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### Major awards for Arts members at SHRF gala

At the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation's annual awards dinner on 4 December in Saskatoon, the highest honour, the SHRF Achievement Award, went to **Gord Asmundson** (Psych), while **Gloria DeSantis**, a SHRF postdoctoral fellow working under the supervision of **Tom McIntosh** (PSCI), won a prestigious SHRF postdoctoral award in the socio-health category.

"The award recipients demonstrate how our health researchers establish prominence while continuing to push into new areas of knowledge," said SHRF CEO June Bold. "We are proud to support and celebrate the work of these innovators, whose efforts are so important to the health of people in our province and beyond our borders."

Dr Asmundson is a professor of psychology at the U of R and an adjunct professor of psychiatry at the U of S. Over his career, he has established himself as an international authority in the fields of chronic pain and anxiety disorders. Notably, he determined that chronic pain can be worsened by anxiety and fear disorders such as post traumatic stress disorder.



An active clinical researcher and supervisor, he holds editorial posts with several prominent journals and has written more than 200 journal articles and book chapters on chronic pain and anxiety. He is the author and co-author of several books, including "It's Not All in Your Head: How worrying about your health could be making you sick and what you can do about it;" "Understanding and Treating Fear of Pain;" and "Health Anxiety Disorders: A Clinical Guide to Assessment and Treatment."

Dr DeSantis is exploring and measuring the role of community-based organizations (CBOs) in advocating development of public policies that promote healthy individuals and communities. Her work focuses in particular on those communities where unhealthy social conditions are common.

The Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation is the provincial agency that funds and facilitates health research in this province. In 2008, the Foundation approved close to \$8 million in new multi-year grants and awards. This includes support for 10 new investigators, eight post-doctoral researchers, two research teams, four developing research groups, and nine research conferences or workshops. SHRF also drew nearly \$1.4 of national funding to the province through partnerships with the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR).

--story by Erin Brown, External Relations

#### News of faculty, staff, students, and alumni

**Polo Diaz** (SOC/ST and CPRC) has been very active over the last few weeks ... He served as a member of a SSHRC committee (Geography, urban planning and environmental studies) for the 2008 Standard Research Grants competition ... He participated in the AUCC Policy Dialogue Workshop on Fostering greater engagement of Canadian university diaspora faculty in international research collaboration for Development, 10 November, in Ottawa ... He participated in the November meeting of the project "Coming Down the Mountains: Understanding the vulnerability of Andean Communities to Hydroclimatologic Variability and Global Environmental Change" in Santiago, Chile ... He presented the paper "Cambio Climático y Recursos Hídricos: Una Perspectiva desde las Ciencias Sociales" in the annual workshop of the Academia de Ciencias Sociales de Mendoza, 14 November 14 in Mendoza, Argentina, where he also became an honorary member of the Academia de Ciencias Sociales de Mendoza, Argentina ... **Nils Clausson** (ENGL) has published "Literary Art in an Age of Formula Fiction and Mass Consumption: Double-Coding in Arthur Conan Doyle's 'The Blue Carbuncle'" in the journal *Studies in Popular Culture* (Fall 2008): 39-54 ... He also delivered a paper on crime, criminals and class at the International Conan Doyle Symposium held at the University of Regina, 7 and 8 November, and has been invited by the curator of the Conan Doyle Collection to speak in June on Doyle's novel *The Lost World* as part of the Arthur Conan Doyle Sesquicentennial in London, UK ... **Tobias Sperlich** (ANTHRO) will be presenting a paper entitled "Models and photographs in colonial Samoa" in the panel "Photography, Film and Imaging in Oceania" at the 18th Biennial Conference of the Pacific History Association, Suva, Fiji, 8-12 December ... Jesse Archibald-Barber (FNUniv English Dept.) will be presenting on

"Tomson Highway's Indigenization of Western Tragicomedy and Literary Theory" in the Indigenous Aesthetics session at the MLA Annual Convention, 27 December in San Francisco ... On Friday, 28 November, **Dr Jason Childs** (ECON) was interviewed by CBCTV News, on the topic of "The Future of the Saskatchewan Economy". The segment was picked up nationally ... Over the past week, **Dr Gary Tompkins** (ECON) was interviewed twice by CBC Radio: once for commentary on the global debt crisis and a potential coalition government; and once on Newstalk radio dealing with the global debt crisis.

### Roundtable on global credit crisis

The Department of Economics held a roundtable forum on the Global Credit Crisis, on November 24. Panelists **Jason Childs, Richard Kleer, Gary Tompkins, Stuart Wilson, and John Wright**, spoke on the origins of the crisis, the spillover effects on world economies, and the potential impact on Saskatchewan and regulation in the financial sector. A Q&A session followed with lively discussion. The event attracted an attendance of about 80 university faculty, staff, and students, and government employees.



In photo from left to right: S Wilson, G Tompkins, R Kleer, J Wright, J Childs (Photographer: Frank Flegel)



### Arts success in President's Fund competition

The following Arts faculty members were successful in the most recent President's Fund/SSHRC General Research Fund competition:

**Heather Hadjistavropoulos** received a grant in support of her project "Training in Supervision: A Survey of Current Practices and Needs in Accredited Canadian Doctoral Psychology Programmes." The purpose of this study is to fill a gap in the existing supervision literature by answering: 1) How are accredited psychology programs in Canada currently offering supervision

training to psychology graduate students? and 2) What are the perceived needs for training resources to improve supervision training of psychology graduate students?

**JoAnn Jaffe** and **Katherine Arbuthnott**, along with **Daryl Hepting** (Computer Science), received a grant in support of their project "The Role of Knowledge Communities in the Development of S.O.L.E. Food." This project will study the transition process from conventional commercial industrial agriculture to sustainable, organic, local and ethical (S.O.L.E) agriculture.

**Ian Germani** received a grant in support of his travel to the Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies, at which he plans to give the paper "From Military Tribunals to Councils of War: Professionalizing Military Justice Under the Directory." This paper will focus upon the transformation of military justice under the Directory, in particular upon the changes that resulted in the establishment of conseils militaires in Year IV and conseils de guerre the following year.

**Tobias Sperlich** received funding for his project "Issues of Authenticity in Samoan Art and Material Culture," as well as for his travel to the 18th Biennial Conference of the Pacific History Association. Dr Sperlich's project will examine Samoan perspectives on Westerners' fascination with the material culture of that country, including objects such as souvenirs, curios and art.



### Café Scientifique draws a big audience

The CIHR-funded Café Scientifique held at the Mackenzie Art Gallery on 1 December drew a large crowd, with audience members participating in group discussions following the presentation by Thomas Hadjistavropoulos (PSYCH) and Dr Ken Craig, professor emeritus from UBC. The following article appeared in that day's edition of the Leader-Post.

#### Researchers combine to study pain in patients

By Pamela Cowan, Leader-Post  
December 1, 2008

REGINA -- Society's most vulnerable often can't tell anyone when they hurt but their facial expressions speak volumes to two internationally recognized experts in pain research.

For years, Dr. Kenneth Craig, a professor emeritus at the University of British Columbia, has focused on detecting pain in infants while Dr. Thomas Hadjistavropoulos, a psychology professor and the director of the Centre on Aging and Health at the University of Regina is well known for his work in identifying seniors' pain. The two men started collaborating in 1991 while Hadjistavropoulos was at UBC researching the early detection of dementia.

"Ken walked in my office, and he was well established in doing research in neonates, and he said, 'You and I could join forces because in many ways we're faced with the same problem. I'm working with infants who can't express their pain verbally and many people with dementia can't as

well.’ He suggested that we try some of the methodology that he previously developed to see if we could apply it to a different population and my whole career shifted.”

In an address entitled “I Can’t Tell You How This Hurts Me,” the men shared their findings Monday night with health-care professionals, students and the public at an event sponsored by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Saskatchewan Health Research Foundation and held at the MacKenzie Art Gallery.

Babies, people with intellectual disabilities and those with dementia are among those who rely on gestures, expression, sound and behaviour to communicate their pain.

“Pain, particularly in these populations, is poorly recognized, under-assessed, underestimated and poorly managed and that’s a travesty,” Craig said. “There is a real gap between what is available, what we know can be done and what is actually being done in the community.”

People in the early to mid-stages of Alzheimer’s disease can usually describe their pain but they have increased difficulty as the dementia progresses, Hadjistavropoulos said.

“Caregivers are unable to recognize pain and therefore they’re not treating pain,” he said. “It’s really what I consider to be a human tragedy in many long-term care facilities across North America where pain isn’t recognized and the staff themselves are very frustrated. They tell us stories about things like fractures that go undetected for days, sometimes weeks and those are very, very painful.”

Seniors with dementia show a wide range of behaviours when they’re in pain, Hadjistavropoulos said.

“It’s useful to look at the face in addition to other behaviours such as limb and leg movement, guarding, bracing and rubbing the affected area,” he said. “Having said this, we’ve done a number of studies looking at the face only and we’re able to clearly differentiate not only between pain and no pain but the degrees of pain. So the more intense the pain, the more intense the facial response.”

He said that public policy change and change in clinical practice is needed to ensure that the available methods to control pain are used more widely, taught more widely and embraced more widely.

The body language of infants and children in pain speaks for them, Craig said.

“Infants cry, they react reflexively with their limbs -- they’ll flail or shift into fetal positions, but the best way of assessing pain in newborns and young infants is to look at their faces,” he said. “A grimace in a stereotyped way that is relatively specific to pain and if the person can pick up on that pattern they can differentiate the pain from hunger, fatigue, generalized irritability so attending to a non-verbal display seems to be the secret in identifying pain in young children.”

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- Communications Consultant with Benchmark Communications
- Research assistant with Seniors Education Centre, University of Regina

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**APPLY NOW - DEADLINE FOR WINTER INTERNSHIPS IS DECEMBER 15, 2008!**

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## Calendar: upcoming events and deadlines

UR/URFA contract dates are highlighted in yellow

Faculty recruitment cycle dates are highlighted in rose

Date	Time	Place	Event or deadline
<b>DECEMBER 2008</b>			
Week of Monday 8		Departments	Recruitment committees meet to review applications for academic positions, verify publications, and develop shortlists
by Monday 15		Dean's Office	Annual Information forms, with complete supporting materials, are due in the Dean's Office from members with pre-tenure appointments (exception: those people newly appointed in 2008). See Appendix H of the <i>Collective Agreement</i> .
by Monday 15 (if possible)		Dean's Office	Recruitment committee chairs recommend shortlisted candidates to Dean for campus visits and interviews
Wednesday 17	2:30	NR 210.7	Dean's Executive Committee meeting
Wednesday 17			Grades due for any courses without a scheduled final exam
by Friday 19	4:30	Dean's Office	Dean approves academic candidates' campus visits and interviews; recruitment committee chairs begin contacting candidates
Saturday 20			Final examinations end; last day of the Fall 2008 term
Thursday 25 -- Wednesday 31			University closed
<b>JANUARY 2009</b>			
Thursday 1			University closed
Monday 5			Classes begin in the January 2009 term
Monday 12 -- Friday 23rd		Departments, Dean's Office, Vice- President (Academic)'s Office	Campus visits, tours, and interviews for candidates for academic positions; candidates meet with Dean or designate; candidates meet with Vice-President (Academic) or designate
Tuesday 13	7:30	Research and Innovation Centre Theatre	Woodrow Lloyd Lecture with Professor Harry Arthurs, President-Emeritus of York University, speaking on the value of the Charter
Wednesday 14	2:30	CL 427	Dean's Executive Committee meeting
Friday 16	2:30	CL 232	RLST seminars – <b>Ben Fiore (RLST/Campion)</b> on the pastoral epistles
Tuesday 20	7:30	Connaught Library 3435 – 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	PHIL café series – <b>Roger Petry</b> on citizenship and markets – do we need a new political identity?
Wednesday 21	2:30		Faculty Council Meeting
Wednesday 28	12:30	FNUniv Room 2068	FNUniv academic seminars series – <b>David Miller (INDG ST)</b>
Friday 30			Submission deadline for Annual GSA and Undergraduate Student Conference "Putting Theory into Practice"
<b>FEBRUARY 2009</b>			
by Monday 2		Dean's Office	Annual Information forms, with complete supporting materials, are due in the Dean's Office from all tenured

			members undergoing performance review (exception: those seeking promotion – see 1 December deadline). See Appendix H of the <i>Collective Agreement</i> .
by Friday 6 or earlier		Departments	Recruitment committee chairs conduct final reference checks of candidates and recommend preferred candidate to Dean
Monday 9 -- Wednesday 11		Dean's Office	Dean discusses preferred candidates with Vice-President (Academic)
Wednesday 11	2:30	NR 210.7	Dean's Executive Committee meeting
Wednesday 11 - Friday 13		Dean's Office	Dean contacts preferred candidates
by Friday 13		Departments	Recruitment committee chairs prepare Recruitment Report
Monday 16			University closed
Tuesday 17 – Friday 20			Alternative Reading Week <i>details to follow</i>
Tuesday 17 – Friday 20		Dean's Office	Dean's Office prepares files for President's Advisory Group on Faculty Appointments
Wednesday 25	7:30	Connaught Library 3435 – 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	PHIL café series – <b>Phillip Hansen</b> on the use of political philosophy
Friday 27	2:30	CL 232	RLST seminars – <b>Volker Griefenhagen (RLST/Luther)</b> on real Islam
Friday 27 - Saturday 28		TBA	Trash Talkin': New Directions in Pop Culture and Contemporary Writing: an undergraduate and graduate student conference on popular culture hosted by U of R students
<b>MARCH 2009</b>			
Wednesday 11	2:30	CL 427	Dean's Executive Committee meeting
Wednesday 18	2:30		Faculty Council meeting
Wednesday 18	7:30	Connaught Library 3435 – 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	PHIL café series – <b>Shadia Drury</b> on "is morality an imitation of the gods?"
Thursday 26	7:30	TBA	Stapleford Lecture with Aboriginal leader Perry Bellegarde
<b>APRIL 2009</b>			
Friday and Saturday 3 and 4	TBA	TBA	Annual GSA and Undergraduate Student Conference "Putting Theory into Practice"
Wednesday 8	2:30	NR 210.7	Dean's Executive Committee meeting
Thursday 9			Classes end
Wednesday 15			Examinations begin
Wednesday 28			Examinations end

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*Next issue: Tuesday 16 December 2008*  
*Deadline for submission of material for next issue: **Friday 12 December at 12 noon***