



Weekly Bulletin for Department & Program Heads

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Congratulations

... to *Mitch Diamantopoulos*, who on Thursday 20 December successfully completed comprehensive exams in the PhD program he is pursuing at the University of Saskatchewan.



Faculty recruitment

Shortlists have now been drawn up in all but a few of our competitions. Candidate interviews and campus visits begin this Thursday and will continue for much of the month. Our target dates are:

- *Friday 8 February or earlier:* Committee chairs recommend preferred candidate to Dean and (with prior permission from candidates) conduct telephone reference checks
- *11-13 February:* Dean discusses candidates with Vice-President (Academic)
- *By 13 February:* Committee chairs prepare Recruitment Report and forward it to Dean's Office
- *13-15 February:* Dean contacts candidates and negotiates offers of employment
- *18-22 February:* Dean's Office prepares final paperwork for Human Resources and President's Advisory Group on Faculty Appointments.



Conference Fund announcement

The following Arts colleagues recently received positive news from the Office of the Vice-President (Academic) in the form of financial support for conferences that they are organizing:

- *Susan Johnston* (English): \$2,000 for "Harry Potter and the Meeting of the Queen City Muggles"
- *Cindy MacKenzie* (English): \$3,000 for "Emily Dickinson: Queen without a Crown"
- *Annette Desmarais* (Justice Studies): \$500 for "Food Sovereignty: Theory, Praxis, and Power"
- *Jeremy Rayner* (Political Science): \$1,500 for "The inaugural meeting of the Prairie Political Science Association"
- *Henry Chow* (Sociology and Social Studies): \$500 for "The Fourth Annual Joint U of R/U of S Sociology Graduate Students' Conference"
- *Marion Jones* (Economics): \$3,000 for "The Right Policy for China's Continued Development"
- *Nils Clausson* (English): \$1,250 for "Re-examining Arthur Conan Doyle"

The Dean's Office will be providing further modest support to these initiatives, and to several others that were unsuccessful in the CF competition.

Major grant for community research

Hirsch Greenberg (Justice Studies), along with co-applicants *Twyla Salm* and *Marc Spooner* (Education) and in collaboration with the Greystone Centre for Interprofessional Collaboration in Education and the Regina Homelessness Committee, has been awarded a \$153,286 grant by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada as part of its Homeless Individuals and Families Information System (HIFIS) initiative. The project will give a voice to homeless people by placing computer technology in community venues that will facilitate the gathering of data on issues such as housing, income levels, substance abuse, nutrition, etc. These data will be shared by human service organizations, various levels of government and the public with a view to generating a more complete understanding of homelessness in our community, as well as more effective responses to it.

Grade submissions

All of the Faculty's undergraduate grades were submitted and approved before the start of the new term. In the past it was often another week or two before this goal had been achieved. Many thanks to all the heads for their cheerful and efficient cooperation, which was critical in making this improvement possible.

Happy New Year

Best wishes to each of you for a happy, healthy, and fulfilling 2008.
