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THE CHAIR'S MESSAGE 2013

Dr. Robert Finbow



It was another active and successful year for the department. This was despite continued fiscal constraint and organizational change. Once again it reflects our dedicated professional faculty, great part-time instructors, excellent staff, supportive and generous alumni and enthusiastic and energetic students at all levels of study. Despite uncertainty about the sustainability of

enrollments and funding for this department and others in the Faculty of Arts and Social Science, this Chair leaves office at the end of this academic year with a reasonable hope that the department's strengths will carry it forward to further success.

Reflecting over the past two terms in this role, I remain especially grateful for the support from productive and engaged students and faculty colleagues and above all from our excellent staff. I have received invaluable assistance from our office administrator, Tracy Powell, who is incredibly sociable, highly knowledgeable about the institution and its processes, and tireless in her efforts to complete her work collegially, effectively and expertly. Shannon Langton has been a very impressive, hard-working and personable administrator for the Department and Centre, contributing here while building her own new family (or families?). We were lucky to have her maternity replacement, Mary Ruth Machan, who filled in energetically and admirably. We also had a very impressive student assistant, Brittany Humphries, who was immensely helpful, effective and collegial. And the foundation for office effectiveness was set in my first term with help from Karen Watts, who improved office operations, staff interactions, workplace efficiency and department morale. Without these tireless contributions from staff, we as a department would flounder, and we owe them all our continued thanks and appreciation.

The circle of life was on display during the year. The department and univer-

sity mourned the passing of David Braybrooke, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Political Science. David was a major presence in his field and a very warm and exuberant personality who many of us will remember with fondness as a scholar, teacher, mentor, friend and colleague. On a more positive note, THREE faculty members, plus one recent limited term appointee, had new babies this year as the ranks of the next generation continue to swell. All faculty and staff are currently active parents to young people alongside their busy careers, putting work-life balance at the forefront.

Our faculty colleagues at all ranks continue to perform at a high level, making this small department an over-achiever and permitting continued success as a research and graduate unit. Lead by undergraduate coordinator Margaret Denike (who will be taking a well-deserved sabbatical in the fall), faculty have been creating innovative new courses including Queer theory, a model UN preparatory course, and a framework for experiential and cooperative learning. They have also extended interdisciplinary connections across campus in areas like international development, gender and women's studies, health policy, European studies, and sustainability. Faculty news below reveals that all faculty members remain productive researchers, despite increased demands on their time and reduced availability of research funds. A parade of faculty achievements and excellent contributions from our programme coordinators have made this newsletter easy to edit over the years, as it mostly writes itself. An excellent group of sessional instructors reinforced our course offerings and kept our programme sustainable despite multiple leaves and non-replacements.

This year we benefitted from determined and inventive leadership in our undergraduate student society. Led by Bryn Karcha, the Dalhousie Political Science Student Society sought to be among the Faculty's most active groups. Imaginative events included a dodge ball tournament for charity and a regular "Polibeer" discussion among students and faculty. The DPSSS sent a large delegation to a national undergraduate student's conference. The DPSSS also sought a greater role in student recruitment (including work on recruitment videos); and our students were active in efforts to keep the university library strong in the face of cutbacks.

The Department also benefitted from the insightful input of graduate students representatives in department decisions and hiring processes, led by David Beitelman.

In March, a highly successful Graduate Symposium on "Children, Youth and Security: Intersections of Research Practice" was organized by graduate students David Morgan and Emily Zinck, with the Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Institute and the Institute on Children and Youth in Challenging Contexts. This was an example of the benefits of new collaborations for research and student learning.

Students contributed remarkably to extra-curricular life. In the fall, there were two high profile student-led events addressing political participation among young people. This included "The Afterparty", a discussion on the future of parliamentary democracy in Canada with a multiparty panel of politicians; and "Bridging the Gap: Connecting Active Citizenship with Politics" organized by the "Springtide Collective" which includes several department alumni. We also hosted the Korean ambassador and Scottish Minister of culture among other notables. In between these highlights, our seminar coordinator, Anders Hayden, collaborated with the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies and European Union Centre of Excellence (lead by Ruben Zaiotti) to organize diverse events covering theoretical and topical themes, including a Nova Scotia election post-mortem and extensive analysis of events in the Ukraine.

Despite declining graduate student funding, especially in FASS, our programme continues to flourish. Continuing students picked up major awards, including Trudeau, Killam and SSHRC scholarships, providing ongoing support to many in our PhD cohort. Our new graduate coordinator, Katherine Fierlbeck, has continued to attract top quality students bringing with them prestigious scholarships upon entrance. Besides Killam and SSHRC, we have an incoming student funded by Dalhousie's South African Scholarship programme, and an SSHRC post-doctoral fellow. This ability to attract high quality students at a time of funding limits is testament to the coordinator's efforts and reflects the enduring reputation of the department. Under the tutelage of Peter Arthur we also had a very strong honours cohort, who produced a wide range of theses covering diverse aspects of our discipline.

David Black completed a busy term as Director of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, during which he worked tirelessly to promote a sustainable future for this invaluable institute. The Centre faced the Harper government's cutbacks to the security and defense forum and senior administration's inability to provide bridge

funding, despite the global reach of Centre research fellows and alumni. David organized a symposium on “Rethinking Canadian Aid” bringing together a range of divergent scholars and practitioners. This formed the basis of a partnership grant application, but a shortage of SSHRC funds left this in the limbo of “acceptable yet unfunded”. As David outlines below, the Centre’s future is clouded despite a successful year and a robust, global intellectual network. We owe David a debt of thanks for his tireless efforts to reposition the Centre for a productive future.

As this Chair’s term draws to a close, the shifting nature of higher education makes the department’s long-term future uncertain. New university managerial styles give units like ours less autonomy and fewer faculty resources. Faculty members face more reporting requirements, imposed arbitrary schedules and onerous research ethics processes. Despite failures elsewhere, programme prioritization has been proposed with profound implications for funding formulas for departments and programmes. Changing demographics threaten enrollment levels, though the department has fared better than some in this respect. Collaboration with interdisciplinary and cognate units builds creative openings but



also strains resources and potentially undermines the department’s ability to fulfill its core

curricular obligations. As I outlined to Dalhousie’s new President, Richard Florizone, during his “100 Days of Listening”, the Department is unique in Atlantic Canada in its doctoral and research focus and is the only full service department east of Quebec. This role is critical to the training of legal and policy leaders attuned to the province and Atlantic Region. Preservation of this vital role will require additional resources from the university.

In my submission to the new President, I documented the impact of alumni, who can be found around the world in careers in academia, public service and the private sector. Our graduates consistently win parliamentary and CIDA internships, and security and defence forum fellowships. Many alumni hold careers as civil servants and Foreign Service officers. Recent graduates work for political parties and present on-air TV journal-

ism. Alumni have headed chambers of commerce; practiced corporate and criminal law; clerked at the Supreme Court; worked at the Treasury Board, the Privy Council Office and the Premier’s office; served in trade and intergovernmental affairs offices; and advised first nations on restorative justice. Overseas, students have served in president’s offices, been executive director of academic and regional agencies, served as Senator and ambassador and held positions at NATO headquarters, the European Commission and the Commonwealth Secretariat. Alumni have also worked for NGOs like Canada World Youth and Amnesty International, and in United Nations agencies like UNIFEM.

In addition, the department’s faculty have a long tradition of public service which ranges from professional service in academic associations to public policy advice, expert testimony in courts and legislatures and research for royal commissions. Highlights include Vice-President of the Institute of Public Administration of Canada; Director, Institute for Research on Public Policy; Member, College of Reviewers, Canada Research Chairs Program; Member, External Advisory Group to the Clerk of the Privy Council on Human Resource Management; Member Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission; Member and Commissioner, Federal and Nova Scotia Electoral Boundaries Commissions; Participant, North Agreement on Labour Cooperation, 8-Year review; Advisory Committee, Forum of Federations; Director, Canadian Political Science Association; Vice President and Director, Atlantic Council of Canada; Chairman, North-South Institute; Panelist, dispute settlement cases arising under the North American Free Trade agreement; advisor to Fair Vote Canada and instructor at candidate schools for women; and Expert Consultant to the Oliphant commission. These are but a few examples.

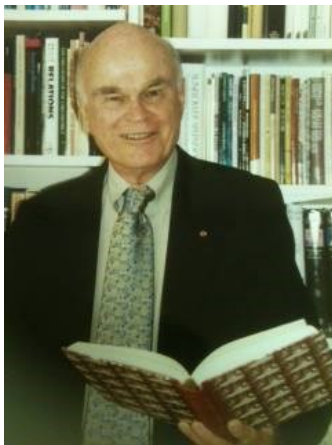
For a department of our small size, this is an impressive track record of extending Dalhousie’s reach nationally and globally. These extensive commitments further increase the faculty’s workload, making renewal of the faculty essential to sustain this remarkable reach and influence. It would be unfortunate and counterproductive for the university to underfund and diminish our programmes by cutting FASS funding by attrition. If we lose faculty to retirement or illness without replacements, this could undermine intellectual traditions and networks which have been built over decades of committed service by faculty and alumni. Despite its financial challenges, the university must work to secure suffi-

cient funding to allow this and other departments in FASS to continue the excellent work for which they are justly recognized and celebrated.

As I depart as Chair, I thank staff, full and part-time faculty, students and especially our alumni who provide very generous support to help maintain and enhance our missions and programmes. Your support and advice is greatly appreciated. Fortunately, in the short term we have a highly productive faculty, excellent students and exceptional staff. And we will be lead going forward by

Frank Harvey, who will provide new energies and insights to guide the department through these and other unforeseen challenges. To borrow a phrase, he has the skills required to respond to multiple “known unknowns”. Despite my inevitable mistakes and oversights, I hope I have left the department in the strongest possible shape intellectually and organizationally to promote future success. Meanwhile, I look forward to having more hours for research and teaching innovation and more time for family activities, or simply indulging my antiquated worldviews by cavorting with the druids.

REMEMBERING DAVID BRAYBROOKE



David Braybrooke, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Political Science (Dalhousie), died of cancer in Austin Texas with his children present. David was a fixture in the department and in Philosophy for decades and did much to promote these departments and the political philosophy tradition.

David Braybrooke served in the US Army in Belgium during World War II, and his appraisal of his own effectiveness provides a good exemplar of his unique and self-deprecating humour. According to Sue Sherwin, David observed that Germany’s surrender shortly after he appeared in Europe meant “that perhaps Hitler calculated that if the United States was prepared to send the likes of Braybrooke into war, it must have been very confident indeed” (*Engaged Philosophy*, 5). After the war David received a BA from Harvard, and an MA and PhD from Cornell. He taught at Hobart, Michigan, Bowdoin and Yale before moving to Halifax in 1963. David

Braybrooke was McCulloch Professor of Philosophy and Politics at Dalhousie University. After his mandatory retirement at age 65 in 1990, he took an appointment at the University of Texas at Austin, where he taught in the Department of Government until retiring again in 2005. He was active in many professional associations, as President of the Canadian Association of University Teachers, President of the Canadian Philosophical Association, and Vice President of the American Political Science Association. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada in 1980.

He authored more than 60 journal articles, 50 book chapters, 40 scholarly book reviews and 13 books, including some highly influential works including *A Strategy of Decision* (with C. E. Lindblom) (1963), *Three Tests for Democracy* (1967), *Philosophy of Social Science* (1987), *Meeting Needs* (1987), and *Logic on the Track of Social Change* (with Bryson Brown and Peter K. Schotch) (1995), and was a contributor to *Social Rules* (1996). The University of Toronto Press published a series of works, starting with a collection of his essays, *Moral Objectives, Rules, and the Forms of Social Change*, (1998). *Natural Law Modernized* (2001), *Utilitarianism: Restorations; Repairs; Renovations* (2004) and *Analytical Political Philosophy: From Discourse, Edification*. These four books taken together offer a general program for public policy in which needs, rights, and rules prominently figure along with a step by step approach to dealing with consequences. His prominence made him one of Dalhousie’s most cited authors.

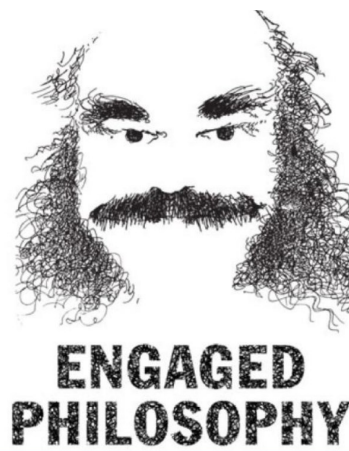
He was especially honored to receive an honorary LLD from Dalhousie in 2011. In the awarding ceremony, he was acknowledged as “one of the most esteemed philosophers of our time” who was “described by a colleague as both the “politician’s philosopher” and the “citizen’s philosopher.” It was noted that he came to Dalhousie with “an international reputation as a political philosopher, and over the years attracted some of the finest faculty members and students to Dalhousie’s campus”. He was especially important in establishing the traditions of political philosophy which remain important themes in both our department and in Philosophy. He was considered “a leader, mentor and popular teacher”, whose sense of “fair play and decency fostered a strong collegial atmosphere in

his department and the university". He was remembered fondly for "his offbeat, irreverent sense of humour". He connected Dalhousie to the world by establishing the Austin and Hempel Distinguished Speakers series which has attracted some of the greatest names in philosophy and political theory. Professor Braybrooke was also described as an inspiration to students who have gone on to careers in public service and academia, and include a law school Dean and a former President of the UN Security Council, a writer and distinguished diplomat. The entire LLD citation may be read at: http://www.dal.ca/academics/convocation/ceremonies/honorary_degree_recipients/hon_degree_2011/david_braybrooke.html.

I fondly recall my courses with Professor Braybrooke while an undergraduate at Dalhousie. He employed innovative, interactive techniques in the classroom long before these were the vogue. For instance he would pass out portions of a theoretical puzzle, and expect the students to put them in the proper word order and defend their choice to the whole class. Insisting on intellectual rigor, he would - in a fashion today's students would dread - arbitrarily single out persons to comment on a portion of this philosophical puzzle. Not surprisingly, not all would be prepared with a cogent answer, but he would never dismiss and deride. Instead, he would reflect, fingers tapping on his shiny bald pate, and find a way to salvage their comments and integrate them into the discussion. While not all students appreciated this pressured approach, it was definitely an effective learning tool for those who did seek, usually very modestly, to comprehend his very penetrating and creative intellectual universe. Significantly, for his memorial here he requested a classroom with a view of the ocean, like those he taught in for so many years, though sadly none remain due to administration use.

At a touching memorial led by family and former colleagues, we learned of his love for "his life, his family, lemon meringue pie, intellectual discussions and good wine and fine beers." His search for the best lemon meringue pie was apparently relentless. Colleague Richmond Campbell described him as "a vivid and inspiring presence". He fostered a culture of "mutual respect" among colleagues who sought to emulate his sense of "common decency and integrity". Former student Edna Keeble, a department alumnus and chair of Political Science at Saint Mary's, spoke movingly of his great influence on her career and life as he was simultaneously teacher and mentor and eventually friend – an experience shared by many he taught here and in Texas. In reviewing the Dalhousie archives, I was surprised to learn that he devoted time to documenting the unique styles of storm porches in Halifax. He left a fine legacy in that architectural exploration in his brief report on "The Snow-Porches of Halifax".

I was honoured to be among those who received an email summation of his intellectual work last year, in which he outlined in concise fashion the astounding range philosophical passions he had pursued. Much of his work focussed on "basic needs" which had to be precisely distinguished from the conventional depiction to illustrate how "some needs take moral precedence over mere preferences" or "wants". He outlined his contributions to other themes notably the "census approach" to utilitarianism, "disjointed incrementalism", "rules", "social contract", "the philosophy of history" and of social science, as well as "meta-ethics ... the philosophy of law, causation". This is a remarkably diverse range of contributions, yet always wedded together with coherent, consistent reasoning. As Professor Campbell suggests he focussed on "core concepts of needs, rights, and rules and their role in a comprehensive program for democratic action". He set a high standard for academic rigor, and he held himself to this throughout his career. Despite all his accomplishments it was only late in life that he realized that an early critic of his "ordinary language" philosophy was misguided as his approach was vindicated by his greater productivity and innovation over time; he finally set aside his "lingering chagrin at not having done well in his or other people's eyes". After a luncheon talk in 2012 he wrote "I would dare to give myself, not the "A" that I would have achieved at the height of my powers, but at least a stable "B."



Age did not slow down his curiosity and desire to understand contemporary issues from a philosophical standpoint. As Sue Sherwin remarked, his philosophy always had a practical applied element, putting philosophical

constructions “in the context of real world concerns of daily politics in an industrialized western democracy.” (*Engaged Philosophy*, 12). Op-eds from the *Globe and Mail* in 1998 and 2005 make an interesting example, with the former outlining the influence of Leo Strauss over policymaking in North America and the latter indicating concern respecting a partial, misguided application of Straussian principles to the pursuit of conflicts and regime change after 9/11. He warned that, like militarism of the past in Japan and elsewhere, this approach was fraught with danger: unchecked it would leave us “sliding moment by moment into a catastrophe, maybe much worse for the United States and the world” than conflicts in the last century (*Globe and Mail* Jan. 15, 2005, D6). To the end, he promoted the use of well-constructed theory to improve political and social practice and decisions in democracies.

For those who seek a greater understanding of his intellectual contributions, Dalhousie’s Philosophy department compiled an intellectual biography and extensive bibliography at: <http://www.dal.ca/content/dam/dalhousie/pdf/faculty/arts/philosophy/Alumni-and-Friends-Documents/DB%20academic%20biography.pdf>

That department also paid tribute with a collection of reflections on his intellectual works: http://www.amazon.com/Engaged-Philosophy-Essays-Honour-Braybrooke/dp/0802038905#reader_0802038905

Anyone wishing to make a donation in honour of David Braybrooke may support the Austin/Hempel lecture series via the Philosophy Department web-page using the links for Braybrooke or donations.

POLITICAL SCIENCE & CFPS SEMINAR SERIES

Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, His Excellency Cho-Hee-yong, *Celebrating 2013 the "Year of Korea in Canada: A path toward a Strategic Partnership*, September 16, 2013 (FASS??)

The AfterParty: a discussion on the future of parliamentary democracy in Canada, September 17, 2013

Bridging the Gap: Connecting Active Citizenship with Politics, Interactive workshop, September 18, 2013

Stephen Kimber, *The Real Story of Cuban Five*, September 25, 2013

Florian Bail, *Evaluating the Outcome of the German Election*, September 26, 2013

General Roméo Dallaire (retired) and Dr. James Orbinski, *The Soldier and The Doctor: Discussing the Evolution of the Humanitarian Frontline*, October 10, 2013

Stephen Saideman, *When the Gloves Dropped: Learning from Canada’s Toughest Fight*, October 24, 2013

Howard Epstein, *Conservative Progressive Government*, November 15, 2013

Farea Al-Muslimi, *Blowback: The Counterproductive Effects of Drone Policy in Yemen*, November 28, 2013

Ferry de Kerckhove, Glyn Berry Lecture Series: *Canada’s Strategic Outlook 2014*, February 6, 2014

Rear Admiral John Newton, *Maritime Global Engagement by the Royal Canadian Navy*, February 13, 2014

Luke Ashworth, *The Myth of Appeasement in International Relations. What it is, and why it matters*, February 24, 2013

British High Commission, *The Canada-UK Relationship in a Changing World*, March 6, 2014

Winston Fogarty, *At the Heart of Canada’s Efforts for a Better World*, March 25, 2014

Andrew Younger, *Preparing Nova Scotia For The World’s Changing Electricity Markets*, March 28, 2013

Anatoliy Gruzdl, *Social Media and Ukraine*, April 3, 2014

HONOURS ESSAYS

Alexander Gray, *On the Intersectionality of Gender and Identity in the Refugee Process*

Supervisor: Dr. Margaret Denike

Katherine Guse, *A Call to Arms for Canadian Democracy: A theoretical Analysis of Canadian Political Culture in Relationship to Democratic Deficit*

Supervisor: Florian Bail

Kathleen Hazen, *How the Oil Sands Impacts Alberta's Infrastructure Policy/Decisions*

Supervisor: Darryl Eisan

Bryn Karcha, *The #Revolution Will be Tweeted! Understanding the Contemporary Revolutionary Wave*

Supervisor: Dr. Robert Huish

Adrian Lacson, *Transition and Escape: A Discourse Concerning Hegemonic Transition and Hegemonic*

Supervisor: Dr. Brian Bow

Eric Millan, *Emerging From the Dark Ages: The Role of Ecological Modernization Theory in Achieving*

Supervisor: Dr. Anders Hayden

Chris Moncrief,

Supervisor: Dr. Margaret Denike

India Parhar, *Politically Engaged Youth and the Decline of Partisanship*

Supervisor: Dr. Louise Carbert

Madison Veinotte, *Twitter Verses Traditional: An analysis of Twitter's failure to predict Nova Scotia's 2013 general election*

Supervisor: Dr. Louise Carbert

S. Amelia Wilding, *Cultural Trauma and Reconciliation: Examining the Plight of the Rohingya in Burma*

Supervisor: Florian Bail



On September 17th local non-profit Springtide Collective hosted The Afterparty at Dalhousie University in partnership with the Department of Political Science and CBC Radio One's Mainstreet. The discussion focused on party discipline and the centralization of power. It featured panelists from across the political spectrum, including: Brent Rathgeber, Elizabeth May, Danny Graham and Graham Steele. Stephanie Domet, host of CBC's Mainstreet, was the moderator for the event.

The room was standing room only with attendance of over 120 people. Opening remarks and excerpts from the event were broadcast later in the week on Mainstreet in Halifax, and Information Morning in Cape Breton.

Thanks to the CBC, the event was able to reach thousands of Nova Scotians who otherwise would not have heard about the event. The footage is also hosted on Springtide's YouTube and Soundcloud channels.

<http://YouTube.com/SpringtideCo;>

<http://tinyurl.com/AfterpartyHFX>

NEWS FROM THE PODIUM OF THE UNDERGRAD SOCIETY

Bryn Karcha, Outgoing DUPSS President



The Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society (DUPSS) has wrapped up another year of exciting events and involvement around campus. Encompassing undergraduate Political Science students from both Dalhousie and Kings, as well as any politically-minded or interested students who wish to join, DUPSS is committed to providing both academic and social events on campus.

We've hosted several events over the course of the school year. In September, we had author Pamela Olsen come and talk about her book, *Fast Times in Palestine*. We also had a large presence in the Dalhousie Arts and Social Sciences Society (DASSS) annual Fall Ball, as well as having several of our members sit on the DASSS Executive and Council. Throughout both semesters we had Polibeer events, enjoyed a weekend trip to Cape Breton with the History Society, and finished our year with our annual charity event - DUPSS Does Dodgeball - which raised nearly \$400.00 for the Halifax Refugee Clinic. I would especially like to thank Sam Vlessing for all the effort he put into making this a success.

While we enjoyed many fun events together, we also strove to improve our academics and our schools' image and services. Ten members of DUPSS attended the Canadian Political Science Students' Association (CPSSA) annual conference at Western in London, ON with the support of the Department. It provided an excellent opportunity to network with students around the country, and Dalhousie students presented in several sessions on the last day of the conference. The delegations from other schools were remarkably impressed with how Dalhousie students engaged in both the social and academic aspects of the conference, and there was considerable interest in hosting a future CPSSA conference at Dalhousie.

DUPSS members have also been aware of some of the challenges facing the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and have taken it upon themselves to protect the services we see as crucial to our academics. DUPSS members put in long hours during the fall semester to petition library cuts that would have adversely targeted the arts faculty, and DUPSS has been driven to become more involved with both the Department Faculty and with promoting alternative recruitment strategies to ensure the future of the Department. Other societies and faculties have taken notice and are following our lead.



Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved with DUPSS this year, as a member of the Executive, Council, or the Society as a whole. Most of our Executive and Council – myself included - are leaving Dalhousie, and will miss the community and camaraderie that the Department of Political Science has given us. As the President of DUPSS for the last two years, and on behalf of the Society as a whole, I would like to thank the Dalhousie Department of Political Science for the education, opportunities and support it has given us, and wish incoming DUPSS President Andrew Seto and the rest of the Executive and Council the best of luck in the future.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD/PRIZE WINNERS

Ashley Mulrooney (*graduated May 13, 2014 BA Honours in Political Science*) has been awarded the **2013-14 Eric Dennis Gold Medal Award**.

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.

Madison Veinotte (*currently enrolled in the BA Honours Political Science*) has been awarded The James H. Aitchison Award.

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.*

Ayat Noori (*currently enrolled in the BA Major in Undeclared Arts*) 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.

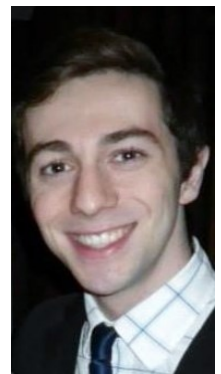
Jeremy Ryant (*currently enrolled in the BA Major in Political Science*) has been awarded the **Commonwealth Prize in Political Science**.

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.

E-Interview with Jeremy Ryant

What made you want to major in political science? Was there anything or anyone who inspired you? I chose to major in political science because it is a field that allows me to understand complexities of everyday life. The more I learn about political science, the more I realize that everything I see and experience is informed by political structures and shaped by powerful actors. After coming to such a realization, it is difficult to not be fascinated by everything the field has to offer.

A big inspiration for me is Dr. Marcella Firmini. I have been lucky enough to have her as a professor for both POLI 1100Y and POLI 2410. From political theory to Canadian parliamentary structures, her excitement and passion about all fields of political science have played a huge role in growing and fostering my interest in the field.

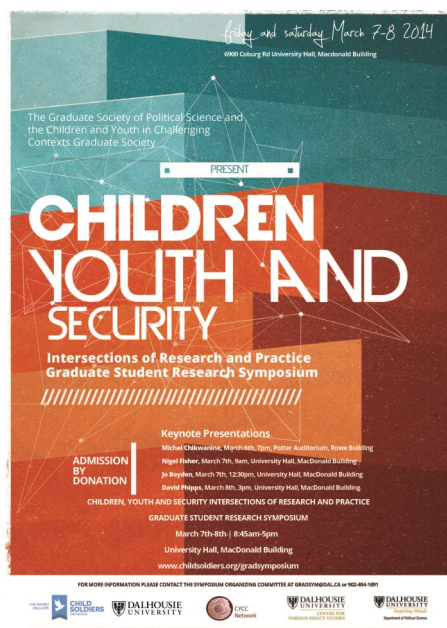


Is there a particular area of political science that interests you most? I have always been interested in international relations. It is an exciting and challenging area of political science that still calls for knowledge in domestic politics and political theory. It is still too soon to put my finger on specific area of interest, but, in the future it would be exciting to find an area of study that bridges the gap between political thought and international relations.

What interested you most about POLI 2410 (Political Thought 1651-1778) course that resulted in you being nominated for this award? The thing that interested me most about Political Thought is that it provided me with a way to understand and challenge my basic values and ideas. Dr. Firmini said in the first lecture of POLI 2410 that every thinker has a project – something they are trying to accomplish with their theories. I am by no means a philosophy student; however, I found that understanding a complicated philosopher became much easier when instead of just reading them; I tried to identify what their project was. I also found it very interesting to see how the ideas of the thinkers we studied have lived on to be reflected in modern political institutions.

9TH ANNUAL POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM

David Morgan and Emily Zink (Co-Chairs, 9th Annual Graduate Symposium)



The Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science, in partnership with the CYCC Graduate Society, were pleased to host this year's graduate student research symposium, entitled **Children, Youth and Security: Intersections of Research and Practice**. Held on March 6-8, this interdisciplinary conference featured top graduate students from Canadian and international universities whose work focuses on the security and well-being of children and youth in situations of armed violence, disaster, and other challenging contexts. With presenters coming from South Africa, Botswana, and Switzerland, as well as universities across Canada, the symposium represented an excellent opportunity to connect with other graduate students and share research interests across a wide range of contexts.

Over twenty aspiring scholars and practitioners from across Canada and beyond shared their research with us and helped to build dialogue on this important issue. Reflecting the interdisciplinary focus of this year's sponsors, the symposium included participants from political science, international development, public administration, social work, anthropology, education, psychology, and public health, among others. The panel

themes were equally as diverse and included: Child Protection; Vulnerable Youth in the Canadian Context; Youth and Urban Violence; Youth as Agents of Change; Representations of the Child; and Programming, Impact, and Evaluation. Our participants drew on original and innovative field research as well as a range of theoretical and methodological perspectives, and received constructive and informative feedback from our moderators and participants. The organizing committee was very pleased with the end result, as the range of perspectives contributed to fruitful and insightful discussion throughout the various symposium events.

Additional expert insight was provided by the symposium's four keynote speakers. The symposium opened with a public lecture by **Michel Chikwanine**, a refugee from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who recounted the powerful and moving story of his experiences growing up in the midst of war and the challenges of his integration into Canadian society. **Dr. Nigel Fisher**, the regional humanitarian coordinator for the crisis in Syria, drew on over 30 years of experience in issues of child protection in discussing the perplexing challenges associated with the emergency response in Syria. **Dr. Jo Boyden**, director of Oxford University's *Young Lives* study, presented some of the findings of her international study on the changing nature of childhood poverty, which has followed the lives of 12,000 children from Ethiopia, India, Peru and Vietnam over 15 years. **Dr. David Phipps**, director of Research and Innovation Services at York University, concluded the symposium with an engaging and hands-on knowledge mobilization workshop. The symposium also featured a public film screening of *Fight Like Soldiers Die Like Children*, the latest documentary featuring Lt.-General Roméo Dallaire.



Finally, the organizing committee would like to recognize and thank our many sponsors. The Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative (in conjunction with the Harold Crabtree Foundation), the Children and Youth in Challenging Contexts (CYCC) Network, and the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies provided the core funding and administrative support for this year's symposium, and ably filled the void left by the demise of the Security and Defence Forum funding. The symposium also received much appreciated support from the Canadian International Council – Hali-

fax Branch; the Department of Political Science; the Dalhousie Office of the President; the Dalhousie Student Union; the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students; the Faculty of Graduate Studies; and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. The continued support of many of these sponsors has been integral to the success of our graduate symposium over the years, and we look forward to working with them again next year!

Doris Boyle Prize for Best Graduate Essay

Andrew Bergel 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. Andrew is currently working on his PhD Political Science.

GRADUATE STUDENT SOCIETY NEWS

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

2013-14 marked another successful year for the Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science (DGSPS). Our keystone event, the Graduate Symposium, was another unmitigated success. Led by our own PhD student David Morgan and co-chair Emily Zinck, a PhD student in the Interdisciplinary Program, the Symposium was able to draw on the wide range of talents, enthusiasm, and energy of the Society to deliver an exceptional event. Partnering with the Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative, as well as regular Symposium supporters, the Symposium committee surpassed expectations and delivered a timely, diverse, and interesting conference featuring graduate students from across Canada and beyond, with keynote speeches from leading practitioners and academics. The success of the Symposium has helped ensure the DGSPS will be able to organize another event in 2014-2015. Dave, Emily 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's cohort was socially active, enjoying a range of activities including trivia nights at Rogue's Roost and a memorable Super Bowl party. This cohort has been particularly tight knit and it

has been a lot of fun getting to know everyone; I will certainly be sad to see the M.A.'s leave, but know they are moving on to bigger and better things.

On behalf of the entire DGSPS, I'd also like to extend our sincerest thanks to Tracy, Shannon, Professor Fierlbeck, 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 2013-14, surrounded by so many talented and committed colleagues. As the majority of the current cohort moves on to new adventures, the DGSPS wishes them success and happiness in whatever comes next. And as the Society turns to the 2014-15 year, we eagerly await the arrival of our new friends and colleagues and the infusion of energy and enthusiasm they always bring with them.

Sincerely,

David Beitelman

GRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS

Katherine Fierlbeck

This has been a very productive year for graduate students. Sarah Dunphy defended her PhD research on “180: Developing Countries' About-Face in the Uruguay Round” and she is currently working as a Policy and Research Coordinator for the Cross-Border Institute (CBI) at the University of Windsor in Ontario. Six MA students defended their dissertations in the past year: these include Louise Cockram (“*Grievance before Supply: Omnibus Budget Implementation Legislation as a case when Party Discipline Damages Parliamentary Democracy*”), Ben Diepeveen (“*Persistent Power? The Weakening of the Medical Profession's Control over Knowledge in Canada*”), Katie Harper (“*An Examination of the Determinants of Quebec's Paradiplomatic Actions*”), Rebecca McFadgen (“*Beyond the Duty to Consult: Comparing Environmental Justice in Three Aboriginal Communities in Canada*”), Katelynn Northam (“*The Challenge of Youth Engagement in Local Government: Exploring the Use of Youth Councils in Amherst and Halifax Regional Municipality, Nova Scotia*”), and Kristian Rafuse (“*Conspicuous Sexuality: Bourdieu's Affective Phenomenology and the Normative Origins of Homophobic Violence*”). Ben is

continuing his studies at the Doctoral level at the University of Ottawa, though we're quite sure that he couldn't possibly be enjoying himself as much as he did here.

Our graduate students were also very successful at winning external grants: at the PhD level, John Mitton secured a Killam and Dave Beitelman won a SSHRC (as well as a Killam renewal). Carla Suarez's Trudeau was renewed for another year, and David Morgan was able to renew all three of his current grants (Killam, Vanier, and Trudeau). At the postdoc level, Kristi Kenyon was awarded a SSHRC, and will be joining us this fall. Not to be outdone, incoming MA students Chad Curtis won a SSHRC, Emmaline English was granted both a SSHRC and a Killam, and Shingirai Taodzera has the honour of being the department's first Southern African Student Education Project (SASEP) scholarship recipient. As well, alumni Susan Thomson (PhD, 2009) published her book called *Whispering Truth to Power* from U of Wisconsin Press <http://uwpress.wisc.edu/books/5148.htm>. Well done, everyone!

PART TIME FACULTY NEWS & AWARDS



The DSU Teaching Impact Award is given to a Dalhousie professor who has demonstrated a student centered approach to teaching by going above and beyond for students and encouraging students to push the boundaries of their learning. Congratulations Michelle Coffin!

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Michelle Coffin (part time faculty and PhD candidate in Political Science) with Lori Turnbull, wrote a chapter in a book published by UofT/IPAC in 2014 titled *Deputy Ministers in Canada: Comparative and Jurisdictional Perspectives*. It is the first book written on provincial deputy ministers in Canada. We wrote the chapter on Nova Scotia deputies titled *Deputy Ministers in Nova Scotia: The Influence of New Public Governance on Nova Scotia's First NDP Government*.

In 2013, **Dr. Ann Griffiths** continued teaching political science on the Stadacona navy base. She also taught “World Politics” in spring 2013 and “Exploring Global Conflict and Violence” in the fall 2013 term at Dalhousie. In addition to teaching part-time, Dr. Griffiths edited a few last books for the Centre before its publishing program was ended, and she continues to edit *Canadian Naval Review*. She will spend a month in the Hague in summer 2014 studying international law in a program sponsored by the International Peace and Security Institute (IPSI).

FACULTY NEWS

Peter Arthur, continued in his position as Honours Coordinator. Nine out of the ten Honours students successfully defended their theses. He would be presenting a paper “New Regionalism in Africa” at the Annual Conference of the Canadian Association of African Studies scheduled to take place at Brock University, St. Catherine’s from 28-30th May 2014. His work “Governance of natural resource management in Africa: Contemporary perspectives,” in Hanson, Kobena, D’Alessandro-Scarpari, Cristina & Owusu, Francis (eds), **Managing Africa’s Natural Resources: Capacities for Development**, London: Palgrave, is expected to be published in the summer of 2014. Also, his review of the book, **Canada Among Nations, 2013: Canada-Africa Relations, Looking Back, Looking Ahead**, London: The Centre for International Governance Innovation & Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University, edited by Rohinton Medhora and Yiagadeesen Samy would appear in the Journal of African Development. Finally, his co-authored work, “Local content and private sector participation in Ghana’s oil industry: An economic and strategic imperative,” is currently under peer review with *Africa Today*, a journal at the University of Indiana, USA.

Robert Finbow continued research on the slow negotiations for a Comprehensive Economic and Free Trade Agreement CETA between the EU and Canada. He published two pieces including “Why has it taken so long to finalize CETA? Economic fragmentation in decentralized systems”, based on his presentation to the EUCE Networking Luncheon in Ottawa, which appeared in the *European Union Centres of Excellence Newsletter*, Autumn 2013. His work on “CETA and Multi-level Governance: Implications for Provincial and Municipal Governments” was published in the Canada- Europe Transatlantic Dialogue, CETA Policy Briefs Series in October 2013. An op-ed addressing CETA’s implications for Nova Scotia, entitled “Industrial-scale revolution” appeared in the *Chronicle-Herald* September 20, 2013. He presented on his work in Ottawa and Victoria BC and participated in several roundtables on the proposed agreement hosted by the Dalhousie University European Union Centre of Excellence. One highlight was his involvement in a pop-up consulate hosted by the UK High Commission, bringing together government and private sector persons to discuss CETA’s implications for the UK and Atlantic Canada. He also completed fieldwork in Brussels on the efforts to finalize particulars of the CETA agreement as well as contrasts with the EU-US free trade negotiations.

Kristin Good will return to teaching in September after an extended leave that included a sabbatical and two maternity/parental leaves. She will be busy balancing her new role as a mother to Jacob (age 2) and Isabelle (age 9 months) with her teaching and research program.

While on leave, she published an edited volume with UBC Press entitled *Segmented Cities? How Urban Contexts Shape Ethnic and Nationalist Politics* (2014) (with co-editors, Luc Turgeon, University of Ottawa, and Triadafilos (Phil) Triadafilopoulos, University of Toronto). The volume is part of the UBC Press’s “Ethnicity and Democratic Governance” series produced by the team members of a SSHRC Major Collaborative Research Initiative led by Prof. Bruce Berman. The volume examines how three factors – globalization, entrenched ethno-linguistic configurations, and urban political institutions – contribute to either inter-ethnic harmony or discord among ethnic groups in cities. It is one of the few urban studies books to include cases from the Global North and Global South. In addition to co-editing the volume, Dr. Good co-authored two of its chapters including its introduction entitled “Introduction: Ethnic and Nationalist Politics in a Global and Urban World” and its conclusion. For more information or to order a copy visit:

http://www.ubcpress.ca/search/title_book.asp?BookID=299174181#ordering

This year Kristin was also guest editor of Volume 49 of *International Journal of Canadian Studies*. The theme issue, which is called “Reopening the ‘Myth of the North American City’ Debate,” reconsiders the thesis and research findings

presented in Michael A. Goldberg and John Mercer's seminal *The Myth of the North American City: Continentalism Challenged* (1986). Her introductory article entitled "Reopening the Myth of the North American City Debate: On Comparing Canadian and American cities," discusses how Canadian cities have been treated in the comparative literature arguing that, contrary to Golberg and Mercer's concern that urban scholars had failed to recognized their distinctiveness in relation to American cities, differences rather than similarities have been emphasized by Canadian and comparative urban political science scholars. She calls for more comparative research in the field and argues that the new institutionalism literature offers promising ways to compare cities in the two countries in ways that capture both cross-national and sub-national variations. The issue includes eight articles on a variety of topics including value differences, historical political development, urban autonomy, the governance of immigration, leadership, metropolitan governance, planning politics and neighbourhood regeneration. For more information or to order a copy visit:

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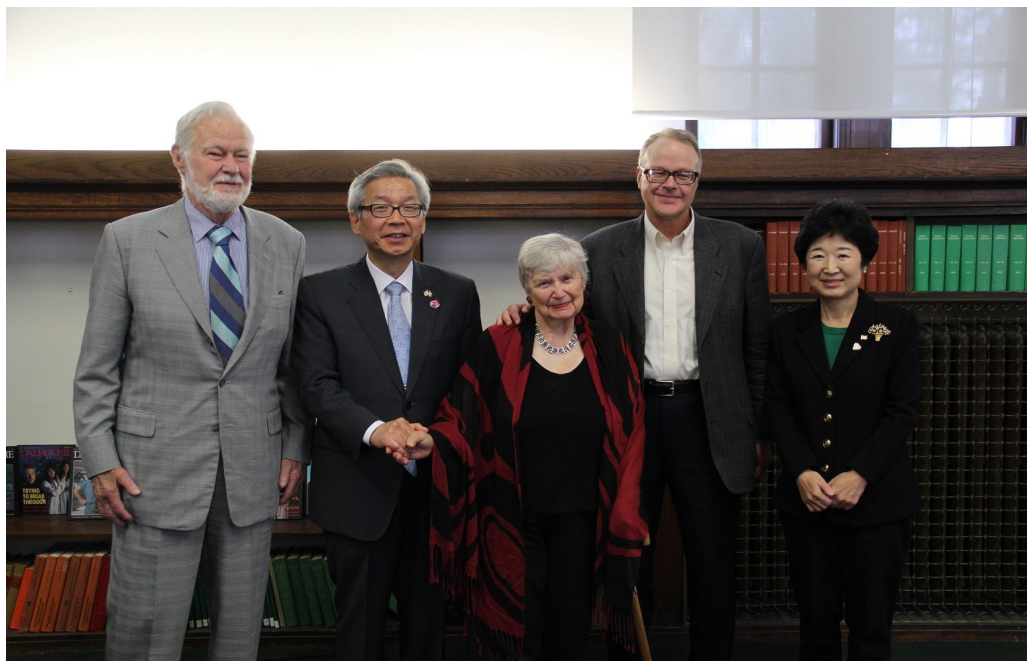
In the coming academic year, Kristin plans to resume her research on her SSHRC-funded project entitled "The Politics and Governance of Immigration and Multiculturalism in Canadian Cities," a project that compares the way in which immigration and ethno-linguistic diversity are governed in nine Canadian cities – Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Toronto, Montreal, Quebec City, Moncton and Halifax. This project explores how variation in cities' growth rates and long-standing patterns of diversity influence the urban governance of immigration and multiculturalism. She is particularly interested in the intersection of the politics of multinational differences (the presence of francophone linguistic minorities and Aborigines in Canada) and immigration in Canadian cities. Her first publication based on this research is entitled "Governing Immigrant Attraction and Retention in Halifax and Moncton: Do Linguistic Divisions Impede Cooperation?". It will appear this year in Martin Papillon, Luc Turgeon, Jenn Wallner and Steve White's edited volume entitled *Canada Compared: Citizens, Government and Policy which is scheduled for publication by UBC Press this fall.*

Frank Harvey has been working on two books. One on US foreign policy, with specific emphasis on the 2013 US-Syria WMD crisis (and other asymmetric crises involving the US over the past two decades) - the book will address the question of why coercive threats succeed and fail. The other book will focus on Canada-US cooperation in the area of ballistic missile defence. I just received a SSHRC Insight Grant to study comparative threat perceptions and the success and failure of post-9/11 Canada-US border security and trade negotiations.

Anders Hayden had a book accepted for publication by McGill-Queen's University Press. *When Green Growth is Not Enough: Climate Change, Ecological Modernization, and Sufficiency*, which compares the political responses to climate change in Canada and the UK, will be published this autumn. He had two journal articles published. The first examines the successful campaign to stop (at least for now) the construction of a third runway at Heathrow airport. The second analyzes efforts to challenge high-carbon consumption in Canada. He had two book chapters published on the issue of work-time reduction: the first in a book produced by the London-based New Economics Foundation and the second in a book entitled *Creating a Sustainable and Desirable Future: Insights from 45 Global Thought Leaders*. He delivered a presentation on Bhutan's pursuit of Gross National Happiness at the European Sociological Association conference in Turin, and was invited to speak on same topic for the College of Sustainability's lecture series. He also presented on the theme of "Green Growth or Post-Growth?" at a conference on a "post-growth economy" at the Copenhagen Business School. He is starting new research on the political impact of alternative economic indicators.

CENTRE FOR FOREIGN POLICY STUDIES NEWS

David Black



Fred Black,
Ambassador Cho
Hee-yong, Anne
Black, Dr. David
Black, and Mrs.
Cho Hee-yong

The Centre for Foreign Policy Studies continues to adapt to the ‘new normal’ of the end of core funding following the cancellation of the Security and Defence Forum (SDF) programme of the Department of National Defence. Through a variety of new and ongoing partnerships, we were able to have a full and lively year, while working towards sustainability and renewal.

We continue to have a productive partnership with the Romeo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative (housed within the Department/Centre), which went from strength to strength and has several important new initiatives in various parts of the world. Among their signal achievements this year was helping to orchestrate two UN Security Council resolutions (2143 and 2151) concerning preventive training for peacekeepers on child protection that were unanimously adopted in March and April. With the support of the RDCSI, we were able to engage doctoral candidate David Beitelman as part-time Centre Deputy Director, which in turn enabled us to sustain an active series of seminars and special events. RDCSI also provided generous support for this year’s Graduate Student Symposium, organized jointly by the Political Science Grad Students Society and the new Children and Youth in Challenging Contexts Grad Student Society on the theme of “Children, Youth and Security”. Co-chaired by David Morgan and Emily Zinck, the Symposium drew participants from throughout Canada, as well as Europe and even Botswana! It featured outstanding keynote addresses from UN Special Representative in Syria Nigel Fisher, Oxford University’s Jo Boyden, and York University’s David Phipps.

The Maritime Security Policy Program had a year of challenge and renewal. We welcomed Commander Ian Wood as our new Defence Fellow, and Ian has quickly become a welcome presence in the department, bringing energy, connections, experience, and insight to his duties. MSPP members successfully sustained funding for the *Canadian Naval Review* at a slightly reduced level, allowing continued publication of this hallmark journal under the editorship of Centre Publications Coordinator Ann Griffiths. Centre Fellow Ken Hansen continues to moderate the online forum *Broadsides*, which continues to attract literally thousands of ‘visitors’ from around the world. Two Maritime Security workshops will be undertaken in 2014 – the first on the current status and prospects for the National Shipbuilding Procurement Strategy, and the second on personnel issues and challenges for the Royal Canadian Navy. As part of its regular seminar series, the Centre also welcomed the new commander of Canada’s East Coast

Fleet, Rear Admiral John Newton, who delivered a lively and interactive talk to a packed house.

Other highlights this year included the organization of a high level symposium on “Rethinking Canadian Aid” in September 2013, bringing together most of the country’s top scholars and analysts of Canadian aid policy for a timely discussion in light of the merger of the former CIDA and DFAIT into the new Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade, and Development (DFATD). The symposium should soon result in an edited collection from the University of Ottawa Press on the same theme.

Another highlight was the second annual Glyn Berry Lecture, delivered in early February by former Canadian Ambassador to Egypt and Director General of International Organizations Ferry de Kerckhove, who gave a wide-ranging and insightful talk on Canada’s strategic environment. That same month, the Centre worked with the UK High Commission and Dalhousie’s International Research and Development office on a series of special events regarding the future of the Canada-UK relationship in the context of an innovative ‘pop up High Commission’ in Halifax.

Earlier, in November, the Centre co-hosted with the European Union Centre of Excellence another excellent and well-attended event on the white paper concerning Scottish independence, delivered by the Scottish Secretary for Education and member of the Scottish Parliament Michael Russell. And, in September, we were honoured to host a lecture by the Korean Ambassador to Canada, Mr. Cho Hee-yong, marking the 60th anniversary of the end of the Korean War and the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Korea-Canada bilateral relations.

This summary touches on only some of the year’s highlights. It also makes clear the important partnerships the Centre has been developing. Beyond those with the RDCSI and EUCE, the Centre continued to have a close and productive relationship with the Halifax Branch of the Canadian International Council, as well as collaborating on an integrated seminar series with the Department. These partnerships will continue to be vital in delivering high quality programming on International Affairs to the Dalhousie and Halifax communities.

Finally, as of 1 July, I will be ending my 6 years as Centre Director and handing off to the new leadership team of Brian Bow (Academic Director) and Ann Griffiths (Co-Director). They are well known to many in the Centre and Department communities, and will do a superb job as we continue to pursue new approaches to sustainability. The CFPS has been a key part of the Department and Dalhousie intellectual landscapes for more than 40 years. It continues to fill a unique regional and national role. It draws excellent graduate students to Dalhousie, and its Fellows are sought after commentators and participants in important debates on Canadian foreign, defence, and development policies and a wide range of other international issues. With other institutions of its type, it has confronted unprecedented challenges in the past several years but remains an active and vital presence. It has been a privilege to join the long list of Centre Directors who have contributed to its evolution.

IN-FOCUS:

PEARSON PEACEKEEPING CENTRE

On November 29th, 2013 the venerable Pearson Centre closed its doors. To ensure the continuation of its work and legacy, the Pearson Centre identified strategic partners to gift its intellectual and financial assets. The Dallaire Initiative was one of these partners. The Roméo Dallaire Child Soldiers Initiative is grateful for the Pearson Centre's generosity and belief in our work. This gift will enable the Dallaire Initiative to continue to work at advancing our shared vision of peace, while ensuring that children are not used as weapons of war.

The CDA Institute senior defence analyst, **David Perry** has been recognized in 'The Hill Times' spring 2014 edition of its [Power and Influence](#) in the 'top 100' influencing Canada's global future, and I quote from the citation: "Mr. Perry has made a name for himself through research and smart commentary on Canadian defence policy... he has made waves with his recent assessments of DND budget cuts. Put simply, 'people pay attention to his stuff,' said one former member of the military's top brass." On behalf of the President, Board members, and his peers of the CDA Institute, as well as the Chair and Associations of the CDA, I wish to extend heartfelt congratulations to David!

2013 GLYN R. BERRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL POLICY STUDIES RECIPIENT BEN O'BRIGHT

About Ben O'Bright

Ben O'Bright completed his Bachelor of Arts degree at Carleton University in 2012, graduating with highest honours as a recipient of the prestigious University Senate Medal for Outstanding Undergraduate Academic Achievement in Political Science and Legal Studies. By 2013, he had concluded a Master of Science degree at the London School of Economics and Political Science, focusing his research on the information, communications and digital media technology politics of the European Union. Interspersed with his studies, Ben has worked across North and South America on issues of children's rights with the Landon Pearson Resource Centre for the Study of Childhood and Children's Rights, the Organization of American States, the National Alliance for Children and Youth, and the Children's Rights Academic Network. As well, he has been engaged in the field of social innovation as a Project Officer with the Eden Stanley Group, consulted with the United Nations Development Programme's High Level Panel Secretariat on the Post-2015 Development Agenda, and has held several positions with the Government of Canada.

Today, Ben continues to pursue his passion for international relations, global politics, humanitarianism and development as a researcher with the North-South Institute; this has afforded him the opportunity to act as



a youth engagement and natural resource governance consultant on projects funded by UNICEF in Burundi and Chad, and with the Qatar Foundation.

About Ben's Field of Study

Under the supervision of Dr. David Black, Ben's research focus at Dalhousie University falls directly within the scope of the Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholarship in International Policy Studies, drawing on Dr. Berry's passionate devotion to the betterment of global society. Based on the continuing advances in science and technology, particularly that of information and communications technology (ICT), Ben's research

broaches the question of how has, and how can, ICT be used to promote human security in post-civil war and intra-state conflict settings? It should be noted that for much of its application as a theoretical and pragmatic concept, 'human security' has been focused on creating specific relationship with international development. Thus, in consideration of the insecure environment which can occur after the events of a civil conflict, Ben's work examines whether there specific examples of ICT-use for the rebuilding of human security's dual paradigms, that of Freedom from Want and Freedom from Fear, and, what lessons can we learn from these cases which can then be applied to future scenarios of instability, insecurity and humanitarian distress?

Ben is deeply honoured to have been named the recipient of the 2013 Glyn R. Berry Memorial

Scholarship in International Policy Studies. Canada was a pioneer in the human security realm, the principal author for an emergent model that revolutionized the way public and private actors alike approached the protection of citizens, communities and individuals worldwide. Dr. Berry, in devoting his life to the defence of others, highlighted what the pursuit of human security can be: a recognition that "traditional" approaches to humanitarianism and development may not be perpetually and universally effective. Ben will endeavor to continue the exploration of this important principle in light of new technology, emergent actors and contemporary theoretical insights.

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CANADIAN NAVAL REVIEW UPDATE

Canadian Naval Review is published by the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies and it began its 10th year of publication starting in the spring of 2014. *CNR* is Canada's foremost journal examining maritime security and defence issues of all kinds – competition for fish, ship designs, piracy, naval strategy and defence spending, among other things. This initiative brings together members of the Canadian academic and defence communities, as well as media, policy-makers and members of the public. Every issue includes a variety of articles, commentaries, book reviews and photos. The journal is edited by Dr. Ann Griffiths and has a distinguished group serving as the Editorial Board. In 2013 *CNR* held its annual essay contest, the 7th year of the competition. The winning essay – "The Ice has Ears," written by two students at the University of Calgary – was published in the Fall 2013 issue.

Every year *CNR* publishes a theme issue and the theme for the Winter 2014 issue was Asia-Pacific maritime matters, a timely and important topic these days. Among other things, the issue included contributions examining what role Canada could play in the Asia-Pacific region, new Japanese maritime strategies, the maritime relationship between China and India, and the possibility of an incidents at sea agreement being signed by the Chinese and US Navies.

Canadian Naval Review also has an online discussion forum called "BroadSides" which is moderated by Ken Hansen (www.navalreview.ca/broadsides-discussion-forum). This discussion forum now receives more than 70,000 visits per month from people around the world. On it, people discuss the latest issues relating to maritime and naval research, maritime security, defence, the navy, naval policy, the Arctic, and many other topics.



ROMEO DALLAIRE CHILD SOLDIERS INITIATIVE



Once the place of mass recruitment and use of some 10,000 child soldiers, Sierra Leone has established itself as a key African peacekeeping nation. The government of Sierra Leone is partnering with the Dallaire Initiative to introduce a holistic approach to the issue of child soldiers. Through training with their military, police and prison services, along with developing and delivering a primary school program to educate children on the dangers of recruitment, Sierra Leone is taking proactive action to end the use and recruitment of child soldiers.

In the past year the Dallaire Initiative has trained 140 Sierra Leonean security personnel and piloted new curriculum to be delivered in primary schools. In the coming years we will focus on making this training self-sustaining, locally powered, and widely available through train-the-trainer programs. We will look at ways to reach more children both in and out of schools with youth radio programs and comic books.

Sierra Leone will be the world's first country to institute this training nationwide. It will create a model that may be replicated country by country to prevent the use of child soldiers.

Our work in Sierra Leone is made possible by the generous support of the members of Unifor. We are grateful for their encouragement and solidarity with our work.



RESOLUTION UN/SC/2143

On March 7th, the UN Security Council unanimously passed UN/SC/2143, a historic resolution on children affected by conflict. Resolution 2143 is the first to recommend preventative training for UN peacekeeping personnel regarding children and armed conflict. This resolution represents a significant breakthrough in the Dallaire Initiative's work by providing the mandate needed for commanders and leaders to prepare troops on the issue of child soldiers.

The Dallaire Initiative, along with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), played a strong advocate role in the early drafting of resolution 2143, related to training and preparedness of security sector actors.

Our work will continue to ensure that this resolution is implemented by those that have endorsed it.

EUROPEAN UNION CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE NEWS

The European Union Centre of Excellence (EUCE) had a productive first year of its funding cycle with numerous events, outreach opportunities and the teaching of European Union (EU) content classes. The Centre hosted 11 speakers ranging on topics from genetically modified crops to the crisis in Ukraine. In addition we held smaller informal sessions called the Lunch and Learn series where Associates and Fellows of the Centre spoke of their research or a topic of particular interest to them, as Florian Bail (Political Science) did on the results of the German elections in September 2013.

The Centre is focused on student learning both on and off campus. To that end we offered, for the first time, an EUCE Essay Award and have in 2014 started the EUCE Graduate Scholarship Award. In addition, we offered financial support to four undergraduate students to undertake an EU Study Tour and Internship in May 2014. We also worked closely with the International Baccalaureate teachers at Citadel High School and École du Carrefour to bring their students to Dalhousie in April 2014 for a Day of Debate. The students debated EU enlargement and were assisted in the specifics of debating by students from the Dalhousie Debating Society. [see attached picture of event]

The Associates of the Centre are involved in wide ranging areas of research from Trade to Healthcare. The signing of the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) last fall between Canada and the EU has sparked much interest in information pertaining to the EU and the impact the agreement will have for Nova Scotia. Dr. Robert Finbow (Political Science) has written policy briefs and op-eds on this issue and continues

to debate the various aspects of the agreement that are publicly known. Dr. Liesl Gambold (Sociology and Social Anthropology) has recently returned from fieldwork in Europe where she undertook interviews pertaining to retirement facilities for LGBTQ individuals. Dr. Gambold spoke about her research at a Lunch and Learn and also penned an op-ed for the Chronicle Herald.

The Centre also works with the four other Centres in Canada to share knowledge, and in May, the Centre at the University of Victoria will co-sponsor with the Centre at Dalhousie, a workshop analyzing how Canada and the EU coordinate healthcare under different political systems. This networking allows us to build on our knowledge base and share best practices.



We also build links with Centres overseas and recently, Ruben Zaiotti, Director of the Centre (Political Science) returned from a visit to Taipei, Taiwan. The Director of the Taiwan Centre is planning a visit in the fall of 2014. With over 30 Centres worldwide there is much opportunity to foster collaboration and build links on areas of mutual interest.

As we move ahead the Centre will continue to increase an awareness and understanding of the EU and its policies on campus, locally and regionally.

EUCE SEMINAR SERIES

Dr. Vincent Power, *Reflections on Enforcement of EUC Law*, September 18, 2013

Michele Mastroeni, *Regulating genetically modified crops: a European perspective*, October 17, 2013

Digital Content: What is the European Union doing?, October 22, 2013

Trading Off - Canada's economic relations with the US and Europe in time of crisis, October 23, 2013

Ian McAllister, *Some past European Union (EU) regional development challenges from a Canadian comparative perspective*, October 31, 2013 (EUCE??)

Stands Scotland where it did?, November 29, 2013

Akan Hurelman, *The Euro Crisis: Over at last?*, January 28, 2013

ALUMNI NEWS

Gavin Charles, (BAH Political Science and History 2011): I am currently working in Ottawa as legislative assistant for Paul Dewar, the federal NDP foreign affairs critic. I'm finding this work a tremendously exciting and rewarding challenge – it's a constant thrill to witness and participate in the debates shaping the direction of our country, and to meet interesting and inspiring politicians, diplomats, and civil society leaders from across Canada and around the world. I feel very fortunate to be involved in the formulation and presentation of policy concerning some of the very subjects I studied. I am certainly benefiting from my education at Dalhousie as I consider and discuss the issues of the day on Parliament Hill.



Iain Grant (PhD, 2011) has assumed a new post as Strategy Manager in the International Energy Policy Branch of the Department of Energy, Government of Alberta. The Branch was established in 2012 to deliver on the market diversification effort of the GOA, formalizing new government-government relationships through agreements in key markets overseas, principally China, Japan, Korea and India. Currently, he is neck-deep and 'holding the pen' in Alberta's first International Energy Strategy, due for completion and release in late 2014.

Colin Knight (MA 1996): My Dalhousie experience facilitated a fifteen-year Federal Government career with the Department of Foreign Affairs, the Canadian International Development Agency, the Department of Public Safety, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and, for the past seven years, the Privy Council Office. Positions included Y2K risk analyst, Program Analyst for Russia, Trade Commissioner, International Relations Analyst and National Security and Intelligence Policy Advisor. Responsibilities required travel to Europe, Latin America, Asia and the United States. Before Dalhousie, I spent eight years with a multi-billion dollar US company in manufacturing and marketing and I enjoyed work in the UK, Italy, and Switzerland. Private and public sector employment taught me several things, the most important being the distinction between political theories (public service) – think Adam Smith 'On government' – and political practice (the public service) – think Bob Black 'The Abolition of Work & Other Essays.' Thirty years of private, public, and academic experience coalesced in 2011 to reveal what I had always wanted to do: write. Therefore, in December 2011, I began a two-year sabbatical and in November 2013, my first novel, *Some People Deserve To Die*, was published and is available through Amazon. In 2014, I will release two more novels: *Public Service* – a psychological thriller about the extreme lengths one public servant undertakes to keep his 'job for life' – and *Game Day*, an international espionage thriller about an extreme right-wing plot that exploits Western bias toward Muslims.



Life is a labyrinth – I hope you are enjoying navigating yours!

<http://ottawacitizen.com/entertainment/local-arts/summer-reading-a-thriller>

Andrew Swift (BA, 2013) Post-graduation success in the job market happened for Andrew even a little sooner than he'd hoped. Within two months of getting his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, he started a position as Aboriginal Relations Intern with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. He attributes success – there were 300 applicants – to how well in the interview "you can apply your degree to what you'll be doing," Andrew notes. "I learned a host of skills during my degree that directly relate to my internship: how to conduct high-quality research

independently, to focus, set deadlines, professionally present my findings, and balance my course load and other commitments. It was a really great learning experience.” He also gives kudos to his professors in the Political Science department, who “were incredibly helpful and always supportive of my endeavours. They were fantastic and clearly passionate about their work. And the staff were amazing, the classes intriguing.”

Even after his second week as a parks intern, Andrew was already visiting different parks, meeting with staff and attendants, learning about “how to initiate better relationships between park staff and local First Nations communities, in advance of the Algonquin Land Claim,” Andrew explains. “The claim is within park boundaries. So I’m helping the superintendents in these parks to engage with the communities on such issues as access to parks for cultural and spiritual activities.”



As Andrew’s current internship is a two-year contract, he’s starting to look down the road to what might lie beyond. “I’ve just been given permission from my manager to start my master’s part-time,” he says. “I’m looking at taking a few grad courses in January and officially starting next September. I’m also exploring the idea of going to law school after my master’s, to study Aboriginal and Environmental Law.”

Susan Thomson (PhD, 2009) is Assistant Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies at Colgate University (USA). Since joining the faculty in July 2012, she has published her Dalhousie dissertation as a book with the University of Wisconsin Press. *Whispering Truth to Power: Everyday Resistance to Postgenocide Reconciliation* (2013) exposes the character of the Rwandan state and how it impinges on the everyday life of people in the lowest socioeconomic strata in the south of the country, focusing on government mechanisms of control and oppression used to rewrite history and redefine personal, communal, and national identity since the 1994 genocide. Thomson’s research reveals many forms of peasant resistance to state authority, and how the acclaimed *gacaca* courts manifested such contested power in ways that have consolidated the power of the ruling Rwandan Patriotic Front. Her wide-ranging conclusion not only summarizes her findings and arguments but also nicely lays out their implications for conceptions of the state, power, popular resistance, and political violence. Thomson’s research methods and creative engagement with these issues open new lines of inquiry. The book has been widely praised by anthropologists, political scientists and African studies specialists, and should “inspire both critical review and emulation” (Choice: Current Reviews for Libraries, April 2014).

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Blast from the Past: Plus ça change?

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Defence Abroad:

A Smaller Bang for a Buck

By DENIS STAIRS

For some months now students of Canadian security policy have been awaiting the outcome of Ottawa's much-advertised defence policy review, hoping against their better judgement that it might produce at least a military establishment suited to Canada's requirements and capabilities.

As the programme announced by Defence Minister Leo Cadieux last week all too readily shows, their judgement was better founded than their hopes.

What started as a search for a more rationally-based military establishment has degenerated into the simple pursuit of economy in government spending. We're just cutting our force there in half.

THE SAME OBSOLETE TASKS

The result is that the Armed Forces have been left very largely with the same obsolete tasks as they had before, except that they have been deprived of the capacity for performing them well.

Consider the changes in our contribution to NATO forces in Europe, composed until now of a brigade group of approximately 8,000 men, a battery of Honest John tactical nuclear missiles, and six squadrons of CF-104 strike-reconnaissance aircraft, most of which are equipped with a nuclear strike capability.

The arguments for a major withdrawal of these forces from the European theatre are boringly simple.

The Canadian brigade group is too small in itself to make any difference to the balance of European military affairs, and the costs of its maintenance are too high by far. With equivalent expenditures, the Europeans themselves could field forces of far more substantial operational significance.

GRAVE WEAKNESSES

The Honest John tactical nuclear missiles and the CF-104 strike-reconnaissance aircraft have even graver weaknesses.

In the first place, they were originally deployed in Europe on the assumption that a controlled tactical nuclear war was a viable possibility in the European theatre -- an assumption which most western strategists now reject as unrealistic.

In the second place, the CF-104s would be a menace at worst, and useless at best, in the context of a developing European confrontation.

Exposed on their runways in Southern Germany, they are extremely vulnerable to first strike enemy attack. In a crisis, therefore, their commander must choose between putting them in the air, and running the risk of leaving them on the ground.

If he puts them in the air, his opponent may interpret his action as a prelude to attack and trigger his own forces. If he keeps them on the ground, and if the enemy strikes first, they will be destroyed before they can get into action.

LITTLE REASON TO BE THERE

In short, on purely military grounds there is very little to be said for Canada's European Armed Forces establishment.

We used to be told that a Canadian withdrawal would encourage other countries to follow suit, and hence would lead to the collapse of the alliance. This in turn would disintegrate the balance of terror and tempt the Soviets to more aggressive behaviour.

Alternatively, it was argued that Canada's contribution, although militarily insignificant, buys us friends where they count most (i.e. in Washington), expands our influence in the councils of the 'Western World', and provides us with the means of bargaining for reciprocal reductions in armaments on the part of the Soviet bloc.

THE WORST OF ALL WORLDS

Such persuasions are hard to buy, but to the extent that they are valid, it is interesting to observe that Mr. Cadieux and his Cabinet colleagues have bought the worst of all possible worlds.



BONNIE BEDFORD BASIN BOUND !

The decommissioning of the Bonaventure was one of the moves announced by Defence Minister Leo Cadieux, but the announcement was no surprise to The 4th ESTATE. On June 26, this newspaper said the Bonnie would be taken out of service and that the entire Maritime Command would undergo a "drastic reshaping." The paper's assessment was surprisingly accurate.

By keeping the CF-104s, re-ordered into three squadrons, in Europe until 1972, they sustain a useless military instrument for two more years.

By retaining half the present brigade group in the theatre for the indefinite future, they leave it open to precisely the same grounds of attack that have been used against the current establishment. The only difference is that the military arguments now have even greater point.

ALL THE PENALTIES OF CHANGE

At the same time, while the military logic of our policy remains unimproved, its political benefits (such as they were) have been truly lost, for such diplomatic and political influence as was earned by our dutiful support of the alliance almost certainly has been dissipated as a result of the new programme.

The government has incurred all the penalties of change with none of the rewards of genuine innovation.

All we've saved is a buck.

(Prof. Stairs of the Political Science Department of Dalhousie University will comment on 'Defence at Home' in the next issue.)



Denis Stairs, former Eric Dennis Professor of Political Science and Vice President Academic and Provost, Dalhousie University, and founder of the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies penned this 1969 editorial, which shows how little has changed: governments still ignore scholarly advice and underfund Canada's armed forces for critical missions!

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