I joined the Department of History in 2008 as a specialist of 17th and 18th-century Europe, after receiving my DPhil from the University of York (UK) and my MA from the Université de Toulouse II (France). I taught at the Université de Montréal, the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta before coming to UVic. I am passionate about research and about undergraduate education, and I believe it is important that we maintain the links between the two. I have served as Undergraduate Coordinator for the Department of History, and I am currently the Honours Advisor. I am drawn to Senate because I would like to help guide the direction of our university in maintaining our academic standards (and thus our reputation for excellence). I also believe that Senate plays a crucial role in maintaining Faculty input into the direction the University takes. I was previously elected to a three-year term which was terminated early due to a study leave. I would like the opportunity to continue on Senate after I return from leave in July, and so this one-year position is ideal for me. Thank-you for reading!