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"The urge to save humanity is almost always only a false-face for the urge to rule it": **H.L. Mencken** (1880-1956), *Minority Report: H.L. Mencken's Notebooks* (1956).

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1. HRI DR. BARBARA POWELL VISITING LECTURE 2006-07: Linda Hutcheon (7 November)

The HRI is delighted to announce that the 2006-07 Powell Lecture will be given by **Linda Hutcheon**, Distinguished University Professor of English and Comparative Literature at the University of Toronto.

Linda Hutcheon

"Based on a True Story: The Urge to Adapt History" (An Illustrated Lecture)

While adaptations of fictional stories obviously flourish in forms ranging from films to videogames, theme parks to musicals, so too do those taken from "real life." The desire to transpose historical accounts from print to other media -- including opera -- is the subject of this illustrated exploration of how the human imagination works to tell and retell our favourite stories.

Date: **Tuesday 7 November 2006**

Time: **7:30 pm**

Place: **Classroom Building, CL 110**

Admission free; all are welcome

Free parking from 6:30 pm in Lot 3 (metered area); \$2 pay parking in Lot 8

Seating on a first-come, first-served basis

Reception to follow

Linda Hutcheon is one of the contemporary world's most dynamic scholars and thinkers in the humanities. She is a leading theoretician of postmodernism and has major interests in parody, irony, semiotics, feminism, modern fiction, contemporary Canadian culture, and opera. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, has served as President of the Modern Language Association of America, and holds honorary doctorates from Concordia University, McMaster University, and the Universities of Western Ontario, Antwerp, and Ghent. She is associate editor of *University of Toronto Quarterly*, was co-editor of the 53-book Culture/Theory series published by University of Toronto Press, and currently co-edits the Medicine and Literature series published by the University of Illinois Press. She serves on the editorial board of more than twenty journals and has supervised or is supervising more than seventy doctoral candidates at the University of Toronto alone. Her books include *Narcissistic Narrative* (1980), *Formalism and the Freudian Aesthetic* (1984), *A Theory of Parody* (1985), *A Poetics of Postmodernism* (1988), *The Canadian Postmodern* (1988), *The Politics of Postmodernism* (1989, revised 2002), *Splitting Images*

(1991), and *Irony's Edge* (1994). With her husband Michael Hutcheon (a physician) she has recently co-authored three books on opera: *Opera: Desire, Disease, Death* (1996), *Bodily Charm* (2000), and *Opera: The Art of Dying* (2004). Her latest book is *A Theory of Adaptation* (Routledge, 2006).

2. CCE/HRI HERITAGE LECTURE SERIES: Carrie Bourassa (9 November)

Carrie Bourassa

(Assistant Professor of Indigenous Health Studies, Department of Science, First Nations University of Canada)

"Aboriginal Perspectives on Health and Wellness: A Holistic Approach"

"We are like trees. Our roots are put down very deep. And we take things from the four directions and we take them into our lives. And if you pull us up by the roots, we are lost. We have to go back and find those roots, find those beginnings that are strong so that we can live a good life": Elder **Betty McKenna**, 2005.

How is health defined from a First Nations' perspective? Why do Aboriginal people face higher rates of chronic and infectious disease, lower life expectancy, and higher infant mortality rates? How do we address these issues? What might we all learn from traditional First Nations' philosophies of health and well-being?

Date: **Thursday 9 November 2006**

Time: **7:00 pm**

Place: **Darke Hall, 2201 College Avenue**

Lecture, Reception and Tour.

Admission free; all are welcome

For further info, call 585-5853

Carrie Bourassa was born and raised in Regina. She pursued both her undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Regina. She earned her BA Honours degree in Political Science in 1995, graduated with her MA in 1999 and is currently pursuing her PhD in Sociology and Social Studies. Her dissertation is entitled "Destruction of the Métis Nation: Health

Consequences."

Carrie has worked in several different capacities in her career including Sessional Instructor with the First Nations University of Canada, Ministerial Assistant, Policy Analyst with the Saskatchewan provincial government and Manager of Employment Equity at the University of Regina.

Currently, Carrie is following her dream of teaching at the post-secondary level – in August 2001, she accepted a faculty position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Science at the First Nations University of Canada, teaching Indigenous Health Studies as well as selected Environmental Health courses including Environmental Health Communications and Administration. Her research interests include the impacts of colonization on the health of First Nations and Métis people; creating culturally competent care in health service delivery; Aboriginal community-based health research methodology; Aboriginal end of life care and Aboriginal women's health. She is a member of the Assembly of First Nations/First Nations and Inuit Health Branch National First Nations Environmental Contaminants Program Steering Committee. She is also an accredited Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Program facilitator through the First Nations University of Canada and actively involved in volunteering at community centres including the Regina Métis Sports and Culture Centre. In 2004, she was honoured when she was chosen as one of Saskatchewan's ten Aboriginal Role Models by the Aboriginal Employment Development Program's Provincial Aboriginal Representative Workforce Council (PARWC).

Carrie is Métis and belongs to the Riel Métis Council of Regina Inc. (RMCR). She resides in Regina with her husband, Chad and her daughter, Victoria.

For further info about the CCE/HRI Heritage Initiative, go to http://www.uregina.ca/hri/CCE_HRI_Heritage_Init.shtml

3. HRI VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES: Yuan-Fu (Clark) Zhu (16 November)

Yuan-Fu (Clark) Zhu

(Chuxiong Normal University, China; HRI Visiting Research Fellow 2006)

"Drinking and Its Culture among the Yi People in Chuxiong Yi Autonomous Prefecture" (An Illustrated Lecture)

Date: **Thursday 16 November 2006**

Time: **4:00 pm**

Place: **Education Bldg, ED 114**

All welcome; refreshments provided

Drinking is an inseparable part of Chinese food culture. Wherever you go in China, eating, especially eating on formal occasions, will surely be accompanied by drinking. Different ethnic groups in China have their own different ways of drinking. The Yi people are friendly, hospitable and honest and drinking is particularly popular and typical among them. Therefore, they have a typical way to express their hospitality and friendship by drinking with guests -- Three Cups of Liquor (or Wine).

The first cup of liquor is "Lan Men Jiu" (Receptional Cup of Liquor), the second "Zhu Fu Jiu" (Blessing Cup of Liquor) and the third "Liu Ke Jiu" (Departure Cup of Liquor). Each cup of the liquor will be served with different rituals accompanied by the blowing of the trumpets, and songs and dances of the occasions.

There are some taboos, too, in drinking with the Yi people. Breaking of the taboos means offence and you are or will be unwelcome.

4. HRI VISITING RESEARCH FELLOW PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES: Lynn Gidluck (30 November 2006)

Lynn Gidluck (Director, Saskatchewan Office of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives; HRI Visiting Research Fellow 2006)

"Remembering the Regina Manifesto" (An Illustrated Lecture)

Date: **Thursday 30 November 2006**

Time: **4:00 pm**

Place: **Education Bldg, ED 114**

All welcome; refreshments provided

Lynn Gidluck will explore the depiction of the Regina Manifesto over the years, looking at the myths and misconceptions that arose from it about the CCF/NDP. She will introduce you to the colourful cast of characters that debated this historic policy document and ultimately accepted it as the CCF's founding principles and call to political action. She hopes to generate discussion and explore with those who attend, the political and historical significance of the Regina Manifesto in Saskatchewan and Canadian history.

Lynn Gidluck is the Director of the Saskatchewan Office of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA-SK). She completed her Masters of Arts in Political Science from the University of Regina in 1996 and resides in Regina with her husband and two daughters. She gratefully acknowledges the support from the Province of Saskatchewan Centennial Grants program and the Humanities Research Institute at the University of Regina for the funding and support of this project.

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