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How did you become interested in political science?

I graduated from the University of Manitoba with a specialization in Canadian politics. I didn't take political science in my first year though - I took other classes that I didn't find particularly interesting. It wasn't until I took a summer class in political science that I discovered what I wanted to major in.

So you decided then on a career in political science?

Well, not immediately. In fact like many other students I was planning at first to go on to Law school. In my fourth year of university I realized I didn't want to do that. But I was still considering other options. After graduating I spent a year at the University of Iceland studying Icelandic. The Ministry of Culture and Education in Reykjavik gives scholarships each year to two North American students in this programme. My family on my mother's side is from Iceland - they settled in a community north of Gimli.

It was after that experience that I returned to the University of Manitoba for my MA. Geoff Lambert was particularly influential in my studies there, both undergraduate and graduate and as my thesis supervisor. I also became very interested in other literatures as ways of understanding

Canadian politics. For example, I made use of the international relations literature on sovereignty as one of the bases for my thesis on Canadian constitutionalism.

Did this lead to your interest in urban issues?

That arose more after moving to Toronto for my doctoral programme. While I was taking the core Canadian class there I realized that there was real lack of attention to the study of politics and governance at the urban level. It was also at that time that I became more intrigued with issues of race relations and multiculturalism, and the ways in which these issues have a very specific and uneven spatial dimension in Canada. So it was really these questions that increasingly drew me into thinking about city politics.

The shift from Winnipeg to Toronto was also a big factor - I'm thinking of the differences in size and diversity between the two cities, and in the levels of engagement of people with city issues. Among the professors there, Richard Simeon encouraged me to pursue my growing urban interests, and later my dissertation supervisor Richard Stren was a major influence.



Kristin Good

Graduate Society of Political Science

By Alex Wilner



Alex Wilner

The Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science (DGSPS) is a student-run society that supports the activities and interests of Dalhousie

University's political science graduate students.

Our Society has five overarching objectives:

- to enhance the academic experience of political science graduate students
- to foster professional, academic, and social exchange among students of political science
- to act as a liaison between the Department of Political Science, the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, and political science graduate students;
- to promote political awareness both on campus and within the broader community of Halifax
- and, to have fun!

We have held many events since September, including various social gatherings between Society members and faculty. A very successful Graduate Student Symposium on international security themes was held March 24-26 (see the separate report on this).

The Society hosted an All Candidates Debate for the Halifax riding in the federal election campaign in January. The event attracted over 300 participants from the university and the Halifax community and the media.

Interview with Kristin continued. . .

How did the research develop, and where will it go in the future?

I got the main idea for my dissertation research on cities during the University of Toronto first-year doctoral class on Canadian politics. However it was in the following year, in the comparative core class, that I developed a long-term interest in the importance of comparison as a way of studying Canadian and city politics. Even if you are concentrating on a single country or a single city, comparisons reveal important things about your focus of enquiry. This perspective has continued to shape my research interests in cities. I also found the literature on comparative politics a valuable means of getting into important theoretical debates in the field, probably more so than the literature on Canadian politics.

Why do you find urban politics and issues so fascinating?

Unfortunately the creativity and ingenuity of urban governments is often neglected. These governments have been the most important innovators in multicultural policies. Municipalities are often described as just the creatures of provinces – but they are much more than that. Many of the activities they engage in are not specifically mandated by provincial governments. In practice many municipalities go beyond their formally defined roles, even though of course they are constrained in terms of revenues.

Why do you think they do this?

Policy challenges, as in the multiculturalism area, are immediate at the local level. Leadership at urban levels is an important factor. So are the kinds of governance arrangements that exist, and the various public-private coalitions that have emerged at local levels. In some cases, these coalitions challenge upper levels of government by advocating a 'new deal' – so their activities have profound implications for the system as a whole.

This has all been very evident in Toronto, where the coalition pressing for innovative multiculturalism policy development has been linked with the coalitions pushing for a new deal for Toronto generally.

Congratulations, by the way, on the awards you have already received for this research.

Thank you! Yes - I was very pleased that my dissertation proposal won the 2004 Byran Jackson Ethnic and Racial Politics Dissertation Award, awarded by the Urban Politics Section of the American Political Science Association. In 2005 the Urban Affairs Association in the US presented me with its Emerging Scholar Award.

So after Winnipeg and Toronto, a second move east brought you to Halifax.

I wasn't planning to leave Toronto so early, but I could not resist the opportunity of applying for this dream job at Dalhousie. The description of the position was a perfect match with my own research and teaching interests. I didn't know Halifax before I came here – and since I have spent this year finishing the dissertation I have not had much chance to get to know the city! But I do very much like Halifax and its downtown area, its character, beauty, the ocean, and the friendliness of the people. The word that most comes to mind is that it is an easy city - it's easy to get places, to move around, do things.

And after the dissertation?

I'm planning to develop it into a book, and work on some articles. And I would like to bring a comparative and international slant to my research by studying some of the world's major cities on these questions, such as Toronto, London, Paris, New York and Miami. In these large cities the central challenge is how to accommodate large influxes of immigrants. Over the next few years I want to look more deeply into how Canada's slow growth cities like Halifax and Winnipeg could attract and retain immigrants. I am also planning research in the area of globalization and the health of Canadians as part of a project funded by the Canadian Institute of Health Research.

Thanks for this, Kristin, and welcome to the Dal political science community.

Interview with Karen Watts

Karen, welcome to the department! Could you tell us first about your life and work in India, and your decision to come to Canada?

I was born and spent my childhood in Bangalore. This is now a big, bustling city. It's the centre of the Indian Information Technology industry – the Silicon Valley of India. But when I was growing up it was much quieter. It was a place where many retired people lived because of its climate and relaxed lifestyle. In fact it was known then as the “pensioners’ paradise”. All that has changed of course with the rise of the IT industry.

Are there any similarities with Halifax?

Well, in some ways Halifax reminds me of Bangalore. It is still a more laid back city than places like Toronto or Mumbai. Some of the architecture is old and beautiful, just as in Bangalore, which historically was one of the cantonments of the British East India Company.

What were your work experiences there?

My experiences were all with software development companies. I was one of the first employees of Tata Elxsi, a major multinational company which is part of the US\$ 17.6 Billion Tata group of companies. I went there just after graduating with my BA and business diploma. When I left the company I was executive secretary to the chief of Research and Development.

What next?

I left to join another company in the area, also in the area of software development. I was Officer in Charge of the company. A lot of the work involved the recruitment of IT staff to work in the Gulf region. My husband, Philip, was working at that time in the hotel industry. It was while I was working there that we decided to immigrate to Canada. It took just over two years for the applications and paperwork to be processed.

Was it an easy decision to make?

Looking back, the main reasons were to do with our children. We thought they would have a better future and more options growing up in Canada. Amber is now 9, nearly 10, and Jason is 7. We arrived at the end of 2003 and fortunately missed Juan! I knew that the Canadian winter would be cold, but I was not expecting anything like the blizzard we had in February 2004.

So what brought you to Dalhousie?

I applied for a position as education assistant in the Department of Psychiatry. I began work there in September 2004. I discovered that I enjoyed working in a university setting. I had already decided that I was not interested any more in working in the business world. My job in Psychiatry was working with the medical professionals teaching in the undergraduate and graduate programmes, and also with the research fellows and with continuing education. This was a term position and would have ended in October 2005, but before then I heard about the vacancy in Political Science and put in an application. I began working in the department in August.

What do you think of the department so far? Are you enjoying being the Administrative Secretary?

Well, it has been a challenge and quite daunting at first as there is so much to learn. It has been a big learning experience. I really enjoy the atmosphere of the department and the university - especially interacting with the students. That is my favorite part of the job.

When you were working in IT companies you probably did not have much free time. What do you enjoy doing when you are not in the office?

Since I came here, I'm trying my hand at gardening. I've discovered that gardening in Canada is completely different from gardening in India. In India you just throw seeds into the ground, watered and then watched them grow! Here you have to work hard and learn a lot about the different soil mixes, flowers and vegetables.

We recently bought a house in Dartmouth and it has been exciting seeing the plants that were already there starting to grow. I also love to cook and have been finding out about Canadian cooking and trying my hand at BBQs and baking.



Karen Watts

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with the Newsletter.

Prizes: Spring 2006

Eric Dennis Gold Medal

Jillian Brown

James Aitchison Award (best Honours essay)

Johannes Braune, *The Root Causes of Terrorism: Transnational Terrorism in the Globalized World and the Case of al-Qaeda vs USA* (supervisor Brian Bow)

Commonwealth Prize in Political Philosophy

Sindura Dar

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

Christopher Leo, "Canada and the United States: Anti-American Sentiment since the Presidency of George W. Bush" (1103 (2), Darryl Eisan)

Doris Boyle Prize (best graduate essay on international relations)

Chris LaRoche, "A Shrimp among Whales: North Korea, United States Foreign Policy and the Realist Perception Gap" (5574, Jerry Davis)

The Department's nomination for the Larry Collins Essay Prize (Atlantic Provinces Political Studies Association)

Matthew MacDonald, "Can They Suffer? Animal Rights and the Moral Claims of Suffering" (3403, Katherine Fierlbeck)

New issue of *The Podium*



Phillip Homburg

By Phillip Homburg

The Podium: A Journal of Political Science is an academic journal that covers a broad spectrum of topics within the field of political science. It is published by the

Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society (DUPSS). Karen Diepeveen, the journal's first editor-in-chief, initiated it in 2004. It has been a privilege to build upon the work begun by her and continued by Shannon Wells, my predecessor.

The primary goal of *The Podium* is to offer a platform for Dalhousie and King's students to share their political science scholarship with their peers. The third volume was published in spring 2006. My goal for this year was an academic journal that had a clear and cohesive structure. I have also attempted to make the journal more attractive to readers. I split the papers into several categories, and papers were evaluated in a peer-review process.

The Editorial Board is made up of undergraduate students (Meghan Hanlon and Barbara McLean) and graduate students (Alex Wilner, Heather Michael, and Leah Smith). It has been a pleasure working with all the writers and the editorial board, and I hope that I have provided an attractive and interesting publication that meets the high standards of the Dalhousie Political Science Department.

In the Spring 2006 issue (Vol. III) of *The Podium*:

Section One: Globalization and Interdependence

- Introduction *Heather Michael*
- The Chameleon State: Adaptation and Globalization Drives Forward *Jillian Brown*
- Fostering Peace and Security through Global Interdependence *Phillip Homburg*

Section Two: International Relations Theory and the Behaviour of States

- Introduction *Alexandre S. Wilner*
- The Khmer Rouge, United States and Vietnam: Reflections of Cold War Foreign Policy *Derek L. Elliott*
- Never Black or White: A Study of the Dominant Theoretical Perspectives of International Relations *Tracy Wright*

Section Three: Political Theory

- The Importance of Individuals over Institutions *Hassan Hadad*
- Adam Smith, Justice, and Globalization *Michael Hannon*

Section Four: Human Security

- The Smallest Player: A Discussion of Child Labour and the Global Economic System *Tracy Wright*
- The Canadian Immigration Situation *Roya Murphy*

Section Five: Canadian Politics

- The Case for Infanticide: The Inefficiency of Canada's Wheat Industry and its Long-term Effect on Characterising Canadian Industry *Ajay Parasram*
- Striving for Innovation: Nunavut, Environmental Policy and Intergovernmental Relations in Canada *Amanda Slaunwhite*

Section Six: European Politics

- Stagnation in the Promised Land: A Study of the Economic and Social Pressures Facing the Swedish Welfare State from the late 1980s to the Present *Dru Lauzon*
- One Language for Europe? *Rachel Ketelaars*

Section Seven: Other Issues in Political Science

- Smackdown! vs. Survival: A Study of Political Participation in Liberal Democracies and Newly Industrialized Countries *B.D. Mitchell*

Faculty News



Peter Aucoin

Peter Aucoin received the Vanier Medal for 2005 from the Institute of Public Administration of Canada for “distinguished leadership and accomplishment in

Canadian public service.” Peter is also the 2005-2006 recipient of the Dalhousie University Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching. (Some readers of the Newsletter may remember that Professor Murray Beck was the first recipient of this prestigious award in 1979-80.) He has also given lectures and presentations during the year in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Mexico.

David Black was awarded a SSHRC research grant for his work on Canada and sub-Saharan Africa.

Brian Bow has been elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Political Science Association, for a two-year term.

Jerry Davis published *The Changing World of Oil: An Analysis of Corporate Change and Adaptation*.

Katherine Fierlbeck is the author of *The Development of Political Thought in Canada: An Anthology and Political Thought in Canada: An Intellectual History*.

Kristin Good is a Co-investigator in a Canadian Health Institute research grant on “Globalization and the health of Canadians: A transdisciplinary research network”. Kristin was also the winner of the Alma H. Young Emerging Scholar Award. This award, from the Urban Affairs Association, recognizes an outstanding young scholar working on significant issues.

Frank Harvey received a major Fulbright award and will be Visiting Research Chair in Canadian Studies at the State University of New York, Plattsburgh, in the winter term in 2006-2007.

Lori Turnbull completed her PhD at Dalhousie: “Chasing a Phantom? A Comparative Analysis of Codes of Ethical Conduct for Legislators.” She has been teaching in the department this year, and in the spring was appointed an Assistant Professor at Dal beginning July 1.

Gil Winham served on two NAFTA dispute settlement panels dealing with countervailing duties – Certain Durham Wheat from Canada, and Alloy Magnesium from Canada. He also attended meetings of the Board of Directors of the North South Institute in Ottawa in November and May.

Peter Aucoin, Frank Harvey and Jennifer Smith are on sabbatical leave in 2005-2006.

Seminar Series



Brian Bow

By Brian Bow

Several visiting speakers as well as Dalhousie faculty and students gave talks in the department's seminar series.

- Florian Bail, “The German elections of September 18, 2005.”
- Hassan Hadad, “Iraq’s bumpy road to democratization”
- Andrew Biro (Assistant Professor and Canada Research Chair, Acadia University), “Globalization and water scarcity: Water wars by other means?”
- Kim Nossal (Head of the Political Studies department, Queen’s University, and President of the Canadian Political Science Association), “Anti-Americanism and Canadian Foreign Policy” *
- Stephen Clarkson (Professor of Political Science, University of Toronto), “Does North America have a future? Transborder governance under NAFTA and after 9/11” *
- Jerome Davis, “Oil and natural gas: The upstream entry game”
- Malcolm Savage, “Development in Canada’s 3-D approach: Biting off more than you can chew”
- Gilbert Winham and Brian Bow, “The softwood lumber dispute: What it does and does not tell us about how the Canada-US relationship works” *
- Susan Thomson, “The politics of fieldwork: Permission, power and ethics in Rwanda”
- Colin Robertson (Minister and Head of Advocacy Secretariat, Canadian Embassy, Washington, DC), “Selling Canada on Capitol Hill” *
- Lori Turnbull, “The Nova Scotia Ombudsman: A case study in democratic deficit reduction”
- Dayna Knot, “Tocqueville and the Bush Administration: The state of democracy in America”
- Chris LaRoche, “Disarming the Hermit Kingdom: Bilateral and

multilateral approaches to nuclear non-proliferation”

Other visitors to the department during the year included Dr Karsten Voigt, Coordinator for German-American Cooperation in the German Foreign Ministry, and formerly SPD spokesman on foreign policy in the Bundestag. During his visit he participated in Bob Edwards summer class in maritime security.

We also welcomed Shymala B. Cowsik, High Commissioner of India to Canada.

The Ambassador of France in Canada, Dael Jouanneau, visited the department and gave a stimulating talk on France and world affairs in Brian Bow’s second-year class on foreign policy. He was joined by Olivier Nicolas, the French Consul General for Atlantic Canada.

** These talks were co-sponsored with the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies.*

Honours Essays, Spring 2006

By Dan Middlemiss

Ian Bickis, "Raising the curtain: Russo-Latvian relations and the role of the EU" (supervisor Robert Boardman)

Amy Blanding, "Breaking the cycle: Microcredit projects as a means for gender empowerment and poverty reduction in Africa" (supervisor Peter Arthur)

Johannes Braune, "The root causes of terrorism: Transnational terrorism in the globalized world and the case of al-Qaeda vs. US" (supervisor Brian Bow)

Jillian Brown, "ACOA and the failure of regional development in Atlantic Canada: Uncovering the complexities inherent in Canada's regional development initiatives" (supervisor Robert Finbow)

Lisa Buchanan, "The Egg of the very Same Worm: Contemporary applications of Virginia Woolf's Three Guineas" (supervisor Louise Carbert)

Nathan Derejko, "The economic dimensions of war and peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo" (supervisor Peter Arthur)

Brendan Gray, "Testing the globalization hypothesis: The impact of globalization on the development of social assistance and unemployment insurance programs in Canada" (supervisor Robert Finbow)

Hassan Hadad, "Democratizing Iraq" (supervisor Brian Bow)

Charles Humphrey, "Questioning exogenic explanations of foreign policy: The Iraq war and rational choice theory" (supervisor Peggy Heller)

Lew Irvine, "The responsibility to protect: Canada's 3D contribution to the developing world (as seen through the eyes of Sudan)" (supervisor Dan Middlemiss)

Heidi Johnson, "Illicit money and informal avenues: Hawala and the Have, the Have Not, and the Will Not Have states" (supervisor Jerome Davis)

Rachel Ketelaars, "The path to the watering hole? An analysis of Islam in Canadian multiculturalism" (supervisor Florian Bail)

Andrew Law, "Institutional Development of the Common Foreign and Security Policy of the European Union" (supervisor Brian Bow)

Deanne Leifso, "It's not you, it's me: American foreign policy and the International Criminal Court" (supervisor Brian Bow)

Ajay Parasram, "Naked Desire: Stripping Away the Fibres of Political Underwear in the Post-ATC Era" (supervisor Jerome Davis)

Matt Rolls, "Regulating Private Military Companies: A Licence to Kill" (supervisor Dan Middlemiss)

Candace Salmon, "Youth Participation in Canadian Democracy: What must we do to engage young Canadians?" (supervisor Louise Carbert)

Amanda Slaunwhite, "Consistently inconsistent? Canada's Northern Defence Policy since Confederation" (supervisor Dan Middlemiss)

Krystal Therien, "Apocalypse now? Examining Nova Scotia's Health Care reality" (supervisor Martine Durier-Copp)

The Graduate Student Symposium

By Alex Wilner

This year saw the first annual Dalhousie Graduate Student Symposium. Graduate students came from across Canada to the symposium, held in March, on the theme "Revolution or Evolution? Emerging Threats to Security in the 21st Century." The symposium was organized by the Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science, with generous support from the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies.

There were three symposium sessions. In the first, speakers addressed a variety of traditional security threats:

- Malcolm Savage (Dalhousie), "International security and the growing concern of global poverty"
- Bob Murray (Brock), "The impact of the Paris Peace Conference on the views of global security in the contemporary world"
- Vassiliki Kapelos (Dalhousie), "Counter-insurgency as 'democratic security' in Colombia: combating insurgency or creating a climate of fear?"
- Patrick Lennox (Toronto), "'Defence against help': Canada and transnational security after 9/11"

The second session turned to contemporary threats to security:

- Robert Lovsin, (Calgary), "Losing their nukes: Russian stockpiles, rogue states, and non-state actors"
- Kris Kotarski (Calgary), "Deterring the undeterrable? Proliferation concerns in a world of 'rogue states' and non-state actors"
- Alanna Krolkowski (Toronto), "Kazakhstan's refusal to play the ethnic card against China: vulnerability or ethnic ties?"
- Alexandre Carrette (Montreal), "New and emerging threats: Are private military firms up to the challenge?"

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Books by Dal Faculty

Gil Winham is co-author with Gustavo Vega Canovas, Alejandro Posadas, and Frederick Mayer, of *Mexico, Estados Unidos, Canada: resolucion de controversias en la era post Tratado de Libre Comercio*, published by the Colegio de Mexico, Mexico D.F.



Gil Winham

Katherine Fierlbeck published two books this year: *The Development of Thought in Canada: an Anthology*, published by Broadview Press.

The premise of this book is that Canada's intellectual heritage is disappearing from the consciousness of its citizens. Katherine writes that for contemporary undergraduate students there is no one source in print that presents an historical survey of Canadian political thought. Many students are never introduced to even the most iconic figures - C. B. Macpherson, Kari Levitt, or George Grant. And for Canadians generally, there is little guidance in understanding how the abstract political debates surrounding such issues as health care, foreign policy or asymmetrical federalism evolved.

Her book presents selections of Canadian political thought from the nineteenth century to the present. It shows how ideas evolved over time to influence the values and debates of modern Canadians.



Katherine Fierlbeck

The readings are generally arranged chronologically. Three currents of thought inform the selections: Canada's relations with the United States, English Canada's relationship with French Canada, and the nature of a "Canadian" social justice.

Political Thought in Canada: An Intellectual History, by Katherine Fierlbeck, published by Broadview Press. What, if anything, makes Canada's political identity unique? Pollsters can

measure values, but they cannot explain how these values arose over time, why they changed, or how people have attempted to make sense of them.

In this book Professor Fierlbeck looks at the legacy of ideas taken from, or shaped in reaction to, the United Kingdom and the United States.

The first section of the book looks specifically at the nature of toryism, constitutional liberalism, and market liberalism. Then she examines the evolution of social justice in Canada. Does Canada have, as J. S. Woodsworth hoped, a definitive third way? The final section focuses upon debates over cultural identity and minority rights. Contemporary political discussions in Canada are very much based upon the expressions of French-Canadian nationalism that have existed as long as, and perhaps even longer than, the country itself. How have these ideas influenced current thinking about culture and accommodation?

She argues that the experiences characterized by Canadian political thought also provide insight and ideas for nations around the world as their citizens struggle with similar questions. The ideas of Canada, in history and in myth, provide a way of thinking about politics that will provoke and inspire Canadians and others to reflect upon their future.

Jerome Davis has edited and contributed five chapters to *The Changing World of Oil: An Analysis of Corporate Change and Adaptation*, published in the US and Britain by Ashgate.

This book examines broad questions of industrial change in order to explain contemporary developments in the oil industry. Its goal is to help readers to understand the oil industry, and it does this by taking a distinctive approach to these critical global issues. The analysis of the industry is done by looking at how corporations change their operating environments, and how they are themselves changed by their

environments. Various authors in the book pay particular attention to the problems of "mega-mergers" and to industrial downsizing and outsourcing.

The significance of such restructuring for the societies the companies serve is also discussed. The authors also make effective use of recent theories of the firm.

Professor Davis and the eleven other contributors to the volume examine these issues in two main sections. The first part of the book looks at mega-mergers, transaction costs and value chains in the oil industry. Among other topics the authors in this section look at supply chain management issues as these affect Angola and Norway, and questions of size and profitability in the oil and gas industry. Jerry writes about refinery activities: these, he argues, have been neglected in the academic and public debates focusing on such questions as oil exploration, OPEC price setting, and price fluctuations of gasoline.

The chapters in the second section of the book discuss present and future challenges. In two of his chapters in this part, he examines the emerging global issues as to future supplies of oil, and asks whether large oil companies are "capable of doing their share in confronting and solving the problems engendered by the continuous increase in greenhouse gases?" In addition to his position at Dalhousie, Jerry is also a member of the board of the Norwegian Research Council's Petropol Programme.



Jerome Davis

“We the peoples of the United Nations”

Dalhousie’s Delegation at the Canadian International Model United Nations

By Tracy Wright

To our nation’s capital and from there – the United Nations. In March, thirteen students from Dalhousie University became delegates to the United Nations – the Canadian International Model United Nations (CANIMUN) that is.

From March 1 to 4th, 2006, Graham Brown, Colleen Cosgrove, Jane Dunnet, Kaylyn Fraser, Charles Anthony Finch, Monica Gillis, Meghan Hanlon, Esther Ives, Katie Matheson, Courtney McLachlan, Miranda McQuade, Samina Thind, and Tracy Wright participated in the CANIMUN conference. The United Nations Association of Canada hosted CANIMUN in Ottawa for over 700 delegates from a multitude of Canadian as well as international post-secondary institutions. The four day conference, held at the Government Conference Centre, sought to simulate the organization and functioning of the United Nations.

The Dalhousie Model United Nations Society delegation was assigned to represent the United Kingdom on a number of specialized committees in the General Assembly; ECOSOC committees on issues of the World Trade Organization and the UN Food and Agricultural Organization; and specialized organizations including the International Court of Justice, the G8, NATO and the Security Council.

The Canadian War Museum was the site for the opening ceremonies of the conference which included a stirring keynote speech by none other than the Canadian Ambassador to the UN, Mr. Allen Rock. From the moment that the conference was declared in session, we were no longer students, but rather representatives of nations, gathered together in this international forum for the purposes of negotiation, communication and cooperation. Delegate training sessions were held as CANIMUN introduced each delegate to the procedural methodology of the United Nations.

The negotiation committees were charged with addressing a wide variety of controversial issues including: the militarization of outer space; child soldiers; climate change; NATO’s role in Iraq; and the war in the Congo. Thus each delegate would soon come to learn that formal procedure would at times be the only latch securing the apparatus of the entire United Nations and the only safeguard against dissolution and all-out war. International peace and security is precarious it seems – who knew?

As representatives of the United Kingdom, the Dalhousie delegation was given the opportunity to visit the British High Commission in Ottawa. We met with two very welcoming and accommodating political officials. They answered our questions and concerns regarding the role of the United Kingdom at the United Nations and British foreign policy in general.

Armed with this knowledge, Dalhousie set out for the first of five four-hour committee sessions to be held during the conference. Each committee session was moderated by an acting Chair and Director – two extremely dedicated CANIMUN event organizers. Their role was to “keep the peace” so-to-speak in each session as countries went head-to-head over global concerns such as peacekeeping operations, genocide, HIV/AIDS, and war crimes.

The main challenge faced by all delegates was to accurately represent the official position of their country – even if that position ran counter to their own personal convictions. Representatives of the United States thus had to defend their country’s position in Iraq; China had to justify its lax environmental protection measures; and North Korea had to maintain its right to develop a nuclear power program.

Discussions of humanitarian aid and development often broke down into conflicts of economics. Questions of nuclear disarmament were countered with arguments of increased regional security. Traditional enemies clashed, while traditional allies formed working coalitions. The United Nations’ world of diplomacy, treaty and policy negotiations, and international law soon was viewed with new understanding.

When compromise and consensus was obtained, CANIMUN organizers kept delegates on their toes with media updates – “A disastrous hurricane has struck the Caribbean Islands”... “A radiological device has been detonated in the Congo”... “UN Official found dead in Iraq”.

Committee consultations continued with hours upon hours of debate, negotiation and crisis management. Resolutions were drafted, implemented and made obsolete as situations evolved and new obstacles were presented. Official negotiations were at times diplomatic and progressive while at other times heated, mired in controversy or just plain stalemated. Backroom dealings became as important as official committee negotiations. Final committee sessions came to a close, both in resolution and dissolution, compromise and conflict.

But at the end of it all, Dalhousie’s delegation finished with flying colours. Two delegates, Meghan Hanlan and Ester Ives, were officially recognized for their diplomatic skills during the closing awards ceremony of the conference. Taking a break from the simulated “reality” of the conference, delegates were able to unwind at the CANIMUN Social Event held at a downtown dance club and during the daylight hours, were able to tour the Parliament buildings and skate the Rideau Canal.

Final impressions left the Dalhousie delegation with a great sense of accomplishment, regardless of whether final agreements were reached within committee sessions. While it is uncertain whether the Canadian International Model United Nations will be held next year, due to lack of federal funding, the Dalhousie Model United Nations Society, driven by inspiration, has resolved to partake in one of the many international Model United Nations conferences held annually around the world. For the time being however, the Dalhousie Model United Nations Society has declared by unanimous vote that CANIMUN was an amazing educational opportunity and a truly unique experience that will not soon be forgotten. “We the peoples of the United Nations...”

News from the graduate programme



Louise Carbert

By Louise Carbert

In September, 19 new graduate students joined the department. New MA students are:

- Rachael Gibson (BA, Toronto)
- Riley Hennessey (BA, Mt. Allison)
- Vassy Kapelos (BA, Western)
- Dayna Knot (BA, Alberta)
- Chris LaRoche (BA, King's, Journalism)
- Jonathan Lawrence (BA, Mt. Allison)
- Richard McAdam (BA, UBC/Okanagan)
- Christine Perusse (BA, Mt. Allison)
- Laura Samaroo (BA, Alberta)
- Malcolm Savage (BA, Calgary)
- Stuart Shaw (BA, Queen's)
- Carla Suarez (BA, UBC)
- Donald Sullivan (BA, Dalhousie)
- Aimee White (BA, St. Thomas)
- Paul Yeoman (BA, Western)

Alicia MacDonald (BA, UCCB and Dal) and **Breanne Whitwell** (BA, Trent) entered the qualifying year programme.

This year we welcomed two new PhD students. **David Meadows** completed his BA at Waterloo and MA at Brock, and **Leah Smith O'Regan** has BA and MA degrees from Memorial University Newfoundland.

They bring to the department a wide range of research interests in Canadian politics and public policy, international relations, Canadian foreign policy, development, Africa and Latin America, and diverse and interesting backgrounds and experiences.

Just to take a few examples - **Vassy Kapelos** spent a year in Buenos Aires working on urban poverty and debt restructuring issues, **Riley Hennessey** has considerable experience of political campaigning, **David Meadows** has had an internship with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, **Laura Samaroo** has done research in Sarajevo, **Malcolm Savage** has studied in Ghana and the Netherlands, **Stuart Shaw** has worked for Canada World Youth in Indonesia, **Carla Suarez** has experience working with displaced youth in Uganda, and **Leah Smith**

O'Brien worked in the office of Regional Minister Brian Tobin.

Congratulations! In spring 2006 it was announced that **Susan Thomson** has won an IDRC doctoral fellowship. She is doing fieldwork for her dissertation in Rwanda. **Alex Wilner** won the Dr Ronald Baker SDF Doctoral Scholarship for 2006-2007. **Eric Lerhe** has been awarded a SSHRC doctoral fellowship. **Chris LaRoche** was awarded a thesis research grant from the Simons Centre for Disarmament and Nuclear Non-Proliferation Research at UBC's Liu Institute for Global Issues.

In addition to his MA studies this year, **Riley Hennessey** has been working part time as an intern at the offices of the United States Consul-General in Halifax. This programme, now in its fourth year, is an excellent way for one of our graduate students each year to

gain first-hand experience of United States government and Canada-US relations.

Chris LaRoche has been Editor of the Dal Gazette during the year, and Paul Yeoman worked at Dal Legal Aid.

And finally, **Alex Wilner** was the inspired leader for the national Graduate Student Symposium on "Revolution or Evolution? Emerging Threats to Security in the 21st Century." There is a separate report on this in the Newsletter.

For interesting commentaries on current political issues by Dal grad students, check out

<http://rileyspoliticalrant.blogspot.com/>

<http://pauleyeoman.blogspot.com/>

<http://richardmccadam.blogspot.com/>

Graduating students 2005-06:

Ph.D.:

Andrew Grant, "Global Governance and the Kimberley Process: The Case of Conflict Diamonds and Sierra Leone" (supervisor: Tim Shaw)

Lori Turnbull, "Chasing a Phantom? A Comparative Analysis of Codes of Ethical Conduct for Legislators" (supervisor: Jennifer Smith)

MA:

Ambra Dickie, "BMD, eh? Missile Defence the Canadian Way: Realist Roots and Liberal Rhetoric in the February 24, 2005 'Refusal'" (supervisor: Frank Harvey)

Laura Coates, "Crude Awakenings: The Policy Implications for Canada of China's Involvement in the Oil Sands" (supervisor: Bob Boardman)

Heather Michael, "Philosophical Similarities and Instrumental Differences: An Operational Code Analysis of Lester B. Pearson, Pierre E. Trudeau, and Lloyd Axworthy" (supervisor: Denis Stairs)

Laura Kiley, "The 'Democratization' of Canadian Foreign Policy: An

Analysis of the Establishment, Activities, and Output of the Canadian Centre for Foreign Policy Development" (supervisor: Denis Stairs)

Allison McCaskill, "An Alliance Divided: The Transatlantic Relationship's Transition from the Cold War in the Post-9/11 Security Environment" (supervisor: Dan Middlemiss)

David Perry, "Quid pro quo or National Security? Are Canadian Interests or Alliance Influences Paramount in Canada's International Intelligence Relationships?" (supervisor: Dan Middlemiss)

Eric Plamondon, "Contemporary Canadian Political Culture: A Theoretical Prognosis" (supervisor: Louise Carbert)

Andrew Thomson, "Democratic Realism and American Grand Strategy" (supervisor: Brian Bow)

Lindsay Weber, "Freedom from Rhetoric: Human Security and Canadian Foreign Policy" (supervisor: David Black)

News from Alumni

Luke Ashworth, Lecturer in Politics at the University of Limerick, Ireland, has been researching the political thought of H. G. Wells and the early modern origins of International Relations theory.

Nina di Stefano is working on a variety of International projects as an analyst in the International Relations Division of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, Ottawa.

Andrew Grant spent the year as a SSHRC Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Center for International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University. Andrew successfully defended his dissertation at Dalhousie last summer.

Don MacInnis has been practicing corporate and securities law at Torys LLP in Toronto, following several years teaching in the political science department at the University of British Columbia. He is also a member of the advisory committee of the Open Ice Foundation.

Assis Malaquias has been appointed Associate Dean for International and Intercultural Studies at St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York. Assis is also Associate Professor of Government there. He completed his PhD under Professor Tim Shaw in 1994.

Russell Trood took his seat in the Australian Senate in July as a Senator from Queensland. He won the seat, one of six for the state, in the Australian elections the previous October.

Senator Trood did his PhD at Dalhousie under the supervision of Professor James Eayrs, with a dissertation on Australian foreign policy. Before that he graduated in law from the University of Sydney and practised law there. He went on to a Master's degree in strategic studies at the University of Wales.

Following graduation from Dalhousie, Russell taught and researched at the Australian National University in Canberra and at Griffith University,



Russell Trood

where he was for several years Associate Professor of International Relations. He is the author of over 50 articles, chapters and books on international relations and Australian foreign policy, particularly in relation to issues in the Asia-Pacific region. He has also been on the editorial board of the Australian Journal of International Affairs, and he is currently a member of the Australian Committee of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific. He has long been active in the Liberal Party in Australia.

Since taking his seat he has been a member of the Senate's Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade Legislation Committee and has participated in the work of several other committees.

Janis van der Westhuizen participated in the British International Studies Conference at St. Andrews University. He is Senior Lecturer in the political science department at the University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, and he was recently awarded the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Research Excellence.

Student Symposium continued

In the final session the issues were addressed in the light of developments in theories of international relations:

- Dirk Druet (Toronto), "Towards a practical paradigm: Environmental security and small island developing states"
- Carla Suarez (Dalhousie), "Addressing new security threats through justice"
- Anita Singh (Calgary), "Women and security: Addressing ethnic conflict through a gendered lens"
- Jessica Davis (Royal Military College), "Women and terrorism in radical Islam: Planners, perpetrators, patrons?"

Bob Lawson, Director of Human Security at Foreign Affairs Canada, gave the first keynote address on the Friday evening at the Lord Nelson Hotel on the role that Canadian international development strategies have had for global stability.

Denis Stairs, in his Saturday luncheon address, talked about the historical and diplomatic contexts of Canada's security policies, and in particular about the situation in Afghanistan.

Captain (Navy) Serge Bertrand, Director of Military Transformation at the Department of National Defence, offered a final Breakfast keynote at the Lord Nelson Hotel on Sunday. He addressed the shifting nature of modern violence and international warfare along

with a review of the Canadian military's evolutionary response to the changing environment.

Also participating were Alex Wilner, Professor Michael Tucker, of the Department of Political Studies, Mount Allison University, and Professor Brian Bow, each acting as panel chairs.

News from the Centre



By Dan Middlemiss

In Spring 2006 the Department of National Defence announced a renewed five-year award for the Centre for the period 2006-2011.

The funding totals \$780,000 for the five years. We were especially pleased that our Centre was one of only three universities in Canada to receive the maximum amount of research funding in this competition.

Some of the many achievements of graduate students associated with the Centre's activities are reported on other pages in this year's Newsletter. Congratulations to Eric Lerhe on his SSHRC Doctoral Scholarship, and to Alex Wilner on his award of the prestigious Dr Ronald Baker Doctoral Scholarship! Dave Perry was offered an SDF Internship, but is declining in order to stay with the Centre from June 2006 as Research Associate and Assistant Director. Patrick Lennox, of the University of Toronto, has won the R. B. Byers Postdoctoral Fellowship and, we hope, will be coming to the Centre to conduct his post-doctoral research. Bob Edwards organized an excellent seminar series for students and faculty in 2005-06

September 2005:

"UN Reform: A Canadian Perspective" Andrew Caddell, Foreign Affairs Canada

"NGO-Military Cooperation in Afghanistan" Lt.-Col. Joanne Seviour, CO Civil-Military Cooperation Detachment, Atlantic Area

"Canada is Back: Canada's 2005 International Policy Statement" Michael Eyestone, Foreign Affairs Canada

October 2005:

"Canada's Arctic: Are we Serious about our Sovereignty?"

Commander John Newton, Commanding Officer, HMCS Fredericton, and Amanda Slaunwhite, Dalhousie University

"Reordering Global Priorities to meet Humanity's Needs" James Quilligan, Brandt 21 Forum

"Decision-Making in Canada's Government in International Crises" Commander Bob Edwards, CFPS

"Canada's 3D Approach to the Sudan Crisis" Lt.-Col. Fred Aubin, David Hutchings, and David Ross

"Canada-US Defence Relations" Rear-Admiral Ian Mack, former Defence Attache, Washington DC

"Canada-India Relations" Shyamala Cowsik, Indian High Commissioner to Canada

November 2005:

"Europe, Germany and Canada: Myth vs Reality" Paul Dubois, Ambassador of Canada to Germany

"Ear Candy: Canada and the Darfur Crisis" Kim Nossal, Head, Department of Political Science, Queen's University

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"The War on Terror: Who's Winning?" Brian Flemming, Chairman, Board of Directors, Canadian Air Transport Security Authority

"Understanding Submarines" Peter Haydon, CFPS

"Creating the World's Best Development Agency? Reading between the Lines of Canada's International Policy Statement", Stephen Brown, School of Political Studies, University of Ottawa

"Follow the Money: Failed States and the Politics of Oil" Peter Arthur, Jerome Davis and Iain Grant, Dalhousie University

"Does North America have a Future? Transborder Governance under NAFTA and after 9/11" Stephen Clarkson, Department of Political Science, University of Toronto

"The Americanization of Canada's Military" Steven Staples, Polaris Institute

February 2006:

"Mexico and Peacekeeping" Alfonso Motta-Allen, Dalhousie University

"From Belgrade to Baghdad: How the Uncorrected Media Lies about the Balkans led to the US Fiasco in Iraq" Scott Taylor, Editor, Esprit de Corps Military Magazine

"Military Transformations: Types, Consequences and Canada" Peter Foot, Canadian Forces College

"Canada-Pakistan Relations" David Collins, Canada's High Commissioner to Pakistan

March 2006:

"The Necessary Americanization of Canada's Military" Peter Haydon, CFPS

"Parliamentary Oversight of CSIS" Susan Pollak, Executive Director, Security and Intelligence Review Committee

"Blood Diamonds in Africa" Andrew Grant, Northwestern University

"The Human Security Decade; Lessons Learned and Looking Forward" Bob Lawson, Department of Foreign Affairs

May 2006:

"Growing Influence of Developing Countries in the WTO" Robert Wolfe, School of Policy Studies, Queen's University



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