Chair’s Remarks

Foster has all kinds of innovative projects in mind which will benefit generations of students to come and enhance Dalhousie’s engagement with communities in the region. Welcome Dr. Foster!

A significant number of our entering MA students and early stage PhD students have already received awards, and SOSA graduates have done remarkably well in major scholarship competitions this year. Among our new additions is Dr. Jeremy Schmidt, who holds a prestigious Banting postdoctoral award, the only such award at Dalhousie for this year.

We are excited about the creation of the Nova Scotia Graduate Scholarship, a brand new award announced by the Province in Spring 2014. This new addition to graduate funding, long overdue, will enable us to make more competitive scholarship offers to top students.

It was with some sadness that we announce the retirement of Dr. Richard Apostle and half-retirement of Prof. Chris Murphy. Dr. Apostle’s long and distinguished career has generated several generations of new scholars and contributed much to regional scholarship, especially with regards to rural coastal communities. We are delighted, however, that Dr. Apostle has been awarded Professor Emeritus status and will continue to maintain a research programme and serve on several graduate committees.

Professor Chris Murphy has taken on a half-time post-retirement appointment, so he will continue to teach and nudge us all to answer the “so what?” question about our research.

These are just a taste of the research and many contributions our hardworking faculty and staff have made in 2013-14 to the department, the university and our world. I invite you to browse through this year’s newsletter which is expands on our news. Special thanks to Howard Ramos for his work putting this all together.
Chair’s message continued...

As always, I encourage our alumni to keep in touch, report back to us on your successes – we always love from you. Thank you also to our donors, whose contributions to our annual fund allow us to maintain an exciting visiting speaker’s schedule and provide travel support for graduate students presenting their work at conferences. We couldn’t do it without you and appreciate your support very much.

Pauline Gardiner Barber

RICHARD APOSTLE

Much of Dr. Apostle’s scholarly work in 2013-14 has focused on the social science component of a SSHRC funded Ocean Tracking Networks project. With David VanderZwaag, he completed two special issues of the Journal of International Wildlife Law and Policy. He has also begun work, with Donald Clairmont, on the Donald Marshall Jr Royal Commissions. He was invited to speak at the Costal Zone Conference in Halifax and was involved in the Interdisciplinary PhD review committee. In 2014, Dr. Apostle announced his retirement was awarded Emeritus status at Dalhousie University. He will certainly be missed in the day-to-day running of the department but will continue to play an important role on many graduate student committees.

PAULINE GARDINER BARBER

Dr. Pauline Gardiner Barber was very active in publishing during 2013-14. She oversaw a special double issue of Dialectical Anthropology and published two co-authored Introductions, as well as a paper, “Grateful Subjects: Class and Capital at the border in Philippine-Canada Migration.” Fresh off the press is her chapter in a new Routledge volume Seasonal Workers in Mediterranean Agriculture: The Social Costs of Eating Fresh. Dr. Gardiner Barber actively presented her research at conferences, including two different papers in panels through the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES): the first, in Manchester (2013), was followed by a regional meeting in Tokyo (2014). Both IUAES panels were sponsored by the Commission for Global Transformation and Marxism. She was also a discussant at an invited panel on New Approaches to Migration Research at the American Anthropology Association conference in Chicago and presented a paper at the International Studies conference in Toronto in March 2014.

AFUA COOPER

Dr. Cooper, Dalhousie’s James R. Johnston Chair in Black Canadian Studies, has been active this year building a Minor in Black Studies and flagship course, for which she was awarded a grant through Dal’s Centre for Learning and Teaching. Her research took her all over North America: she explored the transnational roots of Canadian slavery and presented a number of conferences, including presentation of papers at the Sixth International Charles Town Maroon Conference in Jamaica, an event organized by the Royal Society of Canada at Acadia University, as invited speaker at the Weatherhead Centre for International Affairs at Harvard University. Dr. Cooper was also an invited presenter at an Ideas panel hosted by the Canadian Society for the Study of Education at the Congress of Humanities and Social Sciences. She organized and hosted Dr. Carol Duncan who also presented a paper in our department’s speaker’s series. She also formed the Black Canadian Studies Association, which will host conference on Black Leadership at Dalhousie in 2015.

LINDSAY DUBOIS

Dr. DuBois had a sabbatical in Fall 2013, which took her to Mar de Plata, Argentina – aka the “Miami Beach of Argentina” – lucky her! There, she worked on finalizing the translation of her monograph into Spanish as Barrio Obrero. Ethnografía y Memoria. She also published two book chapters and an article: one chapter on memory and narrative for The Companion to Urban Anthropology; the other appears in edited book Remembering Mass Violence. The article looks at how older people mobilize in Argentina and the irony of the term “activist pensioners”. She was active in the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, serving as Chair of the Academic Development Committee, which authored a new strategic plan – no small feat! In 2014-15, Dr. DuBois will take on the large introductory course on anthropology. She will also teach a grad seminar on precarious work, and serve as Acting Departmental Chair Winter 2015.

LIZ FITTING

Dr. Fitting is SOSA’s graduate coordinator. In 2013-14, she both oversaw student admissions and published “Cultures of Corn and anti-GM activism in Mexico and Colombia” in Carole Counihan and Valeria Siniscalchi’s Food Activism: Agency, Democracy and Economy. She presented a paper at the American Anthropology Association’s Congress in Chicago and another at Yale University’s Agrarian Studies conference on Food Sovereignty: A Critical Dialogue. She has also developed a new undergraduate course on Food Activism that focuses specifically on the key characteristics, and critiques, of the food system, and on case studies of activism from around the world that challenge or provide alternatives to the current food system.

KAREN FOSTER

SOSA welcomes Dr. Foster, Tier II Canada Research Chair in Sustainable Rural Futures in Atlantic Canada, who began in the department in July 2014. In 2013-14, she wrapped up a post-doctoral fellowship at Saint Mary’s University and presented papers at the Atlantic Canada Studies Conference in Fredericton and the Canadian Historical Association and Canadian Sociological Association meetings at the Congress of Humanities and Social Science at Brock University. There, she also participated on a panel, How to Screw up in Graduate School. She collaborated on her papers with historian Brian Foster: one was on the
“Objectivity and Opportunities: Regional Disparity in National Economic Policy Discourse from the Statistics Act (1948) to ACOA (1987)” and the other is titled “The things now being done: Boundaries of/in Statistical Knowledge in Canada”. Dr. Foster was also invited to participate on a Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives panel on the Nova Scotian economy and the recent Ivany Commission report.

JEAN SEBASTIEN GUY
Dr. Guy published an article in Current Sociology, “‘Why does society describe itself as global?’ Re-examining the relation between globalization and the states from a second-order perspective.” He published a book review in the Canadian Journal of Sociology on Nicolas Luhmann’s Introduction to Systems Theory in the Canadian Journal of Sociology, and has another paper, “Les zombies sont partout, la mondialisation aussi,” forthcoming in Vincent Paris (ed.), Angles Mortis, différent regards sur le zombie, Montréal, éditions XYZ. In Spring 2014, Dr. Guy presented two papers at the Canadian Sociological Association meetings: one on Durkheim and the other on Weber. SOSA wishes Dr. Guy well on his first sabbatical starting July 2014. During this time, he plans to work on a manuscript developing a new pair of theoretical concepts: metric and non-metric.

CHRIS HELLAND
Dr. Helland has had a productive and adventurous year. He was reappointed to the World Economic Form Global Agenda Council studying the role of faith and religion. In this role, he recently posted a blog on the World Economic Forum website and completed a one year survey of the members concerning their views of religion in society. Dr. Hellland was invited to NYU’s Center for Religion and Media to present a paper, “Co-Locating the Sacred Center: Examining the Developing Role of the Internet and WWW within Tibetan Diaspora Religion,” which was also published in a larger form as a chapter in the book The Pixel in the Lotus: Buddhism, the Internet, and Digital Media. In July 2014, Dr. Helland conducted fieldwork in the Himalaya Mountains of Northern Kashmir continuing his research assessing the role of the internet within the Tibetan diaspora community. He also served as SOSA’s Undergraduate Coordinator in Winter 2014.

CHRIS MURPHY
Dr. Murphy began the 2013-14 academic year with a planned sabbatical…which unfortunately turned into an unplanned sick leave. Despite it, he had a productive year – as the saying goes, you can’t keep a sociologist from ‘committing sociology’. He continued his work on Canadian police reform, facilitated by participation as an expert panelist on the Canadian Academies study of the Future of Canadian Police Models and the production of a report to be released in November 2014. He is also editor of a Discussion Paper Series for the Canadian Police College on Change and Innovation and oversaw the development and publication of three papers in the series. He completed a research study and report on public safety in downtown Halifax for Donald Clairmont, who updated the 2008 Mayor’s Task Force. He likewise co-edited and wrote an

LIESL GAMBOLD
Dr. Gambold got off to a rough start in 2013-14, having to undergo surgery to have her appendix removed. Despite a rocky start, she recovered well, and presented papers at the American Anthropology Association and the Aging and Society conferences. Dr. Gambold also published a paper on international retirement as an aging strategy for older single women in Anthropology and Aging Quarterly. Related, she was featured in the Dal News for her expertise on retirement and published an op-ed in the Halifax Herald on retirement and published an op-ed in the Halifax Herald on retirement. Dr. Gambold took a sabbatical in Winter 2014, which included a research trip to Europe to conduct research on housing arrangement for aging members of the LGBT community. As her sabbatical ends, she balanced watching the World Cup with prepping for teaching over the summer term.

FIONA MARTIN
In 2013-14, Dr. Martin assembled a research team to explore pregnant women’s access to, and experiences of, methadone maintenance treatment in Nova Scotia. This team of Dal researchers, which includes Dr. Emma Whelan and Dr. Mark Asbridge (Community Health and Epidemiology), have been awarded a three-year ‘Establishment Grant’ from the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation to carry out this work. The project will involve policy and document analysis and interviews with both service providers and service users. She has also continued to collaborate on a research project that critically explores dominant ‘problem representations’ of women’s substance use in clinical and epidemiological literature. A co-authored paper based on the findings of this research is due to be published in a forthcoming special issue of journal, Contemporary Drug Problems. In August 2013, she had the opportunity to present the study’s findings at conference Complexity: Researching Alcohol and Drugs in a Multiple World in Aarhus, Denmark. Dr. Martin is currently on sabbatical leave, part of which she is spending in Australia as a Visiting Research Fellow at the National Drug Research Institute, Faculty of Health Sciences at Curtin University, Melbourne.
BRIAN NOBLE
Dr. Noble has been involved in several research and writing activities throughout 2013-14. He is a part of the SSHRC-funded Secwepemc Territorial Authority project, which brings together Secwepemc land defenders, political leaders, and traditional people with leading scholars to consider how Secwepemc jurisdiction is asserted and persists across their territory to this day. Understandings of Indigenous peoples’ authority developed, were also braced up in the recent Supreme Court Tsilquot’in decision affirming Aboriginal Title, prompting Tsilquot’in leaders to seek a dialogue with him and other experts on this matter. He is also leading an inter-generational group of scholars writing on ideas of consent, collaboration and treaty in decolonial research and Inter-peoples relations. All of this dovetails with his co-investigator role on the SSHRC-funded Boas Papers Project, delving into late 19th century moral and political currents informing the anthropological praxes of Franz Boas. This work advances several other writing projects on shared responsibility between Settler and Indigenous communities in their relations with increasingly threatened lands, ecosystems, and species, and on moral choice among biomedical researchers engaging patent regimes (funded by CIHR) and palaeobiological researchers engaging public knowledges.

ROBIN OAKLEY
In 2013-14, Dr. Oakley collaborated on a project with Dalhousie’s Centre for Learning and Teaching to design a fully online course, “Aging Cross Culturally.” This innovative approach to teaching enjoyed great enrolment by students. She also designed and taught two new courses: “Health and Culture” (Fall 2013) and “Food and Culture” (Winter 2014). Dr. Oakley co-edited a special edition of the Romanian Review of Anthropology on social exclusion in India and is completing book reviews for American Ethnologist and Itinerario: International Journal of the History of European Expansion and Global Interaction. She developed a session, “Health activism in the context of selective healthcare” and worked on two papers (one co-authored with G. Ravikumar Reddy) on another session at the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences conference (IUAES, Manchester). In Fall 2013, she worked with Howard Ramos and other Dalhousie colleagues to nominate Mi’kmaq Elder and historian Daniel Paul for an honorary degree from Dalhousie and raised funds in memory of Lorreta Saunders.

MARTHA RADICE
Dr. Radice co-organized an innovative interdisciplinary conference in October 2013 with Kim Morgan and Solomon Nagler, professors at NSCAD University, as part of their joint SSHRC-funded research-creation project Tracing the City. Held in downtown Halifax, the event Urban Encounters: Art and the
HOWARD RAMOS
It was a productive year for Dr. Ramos. He published a paper in the *Journal of International Migration and Integration* engaging in a debate with Elke Winter over her recent book, *Us, Them and Others*. He published two other pieces in *Canadian Review of Sociology*: one looking at literature on race and ethnicity over the past 50 years; the other, with Andreas Hoffbauer, looking at political and social convergence around the BP oil spill. With Mark Stoddart, he published two papers on environmental activism in *Interface* and (with David Tindall as a third author) one other in *Social Movement Studies*. With Dr. Stoddart, he also published a report for the Harris Centre on research on tourism in the Battle Harbour historic district. Dr. Radice also was awarded tenure and promotion in the 2013-14 academic year. Well done!

EMMA WHELAN

YOKO YOSHIDA
The 2013-2014 academic year was quite busy for Dr. Yoshida. As the co-Academic Director of the Atlantic Research Data Centre (ARDC), she organized an information session on “New” Canadian Data and Exploring Research Potential” looking at Big Data. The January 2014 event attracted more than 70 participants across the university, community groups, and provincial and federal agencies. She also organized a session on innovation in social research data at the Canadian Sociological Association annual meeting at the Congress in the spring. She is continuing to work on her SSHRC Insight Development grant on immigrant integration. She is collaborating with former student, Kate Goodale, and colleagues in the School of Resource and Environmental Studies, on new projects which look at environmental conservation practices. In 2013-14, Dr. Yoshida was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor in the department and as Interim Academic Director of the ARDC. Congratulations!

DR. RICHARD APOSTLE RETIRES; AWARDED PROFESSOR EMERITUS STATUS
Dr. Apostle retired in Spring 2014…although one would never know it, given that he remains one of SOSA’s most active members. We are happy to report that we will still see him: he been awarded Professor Emeritus status, which is more than well deserved. Dr. Apostle has been the valued source of the department’s institutional memory and has mentored many of us, both students and professors, over the years. He has also represented the department and Faculty on a wide range of committees and has published in some of the top sociological venues.
Sociology and social anthropology are not just academic disciplines. They inform public debates, policy and critical analysis of contemporary social issues. A number of SOSA professors and students took part in these conversations over the past year. Here are a few highlights.

**SOSA IN THE NEWS**

In Spring 2014, Donald Clairmont revisited the findings and recommendations of his 2008 report on crime in the city for the Mayor’s Task Force on Community Violence. He presented findings to council and this was covered by the *Halifax Herald*.

In Winter 2014, CBC Books began a series called *BloodLines* which was inspired by Lawrence Hill’s 2013-2014 Massey Lecture Series. Afua Cooper was asked to contribute to the series and shared a piece, Black Blood. She has also regularly commented on CBC radio on a wide range of issues.

Karen Foster made headlines in the *Halifax Herald* on the provincial government’s decision to cut the student tax rebate. She was also part of a round table discussion hosted by the *Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives* – Nova Scotia on the Ivany Commission report.

As the baby boom ages, retirement is an increasingly important social issue. Liesl Gambold was interviewed by *Aging Horizons* on strategies for retiring abroad. She also wrote an opinion piece in the *Halifax Herald* on retirement policy and overseas retirement.

During the 2014 holiday season, Chris Helland was asked by *Metro News* to comment on the “Black Pete” controversy triggered by a Halifax MLA. The character is associated with Dutch Christmas traditions as well as the legacy of ongoing colonization. Dr. Helland also recently posted a blog on the *World Economic Forum Web Site* and completed a one year survey of its members on their views on religion.

*Dal News* asked Brian Noble to visit, then comment, on Beat Nation: Art, Hip Hop and Aboriginal Culture, an exhibit at the Dalhousie Art Gallery.

Martha Radice organized conference on Urban Encounters: Art and the Public with colleagues at NSCAD, which was featured in the *Dal News*. More recently she was interviewed by *Halifax Magazine* to talk about cultural festivals in the city.

With Alexandra Dobrowolsky, Howard Ramos wrote a report on Nova Scotia immigration policies for the *Centre for Policy Alternatives* – Nova Scotia and also wrote an opinion piece for the *Halifax Herald*. The report gained attention by other media, including *Global television* and CBC and SRC radio and television.

**SOSA IN THE COMMUNITY**

Doctoral student Diana Campbell was a consultant for FemNorthNet/Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women and prepared their submission to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board on the matter of Nova Scotia Power Maritime Link Incorporated Application – the Maritime Link Project.

Pauline Gardiner Barber contributed to a SSHRC Roundtable on *Imagining Canada’s Future: Circulating Knowledge, Crossing Borders*. The panel took place on March 8 – International Women’s Day. Her talk was on “Canada’s Just-in-time Immigration Reform.”

Pauline Gardiner Barber and Master’s student Amy Donovan showed their support and offered encouraged to runners participating in the Cabot Trail relay by dressing as a gnome and lion’s mane jellyfish. Fun!

Before entering the doctoral program Shiva Nourpanah worked a number of years in the immigration sector. This summer she arranged a site visit for SOSA 1000 (Culture and Society) to the Halifax Refugee Clinic, which was a rewarding experience for both students and those at the clinic.

Robin Oakley worked with Howard Ramos and other Dalhousie colleagues on the successful nomination of Mi’kmaq Elder and historian Daniel Paul for an honorary degree at Dalhousie. She hosted Dr. Paul during the convocation. Paul’s book *We Were Not the Savages* offers important documentation and analysis of colonization in Atlantic Canada.
A number of graduate students completed their degrees in 2013-14, including Kristen Chaisson (MA in Sociology), Sheri Bell (MA Sociology), Sam Burnett (MA Social Anthropology), Cathy Fournier (MA in Social Anthropology), K-Lee Fraser (MA Sociology) and Caitlin Krause (MA in Social Anthropology). PhD student Natasha Hanson (Social Anthropology) defended her dissertation and graduated. Congratulations Dr. Hanson!

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Dr. Brian Noble organized a series of events around Reconciliation: the Responsibility of Shared Futures. It included a talk by Dr. James Tully (University of British Columbia) and panel discussions featuring Dr. Tully, Dr. Michael Asch (University of British Columbia), Dr. John Borrows (University of Victoria), and SOSA PhD student Sheri Pictou. Events were co-sponsored by Dalhousie, the University of King’s College, the Royal Society of Canada, and the Canadian Museum of Immigration at Pier 21. http://sharedfutures.org/.

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CURRENT GRAD STUDENT RESEARCH

Sociology and Social Anthropology offer skills and training that are much in demand. Many SOSA students are already involved in research with professors in the department and across the social sciences community.

Doctoral student Sinziana Chira was the Student Coordinator for the Atlantic node of
the Pathway to Prosperity Partnership. She was also the regional student representative of the Canadian Sociological Association. She chaired the Roundtable on International Students, which was part of the Atlantic Immigration Research Symposium (Halifax, May 2014). She presented a paper, “Coming of Age Canadian: International students’ assertions of belonging through transnational agency” at the International Studies Association in Toronto.

Doctoral student Shiva Nourpanah works with Pauline Gardiner Barber and the SSHRC-funded On the Move research team looking at employment-related geographical mobility in different provincial settings across Canada.

Doctoral student Diana Campbell works as a Research Assistant on an Atlantic Aboriginal Health Research Program Community Grant and is an Advisor on a Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation Establishment Grant. She presented “Navigating the institutional barriers in community-based participatory research” at the Community-Campus Partnerships for Health 13th International Conference, in Chicago, IL, and presented “Integrating Aboriginal, Quantitative, and Qualitative Methodologies to Develop Appropriate Determinants of Health in a Mi’kmaq First Nation Community” at the 13th Annual National Gathering of Graduate Students in Aboriginal Health at the University of British Columbia. Master’s student Lachlan MacLeod has been working at the Atlantic Research Data Centre as a support analyst, drawing on the skills he developed taking SOSA’s courses on Social Statistics.

MA candidate Josh Brisson is working for Michael Unger at the Resilience Research Centre doing statistical analysis and managing the research and evaluation of the Centre’s various projects. He presented his Master’s research on class-gender-race and sport at the Canadian Sociological Association meetings in Spring 2014.

Chloe Westlake is applying her skills at Dalhousie’s Housing and Conference Services.

Doctoral student Catherine Bryan presented a paper at the American Anthropological Association and in a video teleconference to a national audience as a part of the On the Move Project at Memorial University.

PhD student R. Yalamala convened two sessions at the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES-Manchester), one of them Health and Aging and the Life Course through Time and Space featured Maria Cattell as Discussant.

Master’s student Amy Donovan presented a paper at Canadian Anthropology on imagining ethnographic fieldwork from a dog’s-eye-view.

Masters student Brenden Harvey co-authored and presented a paper with Dr. Radice, and Honour’s student Shannon Turner, as part of their work on the Tracing the City project at an international urban studies conference in Berlin.

PUBLISHED WORKS

Some graduate students have also published articles in peer-reviewed journals and books last year. Some examples include:


STUDENT SOCIETY UPDATE

The Undergraduate SOSA Society was very active during the course of the year, hosting a meet and greet with professors at the Grad House which was well attended and lots of fun. The undergraduate curriculum also saw the launch of a number of new or revamped courses that have reenergized the SOSA curriculum. SOSA also had 13 students participate in the Honour’s Seminar, which was led by Martha Radice.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH

SOSA’s undergraduates have also been presenting their work at conferences and in the media, as was the case with Shannon Turner, who wrote a paper with MA student Brendan Harvey and Martha Radice that was presented by her and Brendan at the Urban Encounters colloquium in Halifax last fall. Undergraduate social anthropology Honours student, Brenna Sobanski was interviewed about her research on *L’heure de pointe Acadie* on Radio-Canada, in French, about her research on multilingualism in Halifax.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PROPOSAL PRESENTATIONS

**Amanda Evans**
*Walking the Talk? Exploring the Gap Between Environmental Concern And Behaviour*

**Ryan Cleveland**
*Masculinity and Casual Sex: Attitudes Among Male Heterosexual University Students*

**Ariadna Feijoo-Gimenez**
*Negotiating Identities? The Latin American Experience of Halifax*

**Emily Fraser**
*(P)art of the City: The Influence of Halifax on Public Artists*

**Sara Gillett**
*Grounded or ‘Shaky’? Expert Knowledge and Testimony in Shaken Baby Syndrome Cases*

CLASS OF 2014: Strawberry Social

The department hosted a strawberry and champagne reception to celebrate graduating students.

FACES OF SOSA

Three SOSA undergraduate students – Cinthya Guzman, Tameera Mohamed and Taylor Quinn, were featured in the Faces of FASS video series, hosted by the Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences. In these short videos, they talk about why they came to Dalhousie and why they chose to pursue degrees in sociology and social anthropology: www.dal.ca/faces-of-fass
The department is grateful that a number of alumni keep in touch and we often run into them at national and international conferences. It is difficult to report on all alumni, but some highlights of those we have heard from include:

**Kelly Baker (MA 2008)** is currently pursuing PhD at University of Western Ontario, on gentrification in North End Halifax. She also won a SSHRC post-doc for Wilfrid Laurier University to continue working on North End Halifax, this time on food security issues and how they intersect with revitalization projects.

**Susannah Church (BA 2012)** has been working in wilderness therapy as a field guide and youth counsellor. She also applied to do a Master of Social Work (at UBC Okanagan) this year.

**K-Lee Fraser (BA 2012, MA 2013)** is currently employed by the Halifax Regional Municipality where she works as a Special Projects Researcher (Policy Intern) for African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office. In this role, K-Lee is responsible for critical policy research and community engagement that leads to the implementation of the African Nova Scotian Affairs Integration Office corporate structure which focuses on equitable service delivery to historically marginalized cultural groups. Her current work draws from her Master’s thesis research, which was supervised by Robin Oakley, on literacy underachievement of African Nova Scotian students with a focus on sociolinguistics in policy regarding Ebonics.

**Cathy Fournier (MA 2013)** has been accepted into the MPhil/DPhil in Medical Anthropology at the University of Oxford and has been working as a research associate in the Division of Medical Education at Dalhousie. She was especially grateful for the support and expertise offered by Dr. Robin Oakley in helping her complete her degree.

**Natasha Hanson (PhD 2013)** has been working on a post-doc at University of Prince Edward Island and recently began working as a Research Grant Assistant with Dalhousie Medicine New Brunswick (DMNB) in Saint John, New Brunswick. This spring she also presented some of her post-doc research at the annual Canadian Sociological Meetings.
NOW IT’S YOUR TURN
Do you have an interesting story to share?
Know of a former classmate who is doing something exciting and newsworthy?
WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please send all comments, suggestions, ideas or inquiries to fassalum@dal.ca

Alumni Updates (cont’d)

James Macpherson (BA 1960s) currently teaches in Papua New Guinea. He writes, “My work really was assisted by my background in Dalhousie including Professor Gamberg.” His recent work has included planning higher education, overseeing provincial and local level governments and negotiating secession and collapse, health, HIV/AIDS, public service, rewriting elements of the National Constitution. He also noted that “If students wish to visit PNG we would make them welcome.”

Erika McCroskey (MA 2009) was accepted to a doctoral program in Educational Leadership at Creighton University in Nebraska. Since completing her degree at Dal, she has worked in Korea, worked with the United Nations, and will leave her position as director of a small Peace organization.

Laura Sanschagrin (BA 2005) is a program analyst with the Federal Government in Ottawa, in the homelessness sector. She works with wide range of stakeholders in the community. She reports that she has “been able to put my graduate degree in Sociology to good use over the past five years.”

Nicholas Scott (BA 2005) has just accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Sociology at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver. He currently researches cycling, cities, culture and the environment. He noted that his work “draws on my experience biking around Dartmouth and Halifax, where I trained as a sociologist at Dal, and learned how to observe people, count things and imagine better ways to live together.”

Ellen Sweeney (MA 2006, BA Hons 2003) successfully defended her PhD dissertation in the Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University in December 2013. She is currently working in a research position at the Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation.

Please continue to keep us posted on what is new – we love to hear from you!
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