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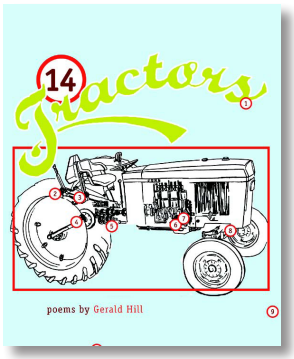
news of faculty, staff, students, and alumni



Gerry Hill (ENGL, Luther) has just published *14 Tractors*, a collection of poetry (NeWest Press). From the book's publisher: "Tractors pull versions of story, poetic form, landscape, light, and family history into summer air, offering themselves as vehicles for looking and remembering. Accompanying Shelley Sopher's visual material, Hill's poems ride tractors to the edge of personal and cultural fields. Hop aboard (safely, please) and see tractors—see from tractors—in this new light." Hill will be doing readings of his book 16 April at the Government House, Regina; and 28 September at St. Peter's College in Munster (time TBD).

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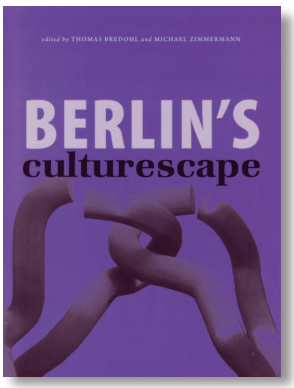

Thomas Bredohl (HIST) and **Michael Zimmermann** (INTL LANG) (eds) have just published *Berlin's Culturescape in the Twentieth Century* (Regina: Canadian Plains Research Center, 2008). *Berlin's Culturescape in the 20th Century* reflects the many facets of Berlin's unique development as a cultural metropolis. At the centre of this compilation of essays is the notion of culturescape as a concept that describes the cultural expressions and identities that occur within a given urban space. From industrialization and modernization to division and subsequent unification, Berlin has been the flashpoint of German history and culture. This volume provides a discourse that examines expressions of the city's literature, film, and fashion.

David Lawlor (FR) has just been appointed by **Premier Brad Wall** to the Provincial Advisory Committee on Francophone affairs. The committee begins its work next month advising the government on the development and implementation of French language service policies.

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Roger Petry (PHIL, Luther College) was co-organizer and participant at the first Saskatchewan Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development Recognition event in Craik, Saskatchewan, 20 November 2008. Information and photos about the event are available at http://www.saskrce.ca/RecognitionProgram/.

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Susanne Kuehling (ANTH) will be presenting a paper entitled " One heart, one mind, one voice: the struggle for identity of Saipan's Carolinian minority" in a panel called "Diaspora, identity, and incorporation" at the Annual Conference of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, 10-14 February 10-14, Santa Cruz, California.

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Margaret Cote (Indian Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, FNUniv) is the recipient of a grant from the SSHRC Aid to Small Universities Fund, for the Saulteaux Dictionary Project. The funds will help support a student researcher this coming summer.

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Angelina Baydala was external examiner for a PhD dissertation at the University of Alberta. The dissertation is entitled "Pretreatment Expectations of Psychotherapy Clients".

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Henry Chow (SOC) has published "The Determinants of Life Satisfaction: High School Students in Regina" in the *Alberta Journal of Educational Research*, volume 54, issue, pp. 477-481.

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Annette Aurélie Desmarais (JS) has been invited to be a guest speaker at the Annual Symposium of the Social Movement Working Group at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, 3-4 April. She also co-authored with **Luis Hernández Navarro** an article entitled "Feeding the World and Cooling the Planet: La Vía Campesina's Fifth International Conference" for *Briarpatch Magazine*, January/February, volume 38, issue 1.

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Margot Hurlbert (JS and SOC), **Harry (Polo) Diaz** (SOC), **Darrell Corkal** (PFRA), and **James Warren** (PhD candidate) have had their paper entitled "Climate Change and Water Governance in Saskatchewan, Canada" accepted for publication in volume one, issue 2 of the *International Journal of Climate Change Strategies and Management*.

Susanne Kuehling

Angelina Baydala

Annette Desmarais

Polo Diaz

Dwayne Meisner, an MA student in History, has recently had his Honours paper selected by the Classical Association of Canada as the best senior undergraduate paper in Canada for 2008; the paper now appears on their website. Another undergraduate paper of his will appear shortly in the refereed undergraduate journal *The Mirror*, and a graduate paper he wrote last semester will appear in the up-coming issue of *Perspectives*.

Margot Hurlbert

faculty of arts events

February 2009 is Psychology Month in the city of Regina. In honour of this, the Psychology Graduate Students' Association is sponsoring a variety of events in February to promote awareness of psychology. An event schedule is appended to the end of this bulletin.

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"Trash Talkin': New Directions in Popular Culture and Creative Writing" is an interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate conference hosted by student of the U of R. A poster and registration form are appended to this bulletin. Registration for students is $30 and will include dinner Friday night, lunch Saturday, and the Saturday night's banquet at the University Club. Registration forms and the registration fee must be received by February 23 to reserve a place.

Also, the conference organizers would like to see as many of you at the conference as possible. Registration for faculty will be $50, and conference organizers will be stopping by offices with forms for you to complete at your convenience (but before the 23rd). You can drop off the completed registration form and the fee to Bette in 313; receipts will be issued at a later date.

The conference organizers would appreciate your help in encouraging student registration and attendance. If you would like one of the committee members to visit your classes to explain a bit about the conference and deliver registration forms to your students, please contact **Steve Hahn** at Trash.Talkin@uregina.ca.

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Just in time for Valentine's Day, on 12 February, Arts Student Services wants to help students to find their true love. The *23 Chances to Fall in Love with Arts* event will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the RIC Atrium, and aims to showcase all that Arts has to offer to U of R students. There will be prize draws for a free tuition credit in one Arts course, book store gift certificates, food court freebies and more! All are welcome. An event poster is appended to this bulletin.

Fall in love with Arts!

U of R student studying mental health of breast cancer patients

By Pamela Cowan, *Regina Leader-Post*
2 February 2009

REGINA -- What happens to the mental health of women who have early-stage breast cancer when their family and friends shy away from them?

That's one of the questions that Shannon Jones, a master's student in clinical psychology at the University of Regina, hopes to answer after Canadian women complete her online survey.

Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Jones has posted a survey at http://uregina.ca/~hadjista/ to collect data from women across Canada who have early-stage breast cancer. To access the survey, the password is health.

"People may distance themselves, not know what to say or they may say things that are awkward for the person," Jones said. "Or they may not want to talk about the negative emotions that accompany a diagnosis of breast cancer." It's important that women with breast cancer don't feel compelled to put on "a happy face," Jones said. "Not to say that people shouldn't be optimistic, but they should be allowed an outlet to talk about the tough stuff," she said.

Research has shown there can be a strong link between the mind and body.

"Social support is so important, especially with somebody who is dealing with chronic illness or an illness like cancer, given that some researchers have found that the availability of support can actually help individuals' immune function ... It's something that we don't always think about, but psychological functioning is important to coping with a diagnosis of cancer," Jones said.

"The survey includes several questionnaires for them to complete online, but at the end there is an area where they can answer with their own words so I'm not restricting their answers too much." The survey takes about 40 minutes to complete and is open until March. Jones will use the data for her master's thesis and she plans to publish the results in a journal article and on the clinical health psychology research lab's website. She said it's important psychologists and other health providers understand the correlation between social support and mental health.

Jones' interest in the topic began while she was researching breast cancer for her undergraduate degree and she met women with terminal cancer. "That was a very moving experience for me — to be talking to women who had been given one to two years to live and were talking to their children about death and dying," Jones said. "It was sad but it was also inspirational to talk to women about what they were going through. So I decided to carry forward with that area of research but instead of looking at metastatic cancer I wanted to focus on early stages because these women are also suffering."

calendar: upcoming events and deadlines

february

Monday 9 - Wednesday 11		Dean's Office	Dean discusses preferred candidates with Vice-President (Academic)
Wednesday 11	2:30	NR 210.7	Dean's Executive Committee meeting
Wednesday 11 - Friday 13		Dean's Office	Dean contacts preferred candidates
Thursday 12	11:30	RIC Atrium	Student Services recruitment event - *23 Chances to Fall in Love With Arts*
Wednesday 25	1:30	LI 215	Big Ideas at 150 - public forum presented by the Department of Political Science
Wednesday 25	7:30	Connaught Library 3435 – 13th Avenue	Philosophy Café series – Phillip Hansen: "What is the use of political philosophy?"
Friday 27	2:30	CL 232	Everything Religious Studies Series - Volker Greifenhagen on Islam and Discourses of Religious Authenticity

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Wednesday 11	2:30	CL 427	Dean's Executive Committee meeting
Thursday 12	7:30	Chapters Bookstore, Southland Mall	Coffee House Controversies series – Jesse Archibald-Barber on indigenous traditions and popular film
Wednesday 18	2:30		Faculty Council meeting
Wednesday 18	7:30	Connaught Library 3435 – 13th Avenue	Philosophy Café series – Shadia Drury on "is morality an imitation of the gods?"
Thursday 19	TBA	TBA	Fuambai Ahmadu on the 'myth' of sexual disfunction in circumcised females
Friday 27	3:30	RIC 119	Ira Chernus on Apocalyptic Discouse in the White House

april

Wednesday 8	2:30	NR 210.7	Dean's Executive Committee meeting
Thursday 9			Classes end
Wednesday 15			Examinations begin
Wednesday 28			Examinations end

A complete archive of past issues is available from the Campus Digital Archive at:
http://dspace.cc.uregina.ca/dspace/handle/10294/335

Next issue: Tuesday 13 February 2009
Deadline for submission of material for next issue: Friday February at 12 noon

TRASH TALKIN'

NEW DIRECTIONS IN POPULAR CULTURE AND CREATIVE WRITING

An interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate student conference on popular culture and creative writing hosted by students of the University of Regina.

Discussions will engage a wide variety and range of topics:

- Cultures of Image
- Harry Potter: Creative and Critical Perspectives
- Textual Metamorphoses
- Place(ing) Culture:
- Guys and Gals: Gender of Sport
- New Realisms

Presentations are free and open to the public. Cost of registration is $30 for students, $50 for professors and includes Friday reception, Saturday lunch, and Conference dinner.

Register by February 23, at: www.uregina.ca/hri/

February 27 & 28, 2009 - Education Building Room 191

Contact us at: trash.talkin@uregina.ca

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Trash Talkin' Conference General Registration Form
University of Regina
February 27-28 2009
Education Building 191

Contact Information:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Registration:

Will you be attending the Welcome Dinner Friday evening at 6:00, held at Thorn Hall – room 100 at Luther College at the UofR?

Will you be attending the Conference Dinner Saturday evening, held at the University Club – room 215 College West Building?

Please specify any dietary needs/allergies:

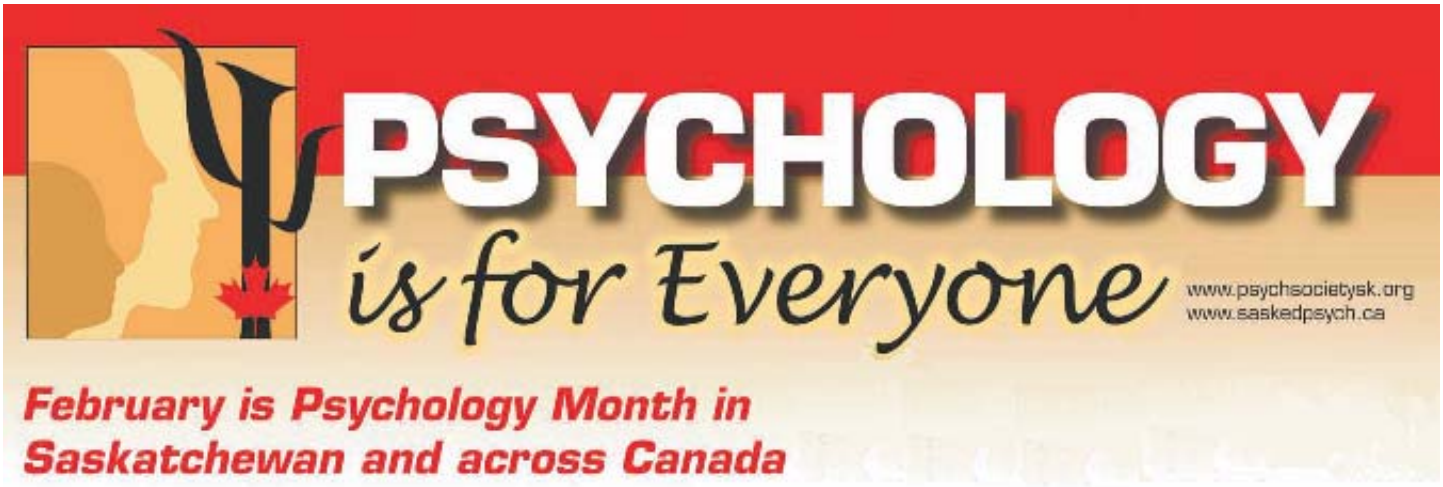
Registration begins 3pm Friday, and 8:30am Saturday.

Payment: The cost of registration is $30 for students and $50 for faculty (receipts are available on request) and will include Friday reception, Saturday coffee and lunch, and the conference dinner. When you arrive to sign in on the 27th or 28th, you will be given a registration package that will include your meal tickets for the weekend.. Cheques or money orders can be made payable to University of Regina, with Trash Talkin' Conference 2009 in the memo. Payment and the registration form must be received no later than February 23. Please deliver or mail the forms and fee to the English Department office, Administration Humanities Building room 313.

Trash Talkin' Conference c/o ESA
Administration Humanities Building Room 313
University of Regina
3737 Wascana Parkway
Regina, Sk. S4S 0A2

Email: Trash.Talkin@uregina.ca
http://www.uregina.ca/hri/

*****Registration must be received by February 23 to ensure tickets for meals*****



Watch for the following events in February!

MOVIE: *Crash* (2004)
February 5 7:00 p.m. ED 191
Presented by: Donald Sharpe, PhD & Shannon Jones, BSc
In a brief presentation following the movie, Dr. Donald Sharpe will help viewers to recognize the social psychological themes in *Crash*. Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission is free and snacks are available at a nominal cost.

SEMINAR: Getting Into Grad School
February 6 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. ED 623
Presented by: Kristi Wright, PhD, Kelsey Collimore, MA & Nicole Gooding, BAHons
Undergraduate psychology students who are interested in careers in psychology are encouraged to attend this information session.

WORKSHOP: Social Science Questionnaire Development for Beginners
February 24 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Presented by: Paulette Hunter, MA
Please send inquiries/RSVPs to hunter1p@uregina.ca.

WORKSHOP: How to Achieve Healthy Relationships
February 25 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Regina Community Clinic 1106 Winnipeg Street, Regina, SK, S4R1J6
Presented by: Melissa Kehler, MA; Atif Shujah, MA; Heather Eritz, BA Hons
Please contact Regina Community Clinic to register at: (306) 543-7880.

DEMONSTRATIONS: Experiments in Cognitive Psychology
February 26 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Presented by: The Experimental and Applied Psychology Graduate Program
Everyone is welcome to attend this come-and-go event with prizes and give-aways. Watch the poster boards for more details!

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23 chances to...

Fall in Love with Arts

Lots of free stuff!

23 Chances to win prizes...

Valentines treats!

Bookstore Gift Certificate!

Arts Course Tuition!

Thursday, February 12th, 2009

11:30am - 1:00pm

New Lab Building Atrium

For more information on finding your true love, contact:

Arts Student Services Office

585-4137

arts.studentservices@uregina.ca

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