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THE CHAIR'S MESSAGE 2013

Dr. Robert Finbow



It was another exciting and challenging year in the department. Political Science thrived despite serious limitations in financial support for the Faculty and its units. Despite the stress of budget limits and non-replacements of retirees, the Department was boosted by excellent staff, stellar faculty and amazing limited-term and sessional instructors.

Faculty members continued to excel and several significant awards came our way. The **Eric Denis Memorial Professorship**, the traditional department chair, was awarded to **Frank Harvey** in recognition of his influential research and his award winning teaching. Frank also won two CPSA prizes for his counterfactual analyses of the US decision to go into Iraq. **Katherine Fierlbeck** received a **McCulloch Professorship** for her excellence in two research fields (political theory and Canadian health policy) and for her teaching and service to Dalhousie.

David Black won the 2013 **FASS Award for Service Excellence** for his contributions to Political Science, International Development Studies, College of Sustainability and Centre for Foreign Policy Studies. The announcement noted that his wide-ranging service has always been provided "in a positive, collegial and self-effacing manner." Long-time sessional instructor **Florian Bail** won the **Dalhousie Sessional and Part-time Instructor Award of Excellence for Teaching**. This was long overdue recognition for his 25 years of service. He has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty; hired only to teach classes, he has volunteered for many reading classes, MA and Honours supervisions, and examination committees.

The department received excellent support from **Tracy Powell** in her first full year as our administrative secretary. She provides tireless help to the Chair, graduate and under-graduate coordinators and faculty members. And she always does so in a good-humoured and patient manner. All colleagues appreciate her diligence in producing strong service, budgeting and reporting, as well as very voluminous meeting minutes!

Our AS1, **Shannon Langton**, left on maternity leave in November and is a new parent to a lovely baby girl (a ginger)! She left Centre accounts and affairs and the department's honours programme in strong shape for her replacement. We were very fortunate to find an excellent replacement, **Leanne Flynn**, who has provided very strong support for the department, honours programme, Centre and CSI. Leanne now has a job at FGS and will make a fine contribution to Dalhousie over the years.

Faculty members continued to provide amazing service to the department. In reports below from **Frank Harvey** and **Peter Arthur**, you will see the success our graduate and honours programme directors have had in keeping a steady stream of successful and award winning students. We were especially privileged to have **David Morgan**, the first **Glyn Berry Memorial Scholarship** holder in our midst, and celebrated the occasion with old colleagues and professors of Mr. Berry.

Margaret Denike has taken on the complicated task of undergraduate advisor and worked to ensure the best possible advice is provided to current and prospective students. This is on top of her work with the Law and Society Programme and contributions to Gender and Women's Studies. Colleagues on the curriculum committee, led by **Katherine Fierlbeck** provided critical direction to the complex tasks of course creation and scheduling. **Louise Carbert** secured funding for the Nova Scotia Election Study for the next provincial election, expected very soon. This important project links Dalhousie to a long-running, influential national

elections study which has produced much essential research. **Brian Bow** continued his high cross-border profiles, with active associations with the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute, and the Center for North American Studies at American University.

After their successful reappointment to their tenure track positions, **Ruben Zaiotti** and **Anders Hayden** extended the department's interdisciplinary linkages. Anders is now contributing teaching to the **College of Sustainability**, which is close to the core of his own research. Ruben was appointed Director of the **European Union Centre of Excellence** and led a successful application for a further three years of funding. This research institute was founded by the efforts of our soon to be retired colleague, **Finn Laursen**, who steered several more EUCE books to completion among other projects.

David Black continued the unenviable task of steering the **Centre for Foreign Policy Studies** through transitional challenges as it seeks to replace revenues lost with the end of National Defense's contributions through the SDF programme. As David reports below, while challenges remain, the Centre continues to contribute via seminars, research projects and the superior performance of the **Child Soldiers Initiative**, led by **Shelly Whitman** (profiled below). David has developed a new **Lester Pearson Summer Institute** which can hopefully provide new revenues and linkages for the Centre. Longstanding projects continue, including the *Canadian Naval Review*, the Defense fellow and maritime security research.

The department was energized by two excellent limited term faculty members. **Jean-Christophe Boucher** took on several important international relations classes, and was also a positive and collegial presence, helping on various research projects and the planning for the summer institute. We are sad to see him leave but happy that he has a tenure stream appointment in Alberta. **Tamara Krawchenko** handled many important classes in

Canadian politics, and has also moved on to a good post-doctoral opportunity. Together they gave the department a critical shot in the arm when leaves and administrative assignments had depleted our ranks.

In better fiscal times, these two productive young scholars would be ideal full-time appointments to rejuvenate our important International Relations and Canadian Politics sub-fields. However, financial support for the department and FASS remains uncertain despite some studies showing funds transfers from academic to capital and administrative purposes.

Outgoing university President **Tom Traves** (celebrated for his many contributions over the years) has commented on the need for a proper balance of academic and capital spending, and expressed concern that new capital construction projects are being funded from operating monies, not targeted fundraising. To the extent that this loss to operating funds means that academic units need to cut courses and degree offerings, it is a real cost to Dalhousie's status as the preeminent research and teaching university in the region.

We are therefore into a lottery style situation in the Faculty, whereby any unit facing retirements or departures will simply be allowed to decrease in size going forward. For the Department, with recent and anticipated faculty departures, the viability of the full range of programmes we have offered would be called into question. We have long been the smallest department in Canada to provide MA and PhD degree streams. We have continued to produce excellent graduates who have a great reputation and have moved on to exciting careers in academia, government, administration, law and journalism. Yet to continue to do this, the department will require accomplished faculty and adequate teaching assistant numbers.

Hopefully our alumni will assist us in pressing the need for continued renewal of our resources, so that Dalhousie Political Science can continue to excel as the unique graduate and research department representing Atlantic Canada in the challenging political context of the twenty-first century. As always we look forward to hearing of alumni news and we appreciate your contributions and insights.

HONOURING THE LATE PETER C. AUCOIN

Peter Aucoin's Intellectual legacy recognised in memorial volume.



A new book has come out which outlines and celebrates Peter Aucoin's intellectual legacy and Impact: ***From New Public Management to New Political Governance: Essays in Honour of Peter C. Aucoin***, edited by **Herman Bakvis and Mark D. Jarvis**. Published by McGill-Queen's University Press, it is the result of a celebration of Peter Aucoin's scholarship held at Dalhousie University in the fall of 2009. This highly successful event brought together Peter's collaborators, admirers and former students and protégés in a warm and enlightening celebration of Peter's excellent and rich scholarship.

The volume contains the excellent scholarly contributions of these participants, crafted into a fine edited collection by Professors Bakvis and Jarvis. As the publisher's website suggests, it covers a range of themes as the authors considered how "New Political Governance" – a concept coined by Peter - has "led to the erosion of the impartial public service and the undermining of democratic governance". The book includes chapters by many leading Canadian specialists in public administration and political science from around the country. But scholars from Australia also contributed, indicating the comparative and global reach of Peter's scholarly innovations.

The publisher's website describes the principle themes of the book as follows:

The arrival of "New Political Governance" has a direct bearing on the long-standing tension between the need of ensuring democratic control over bureaucracy, while also allowing the public service sufficient flexibility to exercise discretion, judgment, and professional expertise when implementing and managing programs. Through a series of essays using Aucoin's "New Political Governance" framework, leading scholars in the field address the manner in which this tension and its conflicts have played out over the past decade in different domains. Contributors examine themes including accountability, democracy, public management and reform, the paradoxes of electoral democracy, and the dilemmas of democratic governance.

Peter was healthy and able to participate in this Dalhousie symposium, and was inspired by its animated debates and deliberations of the ideas which shaped his scholarly life. We vividly recall how, energized by the tributes and discussions of his work, he paced our corridors, animatedly discussing the ideas for his last great project with his young mentees. The outcome was the award winning *Democratizing the Constitution* (from UBC Press), his last work, which was co-authored with Professor Jarvis and Lori Turnbull of our department of Political Science.

Sadly, Peter succumbed to his illness in 2011. His warm friendship, enthusiasm and lively insights on political events and personalities are sorely missed by all in our department, and beyond. We are considering a memorial fund to support a student prize and will provide additional details pending consultation with the family and financial officers at Dalhousie.

Further information is available from the publisher website at: http://www.mqup.ca/from-new-public-management-to-new-political-governance-products-9780773539914.php?page_id=73

DR. FINN LAURSEN RETIRES



Finn Laursen is retiring after 7 years at Dalhousie University. Finn arrived in the department as Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) of European Union Studies in 2006. In 2008 he was awarded a rare ad personam Jean Monnet Chair. He provided tireless service as director of the EU Centre of Excellence at Dalhousie University. The EUCE was established in 2006 under his leadership. Finn's success in bringing an EU Centre of Excellence to Dalhousie – one of only 5 in Canada and 30 worldwide – gave several department colleagues the opportunity to engage in research on EU related topics. He succeeded in renewing the EUCE for a second three year term in 2009, ensuring its longevity and proving that Dalhousie now matters in the realm of EU scholarship.

His expert knowledge of the byzantine Brussels bureaucracy and the complex EU community gave him unique skills to steer Dalhousie towards resources and networks which allowed for the quick development of a sustainable community of EU scholars on campus.

Finn organized an annual conference for the EU Centre of Excellence (EUCE) each year, bringing leading international scholars together with local experts. The conferences always provided good scholarship and collegial social interactions among persons from diverse backgrounds from many countries and were truly stimulating events. These conferences also resulted in a successful series of edited collections with publishers such as Pieter Lang and Ashgate. These volumes, edited with care by Finn, covered a range of topics including EU constitutionalism and treaty making, EU foreign policy, EU in the global economy, comparative regional integration, EU Federalism, the Lisbon treaty, EU and

transatlantic security and economic relations, EU enlargement and the Euro zone crisis.

Finn is a leading expert on the complex issues of EU constitutionalism and treaty making and has received numerous research grants during his career which have resulted in many publications. This includes some 10 self- or co-authored books, over 20 edited collections including some 10 for the EUCE at Dalhousie, and close to 100 journal articles and book chapters. His publications have been authored in English, Danish and French. He has also taught as faculty or guest lecturer in Mexico, Japan, Italy, the Netherlands, Sweden, Slovakia, Austria, France, China, Taiwan, and Norway. In Canada he has taught or guest lectured at McGill, York and Carleton universities.

His research has focused upon European integration, particularly the evolution of the European Union's core treaties and the repeated addition of new member states in the past two decades. He also writes on the emergence of the European Union as an actor in the global political system, as it struggles toward common external policies on foreign and defense and economic matters. He has done comparative research on regional integration in other so-called new regional systems, which are in part modeled on the EU. These include NAFTA and Mercosur in the Western Hemisphere and ASEAN in South East Asia. He has a scholarly interest in the evolution of federalism and multi-level governance arrangements within such regional blocs.

Before coming to Dalhousie he held posts as **Professor of International Politics**, Jean Monnet Chair and head of the EUCE at the University of Southern Denmark, Odense; Professor and Head of the Thorkil Kristensen Institute for East-West Research, South Jutland University Centre; and Professor of

International Politics, European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), in Maastricht, The Netherlands. He also taught as Lecturer at the London School of Economics. Finn has been active in the wide profession also, with a leadership role in various professional associations including as Member of board of ECSA-Canada, Member of board of Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE), Nice and Berlin' and Member of board of Institut Européen des Hautes Études Internationales (IEHEI), Nice. He has been President of the Danish Society for European Studies.

Finn's legacy at Dalhousie has been to energize research on the European Union, which has engaged several members of this department. He established the EUCE on a sound footing, and the Centre has been renewed for a further three years under the leadership of our colleague Ruben Zaiotti. He was involved as a CRC in securing Canada Foundation for Innovation money and matching funding from the Nova Scotia Research and Innovation Trust for 1376 LeMarchant Street, for a total of \$102,226 for renovation and equipment to make offices for the EUCE. For the Department of Political Science, Finn has taught courses on The Politics of the EU, The EU as a Global Actor, and EU Treaty Reforms. He has supervised honours and doctoral candidates interested in European Union matters. The Department of Political Science, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the wider campus community owe Finn Laursen a debt of thanks for contributing research and publication opportunities for many faculty members, forging a network of EU specialists in Halifax and putting Dalhousie University on the map in European Union scholarship. All colleagues join in wishing Finn success in his future endeavours and health and happiness with his family.



SEMINAR SERIES

Democrat Linda Moore Forbes and Republican Steven Grand panel *on Advertising in the 2012 US Election* (co-hosted by US consulate), August 2012

"Education Under Fire:" Documentary screening and Dialogue, October 18, 2012

Jean-Christophe Boucher, Professor, Dalhousie University, *"Guns or Butter? Balancing and Bandwagoning in Canadian Defence Policy after 9/11,"* October 25, 2012

Political Science Open Class: *Forum on the US Presidential Election* (Dr. Bow, Dr. Finbow, Mr. Beitelman, all of Dalhousie University), November 7, 2012

Brendan Haley, Lecturer, Carleton University, *"Canada's Carbon Trap: Political Economy of Canadian Climate Policy,"* November 22, 2012

David Malone, President of the International Development Research Centre, *"The UN Security Council: Boom or Bust?"* (Glyn Berry Lecture), January 28, 2013

Dr. Amelia Hadfield, Professor Vrije Universiteit Brussel, *"EU-Russia and Canadian Energy Security: Northern Governance or Brinkmanship?"* (And co-hosted by EUCE), February 21, 2013

Dr. Christopher Sands, Senior Fellow at the Hudson Institute *"The Problem of the US Political Class and US-Canadian Relations,"* March 28, 2013

HONOURS ESSAYS

Elizabeth Corbett: The Normative Drivers of Accession: The Case of the EU Political Elite and Turkey

Supervisor: Dr. R. Zaiotti

Morgan Knox: The Impact of the Radical Right: Measuring the Contribution of the National Front and the British National Party

Supervisor: Dr. R. Zaiotti

Jonathan Magill: Can a Late-Mover FIT in? Evaluating Green Energy Legislation in Germany and Ontario

Supervisor: Dr. A. Hayden

Brendan Martin: The Efficiency of Intrade and its Sources

Supervisor: Dr. C. Ward

Ashley Mulrooney: A Comparative Case Study of Prime Ministerial Decision-Making: The Idiosyncratic Variable in Canadian-American Defense Issues

Supervisor: Dr. D. Black

Michael Murphy: From "Hearts and Minds" to "Small Footprints": Social Learning and Transnational Terrorism in American National Security Policy

Supervisor: Dr. F. Harvey

Mcfarlane Njoh: Anti-Corruption Strategies in Africa: A Comparative Case Study

Supervisor: Dr. D. Black

Veronique Rendell-Fournier: Did we Help? Looking at the Consequences of International Intervention on the Development of Women's Rights in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Mozambique

Supervisor: Dr. D. Black

Harry Sawchuk: Locked in with a Broken Lock: Questioning the Ability of Red Line Threats to Effect Nuclear Non-Proliferation Communities in the Offshore Oil and Gas Development in Greenland and Canada
Supervisor: Dr. A. Hayden

Andrew Swift: Shifting Attitudes and Changing Landscapes: Consultation with Inuit
Supervisor: Dr. B. Bow

Ying Zhou: The Future of China's Sport System
Supervisor: Dr. O. Willis

NEWS FROM THE PODIUM OF THE UNDERGRAD SOCIETY

Morgan Knox (VP Internal – Undergraduate Political Science Society)



The Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society aims to bring politically minded students together through social and academic events of common interest. We have expanded to include students from across the spectrum of Dalhousie faculties, as well as students from the University of King's College. Interest in the Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society is at an all-time high.

Highlights from this year include an extremely successful American presidential election results viewing party held at the Grawood. We engaged with Dalhousie Student Union elections and invited candidates to participate in our end of the year dodge ball tournament. The year comes to an end with the pending publication of our undergraduate academic journal, "The Podium."

As a society we participated in events on and off campus organized by other groups. Political science was well represented at the annual DASSS Fall Ball. We participated in Canadian International Council events around Halifax and in the Canadian Political Science Student's Association conference in Vancouver. Students also went abroad to participate in model European Union in Belgrade, Serbia and model NATO in Brussels, Belgium.

With a large number of the society's executive leaving this year to pursue graduate studies or law school, there are many who will be missed. However, hardworking and creative people are ready to fill their place. We look forward to what the future holds for the Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society and the wider political science community at Dalhousie.



8TH ANNUAL POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM

Louise Cockram, (Co-Chair 8th Annual Graduate Symposium)



The Dalhousie Graduate Political Science Society's 8th Annual Graduate Symposium, held on the 8th and 9th of March, was a marvelous success. Entitled

each expanding on the conference theme: "a citizen of the world." John MacKay, MP, spoke about Canada's declining role on the international stage. Dr. Rob Hubert, professor at the University of Calgary encouraged the audience to pursue a career in international studies in spite of the unfavourable job market in academia. Finally, Megan Leslie MP gave the audience a fantastic speech about Canada's environmental policy. Leslie tied this into a personal story about her trip to Washington as NDP environmental affairs critic to discuss the Keystone XL pipeline and the resulting media backlash she received.

"A Citizen of the World: Canada and the Challenges of Global Politics" the symposium provided a forum for twenty-one graduate students from across Canada to present their research. Presenters came from as far away as the University of Calgary and Carleton University to participate but there was also a strong contingent of presenters from Dalhousie. The symposium was an excellent opportunity to meet other graduate students and to share research interests and ideas.

The panel topics were diverse and included: Arctic Sovereignty, Peacekeeping, and Canada in the Context of a Changing World, Transnational Social Movements, Defence, Canadian Immigration Policy and Normative Obligations in a Globalizing World. Presenters spoke on subjects from indigenous social movements throughout Canada to the impact of economic sanctions on the Iranian diaspora in Canada. Each of our moderators and panelists took part in informative and constructive discussion.

Our three keynote speakers brought an insightful perspective to the proceedings with

This year the conference focused on both Canadian and international perspectives, which was a bit different from previous years which had a purely international focus. This better reflected the research interests of the organizing committee, most of whom are writing theses on Canadian politics. As well, the organizing committee was not constrained by funding from the Security and Defence Forum (SDF), an initiative of the Department of National Defence to encourage military studies. In previous years, the conference had received SDF funding, which meant the conference had a purely international focus.

In all, the 8th Annual Graduate Symposium was an informative and fun weekend that the participants and organizers will always remember!

The organizing committee would like to recognize our sponsors: the Dalhousie Department of Political Science, the Canadian International Council (CIC), Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie Faculty of Graduate Studies, Office of the President, Dalhousie, the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIETY NEWS

David Beitelman (President of Dalhousie Graduate Student Political Science Society)



2012-13 marked another successful year for the Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science (DGSPS). Our keystone event, the Graduate Symposium, was another unmitigated success. For the first time in many years, the Symposium was entirely organized and run by M.A. students. Led by Louise Cockram and Katie Harper, the Symposium was able to draw on a wide range of talents and the seemingly endless supply of enthusiasm and energy of the entire M.A. cohort. Overcoming financial challenges and the steep learning curve that accompanies organizing a large event for the first time, the Symposium committee surpassed expectations and delivered a

timely, diverse, and interesting conference featuring graduate students from across Canada and keynote speeches from leading politicians and academics. The success of the Symposium has helped ensure the DGSPS will be able to organize another event in 2013-2014. Louise, Katie and the entire team has my sincerest thanks and appreciation for carrying the mantle and ensuring the prestige of our annual symposium remains firmly intact.

Every year, the DGSPS takes on a slightly different form, adjusting to the personalities and character of the cohort that fills its ranks. This year marked a truly unique 'meeting of the minds,' with strong personalities actively engaged in the student community, working together for the betterment of the Society.

On behalf of the entire DGSPS, I'd also like to extend our sincerest thanks to Tracy, Leanne, Professor Harvey, Professor Black, Professor Finbow, and the entire Centre for Foreign Policy Studies and Department of Political Science for their continued support and encouragement year after year. The DGSPS would not be possible without your guidance and commitment to making it the success it is.

It has been a privilege and wonderful experience serving as President of the DGSPS for 2012-13, surrounded by so many talented and committed colleagues. As the majority of the 2012-13 cohort moves on to new adventures, the DGSPS wishes them success and happiness in whatever comes next. And as the Society turns to the 2013-14 year, we eagerly await the arrival of our new friends and colleagues and the infusion of energy and enthusiasm they always bring with them.

Doris Boyle Prize for Best Graduate Essay

David Morgan is the winner of this year's Doris Boyle Prize. The prize is awarded for the best essay written by a graduate student in the area of international relations. Doris Boyle served for many years as Administrative Secretary of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, from its creation in 1971 until retirement. The prize was created by faculty and research staff of the Centre to honour her contributions to the activities of the Centre. David is currently working on his PhD Political Science.

GRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS

Frank Harvey

Our graduate students have had a very productive and successful year. Three MA students completed their research and defended their theses: **Jean-Francois Belanger**, **Laurence Therrien** and **Kendra Coombs**. As usual, the range of topics was impressive: “Strategic stability in the 21st century: toward a BMD paradigm” (Belanger); “Humanitarian military interventions in the 21st Century: the search for a strategic neutrality” (Therrien); “The Politics of End-of-life-care.” (Coombs).

Two doctoral students, **Dave Meadows** and **Eric Lerhe**, defended their dissertations and are currently working on submitting their respective books to publishers. David’s thesis is on “The Effects of Political-Culture on Divergent Patterns of Post-Soviet Political-Economic Transformation: A Comparison of the Experiences of Latvia and Belarus Since 1991.” Eric’s thesis, “Canada-US Military Interoperability: At What Cost Sovereignty?” will be published through the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies publication series.

PhD candidates **Sarbina Hoque**, **Sarah Dunphy**, and **Mohammad Ehsan** are currently engaged in dissertation research and writing.

Glenn Graham, **Byron Peacock** and **Marcella Firmini** have successfully defended their dissertation proposals and, after a busy year of teaching, will be devoting much of their time to research and writing.

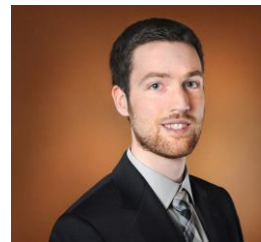
Michelle Coffin has been very busy teaching several core classes in our department (and for other political science departments in the region) and is looking forward to a well-deserved break from teaching to focus her energies on completing and defending her dissertation proposal. **Cameron McKay** is also working on his dissertation proposal and has recently accepted a part time job as Reference Librarian at the Saskatchewan Legislative Library.

This has been one of the most successful years for graduate students scholarships and awards.

Byron Peacock’s Killam pre-doctoral scholarship was renewed for another year to facilitate his research on the relationship between sports and politics.

David Beitelman, who joined our department last year, was recently awarded a Killam pre-doctoral scholarship to study China-U.S. security relations. **John Mitton**, who joined this year, presented a paper at the International Studies Association meeting in San Francisco in early April. The title of his ISA paper, and the topic of his proposed thesis research, is “International Rivalry, Civil Conflict, and the Diffusion of Violence: A Case Study.”

Carla Suarez has completed her first year as the Department’s first Trudeau Scholar (valued at \$180,000 over three years) to study civilian self-protection strategies in South Sudan. She has had an incredibly busy and exciting year as a Trudeau Scholar and is currently in Sudan conducting the first stages of her field research.



We are very pleased to announce that one of our newest doctoral students, **David Morgan**, has been awarded a Trudeau Scholarship in this year’s competition.

David’s project will focus on applying the findings from extension research on community based resilience strategies in hopes of encouraging innovative policy thinking among local, national, and international actors to enhance community approach to security and survival, a project that nicely compliments the Trudeau Foundation’s thematic focus on human rights and dignity. Each year, the Trudeau Foundation awards up to 15 scholarships to the “most talented” Canadian doctoral students in the social sciences and humanities across the country - we are thrilled to have two Trudeau

scholars in our department, both benefiting enormously from Professor David Black's supervision and guidance. David Morgan's recent successes also include a Glyn Berry Graduate Scholarship in International Affairs, and, this year alone, he was awarded a Social Science and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Scholarship, a Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, and a Killam Pre-Doctoral Scholarship. See Dalhousie News piece at: **Dal's new Trudeau Scholar seeks to break down barriers:**

http://www.dal.ca/news/2013/05/24/dal_s-new-trudeau-scholar-seeks-to-break-down-barriers.html?utm_source=dalnewsWeekly&utm_medium=email&utm_content=234&utm_campaign=dalnews

Tracy Powell continues to serve the department well through her extraordinary

contributions to our graduate program. She continues to do an outstanding job on every aspect of the graduate program and deserves much of the credit for the success of our graduate students.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone in the department, including all current and former graduate students, for being so supportive over the past three years. It has been an honour and a privilege working with you to build our graduate program. We are very fortunate that Katherine Fierlbeck has agreed to take over as our new Graduate Coordinator in July. I wish her all the best, and I am sure she will find the experience as rewarding as I have.

GLYN BERRY MEMORIAL LECTURE

David Morgan, the first recipient of the Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholarship in International Policy Studies joined the department this year. David has joined us to pursue doctoral research in areas of interest to Mr. Berry, on the "alarming gap" between the "growing international recognition of a 'responsibility to protect' civilians from mass atrocities within their borders" and actual "practice in the field of civilian protection".

To mark the occasion, the Department hosted a reception and talk, with generous contributions from the Dean's office in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. We invited David Malone, a former colleague of Glyn Berry, who served many years in the Canadian Foreign Service including Delhi as high commissioner to India. He is the outgoing President of the International Development Research Centre and soon to be the Rector of the United Nations University in Tokyo. He was introduced by Dean of FASS, Robert Summerby-Murray. Dr. Malone noted that Glyn Berry's career and his overlapped several times, most recently when Mr. Malone worked for the International Peace Academy in New York.

Dr. Malone delivered this year's Glyn Berry Lecture on "The UN Security Council: Boom or Bust?" With a large audience in attendance, it was an excellent presentation, drawing on years of experience in the Foreign Service and academic analysis of the United Nations system. He outlined the improvements and limits to the functioning of the Security Council in the post-Cold War era, in light of the complex new realities of international politics, trans-state terrorism and the emergence of new regional powers. It was highly informative for the large audience of students and faculty who were fortunate enough to be in attendance.



Professor Denis Stairs, who was a professor and mentor of Mr. Berry when he was a student in the department at Dalhousie, (and who contributed much to the establishment and funding of the Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholarship), gave a brief statement at the reception. He summarized Mr. Berry's achievements, his forthright pursuit of policies which he believed to be correct

(even against resistance from above), and his selfless sense of service to promote the well-being especially of persons dislocated by conflict. It was a moving tribute and, especially for those of us not fortunate enough to meet Mr. Berry, it was an opportunity to gain insight into his character and career.

David Morgan then spoke graciously of how his work has been inspired by Glyn Berry's legacy. He expressed gratitude for the opportunity provided by the memorial scholarship. He appeared genuinely moved by the experience and is without doubt an excellent young scholar and collegial individual who fits the Scholarship's mandate perfectly. Mr. Malone noted that the Glyn Berry Memorial Scholarship "is now off to a great start, in terms of Dalhousie's commitment, the quality of the first winner, and the attention that all of this received at the university."

Mrs. Valerie Berry, Glyn Berry's widow wrote to say she and her children were pleased to hear of the successful event. "I am sure my sons and I would have been very moved had we been in attendance, and I know that Glyn would have been thrilled to know that any small part of his life's work had been recognized. I'm sure you remember what a cynic he was, albeit an enthusiastic and relentless campaigner and he would probably have been astonished if he knew that his work might have made a difference. It is what he would have wished and I think he would have concluded that the sacrifice was worthwhile."

We thank all supporters for their very generous contributions and the Berry family for permitting us to remember him in this fashion. David Morgan is just the first of many recipients, who will produce worthy scholarship which will extend Glyn Berry's legacy well into the future.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD/PRIZE WINNERS

Michael Murphy (graduated May 21, 2013 B.A. Honours in Political Science and Psychology) has been recognized with two awards, the **2012-13 Eric Dennis Gold Medal** and the **James H. Aitchison Award**. In addition to these two awards, we would also like to congratulate Michael for his success in receiving an MA Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) scholarship for the 2013-14 academic year.



Eric Dennis Gold Medal: *Founded by Senator William Dennis and Mrs. Dennis, this medal will be awarded on graduation to the student who stands first among*

those taking First Class honours in Government of Political Science. This is the University Medal in Political Science.

The James H. Aitchison Award: *In 1979 colleagues of Dr. J. H. Aitchison established a fund from which an annual prize would be awarded in recognition of the best undergraduate honours essay. The*

fund was established to honour Professor Aitchison who was instrumental in founding the Department.

E-Interview with Michael Murphy

What made you want to take political science? Was there anything or anybody who inspired you? I've been interested in politics ever since I was young, so studying political science was always a strong possibility for me coming to university. That being said, I was originally planning on doing a BSc and it was only once I took World Politics and a couple of other political science classes in my second year that I set my mind on doing a degree in political science. I'm not sure that I would have done my degree in political science if it wasn't for that experience.

Is there a particular area of political science that interests you? I have interest in most areas of politics, and try to keep myself generally knowledgeable; my main area of interest is international politics and foreign policy.

What are your plans after you graduate? I'm working this summer and then I plan to do my

Master's at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs at Carleton. I'd like to find some time to travel a bit, but I'm not sure I'll be able to for another little while.

What are your long-term plans? I'm not entirely sure. I'm taking a wait-and-see approach, and take advantage of as many interesting opportunities in the next few years while I do my Master's at Carleton and see where I go from there. I may look at finding work, or I may undertake further education. We'll see.

What will you take most away from Dal with you as you start another chapter of your life?

Beside my academic interest in the field, the most important thing I'll take away are the friendships I've made here at Dal. I've met some really interesting people and built some very strong and hopefully lasting friendships. Without those people, I don't think I would've enjoyed the Dal experience in quite the same way, and they've really shaped my experience at

Dal and hopefully will continue to play an important role in my life beyond Dal.

Kelti Munroe has been awarded the **H.B. McCulloch Memorial Prize in Political Science**.

This prize is awarded annually to the student who, among all the first and second years students registered in introductory classes in Political Science, is judged to have written the best essay in the second term.

Rachel Vickerson has been awarded the **Commonwealth Prize in Political Philosophy**.

This prize is awarded annually to the student who receives the highest grade in Political Science 2410 and 2420. The Commonwealth Prize was established by John Beveridge, who graduated from Dalhousie University in 1971. It is awarded to first-class students who demonstrate interest and achievement in the field of political philosophy.

FACULTY AWARDS

David Black Wins FASS Award for Service Excellence for 2013



Professor David Black, Lester B. Pearson Chair of International Development Studies, has been awarded the FASS Award for Service Excellence for 2013. David has provided tireless, selfless service to several units and deserves recognition for his efforts on behalf of the FASS community and beyond. David Black has provided highly dedicated administrative service to the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies (CFPS), Departments of Political Science and International Development Studies (IDS), the College of Sustainability and to the wider university and professional community. Besides his formal roles as Chair of IDS and Director of the CFPS, much of this service has been behind the scenes and has probably not been formally recognized or recorded precisely because of David's modest nature and willingness to work on nameless ad-hoc committees.

The nomination letter was drafted with input from the Centre, College, IDS and Political Science to highlight all his contributions. While grappling with funding cuts, David is repositioning the Centre into a truly multi-disciplinary research institute that has grown well beyond its traditional focus on Canadian defence and security. David has helped support the emergence of the successful Child Soldier Initiative, and worked to attain a \$1.6 million Network Centres of Excellence Grant from SSHRC to explore Children and Youth in Challenging Contexts. He has expanded interdisciplinary linkages across

Dalhousie in Maritime Security and Marine Affairs and has helped Centre faculty and research fellows increase their involvement with Dalhousie's strategic focus on Oceans research. Former Centre Director Frank Harvey suggests that David's many efforts as Director "continue to generate direct benefits to FASS faculty and undergraduate and graduate students through enhanced course content, guest lectures, conferences and research assistantships."

David's contributions to IDS have been enormous. IDS Chair John Cameron suggests that without his efforts the program might not exist. David was instrumental in the conversion of IDS from program to a department and served as Chair from 2000-07. During these years David took on a disproportionately high administrative load and protected junior faculty from burdens by administering hiring processes, the self-study for the 2003-04 unit review, writing drafts of strategic plans, revising the department's curriculum, and improving academic standards. After his terms as Chair he served on the Tenure and Promotions committee and IDS Executive Committee. John Cameron concludes that "David's contributions strengthened the quality of the IDS program, improved the academic experience for IDS students, and, by extension, enhanced the overall reputation of the program."

David's service to the College of Sustainability began when he played a central role in the "Sustainability, Development and Social Change" working group which laid the groundwork for the College. He chaired the Environment and Sustainability Academic Programs Steering Committee from 2007-08, during the development and approval phases of the College and the Major in Environment, Sustainability and Society. For this he received the Dalhousie Senate Academic Leadership

Award in 2010, with Deborah Buszard and Steven Mannell. Since the College was created in 2008, he has served on many committees, including the Directorship Advisory Committee, the Working Group on Graduate Programming, the Sustainability Leadership Certificate working group and the College Advisory Committee. College Director Mannell notes that "his perspective and advice is critical in ensuring that the College does not drift from its original aims, while also enabling the College to be well-positioned in pursuing its future goals in alignment with partner colleagues and units."

He has taken on many tasks for FASS, most recently as Chair, Faculty Search Committee for Canada Research Chair in Children and Global Development. Outside Dalhousie he served as President of the International Studies Association-Canada Section and Co-Director, Canadian Consortium for Human Security. He has taken on many duties for our department, notably on curriculum development and course scheduling and graduate admissions and supervision. He has been indispensable to Dalhousie's Interdisciplinary PhD. He is currently creating the Lester B. Pearson Summer Institute on Security and Development with the CFPS, Political Science, IDS, the Child Soldiers Initiative, Halifax Marine Research Institute and other partners. What is amazing about David's administrative service is that he did not allow it to undermine his dedication to teaching and students or his research productivity - as should be clear from his FASS teaching award, his SSHRC research grants, his many publications, and his appointment as Lester B. Pearson Chair. He rarely turns down a request to assist and undertakes these many duties in a positive, collegial and self-effacing manner, which sometimes obscures his true impact on so many units at Dalhousie. For all of these reasons, David Black is highly deserving of the FASS Award for Service Excellence.

Katherine Fierlbeck awarded a McCulloch Professorship



Professor Katherine Fierlbeck has been awarded a McCulloch Professorship. The Professorships, which are few in number, were created in 1971 to recognize faculty members achieving a

high level of scholarly of excellence. In her research, teaching and service to the university, Katherine exemplifies the commitment to academic rigor and quality that the McCulloch professorships were created to recognize. In an age of extreme academic specialization, Katherine has accomplished something genuinely extraordinary, by making important contributions in both political philosophy and health policy. She therefore brings a unique perspective to both areas, and has found novel ways to bring these different elements together in her teaching and research.

Katherine is the author of several important books, including *Globalizing Democracy*, published by Macmillan in 1998, and reissued in 2008; *The Development of Political Thought in Canada: An Anthology* (Broadview/UT Press 2005); *Canadian Political Thought: An Intellectual History* (Broadview/UT Press 2006), and *Health Care in Canada* (UT Press 2011). She has a book coming out later this year with McGill-Queen's University Press—a volume co-edited with Bill Lahey, entitled *Health Care Federalism in Canada: Critical Junctures and Critical Perspectives*. Her books have been received very favourably by reviewers and are considered to be significant contributions to scholarship. Katherine has also published numerous articles and book chapters in both political theory and health care in prestigious journals like *Canadian Journal of Political Science* and *Studies in Political Economy*.

Three arm's length external referees enthusiastically endorsed Katherine's nomination. Professor Richard Vernon refers to the "the refreshingly transgressive nature of her

present and future research interests, which draw creatively from several areas of political and social science (and philosophy) in an open-minded way that rather few people in her discipline even aspire to." Her proposed future research programme "brilliantly connects the failures of today's pharmacopoeia with those of utilitarian philosophy". Carolyn Tuohy, a leading scholar on Canadian health policy, observes that "in her insights into the intricacies and issues of federal governance in Canadian health care policy," Katherine "has no peer among Canadian political scientists." Margaret Moore notes that Katherine is also "a very well respected political theorist with an international reputation," with a "formidable intellect ... able to range across intellectual history and normative political philosophy". Furthermore, "Fierlbeck is impressive because of the quality of her publication: she writes clearly and competently, and often with striking originality, and over a wide ranging area, from democratic theory to the unique history and contributions of Canadian political theory to health care." Katherine is also a creative and passionate teacher. She has developed innovative new courses and has supervised numerous doctoral, masters, and honours theses. Katherine is an excellent instructor at all levels of academia. This is evident in the data from Student Ratings of Instruction and in letters enthusiastically provided by both former and current students for a concurrent teaching award nomination. Katherine excels while maintaining a rigorous concern for high standards of academic achievement, intellectual integrity and scholarly quality.

Katherine has effectively juggled these scholarly accomplishments with some very demanding administrative responsibilities, including service on the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Plagiarism, and as Co-Chair of Senate Discipline Committee for several years, both onerous and contentious tasks. In these roles she contributed to development of the university policy on scholarly integrity. She has also served on the faculty's Academic Development Committee and as chair of the Spanish department. For the department she took on the important role of Chair, Curriculum Committee, as the department engaged in substantial curriculum

revision; she previously served as honours and undergraduate coordinator. Outside Dalhousie, she has taken prominent professional roles in organizing the CPSA annual meetings, service on SSHRC and CIHR grant adjudication committees, and on the editorial boards at several prominent academic journals.

In short, Katherine is an outstanding scholar, excellent teacher, dedicated administrator and a great ambassador for the university, whose contributions have been most deservedly recognized with a McCulloch Professorship.

Frank Harvey selected as the Eric Dennis Memorial Professor of Government and Political Science

Professor Frank Harvey has been selected as the Eric Dennis Memorial Professorship founded in 1918 by Senator and Mrs. William Dennis in honour of their son who lost his life in the First World War. This Professorship has always been held by one of our department's most senior, accomplished, and widely recognized members, including outstanding scholars with high national and international reputations. Frank's appointment both maintains and reinforces this tradition of excellence.



All three of the external referees we solicited for this nomination explicitly recognize Frank as one Canada's most outstanding scholars of international relations such: James Fergusson (Manitoba) calls him "one of Canada's top scholars of international relations;" Louis Belanger (Laval) describes him as "one of the most accomplished political scientists in Canada;" and David Haglund (Queen's) writes, "I consider Frank Harvey to be either the most accomplished IR scholar in this country, or at least among the two or three most accomplished scholars." His reputation for scholarly rigour and excellence is an international one, as reflected in his numerous publications, grants, awards, and invited presentations and lectures.

Frank is the author or co-editor of 12 books, and author or co-author of some 38 refereed journal articles and book chapters. His work has been published in many of the top journals in our field, including *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, and the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*. His most recent monograph, *Explaining the Iraq War*, was published in 2011 by Cambridge University Press, characterized by Professor Belanger as "simply the most respected scholarly publisher in the field of International Relations." Its challenging counter-factual explanation for this war as "the final stage of a series of rational choices made by multiple actors over time" has already received critical acclaim from some of the most accomplished scholars in the field. Earlier monographs have been similarly acclaimed, and his series of *Millennial Reflections on International Studies*, yielding 4 volumes co-edited with Michael Brecher of McGill University, is a landmark achievement.

His scholarship is characterized by exceptionally high standards of conceptual development, rigour and critical analysis. Frank's scholarship is very broadly within the grand realist tradition of IR. His choice of research enquiries in areas such as deterrence theory, the processes of ethnic conflict and civil strife, terrorism, homeland security, multilateralism, and counter-factual analyses of conflict and war both reflect and illuminate this rich theoretical vein of enquiry. His distinctive contribution has been to blend the historical insights of the realist tradition with refinements and advances that build on a skilled exploitation of rational choice theory. Belanger writes that, "Impermeable to academic fads and policy groupthinks, a significant part of his contribution has taken the form of brilliant deconstructions of widely shared conventional wisdoms." Haglund finds his "methodological determination awe-inspiring."

Frank's deep commitment to research excellence has been enthusiastically shared with others in a variety of ways. One is his undergraduate and graduate teaching excellence, for which he has received both the FASS and Alumni Teaching Awards. A second is his commitment to his graduate students formally recognized through his Outstanding Graduate Advisor Award in 2009. Haglund, having served as the external examiner for one of Frank's PhD students, David McDonough, notes "how responsibly he takes his role as supervisor, and how effectively he performs in that capacity." Frank's commitment to graduate education and training has been extended in the recent past through his role as Graduate Coordinator for our Department, where he has displayed an indefatigable commitment to improving the graduate student experience and enhancing their professional development, while enabling them to compete successfully for prestigious graduate awards. Finally, he has worked exceptionally hard to support research excellence among colleagues throughout the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences in his capacity as Associate Dean for Research – a role that we know to be appreciated across the Faculty.

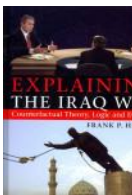
Frank's commitment to scholarship has been recognized nationally and internationally. He is a

Senior Research Fellow of the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute, has Chaired the SSHRC Adjudication Committee for Political Science and Public Administration, has been a member of the Security and Defence Forum Selection Committee, has served on the Humanities and Social Sciences Federation Book Awards Committee, and was Program Chair for the annual convention of the International Studies Association – the largest scholarly association in International Relations - in 2000.

The original letter by which the Dennis Chair was established in 1918 notes particularly Dalhousie's influence "on the side of sound learning, liberal and progressive thought, democratic ideas and a wholesome patriotism." While the language may seem somewhat anachronistic, we take from it a particular emphasis on rigorous and disciplined inquiry, and free and vigorous exchange of ideas. Frank's scholarship exemplifies these qualities, not least (in Haglund's words) his "outright compulsion to confront head-on much of what passes for the conventional wisdom in the field of IR." He is a most deserving holder of the Dennis Professorship.

Frank Harvey Wins CPSA awards

Frank's intellectual accomplishments continued! He won both the Canadian Political Science Association IR book award and Canadian Journal of Political Science best article award. This is an unusual, if not unprecedented, double win. Nominators described the winning book, *Explaining the Iraq War: Counterfactual Theory, Logic and Evidence*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012, thusly:



Using sophisticated counterfactual arguments, Frank Harvey presents an imaginative, bold, and provocative reinterpretation of the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003. Basing his analysis on a wide variety of documentary sources and other empirical evidence, he carefully and methodically challenges, and dismantles, the standard explanations for the war that overwhelmingly locate causality within the administration of George W. Bush. This book not only makes an important contribution to our understanding of the 2003 war, a conflict whose effects continue to impact global politics; more importantly, it demonstrates how path dependence and counterfactual theorizing, rigorously and imaginatively applied, can enhance our understanding of international relations.

He also won the 2013 McMenemy Prize for the best article published in the Canadian Journal of Political Science the top Canadian journal in the field, for "President Al Gore and the 2003 Iraq War: A Counterfactual Test of Conventional 'W'isdom," (45:1). The article was described as:

A remarkable example of counterfactual analysis examining the validity of widely held political interpretations and deepening our theoretical understanding of crucial decisions. Harvey rigorously examines the all but universal acceptance of what he terms 'neoconism' – that the Bush administration's decision to go to war in Iraq in 2003 was a function of its ideological agenda, misguided priorities, intentional deceptions and grand strategies. Relying on a wide range of data sources, Harvey builds a strong case that had Al Gore won the 2002 [sic] Presidential election, he would have reacted to the Iraq situation in much the same fashion as did George W. Bush. Whatever one's view of the Bush administration and the Iraq war, this incisive analysis cannot be ignored.

Florian Bail Wins Part-Time Teaching Award



Florian Bail has won the Dalhousie Sessional and Part-time Instructor Award of Excellence for Teaching. Florian has worked for over a quarter of a century as a sessional instructor in our department,

teaching several courses, including POLI 1103, Introduction to Government and Politics, our introductory writing class, and POLI 3431 Politics Through Film and Literature. In the past he has also instructed courses on political theory, including POLI 3450.03 Storm and Stress: Romanticism and the Backlash against Enlightenment Political Thought and in the past other courses on political theory and philosophy. Next year he will also contribute teaching to the European Studies Programme.

Florian easily exceeds the criteria for the sessional instructor award. His course evaluations for his regularly offered courses exceed the departmental mean on most indicators and have remained consistently high over the years, despite the diverse courses he has prepared for us. Students from the introductory to advanced undergraduate and post-graduate levels appear similarly supportive of his teaching. Written comments demonstrate the students' appreciation of the combination of his extensive academic training, and personal style which inform his teaching.

We received testimonials from his students indicating how invaluable his guidance and inspiration has been. Stephen Scannell suggests that Florian is "striking in his breadth of knowledge, and demonstrates an enthusiasm for learning that he passes onto his students." His excellent lectures are "uniquely organized around mediums that include music and art to weave together the various themes." In addition, he "approaches teaching as a conversation between him and his students; as an opportunity for mutual learning that places the student at the centre of the dialogue."

Amanda Hester described Florian Bail as "the

best Professor I have ever had. He made my time in university not only bearable but joyous and exciting." She declares that he "taught me how to think and question and challenge my own assumptions as well as the world's. He taught me rigour and intellectual honesty." Rebecca Sewell comments that "It is rare to find a professor that encourages creativity in such a way that he does. Professor Bail was also a great mentor, continuously motivating me to stay true to my original goals and intentions with the project."

Alumnus Daniel Watt provides this testimonial on the Dalhousie website, noting how Florian inspired his decision to take political science in the first place. "Florian Bail's Introduction to Government and Politics class (POLI 1103) was very demanding. It required a lot of reading, writing, and analysis of politics, none of which I'd really done before. It was the most challenging class for me, but it was also one of the most rewarding. It was the reason I chose Political Science as my major." Former student David Brock concurs: "Choosing a major was also a quick decision once David set foot in Prof. Florian Bail's first-year Introduction to Government and Politics class." In his words "The level of emphasis that Florian placed upon creativity and original thought caused me to explore Political Science, rather than History, as a major." In his classes he credited Florian for his "interdisciplinary mix of philosophy, literature, and music." Indeed Florian adopted such innovative and creative blends well before they acquired more vogue in the university. He never teaches the same seminar or lecture class the same way and creates innovative new foci each time through.

Student ratings of instruction (SRI) for his courses indicate that he is prepared and knowledgeable in both lectures and seminars, and that his approach to teaching stimulates student interest and engagement in the subject matter. SRI results indicate that students find Florian a strong lecturer who provides well-structured classes. He also demonstrates genuine concern for students and provides fair and appropriate methods of evaluation. Although spending much of his time at other universities, students report that he is accessible to them and that they always receive timely

academic feedback. In fact, on all the indicators on Dalhousie's SRI, his results were at or above departmental means. Indeed with scores ranging up to 4.9 on "interest and enthusiasm" his performance could hardly be better and exceeds most full-time faculty in the department.

Written comments from students also demonstrate the esteem in which he is held as a teacher. Many students affirmed that his personable and enthusiastic teaching style made the subject matter that much more interesting. Many students stated that they would take additional classes from him if these were available (though cutbacks to CUPE positions in FASS threaten to provide less opportunity for colleagues like Florian). Comments indicated a very strong performance, especially his genuine enthusiasm for teaching which was conveyed in effective, energized and organized classes. Notably, his first year class, which has been a service contribution writing class with most students from outside the field, has drawn new recruits for political science, as several students indicated that it kindled their interest and inspired them to switch their major. His approachability and his extensive, constructive feedback on classroom queries and term papers were also highly valued.

Florian has contributed well beyond the expectations for sessional appointees. He always goes above and beyond for the department, and should have secured a tenured instructor position were such available. We are fortunate to have been able to retain him through budgetary ups and downs. He has supervised approximately 30 honours theses and 5 MA theses. His role as examiner at these levels is also very important to the department, starved by budget constraints for resources in political theory. He has supplied many specialized reading courses for students on a range of theoretical topics which we would not be able to offer otherwise. None of this is required by the CUPE contract or expected by the department, but has been voluntarily sought and never shirked.

Florian brings some essential elements to his teaching which would otherwise be missing in the department. His training in contemporary and classical political theory makes him a versatile instructor, and he has offered classes on Plato and other theorists in the past. His personal and educational background in post-war Germany contributed to the sophisticated and distinct quality of his teaching, as he invokes important authors in political thought and practice, both contemporary and ancient. He also has a contemporary understanding of European politics and the European Union which he has taught about elsewhere and used in supervisions here.

As well as teaching and supervision he has contributed to intellectual life for students by being an active participant in the department seminar and conference presentations. He has contributed many informed presentations on German and European politics as well as political thought. He has performed research at a high level with some significant publications, while juggling part-time teaching at Acadia, Mount Saint Vincent University, and Saint Mary's University. This diversity of engagements indicates his industriousness in pursuing his love of teaching alongside demanding work aiding his spouse in their 24/7 veterinary clinic in Upper Tantallon. He also served for many years as Coordinator for Amnesty International Canada and also as a volunteer firefighter; this civic mindedness is clearly evident in his many contributions to department instruction.

In short the department has been privileged to have this excellent intellectual work with us for so long. Despite the insecurity of his sessional position, he has contributed as much as any tenured faculty member in teaching and supervision. Given his consistently high level of performance in a variety of classes over the years, his high-quality sessional instruction, his generous contribution of supervisions, and his sharing of fine intellectual lectures and presentations, it is clear that Florian Bail is well deserving of the Dalhousie Sessional and Part-time Instructor Award of Excellence for Teaching.

Florian Bail Comments on his Teaching Award and Career

Congratulations to Florian Bail who is a Part-time Sessional Instructor in Political Science. He was awarded with one of this year's Dalhousie Sessional and Part-time Instructor Awards of Excellence.

How do you feel about winning this award? When I first received an e-mail stating that I had been nominated for the award I didn't believe it and had to verify it. Then I felt a bit overwhelmed but also very grateful for the opportunity given to me by the department over the years.

How long have you been associated with the Department of Political Science? I first came to Dal as a 'visiting student' from the U of A in 1972. I took courses from Murray Back, Peter Aucoin, David Braybrooke and TA's for Bill Mathie. I felt 'at home' from the first moment. In 1987 David Braybrooke asked whether I could 'fill in' for Bob Eden who had suddenly left the department for another appointment. I was then also teaching part-time at Acadia.

What do you enjoy most about teaching as a Part-time academic? For me the greatest kick of part-time teaching at Dal is the possibility to concentrate entirely on teaching and to be able to offer to supervise theses, to 'fill in' for colleagues who are on sabbatical, and to offer reading courses. I have always felt quite privileged in this regard.

FACULTY NEWS

Peter Arthur continued as Honours Coordinator. All eleven students successfully defended theses on time. He published a paper "Food security and food sovereignty in Africa: The Issues, Challenges and Opportunities," African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) Occasional Paper No. 17, Harare: Zimbabwe; He participated in the 2013 African Capacity Indicators (ACIR) Validation Workshop, Organized by African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), Dares Salaam, Tanzania, February 7-8 2013. The workshop focused on natural resource management in Africa. He presented a paper, "Governance of natural resource management in Africa: Contemporary Perspectives," at annual Canadian Association for African Studies (CAAS) Conference, 1st-3rd May 2013, Carleton University, Ottawa; and he is currently working on a paper "Local content and private sector participation in Ghana's oil industry: An economic and strategic imperative," which would be submitted to a Journal for publication consideration.

David Black and his team have received a 2013 SSHRC Connections Grant for their workshop on "Rethinking Canadian Aid: Foundations, Contradictions, Possibilities." Applicants: D.

Black (Principal Investigator), Stephen Brown (University of Ottawa), Molly den Heyer (St FX): \$40,338. Congratulations, Dave!

Brian Bow became a Research Fellow at the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute, and continues to serve as a Senior Fellow at the Center for North American Studies at American University. He published chapters in volumes edited by Peter Katzenstein—*Anglo-America and its Discontents: Civilizational Politics beyond West and East* (Routledge, 2012)—and by Jeffrey Ayres and Laura Macdonald—*North America in Question: Regional Integration in an Era of Economic Turbulence* (UTP, 2012). In collaboration with Arturo Santa Cruz (Guadalajara), he published an edited volume, titled *The State and Security in Mexico: Transformation and Crisis in Regional Perspective* (Routledge, 2012), and a chapter within that volume, "Beyond Mérida: The Evolution of the US Response to Mexico's Security Crisis." He is currently working on a new volume—*Building without Architecture: Understanding post-NAFTA North America*—co-edited with Greg Anderson (Alberta), and a monograph on the history of North American regional cooperation. He co-organized the International Relations section of the Canadian

Political Science Association conference, and was a reviewer for the SSHRC Insight Grants program.

Robert Finbow continued research on the rapidly changing negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic and Free Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada. He published two articles from his EUCE funded research, in collections edited by departing EUCE director Finn Laursen. “The Eurozone crisis and the social dimension: prospects for democratic practice in a reconstituted fiscal union” in Finn Laursen (ed). *The EU and the Eurozone Crisis: Policy Challenges and Strategic Choices*, (Ashgate, 2013) 45-64.; and “Embedding liberalization: Will CETA undermine the social dimension of trans-Atlantic integration?” in Finn Laursen (ed.), *The EU and the Political Economy of Transatlantic Relations* Brussels: I.E. Peter Lang 2012 (Chapter 6), 123-146. He helped to organize and participated in 3 roundtables on the social dimensions of the proposed agreement. The bulk of his time was devoted to managing the department through difficult fiscal times.

Anders Hayden had an article accepted for publication in a book, entitled “*Enough of That Already: Sufficiency-Based Challenges to High-Carbon Consumption in Canada?*” He also has two other book chapters in press. He was invited to contribute to a volume on work-time reduction policies for the London-based New Economics Foundation and to present on the same theme at a special session on social policy lessons from abroad at the American Sociological Association conference. He made a presentation to the Canadian Political Science Association and was invited to participate in a seminar in Bhutan on its alternative development paradigm and concept of Gross National Happiness. In collaboration with colleagues from the University of Toronto, Wageningen University, and the Technische Universität Darmstadt, he contributed to a report on “Sharing the Cost of Canadian National Climate-Change Policy: Learning from the EU, Australia and Germany.” He submitted a book manuscript, *When Green Growth is Not Enough: Climate Change, Ecological Modernization, and Sufficiency*, which is

currently under review by McGill-Queen’s University Press.

Finn Laursen will retire from his 7-year Canada Research Chair in EU Studies at the end of June 2013. He completed a second 3-year period as director of the European Union Centre of Excellence by the end of 2012. Based on the last annual conference he was responsible for (in April 2012) two books were edited. They are now in the production stage. One entitled *The EU and the Eurozone Crisis: Policy Challenges and Strategic Choices* will be published by Ashgate in June 2013. The other one, entitled *EU Enlargement: Current Challenges and Strategic Choices* will be published by: P.I.E. Peter Lang in Brussels in the near future. Among the five edited books which were published in 2012 he is especially proud of *Designing the European Union: From Paris to Lisbon* (Hound mills: Palgrave Macmillan). It has a chapter on each of the treaties that form the ‘constitutional’ basis of the EU. Finn now plans to move to Mexico where he intends to keep writing and hopefully can find some ad hoc teaching. He will also stay in touch with some European think-tanks and consultancies, hoping to get some ad hoc work assignments. After arriving in Puerto Marques just south of Acapulco in the summer, he hopes to update and further develop his own website: www.finnlaursen.com and get started writing the books he did not get time for while in Halifax.

Ruben Zaiotti *Beyond the twin peaks...* continues to juggle work and family as he helps raise twin boys Ari and Luca. The most significant news for the 2012/13 academic year was his appointment as Director the European Union Center of Excellence (see more on the center’s activities in the dedicated article in this newsletter). He looks forward to expanding the visibility of European Studies and European integration at Dal and beyond.

He continues working on two major projects. The first one has to do with transatlantic relations on issues of homeland security, assessing how, despite differences in traditions and institutional frameworks, Europe and North American approaches in this policy realm

seem to be converging. The other project is on European Union's problematic quest to define its own identity on the global stage focusing on the role that non state actors (NGOs, migrants, businesspeople) outside Europe who regularly come into contact with the EU in their everyday activities might contribute to the definition of this regional organization's international identity.

In the fall of 2013 Ruben and Margaret Denike will take over the coordination of the United Nations model class for students preparing to participate in UN models taking places in

various locations in North America and around the world. He also carries on his musings on "the good, the bad and the plainly odd" of Europe's borders on the blog *Schengenalia* (www.schengenalia.com). The topics include Margaret Thatcher's (unintended) role in helping continental Europe abolishing border controls; an old time Spanish crooner singing about the pain and sorrow of Europe-bound migrants; ghost houses on the Baltic Sea helping rich Russians getting into Europe; and an online prayer book where you can ask somebody up above to help out in the processing of a European visa.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

Belgrade, Serbia by Véronique Rendell-Fournier

This past October I attended the Belgrade European Union Model (BEUM) in Belgrade, Serbia. Usually BEUM is closed to European students but as I am friends with one of the organizers I was invited to attend. Without the European Union Centre of Excellence and their funding, I would not have been able to go on this amazing trip.

For this model I represented Ireland in the European Council. I was happy to be one of the smaller nations as I had little experience with this kind of thing and it allowed me to learn more on how it all worked. During the simulation I was very aware that I was not a European and did not share in their mentality or world view. By this I mean they all were very aware of each country's attitudes and characteristics, similar to Canada and the US, but would not necessarily be known by known Europeans. This was fascinating. It also made it possible to contrast participants' positions, based on the research they had done, with the opinions of students from those nations.



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Courtesy of Dimitar Chatleski

Although the simulation didn't fully represent how the EU worked, according to a participant who's majoring on the subject, it did produce some very intense discussions. Both topics, EU enlargement and the Iranian nuclear issue, are extremely relevant and have global implications. The simulation was able to highlight the range of opinions and concerns of delegates and discussions were rarely confined to meeting rooms. It was clear to everyone that a fully operation nuclear program in Iran would be a dangerous situation but everyone had different ideas on how to prevent it. Few supported military attacks. EU expansion however was a different story. To my amusement a few participants were actually anti-EU and didn't believe the system was beneficial. Everyone else was split on whether there should be expansion or not. Part of that was due to the precarious economic situation on the EU and if expansion actually benefited the majority of member states or not. The political debates were fascinating and educational, and

complimented the social and cultural differences there were also present.

Before arriving in Belgrade, I spent a few days in Amsterdam exploring the city, the sights and interacting with the locals as much as possible. The city was lovely and full of character and things to explore. Belgrade proved to be drastically different in character and appearance. Where Amsterdam was inviting, orderly and used to international visitors, Belgrade was rough and unnerving at times. When first entering the main part of the city, bombed out building from the 1999 NATO airstrikes are visible and undeveloped. Very few cities have this and it produces an eerie feeling. This combined with the worn plaster and graffiti on most buildings made the city look dangerous and uninviting. At the same time it was not uncommon to see brand new high end vehicles all over.

When exploring the city I found the people to be polite, most spoke to me in Serbian assuming I knew the language, but they were not necessarily friendly. This was a huge contrast to my Serbian friends. They were loud, warm and always offering massive amounts of food. I think this contrast comes from the conflict the region has experienced over the past few decades. The war was terrible and left scars on everyone but the young people oozed with life and a desire to build a brighter future. This can be seen in the vibrant nightlife the city offers and student organizations like BEUM trying to encourage political activism and awareness. The BEUM organizers believe Serbia has great potential and wanted to share this with international youth. After spending some time there, meeting other young people, it's hard not to feel the same way. The simulation as an exercise was a success but the real learning came from experiencing different cultures and attitudes.



CENTRE FOR FOREIGN POLICY STUDIES NEWS

David Black



The Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, now in its 42nd year, has had a year of challenge, change, and successful

activity. The biggest challenge was the cancellation of the Department of National Defence's Security and Defence Forum, which had provided stable core funding to the Centre and a dozen other SDF centres in Canada for several decades. The Centre is now continuing to adapt to this challenging new funding environment. In terms of change, there was much movement among core personnel. After several years as CFPS Deputy Director Dr. Shelly Whitman became the full-time Executive

Director of the *Romeo Dallaire Child Soldier's Initiative*, which continues to be based out of the Centre and Department and had a banner year in terms of activity, recognition, and external support. Julie Breau (alumna 2007) did a superb job as Shelly's successor, but will move to Ottawa this coming summer. Our Administrator, Shannon Langton, welcomed the arrival of daughter Gwendolyn Elizabeth and has been ably replaced while on maternity leave by Leanne Flynn. Matt Gillis, another alum who worked particularly on the Maritime Security Policy Program, took up an internship with NATO in Brussels. Commander Dave Peer, who continued the tradition of outstanding Naval Defence Fellows, is being redeployed and will be succeeded by Commander Ian Wood this summer. All in all, much change and adaptation is ongoing!

Despite these transitions, the Centre had another busy and exciting year, anchored by 4 major events and many other seminars, publications, and activities. The former included:

- The 8th Annual Political Science Graduate Symposium in March, on “A Citizen of the World: Canada and the Challenges of Global Politics in the 21st Century”
- A lecture and lunch with 2011 Trudeau Fellow, Dr. John McGarry (Queen’s University) in January, in collaboration with the Trudeau Foundation
- The Inaugural Glyn R. Berry Scholarship Lecture, honouring Dalhousie Alumnus Glyn Berry who was killed while serving as a Canadian Diplomat in Afghanistan, delivered by David M. Malone (Canadian Diplomat & former President, International Development Research Centre), also in January
- A major international workshop on “Surviving Violence” focusing on the challenges of civilian protection, in September.

International speakers included: Dr. Ilse Derluyn from Belgium (“EU Policies and War-Affected Children”), Sir John Elvidge from Scotland (“Disunited Kingdom? The 2014 Scottish Independence Referendum”), and Dr. Amelia Hadfield, also from Belgium (“EU-

Russia and Canadian Energy Security: Northern Governance or Brinkmanship?”). In all, the Centre hosted over 20 events drawing hundreds of members of the university and wider Halifax communities, in collaboration with:

- The European Union Centre of Excellence at Dalhousie
- The Halifax Branch of the Canadian International Council
- The Government of Nova Scotia
- The Halifax Peace Coalition
- National Defence Public Affairs Office – Atlantic Region

Dr Ann Griffiths continued to lead an active publication programme, and to serve as Editor of the *Canadian Naval Review*, published by the Centre. And Research Fellows associated the Maritime Security Policy Program provided a keynote panel for a major international Maritime Security Conference in June, and to provide expert analysis and commentary on international and Canadian Maritime Security and Naval issues, including the National Shipbuilding Strategy.

Looking ahead, the Centre is planning the first *Lester B. Pearson Summer Institute in Security and Development* in the spring of 2014, and will host a national workshop on *Rethinking Canadian Aid* in September 2013.

ROMEO DALLAIRE’S CHILD SOLDIERS INITIATIVE

“Fighting to let children be children” Lois Legge “Courtesy of The Halifax Herald Limited”



Child Soldiers Initiative executive director Shelly Whitman sits in her office, where posters of Romeo Dallaire’s organization hang on the walls, at Dalhousie University in Halifax. (PETER PARSONS / Staff)

As executive director of Romeo Dallaire’s Child Soldiers Initiative, Shelly Whitman has seen a lot. It’s a constant motivator to keep going, she tells Features Writer Lois Legge

SHELLY WHITMAN has seen children holding AK-47s. And sat across the table from warlords.

She’s spoken to girls who’ve been gang raped and forced to fight on the front lines. And met boys who’ve had to loot, spy and kill just to eat.

That was a long way away from her office at Halifax's Dalhousie University, where pictures of children aiming guns and posters of Canada's most famous soldier hang on the walls. Just past the small sign on the door: Romeo Dallaire's Child Soldiers Initiative.

But the Tantallon native, PhD in international law and mother of four hopes what starts here eventually helps end the use of child soldiers worldwide — a mission the organization's founder has declared “the ultimate focus of the rest of my life.”

The global non-profit — designated “subject matter experts” by the United Nations — is a small group, just Whitman (the executive director) and five other staff, with Dallaire as their founder and a “deeply involved” adviser who comes to the Dal headquarters regularly and “is not just here in name.”

Over the past two years, they've managed to teach military and peacekeeping forces everywhere from Sierra Leone to Uganda — 500 personnel from 46 countries — how to respond when they encounter these smallest victims of strife. And they've urged armies to stop using child soldiers, whose numbers reach an estimated 250,000 worldwide, mostly in sub-Saharan Africa, the same place that inspired both Dallaire and Whitman to push for change.

Dallaire commanded the United Nations Assistance Mission for Rwanda during the 1994 genocide. More than 800,000 people died. He suffered post traumatic stress disorder in the aftermath but went on to become a Canadian senator (now retired), author, scholar and key advocate for children of war and other humanitarian causes.

Whitman — a Saint Mary's University graduate who earned her masters and PhD in the United Kingdom — became involved with Dallaire's then-mostly- virtual initiative in 2008. She'd just arrived back in Halifax after seven years in Africa, where she met her husband and where she first met child soldiers while working on the peace process in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

“I was interested in Romeo's perspective on it because what I saw was that there wasn't anybody else talking about this issue from the perspective that he was talking about it,” says the former SMU soccer player who's worked with Stephen Lewis (Order of Canada recipient and Canada's former ambassador to the UN) at UNICEF headquarters in New York and with former Botswana president Quett Masire on the peace process in Congo.

Dallaire, she says, had “unique” ideas about how to combat the use of child soldiers. “He was talking about how children are used as weapons in war, how they're viewed as tactically advantageous to groups. And if we're going to try to address the problem, then we need to address how we convince groups that they aren't an advantage.”

So Whitman, then working as deputy director of Dal's Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, approached Dallaire to speak at the university. He wasn't able to visit at that time. But as time passed, she became more immersed in the organization's work, eventually becoming executive director of an initiative whose primary focus is prevention.

“We always talk about it as this being our bite of the elephant,” she says, noting many organizations are trying to help child soldiers. “There's an African saying: One cannot eat an elephant alone and this is our bite of it.”

Today, when she plans training programs in places like Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Botswana and Congo, memories of what she's seen there and heard from the children themselves are a constant motivator to keep going. It's “common” to see girls and boys, some as young as six, carrying weapons, she says. Some have been kidnapped from their homes; others “volunteered,” thinking it could mean a better life.

Others are orphans or have been offered by their parents for money in poverty-stricken countries where food and other necessities are scarce.

“You’re not going to see six-year-olds out on the battlefield. But if they’re around that lifestyle, they’re learning how to do things like clean weapons, to collect the food, to spy. ... Then that way of life is all that they ever know, and later on, when you try to rehabilitate those children, they’re the most difficult because they can’t remember what life was like before.”

Girl soldiers — who number almost as many as boys, an estimated 40 per cent— endure an extra level of degradation — “domestic servitude” and “sexual slavery.” “We were interviewing a girl soldier in the (Congo) back in 2010 when I was there and we were asking her about the roles that girls undertake, and she was saying it depends on what day it is. “Sometimes you choose to go to the front line because it’s better than being raped by three men. Some days you choose to stay off the battlefield because you’re thinking that it’s going to be such a horrific situation that I’d rather stay back and face the sexual slavery. So it’s not much of a choice.”

Teaching armies to make a different choice is a big part of the organization’s education process, says Whitman, who also teaches a summer course at Dal called Children and War. Commanders often see children as cheap, malleable and convenient. They are small and can spy or get into small places without being detected. They’ll often take more risks because they’re not old enough to consider the consequences. And, says Whitman, their leaders don’t even have to feed them. They can just give them permission to loot villages. But Whitman and her staff turn that around, stressing the potential disadvantages, everything from a child’s unpredictability to how easily they might be manipulated by the enemy.

“Also ... there are times when that physical size is a disadvantage as well. Children who use AK-47s, there’s increasing evidence showing that the kickback from the AK-47 is too powerful for the children and creates a lot of hernia problems for them ... and if the child becomes injured, then you have a liability. “Some of the tactical disadvantages too are also things related to the emotions of the children,” says Whitman, whose group receives office space from Dal (falling under its foreign studies department) and funding from individuals, corporations and foundations.

“So they may not cope that well with being away from their mom and their dad ... if they have never had this situation before so that can be a detriment in terms of them thinking about those issues when you want them to be thinking about the battlefield.”

Whitman has managed to keep her own emotions in check in often-demoralizing or dangerous situations.

While in the Congo, she met many commanders who ordered adult and child troops to commit atrocities. One of them, Jean-Pierre Bemba, is now being tried in the International Criminal Court for war crimes. Like many other leaders of rebel factions, he didn’t come with “horns on his head.” He came across as “very charming,” she says, “well spoken, well dressed —someone who would have had an Armani suit on and a Rolex watch.” But then, in the world of child soldiers, things are often not entirely as they seem. These boys and girls of war carry AK-47s and they’ve been trained to kill. But, says Whitman, always in her mind is that they are still children.

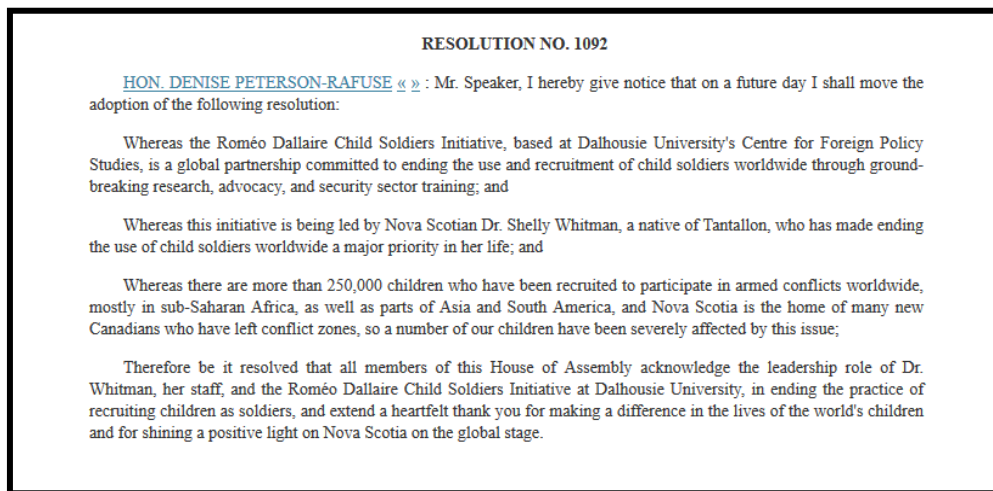
“This could make me cry,” says the mother of children aged 21 months to 20, recalling an encounter with about 85 of them at a UNICEF transition centre in Congo.

“They had just been released (from the battlefield) within the last two months, and I remember walking into that centre and not really knowing what was going to face me when I walked in. There was no security or anything, and I just went in with the people who were running the centre and ... it was remarkable. All of them looked like they were between the ages of about eight and 12, 13 ... and I thought, how do I start to have a conversation with these boys?

“And what I just thought immediately was let me go up to them and just put out my hand and say ‘Hi, my name is Shelly.’ And when I did that, they were coming from every corner to come over and line up to just touch (my) hand. And at the time, I realized they just wanted the human touch, and I had to gather myself together for a minute and turn away because I saw my own children.

“The only difference is that my children weren’t born here.”

Shelly Whitman and her colleagues receive recognition in a resolution of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly on May 1, 2013.



EUROPEAN UNION CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE NEWS

The European Union Centre of Excellence awarded a new three year grant

The European Union Centre of Excellence (EUCE) was established at Dalhousie in 2006 with a grant by the European Commission. The EUCE is a member of the network of academic centres in Canada and around the world. The Centre encourages cutting-edge research undertaken by faculty members within Political Science and other departments across the campus to enhance the awareness and understanding of government stakeholders, the general public, and members of the academic community on a range of topics pertaining to European Union (EU)-Canada relations, comparative EU-Canada public policies, and EU policies more generally.

As Director of the Centre – and member of the Political Science department, Ruben Zaiotti will oversee research that targets pressing policy themes. Research areas include health care delivery; environmental and energy security; international trade; and the connection between migration and security. By comparing Europe and Canada, the goal is to highlight relevant lessons that the two partners across the Atlantic can learn from each other.



The results of the research being undertaken will feed outreach activities, which include workshops and roundtables for a variety of external constituencies. The EUCE will draw upon its many contacts, at EUCE centres within Canada and globally, as well as in member states, to bring EU visiting scholars to Dalhousie in support of the various outreach initiatives. It will also support the outbound exchange of Canadian students and faculty to EU member organizations, to provide opportunities to gain invaluable first-hand experience and knowledge.

Teaching is a key component of the EUCE's mandate. The Centre supports the delivery of courses on Europe and the European Union and the inclusion of new EU-targeted modules into existing course offerings. These courses address relevant contemporary issues affecting Europe and Canada and their relations with the rest of the world. As part of its teaching, local high schools are invited to the Centre to discuss and debate EU issues. The EUCE liaises with local governments, EU Cultural Associations, and Honorary Consuls to strengthen and expand existing links between Europe and Canada. Bridging the Atlantic through all its activities is central to its focus.

NEWS LINKS

Finding a home on the East Coast
 Grad profile: Kirby Hayes, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
http://www.dal.ca/faculty/arts/politicalscience/news-events/news/2013/05/27/finding_a_home_on_the_east_coast.html

David Black gives the Convocation Address at the Spring 2013 Convocation Ceremony May 21, 2013
http://www.dal.ca/faculty/arts/politicalscience/news-events/news/2013/05/27/dr_black_gives_convocation_address.html

Art in war: Creativity as resilience
 An artistic showcase hosted by Dal's CFPS
<http://www.dal.ca/news/2012/10/11/art-in-war-creativity-as-resilience.html>

Debating the post-American world
 Profile of political science PhD candidate Sabrina Hoque
<http://www.dal.ca/news/2012/08/08/debating-the-post-american-world.html>

ALUMNI NEWS

Jennifer Czerneda, MA Political Science (2009). Since leaving Dal in 2008, I have been working for the Canada Border Services Agency. During my MA, I focused on migration issues and the problems with border security - it has been a fascinating ride to see how policies and decisions in this area are actually made. After 5 ½ years as a public servant, I am ready for my next challenge and I am excited to get back to focusing on how to address the issues that really matter to me. So this September I am off to Ireland to take a Masters of Law Program in International Human Rights at the National

University of Ireland, Galway. My time at Dal inspired me to get involved, and while it can be a tough decision to shake off the golden handcuffs, I have no doubt I am making the right move.

Laurie Edwards, BA Political Science (1980), DPUAD (1981), MPA (1982). Laurie is currently the Director of Career and Counseling Services, Nova Scotia Community College; Recipient 2012 Canadian Association of Career Educators (CACEE) National Award-Atlantic Region in recognition of outstanding contribution to the Association. Currently

President of Techsploration Society; Secretary, Board of Directors, Shelter Nova Scotia; College Representative, Board of Directors, CACEE; President Bedford Birch Cove Liberal Association.

Emily Harris, BA Political Science (2008). Emily is currently the Manager of Policy and Intergovernmental Relations, Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario and Principal, Acclimatize Fiscal Consulting.

After finishing my BA in Political Science, I went to Carleton University for my Master of Arts in Political Economy. Now I am in a Business Management program with Ryerson University's School of Continuing Education. It was Professor Good's "Local Government in Canada" course that sparked my interest in municipal finance and governance and Professor Boardman's "International Political Economy" course that drove me to Carleton's Institute of Political Economy. Those two Dalhousie Political Science courses are unparalleled in terms of their influence on my later academic decisions and career path.

Vassiliki Kapelos, MA Political Science (2006). Vassy now works for Global TV in Edmonton as Alberta Provincial Affairs Reporter. Her beat covers the Alberta legislature and political science. Before coming to Edmonton in 2010, Vassy worked in Saskatchewan.

Fenwick Mckelvey, BA Multidisciplinary Arts (2004) and 2004 winner of the James H. Aitchison Award. Fenwick will commence in the fall a faculty position at Concordia University in the Department of Communication Studies. The position will be focused on Information and Communication Technology Policy. He is currently a SSHRC Postdoctoral Scholars and Visiting Scholar at the Department of Communication at The University of Washington. He is working with Dr. Phil Howard on a project on the History of Political Campaign software (<http://www.programmingthevote.org>) He also has a book out now with Dr. Elmer and Dr. Langlois entitled *The Permanent Campaign: New Media, New Politics*.

Fenwick reminisces: "Dr. Carbert should be very proud as she has been a very important person in my life and career. She supervised my 2004 Honours thesis on the State Control of the Internet. In retrospect, it was a pretty forward-looking piece. I think regardless of my academic success (which I have had thankfully), Dr. Carbert inspired a lot of confidence in me and I always remember great discussions with her. I will be always thankful for cultivating a thoughtfulness and wonder as well a confidence to take myself seriously. These are traits that I carry with me beyond any new appointment, but it's nice to use the opportunity to say thanks ;)"

FEATURE ALUMNI PROFILE

Larissa Rutquist (Kloegman), Aboriginal Relations Advisor, Department of Justice (Aboriginal Justice Strategy)

By Katherine Manhire, BA 2012



"My time at Dalhousie was a wonderful and valuable experience that had a direct impact on where I am today in my professional career."

- Larissa Rutquist (Kloegman) MA (Political Science) '07

After completing her undergraduate degree at Simon Fraser University, Larissa packed her bags and headed east to Halifax. This British Columbia native knew that she wanted to continue studying political science. She was accepted to numerous Master's programs throughout the country but believed that Dalhousie's rich history and strong reputation would be the most beneficial to her education and future career.

Larissa chose political science because she believes government decisions have a direct impact on people's daily lives. Through her study of Canadian Federalism, she gained a deeper understanding of how our government functions, and how she could work within it to contribute to a better society. Larissa explains that late professor Dr. Peter Aucoin was a major influence in her life. Not only was he a main reason she chose Dal, but she also attributes her success directly to his teaching.

"Learning from Dr. Aucoin was eye opening and life-changing. The guidance I received in my exploration of Canadian federalism, especially the writing skills I developed, continue to be invaluable. He was a phenomenal teacher and friend," she says.

Larissa is currently working with Transport Canada, as an Aboriginal Relations Advisor but will soon be returning to the Department of Justice with the Aboriginal Justice Strategy. She says that developing the stakeholder engagement framework for the programs branch of the Department of Justice is one of her career highlights. When asked why she started working on Aboriginal policy, Larissa explained the importance of engaging with Aboriginal groups. "When the government is creating policies and programs that directly affect their daily lives, Aboriginal peoples must have a voice in the process." Since British Columbia doesn't have many Aboriginal treaties in place, a lot of dialogue needs to occur, and many of Larissa's federal colleagues also have a keen interest in contributing to meaningful outcomes, "People are here because they care. People want to make a difference," she says.

When Larissa is not working on Aboriginal policy she likes to involve herself in her local community in various capacities. She also enjoys 'living the west coast life' spending time a lot of time outdoors with her husband, and young son and getting out with friends to enjoy the local music/ arts culture.

When asked how she got where she is today Larissa explains that the key to success is to never sit back and wait for something to happen. "You need to work your tail off to get the job you want by creating, and taking advantage of all opportunities, regardless of how small or insignificant they may seem at the time."

"Knock on doors, have interviews with everyone – public servants, MLAs, MPs, journalists, non-profits, local business owners. See where you want to focus your energy. If you want to do well, you **have** to work on it."

While Larissa believes that an Arts degree contributes to a broad understanding of any issue, she notes that Dalhousie contributed to a richer and deeper awareness of concerns faced by Canadians today. As such, Larissa credits Dr. Peter Aucoin, and the rest of the Dalhousie Political Science department, with her success.

Department Memories



8th Annual Graduate Symposium



Shannon Langton and Baby Gwendolyn came out to celebrate Bev's retirement (our wonderful custodian for 20+ years)



Tamara Krawchenko and Ken Hansen
Farewell gathering for Tamara



Bob Finbow and Jean-Christophe Boucher
(Farewell gathering for JC)



MA Political Science Students Elaheh Nolehdan
and Jessica Bradley enjoying a Nova Scotia
Winter Day



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Shelly Whitman delivering training to Junior
officers from 26 countries at Camp Aldershot, Nova
Scotia, as part of the Directorate of Military
Training & Cooperation Program (DMTC). Photo
Credit – Carl Conradi



Lecture: "The UN Security Council:
Boom or Bust?" with David M.
Malone, Canadian Diplomat &
President, International Development
Research Centre. January 28, 2013 -
The Glyn R. Berry Scholarship Lecture
and Reception



February 14, 2013 – Lecture: "Disunited
Kingdom? The 2014 Scottish Independence
Referendum", with Sir John William Elvidge
KCB is the former Permanent Secretary to the
Scottish Government.



Elvis came to visit for Carl Conradi's
birthday. Carl Conradi, Elvis, Tracy Powell,
and Leanne Flynn



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