

# weekly bulletin



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## news of faculty, staff, students, and alumni

**SUSANNE KUEHLING** (ANTH) has been elected next year's convener of the Melanesian Interest Group of the American Anthropological Association.

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**THOMAS HADJISTAVROPOULOS** (PSYC) has been appointed to the Canadian Pain Society National Task Force on Service Delivery. The purpose of the task force is to provide the Canadian Pain Society, other interested professional societies, governmental agencies and consumer organizations with recommendations on how to improve service delivery and care for pain. The functions and objectives of the task force are to identify the current initiatives that are already underway in Canada to improve service delivery and care for pain; to identify and obtain information about service delivery relevant to the Task Force from all interested parties; to facilitate a national collaboration between groups and service providers who have initiated programs to improve service delivery and care for chronic pain; and to make recommendations for a national strategy to improve delivery of timely and appropriate service to Canadians suffering with pain. Hadjistavropoulos joins a distinguished group of fellow members.

Hadjistavropoulos has also published 'Canadian Psychology in a Global Context' in *Canadian Psychology*, issue 50, pp. 1-7, as well as 'Pain in Older Persons. In U. Windhorst, M. Binder & N. Hirokawa (eds.), Encyclopedia of Neuroscience. (Springer-Verlag), pp. 3074-3076.



*Susanne Kuehling*



*Thomas Hadjistavropoulos*



**HENRY CHOW** (SOC) has just published the following three research reports, now available from our university library:

Chow, Henry P.H. (2008) 'Speaking Out on Critical Social Issues: An Opinion Poll of the Chinese-Canadians in the Greater Toronto Area. (ISBN: 978- 0-7731-0656-7)

Chow, Henry P.H. (2008) Risk Behaviour, Criminal Victimization, and Perceptions of the Police: A Survey of High School Students in Regina. (ISBN: 978-0-7731-0651-2)

Chow, Henry P.H. (2008) Social Attitudes and Personal Well-being: A Survey of University Students in Regina. (ISBN: 978-0-7731-0650-2) (publishing).



*Henry Chow*

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**RAYMOND BLAKE** (HIST) presented 'Canadian Studies as a Public Good,' at Canadian Studies: The State of the Art and the Third Alternative Conference, Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick, 12-14 February.

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**GEDIMINAS LANKAUSKAS** (ANTH) will be presenting a paper at a conference entitled Contesting "Europe", Canadian Centre for German and European Studies, York University, Toronto, on 5-6 March. His paper title is 'Europe's "Others" and the (Dis)Integration of the Lithuanian Nation'.



*Raymond Blake*

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With great enthusiasm and interest, students from the Chinese Program in the Department of International Languages participated in two major celebrations of the Lantern Festival held by the local Chinese Community and the Chinese Student Association at the University of Regina this month. Their performance (poem reciting and singing) was enjoyed immensely by the audience.



*Gediminas Lankauskas*



*Students from the Department of International Languages' Chinese program entertain the local community in celebration of the Lantern Festival, an event that marks the end of Chinese new year festivities.*

faculty of arts events

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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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 Regina, 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.

The International Women's Day Conference, Women's Rights as Human Rights: Stop Gender-based Violence will take place 6 March at the University of Regina, AdHum Buidling, room 527. There will be free parking in Lot 3M. Sponsors of this event include the Department of Women's and Gender Studies, Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation, Amnesty International, and Daughters of Africa. Please see the conference schedule appended to this Bulletin.

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The Centre on Aging and Health Annual Distinguished Lecture will take place on 5 March in AdHum 527, 6:30 pm. **KYRIAKOS S. MARKIDES** will deliver a lecture entitled 'Are Older Immigrants Healthier than Second and Third Generation Residents of North America?'

Kyriakos S. Markides is the Annie & John Gritzinger Distinguished Professor of Aging Studies in the Department of Preventative Medicine and Community Health at the University of Texas Medical Branch.

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The Fifth International Conference on Indigenous Education: Pacific Nations Conference will take place 27-29 May in Honolulu, Hawaii, sponsored by the Centre for International Academic Exchange and the First Nations University of Canada. Please see the call for abstracts appended to this Bulletin.

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Award-winning CBC journalist **TERRY MILEWSKI** has been confirmed as this year's Minifie Lecturer. The title of his address is now confirmed: "The Unseen Muzzle - How Timidity, Self-Censorship and Libel Chill Work Their Magic." Milewski's address is free, and open to the public. It will be held Tuesday 10 March at 7:30 pm in the Education Auditorium.

## baby sleep issues studied

In the 17 February edition of the Weekly Bulletin, it was erroneously reported that the results of **LYNN LOUTZENHISER'S** (PSYC) research on infant/toddler sleep patterns had been published by *Today's Parent* magazine. In fact, Dr. Loutzenhiser's collaboration/research with *Today's Parent* is still ongoing. The following is a *Regina Leader Post* article about her project.



Lynn Loutzenhiser

By Jana G. Pruden  
*Regina Leader-Post*, 17 February 2009

Have you been awake all night, trying desperately to put your child back to sleep, or does your little one sleep like a baby?

Either way, a University of Regina researcher wants to hear from you.

Dr. Lynn Loutzenhiser is conducting a study about the sleeping habits of babies and toddlers, which she hopes will shed light on the reality of how parents deal with sleep issues.

"Many infants wake in the night, and we're wondering what parents do when they do that," said Loutzenhiser, an assistant professor of psychology.

Loutzenhiser says there is a wide range of advice about how parents should deal with sleep issues, ranging from having a bedtime routine to letting the children cry themselves back to sleep.

But while there are a lot of opinions about children's sleep, Loutzenhiser says there is very little research about what strategies parents are using.

"We know that people buy these books, we know that people get advice, but we don't really know what parents actually do in the night with their children," she said.

Information is gathered using an online survey to be completed by people who are currently parenting young children.

Loutzenhiser says the survey takes 10 to 20 minutes, and focuses on where children are sleeping, how they are falling asleep, and what their sleep habits are like.

"We hear a lot of parents talking about how tired they are, and how their children aren't sleeping well, and we want to know, do parents really see this as a problem?"

Loutzenhiser said. "We want to know what you do, and how does it work?"

About 200 people have responded to the survey since it was launched earlier this month, and it will remain online until the end of March.

Loutzenhiser says the results will be used for published articles and presentations, and to refine studies on related issues.

The study is being done in collaboration with a contributing editor to Today's Parent magazine.

The survey can be found at <http://uregina.ca/~loutzlyn/Research.html>.

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## making history

By Joe Couture  
*The Regina Leader-Post*, 26 February 2009

Members of the University of Regina political science community gathered on Wednesday to celebrate the 150th anniversary of three works credited with changing the course of history.

In 1859, ink was drying on the pages of first editions of Charles Darwin's *The Origin of the Species*, Karl Marx's preface to *A Critique of Political Economy* and John Stuart Mill's *On Liberty*, three bestsellers whose authors' ideas continue to shape political ideology to this day.

"One kind of connection people are fascinated by is when things share a birthday; it's just interesting to explore connections," stated Martin Hewson, the political science professor who organized the panel discussion that examined the relevance of the ideas contained in the three works.

"These are three of the greatest ideas that have ever been thought," he added.

Hewson was joined on the panel by professors Shadia Drury, Phillip Hansen and Lee Ward. Over two hours and in front of a theatre full of students and other educators, the panelists discussed how the authors' ideas influenced ideologies ranging from capitalism to communism and liberalism to fascism.

Historical events of the 19th and 20th centuries were directly affected by the ideas popularized by these writers, the panel explained. Drury showed a connection -- unintended on the part of the writers -- between the ideas of Mill, Marx and Darwin and the positions of Britain and its allies, Russia and Nazi Germany, respectively, during World War II.

"The world would have been very different if all three of these thinkers hadn't existed," stated Hansen.

"Mill has done more to define the way we understand freedom today than any other thinker," added Ward.

Though Darwin wrote about evolution, Marx about economic and societal structure, and Mill about individual liberties, one thing all share is that their ideas have been misunderstood in many ways over the years, the panel said.

"Great ideas challenge and provoke us; the other side of that is they can get deployed for all sorts of reasons that the thinkers themselves never would have imagined," Hansen explained.

Overall, those not enrolled in upper-level political science or philosophy classes might have been hard-pressed to appreciate Wednesday's very academic discussion. But Drury explained that a look at all three works proves one point that everybody should be able to get.

"It's important to realize that no political philosophy has all the answers," she commented. "They all have shortcomings in different ways."

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## talkin' trash about culture

By Pamela Cowan  
*The Regina Leader-Post*, 2 March 2009

Britney Spears was the subject of some talk at the Trash Talkin' conference held at the University of Regina on Friday and Saturday.

Michelle James, one of the U of R students who organized the conference, explained the title of the interdisciplinary conference -- Trash Talkin': New Directions in Popular Culture and Contemporary Writing.

"When you talk about popular culture it gets associated with trash talking in a sense," James said.

During six panel discussions that were held during the two-day event, 20 students presented creative writing and scholarly papers on aspects of popular culture.

Blaise Boehmer spoke about Spears' iconic role in our culture in his presentation Cultural Self-Loathing in the West: Britney Spears and the Abject.

"If you look at her treatment in the media, she's always being dismissed and treated as trash," said the 27-year-old. "What I'm trying to get at is what does that mean for her and what does that say about our culture?"

"It says we're very materialistic, that we put a lot of emphasis on impossible female form and female body image, that we allow our young women in our culture to be sexualized, but at the same we hate that fact about our culture.

"She reveals a lot of our values and our norms, and they're by no means ideal. But at the same time, my argument is that it's a healthy way of exorcising this loathing for this type of culture so rather than blame ourselves we can blame people like Britney for what's wrong with our culture."

Boehmer graduated in December with honours in English and a major in political science. He hopes to do more work on American popular culture if he's accepted into a graduate program at the U of R called Culture and Text.

"It's basically fine arts, visual arts, media studies -- they're just rolling out this program so it hasn't been finalized yet, but that's what I hope to get involved with and I'll expand on this project somewhat but not with Britney Spears as a subject," he said.

James hopes the event will inspire students to participate in future conferences.

"Some students are intimidated by stepping into a professional, academic area so this is a first step into that arena," she said. "The presenting is probably the big intimidation factor for most students so this gets them involved in presenting their own material and being confident in that presentation."

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calendar: upcoming events and deadlines

march

Thursday 5		AdHum 527	Kyriakos S. Markides on the Health of Older Immigrants
Friday 6		AdHum 527	International Women's Day Conference
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
Tuesday 17	2:30 - 4:30	Luther College LC 209	Cory Neudorf on reducing health disparities through poverty reduction
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 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

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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<http://dspace.cc.uregina.ca/dspace/handle/10294/335>*

*Next issue: Tuesday 10 March 2009*

*Deadline for submission of material for next issue: Friday 6 March at 12 noon*

International Women's Day Conference 2009

# **WOMEN'S RIGHTS AS HUMAN RIGHTS**

## **STOP GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

**Video screening:** *The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo*

**Panel discussion:** Women in Conflict Zones

**Keynote:** "Women's Rights as Human Rights in Saskatchewan"  
Heather Monus, Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission

**Lunch** by Daughters of Africa

**Presentations:**

- Indigenous Women and Human Rights (Carrie Bourassa)
- Stolen Sisters (Tracey Wright, Amnesty International)
- Missing Women in a Global Context (Brenda Anderson)
- Connecting Domestic Violence to Missing & Murdered Women (Darlene Juschka)
- What Can We Do? (Mona Hill, Amnesty International)

Sponsors: U of R Women's Studies  
Department, Saskatchewan Council  
for International Cooperation,  
Amnesty International, and  
Daughters of Africa

**FRIDAY MARCH 6**  
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**CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**  
**THE 5<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDIGENOUS EDUCATION:**  
**PACIFIC NATIONS**  
**May 27-29, 2009**  
**HONOLULU, HAWAII**  
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You are invited to submit an abstract for the 5<sup>TH</sup> *INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INDIGENOUS EDUCATION: PACIFIC NATIONS* to be held in Honolulu, May 27-29, 2009 to take place at the Ilikai Hotel, 1777 Ala Mona Blvd., in beautiful Waikiki. (ph. 808-949-3811). This conference will draw together scholars from the Pacific Nations to present academic papers, poster or cultural displays on issues in Indigenous education. Twenty minutes will be allocated for each presentation. Sessions will run from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for each of the three days of the conference. Registration will be on the evening of May 26 at the conference site. **Please note that if papers are presented in a language other than English, an English version must be presented by power point projection.** Please submit registration form below by return email by **March 31, 2009** with title and abstract in Word, Times New Roman 11 font (English). For those who wish to have their papers published in the conference proceedings, full text of papers to be submitted as above by **June 30, 2009**.

Conference Fees:

Delegate tuition: \$300.00 U.S.D. Students, Elders, and retiree tuition: \$150.00 U.S.D. Registration to be paid at time of registration at the conference site.  
**Note:** All participants are responsible for their own transportation, meals, and accommodation.

**Please feel free to forward this call for abstracts to your colleagues.**

Submit completed form by email to 'weber@firstnationsuniversity.ca'

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