



Weekly Bulletin for Department & Program Heads

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Academic searches

Here, in tabular form, is the status of our searches as of this morning.

Department	Search	Status
ANTH	Tenure-track	Candidate has accepted terms; formal appointment in process
ECON	Tenure-track	Formal appointment has been offered
ECON	Tenure-track	Search continues
ECON	Tenure-track	Search failed: one-year term position to be posted
ENGL	Tenure-track	Formal appointment has been offered
ENGL	Tenure-track	Formal appointment has been offered
ENGL	Term	Now being advertised; closing date is 30 April
JRN	Tenure-track	Candidate recommended
JS	Tenure-track	Candidate has accepted terms; formal appointment in process
PSCI	Term	Shortlist pending
RLST	Tenure-track	Formal appointment has been accepted
SOC	Term	Formal appointment has been accepted
SOC	Term	Formal appointment has been offered



News of faculty members

Gary Tompkins (ECON) will be on CBC Radio's "Blue Sky" phone-in show this Thursday from approximately 1:00-1:45 commenting on the provincial budget ... in Gary's ECON 354 class yesterday, Mayor Pat Fiacco made a presentation titled "Economic Challenges facing Regina," and tomorrow Bob Bjerke will be making a presentation on a recent review of Regina's social housing initiatives ... **Ben Fiore SJ (RLST, Champion)** has published "Christian Kinship in the Paraenesis of Philemon" in the festschrift *The Impartial God: Essays in Biblical Studies in Honor of Jouette M. Bassler* (Sheffield: Sheffield Phoenix P, 2007) ... **Jan van Eijk (DILL, First Nations U)** has published "Salish and Algonquian: A Possible Relationship Revisited" in Wolfart (ed.), *Papers of the Thirty-Eighth Algonquian Conference* (Univ of Manitoba P, 2007: 403-416), as well as a review (co-authored with G. Rowicka) of Matthewson et al., "When I Was Small - I Wan Kwikws: A Grammatical Analysis of St'át'imc Oral Narratives," *International Journal of American Linguistics* 74:147-150 (Jan 2008) ... The *U of R Report* for 10 March has a feature article on the appointment of **Mary Hampton (PSYC, Luther)** as academic co-ordinator of RESOLVE (Research and Education for Solutions to Violence and Abuse) ...



Arts researchers contribute to national climate change adaptation report

The following report was written by Natalie Tomczak of University Relations.

As another long, cold Saskatchewan winter comes to a slushy end, it seems hard to believe that warmer winters and a scarcity of water are two of the climatic challenges that Canadians - and in particular prairie residents - will have to adapt to over the next several decades. But that's exactly the case, according to a new Natural Resources Canada report released late last week.

Entitled *From Impacts to Adaptation: Canada in a Changing Climate 2007*, the report states that the effects of climate change are already apparent in Canada and throughout the world. As a result, in addition to taking action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we will also have to adapt our thinking, decisions and behaviour in order to mitigate the many risks associated with climate change.

Four University of Regina researchers - **David Sauchyn (GEOG)**, **Polo Diaz (SOC/SOST)**, **Elaine Barrow** and **Norm Henderson** - spent two years helping research and write the section of the report that deals specifically with the Canadian prairies. Sauchyn, a professor of geography who is also research co-ordinator for the Prairie Adaptation Research Collaborative at the U of R, is one of the two lead authors of the prairie section.

"This report is Canada's second national assessment of climate change impacts and adaptation," said Sauchyn. "The first one was published in 1997. The impacts of climate change, and much of the research, have occurred since 1997."

Sauchyn and the other scientists on the prairie team reviewed more than 300 studies during the course of their work on the report. Their work, contained in chapter 7 of the report, concluded that:

- * The climate of the prairies is warming faster than the global average;
- * Projections of future climate conditions include more frequent drought, but also increased precipitation, especially in winter and spring, but generally longer drier summers;
- * The major impacts of climate change in our region are shifts in the distribution of ecosystems and water resources;
- * The Prairies are losing some advantages of our cold winters. They limit pests and diseases, facilitate winter operations in the forestry and energy sectors, allow access to remote northern communities and produce snow and ice, the most reliable sources of our water supplies;
- * Our adaptive capacity, though high, is unevenly distributed. Some regions (e.g. rural communities) and groups (e.g. First Nations) are more vulnerable;
- * Adaptive capacity is only potential. Institutions and civil society will play a key role in mobilizing adaptive capacity.

"The University of Regina has developed an international reputation for its expertise in climate change research," said David Gauthier, the U of R's Vice-President, Research and International. "We're very proud that researchers from the U of R are playing such a key role in identifying impacts and adaptation strategies that have important benefits both within the province and beyond."

From *Impacts to Adaptation: Canada in a Changing Climate 2007* can be found at http://adaptation.nrcan.gc.ca/assess/2007/index_e.php

President's Fund and SSHRC General Research Grant Fund Deadline: 1 May 2008
Website: http://www.uregina.ca/research/internal_grants/sshrc.shtml

The President's Fund and SSHRC General Research Grant Fund awards are provided bi-annually, on a competitive basis, to promote research and scholarly work at the University of Regina. Please refer to the Office of Research Services website for further information regarding eligibility, application procedures and other related details: www.uregina.ca/research/internal_grants/sshrc.shtml. All first time applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Sarah.Savage@uregina.ca for advice in preparing their application. Application Forms and guidelines are available for download at the following URLs:

Conference Travel:

www.uregina.ca/research/internal_grants/Pres_SSHRC_Application-travel08.doc

Research Support:

www.uregina.ca/research/internal_grants/Pres_SSHRC_Application-Research08.doc

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### ORS Unit Review

Members of Arts are urged to look at the report of the Unit Review team for the Office of Research Services, as well as Dr Gauthier's response to the recommendations. Both documents are available at <http://www.uregina.ca/presoff/vpresearch/documents/index.shtml>. A number of the recommendations have implications for how research will be facilitated and managed in the years to come.

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Arts representation on Executive of Council

Earlier editions of this bulletin contained several requests for assistance in ensuring that all Arts seats on Executive of Council are filled for the upcoming academic year. Thank you for your response to these requests. The following colleagues in the social sciences have been elected by acclamation: **Drs Germani (HIST), Hayford (SOC/SOST) Hodder (GEOG), Kleer (ECON and Associate Dean (Undergraduate)), Lankauskas (ANTH), Leyton-Brown (HIST), McIntosh (PSCI), Thraves (GEOG), Sykes Tottenham (PSYC), Tompkins (ECON), and Wilson (ECON)**. As there are eight people nominated for the six seats from the humanities (**Leona Anderson (RLST), Kevin Bond (RLST), Françoise Kenny (FR), Wendee Kubik (WMST), Ken Probert (ENGL), Garry Sherbert (ENGL), Michael Trussler (ENGL), and Lynn Wells (ENGL and Associate Dean (Research and Graduate))**), an election will be held. It is very good to see that our Faculty will be fully represented at Executive of Council.

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### Faculty Council meeting tomorrow (Wednesday) at 2:30

Please note that this meeting will be held in **ED114**, not in the AH Boardroom.

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Calendar of upcoming events

Date	Time	Place	Event
MARCH			
Tuesday 18			Visit of Dale Eisler to PSCI, JRN, Johnson-Shoyama School
Wednesday 19	2:30	ED 114	Faculty Council NOTE CORRECTED PLACE
Wednesday 19	3:30	CK 185	HRI – Cindy MacKenzie (ENGL) Dickinson book launch
Wednesday 19	3:30	CL 408	PSCI series – Jenn Ruddy (MA candidate) on feminist activism in the Saskatchewan NDP
Thursday 20	10:00	Riddell Centre Shu-Box Theatre	Leslie McCurdy performs her one-woman play on Harriet Tubman – free performance for U of R employees and students – classes are welcome – co-sponsored by Arts, Education, Fine Arts, Depts of Justice Studies, Sociology, and Women’s Studies
Thursday 20	7:30	Education Auditorium	Stapleford Lecture – Lynda Haverstock on citizenship, governance and duty
Thursday 20	7:30	Café Orange 2136 Robinson St	Peter Campbell (PHIL) on “shopping for metaphysics”
Thursday 20	11:00 pm	Access Television	Re-broadcast on Access TV of the lecture "Simone de Beauvoir: Philosophy or Autobiography" delivered on 13 March by Dr Margaret Ogrodnick
Tuesday 25	4:00	Campion Auditorium	HRI talk (rescheduled)—Dan Coleman, Nick Ruddick, and Lynn Wells on research culture in the humanities
APRIL			
Wednesday 2	2:30	TBA	RLST Ideas Series – Michel Desjardins (WLU) on “How Food Matters in the Study of Religion”
Friday 4	7:30	CL 110	HRI Powell Lecture – Biruté Galdikas (SFU) on endangered primates
Tuesday 8	12:00 noon	TBA	Jocelyne Praud (PSCI) on the emergence of parity democracy in France and Belgium
MAY			
Saturday 10	All day	College Avenue Campus	Harry Potter and the Queen City Muggles (sponsored by Arts, Education, CCE, HRI, and the Regina Public Library)



From this morning’s <i>Leader-Post</i>

Academic slams Conservatives for brochure that’s ‘misleading’

By ANNE KYLE

Leader-Post

The federal Conservative government’s get tough on crime campaign has one Regina resident seeing red.

Hirsch Greenberg, who teaches justice studies at the University of Regina, said the get tough on crime brochure he received in the mail from his Conservative MP Dave Batters is not only misleading but promotes fear.

“Bricks and mortar are very expensive ways of dealing with social problems. There is no evidence by anybody in the field who researches this that says by increasing incarceration you are going to make society safer because those people eventually get out,” Greenberg said.

“By isolating people and removing them, and trying to say by pushing them away, somehow it is going to make your life and my life safer and less at risk of being affected by crime is misleading because there are always other people coming up through the system.

“You may stop that offender with specific deterrence but there is no evidence to suggest general deterrence works by putting offenders in jail.”

The political brochures, which were circulated by Batters, the MP for Palliser, along with Conservative MPs Andrew Scheer (Regina Qu’Appelle) and Tom Lukiwski (Regina-Lumsden-Lake Centre), state in big letters, “Why should convicted thieves, arsonists and vandals serve their sentences watching TV, playing video games, and surfing ‘Websites’ on the Internet?

“They shouldn’t. The Conservative Government Supports Ending House Arrest for Serious Offences.”

The brochure is an attempt to show voters the contrast between the Conservative efforts to get tough on crime and the actions of the NDP and Liberal MPs, Scheer said.

“Our bill that removes the right of house arrests for certain types of offences would have done so for the most serious kinds of offences. We tried to make it so that those convicted of break and enter, arson, luring a child and things like that, and serious sexual assaults would not be given an option,” he said.

“There is no question house arrest is a lot easier on the criminal than spending time behind bars and it is a lot easier for those criminals to continue in their activities, such as drug and alcohol abuse, that might have led them to take those actions.”

The Liberals and NDP campaigned on a platform of getting tough on crime, Scheer said, but when the Conservatives’ Crime Bill went to committee those parties voted to weaken it.

“They seem to be standing up for the rights of criminals ahead of the rights of victims and law-abiding Canadians,” he said.

“Would those people who preach this kind of ‘hug-a-thug’ mentality volunteer to have someone convicted of luring a child or break and enter serve time under house arrest in the house next door? I think a lot of times there are people who would like to use our neighbourhoods as rehabilitation centres but don’t have to live with the consequences.”

Greenberg said the statements in the brochures are misleading about the nature of the problem and are not evidence-based.

Electronic monitoring or house arrest is one method of being able to track people and keep them as functional members of society, he said. It is also less costly for taxpayers.

This campaign is based on a political agenda not a reduced crime agenda, Greenberg said, pointing out that in the absence of any of the Conservative government’s “get tough on crime” policies, Canada’s crime rate has actually decreased over the past two or three years.

