior colleagues and graduate students. He has been steadily



productive at all phases of his academic career; even a serious illness in 2002 did not lead to a lessening of output and interesting work, and instead has been followed by a burst of publications. Moreover, Peter is a superb communicator of his research findings, not only winning awards for the acumen and accessibility of his scholarly work, but legendary for his thorough and lucid presentations of findings to practitioners and academic colleagues alike.

Most of all, though, what impresses so many is Peter's unabashed curiosity, energy and infectious enthusiasm to pursue issues and challenges that intrigue him, his hard work and thoroughness in delving into those matters, and finally, his integrity and forthrightness in communicating findings to colleagues, elected officials, and public servants. The department will miss his contributions but know he will remain very productive in the years to come.

## Toronto Star Feature Article on Louise Carbert

A Toronto feature article by Susan Delacourt on July 25, 2009 referenced Louise Carbert's work on women in the Canadian political process.

"Louise Carbert, of Dalhousie University in Halifax, has been systematically analyzing how female politicians are faring in Canada's urban-rural divide. Carbert's work has been published in Sylvia Bashevkin's new book, *Opening Doors Wider: Women's Political Engagement in Canada*. Carbert's main and sobering finding is that women are twice as likely to get elected in

Canada if they come from urban areas. In 2008, women were elected in 31 per cent of the most densely populated areas of Canada, compared to 14 per cent in rural districts.

"This ratio has persisted over several decades despite substantial increases in the number of women elected overall," Carbert's study says. So if you're serious about upping the numbers of women in Canadian legislatures, she says, you have to get out of the cities, and into the country.

"Proportions of seats held by women in urban metropolitan districts are now typically above 30 per cent, in some cases substantially so," Carbert writes. "Hence it would be unrealistic to expect large cities to raise the national level significantly in the near future. Canada's more rural districts would need to elect greater numbers of women in order to break through the recent pattern of stagnation."

It was also cross-posted to Aarron Wherry's blog at Macleans. The entire article may be viewed online at <http://www.thestar.com/printArticle/671697>

## Graduate Student Symposium

By Sabrina Hoque



Ph.D. Students A. Singh, S. Hoque, S. Clark and D. McDonough

The Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science (DGSPS) and the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies (CFPS) held the Fourth Annual Graduate Symposium on March 5 & 6, 2009, entitled "Geopolitics vs. Global Governance: Reinterpreting International Security." The event brought together graduate students and scholars from across Canada and the United States for two days. Keynote addresses delivered by Senators Romeo Dallaire and Hugh Segal were the highlights of our Symposium. Over a 1000 tickets were sold for Senator Dallaire's opening address on 'Canada as Leading Middle Power and Child Soldiers,' with proceeds going towards the Child Soldiers Fundraising Initiative. Students came from the following schools: University of British Columbia, University of Toronto, Brock University, University of Ottawa, Carleton University, University of Western Ontario, Waterloo University, Royal Military College of Canada, Acadia University and even from Columbia University in the US. With additional representation from local and neighbouring provincial universities, faculty members, students and members from the Canadian International Council, this fourth annual event was truly a national enterprise.

Seven panels led discussions on different facets of international security with respect to Geopolitics and Global Governance over the two days, including: 'Security and Order in Asia,' 'Europe and the Trans-Atlantic,' 'The New Geopolitics,' 'Conflict and Terrorism,' 'Canada & US Defence and Security,' 'Human Security and Development,' and 'Multilateralism – Proliferation and Climate Change'. Dr. David

Black, Dr. Frank Harvey, Dr. Brian Bow, Dr. Dan Middlemiss, Dr. Finn Laursen, James Groen from DND, and Cmdr Eric Lehre were instrumental in generating discussion with their unique insights and perspectives as conference panel chairs. MA candidate Charles Humphrey and PhD candidates David McDonough, Anita Singh, David Meadows, Jenny Baechler, Sean Clark, and Sabrina Hoque, also contributed providing feedback and comments through their roles as panel discussants. In addition, invaluable support and advice was provided by Dr. Shelly Whitman, Dr. Robert Finbow, Mike MacKinnon, Karen Watts and all members of the DGSPS.

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 fourth 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), the Canadian International Council (CIC) 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.

In particular, I would like to thank the Symposium Committee for all their hard work and patience, especially David McDonough, Anita Singh, Sean Clark and Tamila Karpyk. Thank you to all of those that helped, your contributions did not go unnoticed and were greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you at next year's symposium!

## My Internship in Vietnam

By Rebecca Critchley



Rebecca Critchley and colleagues at a workshop organized in Ho Chi Minh City

In September 2009, within days of having handed in three copies of my finished thesis, all proof-read and formatted, ready for binding, I found myself on a plane, settling down for a mammoth flight that would take

me halfway around the world to Vietnam. As part of the CIDA Youth Internship programme, I spent six months working as a database analyst for Landmine Survivors' Network Vietnam, an organization affiliated with an American non-governmental organization, Survivor Corps.

Landmine Survivors Network Vietnam (LSNV) is based in Dong Hoi, the capital city of Quang Binh, a province in the centre of Vietnam near to the former demilitarized zone and one of the areas the worst affected by landmines and unexploded ordinance. The organization aims to provide peer support, economic opportunities and advocacy training to landmine victims and amputees in the area. As part of the team I was involved in updating the newly computerized monitoring and evaluation

system and generating reports, not only for the local and head offices but for government and international donors as well. I also had the opportunity to be involved in LSNV's advocacy work surrounding the Convention on Cluster Munitions, organizing workshops and information sessions as well as working with other NGOs and the UNDP to raise awareness about the damage caused by cluster bombs and to encourage the Vietnamese government to sign the convention.

With the experience garnered from the challenges and adventures of my internship in Dong Hoi tucked firmly under my belt, I am now planning new exploits and have to choose between several options which could see me move to warmer climes or to the slightly cooler and damper United Kingdom.

## Tribute to Bob Boardman



Christine and Bob Boardman at the luncheon event

In April, former and current colleagues and students joined together for a luncheon to honour

Bob Boardman, who retired in July 2008 after 33 years in the department. Bob was honoured for his tremendous service to the department and the university. During his career he served as both Chair and Centre director, and took a lead role in developing the new European studies programme and European Union Centre of Excellence, which will be continuing legacies.

Because he is so unassuming and never self-promoting, the sheer breadth of his research interests and accomplishments might easily be overlooked. His scholarly contributions are wide-ranging, including Canadian foreign policy; European Union politics, United Nations, international organizations and human rights. He has been particularly forward looking in his research on environmentalism: polar bears, migratory species, pesticides, oceans – true cutting edge themes of vital interest to students and important to our discipline, which has sorely neglected these crucial challenges for too long.

Several former students joined in recognizing his excellence as a teacher, who managed in a low key way to be very effective in the classroom in a profession often favouring more flamboyant

performers. Online student commentaries also showed his positive appeal in the classroom, with one student remembering him as “hot”, and another as a “grandpa” – showing he could be all things to all people!

The department is sorry to lose him too soon especially with the upcoming College of Sustainability which will bring new energies to many of his interests and concerns. He will be sorely missed by the department as a steady judicious source of advice and assistance. But we are delighted to see him able to enjoy his retirement with Christine and family in good health and hope for many happy and fulfilling years ahead both in continued research and in his long concealed passion for classical piano.

## Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society Year in Review



Rob LeForte, President DUPSS 2008-2009

2008-2009 was a very exciting time to be a Political Science student anywhere, but at Dalhousie it was particularly enjoyable. DUPSS had the pleasure of hosting a number of

events in the fall tied to federal election campaigns in Canada and the United States. Just as it was felt by many to be a time of change politically, so too, was it

a time of change in our student society. Meetings were well attended by all, our weekly “Poli-Beer” social activity found its legs this year with more students turning out from the department than in years past, and our Annual General Meeting was attended by more students than I have seen in three years with the DUPSS. We had a number of great opportunities to host events such as watching the federal leaders’ debate for the Canadian and American elections, along with watching election night coverage for both at our campus bars. The inauguration of US President Barrack Obama was attended by an estimated 300 students at lunch time in the Grawood on January 20<sup>th</sup>. These concurrent campaigns gave us many opportunities, but without the efforts of our executive and year-representatives the successes of

this year would not have been possible. It also would not have been possible without the support of our faculty who came out to events like our faculty meet and greet wine and cheese in the fall. We strengthened partnerships outside the school as well. We continued to co-host events discussing electoral reform with Fair Vote Canada, where our department’s own Dr. Lori Turnbull facilitated the discussion, and we thank her for her involvement as well. I feel that our society has turned a corner by involving more students in our activities this year and I also believe that moving forward, under our new President Jennifer Chisholm, the society will continue to grow. It has been a pleasure and while I look back on the past year with appreciation I look forward to the year ahead with anticipation!



## Jennifer Smith Named as Eric Dennis Chair



Jennifer Smith at Province House.  
(Danny Abriel Photo Courtesy  
DalNews)

Jennifer Smith has been selected as the Eric Dennis Memorial Professor of Government and Political Science, the first woman to serve in this position. This endowed Chair is one of the highest honours available to members of our department, and goes back many decades. It has been held by such distinguished faculty as R.A. MacKay, J. Murray Beck, Gilbert Winham and most recently Peter Aucoin. This award reflects a lifetime of scholarly excellence and service to the department and university.

The chair was set up by Senator William Dennis and Mrs. Dennis, in honour of their son who died during First World War. Gil Winham, a former Dennis Chair, unearthed a letter to the Board of Governors in 1918 when the endowed chair was first funded which is summarized in Dalnews. Senator Dennis' stressed "Dalhousie's progressive values" saying "her influence through all these years has always been on the side of sound learning, liberal and progressive thought, democratic ideals and a wholesome patriotism." In an interview with Dalnews, Jennifer noted that these values are "as relevant today as they ever were".

Jennifer has been a valued colleague in the department for nearly 30 years. Her academic achievements are substantial and her service to the department is exemplary. Her research has thrived despite commitments as department chair and member of the university Senate. She has been a multiple recipient of research funding from the SSHRC of Canada and has published two books with University presses in the past five years. She has also published full length monographs and many refereed journal articles and book chapters.

From the outset of her career, she has engaged actively in public service. For instance, she served as Deputy Chair of The Electoral Boundaries Commission for the Province of Nova Scotia, as Chair, Advisory Committee on the Division of Powers and Government Institutions, Province of Nova Scotia, as Commissioner, Provincial Electoral Boundaries Commission and as an expert participant, in the Renewal of Canada Conferences which influenced the Charlottetown Accord. She has served for as a Member, Advisory Committee, Forum of Federations broadening her scholarly influence beyond Canada.

These practical engagements have contributed to the scholarly depth and policy relevance of her research. She is frequently called upon by media outlets both print and electronic, for timely commentary on elections, constitutional issues and public affairs. In addition, she has been very active in publishing works of policy and public relevance in varied venues, including web based and print policy papers,

thus fulfilling the role of public intellectual.

Jennifer has frequently been invited to present applied research or expert testimony in public forums. She started her public engagements with research for the Royal Commission on the Economic Union and Development Prospects for Canada (Macdonald Commission), one of the most influential commissions in Canadian history. She has been called for expert testimony to Senate Committees, budget consultation panels, and other advisory groups on complex issues like equalization and intergovernmental finance. She was invited by the Public Policy Forum to present to a Seminar for Newly Appointed ADMs and Equivalents from Canada's Eastern Provinces and Territories. She also presented ideas on electoral systems and change to the Ontario Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform.

She has frequently been called upon to provide expert testimony in disputes over electoral boundaries, reflecting both her scholarly background and her practical contributions. Such requests illustrate both the practical relevance and breadth of her intellectual contributions across complex issues of political institutions, electoral systems, Senate reform, constitutional process and intergovernmental finance. Having built this healthy well-rounded base as a public scholar, she was able to engage in nuanced, relevant scholarly analysis.

All the while, she has remained a very active member of the profession. She has served on Selection committees for the



Parliamentary and Nova Scotia Legislative Internships and on the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA), Board of Directors. She has served on advisory boards for academic think tanks and publishers, on editorial boards for scholarly journals and on programme committees for professional conferences. She has raised the department and university profile in important professional circles.

Jennifer has also contributed to departmental and university governance, serving as Chair, honour's coordinator, seminar coordinator and on the graduate admissions committee. Her contributions to department teaching and scholarship are also notable. Both her PhD supervisions have gone on to successful academic careers. She has supervised 19 MAs at least 5 of whom have also moved on to academic careers. She has supervised 35 honours students on a range of issues like first nations, constitutional politics, US constitutionalism, Senate reform, electoral politics and political thought. This demonstrates an amazing intellectual range which has been of tremendous benefit for the department and faculty. All colleagues join with me in congratulating Jennifer on this great achievement.

For an interview with Jennifer to mark the occasion, please check out the Dal News Website at <http://dalnews.dal.ca/2009/07/03/jennifersmith.html>.

## Alumni News

**Luke Ashworth** (PhD 1994) is now Chair of department at the University of Limerick.

**Julie Breau** (MA 2006) is doing work on Child Soldiers, Canadian International Development Agency Government of Canada.

**Jennifer Czerneda** (MA 2009) is Senior Program Officer in Commercial Operations with the Canada Border Services Agency.

**Cyril Daddieh** (PhD 1994) directs African and African-American Studies at University of Miami in Ohio.

**Frazer Egerton** (MA 2004) has completed his Ph.D. at the University of Aberysthwyth in Wales, and is now teaching part time for our department.

**Riley Hennessey** (MA 2005) has moved on to a new position as Policy Analyst, Counter Terrorism, Policy and Coordination Division of Public Safety for the government of Canada

**Mike MacSween** (MA 2009) is Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce Cape Breton Regional Municipality. He also served on the transition team for incoming Nova Scotia Premier Darryl Dexter.

**Maria Nzomo** (PhD 1981) is back to the University of Nairobi from being a Kenyan diplomat in Harare and Geneva.

**Abillah Omari** (PhD 1991) continues to direct the Centre for Foreign Relations in Dar es Salaam.

**Stephanie Redden** (BA Honours 2008) completed her MA degree from Acadia University and is beginning a PhD in political science at Carleton University.

**Stuart Shaw** (MA 2006) is working as a Foreign Service Officer at the Department of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa.

**Tayyo Simmonds** (BA Honours 2009) worked in the office of former Nova Scotia Premier Rodney Macdonald. He is now beginning a law degree at Dalhousie University.

**Keith Torrie** (BA 2009) has been appointed to the position of "National Director of the Young Liberals of Canada".

**Stephen Winter** (MA 2001) completed his doctorate at Oxford and is now lecturer in political theory at the University of Auckland.

**Greg Witol** (MA 1995) just completed a six month tour in Afghanistan and has returned to DND as a senior policy advisor to parliament on Afghanistan policy.

## Student Publications in *Federalism-E*

Six of the department's undergraduate students published papers *Federalism-E* this year, an online peer-reviewed undergraduate journal that publishes papers on subjects of interest to scholars of federalism. *Federalism-E* is published by the Royal Military College (RMC) in conjunction with Queen's University, the home of Canada's Institute of Intergovernmental Relations. It is supervised by Dr. Christian Leuprecht, Assistant Professor of Political Science (RMC) and co-edited by two undergraduate students at RMC - Donavan Huppé and Nick Desphande. 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. For more information about paper submission, and to access past issues of the journal visit: <http://www.federalism-e.com/> Dalhousie students represent six of the eight papers that were selected country-wide for publication in Volume 10, the 2009 issue of the journal. Although it is not a course requirement, Prof. Kristin Good encourages students in her federalism-related classes to publish in this journal to learn about the editorial process. Five of the six articles published by Dalhousie students were written for her class *The Dynamics of Canadian Federalism* (POLI 2210) and one was written for her *Intergovernmental Relations in Canada* (POLI 3220) class. She hopes that students will continue to make the department proud through their academic excellence and initiative. A list of the student authors and their paper titles is listed below in the order in which they appear in the journal:

*"Intergovernmental Relations' Third Wheel: The Role of the Supreme Court in an Era of Collaborative Federalism"* **By Allison O'Beirne**

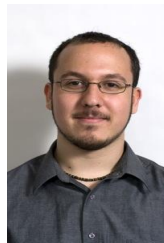


Allison O'Beirne

Allison is from Halifax, Nova Scotia. She has just completed her Honours B.A. in Political Science and English with Dal/King's. Beginning this

fall, she will be an intern in the Parliamentary Internship Program. She hopes to continue her studies in Political Science, and eventually find a career in Canadian politics.

*"Constitutional Accords and National Discord: The Impact of Constitutional Reform on Canadian Unity,"* **By Eric Snow**



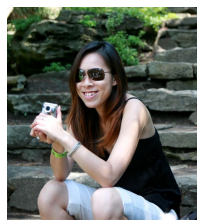
Eric Snow

Eric is a returning student at Dalhousie University from Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia. Having graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in May

2009, Eric will begin his Master of Public Administration at Dalhousie in September 2009.

*"Striving to Maintain a Holistic Nation: Preventing Quebec Sovereignty"* **By Kimberley Gosse**

*"The Issue of Sovereignty: The Clarify Act as an Effective and Legitimate Response to Canada-Quebec Relations"* **By Megan Seto**



Megan Seto

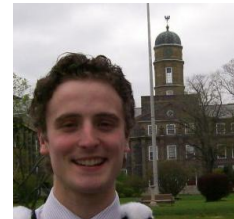
Megan is currently a third year student at Dalhousie University. Born and raised in Halifax, she is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts

Degree with a Major in History and a Minor in Law and Society. She is an avid participant in student activities, including the Dalhousie Undergraduate History Society and the Dalhousie Arts and Social Science Society. She is

the current president of both organizations. Megan plans to pursue a career in criminal law.

*"The Canadian Federation and Fiscal Imbalance"* **By Katherine Gosselin**

*"Strengthening Federalism Through Charter Decisions"* **By Brent Randall**



Brent Randall

Brent is from East Chezzetcook, Nova Scotia. He has now graduated from Dalhousie with a BA in Philosophy. In

September 2009, he will begin pursuing a law degree at the University of Ottawa.

## Student Prize Winners for 2008 – 2009

Eric Dennis Gold Medal (university medal in Political Science)  
**Jamie Berezin**

James Aitchison Award (best Honours essay)  
**David Morgan**

Commonwealth Prize in Political Philosophy  
**Gregory Slack**

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

Doris Boyle Prize (best graduate essay on international relations)  
**Charles Humphrey**

## Frank Harvey wins Dalhousie's Outstanding Advisor Award for 2008-2009

by Anita Singh



Frank Harvey

"Dr. Harvey is not only my doctoral supervisor, but an academic colleague, professional mentor, and close friend." writes one PhD Candidate. These sentiments were echoed in all of the eleven nomination letters submitted for Frank's successful candidacy for the Dalhousie Outstanding Advisor Award 2008-2009. The nomination letters were submitted by a number of students, both current and former, Masters and Doctoral, academics and those that have moved to professions outside academia. Focusing on various aspects of Frank's supervisory capability, students emphasized three main characteristics that make Frank truly an outstanding supervisor. Some students wrote about his classroom candor, writing "I cannot recall a single academic with the same capacity as Dr. Harvey for conceptualizing and presenting new ideas to his students." Others focused on Frank's most important strength as his personal connection and

genuine interest in his students. Be it academically, personally or professionally, students noted that Frank has made a point to know all of his students at an intimate level, even to the extent that he has extended invitations to his home and made introductions to his family. One student wrote to the selection committee, "...it is not uncommon to hear stories of Dr. Harvey playing pool, going fishing, grabbing lunch or taking the time to enjoy a hockey game with students outside of the classroom."

All the nomination letters also noted Frank's interest in and facilitation of the professional development of his students. Frank has reviewed and co-authored papers, recommended publications and conferences, and offered teaching opportunities, "[Frank] has always been eager to provide a critical eye on a student's paper, to offer fulsome praise for a well-deserved achievement or to provide some much needed encouragement and support, often lightened with his sense of wit and good humour." Finally, students noted that it is Frank's success as an academic that is the most inspiring. His in-depth knowledge of the field and his successes make him the perfect advisor and mentor for students who will be entering (or have entered) the competitive field of academia. As one student writes, "Dr. Harvey's research speaks for itself and it offers a model of excellence that students can seek to emulate."

To Frank: from all your students, thank you and congratulations on an award well-deserved.

## Interview with Peter Aucoin



Peter Aucoin

*What did you study in college and where?*

I did my BA in Political Science at Saint Mary's

(after graduating from the SMU High School that no longer exists), my MA at Dal and my PhD at Queen's.

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

I was raised in a politically aware family, as both my grandfathers had been candidates for election, one federally (defeated) and one provincially (elected for a single term). In high school I worked for a friend's father who was a candidate in a provincial election. And then, in first year university, with plans to be a mathematician, I was assigned an essay on Machiavelli in my required history course. I followed that course with an introductory course and was not disappointed. I haven't strayed since.

*How did you come to be hired at Dalhousie?*

Having done my MA here I knew the high quality and standards of the original faculty who were here when I did my MA (Aitchison, Beck, Braybrooke and Heard). And both my wife and I had family here. When I was finishing my stay at Queen's in the spring of 1970, and after offers started to come in from several universities, I called the Head of the department, Jim Aitchison, and asked if there were any openings at Dal. After

a brief chat he offered me a position, saying that he already had had a discussion with the senior faculty on whether to approach me but had heard that I was not coming back to the Maritimes. So I ended up at Dal without doing a formal job interview. I was the last in the department to be hired this way!

*What was it like teaching here in the 1970s?*

In the early 70s the technology consisted of chalk and blackboards in the classroom and textbooks and reserved readings in the Library. The department had a tradition of making teaching a priority so one marked all of one's students' essays, tests and exams. In my first year I taught the only Intro course, with 450 students, and no TAs. Christmas holidays that year were totally consumed by grading. The following year we introduced sections to the Intro course. But other courses had reasonable enrolments and one got to know one's students. I still have contact with several students whom I taught in the first decade of teaching.

The major focus of the department was foreign policy and international relations, and the creation of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies within the department gave it a real boost. At the same time, unfortunately, a good part of the department's effort in Canadian government and public administration ended up being hived off in a new School of Public Administration, located in a new faculty of administrative studies (as Management was first called). For a decade or so the relationships between the department and school was congenial, informal and robust. But gradually walls were built,

especially budgetary walls, and the relationship was less productive. With my retirement as a faculty member jointly appointed to the department and school the final tie has been severed.

*You had many research interests over your career in Canadian government and public management. What inspired you to focus on particular topics and themes in your work?*

I consider myself a generalist with a focus on Canadian government and politics. My early work on public policy formulation introduced me to the structures of government in the executive-bureaucratic arena and from there I became interested in various aspects of public administration. Over time, I realized that the study of Canadian government and public administration required a comparative perspective. At the time the most interesting and significant developments in public governance and management were taking place in Australia, New Zealand and Britain. Fortuitously these were the three Westminster systems most comparable to Canada, so these three became my comparative perspective and have remained so. The comparative perspective has also been critical to my opportunities to participate in various advisory capacities for Canadian governments, especially the federal public service. My interests coincided with a new interest in Ottawa in the public management reform movement that was centred in these three countries.

On a separate track, my interests in Canadian politics have focused on electoral reform

and campaign finance following my participation with the federal royal commission on this subject from 1989-91. Since then I have been an expert witness and adviser to the Canadian, Quebec and British Columbia governments in several Charter challenges to the election laws of these jurisdictions. These have been fascinating journeys into the intersections of law, jurisprudence, politics and political science.

*You served as both director of the School of Public Administration and chair of the Political Science department. How did the two tasks differ? How were you and your colleagues able to ensure a fruitful collaboration between these two units?*

At the time, the director of the School had a greater management responsibility than did the chair of the Department. This was especially the case with the management of the unit's budget. Other than that I found the two units similar, but primarily because the Department of Political Science culture still pervaded the School, with faculty members moving from one unit to another in a largely informal manner. That began to come to an end when the budgetary structure at Dal changed across the board in the very early 1980's. Over the next decade the two units became separate in all sorts of ways as the influence of the Department of Political Science faded. Collaboration remains to this day but it's both more formal and more limited.

*What were the principal rewards and frustrations of this administrative work?*



I had great colleagues in both units so the principal reward was in knowing that one's colleagues had sufficient confidence in you to want you to take your turn in serving in this capacity. The tasks were not onerous even if they were time consuming. I was also fortunate in serving before the extensive bureaucratization of the last decade kicked in. I did see some of this as department chair but I know, from observation, that it is much worse now than then.

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

The most obvious, significant and welcomed change from the late 60s and early 70s is the progress in obtaining gender balance in the faculty. There were no female professors at that time; now five of fourteen full-time faculty members are female. I do not know the stats but I would guess that the gender balance at both the undergraduate and graduate levels has improved considerably as well. It also is my impression that the composition of our student body has become more cosmopolitan.

Both teaching and research have been affected by the revolution in information and communication technologies, and, in almost every respect, for the better. Most importantly, students are more inclined to communicate with faculty now that we have email and voicemail and faculty can more easily communicate with students. Everyone periodically complains about the volume of demand at times, but they either forget or never experienced the frustrations of not being able to communicate easily.

*What will you miss most about your academic career at Dal?*

That's easy: superb colleagues and great students. Colleagues elsewhere have often had to be reminded of who my Dal colleagues are to accept my portrayal of the department as a wonderful place to work. The favourable student-faculty ratio at Dal, and especially in Political Science, has meant that faculty are able to get to know our students personally. As it has turned out in my experience we have been fortunate indeed to have so many marvelous people study in our department. The real test, of course, is how they relate to you once they graduate and, on this test, my positive impressions of students, based on the time when they were students, have been confirmed time and again. The good part of this experience is that many faculty and former students are friends and these relationships are not affected by retirement.

*Can you tell us what your plans, scholarly and otherwise, for the next few years?*

I have a SSHRC research grant that runs for another two/three years so that will keep me busy and in contact with the graduate students who are my research assistants. It is a comparative study that entails Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Britain, with travel involved to Ottawa and other capitals. I have done a fair amount of work with various federal government agencies over the years and I expect that some of this will continue. At the moment I am an expert witness and advisor to the federal government on a case involving a Charter challenge to the federal public-service collective bargaining regime.

I also have a geographically challenged daughter at the University of Calgary, where she has a joint appointment in Chemistry and Natural Science. She thinks Alberta is adjacent to the Maritimes and thus expects my wife and I to "drop by" to see our grandchildren whenever we pass the New Brunswick border. We expect to be in Calgary with some frequency! We hope the Registrar's office will pay some of our expenses as our daughter has promised that her children will come to Dal, thus becoming the fifth generation in my family to do (begun by my maternal grandmother who graduated in 1899).

## Graduate Program News

By Louise Carbert



Louise Carbert

In September, ten new Master's students and five new Doctoral students joined the department.

New MA students are:

- Geoffrey Brisbin (BA Dalhousie)
- Michelle Coffin (BA SMU)
- Craig Estabrooks (BA UNB)
- Marcella Firmini (BA SMU)
- Brian Francis (BA StFX)
- Charles Humphrey (BA Dal)
- Cameron McKay (BA MUNI)
- Stuart Pallister (BA Waterloo)
- Tommi Rebien (BA SMU)
- Roger Wiebe (BA Man)

New Doctoral students are:

- Abdullah Bal (BA, MA Ankara)
- Mohammad Ehsan (BA Bangladesh, MPA Carleton)
- Glenn Graham (BA StFX, MA SMU)
- Sarah Hucsko (BA Waterloo, MA McMaster)
- Sabrina Hoque (BA Toronto, MA London)

Congratulations to our doctoral students **Sabrina Hoque** and **Glenn Graham** for receiving SSHRC CGS fellowships! The "CGS" designates that Sabrina and Glenn are among the top-ranked students to receive a SSHRC fellowship.

Master's students are still uniquely privileged in having access to the opportunity to intern at the United States Consul-General in Halifax. This internship is an excellent way for a graduate student to gain first-hand experience of United States government and Canada-US relations.

Fifteen graduate students completed their degrees over the past year, thirteen at the Master's level and two at the PhD. level. The titles of Master's thesis appear below.

**Craig Cameron** "*Legislative Competence and Judicial Wisdom: On the use and abuse of unwritten Constitutional principles*" Supervised by Jennifer Smith

**Mark Downard** "*The American way in Iraq: A theoretical explanation*" Supervised by Brian Bow

**Katie Murphy** "*Islamic Faith-Based Organizations: Widening the Criteria and Recognizing*

*Difference*" Supervised by David Black

**Jane Sears** "*The environment and the occupied Palestinian territories: A violent climate*" Supervised by Robert Boardman

**Danna Farhang** "*Moving in the shadows of power: China's Middle East energy strategy and the implications for American vital interests in the region*" Supervised by Frank Harvey  
**Joyce Silver** "*The American way in Iraq: A theoretical explanation*" Supervised by David Black

**Kirk Gusta** "*Hearts and minds or brutal suppression? An examination of the current debate on insurgency warfare*" Supervised by Dan Middlemiss

**Kristen Curren** "*Sexual violence and rape in the Democratic Republic of Congo*" Supervised by David Black

**Matthew MacDonald** "*State of a nation: The quest for Pakistan*" Supervised by Frank Harvey

**Philippine Colson** "*Elite class renewal, corruption, and political accountability: A case study of Bulgaria*" Supervised by Finn Laursen

**Rebecca Critchley** "*The missing pieces of the puzzle? The implications of the economic legacies of civil war for post-conflict reconstruction in Sierra Leone and the Democratic Republic of Congo*" Supervised by Peter Arthur

**Shawn Adkins** "*Understanding Hamas through social movement theory: A dynamic approach*" Supervised by Florian Bail

**Steve Edgar** "*The implications of open federalism for Canadian*

*social citizenship*" Supervised by Jennifer Smith

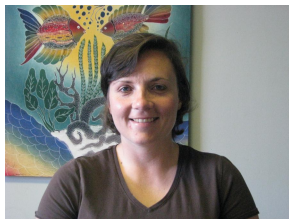
Doctoral candidate **Susan Thomson** defended her dissertation, entitled "*Resisting Reconciliation: State Power and Everyday Life in Post-Genocide Rwanda*" on 14 May 2009. The dissertation explores the post-genocide policy of national unity and reconciliation from the perspective of peasant Rwandans. It concludes that in forcing ordinary Rwandans to reconcile with one another, the policy actually represents a threat to domestic peace and security. Susan is currently a SSHRC post-doctoral fellow at the University of Ottawa. You can reach her at [susanm.thomson@gmail.com](mailto:susanm.thomson@gmail.com) if you would like a sample of her work.

Doctoral candidate **Alex Wilner** also completed the Ph.D. program. His dissertation, "*Detering the Undeterrable: The Theory and Practice of Coercing Terrorists*" investigates the feasibility and practicality of applying deterrence theory to counterterrorism. In October 2008, Alex began a two-year post-doctoral fellowship with the Trans-Atlantic Post-Doc Fellowship for International Relations and Security (TAPIR), a German-based initiative that gives young scholars the opportunity to conduct research at a number of internationally-renowned think tanks in Europe and the United States. Since then, Alex has joined the Center for Security Studies ([http://www.css.ethz.ch/index\\_EN](http://www.css.ethz.ch/index_EN)) at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) in Zurich, Switzerland as a Senior Researcher. Over the coming year, Alex will be organizing an international conference, to be held at the ETH-Zurich, and

preparing a manuscript and edited volume on the topic of deterring terrorism. His other research interests include the study of international relations theory, international and homegrown terrorism, counterinsurgency, radicalization, and Canadian foreign & defence policy. A sample of his work appears on-line at the International Relations and Security Network (<http://www.isn.ethz.ch/isn/>).

## News from The Centre for Foreign Policy Studies

By Shelly Whitman



Shelly Whitman

In August of 2008, Dr. Shelly Whitman took over as Deputy Director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies with Dr. David Black as Director. In addition, we now have a new Administrator for the Centre, Ms. Shannon Langton.

This academic year the Centre undertook many new and exciting initiatives. Our seminar series hosted a wide range of speakers and topics that included the following highlights: Major James Scott Taylor, *"The Importance of Afghanistan and Pakistan to the Global Jihad"*; Dr. Claire Turenne-Sjolander, *"Myths of Good International Citizens, Protectors, and the War in Afghanistan"*; Dr. John Kirk, *"Canada-Cuba Relations,"*; Todd Diamond, *"the Business of Development,"*; Dr. Gerald

Caplan, *"In honour of Walter Rodney: How the Rich World Impoverishes Africa"*; Ambassador David Hutchings, *"A Career Without Borders"*; Dr. Jerome Davis, *"the Axis of Diese,"*; David Mugridge, *"International Maritime Security – Malaise or Farce"*; Dr. Shelly Whitman, *"the DRC: An Analysis of the Kivu Crisis and why we fail to react"*; Lt.-Col Mike Rostek, *"Army 2040"*; Susan Thomson, *"Strategies of Everyday Resistance to the programme of National Unity and Reconciliation in post-genocide Rwanda"*; Dr. Frank Harvey, *"President Al-Gore and the 2003 Iraq War: A Counterfactual Test of Conventional "Wisdom"*; Brigadier General Denis Thomson, *"the Struggle for Kandahar: Canadian Soldiers Making a Difference in Afghanistan"*; Dr. Luke Ashworth, *"European Integration as Security"*; and Ambassador Joseph Caron, *"Roundtable Discussion on Canada and India"* and Lt. General Roméo Dallaire, *"Canada as Leading Middle Power and Child Soldiers"* which was held at the Rebecca Cohn to a sold-out crowd of 1,000.

Several major conferences and workshops were also held by CFPS:

- The 2008 Maritime Security Conference, "Breaking the Box: Making Strategic Choices for Maritime Security Needs in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century".
- A two-day Experts workshop for the Child Soldiers Initiative on the "Toolkit for Development".
- "North-America After 2008 Conference".

- "Afghanistan Town Hall Meeting" video-teleconference with the Canadian International Council.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Symposium on "Geopolitics and Global Governance".
- "Foreign Policy in Hard Times," Book Launch and Roundtable discussion.
- "Sexual Violence against Young People Living in Conflict Zones" two day workshop.
- The 2009 Maritime Security Conference, Interoperability: Achieving Maritime Security under the North American Free Trade Agreement".

Graduate Students of CFPS took part in a familiarization visit to CFB Gagetown for two days in November 2008. This opportunity allowed students to partake in the Combating Terrorism Unit's simulation exercises. Several graduate students also received funding from the Centre to support their travel to major conferences both nationally and internationally. The Centre is currently working on two major new proposals related to a new Peace Praxis Initiative as part of the Global Development and Security program and another related to the Maritime Security program. New partnerships have been forged with Children and Youth as Peace builders, the Child Soldiers Initiative, the All-Parliamentary Group on the Prevention of Genocide, and the Department of Management and Marine Affairs at Dalhousie.

Publications by the Centre included the quarterly publication of the *Canadian Naval Review* and *Broadsides the Online*

Discussion Forum which currently receives over 8,000 hits per month. In addition, the following books were published: *Breaking the Box: The Increasing Demands of Non-Combat Roles on Maritime Forces*, ed. Ken Hansen, *State-Society Relations in Uganda: the Search for Security, Development and State Legitimacy*, by Jordan Guthrie, *Marines: Is an Amphibious Capability Relevant for Canada?*, ed. Ann Griffiths and Ken Hansen, *Preventing*

*Incidents at Sea: The History of the INCSEA Concept*, by David F. Winkler. Forthcoming publications are: *The US Nuclear Strategy and Implications for Global Security*, ed. David McDonough, *Geopolitics vs. Global Governance: Reinventing International Security*, ed. Sabrina Hoque.

The Centre looks forward to the following upcoming events for 2009/2010: Darryl Copeland Book Launch on "Guerilla

Diplomacy", DFAIT's 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Event on "Canada and Multilateralism – Past, Present and Future", A two day workshop with the Network of Young People Affected by Armed Conflict led by Ishmael Beah author of *A Long Way Gone*, A major conference on the "Resource Curse," A workshop on "Re-imagining Canadian International Development Aid", the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Symposium and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian Navy.

## Honours Essays, Spring 2009

**Jamie Berezin** "*Morality, Irrationality, and Oppression: The Marketplace of Ideas and the Limits of Free Expression in Canada*" -- Supervisor Katherine Fierlbeck

**Andrew Christofi** "*We Cannot Make Law: Freedom of Expression Laws in England, 1660-1832*" -- Supervisor Jennifer Smith

**Catherine Crosbie** "*Is Canadian Federalism Economically Good for Newfoundland and Labrador?*" -- Supervisor Kristin Good

**Nadia Gibbons** "*The Politics of the Veil: A Critique of Assimilation: In Defence of French Muslim Girls' Choice*" -- Supervisor Florian Bail

**J. Matthew Gillis** "*Easy Money, Hard Fight: The Gains and Risks*

*Underlying Contemporary Maritime Piracy*" -- Supervisor Cdr. Kenneth Hansen

**James Grannan** "*The Canadian Intelligence Collection Gap: Strategic Blind-Spot or Moot Issue?*" -- Supervisor Brian Bow

**Brigid McCallum** "*EU Civilian Crisis Management: A vehicle for EU international actorness*" -- Supervisor Finn Larsen

**David Morgan** "*Poverty Reduction and National Autonomy: The Implications of Domestic Politics in Uganda*" -- Supervisor John Cameron

**Paula Mowat** "*Intellectual Property Rights, the Pharmaceutical Industry and International Public Health*" -- Supervisor David Black

**Allison O'Beirne** "*Crisis of Consensus: The Problems Posed by Canada's Constitutional Amending*

*Formula*" -- Supervisor Jennifer Smith

**Taayo Simmonds** "*Mining for a Majority: A Look at the Conservative Party of Canada's Ethnic Outreach Strategy*" -- Supervisor Louise Carbert

**Keith Stevens** "*A Prime Minister who will put you and your family first? The Prospects for an NDP Federal Government in Canada*" -- Supervisor Louise Carbert

**Rowan Weerdenburg** "*Rhetoric and the Long Road: Turkey's Bid for EU Membership*" -- Supervisor Finn Larsen

**Nicholas Winters** "*Counterinsurgency in the Philippines: The Hukbalahap Rebellion 1946-1954 and Lessons for Modern Conflict*" -- Supervisor Cdr. Kenneth Hansen





### Dalhousie University Alumni in Ottawa Inaugural Luncheon and Speaker Series

Join us for our inaugural Dal Alumni luncheon and speaker series. Thanks to a group of dedicated Dalhousie alumni volunteers within DND, we are pleased to launch what we hope will become an annual event in Ottawa!

**Friday, September 18, 2009**  
**Army Officer's Mess Hall – 149 Somerset St. W**  
**12:30 to 14:00**  
**Cost: \$20**

Guest speaker **The Honourable Peter MacKay** will share highlights of his own Dal experience and provide insight on Canada's future role in international affairs.

We will also profile the Glyn Berry Memorial Scholarship, as all proceeds from the luncheon will be directed to the scholarship.

Come out and join your colleagues for a fun and informative lunch!

To purchase tickets visit:  
[www.alumniandfriends.dal.ca/events](http://www.alumniandfriends.dal.ca/events)



#### About Glyn R. Berry

Originally from Britain, Glyn Berry came to Canada as a young man and joined the Canadian Foreign Service in 1977. He established himself as a leader who fought to protect civilians when their governments would not. In 1981, Glyn graduated from Dalhousie University with a PhD in Political Science.

As a senior diplomat with DFAIT, Glyn volunteered for duty in Afghanistan as Director for the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Kandahar. Tragically, he was killed in a terrorist attack in Afghanistan on January 15, 2006.



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## The Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholarship in International Policy Studies at Dalhousie University

### A Tribute

Glyn R. Berry was widely respected for his commitment to creating stability and peace in locations ravaged by strife, poverty, and hardship. To honour his memory, Dalhousie University, in partnership with the Department of Foreign

Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT), has established the Glyn Berry Memorial Scholarship in International Policy Studies.

This scholarship will support a graduate student specializing in Canadian foreign policy, defence and security policy, development assistance policy, or another area addressing Canada's role in international affairs.

The Glyn Berry Memorial Scholarship in International Policy Studies will ensure the

important work of dedicated humanitarians like Glyn Berry will continue for generations to come.

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A ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

# GUERRILLA DIPLOMACY

FEATURING GUEST SPEAKERS

**DARYL COPELAND**  
 DIPLOMAT AND AUTHOR OF GUERRILLA DIPLOMACY

**DR. SUSAN THOMSON**  
 OFPS RESEARCH FELLOW

**DR. BRIAN BOW**  
 FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND OFPS

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 6-7:45 pm - Discussion  
 7:45 - 9:00 pm - Reception and book signing  
 Copies of GUERRILLA DIPLOMACY available for sale  
**FREE ADMISSION**

## Seminar Series and Job Talks

By Robert Finbow and Kristin Good

Dr. Ruben Zaoiti, Post Doctoral Fellow, CERES, University of Toronto, *"Of Friends and Fences: the European Union's Neighbourhood Policy and the 'Gated Community Syndrome'"*, Tuesday, November 2, 2008

Dr. William Bain, Senior Lecturer in International Political Theory, Department of International Politics, University of Wales, Aberystwyth. *"Theorising the Responsibility to Rebuild: The Reason of Nature, the Convention of Interest, and the Ways of Human Dignity"* Thursday, November 13, 2008

Dr. Jeff MacLeod, Assistant Professor, Political and Canadian Studies Department, Mount Saint Vincent University, Halifax. *"Art, Language, and Leadership: Imagery as Constitutive of Political Action"* Friday, November 14, 2008,

Dr. Ben Zyla, Assistant Professor, University of Ottawa, *"Canada and the Atlantic Alliance from 1989-2008: More NATO than NATO?"* Friday, November 28, 2008

Dr. Shane Mulligan, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Waterloo *"On the Recent History of a Few Ideas: Energy, Environment, Security"*, Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Mr. Graeme Auld, Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Yale University *"Reversal of Fortune: How Early Choices Can Alter the Logic of Market-based Authority"*, Friday, January 23, 2009

Mr. Ted Rutland, PhD Candidate, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia, Vancouver. *"The Origins of Halifax's 'Growth Machine': Post-WWII politics and some challenges for theory"* Friday, February 13, 2009

## Focus on Student Excellence:

Allison O'Bierne and the Parliamentary Internship Programme



Allison O'Bierne

The department would like to congratulate Allison O'Beirne whose application to the Parliamentary Internship

Programme (PIP) was successful in this year's competition. PIP is one of two national internship programmes that the Canadian Political Science Association oversees (the other is the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme). Both programmes select interns from a pool of applications country-wide. Every year, PIP selects 10 exceptional

young professionals from a variety of educational (disciplinary) backgrounds. The interns have the opportunity to observe and participate in the Parliamentary process by working with Members of Parliament from both the Government and Opposition benches as well as have access to prominent Canadian journalists, members of the diplomatic community and leaders in the public and private sectors. They also embark upon "comparative study tours" to other legislatures in Canada and around the world. Allison will begin her internship in September 2009.

Allison wants to pursue further studies in political science (she plans to do an MA in political science after her degree) and eventually would like to find a career in some aspect of Canadian political life. We interviewed Allison to ask what she hopes to learn as an intern. Allison is "intrigued by the day-

to-day work that needs to be done by Members and by the staff that surround them" and hopes "to learn more about the impact of committee work" on the parliamentary process. In addition, she looks forward to meeting prominent Canadians and views the internship as "an incredible opportunity to learn about the different careers that are open to political science students" such as herself. A political science education can lead to many exciting careers. The Parliamentary Internship Programme is a great way for political science students to gain valuable hands-on experience in the Canadian political process, to make contacts in Ottawa after finishing a political science degree at Dalhousie and to meet other young professionals with a passion for political life. The department congratulates Allison on her success in the highly competitive PIP process and wishes her all the success in her future endeavors.

# Faculty News

**PETER ARTHUR** enjoyed a well-earned sabbatical in which he travelled to Ghana for research on democratic consolidation and public policy. 3 research projects are close to publication, including "Democratic Consolidation in Ghana: the role and contribution of civil society and the media", "Ethnicity and Electoral Politics in Ghana's Fourth Republic" and "Formalizing and Enhancing the Contributions to Ghana's formal sector through Regulatory and Taxation reforms".

**PETER AUCOIN** is serving as Director, Institute for Research on Public Policy and Chair of its Research Committee. He is Senior Academic Fellow, Canada School of Public Service. He published articles on "New Public Management and New Public Governance: Finding the Balance," and "The Politics-Administration Dichotomy: Democracy versus Bureaucracy?". He continued with his advisory roles for government agencies, including the Canadian Council of Academies, Expert Panel on Business, Finance and Management Research, for SSHRC and the Canadian Public Service Agency advisory committee on branding of public service.

**DAVID BLACK** took over as Centre Director and served as President of the Canadian section of the International Studies Association. He is also Member of Advisory Board, "Canada's World" Citizens' Dialogue Initiative. He published "Does Politics Stop at the Water's Edge? Party and Partisanship in Canadian

*Foreign Policy*" co-authored with Brian Bow for a special section of *International Journal* which he also co-edited. He also published "Darfur's Challenge to International Society." Co-authored with Paul D. Williams; "Human security debates in North America" co-authored with Larry Swatuk, and "Dreaming Big: The Pursuit of Second Order Games a Strategic Response to Globalisation."

**BRIAN BOW's** new book "The Politics of Linkage: Power, Interdependence and Ideas in Canada-US Relations," is now available from UBC Press. He was coeditor of a Special section of *International Journal*, on "Parties and Partisanship in Canadian Foreign Policy," and also co-authored the introductory article, "Does Politics Stop at the Water's Edge in Canada?" with David Black, and contributed a single-author article, "Parties and Partisanship in Canadian Defence Policy" He was organizer and panelist at the roundtable on "Foreign Policy in Hard Times", sponsored by Canada International Council, hosted by the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, March 9, 2009. Brian was also the organizer of the workshop on "North America after 2008," co-sponsored by the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies and the Consulate General of the United States (Atlantic Region) in Halifax, on November 7, 2008.

**LOUISE CARBERT** published articles entitled "Are cities more congenial? Tracking the rural deficit of women in the House of Commons" in Sylvia Bashevkin (ed.) "Opening doors wider: Women's political engagement in Canada" (Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press), 70-92. and "Senate Reform: What Does Bill C-20

*Mean for Women?"* in Jennifer Smith (ed.) "The democratic dilemma: Reforming the Canadian Senate" (Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press), 153-163. She also published an opinion piece on Senate with Naomi Black "Wanted: Our missing Senators" in the "Ottawa Hill-Times". Louise also did several media events this year, the most interesting of which was Andrew Krystal Talk Radio.

**JEROME DAVIS** published articles on "Natural Gas and EU Energy Security: Russian-EU Co-dependency?" and "Canadian Offshore Oil and Natural Gas and European Energy Diversification: Towards a New Perspective?". He gave numerous invited presentations and conference papers on offshore energy issues. Jerry also gave a very popular seminar to the Centre on "The Axis of Diesel: A Crude Leveraging of Foreign Policy Revisionist Goals?" He was a frequent guest on the CBC morning show on energy policy, gas price regulation and volatile oil prices.

**ROBERT FINBOW's** work as Chair absorbed most of his energies. But he completed a chapter on Halifax for the MCRI on Public Policy in Municipalities, and researched a companion historical piece on the contemporary effects of past infrastructure decisions on city configuration and governance. He also travelled to Europe, funded by the EUCE, for research on the labour dimension of the European Union for a chapter on a "Comparison of the Labour relations dimensions of regional trading systems in Europe and North America", reflecting on his previous research in the *Limits*

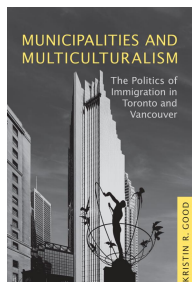


of *Regionalism: NAFTA's Labour Accord*.

**KATHERINE FIERLBECK**

published the second edition of *"Globalizing Democracy"* with Manchester University Press. She has completed articles on *"Public Health and Collaborative Governance"* for Canadian Public Administration, and *"The Dialectics of Law and Politics": Federal health Policy in Canada and the EU* for an Ashgate text on *the European Union and Federalism*.

**KRISTIN GOOD** published her book *"Municipalities and Multiculturalism: the Politics of Immigration in Toronto and Vancouver"* with the University of Toronto Press. The book has



been described as "an important examination of the differing diversity management methods in Canadian cities, and

ultimately contributes to debates concerning the roles that municipal governments should play within Canada's political system". Kristin also received a SSHRC Standard Research Grant (\$86,112) in April for her next project entitled "The Politics and Governance of Immigration and Multiculturalism (PGIM) in Canadian Cities".

**FRANK HARVEY** currently holds a Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute Senior Research Fellowship as well as an SSHRC grant. He published *"President Al Gore and the 2003 Iraq War: A Counterfactual Critique of Conventional Wisdom"* with the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute in Calgary, Alberta ;

these research findings were covered by the *National Post*. He also published *"Deterrence in Iraq, 1991-2003"* in T.V. Paul and James Wirtz (eds) *New Approaches in Deterrence Theory and Strategy*; and *Future Security Environments 2025 -- Silver Dart: Canadian aerospace studies*, volume 5 ..Centre for Defence and Security Studies, University of Manitoba, 2009. He served on adjudication committees for the SSHRC and Security and Defence Forum Graduate scholarships.

**FINN LAURSEN** published *"The (Reform) Treaty of Lisbon: What's in it? How Significant?"* in the Jean Monnet/Robert Schuman Paper Series. He edited *"The EU in the Global Political Economy"* for PIE Peter Lang of Brussels and *"The EU as a Foreign and Security Policy Actor"* for Republic of Letters Publishing, contributing chapters to each collection. He gave numerous talks and papers to conferences on the Lisbon Treaty and other European Union developments, including EU-Canada relations. In addition to his tireless work with Dalhousie's EUCE, which is currently reapplying for EU support, he also serves on the Boards of ECSA-Canada, Centre Internationale de Formation Europeenne, and Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales.

**DAN MIDDLEMISS** published an editorial piece on *"A Recrudescence of the Canadian Navy?"* in the *Canadian Naval Review*. He gave testimony on Arctic sovereignty to the House of Commons Standing Committee on National Defence. He also remains active as a commentator on defence and security issues with both, print and electronic media.

**TIM SHAW** hosted ACUNS AGM #22, on *'Small, Middle & Emerging Powers in the UN System'* with Patti Goff of WLU and coedited with Andrew F Cooper *"The Diplomacies of Small States: between vulnerability and resilience"* (London: Palgrave Macmillan for CIGI, 2009). New coauthored chapters in Reuveny & Thompson (eds) *"North & South in the World Political Economy"* (Routledge, 2008) & Mac Ginty & Richmond (eds) *"The Liberal Peace and Post-war Reconstruction"* (Routledge, 2009). Tim was also active in the summity which descended on Trinidad in 2009, with the back to back summits of the Americas and Commonwealth, and returned briefly to Dalhousie University for the EUCE Research Conference on *"The EU in Comparative Perspective"* to present on *"New Regionalisms Post-EPAs: what prospect for sustainable development in Africa and the Caribbean?"*

**JENNIFER SMITH** edited *"The Democratic Dilemma: Reforming the Canadian Senate"* (Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2009). She also published articles on Canada's minority Parliament and the parliamentary crisis that unfolded in Ottawa at the end of 2008. Starting July 1st, she succeeds Professor Peter Aucoin in the Eric Dennis Memorial Professorship of Government and Political Science.

**DENIS STAIRS**, Professor Emeritus, gave lectures at the Canadian Forces College and attended some "semi-exotic" conferences. For instance, in April he attended a conference in Brussels sponsored jointly by



the European Science Foundation and the Institut français d'analyse stratégique devoted to "The Intangibles of Security" Denis also writes in typical self-deprecating fashion: "There might be some amusement in the thought that I received the "A. Gordon Archibald Alumni of the Year Award". (Looks like the work of the selection committee is in need of some "quality control"!)"

**LORI TURNBULL** was hired by the Oliphant Commission which examined the alleged business dealings between Karl-Heinz Schreiber and former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, to

research comparative regulations on employment relationships for former government officials. She produced "*Regulations on Post-Public Employment: A Comparative Analysis*", a 60 page report for the commission. She has just finished an article on the Nova Scotia 2009 provincial election which will be published in September in the *Canadian Political Science Review*. She gave a keynote talk to Fair Vote Nova Scotia in January.

**GILBERT WINHAM**, Professor Emeritus, has never understood the concept of "retirement". He

published articles in the past year in various collections on themes like "The Doha Round and Its Impact on the WTO" ; "The Evolution of the Global Trade Regime; "International Law, Dispute Settlement, and Autonomy" (with Guy Gensey) and "The GMO Panel: Applications of WTO Law to Trade in Agricultural Biotech Products". He is now Chair of the Board of Directors of the North-South institute and continues to give training sessions for government officials in the developing world. Gil also gave several lectures on NAFTA and trade issues.



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