



Weekly Bulletin for Department & Program Heads

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Department headships

Elections have been carried out in the Departments of Economics and Geography. The Dean will be recommending to the University the appointments of **Dr Stuart Wilson** as Head of Economics and **Dr Bernard Thraves**, currently Acting Head of Geography, as Head of that department effective 1 July 2008.

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Professor emerita

On the recommendation of the Department of Philosophy and Classics and the Faculty of Arts, President Tomkins has conferred the title *Professor Emerita of Classics* upon **Annabel Robinson**, who retires from the University this June ...

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News of faculty members

The 1997 volume *Higher Education in Canada: Different Systems, Different Perspectives* (Garland) contains a chapter by **Brian Christie (AVP Resource Planning/ECON)** entitled "Higher Education in Nova Scotia: Where Past is More than Prologue" ... the volume has now been translated and published, with a new introduction, in Mandarin ... **George Marshall (PHIL/Campion)** has published *A Guide to Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of Perception* in the series "International Library of Philosophy and Scientific Method" from Marquette University Press ... **Margot Hurlbert (JS/SOC)** has co-authored a chapter entitled "The Criminal Justice System and Aboriginal People" in *Moving Toward Justice: Legal Traditions and Aboriginal Justice*, edited by John Whyte (Purich, 2008) ... **Thomas Hadjistavropoulos (PSYC)** is co-investigator on a major CIHR grant (\$500,000 per year for five years) for the project "Community Alliances for Health Research and Knowledge Exchange in Pain" ... Thomas is also co-editor, along with **Heather Hadjistavropoulos (PSYC)**, of a new book, *Pain Management for Older Adults: A Self-Help Guide*, from IASP Press of Seattle, the publishing house of the International Association for the Study of Pain ... details can be found online at

<http://www.iasp-pain.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm&CONTENTID=5905> ...

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Absence from campus

Dr Wells will be Acting Dean on Thursday 24 and Friday 25 April. Dr Chase will be at the meeting of the Canadian deans of arts, humanities, and social sciences.

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## Fall 2008 course enrolments

If you haven't done so already, please be sure to review the enrolments in your Department's or program's upcoming fall courses. A few courses are already at their ceilings. It is time to begin thinking about whether to raise the ceilings for, and/or lay on additional sections of, these courses. As always, we want to do everything possible to meet student demand for Arts courses. If there is clear need for additional sections, or for marking support in sections of increased size, please let us know. At the other extreme, please also keep an eye out for sections with very low enrolments. In such cases you should think seriously about cancelling the classes now rather than later and, if the course is being taught by a permanent member of staff, reassigning those resources elsewhere if possible.

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Killam Prize nominations: deadline 16 June 2008

See www.canadacouncil.ca/prizes/killam/

The Canada Council for the Arts is pleased to announce the opening of nominations for the 2009 Killam Prizes. The FIVE Killam Prizes are worth \$100,000 each. One is awarded in each field: social sciences, humanities, natural sciences, health sciences and engineering.

An individual may not put forward his or her own nomination. Candidates must be nominated. Nominations and related documentation must be submitted directly to the Canada Council for the Arts by the deadline dates specified on the information sheet: all materials must be postmarked no later than 16 June 2008.

The winners of these awards are normally announced publicly by the end of May 2009. Results of the 2008 Killam Prizes will be announced publicly by the end of March 2008.

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## Holidays

As we near the season when people begin to think of holidays, Heads should remind their members of the need to make known their plans in writing. Article 23.2.2 of the *Collective Agreement* deals with the use of vacation time for members of the academic staff. Section 4.5.2 of the *Faculty Handbook* is also germane:

Faculty members (Department Heads) who will be absent from campus on vacation are to make appropriate arrangements with their Department Head (Dean) and confirm them in writing, indicating the period of absence and where

they can be contacted. It is the responsibility of the Department to keep accurate records of vacation use and entitlement.

Heads are therefore asked to ensure that their members are aware of these provisions, and that written records are kept in the Department office.

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**President's Fund and SSHRC General Research Grant Fund Deadline: 1 May 2008**

Website: [http://www.uregina.ca/research/internal\\_grants/sshrc.shtml](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](http://www.uregina.ca/research/internal_grants/sshrc.shtml). All first time applicants are strongly encouraged to contact [Sarah.Savage@uregina.ca](mailto: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](http://www.uregina.ca/research/internal_grants/Pres_SSHRC_Application-travel08.doc)

Research Support:

[www.uregina.ca/research/internal\\_grants/Pres\\_SSHRC\\_Application-Research08.doc](http://www.uregina.ca/research/internal_grants/Pres_SSHRC_Application-Research08.doc)

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**Calendar of upcoming events**

| Date                                  | Time    | Place                 | Event                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>MAY</b>                            |         |                       |                                                                                                                 |
| 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) |
| <b>JUNE</b>                           |         |                       |                                                                                                                 |
| Wednesday 4<br>Thursday 5<br>Friday 6 | 1:30    | Conexus Centre        | Spring convocation                                                                                              |



Studying aging of the elderly  
By PAMELA COWAN  
*Leader-Post (Friday 11 April 2008)*

A multi-million-dollar grant given to a team of University of Regina researchers could relieve some of the pain of aging.

The Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation has awarded \$2.4 million over five years to Dr. Thomas Hadjistavropoulos and his team to improve the quality of life for seniors who live in long-term care facilities.

“This will become one of the largest research programs in long-term care anywhere in the world,” said Hadjistavropoulos, director of the Centre on Aging and Health at the U of R and leader of the Research and Community Alliance for Quality of Life in Long Term Care.

SHRF is the provincial agency that funds and facilitates health research and is the lead agency for the provincial Health Research Strategy. Funding was announced to two teams by SHRF through its Health Research Team and Research Group Development programs.

Also receiving \$2.4 million from the foundation was Dr. Andrew Potter, who leads the Research Alliance for the Prevention of Infectious Disease at the University of Saskatchewan.

“It’s the biggest grant that we give out and it’s a very new program — this is only the second competition that we’ve had,” said SHRF CEO June Bold. “Dr. Hadjistavropoulos is the first Regina researcher to be leading a team that’s been approved in our competition... We’re pretty proud of Thomas because we funded him when he first came to the province.”

Teams applying for the grants have their proposals reviewed by a panel of experts who make a recommendation to SHRF.

“The teams need to be really strong, established individuals who are coming together to work on an important health issue for Saskatchewan and their work needs to really have synergy so that they can work together to do something better as a group than they can as individuals,” Bold said.

Work that focuses on the aging population is a priority with SHRF, she said.

It’s estimated that 80 per cent of seniors living in North American nursing homes suffer from significant pain problems and 25 per cent are depressed. Falls are also very common for seniors.

The grant will allow the team to study how to improve nutrition, prevent falls, develop exercise programs and improve pain assessment and management.

The team includes experts in clinical psychology, nursing, physical therapy, geriatric psychiatry, family medicine, cell biology, clinical nutrition, administrators from the two health regions and neuropsychology.

Working with occupational and physical therapists in long-term facilities, the experts will educate staff about assessing and managing pain.

“In prior studies, nurses have indicated they need more knowledge of pain management.”

The team will also examine how to improve communication between nurses and physicians so residents receive improved pain management.

“We’re also looking at ways of assessing pain that is practical, user friendly and quick that can be used on a wide scale,” Hadjistavropoulos said.

He hopes to work with as many facilities in Regina and Saskatoon as possible. Once the research is complete, the team will return to the participating homes and demonstrate to staff how to implement the research findings in their day-to-day practice.

“The goal is to make a real difference in people’s lives and in the functioning of the homes — something that’s going to be perceived as being very positive, not only by the residents and their families but by staff.”