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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR—LYNNE MARKS

I've had a busy, exciting, fun and challenging first eighteen months as Chair of the History Department. The Department has been very patient, and sometimes even enthusiastic, about some of the new ideas I brought with me to the Chair's position. In my first few months, like a number of Chairs before me, I decided to do some tampering with our existing committee structure. In response to the growing emphasis at UVic on increasing enrolments, we developed a Recruitment and Retention Committee. Committee members have been working hard, and developing innovative new ideas, to help spread the word about how great it is to do a degree in History. While most members of the R and R committee are fairly young, our most hard-working and innovative member is Dr. Eric Sager, whose wisdom keeps us on track, and whose outreach work into the high schools is bringing the word about the value of a History degree to a new generation. In addition to Eric's wonderful outreach work, the R and R committee also organized a History Fair in the Spring of 2011, which brought Mount Douglas Secondary school students to campus to sample a number of



Spring 2011 HISTORY FAIR

"mini-lectures" from some of the department's excellent instructors. While the history of sexuality lectures by Dr. Rachel Cleves seemed to have been the biggest hit (who knew that sex had a history?) all elements of the History Fair were well received by students and teachers alike, and we look forward to organizing more such events in the future. The R and R committee also organized two new promotional videos for the department. For the most recent one, produced by honours student Shiraz Higgins, and co-written by and starring our own Dr. Jason Colby, see the new department website at <http://web.uvic.ca/history/>.

Another new committee is our Awards Committee, and the pleasant task of this committee is to nominate department members for awards, to both recognize the great work that many of our colleagues are doing, and to increase the department's profile across campus and beyond. The Awards Committee has had considerable success with our nominations this past year. (continued on the next page)

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The Department was very pleased that Dr. Eric Sager received the **Craigdarroch Award for Excellence in Communicating Research**, Dr. Andrea McKenzie received the **Faculty of Humanities Teaching Award**, and Dr. Serhy Yekelchyk the **Faculty of Humanities Award for Research Excellence**.

Congratulations to you all!

A further new committee is our Sessional Committee, which provides a space for sessionals to discuss their particular concerns. We were pleased this year to welcome a number of our long-serving sessionals to the position of "Continuing Sessional" in our department, which provides more certainty that our students will continue to benefit from their strong teaching skills. See their bios further in the newsletter.

Department members were also busy last year developing new plans and policies. Many meetings and a departmental retreat led to the development of a proposal to allow regular faculty to teach a two course per term courseload, so that more time could be devoted to the excellent research that the department is well known for. We were successful in obtaining this "2 and 2" load, and can retain it if we can maintain enrolments.

As part of our efforts to "spread the word" about the value of History to new students, we have been offering some exciting new courses, and have plans for more for the coming year. "Ten Days that Shook the World", taught by Dr. John Lutz, with guest lecturers from across the department, has proven very popular as a "gateway course" to introduce students to history. New gateway courses for this term include "Sex and Violence: A social and cultural history from medieval times to the present, by Drs. Beam and Cleves and "A multilayered world: global society since 1500", taught by Dr. Greg Blue.

We also had a number of meetings both last spring and this fall to work out our vision for faculty renewal for the department. In often spirited meetings we developed a document that over the next ten years will allow us to retain our historical areas of strength, while also expanding our reach further into areas of the Global South not currently covered by regular faculty.

In addition to looking to the future, the department is making plans to celebrate our impressive history, as one of the founding departments at UVic, as we move closer to the celebration of UVic's 50th anniversary over the 2012-13 academic year. Dr. Patricia Roy is working on a "History of History" for us. See the piece further in the newsletter, as she seeks your contributions to this important work. In March of 2013, Dr. Anthony Chan (History 67) will be visiting UVic and speaking about his experiences in that first decade of the department, as well as how his history training shaped his subsequent career. Stay tuned for further events celebrating History's proud history!

I'd like to end by thanking Dr. Tom Saunders, former Chair, for his incredible patience in answering endless questions from this neophyte Chair, as well as thanks to our stellar staff, Karen, Eileen, Theresa, Heather and Andrea. I absolutely could not do this job without you!

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES - CONGRATULATIONS!



Zhongping Chen—MCRI Project Success with UVic members - Zhongping Chen received news that the application for an MCRI project "The Indian Ocean World: The Making of the First Global Economy in the Context of Human-Environment Interaction" has been successful in the final round of competition and has received 2.5 million dollars over 7 years. The principal investigator is Professor Gwyn Campbell of McGill University, with nine co-investigators from four Canadian universities and one institute as well as two universities in Germany and Australia. The UVic team includes Zhongping as a co-investigator and Greg Blue and Ying Liu of the McPherson Library as collaborators.

Simon Devereaux— Dr. Devereaux has been awarded the prestigious **Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies (PCCBS) Article Prize, 2009-2010**. This prize is awarded yearly for the best article published by a member of PCCBS. Dr. Devereaux's article was published in the February 2009 Issue of *Past & Present* entitled "Recasting the Theatre of Execution: The Abolition of the Tyburn Ritual."



Sara Beam—Sara Beam was awarded the prestigious **Paris Institute for Advanced Studies fellowship**: Sara's was one of two successful applicants out of a pool of 169.



Andrea McKenzie—2011 Faculty of Humanities Award for Excellence in Teaching.

The Award has been established to recognize and encourage excellence in teaching in the Faculty of Humanities. One award is presented annually to a nominee from the Faculty. Since she arrived at the University of Victoria in 2004, Dr. Andrea McKenzie has established a reputation as an extraordinarily talented, innovative, and popular teacher. The care with which she prepares her courses, the number of new courses that she has created, her dynamism in the classroom, and the exceptionally positive response of students to the interest she invariably takes in their education are all amply demonstrated in course materials, student course evaluations and individual testimonials, and peer reviews.

Eric Sager— 2011 Craigdarroch Research Award for Excellence in Communicating Research.

This very prestigious university wide competition, reflects the Impressive work Eric has done over his entire career in communicating research to the wider community, and in making the public aware of the value of higher education and of the research done at the University of Victoria.



Kristin Semmens— 2011 THUGS MVP: The History Undergraduate Students award for Most Valuable Professor.

Dr. Semmens received her MVP award From Thugs President Danielle Kreuger



Serhy Yekelchik— 2011 Faculty of Humanities Research Award. The award recognizes demonstrated excellence in research during the five academic years (1 Jan-31 Dec) preceding the deadline for nominations. The award is given on the basis of innovative/original work. Dr. Yekelchik has been a very active, prolific and well respected scholar ever since his appointment at UVic. Dr. Yekelchik's academic record over the past five years is exceptionally impressive in terms of the number of books, articles and chapters published, the international impact of his work, his extensive conference activity, his service to the academic community and the very positive recognition he has received for his work.



Andrew Wender—Andrew Wender, teaches in Political Science and History. Andrew has won the the **Gilian Sherwin Award for Excellence in Teaching**. He will be honoured at a Teaching Awards Celebration as part of Alumni Week.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES—STUDENTS

The **B.C. Historical Federation** awarded prizes for the best books on B.C. History published in 2010. The winner of the main prize, the lieutenant-governor's medal, was **Sylvia Olsen**, *Working with Wool: a Coast Salish Legacy and the Cowichan Sweater*. Robert (Lucky) Budd received honourable mention for his book *Their Voices, Their History*. Both of these books grew out of UVic History M.A. theses.

The **Jamie Cassels Undergraduate Research Scholarship** is designed to provide support for exceptional undergraduate students who will undertake a research investigation in dialogue with, and under the mentorship of, a faculty supervisor. Each successful student receives \$1,500 credited to their UVic account. Winners for 2011 were **Shiraz Higgins, Bryan Smith and Simon Teague**.



Winners of **major undergraduate awards** for 2011 were **Hannah Anderson, Kelly Forbes, Shiraz Higgins, Simon Teague and Bradford Werner**.

Graduate SSHRC Grants were awarded to **Salam Guenette, Martin Hoffman, Christa Hunfeld (CGS), Joel Legassie, Tim Noddings, Kiefer Van Mulligan and David Vogt (CGS)**.

Sydney Cunliffe and Yen Kuang Kuo both received major graduate funding through Dr. Chen and Dr. Blue's **Indian Ocean World MCRI grant**.

INTRODUCING OUR CONTINUING SESSIONALS

CHRISTIAN LIEB



I received a Master's degree in early American History from the University of Maine in 1999 with a particular focus on the local and imperial dimensions of the Seven Years' War in Northern New England. In 2001, I finished a Magister Artium degree in European History, Geography and Political Science from Gerhard-Mercator-Universität in Germany, with a thesis on British-Prussian relations from the revolutions of 1848

to the founding of the German Empire in 1871. In 2008, I defended my Ph.D. at the University of Victoria with my dissertation on post-World War II migration of German-speakers to Canada. I have been teaching for the History Department since 2004.

KRISTIN SEMMENS

I decided to join the 21st century this September and learn how to use Powerpoint. There have been some hiccups along the way, but I love what I can now share with my students. In January, I was lucky enough to attend a week long seminar at the Holocaust Museum in Washington, DC, focusing on using eyewitness accounts to teach about the Holocaust. February saw the publication of my chapter on international tourism conferences under Hitler in a book called "Touring Beyond the Nation: A Transnational Approach to European Tourism" In June, we took our first family trip to Germany to visit friends and family. All in all, a great academic year.



Dr. Semmens completed her BA at the University of British Columbia, her MA at the University of Victoria and her PhD at the University of Cambridge. She specializes in the History of tourism and leisure under Hitler but is also currently working on a project to do with memorials in Berlin between 1871 and the present.

ANDREW WENDER

I am a Continuing Sessional Instructor in the Departments of History and Political Science, having taught in History since 2001 and Political Science since 2006. I hold an Interdisciplinary Ph.D. (2006) from the University of Victoria, which I completed while a Fellow at UVic's Centre for studies in Religion and Society (CSRS); my



Ph.D. investigated how modern, secular law's tendency to transform all of reality into property in fact manifests the law's powerful religious foundation. Prior to my Ph.D., I earned a B.A. (Honors) in History from Western Washington University, as well as a J.D. from the Seattle University School of Law, and became a member of the Washington State Bar.

My teaching and writing focus on the history and politics of the Middle East (with special interest in Israel/Palestine and Iran); the historical interconnections among politics and religion; world history and politics; and political theory. I have published in such journals as *Digest of Middle East Studies*, *Implicit Religion*, and *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism*; in addition, I serve on the Editorial Board of *Implicit Religion*, and was a founding editor of the CSRS graduate journal, *Illumine*. I frequently serve as a speaker and media commentator on Middle East affairs and other global issues, including numerous lectures for UVic's Division of Continuing Studies, and elsewhere within the UVic and Victoria communities, as well as appearances in venues like CBC and CFAX Radio, and A-Channel and CHEK TV.

Continuing Sessionals

NORM FENNEMA



Born in Fort William in 1967, I am blessed to live in Victoria with my wife of 21 years, daughter (20) son (17) and dog (144). I love the Island with a passion, and keep returning here from the smog lands beyond. My annual highlight is a remote coastal hike, preferably by float plane. Galiano is our family getaway. My research

interest is cultural identity and pluralism, with a focus on North American religion. My dissertation, reworked into a book and soon to be a runaway bestseller, charts the control over religious broadcasting in Canada from its inception. I do not own a cell phone.

In the past 6.5 years I have taught 46 iterations of 20 different courses, in addition to a dozen or more independent directed studies courses.

As an assistant professor in Ontario I developed an introductory course on non-Western World History and Eastern religion; a seminar course on film and Western history and a 4th year historiography seminar. I also taught survey courses in Canadian, pre and post Confederation, American colonial and American post Civil War, and independent study courses in Canadian and American topics.

GEORGIA SITARA



I continue my love affair with teaching History. My newest course, Kidding Around: Histories of Children and Youth beginning in January 2012, weaves children and youth into the historical landscape of the nineteenth and twentieth

centuries, explores age as a category of analysis and experience, and inspires students to consider children and youth as heroes of their own lives and as agents of historical change. In addition to a full teaching load, I have recently been awarded court access to the sealed records of the BC Protestant Orphans' Home and the Vancouver and Victoria Children Aid Societies to continue my research on the history of poor children and youth. When not reading about children and youth, I enjoy mothering and kidding around with my lovely son, Zachary.

DAVID DOLFF

I'm delighted to be teaching in this beautiful place surrounded by so many wonderful people! My general area of study is the international history of the modern world. I

have an Honours BA in History, with a Russian and East European Studies Option from the University of Waterloo, an MA in the History of International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a PhD in History from the University of Alberta,



with a focus on the foreign policy of the USSR. My primary interest lies in examining the root causes of current international and civil conflicts, with particular attention to the post-Soviet space, as well as the role of the international community and institutions such as the UN in current affairs. I have taught a number of courses related to these types of issues, and look forward to doing more in the future.

MATTHEW KOCH

This year was for me one of teaching, travel, and not enough writing. The teaching highlight was, perhaps, returning to Irish and Scottish history after a hiatus of several terms. Noteworthy destinations abroad included India, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Brazil; in this photograph you see me enjoying the remarkably well-preserved eighteenth-century architecture of the gold-mining towns of Brazil's Minas Gerais.



Post Docs in History



DESMOND CHEUNG

I joined the department in September 2011 after completing my PhD in Chinese history at the University of British Columbia. My current research interests lie in the history of the Sino-European encounter that began in the Ming dynasty, as well as the urban society of late Imperial China. I enjoy teaching the history of dynastic and modern China, which I seek to place in a comparative and more global framework.

JIM WOOD

Since graduating from the University of New Brunswick and Wilfrid Laurier University, I have been Assistant Director of the UVic History Department's Canadian Veterans' Oral History Project since 2009. Born and raised in Muskoka, Ontario, where my parents, both teachers, operated a logging museum and a canoe tripping company in the summer, I first became interested in military history while serving as an infantry reservist in the Canadian Armed Forces from 1995-1999. I've since taught Canadian, European, and military history at UNB, WLU, Trent University, UBC Okanagan, the Royal Military College of Canada, and UVic, where I received the History Department's "Most Valuable Professor" award in 2009-10. In addition to articles in the *International Journal*, *Canadian Military History*, the *Northern Mariner*, and *The Journal of Military History*, I am the author of three books, including *We Move Only Forward: Canada, the United States, and the First Special Service Force, 1942-44*, and *Militia Myths: Ideas of the Canadian Citizen Soldier, 1896-1921* (UBC Press, 2010). I live in Kelowna with my wife, Natalie, and our son, Daniel.



CHRISTOPHER ROSS

Shortly before joining the History Department in January 2011, I received my PhD in British Imperial History from the University of Cambridge. My doctoral dissertation, conducted under the supervision of Professor Sir Christopher Bayly, involved a study of Lord Curzon's foreign policy and geopolitical thought as it related to Iran. In addition to revising my thesis for publication (as *Lord Curzon and the Persian Question: The Rise and Fall of an Expert, 1888-1921*), my SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellowship will also be devoted to a follow-up book project tentatively titled, *Nest of Spies? A History of Britain's Embassy in Iran*. In addition, I've also recently embarked upon research for a biography of the Indian Viceroy, Canadian Governor-General, and diplomat, Lord Dufferin.

The Graduate History Student Union (GHSU)

The GHSU continues to promote social events for grad students in the department. We kicked 2011 off to a good start with a new student welcome at the Sticky Wicket in the beginning of September where several of the new MAs got to know their fellow students. A few weeks later we had more chance to bond during an informal kayaking excursion, where we rented kayaks from Ocean River Sports downtown and paddled up the Gorge to Tillicum. This was a perfect chance for people to get to know one another – especially as we were stuck in a double kayak with a fellow student for three hours!

On the more professional side of things, Michelle St. Pierre and Ashley Forseille recently initiated a weekly Dissertation/Thesis Support group for PhDs and MAs currently in the writing process. The GHSU supported this undertaking, We always encourage our fellow students who find themselves in need of motivation or assistance to talk with their peers.

We're all in this together!

For more information we're always reachable at GHSU@uvic.ca

The 2011/12 GHSU executive:

President – Tylor Richards

Treasurer – Elizabeth Clemo

Social Coordinator – Caitlin Copage

First Year Rep – Ben Baker

Vice President – Ashley Forseille

CUPE Rep & Secretary – Alison Murray

GSS Rep – Nicholas Burton-Vulovic



The History Undergraduate Society (THUGS)

This fall, THUGS continued its tradition of social and academic events for undergraduate history students. Attendance and enjoyment were both running high at our October Crawl, and Dr. Grant delivered a passionate lecture to set up a critical viewing of "The King's Speech"

In the New Year, THUGS has a variety of events in the works, open as always to all undergraduate students.

A discussion panel with a working topic of "Twenty Years Since the End of the Cold War," offers an opportunity to hear faculty members speak on the context and evolution of the contemporary international situation and engage with their analysis.

We are also looking to bring back the Mythbuster lecture series, where professors speak on a troubling historical narrative or concept, and look to correct the record. And, as always, you can expect another Crawl and more movie nights.

We look forward to continuing to enrich the academic and social experience of undergraduate history students at UVIC. Come out and get involved! Hope to see many of you in the New Year.

Simon Teague, President of The History Undergraduate Society



Qualicum Conference 2011 by Dr. Jason Colby



The History Department once again enjoyed a splendid Qualicum History Conference. From 28 to 30 January, more than 160 faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates gathered in Parksville for cutting-edge scholarly panels, entertaining speakers, and general merriment. In addition to keynote talks by Nick Salvatore (Cornell University) and Mark Leier (Simon Fraser University), more than 60 students from throughout British Columbia and across Canada presented their research on a broad range of historical topics. With superb fundraising support from UVic graduate students and The History Undergraduate Society, as well as strong participation from faculty at UVic, UBC, Simon Fraser, and UNBC, the conference was a great success, and we look forward to many more in the future.



Honours Colloquium 2011— Dr. Sara Beam



Our Honours Colloquium allows students in the honours program to showcase their original research to fellow students and professors. This annual event was held in January 2011. We heard fascinating presentations on a wide variety of topics, from the tactics of the French national army during the Revolutionary wars to the gender politics of evangelical preaching in the early twentieth-century Salvation Army. This research eventually contributed to the capstone thesis that all Honours students complete in their final year. Students defend the theses in April and copies of each thesis are kept by the History Department as a record of their achievements.

Veterans Oral History Project

For students at the University of Victoria, studying military history can be about more than dusty old books and documentary records. Now in its seventh year as a regular course in the History Department, since 2005 more than sixty students in the Veterans' Oral History Project have interviewed over a hundred veterans in the Victoria community. Built on a partnership with the Royal United Services Institute of Vancouver Island (RUSI), a non-profit organization that includes serving and retired officers of the Canadian Forces and the RCMP, UVic is the only university in the country to include a "hands-on" military history course of this kind in its curriculum.

Taught since 2009 by Dr. Jim Wood, a SSHRC postdoctoral fellow in the history department, each year the Veterans' Oral History Project enables up to ten UVic students to interview and archive the stories of local veterans – men and women whose experiences range from the Second World War to Afghanistan. In addition to funding the purchase of digital recording equipment, RUSI and its members work throughout the year to locate veteran participants and match them with students according to their areas of interest. Upon completion of the course, the resulting interviews and student research reports are deposited in the Special Collections branch of UVic's McPherson Library, to be preserved as research material for other students, historians, and members of the community.

In gathering these experiences of Canadian veterans and making them available, both onsite and online, through the Special Collections branch, this unique program is continuing in a long tradition of military oral history research at the University of Victoria. Alongside the interviews that are collected each year by Dr. Wood's students, the university also houses some 400 interviews in the military oral history collection that was begun by Professor Emeritus Dr. Reginald Roy in the 1970s. Together with the collections amassed by Dr. Shawn Cafferky, who founded the present program and taught the course prior to his passing away in 2008, and Hal Lawrence these collections make UVic one of the largest repositories of military oral history interviews in the country, a collection that is used by historians and researchers from around the world.

This specialized course requires individualized instruction to assist students with their endeavours to preserve the memories, with discretion and sensitivity, of the veterans that have offered to share their stories. Therefore, in order to keep this project viable we are very grateful to RUSI (The Royal United Services Institute) for their continued support.

If you would like to help preserve the memories of veterans through support for this oral history project, please see the back page of this newsletter for information on giving. You are welcome to direct your donation to this specific project.



Where Are They Now?

LAURA ISHIGURO After graduating from the History Department's Honours program in 2006, I moved to the Lower Mainland to undertake an MA in History at Simon Fraser University. There, I completed a thesis on health care in the mid-twentieth-century Canadian Arctic. Then, in 2008, I moved to the United Kingdom to pursue a PhD in History at University College London. My doctoral work, defended in October 2011, examined the history of families separated in the late-nineteenth-century British Empire, with a particular focus on correspondence written from Britain, British Columbia, and India. I loved my time in London, not least because of the presence of friends from my UVic days, but I have now left that 'great cesspool' in favour of the east of England. Since September, I have been living in Ipswich where I am a Lecturer in History at University Campus Suffolk.



SIMON NANTAIS I defended my doctoral dissertation in August 2011. It focused on Koreans in Japan during the Allied Occupation (1945-1952). Defences are never "fun" but it was great to see so many friends and family members come to support me. After I completed my doctoral studies, my family and I moved to Richmond. I took a position in Japanese and East Asian history at Kwantlen Polytechnic University. I really enjoyed my first semester there.

Plans for 2012 include a research trip to Japan, a weekly return to UVic during the spring semester to teach my "World War II in Asia" course, and beginning the process of publishing my dissertation.



BEN ISITT UVic History BA (Honours), 2001; UVic History MA, 2003
2011 was a busy and fruitful year on several fronts! In May, I launched my second book at the Canadian Historical Association annual meeting in Fredericton, *Militant Minority: British Columbia Workers and the Rise of a New Left, 1948-1972* (University of Toronto Press). The work draws from my doctoral dissertation and follows on the heels of my UVic Honours thesis-turned-monograph, *From Victoria to Vladivostok: Canada's Siberian Expedition, 1917-19* (UBC Press). I also completed a teaching assignment at UBC and accepted a fellowship from the UVic Faculty of Law for research on the relationship between judges and social movements in modern BC history. Finally, in November 2011, I was elected to Victoria city council and the Capital Regional District board, reflecting my long-standing commitment to public service. I would like to extend my appreciation to UVic History faculty and staff, particularly Eric Sager, for all your mentorship and support over the years.

THE FACULTY

Rob Alexander Field: European **Specialty:** Modern (post-1789) French history and 19th-Century European Political History.

Sara Beam Field: European **Specialty:** Social and cultural history of early modern Europe, with a particular focus on sixteenth-century and seventeenth-century France.

Perry Biddiscombe Field: European **Specialty:** Modern European political, military and social history

Greg Blue Field: Global history **Specialty:** My research relates to various areas of modern world and comparative history, with the main focuses on Western representations of China and the Sino-Western encounter, 1500-1949.

Paul Bramadat Dr. Bramadat is appointed by the Department of Religious Studies and Department of History. He has been the Director of the Centre for Studies on Religion in Society since 2008. Please refer to the CSRS website for his bio

Penny Bryden Field: Canadian **Specialty:** Post-Confederation Canadian political and constitutional history

Martin Bunton Field: World **Specialty:** Modern Middle Eastern History; World History; Colonial Land Policies.

Zhongping Chen Field: Asian **Specialty:** Socioeconomic history of late imperial China, sociopolitical history of Republican China, urban history of China, local history of the Lower Yangzi Region, and history of the global Chinese diaspora.

Rachel Cleves Field: American **Specialty:** Early American history, 1750-1850, with a focus on the histories of gender, exuality, and violence.

Jason Colby Field: American **Specialty:** International relations, Latin America, Caribbean.

Peter Cook Field: Canadian **Specialty:** Pre-Confederation Canadian History (see page 13)

Simon Devereaux Field: British **Specialty:** British History 1689 - 1837, English Legal and Institutional History, History of Crime, Policing and Punishment in Western Societies.

John Duder Field: World **Specialty:** White settlement in Africa, Black Diaspora, British Empire

Mariel Grant Field: European **Specialty:** British social, cultural, and political history in the twentieth century; history of propaganda, publicity, and public relations;.

Tim Haskett Field: European **Specialty:** Medieval Legal and Social History; Manuscript Studies.

Mitch Lewis Hammond Field: European **Specialty:** Early modern Europe, health and epidemic disease.

John Lutz Field: Canadian **Specialty:** I focus on the history of Indigenous Settler relations and more broadly the history of the creation and interaction of different racial groups in the Pacific Northwest. I also have a keen interest in the use of digital tools to research, teach and display history.

Lynne Marks Field: Canadian **Specialty:** Canadian history, women's/gender history and the social history of religion

Andrea McKenzie Field: British **Specialty:** Seventeenth- and eighteenth-century English social and cultural history; crime, execution, gender (especially masculinity and courage); print and popular culture, religion and eschatology.

Christine O'Bonsawin Field: Sport history **Specialty:** Representation and participation of Indigenous peoples in the cultural celebrations of Olympic Games and sport programs.

John Price Field: Asian **Specialty:** History of modern Japan; race, migration and the Transpacific; Canada and the Cold War.

Rick Rajala Field: Canadian **Specialty:** Environmental and labour history

Andrew Rippin Field: World **Specialty:** Formation of Islamic civilization, especially 7th to 12th centuries in the Arab world

Eric Sager Field: Canadian **Specialty:** Canadian history, labour history, family history

Tom Saunders Field: European **Specialty:** Germany between the two wars, with a focus on culture and society, the cinema's interaction with business, the state, and the press, and the significance of public scandal for the political process.

Oliver Schmidtke Field: European **Specialty:** 20th Century European and German history

Jordan Stanger-Ross Field: Canadian **Specialty:** Race, immigration, and inequality in North American cities.

Elizabeth Vibert Field: Canadian **Specialty:** British colonial history; race and gender; history of poverty

Jill Walshaw Field: European **Specialty:** My research focuses on communication and popular political culture in early modern France and Europe, and on peasant groups more generally. I am interested in social and cultural history in theory and practice, as well as such topics as the French Revolution, revolt and resistance, and public opinion studies.

Wendy Wickwire Field: British Columbia **Specialty:** Indigenous history, British Columbia, Oral History, History of Northwest Anthropology.

Paul Wood Field: European **Specialty:** The intellectual history of early modern Europe

Guoguang Wu Field: China **Specialty:** Modern and contemporary China from the late 1800s to the present.

Serhy Yekelchuk Field: European **Specialty:** Russia, Ukraine, Soviet Union

David Zimmerman Field: Military, Science and Technology **Specialty:** The history of the Royal Canadian Navy, anti-submarine warfare, science, technology and war, and the rescue of refugee academics from Germany in the 1930s.

Faculty Highlights

Sara Beam 2011 was a busy year for teaching at all levels: graduate, honours and majors. One highlight was the Honours Colloquium held in January 2011 in which thesis writers did an excellent job presenting their research to the department. Nevertheless, I published two articles, one about homicide and assassination in the French journal *Histoire, Economie, Société*, and a second about torture in Geneva in a special volume of *Past and Present* honouring the work of Natalie Davis. 2012 will be more focused on research: just before Christmas I discovered that I have been awarded a European Institutes for Advanced Studies Fellowship to conduct research on European torture between 1500-1700 in Paris during the 2012-13 academic year.

Greg Blue My course on “Afghanistan and Its Neighbours” finally materialized in early 2011: a great group of students made it a highly rewarding experience. Other treats for me this year included two lively graduate student conferences: one on trans-disciplinary approaches to history at the University of Alberta in February, the other in May at the University of London on the history of political thought. In Edmonton I considered recent trends in world history scholarship, while my London paper examined the ideas of 17th-century European libertines on China. Later in May, I spoke on Xu Guangqi at the conference devoted to him at the Università ‘Orientale in Naples. In June I participated in the workshop on the Confucian writer Qiu Jun at the Collège de France. At the World History Association conference, held in July in Beijing, I detailed how on the historian of science, Joseph Needham, interacted with Karl Wittfogel’s early work on Chinese socio-economic history. Observing how Beijing has changed was fascinating. On the way there, I visited Japan, where talking with friends about challenges in the aftermath of March’s earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis was sobering. That sentiment persisted as I turned to working up a new introductory course on world history, 1500 to the present, through the fall term.

Zhongping Chen The turn from 2010 to 2011 marked dramatic change and continuity in my academic activities. In 2011, I finally completed my fifteen years of work on the book, *Modern China’s Network Revolution: Chambers of Commerce and Sociopolitical Change in the Early Twentieth Century*, which was published by Stanford University Press in June 2011. Nearly two decades of intermittent research resulted in the publication of my article, “The May Fourth Movement and Provincial Warlords: A Reexamination,” in *Modern China* (Los Angeles) Vol. 37, No. 2 (2011): 135-69. In 2010, a MCRI grant enabled me to resume my research on Zheng He and his seven epic voyages across the Indian Ocean between 1403-1433, the subject of my first academic article that was published in 1984, twenty-six years before. Nearly ten years after I joined the University of Victoria, I received a faculty research fellowship from CAPI for the second time in 2011, and the fellowship allowed me to achieve my long-term dream of working on the new book, “Reform and Revolution in the Chinese Diaspora: A Tale of Two Pacific Cities [Victoria and Vancouver], 1884-1914.” Some chapters of the new book manuscript had already been presented to two conferences in 2010, one in Vancouver, and the other in Portland, and to three conferences in 2011, two in Honolulu and one in Wuhan, China.

Rachel Cleves In 2011 many long-term projects came to fruition, making it a bountiful year. I had two articles and two book chapters published (some that I began writing years ago). Time away from teaching in the spring also gave me the opportunity to write a first draft of my new book, “Charity and Sylvia: A Same-Sex Marriage in Early America.” The manuscript has a long way to go, but it’s good to see something on the page. Last but not least, we bought a house during the summer so I finally feel like we’ve put down roots in Victoria.

Peter Cook Peter joined the History Department in 2010. Please see page 13—Joining the Faculty.

Jason Colby 2011 was a busy year. In addition to coordinating the Qualicum Conference, I presented research at several other conferences and participated in public forums on the Arab Spring and the war in Afghanistan. In addition, I began work as the co-chair of the American Historical Association-Pacific Coast Branch conference. Closer to home, I served on the History Department’s Planning Committee and began my term as Undergraduate Coordinator. I also began research on, and completed a SSHRC application for, a new book project entitled *Killer Whales and Capital: Men, Orcas, and the New Pacific Northwest*. Last, but certainly not least, in November Cornell University published my first book, *The Business of Empire: United Fruit, Race, and U.S. Expansion in Central America*.

Simon Devereaux This past year I enjoyed a full year’s leave, capped off by a six-week trip to Britain. In between the overly numerous holiday closures of record offices for such non-academic business as Easter and someone’s wedding, much back strain was imposed by long digital photographing sessions in the unfortunately acronymed “TNA”. Lonely evenings were passed watching the first three seasons of MAD MEN (with all due respect to the writers, I don’t think it was *that* easy for *every* 1960s guy to sleep with women) and the Harry Potter movies. The last two weeks were greatly enlivened by the presence of Andrea, as well as our unexpected encounters with Martin Bunton at Kew and Greg Blue in the Cambridge market. A weekend trip to beautiful Salisbury to admire Stonehenge, Old Sarum and the tilting cathedral spire lifted our spirits as we prepared to return to God’s Country. My return to teaching in the autumn was blessedly painless and punctuated by conference trips to Dallas-Fort Worth and Denver, the latter of which left me a gift that keeps on giving—a head cold.

John Duder 2010 was an interesting year. Most classes were conducted in the middle of a construction site, which, while noisy, did provide a welcome reinforcement to the ranks of UVic’s smokers. Otherwise, courses went well, a couple of guest lectures were delivered to astonished undergraduates (most had never previously heard that Margaret Thatcher is a living God).

Tim Haskett Spent the year developing a fine sense of graphic excellence.



Lynne Marks 2010-2011 was exciting, challenging and very busy as I took on the position of department Chair. Learning this new position did not leave much time for other activities, but I was proud to see two MA students and one doctoral student defend over that time. I presented a paper at the Canadian Historical Association in Fredericton on my new research on motherhood and second wave feminism, and also enjoyed a trip down the coast of the US from Fredericton New Brunswick to Amherst Mass., to attend the major women’s history conference, the Berkshires.

Faculty Highlights

John Price The spring semester was busy—teaching, working on the Faculty Association Equity Committee, participating in the campus campaign against Maclean's magazine "Too Asian" distortions about campus life; and continuing to work with the Asian Canadian Working Group to create an Asian Canadian studies minor program at UVIC. The working group was successful in winning a \$27,000 grant to digitally record the history of Victoria's Chinatown. In April I went on a field trip to Asia. In China I visited Beijing and Jiangmen to work on a biography of Victoria Chung, a medical missionary from Victoria. In Tokyo, I interviewed Higashi Michio about his father, Peter Higashi, who founded the Japanese-Canadian newspaper, *The New Canadian* in 1938. The Fukushima disaster (or 3.11 as it is known in Japan) and aftermath were everywhere present. Returning to Canada I presented a paper, "Beyond Red and White: Roy Mah, Darshan Singh and the International Woodworkers of America" at the University of Washington conference, "Race, Radicalism, and Repression on the Pacific Coast and Beyond," in Seattle before heading to Fredericton, NB for the annual meeting of the Canadian Historical Association where I presented a paper on Victoria Chung. My new book, *Orientaling Canada: Race, Empire and the Transpacific* (UBC Press) came out on June 1, and book launches were held in Vancouver and Victoria. I was on research leave in the fall and spent most of the time working on the biography of Victoria Chung. The *Times Colonist* published a three-page feature on Victoria Chung co-written by Ningping Yu, my collaborator in China, and myself. In December I spoke to 800 high school students on the lessons of World War II in Asia.

Rick Rajala I had an enjoyable teaching year, thanks to the students whose curiosity and energy continues to inspire. Samantha Morris overcame my supervision in writing a fine MA thesis on the family road trip to postwar BC, a project that kindled my interest in tourism and outdoor leisure as a teaching and research area. Patrick Craib led me back to the labour history of coastal logging with his insightful Honours thesis on fallers. I continue to plod away in my research on forestry-fisheries conflict, publishing a *BC Studies* article on the Stellako River log drives. I am looking forward to developing a new course on tourism, leisure, and sport history in North America.

Andrew Rippin I finished my term as Dean at the end of June 2010 and I am enjoying administrative leave that will take me until June 2012. In 2010 I published a jointly edited volume (with Tareq Ismael of The University of Calgary) *Islam in the Eyes of the West* (Routledge) which was the outcome of a conference held in Victoria in 2008. Then in 2011, the fourth edition of my textbook, *Muslims: their religious beliefs and practices* appeared (also from Routledge). I have remained in Victoria during my leave but I have travelled a fair bit to attend conferences and give lectures. During this period I have taken trips to Alexandria, Annapolis Maryland, Berlin, Exeter, London (twice), Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Walla Walla Washington. I have also remained busy referring book manuscripts and journal articles for many venues. In July of 2011 I assumed the role of Academic Convenor for Congress 2013 which will be held at UVic June 1-8, 2013.

Eric Sager As the senior layabout and willing idler in the department, I try to appear busy with teaching and research. I prepared and taught a new course on "Power, Protest and Resistance." The university saw fit to give me a Craigdarroch Award for Research Communication. I said more nasty things about the cancellation of the long form census, and found meagre solace on the golf course.

Tom Saunders In 2010-11 I enjoyed a full year administrative leave after five years as department chair. During the leave I prepared papers on historical films in interwar Germany and on political justice in the 1920s. I also completed articles on business strategies in the German film industry and on financial scandal after World War I. The year of research and writing was bookended by visits to provincial and national archives in Berlin.

Jordan Stanger-Ross In 2011 I found inspiration for a new book project. In response to a question asked by an exasperating interlocutor at a conference, I somewhat reluctantly traveled to the records in Ottawa and found . . . a treasure trove. Several months later, with a first chapter drafted and an outline in hand, I feel well embarked on a book about the liquidation of Japanese-Canadian property during the Second World War. Why did it happen? What does it mean? Hopefully answers are forthcoming. I also enjoyed a stimulating fellowship at the Centre for the Study of Religion and continued to run, and received federal funding for, The City Talks, a distinguished public lecture series on the history, future prospects, and ongoing challenges of city life. We hold six lectures each year at the Legacy Art Gallery in downtown Victoria. I hope you'll check it out (see www.TheCityTalks.ca).

Elizabeth Vibert I spent much of 2010-11 on study leave, working on my book on poverty in colonial Nova Scotia. Toward the end of the leave my family and I headed to Southern Africa. We worked on a community food security project in rural South Africa and I helped in an education program for young mothers trying to make a go of it in the tumult of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The experience shone new light on my research questions about the racial and gender contours of poverty. I studied Southern Africa as an undergrad and grad student; it's exciting to 'return.'

It was also fun during the year to have three talented MA students complete their theses. Two went off to doctoral programs and one is teaching at a college in Vancouver.

Wendy Wickwire I spent a productive summer putting the finishing touches on my long overdue book, tentatively titled, "Timeless Witness: James A. Teit and the Making of a (First) Peoples' History." A highlight of this work was a trip in mid-October to British Columbia's south central Interior to discuss the contents of the book with members of the Cook's Ferry and Lytton Bands. There were public talks in both communities. The outcome was an invitation by the Cooks Ferry Band to launch the book in their community. In November, I contributed to a special session honoring the work of anthropologist, Julie Cruikshank. Entitled, "The Stubborn Particulars of Voice: Papers in Honour of Julie Cruikshank," the session was part of the American Anthropological Association's Annual Meeting held in Montreal. My paper, "*She Had Clear Ideas about How We Should Proceed: Agency and Exchange in the Anthropology of the Pacific Northwest, 1975-85,*" looked closely at a new style of anthropology that emerged in the wake of the 1960s political activism. While in the east, I took a side trip to Boston to undertake archival work at the Peabody Harvard Museum.

Paul Wood 2010 was a special year for me because it marked the tercentenary of the birth of the Scottish polymath Thomas Reid (1710-1796). I have worked on Reid and his place in the enlightenment since my days as a postgraduate student at the University of Leeds, and it was therefore a great privilege for me to deliver a plenary address at the conference celebrating Reid's tercentenary that was held in Aberdeen and Glasgow in March. But having made that spring trip to the UK, I chose not to make my annual summer pilgrimage to Scotland. Rather than spend more time in the archives I decided to focus on writing two articles, which are now slowly making their way through the press.

Serhy Yekelchik Following the year when no fewer than three of my Honours students defended in the same month, I went on a 12-month Study Leave and only emerged from it in order to accept, humbly, the Faculty of Humanities Research Award. Colleagues and students encountering me in the corridors of Clearihue Building late at night are kindly asked not to be afraid of ghosts, but instead to enquire about how my many book manuscripts are coming along. Please ignore my feeble excuses of being overwhelmed with letters of reference or crossing the Atlantic too often .

Joining the Faculty

Dr. Peter Cook teaches Canadian History with a specialty in Post-Confederation Canada

I grew up in the Ottawa Valley and attended the University of Toronto, Université Laval, the University of Ottawa, and McGill University. During a summer job at the Archives Nationales du Québec in Sainte-Foy, I came across a notarial act signed by Pierre-Esprit Radisson; this may well have been the moment I became hooked by the history of early Canada and that of Indigenous-settler relations in North America. My research examines the alliances forged between Indigenous nations of eastern North America and European colonies (New France in particular) in the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth centuries. I am currently studying images of Native American kings in early modern English and French travel writing and their role in shaping the Europeans' approach to intercultural diplomacy.



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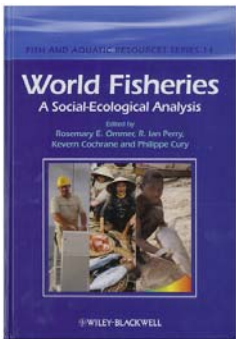


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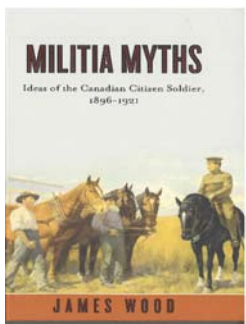
Vince DeSantis, professor emeritus of history at the University of Notre Dame, passed away on May 30, 2011, in Victoria, BC. He was 94.

Vince was a long-time, generous supporter of the University of Victoria History Department graduate program.

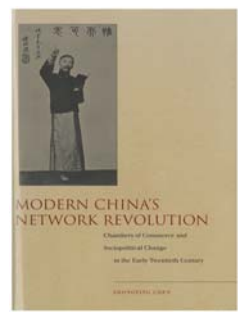
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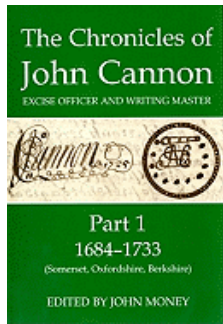
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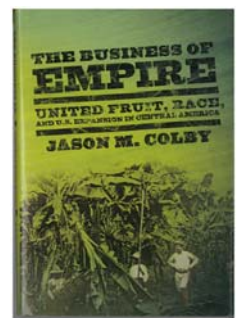
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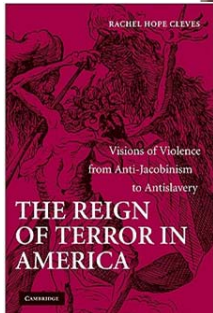
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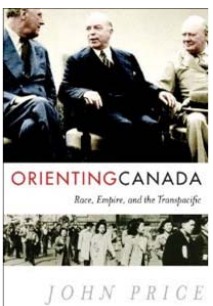
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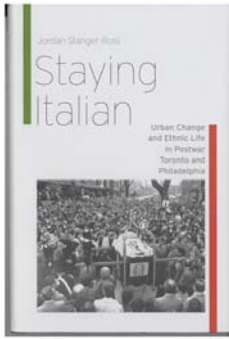
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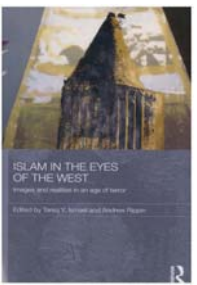
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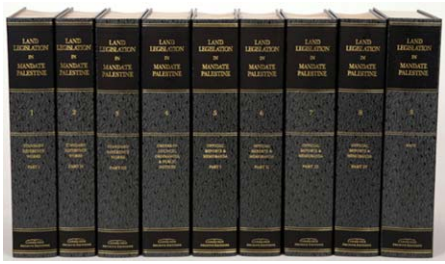
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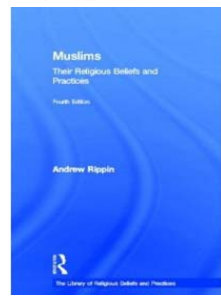
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THE HISTORY OF HISTORY—YOUR ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED

In 2013 UVic will be celebrating its 50th anniversary as a university but the history of the History department goes back at least to 1920 when it was part of Victoria College. (A case may be made that it dates from 1903 but that will require further research). In all but the latter days of the College the department was very small. Sydney Pettit was the only historian and at various times also acted as librarian or taught psychology and sociology. By 1963, when the College became a University the nucleus of the present department was emerging as professors such as R.H. Roy had joined the department. In the late 1960s the department began to grow rapidly.

Historians know the value of the written record; the minutes of department meetings survive. In addition, many professors who taught in the late 1960s and beyond are available for interviews but there is little evidence of the department's history from the student's point of view. And there are no photographs.



CLEARIHUE BUILDING—1962

As part of the 50th anniversary celebrations, the department has asked me to write its history. In order to make it more than a formal record of such things as how the curriculum evolved, how the faculty debated such matters as smoking at department meetings, or how the secretaries coped with the first computers and photocopiers, I need anecdotes from former students. I have some stories such how the forerunner of THUGS (The History Under-Graduate Society) got in trouble for serving sherry at a party but I need more. Do you recall any outstanding professors? Any eccentric ones? Do you remember any highlights of the Qualicum Conferences? Were you part of the UVic team that won the University Challenge (a televised quiz show) in 1971? Were you writing an exam in the old gym when the lights went out? What was it like to be a pioneer graduate student? And, of course, memories of routine events are also welcome.

If you have any stories or photographs to share, they will be greatly appreciated. Photographs will be returned if you provide your name and address or they can be scanned and sent electronically. I would like to have stories and photos by 30 March 2012 so they can be incorporated into the manuscript in a timely manner.

Any stories relating to the History Department and how rules, regulations or customs have changed will be welcomed as possible contributions to the Department's History.

When you submit your stories, please provide your name, your years of attendance, and indicate whether you wish to be acknowledged by name or left anonymous.

Thank you. I look forward to hearing from you.

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Smoking on Campus – A Short History

Since September 2011, the handful of individuals who smoke have found themselves consigned to a few specified areas outside the Ring Road. Smoking, however, was once common on campus as the minutes of the History Department reveal. Although classrooms boasted large “No Smoking” signs, the rule was designed more for fire prevention than for public health and did not apply to faculty offices or meeting rooms. Although faculty members came and went there were always both smokers and individuals who objected to smoke. In 1973, the Department narrowly rejected a motion to prohibit smoking at department meetings. Eleven years later, two department members re-introduced such a motion. They argued that non-smokers were harmed by inhaling smoke but one smoker pointed out that the “recent policy” of requiring smokers to sit at one end of the room appeared to be working. The department agreed and defeated the proposed ban by a vote of 7 to 6. In 1986 the Greater Victoria Regional District settled the issue by designating the department's meeting room as a designated no smoking area. The agenda for the first department meeting of 1986-87 carried a note: “Smoking in department meetings is now illegal and the filing of a complaint by a non-smoker could very well lead to a fine for the smoker.” That first step towards what is now almost a complete ban on smoking on campus solved a sometimes divisive issue for the historians.

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