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news of faculty, staff, students, and alumni

OLGA LOVICK (FNUniv) of the Department of Indian Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics was awarded funds from the Jacobs Fund for her research on "Tetlin Histories as told by Cora David in Upper Tanana Athabaskan", to be undertaken this summer in Tetlin, Alaska.

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BRENDA ANDERSON (Luther, Women's Studies) gave a presentation entitled "Missing Women in a Global Context" at the International Women's Day event hosted by Daughters of Africa, Status of Women, and the Women and Gender Studies program on 6 March. She also acted as a workshop facilitators for a session of the Arts CARES program, which ran during reading week.



Brenda Anderson

CAMERON LOUIS (ENGL) and U of R alumnus **NEIL BESNER** (now Associate Vice-President, International at the University of Winnipeg) conducted an external review of the English Program of the University of Northern British Columbia in Prince George 25-27 February.

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VOLKER GREIFENHAGEN (Luther, Religious Studies) gave a presentation entitled "Real Islam: Discourses of Religious Authenticity" as part of the Everything Religious Studies series on 27 February.



BRYAN HILLIS (Luther, Religious Studies) spoke at the Arts CARES celebration on 4 March about the value of service learning, on behalf of the faculty involved in the program.

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MARY HAMPTON (Luther, Psychology) has received a grant from the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation to help support the upcoming RESOLVE Research Day 2009: Healing From Violence and Abuse.

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ROGER PETRY (Luther, Philosophy) gave a presentation entitled "Perspectives on Environmental Stewardship: Sustaining 'Natural Capital'?" for the adult study group at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on 22 February.

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ROBERT PIERCEY (Campion, Philosophy) has recently published two books: *The Uses of the Past From Heidegger to Rorty: Doing Philosophy Historically* (Cambridge University Press, 2009); and *The Crisis in Continental Philosophy: History, Truth and the Hegelian Legacy*. (Continuum, 2009).

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HEATHER HADJISTAVROPOULOS (PSYC) presented "Should Internet Cognitive Behavior Therapy be Integrated into Publicly Funded Mental Health Care in Saskatchewan?" at the 2009 Saskatchewan Addiction and Mental Health Clinical Conference held in Moose Jaw, 10-11 March.

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DAVID R. MILLER (IND ST) and **LESLEY MCBAIN** (IND ST - Prince Albert Campus) contributed papers to a session, "Competing Visions—Contested Landscapes: Natives, Newcomers and Contrasting Land Management in Western North America," organized by James Daschuk (Kinesiology) for the American Society for Environmental History in Tallahassee, Florida, on 28 February. Daschuk's contribution was "Who killed the Prairie Beaver? An Environmental Case for Eighteenth Century Migration in Western Canada." Miller's paper was "Contrasts in Spatial Perceptions of Land and Its Utilization: Allotment Policy Implementation on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, 1905-1943," and McBain's was "Nursing Stations and Uranium Mines: Contradicting Landscapes of Change on Traditional Aboriginal Lands (1945-1957)."

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Mary Hampton



Heather Hadjistavropoulos



RANKA MINIC-VIDOVIC (INTL LANG) has published "La situación social del escritor español en la Baja Edad Media: el ejemplo de Garcí Rodríguez de Montalvo" in *Dissidences. Hispanic Journal of Theory and Criticism*, number 4 / 5 (Fall 2008). Details are available at: <http://www.dissidences.org/IndexCuartoy-QuintoNumero.html>.

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COLLEEN STRAUCH, a fourth year Arts student with a double major in Spanish and History, has been successful with her application with World University Students Canada (WUSC) and their Students Without Borders program. Colleen will be working this summer in coordination with WUSC's international partner ICPNA (Instituto Cultural Peruano Norteamericano) as an English as a Second Language instructor in Chiclayo, Peru. She is looking forward to working in Chiclayo as it will allow her to apply many of the skills she has learned in the Departments of International Languages and History to real life inter-cultural situations. She is pleased that the trip will also provide her with the opportunity to develop a level of independence that will assist her in her academic career.



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On 6 March, **WENDEE KUBIK** (WGST) was a guest on the CBC radio program *Blue Sky*, in celebration of International Women's Day. The topic of the program was "Where Women and the Feminist Movement are Today".

Wendee Kubik

in memoriam

The School of Journalism and the Faculty of Arts regret to report the passing of **RON ROBBINS**, founding director of the University of Regina's School of Journalism, who died 3 March in Victoria. Robbins worked for the Canadian Press in Toronto and spent 26 years with the CBC, before setting up the school of journalism in 1979, the first university-level course of its kind in Western Canada. Robbins retired to Victoria in 1983. A tribute to Ron Robbins from *The Regina Leader-Post* appears later in this Bulletin.

Ron Robbins (1917 - 2009) was the founder of the School of Journalism at the University of Regina, the first university-level program of its kind in Western Canada.



faculty of arts events

As part of the Religious Studies Ideas Series, **LORI BEAMAN** (University of Ottawa) will present "Religious Freedom: From Tolerance and Reasonable Accommodation to Deep Equality, on 2 April, 2:30 pm in LC 208.

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You are invited to attend public presentations at the University of Regina by **DR. CORY NEUDORF**, Chief Medical Health Officer of the Saskatoon Health Region on Tuesday 17 March 2009.

The afternoon presentation is entitled 'Reducing Health Disparities through Poverty Reduction: From Research to Policy to Improved Outcomes', 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm at the Luther College Auditorium, LC room 209. This lecture will be followed by a panel discussion featuring **DR TANIA DIENER**, Medical Health Officer for the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, and **DR GREG MARCHILDON**, Professor and Canada Research Chair, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy.



Cory Neudorf

The evening presentation is entitled 'Poverty is Making Us Sick: What Citizens and Communities Can Do to Achieve Health and Social Justice', 7:30 pm, Luther College Auditorium, LC room 209.

Both events are free of charge and open to the University and general community. The talks are on related but distinct topics, and for those interested it would be worthwhile to attend both events. Free parking will be available in the M area of Lot 3, north of Luther College.

Dr Neudorf received his medical degree from the University of Saskatchewan, a Master's of Health Science degree in Community Health and Epidemiology from the University of Toronto, and is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada with Certification in the specialty of Community Medicine. He is the past president of the National Specialty Society for Community Medicine, Chair of the Canadian Public Health Association, and Chair of the Canadian Population Health Initiative Council. Dr. Neudorf is also a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology at the University of Saskatchewan, College of Medicine.

These events are organized by the Department of Justice Studies and the Regina Anti-Poverty Network, in cooperation with the Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers, Saskatchewan Registered Nurses Association, the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies, RESOLVE, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, Saskatchewan Population Health Evaluation and Research Unit, Social Policy Research in Faculty of Social Work.

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ROBIN GANEV (HIST) will give a lecture at the upcoming Department of History Colloquium entitled "Hannah More and Popular Ballads: Why She Hated Them and What She Did About It." The colloquium will take place 20 March at 3:30 in LC 207. All are welcome!

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Robin Ganer

The Departments of Political Science, Philosophy and Classics and Religious Studies present **IRA CHERNUS** (Professor of Religious Studies, University of Colorado), "Apocalyptic Discourse in the White House: FDR to Obama" on Friday 27 March, 3:30 pm in RIC 119.

It was once common for American presidents to use apocalyptic discourse to talk about the United States as a force for global transformation. But since Franklin D. Roosevelt's time, presidents have been more intent on preventing the transformation of the world. In this lecture, Professor Chernus will explain how both of these traditions played important roles in the presidential election of 2008. He will argue that the Obama administration must decide how it will deal with this fundamental tension in US political culture.

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What kind of monster could possibly support the violent removal of an innocent girl's clitoris, leaving her forever incapable of sexual enjoyment, all for the sake of male dominance and control over women? On Thursday 19 March in RIC 119 (the theater on the ground floor of the Lab Building Addition), 4-5:30 pm., African scholar **DR FUAMBAI AHMADU** will respond to this and related queries in her talk 'Disputing the Myth of the Sexual Dysfunction of Circumcised Women'. Ahmadu's textured, empirical account shows that questions of this sort, like much of the rhetoric of anti-FGM (Female Genital Mutilation) movements, are racist and parochial not only in their representations of African men and women, but also in what they take for granted about female anatomy and orgasms. Doubtless such movements are interested in justice and the reduction of cruelty, but their bludgeon approach rides roughshod over all subtlety and ends up perpetrating its own cruelty, not least by framing circumcised women as mutilated. For some of these women, this image is foreign and insulting; for others, sadly, it is tragically persuasive, and they come to see themselves in its terms. (Could Dr. Ahmadu's positive engagement with excision be an example of a Stockholm Syndrome? She will be tackling that, too.)



Fuambai Ahmadu

Please attend! From what the Department of Anthropology knows about the speaker, we suspect these serious matters will be broached with grace and ice-breaking humor.

This event was organized by **CARLOS D. LONDOÑO SULKIN** (Department of Anthropology), with funding from the Faculty of Arts of the University of Regina, and two other patrons who shall be properly thanked at the event. (Previous announcements incorrectly identified the Human Justice program as co-sponsor of this event.)

Free parking will be available in Lot 15, section 'M', between 3:30 and 6:00 pm.

An event poster is appended to this Bulletin.

DAVID MALLOY, Professor, Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies will deliver the annual Centre on Aging and Health Regina Brain Awareness Week Lecture on 17 March, 6:30 pm in AdHum 527. His lecture is entitled "Do I Ever Stop Being Me? What Philosophers say about Dementia." All are welcome.

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On Thursday 26 March, 7:30 pm in CL 110, the 2009 Stapleford Lecture will be delivered by **PERRY BELLEGARDE**, Councillor for the Little Black Bear First Nation and 2009 Candidate for National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations. His lecture is entitled 'Implementing Self Determination: A Leader's Vision.

Implementing the 'Inherent Right to Self-Determination' is of great concern to First Nations people today. Recognized in the Canadian Constitution and various landmark Supreme Court decisions, First Nations are still striving to create self-determining communities. At the same time, they continue to deal with impediments to self-determination, such as unfinished treaty business, especially the lack of resource revenue sharing. In his talk, Bellegarde will contextualize these challenges in terms of the relationships among modern day First Nations political organizations, governments in Canada and industry. In addition, the teachings of Elders about our duty to the environment will be addressed in what promises to be a thought provoking evening.



Perry Bellegarde

Free parking will be available in lots 10 (Z area) and 15 (M area).

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founding director of U of R's School of Journalism dies in Victoria

By Will Chabun

The Regina Leader-Post, 6 March 2009

REGINA — Ron Robbins, founding director of the University of Regina's School of Journalism, died Tuesday in Victoria.

He was born in 1917 in Britain and got his first journalism job in 1935. He worked at newspapers in Hertfordshire and London, then spent five years in the Royal Navy — visiting Canada, among other places. Because of the "very warm welcome" in Halifax, he decided postwar — while working for the British Broadcasting Corp. — to emigrate to Canada. "For some reason, I wanted 'the immigrant experience,'" he said in a 2005 interview.

The diminutive Robbins worked for the Canadian Press in Toronto and spent 26 years with the CBC, eventually being responsible for overseas bureaus, federal and provincial election coverage, and co-ordinating staff training. His blueprint for election coverage, conceived in pre-computer days, "is still the basis of our results coverage" the director of news and current affairs for CBC-TV wrote in 1989.

After retiring, Robbins came west in 1979 to set up the U of R's journalism school, the first university-level course of its kind in Western Canada. "It was the challenge," said retired professor Nick Russell. "The University of Regina had the inspiration of having a journalism school and scoured the nation (for a director) and came up with whole bunch of names; he came to the top of the list. He had phenomenal credentials at that point. He'd been basically running CBC-TV news and had spent 26 years there (at CBC), which pretty well took him back to the early days of TV news. He had a long, proud record."

Robbins retired in 1983 and moved to Victoria. He remained an observer of journalism, weighing in via letters to editors and travelled back to Regina for anniversaries of the journalism school, which had saluted him with a scholarship.

So modest was Robbins that he had friends like Russell promise to keep mum on his death and would allow only a small notice in the *Globe & Mail*.

Saskatchewan must be prepared: experts

By Heather Polischuk
The Regina Leader-Post, 6 March 2009

Saskatchewan is better prepared than many parts of the world — and even many parts of Canada — to weather climate change, but that doesn't mean we won't feel it.

That was one of the messages on Thursday from two Canadian scientists who presented the findings of a national scientific assessment called *From Impacts to Adaptation: Canada in a Changing Climate 2007*.

Dr. Don Lemmen from Natural Resources Canada headed up the report that included a chapter on the Prairies from 14 authors, led by Dr. Dave Sauchyn with the University of Regina-based Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative.

"Whenever there's a drought we tend to change some things, and that's a form of adaptation, so Saskatchewan people are actually quite adaptable," Sauchyn said. "But if the science is correct, then the climate is changing such that we will have new climate conditions that we're not familiar with and therefore ... we have to plan adaptation strategies where we change policies and managing practices and infrastructure to minimize our vulnerability to climate change."

Saskatchewan can expect to see more extremes in drought and flooding and shorter and warmer winters — meaning significantly less available water and more pests and disease ordinarily controlled by the cold.

Sauchyn and Lemmen said we are well past the point of debating whether climate change exists. The real question now is how to deal with it. Lemmen said climate change affects regions and countries differently but everyone shares the big picture outcome. For example, global warming — which has led to a significant average increase of 1.6 degrees Celsius on the Prairies since 1895 — leads to less surface water in the Rockies where much of Saskatchewan's drinking water comes from. Likewise, effects of climate change in other countries may affect trade with Canada or lead to an increase in demand for aid.

While there are things the individual can do, Lemmen said major change must come from bigger players, such as government and industry. He added that while research is important, action needs to be taken now.

"Science has told us a lot already ...," he said. "We can start taking the first steps in almost all of these issues to making sure that we're developing more resilient communities and that our programs that we're putting in place are more sustainable ... Where we do have knowledge gaps, it's really not a justification for inaction."

"If we do it now, it'll be much less costly and much more efficient than if we wait for these damaging events to occur," Sauchyn added.

calendar: upcoming events and deadlines

march

Tuesday 17	2:30 - 4:30	Luther College LC 209	Cory Neudorf on reducing health disparities through poverty reduction
Tuesday 17	6:30	AH 527	Centre on Aging and Health Regina Brain Awareness Week lecture - David Malloy on what philosophers say about dementia
Tuesday 17	7:30	Luther College LC 209	Cory Neudorf on what citizens and communities can do to achieve health and social justice
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
Thursday 19	10:30	AH 412	SOPT 800 discussion on multiculturalism
Friday 20	3:30	LC 207	Robin Ganev on Hannah More and popular ballads
Thursday 26	7:30	CL 110	2009 Stapleford Lecture - Perry Bellegarde on Implementing Self-Determination
Friday 27	3:30	RIC 119	Ira Chernus on Apocalyptic Discourse in the White House

april

Thursday 2	2:30	LC 208	Religious Studies Ideas Series - Lori Beaman on religious freedom and accomodation
Wednesday 8	2:30	NR 210.7	Dean's Executive Committee meeting
Thursday 9			Classes end
Wednesday 15			Examinations begin
Wednesday 28			Examinations end

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Next issue: Tuesday 24 March 2009

Deadline for submission of material for next issue: Friday 20 March at 12 noon

disputing the myth of the sexual dysfunction of circumcized women



FUAMBAI AHMADU, PhD

Ahmadu engages critically with the debate about female circumcision in Africa, often referred to critically as 'Female Genital Mutilation' (FGM). With film footage and her own warm but subversive account of differences in Kono people's and Euroamerican's understandings of bodies, gender, and orgasm, she challenges Western dogmas about female sexuality and racist representations of African peoples. Her scholarship is powerful and discomfiting stuff, with important political implications—academia at its unsettling best!

**THURSDAY 19
MARCH**

4:00 PM-

5:30 PM

RIC 119

FREE PARKING WILL BE AVAILABLE IN SECTIONS MARKED 'M' IN LOT 15, AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE MAIN CAMPUS, FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT.

For information on Fuambai's publications (available at the U of R Bookstore), interesting links, and further details, see:
<http://www.arts.uregina.ca/anthropology/fuambai-ahmadu-lecture>



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University of Colorado

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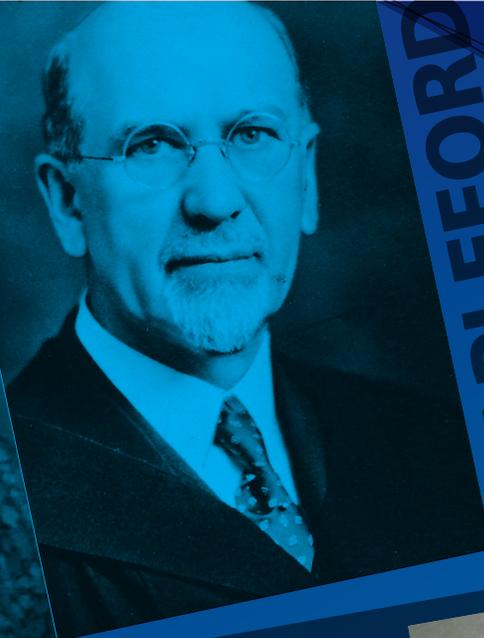
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Friday March 27, 2009
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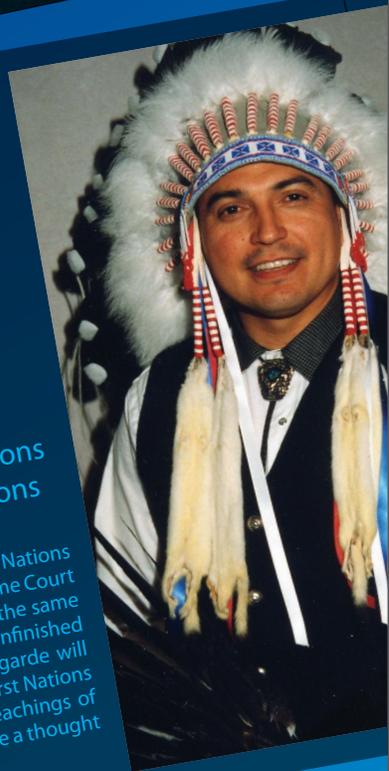
**STAPLEFORD
LECTURE**

implementing self determination: a leader's vision

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THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2009

7:30 PM

Classroom Building 110, University of Regina **NO ADMISSION CHARGE**

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