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Chair's message 2010



Robert G. Finbow

It has been another busy and exciting year for the department. The Chair and faculty worked hard on our periodic unit review, and submitted a lengthy report outlining our accomplishments and needs. With the arrival of a new Dean (and soon a new Provost) and with a faculty review also complete, this will be a time of considerable change, for which the department remains well prepared.

We were pleased to have the reviewers confirm our “excellent reputation for research productivity and teaching” and our “strong faculty with a high level of research and publication productivity” and “deeply rooted tradition of internal collegiality”. We look forward to implementing their positive suggestions on curriculum reforms, workloads, graduate programs and

department governance. We invite suggestions on communications strategies, website improvements etc. to facilitate interactions with our alumni and students.

In conjunction with the review process we began a review and revision of curriculum and workloads. The goals are to bring teaching loads in line with other research institutions, and create more dedicated classes for honours and graduate students. Katherine Fierlbeck has coordinated with faculty representatives in our four subfields to produce a plan to guide modernization of the curriculum. We will be adding exciting new courses from next year on contemporary themes like Climate Politics, Sex, Race and Terror, Contemporary Security, and Sex, Gender and Politics.

This will be an exciting time for the department as we welcome 3 new colleagues in July, the most in decades to join the department at one time. We hired two new faculty members in interviews this year. They will join Ruben Zaiotti, hired last year in international relations and European foreign policy, who is joining us after completing his post-doctoral fellowship.

We hired Anders Hayden to teach environmental politics. His research and teaching interests cover environmental politics and policy, climate change and society, the ecological impact of work hours, and political economy. He can also provide courses on statistics (multi-variant analysis) and social science methods. He is joining us after completing a research position in a project on "Allocating Canadian greenhouse gas emission reductions amongst sources and provinces". With interest in the environment rising, and the opening of the new College of Sustainability at Dalhousie, this is a great time to be joined by such a talented individual.

Margaret Denike also joins us in July. She is a specialist in contemporary political theory, feminist theory and gender politics. Her research fields include theories of human rights; feminist philosophies and political activism; constitutional equality jurisprudence; state-sanctioned discrimination and persecution; terrorism and security; discourses of evil; and the human rights of sexual minorities. She fills teaching needs in theory and gender politics and will facilitate collaborations in human rights and law and society. She was instrumental in creating the popular human rights program at Carleton and will bring these new energies to our department.

On the other side of the coin, we will be saying goodbye to Jerry Davis, CRC in Oil and Gas, who will be retiring to Denmark in July to rejoin his wife, Lee, after enduring years of separation to the benefit of the department. Jerry has brought valuable research directions, student supervisions and tremendous sociability to our department. His humorous stories

and mealtime companionship will be missed by all, as will his witty seminars, such as "Axis of Diesel".

The department gathered to salute Peter Aucoin, who retired last summer. In addition, a two day symposium was held, honouring his contributions to the study of Canadian politics and public administration. Entitled *From 'New Public Management' to 'New Political Governance'* the event brought eminent scholars to Dalhousie, who spoke about diverse elements of Peter's productive career on public administration, public management reforms, electoral systems and accountability, democracy and the New Political Governance.

Our younger faculty colleagues continued to uphold the department's traditions of scholarly excellence. Brian Bow won the prestigious Donner prize for his book on *The Politics of Linkage: Power, Interdependence, and Ideas in Canada-US Relations*. Brian also was Fulbright Visiting Research Chair, Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars, Washington DC. And, along with co-editor Patrick Lennox (formerly a post-doctoral fellow here), Brian received the honour of having *An Independent Foreign Policy for Canada*, chosen as one of *Embassy Magazine's* Top 20 Most Influential books.

Kristin Good's book, *Municipalities and Multiculturalism: The Politics of Immigration in Toronto and Vancouver*, was nominated for two CPSA prizes. She won the 2010 Donald Smiley Prize for the best English-language book in Canadian politics. Frank Harvey finished 8th of 80+ applications in the SSHRC competition and received a course

release under FASS's new reward policy for research excellence.

Louise Carbert has departed on a well-deserved sabbatical after completing an extended term as graduate coordinator. All colleagues appreciate her hard work in this challenging task. Frank Harvey will be replacing her in July after guiding the honours program for several years. Peter Arthur will begin his term as honours coordinator this summer. Lori Turnbull continues her excellent work as undergraduate advisor.

The Centre for Foreign Policy Studies has played a major role in energizing research among faculty and students. It hosted a major conference to mark the Canadian Navy's centennial and held events to celebrate the Centre's connections with the Department of Foreign Affairs. In the first of proposed annual events to support the Glynn Berry memorial scholarship fund, a book launch was held for *Guerilla Diplomacy* by Darryl Copeland.

Lead by Dave Black as Director and Shelly Whitman as Deputy Director, the Centre is expanding its interests, connections, funding and staffing as part of the Child Soldier's Initiative. The Centre hosted General (now Senator) Romeo Dallaire at a meeting with Dalhousie administrators to boost institutional support for this valuable initiative.

Student organizations, both graduate and undergraduate also remained energetic in providing social and educational outlets for students. We were lucky to have strong leaders in both groups to run the excellent graduate symposium and continue the

undergraduate publication, *The Podium*.

The Chair is also departing on sabbatical and leaving the department in Jennifer's Smith's capable hands. She will be supported by our excellent collegial staff, lead by Karen Watts and Shannon Langton. The department appreciates the high quality professional work done by staff who remain vital to our success. (We also salute Karen who became a Canadian citizen in the fall!)

An exciting year of change is ahead with new curriculum and faculty members. As always, your donations to the alumni fund helped us sustain scholarships through market uncertainty, fund student organizations, and attract visiting speakers. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to your comments and suggestions in the coming months.

Interview with Dr. Jerome Davis



Jerome Davis

What did you study in college and where?

Living in Japan, I could not visit US college/university campuses and therefore picked my college by accepting the first one which accepted me. I was a history major at Oberlin College, but, rejected

graduate studies in European history (despite some attractive offers), and switched to economics (MA degree) and political science (PhD) in my studies at the School of Advanced International Studies, the Johns Hopkins University.

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

When I was 22 I had decided that whatever I was going to do, I would not (1) be a university professor (by definition a useless profession) or (2) have anything to do with oil (Davis "pater" was a CEO of a large oil company, once 33rd largest in the Fortune 500). I decided on political science through (1) abandoning history (good only for teaching) and (2) reacting to a period of disappointment as an economic analyst at the US Department of Agriculture and the Brookings Institute. Avoiding the rice paddies of Vietnam was also a strong inducement for continuing toward a Ph.D. Despite writing a dissertation on the Trudeau's Canadian NATO review, I "fell" into the field of international political economy (IPE) through my position at the Institute of Political Science, Aarhus University.

How did you come to be hired at Dalhousie University? What was it like adjusting to life in Maritime Canada?

A chance e-mail from an anonymous source awakened me to the opportunities at Dalhousie. I checked with some Canadians as to whether non Canadians would be considered, and more or less on a whim called Denis Stairs. I found Atlantic Canadians suspiciously friendly. (Danes do not greet people they do not know, much less do they discuss the weather with them). Adjusting to life here

was no problem after a life lived in Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, the US, England and Denmark.

What was it like teaching here? What were the pedagogical tools and trends compared to other universities you have worked at?

I have taught at five different universities, three of them in Denmark. I enjoyed the degree of freedom which is allowed teachers here. It is expected that teachers know what they are doing and should get on with their work. It is not like that in Denmark where an enormous bureaucracy tells you what to do and in detail. There is trust in Dal dons which I really like. The pedagogical tools used at Dal are more primitive than those of better endowed Danish universities (such as the Copenhagen Business School). Danish students are probably taught at a somewhat more advanced level than is the case for Dal students. Danes also select their majors in their first year and are consequently more interested in their courses. (There is little liberal arts teaching per se in Denmark and fewer, better qualified, Danes go to university). But the better Canadian students are easily the equal of the best Danes.

What interests were foremost in your dealings with students and researchers? How well supported were researchers with funding and university support?

I like a smoothly functioning department and am willing to "go the extra mile" to contribute my share. I like students, but feel that to do my job I should demand a lot from them (i.e. I cannot be their "friend"). I do enjoy experimenting in my courses with new topics, new approaches, interactive teaching

etc. With regard to research support, I have enjoyed good support from my CRC grant, but have felt somewhat isolated as there is no academic in the Halifax area who shares my research interests.

You had many research interests over your career in political economy, game theory, offshore energy etc. What inspired you to focus on particular topics and themes in your research?

I have been incredibly lucky. I got into the field of IPE purely by accident. I was hired to teach Danish students what was then called “imperialism theory.” Given that my opinion of Karl Marx was that of he was a “minor post-Ricardian” economist, this led to some interesting interchanges between myself and the Danish graduate students (who were all older than their teacher and well versed in *Das Kapital* and *Grundrisse* in the original German if you please). This led circuitously to a Ford fellowship at the Royal Institute of International Affairs and a (short) period of cooperation with Bob Keohane, Joe Nye, Susan Strange, and John Ikenberry. It also led to my being involved in the oil and gas developments in the Danish North Sea. To be in IPE in those days meant you had to have a specialty. Susan Strange picked monetary affairs. I picked oil and gas. This choice led to my being hired as a consultant by the Danish Oil and Natural Gas Company and later by the Danish government. At issue were the negotiation of a 3.5 trillion cubic foot gas contract (game theory helped here) and revision of the Danish offshore licensing system (analysis of compensation schemes and alternative licensing options), some very controversial issues at the

time. More or less as a reward for a job well done, I was appointed to a professorial chair in public economics at Roskilde University. This enabled me to branch out into entirely different fields. I continued however to work as a consultant in oil and gas affairs with a series of clients (the Greenland Home Rule Government, Credit Suisse, Marathon Oil, the Norwegian Research Council) in a wide variety of projects (including one envisioning the sale of Greenland glacier melt to Saudi Arabia and another on “stone fishing” in the inner Danish waters- the major source of medieval building materials in Denmark). While I have been at Roskilde for 20 years, this stay was broken up by appointments at Oxford University (one year), Copenhagen Business School (four yours), and the European Universities Institute in Florence. This varied background has allowed me to pursue puzzles which I thought interesting and, challenging, As a result all my career I have had fun and been paid for it!

What were the principle rewards (and frustrations) of working at Dalhousie University?

I have really enjoyed the latitude afforded CRCs research-wise. Teaching has been fun, particularly as I could experiment with my classes (generally with positive results). I have felt a little frustrated by a lack of scientific dialogue with my colleagues in the department and would like to have seen a more socially inclined department. Finally, being separated from my wife, Lee, for the better part of seven years was hard.

Do you have any particularly positive (negative?) or amusing

recollections from your years at Dalhousie?

Two amusing experiences: First an interchange with an oil executive as to what my position involved– “Oh, you are here to take care of the environmentalists!” Secondly, at my first meeting of the Oil Research Committee (a high powered Dal committee in 2003!), I waxed lyrical as to what could be done with my CRC position, how we could build a leading oil and gas policy research institution (this in fact would be relatively easy, given the nature of the competition). The only comment which I received was that I erroneously had pronounced “Newfoundland” the way it was spelled! Hello Nova Scotia!

What will you miss most about your academic career at Dalhousie University?

Everything, with the exception of not having Lee here in Halifax these last seven years.

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

Hmm. I’ve a project with the Oxford Institute of Energy Studies dealing with natural gas security in Europe. I’ve a book contract with Routledge to write a book about the political economy of natural gas, and am preparing a proposal for Palgrave. I am a member of the Center for Emerging Economies at Copenhagen Business School and will be working on a project dealing with economic oligarchies. I will be emeritus at Roskilde University and will be involved in consulting with regard to the designing and

planning energy efficient solutions for Danish county planners. I am co-authoring a series of articles on such topics as the offshore Atlantic accords (with Jennifer Smith), crude oil price volatility (with Thomas Trappenberg at the Dal School of Computer Science), the effect of inducement prizes on innovation, the significance of "leisure time invention" (with Lee), the economics of salvage contracts, and the pricing of IPOs (with a game theoretician buddy from Copenhagen U). In Denmark I have the offer of two offices and a carrel at the Royal Library. Finally, (and

most importantly!) I will be a member of the Center for Foreign Policy Studies here at Dal. And, oh, I may be teaching a bit on the side. I definitely do not intend to be bored.

Thank you for answering (and also for your years of service to the Department). Please feel free to add anything you think might be of interest to our alumni and friends.

For the last couple of years, I have been concerned about the future of our department as one leading researcher after the other went on

retirement: Denis, Gil, David, Bob, Peter. I am no longer concerned. The prizes and other rewards bestowed on the next academic generation are a strong indication that the Dal PoliSci department will continue to occupy its rightful place among the leading Canadian departments in its field.

I should like to thank my colleagues, my students, Karen, and Shannon for enabling a delightful end to an academic career! It has truly been an enjoyable experience. I shall miss you all.

Honours Essays – Spring 2010

Sophie Chiasson:

The (Im)possibility of solidarism as a viable theoretical framework for individual security – Supervisor David Black

Jennifer Chisholm:

Public-Private Partnerships and Provision of Water Services in the Global South: The Impact on Access in the cases of Cochabamba, Bolivia and Nelspruit, South Africa – Supervisor David Black

Braedon Clark:

A Problem of Priorities: Assessing Electoral Reform Options for Canada – Supervisor Jennifer Smith

Daniel Girard:

Like moths to a flame? Explaining the rise (and fall) of federal "urban agendas" in Canada since the late 1960's – Supervisor Kristin Good

Simon McCamus:

Finding the Roots: Political Barriers limiting Aboriginal Educational

Outcomes in Canada – Supervisor Katherine Fierlbeck

Britany Ostridge:

Are government efforts to improve the unemployment rate in Atlantic Canada doomed to fail? The perpetuation of unemployment rates and regional disparities within Atlantic Canada – Supervisor Lori Turnbull

Blake Prendergast:

The Betrayal of Hope: the Failure of the UN to Protect the People in Darfur – Supervisor Florian Bail

Julia Reis:

Conservation Alliances with Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon: How Culture and History Determine the Fate of a Conservation Regime – Supervisor Frank Harvey

Brittany Sullivan:

Who Controls Language Policy in New Brunswick? – Supervisor Lori Turnbull

Graduate Student Symposium

By Byron Peacock



Byron Peacock

The Symposium Organizing Committee of the Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science (DGSPS), with the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, was pleased to stage the Fifth Annual Graduate Student Symposium on March 5th & 6th. Over the course of the symposium weekend, keynotes, grad student presenters, faculty, discussants, and other participants debated a range of topics related to the symposium theme: "The Death of the New World Order? Global Power and (In) Security After the Crisis." Our aim was to better understand how, or if, the global crisis that originated with the

collapse of several major Wall Street institutions might change the world political order. In an era when policymakers and academics alike are increasingly identifying links between economic and 'human' security and traditional security paradigms, we thought that the financial-turned-socioeconomic crisis might present challenges or changes to current structures (both formal and otherwise) of power and influence in world politics. We were interested in how institutions such as the 'Washington Consensus,' the 'Right to Protect,' and regional integration (e.g. the European Monetary Union) might be inalterably modified or replaced in the wake of economic and civil meltdown in many areas of the world. We also wanted to consider the role of Canada in this new world, if indeed there was such a thing. With these questions in mind, we were fortunate to enjoy keynote addresses from Professor Kim Nossal of Queen's University and Professor Tim Shaw, a former Dalhousie Prof who is currently at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad and Tobago. Professor Nossal cast doubt on the extent of change that would result from the crisis and provided a broad and critical conception of the notion of 'world orders.'



Prof. Kim Nossal

Professor Shaw, on the other hand, analyzed a world which was highly interdependent and linked through processes of political, economic,

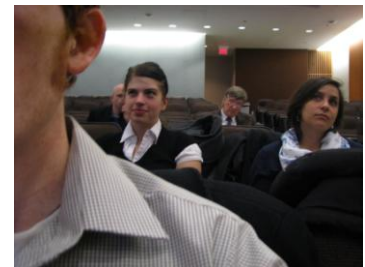
social, and cultural interchange. Both of these international experts, though they diverged in their treatment of the topic, were highly engaging and involved themselves proactively beyond their individual addresses, including meaningful interactions and critical feedback with the admiring symposium participants. The Organizing Committee remains very grateful for their stimulating additions to the proceedings.



Prof. Tim Shaw

Over the remaining five sessions, we enjoyed 13 presentations from 14 grad students and recent PhDs from around Canada and the Caribbean. These presenters came from the Royal Military College, Concordia University, McMaster University, York University, Queen's University, the University of Guelph, Carleton University, the University of the West Indies, Brock University, and our own Dalhousie University. In addition to those presentations which directly addressed the ostensibly changing dynamics of the world political order, the topics ranged from the moral hazard of private military contractors to the effects of seed patenting on peasants in developing economies. Each of the sessions was moderated by leading lights from the political science department and the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies; we are particularly grateful to Professors David Black, Frank Harvey, Robert Finbow, Gilbert Winham, Cdr.

Kenneth Hansen, and Sean Clark in this regard. The sessions were also staffed by discussants from among the Organizing Committee including Elliot Bridgewater, John Mitton, Rebecca Sewell, Steve Scannell, Amanda Hester, Alicia Swinamer, and Tony Bislimi. Generous support was provided for the symposium which allowed us to bring in our keynotes, provide travel subsidies for presenters, and have a number of socializing and networking occasions over the course of the weekend; for this support and success we owe a debt of gratitude to the Security and Defence Forum of the Department of National Defence, the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, the political science department, the Faculty of Graduate Studies, and the President's Office of the University. Finally, our utmost thanks must go to Shannon Langton, Shelly Whitman, and Karen Watts, who, at various times, provided invaluable advice, helped us schedule, arrange, publicize, and generally stepped us through some of the trickier parts of such an undertaking.



Students at the Symposium

The Organizing Committee received generous and positive feedback from our symposium participants (including having the 'greenest' symposium!) and on the back of such sentiments, we trust that the DGSPS and the Centre will continue to attract quality graduate research to Dalhousie, Halifax, and the annual symposia for years to come.

Undergraduate Student Society News

By Jennifer Chisholm, DUPSS President 2009-2010



DUPSS members at the taping

The 2009-2010 academic year was both busy and exciting for the Dalhousie Undergrad

uate Political Science Society (DUPSS). This year, DUPSS hosted a number of academic and social events. The society also participated in various Dalhousie Arts and Social Sciences Society (DASSS) activities, strengthening our relationship with other active Arts societies on campus. The year would not have been the success that it was without the continued enthusiasm and efforts of such a dedicated group of society members. Our weekly meetings, held in the Political Science lounge, served as a time to plan our events and engage in discussion. Attendance at our meetings continued to grow throughout the year and turn-out was better than ever!

In the fall term, DUPSS hosted a successful Faculty Appreciation Wine and Cheese event in the Lord Dalhousie Room. This event was well-attended by students and faculty and was a great start to the year for our society. Many thanks are extended to all of the professors who were able to attend this event, and to all of those in the department who have been so supportive of DUPSS throughout the entire year. The society also hosted a number of "Poli Beer" get-togethers and participated in other social events including the TD Shoreline Clean-Up, DASSS Fall Ball and DASSS Wake-Up Crawl. This year, the society hosted two engaging guest speakers. In February, Halifax Citadel-Sable Island MLA, Leonard Preyra, spoke on campus about his transition from Political Science professor to politician. We also had the opportunity to host Megan Leslie, MP for Halifax, who discussed youth engagement in politics with DUPSS. As a society, we were fortunate enough to attend two live tapings of the television show *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*, which drew a lot of interest from students and was enjoyed by everyone in attendance.

One of the highlights for the society was the publication of our undergraduate journal, *The Podium*. This edition of the journal featured papers from seven Dalhousie Political Science students. The production of this journal would not have been possible without all of the time and effort from those involved with the organization, selection and editing of the journal. In celebration of the publication, DUPSS hosted a Podium Launch Party to congratulate our authors on their accomplishments and to distribute copies of the journal.

On behalf of the society, I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank Professor Lori Turnbull, Karen Watts and Shannon Langton for their continued assistance and support for DUPSS this year.

Looking back on the 2009-2010 year, I cannot say enough about the wonderful Executive, Year Representatives and society members that I have had the pleasure of working with. Being involved with DUPSS for the past two years has been part of a very positive experience at Dalhousie. I know that the society will continue to grow and will accomplish great things next year under the new executive!

Graduate Student Society News

By Lauren Moslow

This has been a very busy year for the Graduate Society, which has held numerous academic and social events. In March the Society hosted the 5th Annual Graduate Political Science Student Symposium. The theme of this year's symposium was "The Death of the New World

Order? Global Power and (In)Security after the Crisis". We were privileged to have two excellent keynote speakers - Professor Kim Nossal of Queen's University and Professor Timothy Shaw of the University of the West Indies. Graduate students from all over North and South America attended our Symposium speaking on a wide variety of topics ranging from regional trade and ecological decay to peacekeeping and nuclear proliferation. Coordinated by Byron

Peacock and Elliot Bridgewater, the Symposium was well attended by undergrads and graduate students, faculty members and the general public. Two of our own graduate students, Elliot Bridgewater and Lauren Moslow, presented papers at the Symposium, which will be published in August in the annual Symposium Journal.

This year the society has endeavored to foster professional,

academic, and social exchanges on campus and within the broader community of Halifax. One way in which we achieved this was by promoting the Graduate program at Dalhousie and Graduate studies in general, during the fall and winter Career Fairs held on campus. Our members, Cameron McKay, Lauren Moslow and Matthew Gillis, also contributed to editing and compiling "Podium" the Undergraduate Journal of Political Science. Social events were also a big part of society life this year. Our events included pub nights, potlucks, BBQ's, picnics and bowling. These events were a source of much lively academic debate and excitement and of course Free Beer!



DGSPS members at a social event

We would like to thank the Faculty and Staff of the Department of Political Science for a fantastic year and their continuing support of our development as both academics and individuals. Your hard work and commitment to excellence have enriched our university experience.

Prize Winning Scholarship:

Two of our colleagues were honored with prestigious book prizes for their recent publications. The department joins in congratulating these two fine young scholars who have already

made such substantial contributions to our discipline.

Kristin R. Good, Municipalities and Multiculturalism: The Politics of Immigration in Toronto and Vancouver. Toronto, University of Toronto Press.



Kristin Good

Kristin Good took the Canadian Political Science Association's Donald Smiley Prize for best English language book. The adjudication committee cited the book as follows:

"This book will contribute to a renewal of urban policy studies in Canada. By combining a critical questioning of multiculturalism with an in-depth examination of integration and accommodation policies in eight communities in two major Canadian metropolitan areas, Kristin Good establishes the basis for a new field of research and reflection, one in which generally accepted ideas on local democracy, skill sharing and social change are shattered. Her approach relies on a well-developed theoretical framework that allows the author to reveal the profound effect of the demographic and cultural transformations that accompany mass immigration. The effective structure of this well-documented, well-written work predisposes it to be quickly embraced as a course textbook on

local politics, but will also find a wide readership among all who are interested in the question of immigration."

Brian Bow, The Politics of Linkage: Power, Interdependence, and Ideas in Canada-US Relations, Vancouver, University of British Columbia Press.

Brian Bow was awarded the \$35,000 Donner prize, an annual award for best book on Canadian public policy. The awarding jury commented as follows: "Offering detailed accounts of four major bilateral disputes, *The Politics of Linkage* traces a history of US - Canadian relations and the post-war diplomatic culture". Bow provides "a well organized and accessible analysis based on the bargaining theory of the history of the Canada-US relationship. The underlying research is sound, exhaustive and of exceptional quality... This book is of great importance not only for a better understanding of the exceptional history of Canada-United-States relationships but also to see the need to adapt Canadian negotiations strategies to the new and more complex context."



Brian Bow, author of *Politics of Linkage*, being presented with the 2009 Donner Prize. From left to right: Allan Gotlieb, Donner Canadian Foundation Chairman, Curtin Winsor III, Governor of the Donner Canadian Foundation, and Brian Bow.

Photo courtesy the Donner Foundation: <http://www.donnerbookprize.com/mdgassociates/en/index.htm>

Seminar Series & Job Talks

Dr. Margaret Denike, Associate Professor, Carleton University “*An Occasion for Political Theory: Polygamy and other Moral Panics*”, April 5, 2010

Dr. Thomas Flanagan, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Calgary, “*Beyond the Indian Act: Restoring Aboriginal Property Rights*”, March 29, 2010

Dr. Robert Young, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Multilevel Governance, University of Western Ontario, “*Large-scale Comparative Research (into Municipalities and Multilevel Governance) Practical Lessons and Preliminary Results*”, March 9, 2010

Dr. Katherine Fierlbeck, Professor, Department of Political Science, Dalhousie University, “*Gone With the Wind? The politics of health care reform in the United States*”, February 18, 2010

James Rowe, Senior Instructor, University of Victoria, “*The Ends of Capitalism: Profit, Growth, and Sustainable Economies*”, January 14, 2010

Anders Hayden, Research Associate, University of Toronto, “*When Green Growth is not Enough: Climate Change, Ecological Modernization and Sufficiency*”, January 6, 2010

Nenad Prokić, Serbian playwright, MP in the Serbian Parliament, “*Western East of Europe: The Integration of the Disintegrated*”, November 25, 2009 (Thanks to

Roberta Barker, Chair, Theatre Dept. for organizing this event).

Dr. William Cross, Professor and Bell Chair in Parliamentary Democracy, Department of Political Science, Carleton University, “*The Politics of Party Leadership Selection: The Westminster Cases*”, November 17, 2009

Dr. Jerome Davis, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Oil and Natural Gas Policy, Department of Political Science, Dalhousie University and Dr. Jennifer Smith, Professor and Eric Dennis Memorial Professor of Government and Political Science, Department of Political Science, Dalhousie University, “*The Atlantic Canadian Offshore Petroleum Regime: Is It Co-Management?*”, October 30, 2009

My experiences at Insight 2009

David Morgan, 2008 winner of James Aitchison Award



David Morgan

From May 27th to 30th 2009, undergraduate students from across Canada converged on Carleton University for the sixth annual National Undergraduate Students' Conference in

International Development, better known as Insight 2009. This conference ran alongside the annual Congress of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences. With funding from Dalhousie's Political Science

department, I attended both of these conferences. In the process, I participated in debates central to the field and gained valuable new perspectives, while meeting and collaborating with colleagues from across the country.

The theme of Insight 2009 was Coordination, Cooperation, and Community: Governing Governance in Development. It specifically focused on the debates and questions surrounding the possible emergence of a truly global community. Participants engaged in presentations, workshops, and panel discussions, as we explored various facets of this topic. I also had the opportunity to present the findings of my honours thesis, “Poverty Reduction and National Autonomy: The Implications of Domestic Politics in Uganda,” completed earlier that year as part of my political science honours

degree. This paper looks at the autonomy of developing countries in relation to the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper process and, more broadly, the International Financial Institutions. This setting provided an exciting opportunity to showcase my work and to tackle the challenging questions of my peers. An abridged version of this paper was later published in the Insight edition of the undergraduate journal *Undercurrent*.

My participation in Insight 2009 and the Congress of the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences, made possible through the support of the Dalhousie Political Science department, was a rewarding and valuable experience, particularly as I continue my studies at the University of British Columbia in 2010/2011.

Faculty News

Peter Arthur published "Ethnicity and Electoral Politics in Ghana's Fourth Republic" in *Africa Today*, 56, 2, pp. 44-73 and Democratic consolidation in Ghana: The role and contribution of state institutions, civil society and the media," in *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, 48, 2, pp. 203-226. He presented 'Oil, socioeconomic development and environmental security in Ghana, at a Conference on Environmental violence and conflict: Implications for Global Security, Dalhousie University, Feb. 11-13, 2010.

David Black took over as Centre Director and energetically worked on its conference, research, fundraising and publications activities. He co-edited *The International Politics of Mass Atrocities*. Routledge, 2010 with Paul D. Williams and wrote several chapters of the book. He also published "The Ambiguities of Development: Implications for 'Development Through Sport'." In *Sport in Society*, Vol. 13, No.1, 2010, 121-129; and "'Out of Africa? The Harper government's new 'tilt' in the developing world." *Canadian Foreign Policy*, Vol. 15, No.2, 2009, 41-56. He has forthcoming book chapters on "Canada, the G8 and Africa: the Rise and Decline of a Hegemonic Project?" and "Mainstreaming Investment: Developmental and Security Implications of Canadian Extractive Industries in Africa." Dave also recently installed a second new hip so should be good for a couple more decades of mileage!

Brian Bow is currently a Fulbright Visiting Research Chair at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. He will remain

in Washington for his sabbatical year (2010-11), as a Scholar in Residence at the School of International Service at American University. Brian's new or forthcoming publications include: "Paradigms and Paradoxes: Canadian Foreign Policy in Theory, Research, and Practice," *International Journal* (Summer 2010); "The 'Independence' Debate, Then and Now: False Choices and Real Dilemmas" (with Patrick Lennox), for Duane Bratt and Christopher Kukucha, eds., *Readings in Canadian Foreign Policy* (2nd ed., Oxford, 2010); "Immovable Object or Unstoppable Force?: Crisis and the Social Construction of North America," for Jeffrey Ayres and Laura Macdonald, eds., *North America in Question* (Toronto, 2011); and "'Just Like Us?': Revisiting the 'Psychological-Cultural Dimension' in US-Canada Relations," for Greg Anderson and Christopher Sands, eds., *Remembering Forgotten Partnership* (Cambria, 2011).

Louise Carbert continued the time-consuming task of graduate coordinator. She published "A political economy analysis of women's leadership". In Joseph Masciulli, Mikhail A. Molchanov, and Andy Knight(eds.) *The Ashgate research companion to political leadership* (London: Ashgate, 2009), 435-455. She has forthcoming book chapters on "Making it happen in practice: Organized efforts to recruit rural women for leadership" and "Viewing women's political leadership through a rural electoral 'lens: Canada as a Case Study".

Jerome Davis signed a book contract with Routledge for a book on natural gas, and is working on an article with Jennifer Smith on the Atlantic accord regimes to

be submitted to the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. He is at work on a major project on causes of crude oil price volatility, partnering with Thomas Trappenberg of Computer Science. His collaboration with the Oxford Institute of Energy Studies began in spring 2010 on natural gas security in Europe.

Dan Middlemiss has an article on "For the Canadian Forces, Is There Life Abroad After Afghanistan?" in the forthcoming *Canadian Defence Review Annual*, from the University of Calgary. He participated in a dinner consultation on the "Future of the Canadian Navy", Senate of Canada, Standing Committee on National Security and Defence, when it visited Halifax. He gave a talk to the Nova Scotia Naval Officers Association Battle of the Atlantic Luncheon, at Royal Artillery Park. And he presented "The "Greening" of the Canadian Navy" to the Annual Maritime Security Conference at Dalhousie.

Katherine Fierlbeck published an article on health care for Canadian Public Administration; she also has a chapter on health care forthcoming in Finn Laursen's book on the *EU and Federalism* (with Ashgate) and has a book on health care coming out with U of T Press. She is on the SHRCC granting committee, so people have to be nice to her. And most importantly, she received her fitness instructor credentials in January and is teaching at both the YMCA and Dalplex. "That way I've always got something to fall back on if I lose my day job."

Robert Finbow published "The Evolving Labour Relations Dimension of the European Regional System: a Model for North

America?" in Finn Laursen (ed.) *Comparative Regional Integration: Europe and Beyond* Ashgate 2010, 101-130; and "Atlantic Canada in the 21st. Century: Prospects for Regional Integration" in Peter Russell et. al. (eds), *Essential Readings in Canadian Government and Politics* (Toronto) Edward Montgomery, 2009, 484-93. He has a chapter, "Submerging the urban"? Halifax in a multi-level governance system" in Robert Young and Martin Horak (eds). *Sites of Governance: Canadian Cities in a Multi-level System* McGill-Queens' Press 2010 (forthcoming). He presented on "Competing Conceptions of Corruption in Cities: Reflections from Halifax" to the Canadian Political Science Association in Montreal. He continues to write chapters on Nova Scotia politics and economy for *Canadian Annual Review of Politics and Public Affairs*.

Kristin Good was one of the organizers (member of the program committee) of a public conference called "Globalization, Urbanization and Ethnicity: Ethnic Politics and Governance in Cities," funded by the Ethnicity and Democratic Governance MCRI and partners. The conference was held at the Crowne Plaza, Ottawa, December 3-4, 2009. With two co-editors including Phil Triadafilopoulos (University of Toronto), and Luc Turgeon (University of Ottawa), Kristin is currently working on a book on the basis of the themes of the conference. The book's tentative title is *Segmented Cities?: How Urban Contexts Shape Ethnic and Nationalist Politics*. The book is under contract with UBC Press and is scheduled for publication in 2011. Kristin was successful in her tenure and promotion application.

Frank Harvey prepared "Autocratic Revival? Optimism, Pessimism and the Future of Russia's Foreign Policies." for a conference and book project -- Colloque, Mai 2010, Paris "Les relations Canada-Etats-Unis Revisitees"; his article "President Al Gore and the 2003 Iraq War: A Counterfactual Test of Conventional "Wisdom" is forthcoming in the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. Also forthcoming is "Counter-Coercion, the Power of Failure and the Practical Limits of Deterring Terrorism"; (with Alex S. Wilner), in *Deterring Terrorism: Theory and Practice* (Stanford University Press). Among other commitments he served on the Selection Committee of the Security and Defence Forum at DND and reviewed MA, PhD and Internship, applications and annual reports from SDF Centres across Canada.

Finn Laursen continued to direct the EU Centre of Excellence (EUCE) at Dalhousie. This year's annual conference took place June 6-8 and the topic was the EU's new Lisbon Treaty. More than 20 papers were presented. One or two books will be edited on the basis of the conference papers. Based on papers presented at last year's conference on "The EU in a Comparative Perspective", one book, *Comparative Regional Integration: Europe and Beyond*, has been published by Ashgate. A second book, *EU and Federalism*, is forthcoming

Jennifer Smith wrote a paper on third-party finance for the conference on elections law sponsored by Elections Nova Scotia, 17-18 May, at Saint Mary's University. She participated in the videoconference on Senate reform on 12 May organized by York University and the University of

Calgary. On June 9-11, she attended the conference on the Crown at the West Block, Parliament Hill that was sponsored by the Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, Queen's University. She spoke at the opening panel, along with fellow panelists David Smith (USask), Jonathan Molloy (Carleton) and Michael Valpy (Globe and Mail).

Lori Turnbull published *Regulations on Post-Public Employment: A Comparative Analysis* with the Oliphant Commission and "The Nova Scotia Provincial. Election of 2009" in *Canadian Political Science Review* 3(3): 69-76. "Minority government in Nova Scotia." Will soon appear in the *Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law*. She was an invited speaker at Elections Nova Scotia conference in Halifax and was on the Canadian Study of Parliament Group roundtable on democratic reform at the Atlantic Provinces Political Science Association in Annual Meeting, at Acadia University.

Gilbert Winham, Professor Emeritus, continues to keep busy with part-time teaching, conferences and seminars. He published "The Evolution of the World Trading System: the Economic and Policy Context" in Daniel Bethlehem, et.al, and *The Oxford Handbook of International Trade Law*. Gil was a member of the Selection Committee for Killam Prizes and Killam Research Fellowships and was Chairman, Board of Directors, North-South Institute. Gil also conducted a WTO training program for government officials from Latin American countries in negotiations on tariffs and subsidies.

Student Prize Winners for 2009-10

Eric Dennis Gold Medal (university medal in Political Science)

Jennifer Chisholm

James Aitchison Award (best Honours essay)

Jennifer Chisholm

Commonwealth Prize in Political Philosophy

Conor Noseworthy

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

Shatha Al-Husseini

Doris Boyle Prize (best graduate essay on international relations)

John Mitton

News from the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies

By Shelly Whitman



Shelly Whitman

Over the past year the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies has undergone some very significant changes as well as participate in a large number of events. In August 2009 we hosted a Roundtable of Former Child Soldiers to ask their opinions and inputs related to ending the use of child soldiers globally. This event was accompanied by a public event entitled, "From Youth Affected by

War to Advocates of Peace" held at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium. More than 500 people attended the event which featured Ishmael Beah, author of *A Long Way Gone*, and John Kon Kelei, founding member of the Network of Young People Affected by War.



Child soldier Workshop

The academic year was then kicked off with our first annual Glyn Berry Fund Lecture by Canadian Diplomat Darryl Copeland, entitled "Guerilla Diplomacy". The CFPS Seminar Series hosted a wide range of topics from "the Ethics of Research in Conflict Zones" to "Afghanistan", "Bosnia and Herzegovina", the "Arctic" as well as "Mental Health in the Canadian Forces" and "the Global Financial Crisis". A series was also held on "Political Islam" in which Dr. Amal Ghazal of the History Department, Dalhousie and Dr. Bassam Haddad of George Mason University engaged the Centre in two seminars and a film screening.



CFPS Weekly seminar series

The Centre co-organised a conference on "Canadian

Multilateralism – Past, Present and Future" in November 2009 as part of the commemoration of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's 100th Anniversary. A wide range of speakers attended from both government departments and academic institutions. A publication from this conference is forthcoming.

In January of 2010 the Centre hosted part 2 of the Whole of Government Working Group. A public lecture by Mr. Michael Gaouette, UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations, on "the United Nations in Darfur: Planning Mission Impossible," kicked off the event. In February the Centre co-hosted and organized a major conference on "Environmental Violence and Conflict". Dr. Matthew Schnurr of the IDS department was instrumental in the success of the conference. A series of Centre "New Issues in Security" publications are forthcoming as a result of the papers presented at the conference.



Environmental Violence seminar

In January of 2010, the Centre officially became the research and administrative arm of the Child Soldiers Initiative, a project led and founded by Lt. General the Hon. Roméo Dallaire (Retired). This work is part of the Conflict Affected Children and Youth (CACY) Research Pillar of the Centre.

Many thanks to the University Administration, in particular the Vice Presidents and President Tom Traves for supporting this collaboration.



CFPS Weekly seminar series

The 5th Annual Graduate Symposium was held in March 2010. The title of this year's symposium was "the Death of the New World Order?". Keynote Addresses from Dr. Kim Nossal and Dr. Tim Shaw highlighted the event. Also in March, the Centre held a workshop at the request of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in preparation for the G-8 summit held this summer. Jenny Baechler and Mike McKinnon were instrumental in the success of this event. In May 2010, the Centre co-sponsored and organized a conference on "Sport for Development and Peace," with Simon Darnell of the IDS department.

This year the Centre also organized the 2010 Naval and Maritime Security Conference in June. The theme of this year's conference was "The Canadian Navy: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow," in celebration of the Navy's 100th Anniversary. In addition, the *Canadian Naval Review* published a special anniversary edition for its Spring 2010 issue. Many thanks to Dr. Ann Griffiths, editor of *CNR* and to Peter Haydon for all of their hard work to make this edition and the

conference a huge success. Shannon Langton, our Administrative Assistant, continues to be a pillar of strength for the Centre and we take this opportunity to thank her for her dedication.

The Centre would also like to welcome Commander David Peer as the incoming Naval Defence Fellow in July 2010. At the same time, we would very much like to thank Ken Hansen for his service to the Centre as the Naval Defence Fellow and we look forward to new projects with Ken in 2010-2011.

Graduate Program News

By Louise Carbert



Louise Carbert

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

New MA students are:
Faton Bislim (BA Texas Lutheran, MPP Harvard)
Alicia Swinamer (BA Carleton)
Rebecca Sewell (BA UofA)
Steve Scannell (BA StFX)
Matthew Gillis (BA Dal)
Amanda Hester (BA Dal)
Lauren Moslow (BA McGill)
John Mitton (BA Bishops)
Matthew Davidson (BA StFX)
Elliot Bridgewater (BA UofA)

New Doctoral students are:
Marcella Firmini (BA SMU, MA Dal)
Byron Peacock (BA BYU, Geneva)
Cameron McKay (BA MUN, MLS McGill, MA Dal)

Eleven graduate students completed their degrees over the past year, all at the Master's level. The titles of Master's thesis appear below.

Jennifer Czerneda, Human trafficking hijacked: Combating human trafficking within an anti-prostitution frame (Supervisor: Dr. David Black)

Tommi Rebien, Dancing on uncommon grounds: Proposing realism to Brussels (Supervisor: Dr. Finn Laursen)

Tamila Karpyk, Europeanization of Ukraine: 'Mission unaccomplished (Supervisor: Dr. Finn Laursen)

Charles Humphrey, Deceiving the heavens to cross the ocean: artificial information asymmetry and China's international petroleum policy (Supervisor: Dr. Jerome Davis)

Brian Francis, Oil and gas, regulation and negotiation: A study of the performance of the government of Nova Scotia in negotiating an offshore regulatory compromise (Supervisor: Dr. Jerome Davis)

Marcella Firmini, Diversity run amok? Analyzing the critiques of multiculturalism (Supervisor: Dr. Katherine Fierlbeck)

Craig Estabrooks, *The governance of public health in Canada* (Supervisor: Dr. Katherine Fierlbeck)

Cameron McKay, Responses to constituency allowance scandals in Saskatchewan and Newfoundland and Labrador (Supervisor: Dr. Lori Turnbull)

Katie Murphy, Islamic faith-based organizations: Widening the criteria and recognizing difference (Supervisor: Dr. David Black)

Roger Wiebe, An end, not a means: The conflicting goals of food and

agriculture policy (Supervisor: Dr. Brian Bow)

Geoff Brisbin, A compelling case for deterrence: Deterrence theory and nuclear proliferation (Supervisor: Dr. Frank Harvey)

Stuart Palliser, "Salt Water Thieves: Policy Reforms to Address Somali Piracy" (Supervisor: Dr. Dan Middlemiss)

PhD student **David McDonough** had his Killam Scholarship renewed for 2010-2011. He received the Dr. Ronald Baker Doctoral Scholarship for 2009-2010 from the Security and Defence Forum. The Canadian International Council awarded him the 2010 Marvin Gelber Essay Prize. This prize-winning essay was published as "Afghanistan and renewing Canadian leadership: Panacea or hubris?" *International Journal* 64, 3 (Summer 2009).

PhD student **Anita Singh** was awarded two separate post-doctoral fellowships, one from the Security and Defence Forum and another from the Social Sciences and Humanities Council. She takes up the SSHRC PDF in January 2011. In the summer of 2010, MA student **Faton Bislimi** led a study tour program for Kosovar students to visit Dalhousie, supported by a grant from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

Dalhousie Magazine feature on Susan Thomson

By **Kim Pittaway**, (courtesy Dalhousie Magazine)

It's not a phrase you often hear a newly-minted PhD utter: "I would love to be wrong." Susan Thomson pauses. "Though that makes me a

bad political scientist, because we're supposed to predict things!"

What Dr. Thomson hopes she's wrong about is the potential for violence erupting during this August's Rwandan Presidential elections, just the second such election since the Rwandan genocide in 1994 and one that current President Paul Kagame is expected to win. As a doctoral candidate, Dr. Thomson spent months in the country in 2006 observing what she came to view as the fiction of reconciliation in that country's post-genocide truth and reconciliation process. Where Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) government officials touted the success of these programs, Dr. Thomson saw the silencing of dissent and a go-along-to-get-along superficial compliance by those in the country's underclass. And where foreign journalists reported on the successful rebuilding of urban centres—with shiny new building and airport expansions—she saw the struggles of rural peasants to stretch inadequate rations and pay exorbitant taxes. As she tried to understand the gap between public perceptions of Rwanda and the experiences being shared with her as she interviewed some 400 ordinary Rwandans, 37 of them in depth, Dr. Thomson came to question the way in which information is managed by Rwandan government officials and academics and then disseminated through foreign journalists whose interviewing is often limited to those same elites. The irony, she says, is that in the aftermath of the 1994 Rwandan genocide, she was part of that elite.

"I had that whole good-guy, bad-guy mentality," says Dr. Thomson, who successfully defended her dissertation, *Resisting*

Reconciliation: State Power and Everyday Life

in Post-Genocide Rwanda, and was awarded her PhD from Dalhousie in 2009. (It is slated for publication by the University of Wisconsin Press in 2011.) "I truly 110% wanted to believe that the RPF were good."

Originally from Nova Scotia, Dr. Thomson had joined the UN in East Africa in 1992. Her time in Africa over the next decade reads like a trauma travelogue. She was posted to Somalia in the weeks before 23 Pakistani peacekeepers were killed in July 1993; she documented rape as a war crime in refugee settlements; she witnessed a roadside murder and dismemberment of a driver who had accidentally killed a child in a traffic accident in Madagascar; and was posted to Rwanda just two weeks before the 1994 genocide began. After stints in Nairobi and Western Tanzania, she returned to Rwanda in 1997 where she stayed for another three and a half years working for the US Agency for International Development and the National University of Rwanda training Rwandan lawyers in human rights law (she had completed her own law degree at University College London while with the UN). She also participated in documenting the effects of the genocide, developing a particular skill in "sniffing" mass graves. "I could look at it, sniff it, get the texture of it, and estimate how many bodies were there," she says. "Eventually I became so accurate that they would plan the manpower and resources needed to excavate based on what I smelled."

Many of her law students were expats returning to Rwanda to help rebuild the battered country, and Dr. Thomson came to admire both

their commitment and their goals. Still, when she asked questions about the experiences of those outside the walls of power, they were dismissed: the peasants were illiterate and ignorant, too lazy to be trusted. They needed to be guided into reconciliation, she was told, commanded to tell the truth and forgive and instructed in the true history of Rwanda, their job not to question but to comply.

Worn down by her time on the continent, Dr. Thomson returned to Canada in 2001, set to undertake her doctoral studies. “My initial project was to study narratives of democratization in Rwanda, because in my naiveté I actually believed the country was democratizing and I thought the policy of national unity reconciliation was a pillar of that project,” she says. While Dr. Thomson had coped with tremendous pressure while in Africa, back home in the more relaxed rhythms of North American life, she struggled. Eventually, she was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), the result in her case not of being a victim of violence but of being a witness to it.

As she worked to understand the impact of her PTSD, her questions about those outside the walls of power continued to bubble up, and the focus of her research shifted. “If you don’t have a life-changing realization while doing doctoral work, you’re not doing it right,” she says, only half-joking. She suspected that there were gaps between the official Rwandan post-genocide policy and the lived experience of Rwandan citizens. The best way to understand those gaps, she believed, was to ask people about them. Following months of preparation and the

development of an interviewing framework that would allow her to protect the identities of those with whom she spoke, Dr. Thomson returned to Rwanda in April 2006. Government officials were first welcoming—she was after all a returning supporter and scholar—then puzzled—why was she spending so much time with peasants?—then disapproving. By August, Rwandan government officials halted Dr. Thomson’s research, seized her passport and compelled her to participate in an ingando “re-education” program. While their intention was to push Dr. Thomson back onto the track of their accepted narrative, in fact, the process provided her with further insight into the failures of the ingando and truth and reconciliation trials (called gacaca). As she wrote later, “ingando was an alienating, oppressive and sometimes humiliating experience that worked hard to silence all forms of dissent—something that may, paradoxically, crystallize and create stronger dissent in the future.” (“Getting Re-educated in Rwanda’s Solidarity Camps,” in Scott Straus and Lars Waldorf, eds. *Reconstructing Rwanda: State Building and Human Rights after Mass Violence*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, forthcoming 2010). That October, without approval of the Rwandan government, she escaped the country and returned to Canada.

Since her return and the completion of her doctorate, Dr. Thomson has continued to question the accepted narrative on post-genocide Rwanda. “The problem is that the international media doesn’t know enough [about what’s really going on in Rwanda] to push President Kagame when they’re questioning him,” she says.

The result? Reports that reflect the official narrative.

Today, Susan says she’ll continue to speak, write and blog (at <http://democracywatch-rwanda2010.blogspot.com/>) on Rwanda, though she has been vilified by those who believe she is a revisionist and supporter of Rwandan opposition forces. “I’m not pro-opposition but I do think we should be able to hear them speak so that we can understand them,” she says. And while speaking out herself is sometimes uncomfortable, Dr. Thomson believes it is her duty, particularly after the 2009 death of her mentor and international Rwandan expert Alison Des Forges in a plane crash in Buffalo. “Is this all going to blow up in Rwanda? I hope not. But I truly believe that Rwanda is on a path to mass violence. And those who have deep knowledge of the country have to speak out.”

Susan Thomson has taken a position at Hampshire College as a Five Colleges Professor, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. She continues to work on contemporary Rwanda, and has started new research on patronage networks in urban slums in Kenya. Her dissertation, entitled "Resisting Reconciliation: State Power and Everyday Life in Post-Genocide Rwanda, will be published in 2011 by the University of Wisconsin Press. Susan is also heading up the "Ethics in Conflict Zones" Project at the City University of New York.

Jerry Davis retires

By Robert Finbow

It is daunting to write a few words of tribute to Jerry Davis on his retirement because of both the

breadth of his contributions to scholarship and his highly engaging personality. Jerry is a better raconteur than any of us can aspire to be so I will not try to match his wit and whimsy. He brought the Canada Research Chair in Oil and Natural Gas Policy to the Department of Political Science, injecting a new area of expertise as well as his immense collegiality and verve. Behind his amiable exterior lies a very productive and active researcher.

Jerry has held appointments at the Institute of Political Science, Aarhus University in Denmark and in Public Economics, and Policy at Roskilde in Denmark. He is past Director of the Danish Institute of Energy and Environment (1990-1995), a portion of a larger multinational Scandinavian energy and environment program funded by the Nordic Council. Prior to this he had held visiting professorships, fellowships and research positions at prestigious institutions such as The Brookings Institution, Royal Institute of International Affairs, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, European Universities Institute and Copenhagen Business School

Jerry has also been an example of a public intellectual as he has been fully engaged with the offshore petroleum sector. For instance, he has served as the non-Norwegian board member of a series of government-industry research initiatives launched by the Norwegian Research Council to encourage social science research in the field of oil and gas: PETRO (1992-1996) and PETROPOL (1996-1999). He has worked as a consultant, on onshore and offshore licensing, contracting for offshore natural gas, the design of national regulatory organizations, rent capture issues, and liquefied

natural gas transport, and refinery closure. For his contributions to debate on the Danish offshore, he also holds the honour of Knight (Royal Danish Order of the Dannebrog) so will be going back to some claim to stature as well. (see article in this newsletter).

His current research includes change within the oil industry and Canadian implications; new forms of offshore project management and implications for offshore contractors and regulatory authorities; problems of regulatory coordination in a Danish context (Denmark and Greenland, Denmark and the Faeroe Islands) and like problems occurring in Canada (the Atlantic Accords). He is engaged in a CFI financed study on the nature of change within the oil industry and its short and longer range significance for Canada; He is also looking into the newer forms of offshore project management (such as the British CRINE and the Norwegian NORSOK) and the implications which these forms pose for offshore contractors and for national regulatory authorities.

At Dalhousie his teaching is in the fields of international political economy and of public private co-management of oil and gas resources. His research themes include The Political Economy of Oil and Natural Gas, Policy, Economics and Political Institutions and the interaction between economic forces and political and Behavioural Game Theory, Business Economics, Innovation, 'international business negotiations' Bidding behaviour in auctions and Bargaining behaviour in technology transfers.

Jerry has seized upon opportunities here and is engaged in research with colleagues in Political Science, European Union

centre of Excellence, and Computer Science among others on issues like 'Federalism and the Politics of Oil and Natural Gas: The Canadian Offshore Accords', 'Arctic Oil and Natural Gas Resources; What Future?' and a Project on crude oil price volatility with computer scientists. This had led to numerous publications since his arrival including at least one major book, 4 journal articles and numerous book chapters. He frequently takes his research to conference on several continents enhancing Dalhousie University's reputation and influence in his diverse areas of research. He has been active in student instruction with numerous MA and honours supervisions and examinations and one ongoing Phd Student. Since arriving here he has also been a public presence despite finding the offshore industry less than open and welcoming. He has given numerous radio and TV interviews, provided testimony to Nova Scotia House of Assembly, Committee on Economic Development, participated on Offshore Technology of Nova Scotia Panels on Pace of developments on the Nova Scotian offshore shelf, served as an expert on Canadian Institute Seminars on LNG; presented several luncheon seminars for the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy; provided political economic advice on Nova Scotian offshore resources to the provincial New Democrats, including on the Nova Scotian Crown Share; met with consultants from Department of Energy/CNSOPB to discuss developments in offshore licensing (esp. fallow field legislation); consulted with representatives of Newfoundland – Labrador Government on 'fallow field legislation and with Canadian Federal Government on the ExxonMobil court case against

CNLOPB over research levies charged on offshore oil company oil and gas revenues.

Jerry has been a bit of a lonely heart while here and will be retiring to Denmark in July to rejoin his wife, Lee there after enduring years of separation to the benefit of the department. Jerry has brought valuable research directions, student supervisions and tremendous sociability to our

department. His humorous stories and mealtime companionship will be missed by all, as will his wittily entitled seminars such as "Axis of Diesel". It was fortunate for us to have him on board as we could always count on his collegial participation in social events for our job hiring, unit reviews, retirements, and sundry celebrations. Now he will have more time for his collaborations

with Lee, personal and professional. I note they work together on themes like "Leisure time, creativity and innovation", 'Appropriating Value for 'Leisure Time' Invention' and "Spare time' Invention. Now that he has more leisure time ahead, he will no doubt advance further in creativity, invention and innovation as well.

Alumni News

Dr. Maria Nzomo, PhD 1981 is Professor, International Relations and Political Economy, Institute of Diplomacy and International Studies IDIS, University of Nairobi.

Dr. Mafa M. Sejanamane PhD 1987 is Pro-Vice-Chancellor, National University of Lesotho, Roma

Dr. Jimmy K. Tindigarukayo PhD 1987 is Lecturer in Graduate School for Development Studies, University of the West Indies, Mona

Dr. Kevin Dunn MA 1991 is now teaching at Hobart and William Smith College

Dr. Alfred Nhema PhD 1994 is Chief Executive Officer of the Pan African Development

Center based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Dr. Assiz Malaquias, PhD 1995 is Professor of Political Economy, National Defense University, Washington, DC.

Krista Pearson, BA 1995 is now Associate Vice President at Lethbridge College and has been a member of the Board of Directors for the Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference since 2009. On the personal front, Krista is expecting her second child, a son in early October.

Dr. Candace Johnson, PhD 2000 is Associate Professor and Acting Chair of Political Science, University of Guelph.

Dr. Anna (Lennox) Esselment, MA 2000 is Assistant Professor Wilfrid Laurier University

Corey MacKinnon MA 2000 is an Associate corporate lawyer at Heenan Blaikie in Toronto.

Dr. Jennifer Wallner, MA 2001 is Assistant Professor, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan.

Dr. Lee Seymour MA 2001 is an Assistant professor at the Universiteit Leiden.

Peter Galambos, MA 2007 is a doctoral candidate at New School for Social Research.

Dr. Alexandre Wilner, PhD 2009 is continuing with his Transatlantic Post-Doctoral Fellowship for International Relations and Security at the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik SWP/ German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin, Germany.

Nobility in our midst



Order of Dannebrog awarded to Jerry Davis

Did you know we had a real Knight in our midst? Jerry Davis has been concealing his noble connections, but received the award of the Knight of the Royal Order of the Dannebrog (Danish: Dannebrogordenen). The order dates from 1671 founded by King Christian V. Wikipedia notes: "Today, the Order of Dannebrog is

a means of honouring and rewarding the faithful servants of the modern Danish state for meritorious civil or military service, for a particular contribution to the arts, sciences or business life or for those working for Danish interests." This was awarded to Jerry in 1998 for his contributions to the 1974-1981 Danish debate over the use of its offshore resources. Little did we

know he would be retiring to such a distinguished position?

Dalhousie Political Science at the International Studies Association 2010

By Anita Singh



Students at the ISA Conference

Hosted by some of the field's most recognized names, this year's International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference was held in New Orleans, Louisiana. This year was special, in particular, as the ISA honoured two staples of every graduate student's comprehensive examination list, Professors Kenneth Waltz and Joseph Nye. This year also marked

David Black's role as President of the ISA Canada's Regional Association. Under his leadership, ISA Canada honoured Professor Robert Cox as its inaugural Distinguished Scholar, a biannual award established to recognize the contribution of Canadian scholars to the field of International Relations.

Dalhousie Political Science was well represented by a number of its faculty and alumni, including Brian Bow, Alex Wilner, and David Perry. Our department was also represented by three of our current PhD students. Sean Clark presented his dissertation research on the historical trajectory of international conflict, Sabrina Hoque discussed the theoretical and practical implications of UN Security Council reform and Anita Singh analyzed the paradox of stability in Pakistan's current conflict.

Not just focusing on the academic, the Dalhousie contingent made sure to participate in other aspects of New Orleans' (in)famous celebrations, conveniently held in

the same week of the conference. Mardi Gras on Bourbon Street, a basketball game at the SuperDome, streetcar rides through the Garden District and Swamp tours through the bayou ensured that grad students did a complete ethnographic assessment of their New Orleans surroundings.



Sabrina Hoque with Dr. Kenneth Waltz

On behalf of the graduate students that attended the conference, I would like to thank the Department of Political Science and the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies for funding travel to this excellent conference and beautiful city. We look forward to participating in next year's ISA held in Montreal, Quebec.



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