

Brock University

New Appointments:

- Dr. Radha Persaud as assistant professor for January-June 2005, replacing Bob Robertson. He will teach second-year courses in Canadian politics and public administration.
- Diane Leon as seminar co-ordinator, replacing Jacqueline Dix who retired.

The Departmental Scene:

Like other departments in Ontario, we faced an enormous increase in second-year enrollments because of the double cohort who graduated from Ontario high schools in 2003. Extra sections of two courses were added at the last moment and the maximum size of seminars, an integral part of the teaching program at Brock, was increased from 17 to 20 students in each.

The department is planning to move into a new building to be completed in summer 2006. The new building, to be shared with the university bookstore and the Department of Economics, will provide more offices and more space, as well as a new computer lab conveniently adjacent to the department.

Members' Activities:

Carl Baar, who has been on faculty renewal leave for five years but continues to be highly active in research, was appointed Professor Emeritus. A portrait of Carl will be unveiled in the departmental corridor December 16, joining the portraits of other professors emeriti.

Leah Bradshaw will begin a six-month sabbatical in January 2005. Charles Burton returns from a six-month sabbatical in January 2005. Terry Carroll is spending a twelve-month sabbatical in Africa. Victor Fic, Professor Emeritus, has just published a book entitled *Anatomy of the Jakarta Coup: October 1, 1965*.

Matt Hennigar has signed a contract with Oxford University Press of Canada to co-author a textbook on Canadian Courts, Law, Policy and Process.

Ken Kernaghan received the 2004 Brock University Award for Distinguished Teaching at fall convocation.

Dan Madar will begin a six-month sabbatical in January 2005.

Job Opportunities:

The department will make a tenure-track appointment in public administration and Canadian politics to begin July 1, 2005. This is to replace David Whorley who resigned last spring to take a position in the federal public service.

Concordia University

Since 1998, our Department has been experiencing an extensive effort of reform and development, perceptible in particular through the outstanding hires made in the past few years and the new faculty's research expertise and productivity, their ability to attract external research funds, as well as their dedication to teaching excellence; a Ph.D. program under consideration by the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec; and a commitment to a diversity of methodological approaches in our discipline. The restructuring and renewal of the Department have largely been completed. Therefore, in 2004-2005, we face a different challenge: the task of consolidation.

We began the academic year 2004-2005 with a faculty complement of 26 tenured or tenure-track faculty (with 27 members, two of whom hold joint appointments with two colleges in Concordia University), 5 limited-term appointees and 26 part-time faculty members. This faculty complement includes Dr. Patrik Marrier, our nominee for a Junior Canada Research Chair in Comparative Public Policy. We will also be hiring three new tenure-track faculty during the 2004-2005 cycle: two in the Canadian Politics sub-field and one in the Political Theory sub-field. The Department has undertaken in earnest inter-university collaborative research. Several members of the Department are hence involved in inter-university collaboration with various academic institutions of the Montreal region and with several Canadian and US universities, as well as with a number of specialized centers of research.

During the past five years, the Department has offered distinguished speakers series, which have attracted internationally renowned speakers from North America and Europe. In 2003-2004, the Department welcomed public lectures by, among others, Professors Steven Lukes, John Kekes, Charles Blattberg, Stephen Walt, Martha Crenshaw, Joel Sokolsky and Chaim Kaufman. Plans for this academic year include presentations by Dr. Lloyd Axworthy and Professors Kenneth Waltz, Khaled Medani, Stathis Kalyvas, Rex Brynen, Michael Blake and Roland Paris.

With regards to our Undergraduate program, the challenge for our Department has been to continually revisit our faculty complement target in light of the consistent increases in the number of our program students and in our undergraduate enrolment. The Department offers three programmes: Major, Minor and Honours in Political Science. The number of our programme students has increased by 73% in seven years, from 992 in 1996-97 to 1716 in 2003-04. The Department has also increased the number of students enrolled in its newly created program, from 56 students enrolled in the 2002-03 academic year, to 60 in 2003-04. In addition, the Department has been offering four on-line courses at the introductory level, which have attracted a large number of students, mostly from outside the Political Science Department. For a large majority of non-program students, an on-line course is their first introduction to political science, and we have endeavoured to make this a stimulating first experience.

With regards to our Masters program in Public Policy and Public Administration (MPPPA), the number of program students has gradually increased in the past seven years, progressing from 100 in 1996-97 to 111 in 2002-03. The internship option remains most popular, and we have had a very successful record in placing students with the Public Service commission of Canada. Also, our Ph.D. proposal was approved by Concordia University, and the proposal has been forwarded to the Ministère de l'Éducation du Québec in the fall of 2004.

Finally, our Department has entered into several bilateral agreements with foreign universities (Science Politique in Paris and in Strasbourg, University of Genoa, University of Grenoble). Our students have taken advantage of international exchanges to study abroad. These exchanges are not confined to Department-level collaborative arrangements but also extend to other universities with whom Concordia

has formally entered into an exchange agreement (e.g., the Universities of Wales, Mexico, San Paulo, Nice and Lyon).

Université Laval

Les cinquante ans du Département

Les professeurs émérites Louis Balthazar et Vincent Lemieux, le ministre Stéphane Dion et le journaliste Jean-François Lépine figurent au nombre des personnalités qui ont participé au colloque «Penser le politique au 21e siècle» qui s'est déroulé dans la Cité universitaire, les 30 septembre et 1er octobre derniers, pour souligner le 50e anniversaire de fondation de notre département. C'est en effet à l'automne 1954 que Gérard Bergeron, Léon Dion et Maurice Tremblay, alors professeurs à la Faculté des sciences sociales, ont fondé le premier département francophone de science politique au Québec.

Le colloque a réuni cinq tables rondes qui avaient pour thèmes: *Cinquante ans de science politique à l'Université Laval; Les acquis des dernières décennies dans le domaine du politique; Politiciens et médias: les défis à relever au 21e siècle; Le public et le privé: une coopération à développer?; La formation des générations futures en science politique.*

Ces séances de discussion ont permis d'entendre une vingtaine de participants. Parmi eux, des anciens et des anciennes du Département qui oeuvrent dans les milieux politiques, dans l'administration publique ou privée et dans les médias. Mentionnons, entre autres, Denis de Belleval, directeur général de la Ville de Québec, Fatima Houda-Pepin, députée à l'Assemblée nationale du Québec, Pierre Bernier, de l'École nationale d'administration publique, Suzanne Ouellet, journaliste à la radio de Radio-Canada et Marc Lortie, sous-ministre adjoint pour les Amériques au ministère des Affaires étrangères du Canada.

Plusieurs professeurs du Département mais aussi de divers départements de science politique au Canada et au Québec ont été de la partie. Parmi eux, signalons Louise Quesnel, première femme professeure de science politique à l'Université Laval, Louis Bélanger et Pauline Côté, également de l'Université Laval, André Blais et André-J. Bélanger de l'Université de Montréal, Albert Legault de l'UQAM et Caroline Andrew, doyenne de la Faculté des sciences sociales de l'Université d'Ottawa. Le professeur émérite John Meisel de Queen's University était également présent au colloque. Deux étudiants au doctorat en science politique à Laval, Andrzej Gosciniak et Martine Gaudreault, ont participé aux tables rondes. Alain Dubuc, ancien éditeur du quotidien *Le Soleil*, était le conférencier invité lors du dîner amical qui a réuni les 150 personnes inscrites aux activités du colloque.

À l'occasion du colloque, l'Université a remis un doctorat *honoris causa* à Kenneth McRoberts. Principal du Collège Glendon de l'Université York, le récipiendaire a écrit de nombreux ouvrages, articles spécialisés et chapitres de livres sur la politique québécoise, le fédéralisme canadien et les questions d'ordre constitutionnel. Dans sa communication au colloque, il a rappelé les liens qui, au cours des ans, ont été tissés entre notre département et les départements de science politique de tout le Canada.

Le site de notre département

Notre département a inauguré, en septembre 2004, son tout nouveau site que vous pourrez consulter à l'adresse suivante: <http://www.pol.ulaval.ca>. Le site comporte un *Fil de nouvelles* qui présente les activités, conférences et dernières nouvelles du Département.

Trois nouveaux professeurs

Laurence BHERER est titulaire depuis 2003 d'un doctorat en science politique de l'Institut d'études politiques de Bordeaux. Elle a joint notre département en janvier 2004. Sa thèse, intitulée *Une lecture institutionnaliste du phénomène participatif: La politique consultative de la ville de Québec*, s'interroge sur la montée de la démocratie participative comme nouvelle norme de l'action publique à partir d'une étude comparative des pratiques participatives au Québec et en France. Son intérêt marqué pour les questions urbaines l'amène à étudier les politiques de réforme du palier municipal sous l'angle du rééchelonnement du politique et de la démocratisation locale. Ses recherches actuelles ont pour objectif d'allier plus étroitement les enjeux de la transformation de la démocratie et de la restructuration urbaine, notamment grâce à l'étude des conflits autour de la démocratie locale, de la métropolisation et de la valorisation de la démocratie participative [<http://www.pol.ulaval.ca/personnel/professeurs/laurence-bherer.htm>]

Erick DUCHESNE a joint notre département en juin 2004 après quelques années d'études et d'enseignement aux États-Unis (University at Buffalo, SUNY). Sa thèse de doctorat, soutenue en 1997 à Michigan State University, s'intitule *International Bilateral Trade and Investment Negotiations: Theory, Formal Model, and Empirical Evidences*. Il apporte avec lui une solide expertise dans le domaine de l'économie politique internationale. Il se spécialise plus particulièrement dans l'étude des négociations économiques internationales, de la politique commerciale américaine et canadienne, et des organisations économiques internationales. Dans ses recherches, il applique diverses approches analytiques, incluant la théorie des jeux et les méthodes quantitatives. [<http://www.pol.ulaval.ca/personnel/professeurs/erick-duchesne.htm>]

Steve JACOB est licencié en histoire (Temps Modernes) avant de s'orienter vers la science politique. Il a joint notre département en août 2005. Sa thèse de doctorat, soutenue à l'Université Libre de Bruxelles s'intitule *L'institutionnalisation de l'évaluation des politiques publiques en Europe. Étude comparée des dispositifs institutionnels en Belgique, en France, en Suisse et aux Pays-Bas*. Ses recherches portent sur l'administration publique à travers l'étude de la modernisation et des mutations de l'État ainsi que sur l'analyse des politiques publiques et plus particulièrement de leur évaluation. Dans le cadre de ses travaux, il collabore activement aux activités de groupes de recherche internationaux. Il vient récemment de publier *Évaluer l'action publique: état des lieux et perspectives en Belgique*, avec Frédéric Varone, Gand, Academia Press, 2003 et *Expertise et action publique*, avec Jean-Louis Genard (dir.), Bruxelles, Éditions de l'Université de Bruxelles, 2004 [<http://www.pol.ulaval.ca/personnel/professeurs/steve-jacob.htm>]

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Thèse de doctorat

OUIMET, Mathieu, *Le transfert de la recherche universitaire au Canada. Le comportement des chercheurs en médecine étudié à l'aide de l'analyse de cheminement.*

- Directeur: Réjean Landry

- Codirecteur: Vincent Lemieux

Mémoires de maîtrise

MORIN, Jean-François, *La rémunération dans le cyberspace: concevoir l'information comme un bien public.* (Maîtrise en analyse des politiques).

- Directeur: Bernard C. Beaudreau, Département d'économique

VALLIERES-ROLAND, Catherine, *Où en est l'Europe des régions? Une étude des canaux de participation de deux acteurs régionaux, le Bade-Württemberg et la Catalogne, lors des deux Conférences intergouvernementales de 1990 et 1996.* (Maîtrise en science politique).

- Directeur: Réjean Pelletier

University of Northern British Columbia

New Appointments

John Young returned to the program after a three-year leave of absence in Russia and is currently serving as the program chair. John will be teaching courses in American and Russian politics, and the politics of democratic transition.

The program also welcomed Jason Morris's appointment as a full-time sessional instructor. Jason holds a B.A. in political science from Simon Fraser University and an M.A. in political science from UNBC. He is responsible for delivering most of the program's web-based courses and is currently developing web courses on politics in British Columbia and an undergraduate/graduate seminar on social and health policy.

The Department Scene

The Political Science Program organized two conferences in 2004. The first, held in May of this year, examined the environmental challenges facing resource-based communities. The *Managing for Tomorrow: Resource-Based Communities and the Environment* conference was sponsored by the BC Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection and attracted 130 participants from across Canada and the United States. In October, the program organized the Third Annual Steelhead Seminar in Smithers, British Columbia. In previous years, the seminar has brought together academics and practitioners to discuss issues relating to public policy and governance in the provincial norths. This year's seminar focused on issues of concern to municipal and regional governments and was attended by a number of mayors from communities across northern BC. In April of 2005, the program will host the annual meeting of the British Columbia Political Science Association in conjunction with the annual meeting of the BC Studies Association.

Members' Activities

Boris DeWiel specializes in the history of political ideas. His recent publications focus on the conceptual development of contemporary political values and of left-right ideologies. His next book will be a conceptual history of Anglo-empiricism as a social and political worldview from Hobbes and Locke to Hume and Burke. He is also working on an analysis of post-materialism as an ideology and on a comparison of Kant and Carl Schmitt as members of the Rousseauvian democratic tradition.

Having just come into some cash attached to winning SSHRC's Gold Medal 2004 for Achievement in Research, Alex Michalos is planning six surveys in 2005. Each will have a core of items allowing rigorous testing of his Multiple Discrepancies Theory, explaining reported satisfaction with life, plus some other things. The "other things" for each of four province-wide surveys in BC (one in each season) will be determined on the basis of collaboration and over-sampling in communities across the province where interest is shown in such collaboration. Two national surveys will also be undertaken, one focused on the impact of arts-related activities on the quality of people's lives and one focused on people's awareness, attitudes and use of science and technology, and the impact of these things on the quality of their lives. Data collected in all these surveys will allow a wide variety of comparisons and comparative analyses with data collected all over the world over the past 30 years. Anyone interested in having more information about these projects can contact Alex at Michalos@unbc.ca. Hopefully by early spring, he will finish his book called *Trade Barriers to the Public Good: The NAFTA and AIT Cases Concerning MMT*. Equally hopefully, his edited book *Citation Classics from Social Indicators Research: Celebrating the First 30 Years, 1974-2003* (Springer) will be out by August 2005.

Jason Morris primarily teaches UNBC political science's online courses. In 2004, he was awarded funds from BC Campus to oversee development of four courses from UNBC's Certificate in Public Administration for online delivery.

Deborah Poff is on administrative leave from UNBC after serving as Vice-President and Provost for 10 years. She is currently the Sheldon Chumir Fellow in Public Policy and is writing a book on ethical leadership, moral accountability and the future of university governance. Deborah is also working on a book on women and leadership with two other colleagues. Her areas of specialization are applied ethics and contemporary social and moral issues.

Tracy Summerville's research is focused on the sustainability of northern, rural and remote communities. Her recent publications include a coauthored piece on anti-use campaigns (anti-sealing, anti-trapping, anti-logging) and a coauthored piece on the north-south divide in Canadian politics. Tracy was appointed to the Board of the Fraser Basin Council in August of this year.

Gary N. Wilson's research explores issues relating to multilevel governance in the Circumpolar North. His recent publications examine the evolution of nested federal models in Russia and Canada. He is also interested in the economic and political relationships between Europe's island federacies and the European Union, and local government reform in the Russian Federation.

John Young's research interests include Russian politics, local government, and intergovernmental relations. He is currently working on a study of the quest for community in post Soviet Russia, examining such themes as the pursuit of a public philosophy, community self-government, and church-state relations.

The Teaching Program

The Political Science Program continues to offer a wide range of courses in all fields of political science. Enrollments are on the rise, especially for first- and second-year courses and in the comparative field. Many courses at the lower and upper division levels are also offered on-line, particularly during the summer semester. These web courses are very popular and are taken by students in Prince George and throughout the region. The program also recently fulfilled a contract with the provincial BC Campus

initiative to develop four web courses as part of our local government offerings and Certificate in Public Administration.

In response to demands from students for more philosophy courses, the program, in collaboration with other academic programs at UNBC, has developed a philosophy minor. In addition to a degree in political science, the program also offers a series of joint major degrees with the International Studies, History, Economics, English and Women's Studies programs at UNBC.

The program's Master of Arts degree in Political Science has a current enrolment of 14 students at various stages of completion. These students are writing theses in a variety of fields including: local government reform, political theory, northern studies and Aboriginal politics.

University of Saskatchewan

New Appointments

Peter W.B. Phillips joined the Department as a tenured member this fall, moving over from the College of Agricultural Economics at the U of S. His areas of expertise are International Political Economy, Politics of Biotechnology, International Trade and Economic Policy. He is currently Director, Virtual College of Biotechnology, Senior Research Associate of the Estey Centre for Law and Economics in International Trade, Associate Member of the faculties of Marketing and Management and Agricultural Economics, Co-principal Investigator for Genome Prairie's \$3.3 million GE3LS program (2001-2005), and Co-investigator on three other peer-reviewed national research programs (SSHRC MCRI on Innovation Systems Research Network, NCE on Advanced Foods and Materials, and SSHRC MCRI on Modeling Agricultural Biotechnology Intellectual Property Protection). He holds appointments on the boards of directors of Pharmaceuticals and the Canadian Agri-food Policy Institute, is a member of the NAFTA Chapter 13 (CEC) expert panel on GM corn in Mexico, of the Saskatchewan Innovation Council, and of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Biotechnology Advisory Committee, and is consulting on two ongoing intellectual property disputes involving biotechnology in Canada.

Geoff Kennedy has joined us for a one year term appointment. Geoff is currently completing his PhD in political science at York University. His dissertation is on radical political thought in the English Revolution, and his research interests focus mainly on the history of political thought, historical sociology and Canadian politics.

The Department Scene

Jene Porter, Professor Emeritus, Peter W.B. Phillips and Jeffrey Steeves organized an international conference in Saskatoon on October 14 – 16, 2004, entitled "Public Science in Liberal Democracy: The Challenge to Science and Democracy." Over 20 speakers from the US, Canada and Australia and 100 thinkers convened to discuss the interconnectivity of rapidly emerging science and public policy. Although the history of science, the sociology of science, and the philosophy of science are well-established fields of enquiry, the concept of "public science" is relatively new. Science and its products have always had a public goods character to them. Controversies abound in the history of science, but toward the end of the twentieth century, the generation, application and diffusion of scientific knowledge became matters of intense public concern in Western democracies. Not only has bureaucratic and political debate been changed by the addition of a strong scientific component, but public discourse is now subject to the participation of scientists themselves. Yet, public discourse requires compromise, negotiation, and sensitivity to the position and stake of the participants. The conference addressed three key questions:

Can science retain independence and objectivity in the face of demands to meet commercial and public policy objectives? In what ways is scientific discourse privileged in the formation of public policy? How can scientific knowledge and scientific methodology be made compatible with the interdisciplinarity and integration required of public policy discourse and formation? The agenda and list of speakers can be found at: <http://www.publicscience.usask.ca/>

Members' Activities

Cristine de Clercy has a book chapter, "Leadership and Representational Diversity: Theory, Operationalization, and Measurement" appearing in a new book co-edited by Brett Fairbairn and Nora Russell. The book, *Co-operative Membership and Globalization: New Directions in Research and Practice*, will appear in November of 2004. She gave a paper, "Some Thoughts on How to 'Fix' the 'Problem' of Women's Under-Representation in Co-operative Governance," to the Association of Co-operative Educators' Annual Conference in Montreal in August. Also, in 2005, look for the new collection of essays marking the retirement of David Smith: Cristine de Clercy and Hans Michelmann (eds.) *Institutions, Policy, Federalism and the West: Essays in Canadian Politics to Honour David E. Smith*. Toronto: U. of Toronto Press.

Kalowatie Deonandan has a chapter on women in Guyana in Amy Lind, ed., *Contemporary Women's Issues Worldwide: Central and South America* (Englewood, Co.: Greenwood Publishing, 2003). She has also become a member of the editorial board of the *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*.

Peter Ferguson gave a talk on "The United States' Presidential Election: Possible Outcomes and Implications" at the Saskatoon Public Library on October 26th as part of the Extension Division's *University at the Library Public Lecture Series*. He has contributed another chapter, "Democratic and Non-Democratic Political Change," to Rand Dyck's popular textbook, *Introduction to Government and Politics*. The new second edition will be published early in 2005. In June, Professor Ferguson presented a paper "Breaking Up is Hard to Do: Incorporating Uncertainty into Rational Choice Accounts of Democratic Breakdown," to the Canadian Political Science Association meeting in Winnipeg.

Joe Garcea was recently nominated for a University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Teaching Excellence Award. Professor Garcea will be on a six-month sabbatical beginning in January 2005. He will use this time to conduct research on several projects related to Canadian citizenship policy, immigration policy, and the level of representation by members of ethno-cultural communities from Saskatoon and Regina in elected bodies at the municipal, provincial and national levels.

Bohdan Kordan recently published his remarks delivered at the Canadian Ethnic Studies Association's Seventeenth Biennial Conference, "Ethnicity: Space and Place," Banff, Alberta, October 2-5, 2003 under the title "Accommodating History," *Canadian Ethnic Studies*, XXXV: 2 (Winter 2003), 129-31. Along with James Farney (M.A. '03), he co-authored "The Predicament of Belonging: The Status of Enemy Aliens in 1914 Canada," (January 2005) issue of the *Journal of Canadian Studies*. Finally, this summer marked the end of Professor Kordan's six years as Director of the Prairie Centre for the Study of Ukrainian Studies and three-year term as Head of the Political Studies Department at STM.

Hans Michelmann published "Federalism and Paradiplomacy" in 2004, in Thomas Jäger et al. (eds.), *Sicherheit und Freiheit*, Baden-Baden, Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, pp.188-205. He presented a paper entitled "International Relations in Federal Countries," at the Forum of Federations colloquium series in Ottawa this past summer. He also chaired, "Capacity of Institutions of Constituent Units," a session of an international workshop on legislatures and executives in federal countries, University of Melbourne, Australia, in August. Professor Michelmann has been re-elected to the Board of the Canadian Federation of the Humanities and Social Sciences for another two year term.

David O'Brien was elected Member at Large of the Canadian Association for Studies in International Development (2004-07). At the Association's 2004 Winnipeg conference he gave a paper titled "Utilizing Research for Development: A Comparison of Public Policy Knowledge Systems in the UK and Canada". He has submitted a coauthored paper for publication "A Participatory Design Approach for a Distributed Community of Practice on Governance and International Development", *World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia and Telecommunications*.

Greg Poelzer serves as Dean of Undergraduate Studies for the University of the Arctic, a network of over seventy universities, colleges, indigenous organizations and research institutes from the eight Arctic countries. This fall he travelled to Nuuk, Greenland for the Conference of Arctic Parliamentarians; Copenhagen for the UArctic Board of Governors meetings; and Yellowknife for the Northern Research Forum. He will also be going to Reykjavik for the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment Scientific Symposium and Svalbard, Norway for a UArctic senior officials' meeting. The U of S is getting on track with several new northern initiatives, including a Political Studies proposal to offer a UArctic "Advanced Emphasis" program of study, based on its Aboriginal Public Administration (APA) program. Should it be accepted, the APA Advanced Emphasis will provide students from Northern Saskatchewan and the circumpolar world with better opportunities for advanced university study on issues important to them. For more information on University of the Arctic, visit <http://www.uarctic.org>.

Ken Pontikes was recently appointed as the Academic Director of the Saskatchewan Legislative Internship Program, succeeding Gordon Barnhart who has held this position since its inception. Beginning in January, four interns from the University of Saskatchewan will spend eight months in Regina, experiencing and participating in the work of the Assembly. In July 2004, Ken Pontikes was appointed for one year to the Saskatchewan Rate Review Panel. The purpose of the Panel is to evaluate applications for rate increases from SaskPower, SaskEnergy, and the SGI Auto Fund and to advise the Provincial Cabinet. He has been serving since May 2003 as a member of the Board of Directors of Wanuskewin Heritage Park. In August of 2004, he was elected to the position of Vice-chair of its Board. This occurs at a time when the Park is undergoing a major regeneration project, which includes the redevelopment of its exhibition hall.

David Smith's edited collection *Letters Home: the Wartime Correspondence and Diary of John Edwin Gardiner RCAF (1919-1942)* was published in November 2004. This project has special significance for Professor Smith, as he and Norman Ward wrote a biography of Edwin Gardiner's father, *Jimmy Gardiner: Relentless Liberal* (1990). Gardiner senior was a former premier of Saskatchewan and federal minister of agriculture in the cabinet of William Lyon Mackenzie King.

Donald Story returned this fall for a second term as Department Head. He will serve in this position for the next three years. Professor Story has co-authored a manuscript on the beginnings of the Avro CF-105 Arrow program for a leading strategic studies journal.

Ron Wheeler gave a paper titled "A Fourth Option for Political Ethics in an Age of Terror," a response to Michael Ignatieff's 2003 Whelan Lecture held earlier this year. Professor Wheeler was again named as one of the most popular professors at the University of Saskatchewan in the *MacLean's Guide to Canadian Universities*, 2004. He was also recently nominated for a University of Saskatchewan Students' Union Teaching Excellence Award.

The Teaching Program

The Department is responsible for the administration of the Political Studies, Public Administration and Aboriginal Public Administration undergraduate programs, as well as the one-year M.A. in Political Studies. Undergraduate course enrollments have continued to increase; first year enrollment has gone up by 34% and overall enrollment has risen by over 20%. Graduate student enrollment is also at an all-time high, with 33% of new students receiving scholarships or fellowship funding.

Currently the Department has a number of courses in development for distance education. Included in these are POLST 111 – Democracy in North America, POLST 112 – Political Ideas and Change in a Global Era, POLST 306 – Local Government and MIT 801 – Research Methods in International Trade. Courses will be presented in an online format or will be available as a televised production. In many cases the technological components will be enhanced by having students gather for at least one group session held at the university.

University of Toronto at Mississauga

The big news at the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto at Mississauga (UTM) ... is that there is a Department of Political Science at UTM. To be sure, political science has been taught for more than three decades at what was formerly 'Erindale College of the University of Toronto', but only since 2003 have we had a truly stand-alone department. (For those unfamiliar with the Toronto area, Mississauga is a large suburb - 'edge city' in the geographers' parlance - to the west of the City of Toronto; Pearson Airport is in Mississauga.)

A major reorganization in 2003 established UTM as a separate faculty and created more than a dozen departments, including Political Science. We now run our own hiring and promotion (and merit pay!) processes, and have control over a real budget (in the past our discretionary spending amounted to a few hundred dollars for photocopying and supplies). We remain strongly integrated with what is now termed the 'Graduate Department of Political Science', headquartered at the downtown (St George) campus, but encompassing faculty from all three campuses. All UTM faculty teach in the graduate programme 'downtown'; indeed, UTM faculty such as David Wolfe and Ronnie Beiner rank among the UofT faculty with the highest number of PhD supervisions.

UTM has been expanding rapidly; we now have more than 8,000 students and by the end of the decade will exceed 11,000. Political Science has benefited from this growth. We had three new tenure-track hires last year plus a lecturer in the 'teaching stream'; we're hiring in European politics this year and plan a search in Canadian politics next year. These additions are notable, given that only one of our other faculty - IR specialist Steve Bernstein - has less than two decades at Erindale/UTM. At the same time, we have lost two valuable colleagues this past year: 40-year (40-year!) veteran Peter Silcox took a richly deserved retirement from teaching British and Canadian politics and popular faculty member Richard Iton, who taught American politics, took a position at Northwestern.

Our new hires are:

- Ana Maria Bejarano, a specialist in Latin American politics, with a PhD from Columbia University and extensive teaching and research experience in her native Columbia.
- Mark Lippincott, an award-winning teacher, with a UofT PhD in political theory who does it all: theory, US politics, Canadian and comparative politics.
- Wambui Mwangi (PhD Pennsylvania), who came to us from Vassar and whose interests centre on Africa and on post-colonialism.
- David Pond, who did his PhD on the Canadian Supreme Court under Peter Russell at UofT, joined us to teach courses in Canadian and environmental politics after more than a decade in the research unit of the Ontario Legislative Library.

Counting our new European hire, UTM will have 11.4 full-time faculty plus a variety of part-time and sessional instructors. In addition to those already mentioned, UTM faculty include Aurel Braun who works on Eastern Europe and on international security issues; Richard Day, who combines political theory, political economy and Russian politics; Peter Solomon, a specialist in Russian studies and in legal

systems; and Graham White, who does Canadian politics with a special interest in the territorial North. A more fulsome account of our strengths, interests and plans for the future can be had at <http://www.erin.utoronto.ca/~w3acapln/plans/files/Political%20Science%20Plan.pdf>.

University of Western Ontario

Radoslav Dimitrov (PhD, Minnesota, 2002), a specialist in the international politics of the environment, joins the Department on July 1 in a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor. Since 2000 he has held a similar position at the University of Utah.

Greg Levine will be a Visiting Associate Professor starting July 1. Professor Levine holds a PhD in Geography and is a lawyer who has worked in that capacity for the City of Toronto. More recently he has been General Counsel for the Office of the Ombudsman in British Columbia. He will be teaching courses related to government ethics at the undergraduate and MPA levels.

Martin Horak (PhD, University of Toronto, 2002) is completing his SSHRC postdoctoral fellowship at UWO prior to beginning his tenure-track appointment on July 1.

Joanna Quinn (PhD, McMaster 2003) was one of four winners this year of the Bank of Nova Scotia, UWO Alumni Association and University Students' Council Award of Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching. She takes up a SSHRC postdoctoral fellowship at UWO effective July 1 and will be pursuing her work on genocide and justice after atrocity, primarily with Richard Vernon.

Tim Heinmiller (PhD, McMaster 2004) is the RBC Financial Services Group Post-Doctoral Fellow in Political Economy. Dr. Heinmiller is a specialist in water policy.

Two recent UWO PhD graduates have recently received tenure-track appointments: Andrew Robinson at Wilfrid Laurier University-Brantford and Bessma Momani at the University of Waterloo.

Laura Stephenson and Sorina Vlaicu, both of whom joined the Department in tenure-track positions in 2003 have successfully defended their PhD dissertations, at Duke and George Mason universities respectively.

Bob Young, Canada Research Chair in Multilevel Governance, is the Principal Investigator for a \$2.5 million Major Collaborative Research Initiative funded by SSHRC. The subject of the five-year project is *Multilevel governance and public policy in Canadian municipalities*. Andy Sancton is a co-investigator and Martin Horak is a collaborator.

Bruce Morrison is the editor of *Transnational Democracy in Critical and Comparative Perspective: Democracy's Range Reconsidered* (Ashgate, 2003). The book's essays were originally presented at a conference Bruce organized for the Nationalism and Ethnic Conflict Research Group at UWO.

In January 2004, in conjunction with Bob Young's presidency of the CPSA, the Department hosted the annual meeting of chairs of Canadian political science departments. At the same time a dinner and seminar was held to mark the retirement of Sid Noel in 2003.

Ian Brodie, Marta Dyczok, John McDougall, and Richard Vernon will be on sabbatical leave in 2004-05. Carol Agocs, director of the Department's Local Government Program, will be on sabbatical leave from July to December, 2004, and plans to retire on June 30, 2005.

Don Abelson carries on as chair of the Department's graduate committee and Martin Westmacott takes over from John McDougall as chair of the undergraduate committee.

Wilfrid Laurier University

New Appointments

The Department is thrilled to announce its most recent appointment, Loren King, an Assistant Professor. Loren completed his PhD in at MIT in 2001. Loren spent two years at Brown (as a visiting assistant professor and also as a postdoctoral fellow at the Watson Institute for International Studies) before returning to Canada. Loren is teaching our first year introductory course and will be teaching urban politics. His research interests include, political philosophy, democratic thought and urban politics. Welcome aboard Loren!

Geoffrey Stevens has returned to us as an Adjunct Professor. An outstanding journalist and political biographer, Geoff is the former managing editor of *Macleans*, and well known journalist both on Parliament Hill and in Queen's Park. Geoff's recent biography of Dalton Camp (*The Player: The Life and Times of Dalton Camp*) won the 2003 Drainie-Taylor biography prize. He is presently working on a biography of Flora Macdonald.

We are also pleased to announce the recent appointment of former Canadian Ambassador to the UN Paul Heinbecker to Wilfrid Laurier University. Paul is serving as Director of the Laurier Centre for Global Relations, Governance and Policy, in addition to teaching a senior seminar course with our department.

The Department Scene

The Department has enjoyed an active and intellectually stimulating term this fall, and looks forward to continuing in the new year. Dr. Patti Goff has done a great job of organizing our "Brown Bag" series where faculty discuss their research with colleagues and students over lunch. There have been too many guest speakers in classes to mention here. Special guest lectures this past term have included Sheila Copps (via Canadian Studies) and Flora Macdonald.

Several members of the Department (most notably Dr. Ailsa Henderson and Dr. Steve Brown) through their association with the Laurier Institute for the Study of Public Opinion and Policy (LISPOP) are organizing a spring conference on polling and the 2004 election. Details should be available in the new year on the LISPOP website (<http://info.wlu.ca/lispop/>).

There have been several student-centred activities thus far and more are planned for the winter term. These include trips to Ottawa, Queen's Park for class work, and student participation in the McGill Model United Nations. In addition, we are continuing to provide "outplacement" sessions for graduating students with individual workshops on applying to graduate schools, internship positions, and jobs in the private and public sector, to name just a few.

On a sadder note, this year marked the retirement of Toivo Miljan after forty-three years with the Department. Toivo is still quite active in his research and travels. Rod Preece will be joining Toivo in retirement from teaching (but not research) on July 1, 2005. A large part of the history of the department will be leaving as we bid adieu to these senior colleagues.

Members' Activities

Dr. Steve Brown and Dr. John McMenemy will each return to teaching in January at the end of a six-month sabbatical.

Dr. Andrea Brown is enjoying a twelve-month maternity leave in Washington DC, but keeps us regularly updated with great photos of Iris.

Dr. Debora VanNijnatten has spent the fall term as a visiting professor at the University of Michigan and begins a twelve-month sabbatical on January 1st.

Dr. Ailsa Henderson was successful in the SSHRCC Northern Research Development Program competition. This will allow Ailsa to spend more time in Iqaluit in February - where no one will question the fact that she is hard at work!

Dr. Patti Goff co-edited (with Kevin Dunn) a volume titled *Identity and Global Politics Theoretical and Empirical Elaborations* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2004).

Dr. Rhoda Hassmann's recent book, *Compassionate Canadians: Civic Leaders Discuss Human Rights* (University of Toronto Press, 2003) won the American Political Science Association 2003-04 Outstanding book in Human Rights.

University of Winnipeg

It has been an unexceptional year except, that is, that the business of the Department has been done well and teaching and research have been successfully undertaken.

Enrolments remain high and the Department has drawn a larger rate of growth in this regard than the University at large.

Professor Silver has continued with his large research grant on the New Economy and Professor Chris Leo also has been very successful in research grants and research collaborator roles. Professor Joan Grace was a successful winner of a SSHRC basic grant. Dr Peter Ives won the University's faculty award for research, mainly for his two recent books on Gramsci. And Professor Joanne Boucher won the 2004 McMenemy award of the CPSA for the best article published in CJPS.

This year saw the arrival of Dr Larry Chartrand from the University of Ottawa as the new director of the Aboriginal Self Governance Programme. Dr Lloyd Axworthy, the new president of the University of Winnipeg, is a member of the Department and will be teaching a seminar course in Canadian Foreign Policy in 2006. He is moving quickly to establish a Global College that will be a centre of discussion, research, current affairs and sociability for international students. The Department expects to play a major role in this development.

York University

The Department Scene

We welcomed a new Chair this term, Professor George Comninel, who will serve for the current academic year.

We organized an international two-day conference celebrating the career of John Saul, who retired from our department last year. *Africa: The Next Liberation Struggle* focused on key issues which have defined the central thrust of Saul's work: the pursuit of socialism, democracy and scholar-activism. The conference included presentations by Giovanni Arrighi, Trevor Ngwane, Colin Leys and Darlene Miller and drew 150 participants. John Saul was inducted into the Royal Society of Canada this fall.

Our Seminar Series has featured a broad slate of speakers:

- Vivek Chibber, Professor of Sociology, New York University, gave two separate seminars: "Reviving the Developmental State? The Myth of the National Bourgeoisie" and "Bringing Class Back In: Indian Developmentalism in Comparative Perspective."
- Avishai Ehrlich, who teaches political sociology at Tel Aviv University and Tel Aviv-Jaffa Academic College, spoke on "Israel and Palestine: an update from the scene."
- Raymond Seidelman, a professor of politics at Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York, followed up the U.S. election with his talk on "Bush and the White Working Class: Reflections on the U.S. Presidential Election."
- Doug Stokes, with the Department of International Politics, University of Wales, presented "The Heart of Empire? Theorizing U.S. Empire in an Era of Transnational Globalization."
- Patrick Bond spoke on "The U.S. Treasury, Emerging Markets, Third World Debt and the World Economy: From Band-aids to Neoliberal Hegemony" and Mitchell Bernard on "Japan's Long Road to Neo-Liberalism? The Political Economy of a Decade of Reform."
- We also welcomed Christopher Rude, who has just completed his Ph.D. at the New School University in New York and taken up his position here as the Canada Research Chair in Comparative Political Economy post-doctoral fellow for 2004-05. His topic was "The Role of Financial Discipline in Imperial Strategy."
- Ruth Felder, who is a Doctoral Candidate in Political Science at York and has been working extensively on issues of international finance and Argentina, gave a talk "From European Reconstruction to the Alleviation of Poverty: Making Sense of the World Bank's Historical Agenda."

Graduate Program

Our M.A. and Ph.D. students were extremely successful, being awarded a total of 36 externally-funded scholarships:

- CGS (Canada Graduate Scholarship): 5
- SSHRC Fellowship: 6
- FCAR (Le Fonds pour la formation des chercheurs et l'aide à la recherche): 1
- OGS (Ontario Graduate Scholarship): 19
- GFAD (Graduate Fellowship for Academic Distinction): 5