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The Department's online newsletter covers the period beginning with my return to the chair on 1 July 2006 for a fifth and final year in the job. During my sabbatical leave the preceding twelve months, Robert Boardman served as acting chair in predictably capable fashion and I am very grateful to him for doing so. Beginning 1 July 2007, the new chair is Robert Finbow, and we are all looking forward to working with him.

This has been a year of honours and acclaim. Peter Aucoin was elected to the fellowship of the Royal Society of Canada in July 2006 and inducted in November in Ottawa. Denis Stairs delivered the 9th Skelton Memorial Lecture in October at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Ottawa. He was also appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada. Frank Harvey is a Fulbright Scholar and the 2007 J. William Fulbright Distinguished Research Chair in Canadian Studies at the State University of New York (Plattsburg). David Black, Katherine Fierlbeck and Robert Finbow have been promoted to the rank of full professor.

The Department welcomed two new colleagues to the fold. Finn Laursen, who holds a senior Canada Research Chair in European Studies, joined us in July – his interview follows. Lori Turnbull joined us in July as an assistant professor in Canadian government and politics and ethics – there is an interview with her as well. The Department will be hiring next year in the area of Environment, Security and Crisis Management.

Eric Lehre and David McDonough received SSHRC doctoral fellowships. Alex



Jennifer Smith

Wilner received the Security and Defence Forum's Ronald Baker doctoral scholarship. Jane Sears received a SSHRC MA scholarship.

The roster of activities included a successful honours programme; an excellent seminar series run by Brian Bow; a great Symposium in

March titled "From Defence to Development: Resolving Threats to Global Security", run by the graduate-student association; and a workshop on human security in May for high school students, also organized by the graduate students and the Canadian Red Cross. In April, in conjunction with the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Department launched the Glyn Berry Scholarship. You will find accounts of these activities described in detail within the newsletter.

I thank you for the donations you have made to the Department. As you know, they are used to help finance the publication and conference efforts of the undergraduate and graduate student associations. I also appreciate hearing from you – it is one of the delights of the job. There are many others, including departmental colleagues of the highest academic caliber and collegiality, and the students who continue to enrich the lives of all of us at the university.

Sincerely,
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Launch of the Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholarship in International Policy Studies

By Jennifer Smith



Glyn Berry

As many of you know, On 15 January 2006, senior Canadian diplomat Glyn R. Berry was killed in a terrorist attack in

Afghanistan. On 2 April 2007, the Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholarship was launched at Macdonald Hall, Dalhousie University.

Glyn was a student in the Department of Political Science, where he earned his PhD in 1981. In his honour, Dalhousie has established the Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholarship in International Policy Studies to be awarded to a PhD candidate in Political Science who specializes in Canadian foreign policy, defence and security policy, development assistance policy, or another area addressing Canada's role in international affairs. For a full account of the event, see Louise Carbert's report on the graduate programme.

Interview with Professor Emeritus Denis Stairs

By Anita Singh

Instrumental in defining the Department of Political Science, Dr. Denis Stairs was awarded the honour of the Order of Canada in 2006. In this interview Dr. Stairs discusses his academic career, his most valued accomplishments and some thoughts on the current field of international relations and Canadian foreign policy.

What have you been working on since retirement?

Retirement is actually very busy this year, even more that I would like in some ways, since there are a few hobbies that I would like to pursue a little more enthusiastically. So, I am not having a problem with decompression, if that's what you are asking. Well, I am on a number of boards and Advisory Committees, a human security dynamics panel of the science program of NATO, the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute, Chair of the Board of the Canadian Forces College, and the research committee of the Institute for Research in Public Policy. So the meetings keep adding up. Also, there is a fairly steady stream of writing projects: "Canada Among Nations" with Dr. Middlemiss, one for the CDFAI, and a project on "The Causes of Intelligence Failures" for the IRPP.

How did you end up studying Canadian foreign policy?

I suppose it's one of those stochastic processes. I came to Dalhousie as an undergraduate and studied history. It was a bit of a family tradition, both my parents came from Dalhousie, and my grandfathers were both on the board of governors. During the course of my undergraduate degree, I was planning on being a political journalist. Professional political journalism was not developed in a way that it has become since, so there seemed to be a need for that. One of my courses, taught by Dr. Guy Maclean, was a history of international relations course from 1870-1945, which fascinated me immensely. Then, I

received a Rhodes Scholarship, so I went to Oxford, of course, and decided that I would take my elective courses in international relations and primarily, diplomatic history. At that stage, I was planning to come back and become a journalist, but then I started to read Professor Eayrs' work at the University of Toronto. I was greatly taken by what he was doing and the style he exhibited in his writing, so I decided that I would go to Toronto and work with him to do Canadian Foreign Policy, which was his field of research.

What professions would you have done if you had not joined academia?

Public service, and in particular, the foreign service. The Deputy Canadian High Commissioner came to Oxford to try to get the Canadians to consider writing the foreign service exam. But he actually talked me out of it, although I don't think he intended to. I remember asking how many formal dinners he had gone to over the course of the normal year. He said that he and his wife had decided to count, and once they got to 200 and the year was not done, they stopped counting because it was too depressing. The day-to-day life of a diplomat did not particularly appeal to me, although the policy issues certainly did.

By your perception, what has been the most successful part of your career?

To be an academic in a country like Canada is an enormous privilege. The process of education is a form of public service which can be very rewarding. Most of the students turn out extremely well, in the public service, business, law and academia.

The academy is freer than any other reasonably well-remunerated profession. Because it is a meritocracy, where you are constantly proving yourself to your peers and others all the way through your



Denis Stairs

career, there is a certain amount of stress involved in the freedom. But the fact is, you are free. By comparison with any other job, there is enormous room to manoeuvre and create room for yourself and make your own destiny in the academic world.

On a more academic note, one of your observable successes is that you have avoided being ideologically ‘pigeon-holed’ in the field of international relations. Would you agree with this assessment?

I cannot say what other people will think, but I assume there will be people that would say, “Denis Stairs is a realist, or Denis Stairs doesn’t care enough about

the third world” which I don’t think is actually fair, but I can see why people might say that, because of the things that I am interested in.

I happen to think that Canada would be well-advised to maintain a strong military establishment. I don’t mean that without limit and it has to be reasonable. But if we aspire to make major contributions to international relations, there are certain capabilities that we simply have to have. On the other hand, our performance on development assistance has been at the other extreme. I think we could be doing a heck of a lot more for AIDS in Africa. If I have reservations about an operation like Afghanistan it is because I don’t think they thought it through very carefully going in. And I have grave concerns about our capacity to reengineer societies like that because I think that’s a task beyond what applied social science can deliver. So, I have a little reluctance to be ‘slotted’, I have some basic convictions, and a lot of them have to do with tactics more than anything else. Most positions that are too simple are almost certainly wrong because

life is complicated, there isn’t just one variable, everything is surrounded by context. It doesn’t help to be methodological or politically ideological.

Middle-powerism is a deeply rooted methodology, which has been blown out of proportion by politicians. There needs to be an internal readjustment. My guess is that we will stay in place in Afghanistan until 2009, and at that stage, there will not be a major rescaling of our role, but rather the kind of role. This will be an unrewarding exercise, likely because the border with Pakistan can’t be sealed. We will continue to be involved in an advisory capacity, building support for the government. But there will be less fisticuffs involved.

Interview with Finn Laursen

Where did you pursue your undergraduate and graduate education? Why did you pursue your studies in the United States?

I first studied political science at Aarhus University in Denmark, finishing with a so-called candidate degree in 1974. At the time there was no BA in the Danish system. A candidate degree would take at least 6 years of study, often longer, and you only study one subject, in my case political science. It was not until the 1990s that Denmark, as a result of the so-called Bologna process – introduced a 3-year BA, 2-year MA and 3-year PhD, now considered standard in Europe, even if some countries still have not fully implemented it. Let me add that students normally finish high school a year later in Europe than Canada, so they also start university in average a year older.

When I finished the candidate degree, my results were just ordinary, largely because of involvement in various NGOs. I felt I could, and maybe should have

done better. At the time there was no PhD degree in Denmark, only a doctorate faculty members could do much later in their careers to qualify to become full professor. Through my international activities I had learned about PhD studies in the United States, including a Peace Science programme at the University of Pennsylvania. I applied and succeeded getting a Fulbright grant and was admitted at Penn. Not knowing the fine distinctions, it was only after I arrived in Philadelphia I learned that I had been admitted by an Ivy League university.

Peace Science to me at the time was something like what Johan Galtung was doing in Oslo. But Walter Isard’s version of peace science at Penn was nearly pure math, certainly too much math for me, so I went and talked with the chair of the Political Science Department, Henry Teune, who helped me change to Political Science. His methodology course remains one of the best I followed during my studies.

In my second year at Penn I became TA

for Professor William Quandt who was teaching a course

on American Foreign Policy. One of the books I had to read was Allison’s *Essence of Decision* which has affected my way of thinking since then. I also used it to formulate some of the research questions for my dissertation on “The Making of US Ocean Policy.”



Finn Laursen

What sparked your interest in Political Science?

I started being interested in politics while I was in high school. I joined an organization known as One World in Danish. We organized conferences on

developments questions, UN peace keeping, etc., and I started to travel in my holidays, on bike to Paris one summer, working on a kibbutz in Israel the next, hitch-hiking around Tunisia the following year. I became very interested in what was going on in other countries and as the young idealist I was, I believed that countries should work much more together to solve common problems.

You hold a Canada Research Chair in European Union Studies at Dalhousie University. When did you decide to train your focus on the European Union?

An interest in European integration was part of my interest in international politics early on. After a couple of years of study at Aarhus University I went to France and studied a year at the Institut Européen des Hautes Études Internationales in Nice. Here I learned a lot about European integration. But it was only after I moved from the London School of Economics to the European Institute of Public Administration in Maastricht in 1988 that all my academic work became focused upon European integration, just as the Cold War was finishing, and a number of European countries decided they wanted to join what was still the European Community (EC). In 1991 the then 10 members of the EC negotiated the Treaty of Maastricht which created the European Union (EU), which today has 27 member states. So things have moved very fast in Europe through the 1990s and into the 21st century. And it has been fascinating to follow all these developments, including successive enlargements and treaty reforms.

Even if I had to teach general IR when I took up the chair of International Politics at the University of Southern Denmark in 1999, the EU remained the focus of my research interest.

Do you expect that the integration of Europe under the EU will continue apace?

Yes. There will be more countries joining, Croatia, Macedonia and other countries in the Western Balkans, eventually probably also Turkey.

The expansion of functional scope, i.e. the policies covered, may slow down. Today the EU can deal with most politi-

cal problems, but its authority does vary across policy areas. It has powers akin to a federal state in most economic policy areas (internal market, trade policy, monetary policy), but it is weaker in foreign policy.

Although the Constitutional Treaty was turned down by the voters in France and the Netherlands more institutional changes should be expected. The trend has been towards more decisions by a qualified majority in the Council of Ministers and greater involvement by the European Parliament, through the so-called co-decision procedure. Probably the member states will agree on a new treaty not called a constitution, which they will then try to ratify by parliamentary votes, avoiding risky referendums.

This year you led a seminar on the foreign policy of the EU? How can one say that the EU has a foreign policy?

The EU clearly has a common policy in economic areas. It speaks with one voice in the World Trade Organization (WTO), where it is a formidable actor. It also gives more development aid than any country or group of countries. Thanks to the single currency, the euro, adopted by many of the member states, it is also getting quite influential in international monetary policy. But in the area of foreign policy, known as Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP), the EU remains intergovernmental, and disagreements sometimes hinder joint action. Still, since 1999 the EU has developed a certain military capacity, known as European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP), and it has conducted its own peace-keeping activities in Bosnia, Macedonia and Congo, something that would have been unheard of 10 years ago.

What is your current research project?

My research is focused upon three topics: (1) treaty reform in the EU, including the Constitutional Treaty, (2) the external relations and policies of the EU, and (3) the EU in a comparative perspective. As director of the new EU Centre of Excellence at Dalhousie I will be organizing research conferences on these topics, the one on the Constitutional treaty has already taken place and a book is being planned as a result.

Any comparisons between Canadian and Danish students that you care to make?

I think Canadian students tend to be a little more active in class than Danish students. The systems are different in various ways: Danish students do not pay tuition fees and they all get rather generous study grants from the government. The academic year is longer, from 1 September till the end of June. For most classes grades depend 100% on final exams, where the teacher is joined by an external examiner, when grades are given. So class participation does not count. A few university teachers who have studied or worked in North America are trying to change the system, but change comes slowly.

**Prizes:
Spring 2007**

Eric Dennis Gold Medal

Matthew MacDonald

James Aitchison Award (best Honours essay)

Yana Sobiski

Commonwealth Prize in Political Philosophy

Sindura Dar

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

Jamie Berezin

Doris Boyle Prize (best graduate essay on international relations)

David McDonough

Larry Collins Essay Prize (Atlantic Provinces Political Studies Association)

Anne Arsenault (POLI 3431, Florian Bail)

Interview with Lori Turnbull

Why did you become interested in Political Science?

Political Science was my first choice for an undergraduate major. I chose it even before taking political science classes. I grew up on Cape Breton Island, where the environment is always politically charged. I wanted to take classes that dealt with the issues and arguments that I had been exposed to.

Why did you decide to stay in academia?

Part of my reason for wanting to major in political science was to prepare for law school. Until I was twenty years old, I thought I would become a lawyer. I worked for several law firms while in high school and as an undergraduate student at Acadia University. When it came time to start thinking about the LSAT, I realized that my interests had broadened. I was still interested in legal and constitutional questions, but had become more intrigued by political parties and electoral systems than I had bargained for. As a result, I applied to grad school instead of law school.

The academic path was the right choice. The combination of teaching and research suits me. I appreciate the freedom to choose where I want to make my contribution and to study the areas that I find the most compelling. At the same time, I really enjoy discussing and debating political issues with students, and hearing about the issues that are important to them. Youth participation in politics is a topic of great interest to me, so my interactions with students factor into my research.

How did you get interested in ethics in politics?

When I started working on my doctorate, I planned to study federalism and public policy. A couple of years into my doctorate program, political ethics emerged as the hot topic, thanks to the “sponsorship

scandal”. Given that political scandals are infrequent in Canada, I became interested in why so many Canadians report feeling that politicians are “dishonest”. My dissertation research focused on whether ethical codes of conduct for MPs help to address public cynicism and enhance people’s trust in government. I found that the ethics regimes in Canada, the United States, and the United Kingdom fall short of achieving this goal, despite how complex they have become.

Do you plan to continue working in the ethics field?

Most definitely, as there is much to be done in this area. For the most part, governments have taken a narrow approach to political ethics that focuses on prohibiting conflicts-of-interest instead of encouraging politicians to “be ethical”. My goal is to help broaden the discourse so that it is more attentive to the ethical principles that must inform an effective ethics regime. Also, the public’s idea of what it means to be “unethical” goes far beyond conflicts-of-interest, so I would like to find out more about what types of things offend public standards of ethics.

Public trust in government has been on the steady decline in Canada, despite the lack of empirical evidence to suggest that corruption is on the rise. Some have suggested that the public trust problem is a product of our adversarial political system, and that the partisan bickering that characterizes Question Period has fueled the suspicion that MPs are more interested in mudslinging than policymaking. I would like to explore the possible link between declining public trust and MPs’ actions as parliamentarians and partisans.

What are the teaching challenges facing new instructors?

The most daunting task for me is trying to engage all of my students in large classes. I rely on “teaching tools” such as discussion groups and online chats to allow for one-on-one interaction between myself

and the students. These things help me to know whether the students are “getting my drift” during lectures.

A second challenge is to be able to keep on top of current events in both the domestic and international spheres. I see this as a challenge because it can be time-consuming, but it is a very important part of my teaching style. I have found that when explaining a concept in political science, it helps to be able to provide a “real world” example of how it actually works. This helps students to understand the concept better, and it proves to them that the material that they study in class is relevant.

What are your current research projects?

I am working on two projects in preparation for the Canadian Political Science Association conference in May. The first one is a comparative analysis of the Canadian and American approaches to investigating legislators’ alleged ethics violations. In Canada, we rely on a single Ethics Commissioner, an independent officer of parliament, to conduct these investigations, but the U.S. uses a congressional committee, thereby giving congress members the leading role in judging their colleagues’ conduct. I am wondering whether Canada should consider following the American example and giving MPs a more participatory role in ethics regulation.

The second project is a collaborative effort with Dr. Jennifer Smith. We are writing a paper on the Nova Scotia House of Assembly for the Canadian Study of Parliament Group. Although the essay will address a number of topics, our focus is the recurrence of minority governments in the province.



Lori Turnbull



Phil Homburg

The Podium

The Podium is a peer-reviewed academic journal that covers the

whole spectrum of political science – international relations and foreign policy, political theory, defence policy, and Canadian politics. Creating a journal with this goal in mind is not possible without the high quality papers submitted by the undergraduate students of the Dalhousie political science program. This will be the fourth volume and my second as Editor-in-Chief and based on the quality of the essays submitted, I'm sure it will be the best. My goal for this year was to improve on the work I started last year, to give the journal a distinct structure and attractive package -- I hope I have accomplished this.

I would like to thank my editorial board, especially Alex Wilner, who has served on the editorial board since the first volume. I would also like to thank the two additional graduate editors, Anita Singh and Derek Light, who took time out of their busy schedules to help out. And of course the undergraduate editors: Meghan Hanlon, whose quick wit always kept us on our toes; and Rachel Howse who offered her journalistic expertise to the editing process. In addition, I must thank the staff and faculty of the political science department and the executive of the Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society. As we enter the fifth year of The Podium I know the journal will be in good hands and once again thanks to all the student contributors.

Present and Voting: Dalhousie Students Travel to Geneva for World MUN 2007

In 2006, the infant year for Dalhousie's Model United Nations society thirteen members traveled to Ottawa to participate in Canadian International Model United Nations (CANIMUN). Returning a week later our members were changed. The modest conference instilled a passion within us and immediately we began re-searching the bigger and better.

One year later fourteen members new and old, made that dream reality as we traveled to Geneva, Switzerland to participate in Harvard's annual World Model United Nations (WMUN). Students, Olaulu Adeleye, Josh Boyter, Graham Brown, Janice Clementson, Colleen Cosgrove, Catherine Crosbie, Stephanie Currie, Esther Ives, Meghan Hanlon, Lauren Kepkiewicz, Courtney McLachlan, J'aime Tilston, Christian Tschirhart, and Tracy Wright worked after hours from September to March to make this dream a reality. A red-eye flight overseas and soon we were amongst 1751 students from 42 countries, from every continent debating and networking with some of the field's best and brightest.

The four-day conference held in the heart of Geneva at the International Conference Center Geneva (ICCG) sought to simulate the functioning and organization of the United Nations. The UN headquarters were just around the corner and the atmosphere during the week was intoxicating. Almost 2000 university students with the similar passions, interests, and various political backgrounds shared their views and debated their assigned country's foreign policy every day in session, and then partied the nights away with an authentic taste of Swiss nightlife.

The Dalhousie Model United Nations was assigned two countries due to the size of our delegation. Students represented Tanzania or Antigua and Barbuda on various committees such as the World Trade Organization, World Health Organization, Disarmament and International Security,

African Union, Social Humanitarian and Cultural Committee, Social Political and Decolonization Committee, Historical General Assembly, International Atomic Energy Agency, International Labour Organization, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations High Commission for Refugees, and the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

The opening ceremonies kicked off the conference at the ICCG with inspirational speakers such as Adolf Ogi, Special Advisor on Sport for the Development of Peace, Jacques Forster, Vice president, International Committee of the Red Cross to mention a few. Our role as students came to an end and we were now ambassadors of our countries, set to draft resolutions, network, and learn a little something along the way.

This year's WMUN was unique as it was the first year the WMUN Alumni Project was introduced. The project, with the aim of continuing the WMUN experience beyond the conference and was created by a group of young alumni of WMUN who are now prominent CEOs, lawyers, and diplomats. The panel of speakers highlighted their invaluable experiences at WMUN and how they collectively created the Alumni Project. The project is seen as a way for delegates to carry on the excitement of the conference by creating an avenue for all WMUN alumni to keep in touch, debate their ideas and strive to make the resolution papers and ideas formed at the conference a reality.

The conference itself was physically and mentally demanding. The biggest challenge for all delegates was keeping personal beliefs and values under wraps and appropriately and accurately representing a country that many of us were new to. As representatives of Tanzania and Antigua and Barbuda there were many drastic contrasts between our comfortable life as Canadians and the African and Caribbean countries respectively. Adopting another

country's foreign policy required a lot of preparation, and it served as a great learning experience and opportunity for us to practice our negotiation and diplomacy skills.

Representing Tanzania and Antigua and Barbuda was a significant contrast to our role as representatives of the United Kingdom in 2006. However, the unique nature and contrasts between the foreign policy and the history of each country demanded that all delegates be on their toes and ready to debate controversial topics such as the rights of women in prison, in which Tanzania for example, may not have the best reputation.

The sheer size of the conference and committee sessions were intimidating in comparison to CANIMUN but overall very encouraging because that meant over 200 people were relatively feeling the same thing as you. Nerves soon were tossed aside after gradually we learned the ins-and-outs of committee and formed our respective blocs. The room with over 200 people debating one topic such as the proliferation of small arms soon became passionately heated as each delegate valiantly debated for their country's honour. The intensive time in committee sessions and the nightly events took no time to network, and create memories and friendships we will remember for years. Introducing yourself to anyone you passed by was standard, and answering, "I'm from Canada, what country are you from?" took some practice, but soon we would find ourselves forming a coalition with a German and Australian, dancing with a Venezuelan, and eating dinner with the crew from Italy.

The grand finale of the conference came to a close at none other than real United Nations. All 1751 delegates gathered at the UN's General Assembly and looked around in awe as we sat in front of the very podium where Kofi Annan and Ban Kim-Moon have spoken. The sincerity the room carried and the symbolic value of every detail in the halls of the UN was the perfect zenith to an exhilarating week of debates.

Whether committee sessions ended in resolutions or stalemate all delegates felt the same sense of accomplishment, pride, and fatigue. The debates were lengthy, and the drafting of resolution papers was te-

dious with so many ideologies and cultures to accommodate.

But in the end, sitting in the United Nations General Assembly, listening to Blaise Godet, Vice president of the United Nations Human Rights Council, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the UN it was all worth it plus so much more. The gavel hit the podium for the final time in 2007, and at once our roles as ambassadors of Tanzania and Antigua and Barbuda came to a close.

We, the members of the Dalhousie Model United Nations and representatives of Tanzania and Antigua and Bar-

buda were present and voting, and today, as alumni of WMUN hold this experience in high esteem with virtually nothing in comparison. Our connections to the rest of the world have yet again expanded. Sitting in committee it became clear that we could be the change we want to see in the world. From a modest city in Canada, from Harvard to Paris and Japan, there are 1751 students and counting from all over the world with the same concerns, passions, and beliefs. And if nothing else, that is damn encouraging.

Seminar Series

A number of visiting speakers, as well as Department faculty and students, gave talks on current events and/or ongoing research, as part of the 2006-07 Seminar Series.

- Robert Finbow, Dalhousie, "Why is the Social Dimension to Free Trade Limited in North America?" September 25, 2006
- Brian Bow and Kathryn Fierbeck, Dalhousie, "What Can I Do with WebCT": A Discussion for Teachers October 6, 2006
- Neil Robertson, King's College, "Platonism in High Places? George W. Bush and the Influence of Leo Strauss" October 10, 2006
- Larry Swatuk, Botswana, "Transboundary Natural Resource Governance in the Okavango River Basin" October 12, 2006**
- Greg Pyczk, Acadia, "Approaches to the Study of Politics (for the Philosophically Disinclined): Early Working Assumptions" October 27, 2006
- Denis Stairs, "The Menace of General Ideas in the Making and Conduct of Canadian Foreign Policy" November 7, 2006*
- Graham White, Toronto/Mississauga, "An Effective Model for Aboriginal-State Relations?: Aboriginal Influence in Co-Management and Regulatory Boards in Northern Canada" November 14, 2006



Brian Bow

- Anita Singh, Dalhousie, "Synthesizing Human and Traditional Security: A South Asian Case Study" November 16, 2006
 - David Meadows, Dalhousie, "Europe Bound: An Examination of the Foreign Economic Policies of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania since 1991" December 1, 2006
 - Finn Laursen, Dalhousie, "The Politics and Economics of EU-Taiwan Relations" February 7, 2007***
 - Phil C.W. Chan, Ottawa, "Taiwan's Claim to Statehood Re-Examined" March 5, 2007*
 - Heiner Ganssman, Berlin, "The Future of the Welfare State in Europe" March 27, 2007***
- * Co-sponsored with Centre for Foreign Policy Studies (CFPS)
- ** Co-sponsored with International Development Studies? Global Development Series
- *** Co-sponsored with European Union Centre of Excellence (EUCE)

Award Winning DUPSS

The Dalhousie Undergraduate Political Science Society (DUPSS) has had one major goal; to try and bring students with like-minded interests together. Sometimes this goal is a major challenge, but for the most part, throughout the 2006/07 year, the society has had amazing results.

During the first term the society held a very popular BBQ near the Henry Hicks building which many students and professors attended. We also held our annual wine and cheese at the Grad House which was great for bringing students and professors together outside of the classroom. The Grad House has created a good atmosphere for our "Poli Slosh" event, which is essentially another event designed to bring professors and their students together outside of the classroom and into a more comfortable setting. During Poli Slosh students and professors informally get together to discuss any political issues that are contentious, intriguing, or interesting. Our most successful event of the term was our Shinerama benefit concert that was organized in conjunction with the Dalhousie Student Union. At this event we raised over \$1200.00 towards the fight against cystic fibrosis, contributing more money for Shinerama than any other undergraduate society at Dalhousie.

Our second term as a society was even busier. The DUPSS attended the annual Atlantic Political Science Conference which was held at Mount St. Vincent University. At the conference political science societies from the Atlantic Provinces got together to discuss future event ideas and various political issues with two local MLAs. More recently, the society held a band night at the engineering T-room, and helped advertise a lecture with world renowned speaker Gynn Dyer that took place March 5th at the FASS building, both of which were great successes. March 23rd the DUPSS is hosting "Wild Wild West at the Wood," a country theme party at the Grawood with musical guest Ryan Cook. The DUPSS also compiles an undergraduate journal every year to help promote the ideas and works of fellow Dalhousie political science students.

This year the society has received over 30 submissions to choose from in piecing together this illustrious journal. The articles that ultimately get selected for the journal will be presented by the authors at the Grad House on the last day of classes, April 6th at 1:30pm. This is a great way to promote the intellectual capabilities of our fellow political science students, and exchange and share the great ideas that they have to offer. We are also planning to attend a political science journal conference at Acadia University March 30th where students from around the Atlantic Provinces will meet to present political science related essays. Stephane Dion is tentatively booked to be the keynote speaker. Last but not least, the evening of April 6th, the DUPSS will be holding an end of the year party at the Grad House. This is guaranteed to be an amazing event designed for graduating students to come together one last time at the Grad House for some live music. A society could not ask for a more exciting final event, nor could a student ask for a more exciting way to end their final year at Dalhousie.

The society has had a pretty amazing year at Dalhousie, and have accomplished more than we thought was possible in just two terms. To top everything off, the DUPSS was just named "society of the year" by the DSU at student appreciation night. All this was due to the hard work of our amazing executive; Phil Homburg (VP Academic), Laurel Shapton (VP Internal), Meghan Hanlon (VP Events), Jay Allingham (VP External), Karen Heath (Treasurer), Sarah Amyotte (Secretary), Rachel House (3rd year representative), and John McLachlan (2nd year representative). With most of the society graduating, and elections creeping up the end of March, we are going to be looking for students to fill the shoes of this fine group of people for next year; and they are damn big shoes to fill.

Thanks so much to the Dalhousie Political Science Department for the support over the past year, and to all the professors who taught, encouraged, supported, and inspired us every step of the way.

All the best

Matt Gorman
DUPSS President

Honours Essays, Spring 2007

Megan Alexander, "Examining Civil Society in Iraq: Discouraging Democratic Prospects" (supervisor Jerome Davis)

Jacob Binder, "International adjudication and Inter-State Relations: A Canadian Perspective in Law of the sea and maritime boundary delimitation" (supervisor Jerome Davis)

Kaitlin Brioux, "The responsibility to protect Darfur" (supervisor David Black)

Donald Browning, "What, No Shake-down? An examination of the impact of 9/11 on Canadian Immigration Policy and Trends" (supervisor Brian Bow)

Sophie Courtois, "Partnership: Reconciling the Quebecois and Catalan Nations with the Canadian and Spanish states" (supervisor Florian Bail)

Sindura Dar, "Quid Pro Quo in the foreign aid equation: U.S. aid policy during the cold war, post-cold war and post-9/11 eras" (supervisor Brian Bow)

Stephen Goldbloom, "The culture of leadership in the Arab-Israeli conflict" (supervisor Florian Bail)

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The Graduate Student Symposium

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Ian Hurley, "Minority rights, majority rules: Examining Barry's pragmatic exemptions approach" (supervisor Katherine Fierlbeck)

Sheena Kennedy, "Aboriginal Participation Then and Now: A comparative case study of Aboriginal participation concerning Mackenzie valley pipeline development" (supervisor Jennifer Smith)

Matthew MacDonald, "A World Divided by God: Post modernity and the encounter between the west and Islam in the political theologies of Sayyid Qutb and Tariq Ramadan" (supervisor Florian Bail)

Emily Mockler, "The Politics of Oil: Ethnic Cleavages and the Resource Curse in Iraq" (supervisor Jerome Davis)

John Pelham, "Can second tier Canadian cities attract and retain immigrants?" (supervisor Kristin Good)

Ori Rubin, "Strategic Lift: The forgotten necessity" (supervisor Dan Middlemiss)

Charlie Sherman, "Essence of Inaction: An explanation of the United States government's inability to prevent 9/11" (supervisor Jerome Davis)

Yana Sobiski, "Colonial Nation to Colonized Nation? Agency, responsibility and the power of choice in (self) government" (supervisor Katherine Fierlbeck)

Andrew Tidball, "Terror on the Western Front: Reforming the international criminal court for the 21st century" (supervisor Frank Harvey)

Meaghan Ursell, "Enhanced representation?: Canada's use of public diplomacy as a strategic tool in managing Canada-US relations" (supervisor Brian Bow)

Building on the success of last year's Symposium, Revolution or Evolution? Emerging Threats to Security in the 21st Century, the Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science (DGSPS) and the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies (CFPS) held its second annual symposium on March 16-17, 2007. In particular, the symposium would not have been possible without the Committee, namely Brent Wellsch, Katie Murphy, Pete Galambos, Rob Godfrey, Alex Wilner and Dave McDonough.

Funded mainly by way of a Security and Defence Forum (SDF) Special Projects Grant, the Symposium this year was based on the theme: From Defence to Development: Resolving Threats to Global Security. Consisting of two days of panels and three keynote speakers, we were honoured to have had Dr. Ernie Regehr, Co-founder and Senior Policy Advisor of Project Ploughshares, Col. Stephen Bowes, Commander of the Kandahar

Provincial Reconstruction Team, Rotation 0 from July 2005 to February 2006, and Francis Furtado, Senior Policy Advisor, Director General, International Security Policy, DND as our keynote addresses.

The success of this year's event is directly attributable to the constant and generous support the DGSPS has had from the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies and the Department of Political Science. Dr. David Black, Dr. Ann Griffiths, Dr. Denis Stairs, David Perry, Dr. Brian Bow and Dr. Patrick Lennox were instrumental in generating discussion and feedback as conference panel chairs, while Dr. Dan Middlemiss gave us a good start through his Welcome Address. Invaluable support was also given to us by Janna Fertsman, Karen Watts, Dr. Jennifer Smith, and all the members of the DGSPS.

The symposium hosted the following students, each presenting their work on international security by way of a conference paper (published on line through the CFPS website) and a ten minute conference presentation.

On Friday, our discussions focused on the themes of human security, with a first panel on Human Security and Development and a second panel on Humanitarian Intervention and the Responsibility to Protect document. Papers presented included:

- Ewa Petruczynik (University of Toronto): From Zones of Control towards Peace
- Claire Woodside (Dalhousie University): West Africa: America's foreign policy post 911 and the 'resource curse,' A head on collision
- Joseph Ahorro (University of Alberta): Intersecting Human Security and Post-Development Theory
- Kyle Cruickshank (Dalhousie University) Extractive Industries and Local Communities: Promoting Development and Security Through International Governance
- Julie Leigh MacArthur (Simon Fraser University): A Responsibility to Rethink? Challenging Paradigms in Human Security
- Simon Willans (University of Windsor): Human Security and the Evolution of Security: Case Study
- Northern Uganda Conflict
- Martin Fischer (Carleton University): "If Not Now, When?" - Coming to Terms with Chapter VII Intervention and the Responsibility to Protect

Saturday morning's panels focused on two related issues with special interest to Canadian Foreign Policy

- Canada's mission to Afghanistan and International Terrorism. Papers included:
- Christine Phillips (Memorial University of Newfoundland): Policy Success and State Failure: Assessing Processes of Policy Formation and Changing Defence Policy in Canada

- Alexandre Wilner (Dalhousie University): Self-interest or Self-importance: Afghanistan's Lessons for Canada's Place in the Modern World
- Sean Clark (Dalhousie University): Afghanistan and the Paradox of Moral Imperialism
- Joshua Kilberg (Carleton University): Mass Casualty Terrorism: Explaining the causal factors for why terrorist groups choose to indiscriminately kill
- Peter Galambos, (Dalhousie University): The Other Side of the Coin: Exploring the Dual Strategic Logic of Suicide Terrorism
- Jennifer Mustapha (McMaster University): Re-Assessing Definitions of Security in a Post 9/11 World: Economic and/or Strategic Security in East Asia - Janus-Faced Multilateralism?
- John McCoy (University of Alberta): Broken Promises: Muslim Radicalization and its connection to the French Integration System

The final two panels on Saturday afternoon examined issues of Domestic (intra-state) insecurity and external interventions into these conflicts. Topics and presenters included:

- Kirsten Fisher (University of Western Ontario): Retribution in 'Restorative' Justice: Assessing Ugandan Traditional Mechanisms
- Joel Cobb (Dalhousie University): Non-State Armed Groups and the Bargaining Model of War
- Maxime Cappeliez (York University): Memory Pools: Representation of the Rwandan genocide in Canadian novel, media and policy
- Mary Albino (University of Toronto): Iran's Return to Shiite Nationalism: Ahmadinejad's Victory and the Failure of the Reform Movement
- Bob Murray (Brock University): The Effects of Terrorism and Rogue Nations on Global Governance

- Ryan Cross (University of British Columbia): Towards Prevention: Credible Deterrence against the Crimes of the Rome Statute and Canada
- Jared Miller (North Carolina State University): The Application of IR Theory to the Roles of Norway, Sri Lanka and the Tamil Tigers

In unanimous agreement between students, professors, presenters, and keynotes, the symposium was a hit! While only our second



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such event, the DGSPS has nonetheless established itself as a leading political science graduate society in Canada. We look forward to seeing you soon at our next event!

Updates from the Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political

In September 2006, twenty MA and three PhD students began their programmes at the department of political science at Dalhousie. Each student has brought their enthusiasm to the Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science (DGSPS) to make our second year as a society a grand success. In October, the DGSPS hosted Jack Layton, leader of the NDP opposition, and Alexa McDonough, NDP foreign affairs critic, for a 'meet and greet' with graduate students. Jack Layton spoke on many issues pertinent to Canada's current political landscape and to their influence on university students - including, for instance, tuition hikes, foreign policy, and local infrastructure. In February, in light of impending thesis proposal presentations, the society organized mock presentations for its Master's students, allowing them to articulate their research to an audience of peers. In March, the Symposium subcommittee saw months of work come to fruition with the Second Annual Dalhousie Graduate Symposium, From Defence to Development: Resolving Threats to Global Security. With generous financial

assistance from the Security and Defence Forum (SDF) Special Projects Fund and the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies (CFPS), sixteen students from across Canada and the United States along with six of our own graduate students presented their work on a number of topics (Terrorism, Canada's Afghan Mission, Human Security, the Responsibility to Protect Mandate, United Nations reform, and various other related themes). With support from the CFPS, the Society is looking forward to publishing their second book compiling a selection of the best papers submitted to the conference committee.

Two other projects have been planned for the next few months. First, the DGSPS will be having a meet and greet with the former Premier of Alberta, Ralph Klein in the beginning of May. Second, a human security workshop is being organized for May, bringing local high school students together for an interactive workshop on contemporary issues of international security. Third, in the summer, the DGSPS plans to organize (in association with Dr. Ian Taylor from the School of International

Relations at St. Andrew's University, United Kingdom) a workshop with the title, "Rethinking the Liberal Peace and Human Security in the Sub-Saharan African Context." This workshop aims to result in another publication, a Special Issue of the academic journal, African Security, in 2007.

Besides these many academic events, the DGSPS has also provided a number of social gatherings, organized by the Society's Social Committee, for all students and faculty associated with the Department of Political Science. Throughout the course of the year, the Social Committee has been active in hosting events, informal 'meet and greets', and activities for the graduate students. Thanksgiving dinner, concert events, camping trips, CBC's "This Hour has 22 minutes" taping, and harbour tours have all been organized through the committee, in an attempt to build not only an academic but a social cohesiveness for the grads of 2006-2007. The DGSPS looks forward to the events of the next five months and to next year's incoming members!

Faculty News

Peter Aucoin was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, the highest honour that can be attained by scholars, artists and scientists in Canada. He was a keynote conference speaker in Brisbane, Australia in March, 2007, and gave presentations at several public-service management forums in Canada. He chairs the Research Committee of the Institute for Research on Public Policy, the leading independent Canadian think tank.

Robert Boardman published "The International Politics of Bird Conservation: Biodiversity, Regionalism, and Global Governance" (published by Edward Elgar, 2006).

Robert Boardman and Finn Laursen were the main applicants for a major successful grant application from the European Union. The grant was awarded in 2006 and has led to the recognition of Dalhousie University as a Centre of Excellence in European Union Studies. Other political science professors taking part in related EU research projects for this are Katherine

Fierlbeck, David Black, Florian Bail, Jerry Davis, and Frank Harvey.

Kristin Good has been nominated for the Governor General's Medal and short-listed for the Vincent

Lemieux Prize by the Canadian Political Science Association (nominated by the Department of Political Science, University of Toronto) for the best dissertation defended in Canada 2005-2006. Kristin is a member of the Ethnicity and Democratic Governance research team at Queen's University. She has presented conference papers at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, in Washington, and at the Weatherhead Centre for International Affairs in Harvard University.

Denis Stairs was appointed as Chair of the Board of Visitors of the Canadian Forces College in Toronto. His current publications include "The Atlantic Community as Seen from

Canada: Conceptions and Preferences in the Department of External Affairs,"

presented to conference on "European Community, Atlantic Community?," Universite de Cergy-Pontoise, Paris, June 22-24, 2006; "Putting Public Servants in Harm's Way: Dilemmas of the Democratic State in a Violent and Uncertain World," in THE DISPATCH (the newsletter of the Canadian Defence and Foreign Affairs Institute), Vol. IV, Issue 1 (Spring 2006), pp. 10-13 (available online at 222.cdfai.org); and "Terrorism Is Politics," in THE DISPATCH, Vol. IV, Issue 4 (Winter 2007), pp. 20-23.

David Cameron has been asked to write the discussion paper and final report for the New Brunswick Commission on Post-Secondary Education. The commission was appointed by the Premier and is co-chaired by Rick Miner of Ontario and Jacques L'Ecuyer of Quebec. The discussion paper was released on March 8th, and the final report is to be completed by August, 2007.

Carlos Pessoa's article, co-authored with Dr Marc Doucet, "Empire and the Terrain of Democracy" has been accepted and will be published in the Theory & Event.

Ann Griffith edited a book entitled "Global Perspectives on Oil and Security" which came out in January.

Tim Shaw recently coedited with two Dal alums, Sandra MacLean & David Black, Ten Years of Human Security: global governance & new multilateralisms (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2006) & coauthored for CIGI in Waterloo: 'Economic Size Trumps All Else? Lessons from BRICSAM' (Waterloo, December 2006. Working Paper #12. ..online at www.cigionline.org). He has also written chapters in a series of new volumes: Robertson & Scholte (eds) Encyclopedia of Globalization (Routledge, 2006); Bryant-Tokalau & Frazer (eds) Redefining the Pacific (Ashgate, 2006); Ankersen (ed) Understanding Global Terror (Polity, 2007); Kneebone & Rawlings-Sanaei (eds) Regionalism & Forced Labour (Berghahn, 2007); Zelesa (ed) African Conflicts (James Currey, 2007). Tim is a visiting professor at Makerere University Business School in Uganda as well as Mbarara University of Science & Technology.

Alex Morrison has been appointed

Willis S. McLeese Chair in Canadian Debating. The Chair is a cooperative arrangement between the Canadian Student Debating Federation and Upper Canada College. He is also, once again, President of the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies and is also President of the Army Cadet League of Nova Scotia and a member of the Royal Roads University Peace and Conflict Studies Advisory Board.

Human Security Youth Symposium

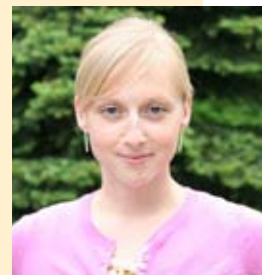
On Saturday May 26th 2007, the first Human Security Youth Symposium was held at Dalhousie University by the Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, the Dalhousie Graduate Society of Political Science, and the Canadian Red Cross. The symposium was a full day event attended by twenty-four extremely interested high school students from around Nova Scotia.

The day kicked off with an introduction to human security by a Dalhousie PhD student, Jenny Baechler. The students then proceeded through a series of interactive workshops on human security issues such as landmines, trade, conflict, refugees/IDPs, and on how they can take action on these issues through activism, education, and careers. The workshops were facilitated by Dalhousie graduate students and the Canadian Red Cross.

The day was educational, fun, and inspiring for both the participants and the facilitators/organizers. Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with the expressed desire that the symposium become an annual event!



Kristin Good



Jennifer Czerneda

News from the Graduate Programme

In September, 21 new graduate students joined the department. New MA students are:

- Julie Breau (BA Moncton)
- Kyle Clendenning (BA Western)
- Kyle Cruickshank (BA WLU)
- Jennifer Czerneda (BA WLU)
- Richard Draper (BA Western)
- Susan Embury (BA UNB Saint John)
- Peter Galambos (BA Queen's)
- Robert Godfrey (BA PEI)
- Jordan Guthrie (BA McGill)
- Stephen Hamilton (BA Queens)
- Lew Irvine (BA Dalhousie)
- Larissa Kloegman (BA SFU)
- Derek Light, (BA UBC)
- Michael MacSween (BA Cape Breton)
- Katie Murphy (BA St Thomas)
- Anthony Sealey (BA, MA SFU & Waterloo)
- Jane Sears (BA UNB St John)
- Sepand Siassi (BA Toronto)
- Brent Wellsch (BA Saskatchewan)
- Claire Woodside (BA Guelph)
- Caroline Vavro (BA Toronto)

We welcomed three new PhD students in September, all of whom original hail from the other end of the country to Nova Scotia. Anita Singh has BA and MA degrees from the University of Calgary. Her research investigates the relationship between individual-level human security and state conflict, with attention to intervening issues of humanitarian intervention, environmental security, identity and gender. Anita took the lead role in organizing the national Graduate Student Symposium on "From defense to development: Resolving threats to global security," and did a great job in pulling together an event that impressed even the professionals from Ottawa in the audience. Look for her separate report on the Symposium in the Newsletter. Sean Clark completed his BA at the University of Saskatchewan and his MA at the Munk Centre in Toronto. He intends to examine the process of hegemonic transition and Great Power response to relative decline by a study of post-9/11 American response to rapid Chinese and Indian growth. David McDonough completed his BA at Simon Fraser University and his MA from the University of British Columbia. He came to us with a SSHRC-doctoral scholarship, and his

research will examine the impact of previous nuclear policies, evolving perceptions of "rogue states," and the proliferation of WMD on American post-Cold War nuclear strategy.

Congratulations! In spring 2007, it was announced that Sean Clark and Alex Wilner each received SSHRC doctoral fellowships. Alex Wilner declined his, in order to accept the Dr. Ronald Baker scholarship from the Security and Defense Forum.

This year is somewhat exceptional in that we have two MA students working part-time as interns at the offices of the United States Consul-General in Halifax. Katie Murphy is working in the Political Affairs branch, and Robert Godfrey is working in the Commercial Service branch. This programme, now in its fifth year, is an excellent way for our graduate students to gain first-hand experience of United States government and Canada-US relations.

A number of students have posted biographical profiles deep within the graduate webpage. <http://politicalscience.dal.ca/grad-students.htm>

Master's Theses completed in 2006. Abstracts appear on the Graduate webpage <http://politicalscience.dal.ca/grad/thesislist06.htm>

Rachael Gibson The "New Deal for cities" movement: Assessing the democratic implications of "rescaling" the Canadian federation

Brian Nicholson From the dragon's claw to the panda's paw: The socialization of China in the ASEAN regional forum

Laura Samaroo Building sustainable peace: Exploring the utility of education

Donald Sullivan The importance of individuals in shaping international relations: Examining the national security strategies of Dwight D. Eisenhower and John F. Kennedy

Richard McAdam From bipolarity to unipolarity: American leadership and the future of the Bush Doctrine



Louise carbert

Jonathan Lawrence

Mobilizing public support for foreign policy strategies through the use of fear and propaganda

Vassiliki Kapelos Democratic consolidation is more than survival: The Argentine case

Stuart Shaw Building peace and democracy or organizing exit: Elections and United Nations peace operations

Christopher Laroche Negotiating with the hermit kingdom: North Korea, the Agreed Framework, and nuclear non-proliferation in East Asia

Carla Suarez Victims, perpetrators, survivors: The elusive quest for sustainable peace in Northern Uganda

Riley Hennessey Toward a larger footprint: Interoperability in pursuit of influence

Laura Coates Crude awakenings: The policy implications for Canada of China's involvement in the oil sands

Glyn R. Berry Scholarship Memorial Scholarship in International Policy Studies

A new graduate scholarship in political science to honour the legacy of Glyn R. Berry was inaugurated. On 2 April 2007, President Tom Traves and the Honourable Peter MacKay, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, announced the Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholarship in International Policy Studies. Fortunately, Glyn's wife, Valerie, and their two sons, Rhys and Gareth, all of whom live in London, were able to attend the event.

On January 15, 2006, senior Canadian diplomat Glyn R. Berry was tragically killed in a terrorist attack in Afghanistan. At that time, he was Political Director for the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Kandahar with the Department of Foreign Affairs

and International Trade Canada (DFAIT). Mr. Berry was a principled humanitarian; passionately devoted to improving conditions for ordinary people in desperate circumstances. Mr. Berry spent almost 30 years in the Canadian Foreign Service, serving in Oslo, Washington, Havana, London and Islamabad, before moving on to the United Nations. He was widely respected and immensely admired as a tireless advocate of peace building, contributing to Canada's efforts to promote the international Responsibility to Protect doctrine. Dr. Berry completed his doctoral degree at Dalhousie in 1981.

"Glyn Berry was a dedicated peacemaker and peace builder, and an outstanding Canadian," said Dr. Traves. "We decided we would honour the contributions of this exceptional alumnus by establishing this scholarship, in partnership with Foreign Affairs. We hope this scholarship will enable future Canadians to prepare themselves to make a difference in the same fashion that he did."

In his remarks, Minister MacKay noted that Mr. Berry "touched the lives of so many people and made an indelible impression." He added, "He was taken away while doing what he loved to do." As a sign of affection and respect, he said, within days of his passing, people at Dalhousie were discussing ways of honouring his legacy, and the idea of a scholarship began to take shape.

"Where better to house this scholarship than at Dalhousie, where Glyn Berry had so many wonderful friends and experiences? For years to come, we're confident that with the help of this scholarship, students will achieve what he achieved: inspiration, and the will to propel people forward to have an impact."

Denis Stairs also spoke as Berry's PhD adviser. "Academic partner is a better term," said Dr. Stairs. "Ostensibly, I was his supervisor but he gave me nothing to do but read his work and learn from it," he recalled fondly.

A PhD candidate in political science will be recognized annually with this full graduate scholarship, beginning in 2008. Eligible candidates will specialize in an aspect of Canadian foreign policy, defence and security policy, development assistance policy or another area of study addressing Canada's role in international affairs. Funding of the scholarship is shared between DFAIT and Dalhousie University, with the department contributing \$150,000 and Dalhousie committing to raise at least that amount. We are grateful to PAFSO (Professional Association of Foreign Service Officers), EDC (Export Development Canada) and others for their generous support of the scholarship. For more information on the Glyn Berry scholarship, visit <http://alumniandfriends.dal.ca/giving/glynberry.php>

News from Alumni

Olivia Baldwin who graduated from the MA program in 2003 is working as the Special

Assistant (Regional Affairs) to the President of the Treasury Board, the Honourable Vic Toews.

Nina di Stefano is lead researcher and analyst for the publication "Profiling the impacts of North-South research collaboration for development", available in pdf format at http://www.aucc.ca/publications/auccpubs/research/impact_brochure_e.html. Nina also leads the analytical work on the trilingual section of the AUCC website "Canada-Mexico Higher Education Opportunities" accessible at <http://www.aucc.ca/canada-mexico/>.



Dr. W. Andy Knight was appointed to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research

Centre (IDRC) in early March this year. Dr. Knight was also honoured by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) and Scotiabank with the prestigious Scotiabank-AUCC Award for Excellence in Internationalization.

Assis Malaquias, Associate Professor at St. Lawrence University published his first book, "Rebels and Robbers: Violence in Post-Colonial Angola".

David Melvin, was appointed by the Governor in Council of Nova Scotia to the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia Real Estate Commission for a term of three years commencing July 1, 2006. The Commission is an independent non-government agency responsible for the

regulation of the real estate industry in Nova Scotia in accordance with the Real Estate Trading Act. David continues to practice law in the areas of litigation, corporate-commercial, estates and real estate with his colleagues at Livingstone & Company in Dartmouth.

Fahim Quadir, full-time professor at York University is one of four recipients for the university-wide teaching award.

Roger Thompson (MA 1994), has been declared "the leading scholar in the sociology of naval institutions" by the famous military sociologist Dr Charles Moskos. Thompson's new book, titled "Lessons Not Learned: The US Navy's Status Quo Culture", will be published by the Naval Institute Press this year. The book features an afterword by best-selling author Colonel Douglas A. Macgregor. Thompson currently lectures at Kyung Hee University, one of the top ten schools in the Republic of Korea.



Fahim Quadir

Andrew Uhlman graduated in Political Science in 2001. He is now practising as a trial lawyer, mainly in criminal and family law, in Vancouver, B.C.

Janis Van der Westhuizen, one of our Ph.D graduates has been promoted to Associate Professor at Stellenbosch University, South Africa.

News from the Centre

This past academic year marked the first year of the Centre's Security and Defence Forum five-year grant. Along with our new agreement, we welcomed some new faces and said goodbye to an old one in Commander (now retired!) Bob Edwards, our previous serving naval defence fellow. Bob retired last June following another successful maritime conference, and we all wish him well in his retirement, and hope he remains involved with the Centre. At the same time, we have welcomed Commander Ken Hansen who arrived last August as our new Defence Fellow for a three year term. Also arriving last August was Dr.



Dave Perry

Patrick Lennox, a Dalhousie Alumnus, via the University of Toronto, as an SDF post-doctoral fellow. Both Patrick and Ken have been very welcome additions and have been very active with the centre's activities. Unfortunately, we will have to say goodbye to Patrick at summer's end, as he was awarded the prestigious Jack Granatstein post-doctoral fellow at the

Centre for Military and Strategic Studies at the University of Calgary.

In the past year the Centre was happy to sponsor a bigger and better 2nd Annual Graduate Student Symposium, a workshop "Un-Civil Relations?" on the military-media-academic relationship in Canada, our annual maritime conference, our Fall and

Winter seminar Series and several individual speakers and events. For the coming year we are already working on the next instalment of the Maritime Security Conference in June, a workshop on the Canadian Forces and Interoperability and Conference on the Arctic in October, and the 3rd Annual Graduate Student

conference in March.

We have also expanded our flagship publication Canadian Naval Review, and have launched an online discussion forum BroadSides (naval.review.cfps.dal.ca/forum.php) where we invite all members of the Dal Political Science community to join the discussion.



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