

Upcoming Events

Noon Hour Forum Series
Seniors Education Centre
Gallery Building, Room 106
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm
Call 585-5816 for further information

- Oct 9 Brain Gym
- Oct 16 *The Night That I Met Howie & Friends*
- Oct 23 *Speaking of Bones*
- Oct 30 *Climate Change and Sustainable Development in Chile*
- Nov 6 *There and Back Again*
- Nov 13 *You and Your Television*

October 16 - Heritage Lecture
The Chinese in Early Saskatchewan
Dr. Ken Leyton-Brown
Room 106, College Building
College Avenue and Scarth Street
Call 585-5870 for further information

October 18 - University of Regina Fall Convocation

October 20 - Canadian Association for University Continuing Education (CAUCE) Western Deans and Directors Conference, University of Alberta

October 23-24 - Western Administrators and Promotion Specialists in University Continuing Education (WAPSUCE) Annual Conference, Winnipeg, Manitoba

October 30 - Lecture: *Stephen King – Master of the Macabre*
Professor Nicholas Ruddick
Regina Public Library, Humanities Research Institute, Centre for Continuing Education
Room 210, College Building, 7:00 – 8:15 pm
Call 585-5870 for further details

November 4 - Registration begins for University of Regina Winter 2009 credit courses (Students are eligible to register at specific date and times based upon credit hours earned)

November 13 – 14 - Project Retreat
Saskatchewan Institute for Health Leadership (SIHL)

November 19 - Food Bank Lecture:
Father Knows Best? The Representation of Dads in Popular Culture

Dr. Lynn Wells
Regina and District Food Bank, 12:00 – 1:00 pm
445 Winnipeg Street
Lunch provided to all participants at no cost
Call 585-585-5870 for further information

November 20 - Gerontology Institute 2008: *The Aging Brain*
Call 585-5816 for further information

November 22 - Canadian Test of English for Scholars and Trainees (CanTest) Candidates must register at least seven days before the test date (photo I.D. required)
Ph: (306) 585-4585

Week of November 24 - Continuing Education Program Guide Available

November 28 - *The Great Debate*
English as a Second Language students debate topical issues
Call 585-4585 for further information

November 28 to November 30 - Spanish Intensive Course
9:00 am to 4:30 PM each day with a socio-cultural evening on Saturday, November 29, that includes an authentic Mexican meal
For information and registration, call 585-5853

December 5 - English as a Second Language Fall Graduation

December 5 - International Volunteer Day & Christmas Celebration
Gallery Building, Room 106, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Call 585-5816 for further information

2009

January 6 - First day of Business and Professional Development courses

January 7 - First day of classes at the University

January 7 - Commencement of English as a Second Language Winter academic program

January 21 - *The Emperor's New Threads*
The Conservatory of Performing Arts
Theatre for Young People
Call 585- 5830 for further information



The Aging Brain – how to slow the aging process
Seniors Education Centre 7th Gerontology Institute

Thursday, November 20, 2008-08-27 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Regina Inn, 1975 Broad Street, Regina SK

For information and registration:
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Web: www.uregina.ca/cca/seniors



Continuing Education at the U of R

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Theatre For Young People



Centre for Continuing Education



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Throughout the past summer, Continuing Education on College Avenue has been a busy place with 219 youth, ages 3 – 15, attending day camps

From the Director

for the performing arts. The Creative Drama Studio, Guitar Camp and the Improv Workshop were just some of the opportunities for young performers to explore the arts. Our English as a Second Language (ESL) program, located on the main campus, was bustling with a total of 165 Canadian Francophone and international students for the two four-week Explore programs that combine formal lessons, language workshops and cultural activities. Additionally, we offered Summer University an initiative that allows students to accelerate or adjust their academic programs, continued our partnership with the Humanities Research Institute to provide a public lecture highlighting Arts

Action, and planned for the upcoming academic year.

We look forward to an equally lively fall semester that includes Weekend University, Campus Saskatchewan activities in our Distance Learning Division, record ESL enrolments, the 2008 Gerontology Institute and the Project Retreat for the 5th annual Saskatchewan Institute of Health Leadership.

- Harvey King, PhD
Director, Centre for Continuing Education

Saudi Students at University of Regina

Mustafa Khudhar, from Qatif, Saudi Arabia, graduated from the top level of the ESL program in the summer and is pursuing his Bachelor of Medical Imaging in the Faculty of Science. A qualified x-ray technician in his country, Mustafa was attracted to the University of Regina as it on one of only two universities in Canada whose medical imaging degree is accepted in Saudi Arabia.

Mustafa has found life easy here. "Monica [ESL Housing Coordinator] met me at the airport and found me a homestay family to live with. Then Bertrand [ESL Head] helped me find an apartment and got my wife registered in school." He notes that his greatest challenge has been weather, "I came to Regina in January, 2008 and had to take 2 buses to get to the University. The coldest weather in my country is -18 C and that is just one or two



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For information on any of the programs and courses mentioned in **cce connections**:

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times each year. I didn't have clothes for this."

Mustafa's best experiences here in Regina have been "making friends from other countries and many Canadian friends. I got to take a tour of the General Hospital. They told me to call them if I have any problems." He added, "One thing that I learned here is to compromise. Here we have a lot of group work. This is very different from my country. It's good."

Mustafa was one of fifty seven Saudi Arabian students who came to the University of Regina this summer. Followed by approximately 60 more students in the fall through a unique partnership with the government of Saudi Arabia.

Scholarship programs provided by His Royal Highness King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz and ministries of the Saudi government allow student to study in any English speaking country. However, Gordon Trueblood, Senior Academic Advisor at the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Ottawa advises that "a Canadian education is highly regarded in Saudi Arabia and often leads to very good employment opportunities...it is not unusual for scholarship students who were destined for one of the other He further noted that the University of Regina was chosen, "because of the uniqueness of some of the programs offered...because it is a welcoming university."

Conservatory Theatre For Young People *theatre that entertains and educates*

Theatre for Young People, a unique program for Regina, will be launched by the Conservatory of Performing Arts, in 2009. Gerry Folk, Head of the Conservatory, noted "The Theatre will serve the youth of Regina and southern Saskatchewan through the presentation of professional theatre that entertains and educates. The goal is to engage and educate young people through the presentation of professional theatre that provides a foundation of knowledge that will stimulate empathy, debate and critical thinking."

The Emperors' New Threads, a witty adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen classic fable, will be offered to school children on January 21, 2009. Comprehensive study guides will be provided to all participating schools allowing teachers to plan to incorporate the production into their curriculum for the year.

"Productions will be linked to the school curriculum providing opportunities to gain insight into community and global issues as well as the issues that young people face. The Conservatory will also work with the community schools in our city to share a number of free tickets to ensure the greatest access to the program," Folk advised.

Winnipeg, Calgary, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Vancouver have professional theatre companies dedicated to the presentation and production of theatre for children and young people but the Conservatory's Theatre for Young People will be the first of its kind in Regina.



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Continuing Education is pleased to welcome new people who have come to the Centre in recent months:

Kathy Buitenhuis, formerly of the Crown Investments Corporation, joined Continuing Education as Assistant Director of the Centre for Continuing Education in August.

Angelique Elliott took on a dual role working with the Seniors Education Centre and the tasks of the Facilities Assistant.

Laura Morgan began working in the Conservatory of Performing Arts in August.

Line LeRuyet is Acting Program Coordinator, Credit Studies Division, for the next year while Janelle Bennett is Acting Head of the Division. Both positions became available when the Division Head, Christine Crowe, went on maternity leave.

ESL Instructor and Students contribute to Missing Women Conference

From August 14th to August 17th, academics, family members of missing women and activists came from Mexico to the University of Regina to meet with their counterparts in Canada along with social workers, law enforcement officers and other interested people. All attended the conference "Missing Women: Decolonization, Third Wave Feminisms, and Indigenous People of Canada and Mexico" which examined the consistent and alarming rise of missing Indigenous women throughout both countries. For more information about the conference, visit www.missingwomenregina.com.

Because of the international nature of the conference, translations were needed for signage and for presentations. This is where the ESL Program came in. ESL instructor Simone Hengen was coordinator of translators. Simone recruited Summer intensive program students from Panamericana University in Mexico to take care of the Spanish signs. Former ESL students joined a group doing simultaneous translations of English into Spanish for Mexican guests. Simone advised, "The contribution of our students was important for our guests...it meant that they could understand and share more fully."



Distance Learning Division Head receives CAUCE Research Award



Congratulations to Brian Campbell, recipient of the 2008 Canadian Association for University Continuing Education research award. The CAUCE Research Award recognizes a graduate thesis or dissertation that makes a distinct contribution to university continuing education. Brian's PhD research examined the administration and organization of distance education at conventional Canadian universities.

"It is a great honour to be recognized by the Canadian Association for University Continuing Education," says Brian Campbell, "I was privileged to have access to my distance education administrator counterparts from across Canada to conduct this study.

Their input provided me with some rich data regarding the implementation of distance education at their institutions."

The study found that distance educators at conventional universities identified the provision of access and increased student convenience as the primary reasons for using distance education at their institutions. Findings indicated that in general, distance education administrators at conventional universities in Canada are optimistic about the future prospects for distance education. In particular, administrators from universities with a regional focus were convinced distance education will have a prominent role within the mission and organization of their institutions.

The Aging Brain – How to slow the aging process

The 7th Gerontology Institute will take place on Thursday, November 20, 2008 at the Regina Inn from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Louise Nichol, a Public Health nurse with the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region Seniors Healthy Living Program who has attended three previous Institutes advised, "I just love the information and the networking opportunities. Some of the workshops from previous years that I especially appreciated were "Psychological Aspects of Pain and Aging" and "Our Aging Ears: Hearing Loss and its Impact on Older Adults". Others I remember focused on active living and aging well with humour. The variety of topics and the diversity is great."

The theme of the 2008 Institute is "The Aging Brain" and the Keynote Speaker is Ronald R. Martin, PhD who is a Registered Psychologist and Associate Professor at the University of Regina. Dr. Martin will be delivering a presentation titled, "Aging Well in Mind and Body".

The Gerontology Institute is co-sponsored by the University of Regina Centre on Aging and Health and the Older Adult Working Group of the Canadian Council on Learning Health and Learning Knowledge Centre.

For further information:
Telephone: (306) 585-5816
Web: www.uregina.ca/cce/seniors

U of R partnership with high schools celebrated

The University of Regina hosted 25 high school students and staff for lunch on April 25th marking the students' achievement in University courses over the 2007-08 academic year.

Dr. Jim Tomkins, former President and Don Hoium, Director, Regina Public Schools spoke at the event about the success of the ongoing partnership that allows high school students to take courses at their high school through a program called UR X-Celerated. Certificates of participation were presented to all students and Dr. David Gerhardt, of the Department of Computer Science, discussed his research on the Wii.

Within the UR X-Celerated program courses are offered in the evening, with seats reserved for high school students granted permission to enrol by their principal. Other seats are available to University of Regina students, including working adults studying part-time, who may find the location or schedule convenient. This successful partnership began at Winston Knoll Collegiate in 2003 with 103 students completing courses there over the last five years. The program was expanded to Campbell Collegiate in 2006 and Luther College offers courses at Luther High School.

Students benefit from the program by experiencing university level education in a familiar environment while the University has a chance to show the high school students what the University of Regina has to offer them. Upcoming courses are: Fall 2008 - Sociology 100 (Winston Knoll Collegiate); Winter 2009 - Japanese 100 and Engineering 103 (Campbell Collegiate) and English 100 and Mathematics 110 (Winston Knoll Collegiate).

Call 585-5827 for further information.



Celebrating the First Graduates from the Hospitality, Tourism, Gaming and Entertainment Management Certificate Program

Kendra Poitras, a busy mother of 4, graduated from the Certificate in Hospitality, Tourism, Gaming and Entertainment Management, University of Regina in June of 2008. Poitras was one of the first two graduates of the new certificate program offered in partnership by Continuing Education and the School of Business and Public Administration at First Nations University of Canada.

"As a First Nations Student, I wanted to understand more about how gaming is affecting our community," Poitras said, "I also have an interest in working in the field at some time in the future."

For now, Poitras noted that what she learned in the courses has helped in her current position. "I learned more about customer service and found the hospitality information relevant to my job. I would recommend the program to other students."

The program consists of a selection of courses from the degree program at First Nations University and was created with mature students in mind with five courses that are delivered online and in the evening. This allowed Poitras to complete the certificate while juggling all of her other responsibilities. "It was a great achievement for me!"

Jackie Maxie, an HR Manager at the Bear Claw Casino, drove into Regina from White Bear First Nation every week to take her courses. "It was hard for me at first because I was older than the other students, but currently working in the industry helped me out a lot. Both my boss and my family supported me and I have been able to use what I learned in class at work. The professors have all had a great impact on my learning and for that I want to say, thank you."

Call: Joanne Goodpipe, First Nations University of Canada, (306) 790-5950 ext 3356.
Web: www.uregina.ca/cce/creditstudies/programs/credit/htgem.shtml

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New Certificates from Business and Professional Development

Business & Professional Development is pleased to introduce two new Certificates this fall. Permanent CUPE and APT employees are encouraged to take classes offered by the University of Regina. Funding for credit and non-credit courses is included in the contracts for both employee groups.

Building on the Professional Leadership Certificate, the *Integrate Leadership Certificate* will help participants improve self awareness; and coaching, team building, mentoring and motivating skills along with successful organizational change implementation.

Effective communication is the key to confidence and healthy working relationships. Employees have many opportunities to use their voice and many communication vehicles. The *Effective Workplace Communication Certificate* explores effective communication through theory and practical application.

This is a great opportunity for you to experience what Business & Professional Development at the University of Regina has to offer and gain knowledge and expertise that can further your career.

For information:
Ph: (306) 585-5853
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Versatile Young Musician

Jesse McLeod's answer, when asked what he liked about the Conservatory of Performing Arts, was, "the teachers are good, I have the opportunity to be in things like the Amadeus Orchestra and recitals and get used to performing. And I get a chance to hear other kids."

Jesse, 13 years old, takes lessons in piano, trumpet and the violin at the Conservatory. His musical training began when his mother, Li McLeod, gave him piano lessons at home. Next, he began playing trumpet in his school band and then jazz piano in the Campbell Collegiate Jazz Band. When Jesse was in Grade 6, playing trumpet in the Campbell area music program, Li asked about good places for private lessons. The band teachers recommended Miles Newman, Head of the Conservatory's Winds & Brass



program and a member of the Regina Symphony. After settling in with his trumpet instruction, Jesse became interested in the violin noting that "I always liked the sound and the music, especially fiddle music – but classical, too."

A versatile young musician, Jesse was awarded two piano scholarships, one scholarship for winds and brass and a Centre for Continuing Education Scholarship at Conservatory's 2008 Celebration of Excellence. Many of the young artists whose musical training started at the Conservatory have gone on to play in national and international orchestras or to pursue other professional careers in the performing arts.

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HERITAGE LECTURE SERIES

**CHINESE AND THE LAW
IN EARLY SASKATCHEWAN
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008**

English Professor Enjoys Teaching Seniors (Including Mom)



"As a wee lad Alex was very active. Little did I know as I was running to stay one step ahead of him, that some day I would be in his seniors' class and loving it. The lectures are great. I have enjoyed them thoroughly, and I'm not one bit biased!" said Helen MacDonald.

Her son, Dr. Alex MacDonald, Associate Professor of English, Campion College, University of Regina, has delivered SEC courses for over twenty years. It is apparent that Helen is not the only one to hold his classes in high regard. Kerrie Strathy, Head of the SEC added, "due to the popularity of his classes, Dr. MacDonald's classes are held in the largest classroom at the Centre."

Asked about his experiences, Dr. MacDonald offered these comments:

"I really enjoy teaching at the Seniors Education Centre. The students in these classes have a wonderfully varied life experience and are willing to share it. There are usually very perceptive questions, some of which I have to do homework on and report the following week, so I find the classes challenging.

Teaching these classes has given me an opportunity to develop ideas of various kinds, in areas such as utopian colonies in early Saskatchewan, 19th century literature, the short story, the idea of progress and most recently a course on four plays by Shakespeare. Sometimes my ideas have been only half-developed (which sounds better than half-baked), but I have found the students to be unfailingly kind if I have found myself stumbling.

Plans for future courses (I'm not sure when yet) include another class on Shakespeare and one on "applied utopianism"—the latter might sound like a contradiction in terms but it means the bringing together of ideas from utopian literature, such as public ownership, with the actual history of some examples of public ownership (for example, utilities and potash in Saskatchewan)."

<http://www.uregina.ca/cce/seniors/>

FOOD BANK LECTURE SERIES



**FATHER KNOWS BEST?
THE REPRESENTATION OF
DADS IN POPULAR CULTURE
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2008**

Online Program Provides Access for Northern Municipal Administrators

Continuing Education at the University of Regina has offered the correspondence-based Certificate in Local Government Authority (LGA) program for rural and urban municipal administrators since 1966.

Recently Continuing Education was approached by Northlands College, and Northern Municipal Services of the Saskatchewan Government to adapt this program to meet the unique needs of northern students.

"We are very pleased to announce that the LGA courses will be re-developed in an online format for northern use," notes Janelle Bennett, Head of the Credit Studies Division. "A Northern Cohort program advisory committee will be formed to guide the development and meet the distance education needs of northern LGA students."

According to Brian Campbell, Head of the Distance Learning Division, the use of online format, along with enhanced delivery methods such as video-conferenced and regional review sessions will ensure a high quality program. "Offering the courses online will really increase the effectiveness in delivering the program in terms of access to course material for students and opportunity for instructors to provide relevant curriculum. In addition we can offer more flexibility for students and opportunities to network."

Online development of the four courses in the certificate program will commence this fall and is scheduled for completion by December 2010. Funding for the development is from the Western Diversification Fund.