

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Newsletter

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In a Word ...

For the Department of History, the 2007-2008 academic year is one marked by exciting changes and departmental successes. For yet another year, several faculty members have received awards and honours recognizing their professional excellence. The details will follow in the section 'Faculty News,' but most notably Professor **Kerry Abel** (emeritus) won *three* prizes for her book *Changes Places: History, Community, and Identity in Northeastern Ontario* (McGill-Queen's, 2006); **Tim Cook** won a Moncado Award; **Matthew Bellamy** received a Capital Educators' Award; **Dominique Marshall** was awarded the Jean Southam Fellowship; **Mark Phillips** was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada; and **Roderick Phillips** won the Wine Journalism Award at the Ontario Wine Awards.

Our graduate students have also met with success. This academic year, five MA students and two PhD students were awarded Canada Graduate Scholarships; two students were awarded SSHRC doctoral fellowships; and a total of seven students were awarded Ontario Graduate Scholarships. This year we also

have some exciting developments and changes in our graduate program – including the implementation of the one year MA degree and the formation of the History Graduate Student Association (HGSA). Our graduate program continues to grow in numbers and to attract first-rate graduate students. For the 2007/2008 academic year, we admitted 20 new MA and 4 new PhD students to our program. Of the MA students, 8 were admitted into our Public History program, 4 were admitted into the two-year MA degree, and 8 registered in our new one-year MA degree.

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In keeping with tradition, the department continues to facilitate a number of talks and events. In collaboration with the Carleton Centre for Public History, the department hosted and co-sponsored the conference 'Women and Work in a Public History Context' in

late October. In addition, this year the annual *Shannon Lecture Series*, themed 'Thinking Women and Gender,' hosted talks which explored education, marriage, transnational adoption, and aboriginal women. Invited speakers included Rebecca Rogers (Université de Paris), Sarah Carter (University of Alberta), Karen Dubinsky (Queen's University), Sherry Farrell Racette (Concordia University) and Cate Mortimer-Sandilands (York University).

On a closing note, members of the faculty would like to congratulate Matthew Bellamy and Jennifer Evans on their recent promotions.

Message from the Chair



Dr. Brian McKillop
Chair, Department of History

As you will have noticed from the opening page of the newsletter, the 2007-2008 academic year has already been very eventful, with prizes, awards, and scholarships awarded to faculty and students alike. The annual Shannon Lecture Series in Canadian Social History is about to conclude and planning is well under way for the 14th annual Underhill Graduate Student Colloquium in March, 2008. These events have proven to be central to the intellectual vitality of the department, and they will continue to be.

Word gets around about departments that make things happen, and ours is one of them. This August, while its chair was at a writer's retreat in a small Saskatchewan town, the president of Canada's National History Society posed a simple question in an email: Would the Carleton History Department be interested in sponsoring a national forum on the teaching of Canadian History? The Governor General championed the idea and would attend the event.

Well, do coyotes howl in the Cypress Hills?

A few messages to Carleton later, and the University had guaranteed its full support. Fast forward to November 2nd. The event takes place, with an afternoon speech by the Governor General, a panel discussion on Canadian history in the schools, and Q & A sessions along the way. Two hundred and fifty people attend the forum, including fifty specially chosen Carleton History students. Earlier in the day, ten of those students are guests of the Governor General at a ceremony at Rideau Hall, where six imaginative and dedicated history teachers from across the country receive a Pierre Berton Teaching Award. Every indication that the "national forum on Canadian history" will become an annual event.

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At the end of November, another remarkable History event will take place. We will launch a new electronic magazine, *The Underhill Review: A Forum of History, Ideas, and Culture*. Published by the History Department, and with editors drawn from its faculty members, the independently endowed review will feature spirited personal essays and a number of substantive review essays.

The *Underhill Review's* aim is to bridge the gap between the scholarly and the popular, to emphasize the informed essay and an author's voice rather than the research article and the footnote. We hope it will provide intellectual space in which writers with an historical perspective can establish a rapport with the general reader. After November 30th, go to www.carleton.ca/underhillreview.

So stay tuned. The Carleton Department of History is in action on a variety of fronts, intellectual and social, and involving all of us.

Questions? Email the Chair: brian_mckillop@carleton.ca.

Faculty News



Dr. Matthew Bellamy

Winner of a Capital Educators' Award

On May 24th 2007, at the Sixth Annual EduGala held at Algonquin College, Professor Matthew Bellamy was paid tribute for his commitment to teaching. Over 320 teachers were nominated for the award, and 65 were selected as finalists. Professor Bellamy was one of 20 educators recognized for their innovative pedagogy and outstanding performance as an educator. Teachers were nominated for the award by students, parents and colleagues. The panel of judges was comprised of persons working in business, education and community-based organizations.



Dr. Mark Phillips (and grandson Harry)

Elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Professor Mark Phillips' election to the Royal Society of Canada is one of the highest honours bestowed to Canadian scholars. Professor Phillips, who is cross-appointed with the Institute of Comparative Studies in Literature, is currently working on a monograph which explores 'historical distance' in the Renaissance, Enlightenment, and late twentieth century. His wife Dr. Ruth Phillips was also elected to the Society this year.



Dr. Roderick Phillips

Winner of the Wine Journalism Award

On June 12th at the 2007 Ontario Wine Awards, Professor Roderick Phillips was given the Wine Journalism Award, for his book *Ontario Wine Country* (Whitecap Books, 2006). This award recognizes his book as the best published work on the Ontario Wine Industry in 2006.

Faculty News, cont'd

Prizes, Publications, Presentations & then some ...

Kerry Abel (emeritus) was awarded three (3) prizes for her book *Changes Places: History, Community, and Identity in Northeastern Ontario* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2006). The prizes were the Canadian Historical Association's Clio Prize (Ontario Region), the J.J. Talman Award from the Ontario Historical Society, and the Floyd S. Chalmers Award in Ontario History from the Champlain Society.

Marilyn Barber presented "Save the Mothers": The Mission of British Outpost Nurses in Western Canada' to a joint session of the Canadian Association for the History of Nursing and the Canadian Society for the History of Medicine, Saskatoon, June 2007.

Matthew Bellamy was awarded a Capital Educators' Award for his dedication to teaching.

Tim Cook published *At the Sharp End: Canadians Fighting the Great War, 1914-1916, Vol.1* (Penguin Group Canada, 2007).

-- was awarded a Moncado Award from the Society of Military Historians (US) for his article 'The Politics of Surrender: Canadian Soldiers and the Killing of Prisoners in the Great War,' *Journal of Military History*, Vol. 70, No. 3 (2006).

-- curated the internet exhibition 'Trench Culture.' The Exhibition explores the social and cultural history of Canadian soldiers and runs until March 2009.

-- curated an exhibition on the Battle of Passchendaele at the Canadian War Museum. The exhibition recently opened in Ypres, Belgium and will run until November 2007.

David Dean gave a series of seminars on 'Women in Early Modern England' as part of the Stratford Festival of Canada's 'Shakespeare's Mind' week-long workshop in August 2007. In October, he lectured and advised in 'Vox Lumina: The Ark 2007,' the English National Theatre's three week workshop on medieval drama which culminated in a performance on October 20th, 2007.

Joanna Dean presented "A Very Happening Scene": The University of Toronto and the Urban Forest,' at

the New World Coming: The Sixties and the Shaping of Global Consciousness Conference, Queen's University, June 13-15, 2007.

-- co-presented 'Transforming the Urban Landscape: Changes in Forest Canopy Cover in Ottawa, 1920-2005,' at the European Society for Environmental History, Amsterdam, June 5-9, 2007. -- with Jon Pasher and Michelle Leni.

-- was an invited speaker at the Annual Conference of the International Society of Arboriculture, Ottawa, February 15-16, 2007. Her presentation was entitled 'Legislating for Trees: Ottawa, 1860-1960.'

-- was interviewed on May 30 by Anne-Bruce Worrall of Red Letter Films for a television documentary on trees. It will be broadcast by Tele-cinq.

Bruce Elliott was an invited speaker at The Uses of Immigrant Letters Conference organized by the German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C, May 2007. He presented 'Limits, Opportunities, and Ways Forward.'

-- presented 'Emigrant Recruitment and Emigrant Representations: The Colonization Efforts of the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia Land Company' at Ford Castle, Northumberland, and to the Coldstream History Society, Coldstream, Scotland, August 2007.

-- participated in the unveiling by the Corporation of the Berwick-upon-Tweed of a plaque commemorating Canadian emigrant voyages, as part of a community-building and heritage tourism initiative, August 2007.

-- curated an exhibition called 'The Pinhey Family at War, 1914-1918.' The exhibition was researched and planned by 2006-2007 Public History M.A. students. It opened August 2007.

Jennifer Evans was promoted to Associate Professor.

Peter Fitzgerald presented 'The Mission of Berta Szeps-Zuckerlandl to Switzerland in 1917: An Episode in Personal Peace Diplomacy During the First World War' at the Fifth International Conference of the Peace History Society, Georgian Court University, Lakewood, New Jersey, October 2007.

Hal Goldman published a review of Elizabeth Fox-Genovese and Eugene D. Genovese, *The Mind of the Master Class: History and Faith in the Southern*

Slaveholders' Worldview (Cambridge University Press, 2005), *Social History/histoire sociale*, Vol. 40 (2007).

Norman Hilmer published *Empire to Umpire: Canada and the World into the Twenty-First Century* (Thomson Nelson, 2007) - with J. L. Granatstein.

-- published (ed.) *Canadas of the Mind: The Making and Unmaking of Canadian Nationalisms in the Twentieth Century* (McGill-Queen's, 2007) - with Adam Chapnick.

Andrew Johnston presented 'Mead, Addams, Balch: Feminism, Pragmatism, and the Vicissitudes of Liberal Internationalism' at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Reston, Virginia, June 2007.

-- reviewed Kurk Dorsey's Bernath Lecture 'Dealing with the Dinosaur (and its swamp): Outing the Environment in Diplomatic History,' *Diplomatic History*, Vol. 29, No. 4 (2005), H-Diplo, January 2007.

-- published an interview with social theorist Hans Joas on Pragmatism and German Social Theory. The interview 'Andrew Johnston in Conversation with Hans Joas,' was published in *NeoAmericanist*, Fall 2007. This journal is edited by History Department PhD students Brian Foster and Maureen Mahoney.

Jacob Kovalio presented 'History and the Politics of Japan's Relations with China and Korea' at the 20th Annual Conference of the Japan Studies Association of Canada, York University, August 2007.

-- was elected the permanent chair of the Japan Studies Association of Canada's Klaus H. Pringsheim Japanese Studies Graduate Student Essay Prize.

Roy Laird presented 'La meccanica di Guidobaldo nel contesto del Cinquecento' at the conference Guidobaldo, 1607-2007 in Urbino and Mombaroccio, Italy, June 2007.

-- is now on sabbatical at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton.

Sonya Lipsett-Rivera published 'Language of Body and Body as Language: Religious Thought and Cultural Syncretism' in *Religion in New Spain*, eds. Susan Schroeder and Stafford Poole (University of New Mexico, 2007).

Dominique Marshall was awarded the Jean Southam Fellowship by the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) for her research on Canadian international humanitarian aid. Next summer, she will

be working at the Oxford Modern European History Research Centre.

-- was appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth*.

-- presented 'Early uses of Childhood as a Theme of International Exchanges: The Child Welfare Committee of the League of Nations, and its Declaration of the Rights of the Child,' at the workshop on The Value(s) of International Organizations: Historical Reflections, University of Oxford Modern European History Research Centre and Forum of Contemporary History, University of Oslo, June 2007.

-- presented 'European Children Write to Herbert Hoover: A Reflection on the Public role of Children in the History of Humanitarianism, 1914-1930,' presented at the Meeting of the Society for the History of Children and Youth, Norrköping, Sweden, June, 2007.

Brian McKillop gave a reading from his soon-to-be published biography of Pierre Berton to a community audience at the Wallace Stegner Writers' Retreat, in Eastend, Saskatchewan in late August; he also gave the opening paper to the Ottawa Historical Association, 'Pierre Berton: Consumer Crusader,' on September 20th 2007.

James Miller published '2006 in Review, United States of America,' *Annual Register*, Vol. 248 (2007).

-- presented 'Out of Alabama: From Slavery in America to Freedom and Exile in Africa' at the Conference on Slavery: Unfinished Business, Wilberforce Institute on Slavery and Emancipation, University of Hull, May 2007.

Del Muise presented at several meetings on aspects of the Community University Research Alliance project "Canadians and Their Pasts." The meetings he presented at include the British Public History Association in Swansea, Wales (April 2007), the Atlantic Canada Studies Association in Halifax (May 2007), the Canadian Historical Association in Saskatoon (June 2007), and the Canadian Museums Association in Ottawa (April 2007).

James Opp published 'Prairie Commemorations and the Nation: The Golden Jubilees of Alberta and Saskatchewan, 1955,' in *Canadas of the Mind: The Making and Unmaking of Canadian Nationalisms in the Twentieth Century*, eds., A. Chapnick and Norman Hilmer, (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2007).

-- presented 'The Colonial Legacy of the Digital Archive' at the Canadian Historical Association, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, May 28-30, 2007.

Paul Nelles published 'The Uses of Orthodoxy and Jacobean Erudition: Thomas James and the Bodleian Library,' *History of Universities*, Vol. 22 (2007).

-- presented 'How to Make a Universal Library in 1543: Conrad Gesner and His World of Books' at the History of the Book Seminar, All Soul's College, Oxford, March 2007.

-- presented 'Culture, Academy, and Print: The Biblioteca Marciana, Venice, 1560' at the Annual Meeting of the Renaissance Society of America, Miami, March, 2007.

Mark Phillips was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

Rod Phillips was awarded the Wine Journalism Award at the Ontario Wine Awards, Niagara-on-the-Lake, May 2007.

-- published *The 500 Best Value Wines in the LCBO*, (Whitecap Books, 2007) – with Vic Harradine.

John Walsh presented 'Re-Placing Home: Forests, Rivers, and Public Memory' at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Historical Association held at the University of Saskatchewan, May 2007.

-- was appointed Book Review Editor (English-language Canadian books) for *Urban History Review*.

Message From the Librarian



Margaret McLeod
Subject Specialist for History

As the new Subject Specialist for the History Department, I look forward to working with faculty and students to meet the department's research needs. Although I am new to this position, I have been working in the library in a variety of posts for several years. I have an undergraduate degree from Carleton (History) and have been working in the library since I was a student here. In this new position, my portfolio also includes Classics, Archaeology, and Canadian Studies.

Over the next few weeks, I will be giving quite a few library seminars to history students. Once these are done, I will turn my attention to getting better acquainted with our history collections and to developing areas that may be important to the department. I welcome faculty members to contact me with research questions, suggested book purchases, or recommendations that might improve library research services. I can be reached at extension 8943 or at margaret_mcleod@carleton.ca.

History Graduate Students' Association



HGSA Executive (2007-2008)

From left to right:

Treasurer-Secretary: Lorna Chisholm

President: Brian Foster

Vice-President (VP) Social-Internal: Jennifer Wilhelm

Not pictured:

Vice-President (VP) Academic-External: David Tough

First Year MA Representative: Chris Miller

The graduate students in the Department of History are pleased to announce the formation of the History Graduate Students' Association (HGSA). The HGSA was established with the aims of strengthening the graduate community and representing the graduate body in the department, university, and wider community.

Already this year the HGSA organized an orientation barbecue, pub night at the Fox and Feather, and a night out to a '67s hockey game. HGSA members are also participating in the intramural sports league. History graduate students maintain their athletic prowess every Thursday night in the intramural dodgeball league under the banner of *History Strike Force*. The Association will also be organizing a Christmas party in late November. The exact date and location will be announced at a later date.

On behalf of the returning graduate students, the HGSA executive welcomes all of the new MA and PhD students who have joined the Department of History. The primary purpose of the HGSA is to foster social and political community and collegiality among Carleton history graduate students and so the participation of new and returning graduate students is welcomed and encouraged. Graduate students are especially encouraged to join the HGSA listserv at carletonhgsa@gmail.com.

Graduate News

David Banoub was awarded the Bill Jones Award for his doctoral project 'The Language of Patronage in Nineteenth Century Canada.'

-- published 'La classe ouvrière montréalaise et la sphère publique,' *Bulletin du RCHTQ*, Vol. 2 (2006). Translated by David Simard and George Massé.

Andrew Denstedt was awarded a Canadian Graduate Scholarship.

Melissa Horne was awarded an Ontario Graduate Scholarship.

Laura Jackman was awarded a Canada Graduate Scholarship and the Senate Medal for Academic Achievement.

Maureen Mahoney presented 'Moral or Macho? Establishing Progressive Era Masculinity and a Modern Nation-State in Urban Reform' at the Canadian Association of American Studies Conference, Montreal, November 2007.

Valerie Minnett published 'Swatting Flies for Health: Children and Tuberculosis in Early Twentieth-Century Montreal,' *Urban History Review*, Vol. 36, No. 1 (2007) – with Mary Anne Poutanen.

Edward Minnis was awarded the Canadian Lyford Cay Foundation Graduate Scholarship, the Clio Graduate History Scholarship, an International Tuition Master's Scholarship, and the Carleton History Department Scholarship.

Jessica Squires presented 'Left Nationalism in the Campaign to Open the Border to American Deserters, 1969' at the Annual Canadian Political Association Conference, University of Saskatchewan, June 2007.

-- presented 'The Limits of Left Nationalism in the Campaign to Open the Border to American Deserters, 1969' at the conference *New World Coming: The Sixties and the Shaping of Global Consciousness*, Queen's University, June 2007.

Undergraduate History Society

As in past years, the Undergraduate History Society has several events planned for the academic year. Already this term, they planned an historical pumpkin carving contest and a number of other social activities. Throughout the academic year, the executive will be organizing movie nights, museum visits, and the annual history book sale. In late November, members of the History Society are invited to participate in the Haunted Walk of Ottawa. In the Winter term, the Society will host the Fourth Annual Undergraduate History Colloquium.

History Society Executive

President: Mitch Hamilton

Vice President: Katrina Morabito

Treasurer & Secretary: Brianne Laneville

Events Coordinator: Sarah Murphy

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Matthew Bellamy

Alumni News

Dr. Janice Cavell (PhD, 2004) recently published 'The Hidden Crime of Dr Richardson,' *Polar Record*, Vol. 43 (2007). She also presented "'Regimental History and Soldiers': Memory of the First World War: Private McQuade Writes in the Margins' at the conference Making Books, Shaping Readers, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland, April 2007.

Mr. Mike Nelles (B.A., 2007) was selected for an internship at the Southampton Maritime Museum in England. He will take up the position in January 2008. In 2006, he was awarded the Colonel By Award from the Historical Society of Ottawa for his essay the "Pre-Confederation Health Care in Bytown." It was published in the Society's 70th pamphlet.

Dr. Judith Rygiel (PhD, 2004) will be guest-curating the exhibition 'When She Marries- Quand Elle Se Marie' (based on her research on Acadian wedding textiles) at the University of Moncton Museum, New Brunswick. The exhibition will be open in June 2008 and will run for six months.

Dr. Stacey Zembrzycki (PhD, 2007) is now an Assistant Professor in the Department of History at Concordia University. Her dissertation was entitled 'Memory, Identity, and the Challenge of Community Among Ukrainians in the Sudbury Region, 1901-1939.' She has a forthcoming article, based on her doctoral research, that will be published in the fall issue of *Labour/Le travail*.

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