

The GradVine



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Prestigious Scholarship Awarded to PhD Student to Study Physical Activity



June Zimmer

University of Regina doctoral candidate **June Zimmer** has been awarded a CIHR Doctoral Research Award in the area of Public Health Research. Zimmer is supervised by Dr. June LeDrew in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Health Studies and researches in the area of physical education, focusing on movement education and physical activity practices of elementary school children. The award is worth \$66,000 over 3 years, with \$33,000 from CIHR and \$33,000 from the Public Health Agency of Canada, and will support her project entitled “Assessing the ‘in motion’ initiative:

Children’s physical activity promotion in Saskatchewan elementary schools”.

“Studies have shown that many children today are not as physically active as they should be, which is something that can adversely affect their health over the long term,” says Zimmer. “Through my study, I hope not just to assess how effective the ‘in motion’ program is, but also to provide recommendations to policy makers, program administrators, educators, and parents on how we can work together in Saskatchewan to improve the status of children’s health through increased physical activity practices for children.”

In addition to her research, June also teaches in the Baccalauréat en Éducation program at the University of Regina and has worked as an elementary French Immersion Teacher for the Regina Public School Board. Her experiences as a French Immersion educator have allowed her to share her passion for physically active lifestyles and her message regarding the importance of physical and health education with future teachers and educators. June’s goal is to ensure students are learning as much as they can inside and outside of the classroom through games, activities, sport, and recreation.

A testament to her passion, dedication, and research ability, June is one of 12 award winners of this CIHR Doctoral Research Award across Canada and one of only 2 awarded in western Canada.

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When can I receive my degree?

Degrees are awarded every month except July, August, and December. Once the degree has been awarded, it will show on your transcript. You must apply to graduate and have all degree requirements completed by the end of the previous month. Although degrees are awarded each month, diplomas are distributed at the spring and fall convocation ceremonies. If you do not attend the ceremony, your diploma will be mailed after the ceremony unless you submit an early release form and a \$42 fee to the Registrar’s Office.

When are the deadlines for submitting my thesis?

In order to defend, doctoral theses must be received by March 15 for the winter semester, July 15 for spring, and November 15 for fall. Master’s theses must be received by March 31 for winter, July 31 for spring, and November 25 for fall. You must also be registered in the semester in which you defend.

In order to be eligible to convocate, your final corrected copies must be received in the FGSR office by March 31 for spring convocation and July 31 for fall convocation.

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Message From The Dean of FGSR

Dear students and colleagues,

Well, here it is: Volume 2, Issue 1, which was preceded by three issues of Volume 1, starting with the inaugural issue in the fall of 2007. We've been at it a year and I am delighted to report that The GradVine has received a warm reception from students, faculty, and staff; such support is fundamental to the success of the newsletter.

Let me extend an enthusiastic welcome to all the new students on campus as well as a welcome back to all returning graduate students. All of us in the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research are excited about the start of the semester and look forward to opportunities to meet with you. The FGSR exists to support your aspirations and we welcome input on what we may do to ensure your time here is a rich and rewarding experience. We recognize that investments in you and your education are investments for the future arising through your discoveries; it is you who will become the faculty and research leaders of tomorrow.



Dr. Rod Kelln, Dean of FGSR

In our promotional literature, we have characterized graduate studies as a "Door to Discovery", and in conjunction with that theme, FGSR has adopted the motto "Enter with a Dream, Exit with a Future". We are confident that time here will make that dream a reality. One only needs to peruse this edition of The GradVine to confirm the foregoing. The successes of numerous students are wonderfully illustrated in this issue, and cover a variety of honours, awards, and new positions elsewhere. These accomplishments clearly show that graduate studies and its outcomes bridge the world.

I know that you will find this issue of the newsletter interesting reading and that it will provide you with a greater appreciation of the excellence and diversity that characterizes this campus. For the continued success of The GradVine we need your input so please be sure to submit stories and ideas for the publication.

In closing, I need to bring to the forefront the contributions of Ms. Jennifer Fleming for the marvellous work she has done on each issue of The GradVine, including the current issue. She is owed a standing ovation for her dedication in making The GradVine a publication we can be proud of. By the time you read this, Jennifer will have left the UofR and made the trek to the University of Alberta where she will be studying Speech-Language Pathology. We wish her every success in her chosen career path.

Best Regards,

Rod A. Kelln, Ph.D.

NEW MENTORSHIP HANDBOOK FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AND SUPERVISORS



Handbook authors Dr. Blachford, Dr. Malloy, Michelle Makelki, and Nick Carleton with Dr. Kelln, Dean of FGSR

The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research has published a new Mentorship Handbook for supervisors and graduate students. The handbook was written by Dr. David Malloy, Dr. Dongyan Blachford, and graduate students Nick Carleton and Michelle Makelki. It provides valuable tools for establishing and maintaining a mentoring relationship and includes both a practical and theoretical approach to mentorship. Guidelines for dealing with various issues and problems that may occur during the mentor/mentee relationship are provided. As only a limited number of hard copies are available, students and supervisors are encouraged to view the online version at http://www.uregina.ca/gradstudies/publications/Mentorship_Handbook.pdf. If a hard copy is needed, please visit the FGSR office or email Dr. Blachford (Dongyan.Blachford@uregina.ca) to request one. The Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research and the authors want to thank the departments for distributing copies to faculty members who are involved in any level of supervision of graduate students.

University of Regina Graduate Students' Association 2008/2009

The Graduate Students' Association (GSA) would like to extend a warm welcome to our new graduate students and a "welcome back" to returning graduate students. We have many events planned for this upcoming academic year for you to enjoy.

Our goals for this year include revising the GSA constitution, the addition of a graduate student seat on the university board of governors, and incorporation of the conference as a not-for-profit event.

Graduate students continue to be the fastest growing student population and the university executive recognizes our importance to the health and prosperity of the academy. We now have more than 1500 graduate students pursuing degrees. Many of these scholars are conducting nationally and internationally recognized research, contributing to the success of our university, our province, and our country.

As we move through this year and beyond, we hope you will join us in building and sustaining a vibrant graduate student community at the UofR.

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming events and hearing from you throughout the year! Stay current by visiting our website regularly!

www.urgsa.com

Your 2008-2009 GSA Executive,

Merlyn Richelhoff, President

Joseph Herbert, VP Academic and Conference Chair

Ahmed Sabawi, VP Communications

Jessica Corbeil, VP International Students

Cathy Mills, VP Social

Mike Cavers, VP Student Affairs and Webmaster



Putting Theory into Practice: Transferring Creativity into Community Wisdom The Fourth Annual Research Conference University of Regina April 3rd and 4th, 2009

With keynote speakers and an appearance by: Jose Cham, creator of the popular comic "Piled Higher and Deeper" (PhD Comics).

The abstract/proposal submission deadline for all students is: January 31st, 2009. Submissions are accepted in English or French for Oral and Poster Presentations, Exhibits, Performances, and Demonstrations.

Watch the conference website for upcoming details:

www.urconference.com

GSA Scholarships and Travel Awards

The GSA has established a graduate student scholarship to assist both part-time and full-time students with their studies. There are four GSA Scholarships available and the deadline for these is October 15th, 2008. The GSA is also able to help offset some of the costs associated with conference travel. Although we are not able to cover the entire cost of your trip, we recognize that an important part of a graduate student's academic success is conference travel. Further details may be found on both the GSA and FGSR websites.

STUDENT SUCCESS STORIES

PSYCHOLOGY

MA Student Receives Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship

Gitte Jensen, a Master's student in Experimental and Applied Psychology, is one of two recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship in Parliamentary Studies. This scholarship is awarded annually to Saskatchewan students on the basis of academic excellence in order to further their study of Saskatchewan politics and government.

Gitte's current research, under the supervision of Dr. Don Sharpe, is in the area of political psychology and the psychological foundation of public opposition to Aboriginal policies, the understanding of which she feels is key to eradicating the structural barriers that marginalize Aboriginal people and communities. She is involved in a research project that looks at the usage of social marketing strategies in anti-racism campaigns with Dr. Cismaru from the Faculty of Business Administration and is also a member of the Saskatchewan Liberal Association and a volunteer with the Monica Lysak federal election campaign. After completing her Master's degree, Gitte hopes to continue her education at the PhD level at the University of Regina.



Gitte Jensen

Recipients of NSERC Scholarships

Congratulations to two recipients of NSERC scholarships from the Department of Psychology:



Janel Fergusson

Janel Fergusson, has won a Master's Post-Graduate Scholarship valued at \$17,300 for one year. Janel completed her Bachelor of Arts (Honours) at the University of Regina in the winter 2008 semester and received her degree at the 2008 spring convocation.



Mamata Pandey

Mamata Pandey, has won a three-year Doctoral Post-Graduate Scholarship, valued at \$21,000 per year. Pandey who is supervised by Dr. Chris Oriet, completed her Master of Arts in Experimental and Applied Psychology at the University of Regina. She was also the recipient of the SGI Scholarship for 2008, valued at \$5,000.

JOHNSON-SHOYAMA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

Regina Region IPAC National Student Award Winner

MPA student **Kate Bychawska** was the recipient of the Regina Region IPAC National Student Award for her work in GSPP 801, Governance and Administration. Kate received the highest mark among all students who took the class in the fall of 2007. Her paper for the course was entitled *Immigration Policy in Quebec: At a Time of Insecurity is Increasing Immigration in Quebec's Best Interest?*



Award Winner Kate Bychawska with IPAC Saskatchewan Region President Nancy Croll

Kate began her studies at the University of Regina in the fall of 2007 after completing a Bachelor of Economics at the University of Calgary in 2005. She has completed the first year of the Master of Public Administration in Public Policy and expects to complete her program by the fall of 2009. Kate is currently living in Calgary and is working for Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) as a Pre-Removal Risk Assessment Officer.

MEDIA PRODUCTION & STUDIES

MFA Student Awarded Governor General's Academic Gold Medal

The Governor General's Academic Gold Medal is awarded each spring convocation to the student deemed to have achieved the highest overall academic standing in a graduate degree program.

Donna-Lynne McGregor convocated in October 2007 with a Special Case Master of Fine Arts in Film and Video. An exceptionally competent and gifted student, she graduated with an average over 89%. The examining committee deemed Ms. McGregor's screenplay thesis entitled, '365 Days of A' as meritorious of receiving an academic award. External Examiner, Dr. Natalie Meisner from the Department of English, commented that the support paper is "well researched, clearly argued, and eloquently written." In her praise of the screenplay, she states that it "creates a rich and detailed visual world and the comparison between the malcontent of two different generations of art students makes for compelling terrain for a screenplay that concerns itself with aims of art and possible impacts of artistic practices on audiences."

Donna-Lynne completed her Bachelor of Fine Arts (Film and Video) in the Department of Media Production and Studies in 2001 before beginning her Master's degree in the fall of the same year. Dr. Christine Ramsey, Head of the Department of Media Production & Studies, stated "I rank her unequivocally as the most outstanding Fine Arts student I have encountered, not only in her own cohort, but among all the Fine Arts students I have taught at the graduate level at the University of Regina." She went on to emphasise that Ms. McGregor, "excels in both practice and theory and has proven equally adept at meeting the intellectual and artistic challenges of her course of study."

Donna-Lynne's achievements have been recognized at the provincial and national level, as both SaskFILM and Telefilm Canada have recently committed funding to the development of '365 Days of A'. This funding will support the developmental phase of the screenplay as a theatrical feature film and will enable her to produce a second draft under the supervision of a story consultant. Donna-Lynne's academic excellence was additionally supported by a number of graduate awards provided by the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research.

Dr. Sheila Petty, Donna-Lynne's supervisor, states that '365 Days of A' was "frankly ground-breaking" and she expects to "see it on national and international screens in the near future!"

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Recipient of Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship

John Fraser Needham, a second year MA student, is one of two recipients of the Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship in Parliamentary Studies. This scholarship is awarded to Saskatchewan students on the basis of academic excellence in order to further their study of Saskatchewan politics and government.



John Fraser Needham

John has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Carleton University as well as a Diploma of Journalism from Algonquin College. His interests lie in the areas of history and impact of the Saskatchewan CCF/NDP, as well as Saskatchewan public policy, and the internal dynamics of political parties and Aboriginal politics.

In the past he has worked as a print journalist in the northern Saskatchewan communities of La Ronge and Meadow Lake, as a ministerial assistant to the Honourable Maynard Sonntag of the previous Saskatchewan NDP government, and in the area of communications, also with the Saskatchewan NDP. John is considering pursuing a doctoral degree after the completion of his Master's.

ENGINEERING

UofR Doctoral PSE Student Conducting Research at Harvard



Jose Condor Tarco

Jose Condor Tarco, a Ph.D. student in Petroleum Systems Engineering, has been appointed as a Research Fellow at the John F. Kennedy Government School at Harvard University, beginning on August 1st, 2008. He will work on a project called Energy Technology Innovation Policy and will contribute to identifying and promoting policies to enhance carbon capture and storage (CCS) activities through research in geological mapping for carbon storage areas. He will also look at regulation and legislation affecting CCS.

Jose, who is supervised by Dr. Koorosh Asghari, came to the University of Regina in 2004 after completing his undergraduate degree in petroleum engineering at the Central University of Ecuador in Quito, Ecuador in 1998 and his M.Sc. at the University of Calgary in 2001. His doctoral thesis research deals with the risk evaluation of CO₂ leakage to the atmosphere from depleted oil reservoirs.

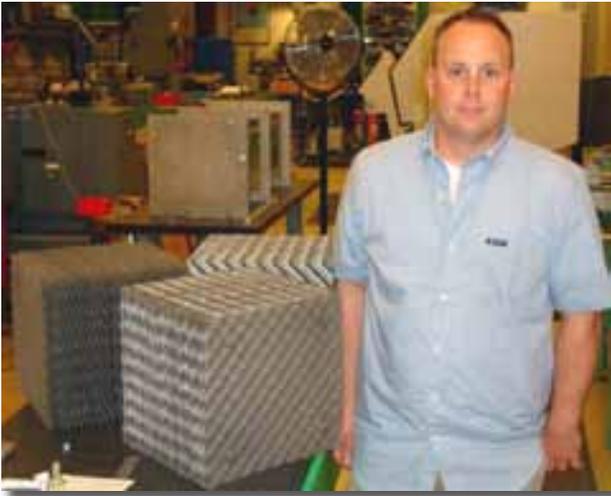
Condor Tarco has also participated in numerous international conferences including the Management of University-Industry Relationships in Alicante, Spain in October 2006, the Student Summit for Sustainability in Tokyo, Japan in March 2007, and the Alliance for Global Sustainability in Cambridge, Massachusetts in January 2008. He was also part of the organizing committee for the 'Societies of Tomorrow' conference held in Regina in May 2008, which attracted students from over 35 countries and was held as part of the 2008 Student Summit for Sustainability.



Paul Martin visits Condor Tarco and others in the PTRC labs

ENGINEERING

Master's Research Benefiting a Variety of CO₂ Capture Facilities



Steve Marcia in the lab with the packing

Stephen Marcia, an MASc student in Industrial Systems Engineering, is working on developing and manufacturing structured packing for capture at the International Test Centre for CO₂ Capture (ITC). The project has the potential to considerably improve the overall CO₂ capture process. Structured packing was first used in distillation columns in the 1950's. Since then, manufacturers such as Sulzer Chemtec (Sulzer Brothers), Koch-Glitsch, and A.J. Montz have been the world leaders in this technology. Unfortunately, the cost of structured packing is a concern for large-scale CO₂ capture plants. The aim of this research project is to develop a new structured packing that performs at a level comparable to commercially available packings but is more economical to manufacture.

The newly designed packing is currently being manufactured here in Regina. Experimental testing occurred late in the summer at the ITC Pilot Plant, a small-scale industrial facility. With the packing performing as expected, the overall CO₂ capture process will now be both more efficient and more economical. This research project will help to strengthen the ITC's international reputation as one of the world leaders in CO₂ capture.



The new, more economical structured packing

PhD Student and Supervisor Receive Nomination for Co-Authored Paper

A co-authored paper by recent PhD graduate **Dr. Fanhua Zeng** and his supervisor, Dr. Gary Zhao, has been nominated for the Rossiter W. Raymond Memorial Award. The award, established in 1945, recognizes the best paper published by The American Institute of Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers (AIME) submitted by a lead author who is a member under 35 years of age. Zeng and Zhao's paper was nominated by the Society of Petroleum Engineers' (SPE) Award Committee. Their paper is under consideration to be one of 2 put forward by SPE. As the lead author of the paper entitled *Semianalytical Model for Reservoirs with Forchheimer's Non-Darcy Flow*, Zeng could receive \$2,500 and a framed award certificate if the paper is deemed the winner by AIME. The paper will also be considered for the 2009 Cedric K. Ferguson Medal which recognizes professional achievement in petroleum engineering by a member under the age of 35.



PhD graduate Dr. Fanhua Zeng

Congratulations to both Dr. Fanhua Zeng and Dr. Gary Zhao on their achievement and nomination.

HISTORY

MA Students Successful with Conference Presentations and Scholarships

Sean Graham has presented papers at three Canadian graduate student conferences over the past year. At the Qualicum Conference, hosted by the University of Victoria this year, he presented a paper entitled 'And the Winner is?: 1930 and the Significance of Federal Elections'. At the University of Saskatchewan's Buffalo Conference held at the Manitou Springs Resort, he gave a paper entitled 'The Impact of the Depression Era on the Nature of the Canadian-American Relationship'. And at the University of Regina's Graduate Student Research Conference, he presented his paper 'Finding our Place in America's Hemisphere: Canadian Nationalism and the Monroe Doctrine'.

Sean was the recipient of the 2007 Douglas-Coldwell Foundation Scholarship valued at \$3,000, a recipient of a 2008 Graduate Students' Association Graduate Student Travel Award and also currently holds a SSHRC Canada Graduate Master's Scholarship, valued at \$17,500 for one year.

Dwayne Meisner, an M.A. student beginning his program in Fall 2008, has received the Graduate Centennial Merit Scholarship. The scholarship, valued at \$5,500, is awarded to a student with an outstanding academic record who demonstrates strong research potential.

INTERDISCIPLINARY - FINE ARTS

California Filmmaker Creates Feature Film as MFA Thesis Project

Chrystene Ells, a student in Theatre, Media Production, and Visual Art, has a feature film, *Sisu - The Tom Sukanen Story*, in post-production. *Sisu*, a Finnish word that means "great courage", tells the story of Finnish immigrant Tom Sukanen, whose dream it was to build a ship on the Saskatchewan prairies and sail it to Finland.

Ells first heard Sukanen's story during a trip to Alberta and immediately knew that she needed to turn it into a film. However, she was living in San Francisco at the time, creating puppets and models as a special effects artist for feature films. No one in California seemed interested in the film and so Ells looked toward the Canadian prairies. When she came across the University of Regina's Interdisciplinary Fine Arts program where she could use the film as her thesis, Ells moved from California to Regina with her husband and began working on the project that had been her dream for so long. The entire film was shot for a mere \$25,000 thanks to generous people who donated their time, resources, and various props and costumes.

"There's the story, if that's true," Ells says. "It was the journey. And that's what I'm interested in with this project. I think the journey started the day he made the decision to take his destiny into his own hands and become who he was really meant to be. The journey started when he started to build that ship."



Chrystene Ells

Sisu, which was shot in both Saskatchewan and San Francisco, is scheduled to be completed and released in the spring of 2009. For more information on the film, including premiere and screening information, visit the film's website at www.chrystene.com/sisu.htm. There is also a production blog for the film, available at www.sisujournal.blogspot.com.

MUSIC

UofR Composer's Award Winning Work to Appear on CD Release

Matthew Todd, a Master of Music in Composition student who defended his thesis in June 2008, was one of two winners tied for first place in the Land's End 2008 Composer's Competition held in April. As a result of this win, Mr. Todd's winning composition for violin, viola, cello, and piano, *Nauseous Oxygen*, was performed on May 8th in Calgary in a program that also included works by well-known composers John Adams and Alexina Louie. Matthew's work will also be included on Calgary's Land's End Chamber Ensemble's next CD release. Congratulations to Matthew and to his composition teacher Dr. Alain Perron.



Matthew Todd

FACULTY & DEPARTMENT NEWS

VISUAL ARTS

MFA Program Welcomes New Students From Across Canada

The Department of Visual Arts is welcoming two new students to its MFA program. Both of these artists work with themes based in the intersections of the arts and the natural world.



Jennifer Mapplebeck

Jennifer Mapplebeck comes to the University of Regina from the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. Jennifer, whose work is predominantly influenced by nature and gardens, will be studying ceramics with the aim of creating sculptural gardens that both draws viewers in and keeps them at bay. She was drawn to the MFA program by the strong ceramics tradition associated with the Department of Visual Arts and the city of Regina, as well as by the opportunity to work with ceramics professors Ruth Chambers and Rory McDonald.



Mapplebeck's Work

Tamara Rusnak comes from Vancouver to study painting at the University of Regina. Her current work focuses on the colours, rhythms, and repetition found in the natural world with trees as an important source of imagery. She often uses non-traditional tools and methods such as layering and removing paint with angle grinders, hammers, and sanders. She also uses recycled and salvaged wood. Tamara became interested in the University of Regina's MFA in Visual Arts after meeting professor David Garneau at an Emma Lake workshop.



Tamara Rusnak

JOHNSON-SHOYAMA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

Johnson-Shoyama Now a Provincial School

The Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy became a provincial school on July 1st, 2008, with campuses at both the University of Regina and the University of Saskatchewan. The Master of Public Administration (MPA) and Master's Certificates will continue to be offered at the Regina campus, while the University of Saskatchewan will offer the MPA. The transformation to a provincial school brought a new Executive Director, Dr. Michael Atkinson, from the University of Saskatchewan. Dr. Ken Rasmussen from the University of Regina continues his association with the school as the Associate Director. At the same time, the former Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy (SIPP) became the Outreach and Training Branch of the school. These changes provide exciting research and teaching collaboration opportunities for the years to come and students will benefit from the wide array of specializations that the whole faculty has to offer.



Executive Director
Dr. Michael Atkinson

In addition, two new faculty members were welcomed over the summer months:

Dr. Bruno Dupeyron, formerly with the University of Victoria, and Professor Robert Hawkins, from the University of Regina.

The Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy extends a warm welcome to all new colleagues, both faculty and staff.

Internship Program Entering its Fourth Year

In April, seven MPA students successfully completed eight months of internship with the Saskatchewan Provincial Government. This unique program, which includes a competitive application process, allows students the opportunity to work with a senior government official in a mentoring relationship. Students are exposed to the budget cycle and program and policy development, gaining valuable insights into the working of government departments. Another five students begin their internship in September 2008.

KENNETH LEVENE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

New MBA With a Major in Leadership

The Faculty of Business Administration is now offering a new Master of Administration with a major in Leadership. The first intake of students are beginning in fall 2008. This degree program was developed for those who are involved in managing people and want to develop better skills for managing people. These students have often considered pursuing the MBA degree, but typically are not interested in taking the quantitatively-oriented courses that are included in the MBA program. Instead they are interested in taking courses that will make them better leaders in their organizations.

For students who wish to pursue a Master's Certificate rather than the full Master's degree, a Master's Certificate in Organizational Leadership (9 credit hours) is also being offered.

For admission requirements or more information about these new programs, please contact:

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Information is also available online at www.uregina.ca/admin/academic/graduate_school/.

ENGINEERING

Faculty of Engineering Playing an Important Role in Carbon Capture and Storage of CO₂

The Faculty of Engineering at the University of Regina is playing a significant role in the planning, development, and research of the IEA GHG Weyburn-Midale CO₂ Monitoring and Storage Project, managed by the Petroleum Technology Research Centre (PTRC). This project is the world's first and largest field demonstration of geological storage, at two southern Saskatchewan locations: EnCana Corporation's Weyburn oil field and Apache Incorporated's Midale field.

Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) is the process of separating carbon dioxide from carbon-based (fossil) fuels like coal or oil and then storing the captured CO₂ in secure locations such as geological formations. CCS is one of the best technologies currently available for reducing carbon dioxide emissions. It is economic and allows fossil fuels to continue to be used, while reducing the environmental impact.

The CO₂ stored over the lifetime of the fifteen-year Weyburn-Midale project is estimated to be forty million tonnes. This is the equivalent of removing eight million cars from the roads for one year, reducing our carbon footprint and the effects of global warming.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

International Students Visit Prairie Farm

A group of Chinese visiting scholars and graduate students visited a farm in Avonlea on Friday, May 23, 2008. Dr. Dongyan Blachford organized the visit along with Dr. Marilyn Miller through the director of the Regina Chamber of Commerce, Mr. John Hopkins. The visit is just one of a number of activities initiated to connect international graduate students and visiting scholars to the local communities for joint research and understanding. This is part of the bigger scheme of the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research to promote the internationalization of the campus and the province by seeking cooperation between the two. Dr. Blachford is looking at the most effective ways of fostering long-term mutual benefits and relationships for sustainable agendas of internationalization. What role should the university play? What role should the local communities play? What is the best way to coordinate the two?



Chinese students and visiting scholars pose in front of a tractor at an Avonlea farm

UPCOMING EVENTS

JOHNSON-SHOYAMA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

Orientation

Date: September 2nd, 2008

Time: 1:00pm

Location: JSGS Outreach and Training facility at the College Avenue campus - 2nd floor Window Room

Information: JSGSPP is holding an orientation session for new students. Faculty and staff will review general program requirements, administrative procedures, and funding opportunities. Guests will include the GSA president, ISSO representatives, and others. All new students are encouraged to attend. A welcome reception will be held following the orientation to welcome all students to the start of a new school year.

MPA Information Session

Date: September 25th, 2008

Time: 4:30pm

Location: TBA

Information: JSGSPP is holding an information session for those interested in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program. For more information, contact the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School by phone at 585-5460 or by email at GSPP@uregina.ca.

TEACHING DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Teaching Development Days - September 15-18th, 2008

Teaching Development Days are a series of workshops for Graduate Teaching Assistants that focus on practical aspects of teaching and working with students in classrooms, seminars, and labs. Attendance is required by FGSR and participants must attend at least 6 workshops over the 4 days in order to receive their certificate. For more information, please contact Michelle at tdc@uregina.ca.

The Graduate Certificate Program

This program is a flexible non-credit optional program leading to a teaching citation for graduate students. Elements include: acquiring knowledge of theory and practice of higher education, mentorship by an experienced instructor, a supervised practicum, and preparation of a teaching dossier. The seminar runs January - April each year and participants meet once a week. Contact Michelle at tdc@uregina.ca for more information.



GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (GSA)

GSA Graduate Students' Welcome BBQ 2008

The GSA will be hosting a Welcome BBQ for all faculty, staff, and students, to be held in mid-September. There will be a cash bar, music, and lots of food. We hope that many of you will come out and have some fun! Last year's BBQ was a huge success with over 140 people attending!

Graduate Student Seminars

During the fall and winter terms, the Graduate Students' Association, along with the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, will be offering a series of seminars for graduate students. All seminars will be held on select Thursdays from 4:30-5:30pm and both new and returning graduate students are encouraged to attend. Topics to be covered include: Living in Regina, Graduate Research, Careers, Funding Opportunities, Publishing, Conference Posters, and Oral Presentations.