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News of faculty, staff, students, and alumni

ANNETTE AURÉLIE DESMARAIS
 PRÉFACE DE JOSÉ BOVÉ
 LA VÍA CAMPESINA
 Une réponse paysanne à la crise alimentaire



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The French translation of **Dr Annette Desmarais'** book on the *Vía Campesina* was released in Québec on 21 October ... *La Vía Campesina: une réponse paysanne à la crise alimentaire* analyzes how peasants and farmers have worked together to form a powerful transnational peasant movement that is actively resisting the devastating consequences of a globalized, neoliberal and industrial model of agriculture and food ... the *Vía Campesina's* most significant contributions include reclaiming a peasant identity, building unity within diversity, and developing viable alternatives based on the concept of food sovereignty ... the book examines a desperate struggle not only for survival as producers of food and cultivators of rural culture, but also to keep people on the land and to build community everywhere ... in mid-October **Dr Desmarais (JS)** also participated in the Fifth International Conference of *La Vía Campesina* held in Maputo, Mozambique to pursue work on developing a research protocol with this international peasant movement ... upcoming sessions of the Sociology and Social Studies honours and graduate seminars (all held in CL 247 on Wednesdays at 12:30) include **Ron Bourgeault** on "Behind the burning cross: the rise of the ultra right" (5 November); **Professor Margot Hurlbert** on "The adaptation of Canadian law to climate change" (12 November); **Dr JoAnn Jaffe** on "The international agricultural assessment of science and technology for development: my experience" (19 November); **Dr Polo Diaz** on "Local institutions and adaptation to climate stress" (26 November); **Rozzet Jurdi** on "Primary vs. secondary data: students' access to Canadian data services" (3 December) ... from 3 to 7 November, **Professor Margot Hurlbert** (joint appointment in **JS** and **SOC**) as well as **Dr Harry Diaz (SOC/CPRC)** will publish the following peer-reviewed online papers in a climate

neutral virtual Scientific Climate Conference in Klima: Margot Hurlbert, “An Analysis of Trends Related to the Adaptation of Water Law to the Challenge of Climate Change: Experience from Canada” (17 pages); Margot Hurlbert, “Responding to Climate Change – Adaptive Water Governance” (20 pages); Darrell Corkal, Harry Diaz, and Margot Hurlbert, “Institutional Adaptive Capacity, the Role of governance in the South Saskatchewan River Basin” (22 pages)...

Memorial service for Bill Howard

A memorial service for Dr William Howard, professor emeritus of English and University Librarian emeritus, will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday 6 November in the Campion College Chapel. All are welcome to attend. Last week’s bulletin, available for download at <http://hdl.handle.net/10294/581>, contains a tribute to Bill.

Community Research Unit update

Yolanda Hansen, co-ordinator of the Community Research Unit (CRU), writes:

“CRU has launched its pilot research project with the North Central Community Association on the feasibility of a community-based housing facilitator within the neighbourhood. Student researcher **Danielle Goulden**, an MA candidate in PSCI, is joining the team and will be undertaking research for the next few months. She has research experience both on- and off-campus and we are excited to have her knowledge and energy aboard the team.

“The CRU program **ArtsCARES** has also been gaining momentum. We currently have four Arts faculty members incorporating this program and its community service-learning into their Winter 2009 class curriculum. They are: GEOG 491AF - **Dr Kyle Hodder**; INTERDISC ST 101 – **Dr Bryan Hillis**; HJ 355 – **Dr Annette Desmarais**; PSCI 361 - **Tina Beaudry-Mellor**; and WMST 301 – **Dr Wendee Kubik**.

“We are currently in the process of arranging student placements with community-based organizations that share a similar focus with these courses. If you are interested in learning more about either of these projects, or being a part of future CRU work, please contact Yolanda Hansen, Co-ordinator, at 4084.”

Dean's Honours List reception

On 24 September, the Faculty of Arts hosted a reception for students who earned a place on the Dean’s Honours List, from Spring 2007 to Winter 2008. Of the more than 90 students who received this prestigious designation, 26 attended the reception. Faculty members in attendance to share in the celebrations of these students accomplishments included Marcia Calkowski, Susanne Kuehling, Gediminas Lankauskas (all from ANTH), John Conway (SOC), Wendee Kubik (WMST), Bruce Plouffe (International Languages), Dorothy Lane (ENGL), Stuart Wilson (ECON), William Smythe (PSYC) and Eldon Soifer (PHIL). Also present were Associate Dean Lynn Wells (ENGL) and Rick Kler (ECON). On behalf of the Faculty, Dean Chase extended warm congratulations to the students and their families.

This is the first time that the Faculty has hosted such a reception. It did so with the goal of encouraging interaction among students and faculty members, one of the leading contributors to successful student retention. This event was organized by the Arts Student Services Office and involved administrative support from **Rebecca Sparvier, Pam Splett** and **Jessica Jakubowski** (former Co-op student), under the supervision of **Kevin O'Brien**.



UR Connected

Each October, the University of Regina invites prospective students in their final year of high school to visit the campus to meet current students, faculty and staff and learn more about how the University of Regina can fit into to their future academic goals. Last year's event was so popular, that this year the event was spread over two days - 22 and 23 October to accommodate an audience of 700 students and their families.

This year, the Faculty of Arts teamed up with colleagues in the federated colleges and the Faculty of Science to create an interactive pavilion for students. As a result of this, the five partners reached an audience of 350 students. Faculty members and current students were on-hand to advise prospective students on their respective disciplines and provide advice on making a successful transition to the University of Regina. Those participating from Arts included **Drs Chris Oriet** and **Don Sharpe (PSYC)**, **Cristina Torres** and **Dr Bruce Plouffe (INTL LANGS)**, **Hirsch Greenberg** and **Kyla Chadwick (JS)**, **Dr Nick Jones (PLST)**, and **Drs Kyle Hodder, Joe Piwowar, and Ulrike Hardenbicker (GEOG)**. As part of a concurrent program designed for parents, **Gayleen Bailey** and **Tatum Cruise** made presentations on the role that our Faculty's advisors can play in student success.

The Faculty's participation in this event was coordinated by **Diane Mullan**, who was assisted by **Pam Splett, Tatum Cruise, Gayleen Bailey, Connie Novitski, Ara Steininger, and Kevin O'Brien**.



Public reading of *Paradise Lost* on 14 November

Members of the University community – teachers, students, and interested members of the public – are invited to an “epic” reading of John Milton's *Paradise Lost*. The reading begins in the Shu-Box Theatre, Riddell Centre, at 8:30 a.m. sharp on Friday 14 November and will conclude at 8:30 p.m. Each of the 12 books will begin promptly on the half hour. Spectators may come and go throughout the day, but are encouraged to stay for the entire experience. Light refreshments will be available throughout the day, and there will be time between books to pick up something in the Food Court in the Riddell Centre.

For more information, or if you are interested in auditioning for a part, please contact **Dr Jeanne Shami (ENGL)** at 4299, jeanne.shami@uregina.ca.



Philosophy Café series continues on Tuesday 25 November



The Department of Philosophy and Classics continues its popular *Philosophy Café* series on Tuesday 25 November at 7:30 p.m. in the Connaught Library, 3435 – 13th Avenue in the city's Cathedral district.

Philosopher **Dr Ann Ward** will lead an open exchange of ideas on women, friendship and politics Aristotle-style. For more information, call the Department at 4332.

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First Nations University academic seminars series

The Academic Seminars Committee at First Nations University of Canada invites colleagues to mark their calendars with information about two upcoming seminars on current scholarly work. For faculty members who wish to bring a class to the seminars, please contact Dr Linda Goulet, Committee Chair, at lgoulet@firstnationsuniversity.ca or 790.5950 ext 3259 to ensure adequate seating.

The seminars will be videoconferenced to the Saskatoon and Prince Albert campuses of First Nations University.

- **Dr Carrie Bourassa (Science)** – Wednesday 26 November from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M.
- **Dr David Miller (Indigenous Studies)** – Wednesday 28 January from 12:30 to 1:30 P.M.

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In the media

*The following article by Memory McLeod, entitled “Young Journalists Look to Future,” appeared in the Saturday 25 October issue of the Leader-Post. The photograph is by Leader-Post photographer Don Healey, and shows JRN student **Adriana Christianson** demonstrating an audio/video editing suite for Creeson Agecountay, Jason Strathdee, and Matt Obey.*



Aspiring First Nations journalists saw Friday what the future could hold for them.

The University of Regina held its third annual workshop aimed to attract more aboriginal students into its School of Journalism. About 40 First Nations students attended, roughly half of whom were from various Regina schools with the rest being high school students from the Piapot and Cowessess First Nations.

Matt Obey, a Grade 12 student from Beauval, said he came a long way to learn about what options are open to students who go into journalism. "I saw this on a bulletin board. I was kind of interested in journalism before that from doing blogs, and I also took a class in media studies. I decided to check it out to get a taste of journalism," Obey said. He believes media coverage of stories in Saskatchewan would give a better perspective if there were more aboriginals delivering the news. "There is a lot of stuff that is overlooked. The media coverage is more biased, they don't see the story all the way through," he explained.

Leonzo Barreno, originally from Guatemala, is a visiting professor at the school and co-ordinator of the event. He noted there are many opportunities for First Nations students because of the province's growing aboriginal population. "Since I came to Canada there was an under-representation of aboriginal people not only in the media, but everywhere. That gave me the inspiration to create different programs and workshops. As the population changes those changes should be reflected in the media," he said.

While Barreno sees an increase in aboriginals in the media, he said the numbers suggest there is still a long way to go. "We are encouraged to see the number of students who are attending this workshop is growing each year. The response we are receiving from the students is good, especially when we see most of the hands going up when we asked how many are interested in going into journalism after high school," said Barreno.

Creeson Agecutay, a 21-year-old member of the Cowessess band, hopes he can be part of the solution as an intern with CTV. "I came to be part of this just to take it in and to brush up on my skills. But I believe in what this workshop is trying to do. I am part of an internship program that helps First Nations journalists get a foot in the door," Agecutay said.

Global's Jill Morgan and CTV's Nelson Bird, a member of the Peepeekisis First Nation, were guest speakers at the workshop. They spoke about the everyday work of a television anchor and the challenges they face in preparing news stories that are fair and balanced. "Some of the things you see do anger you, because you are a human first, then a reporter. You have to remind yourself that you are there to do a job," Bird said. With an initial plan to be a lawyer, Bird said he found his grades were not high enough and began searching for another area of study. "I originally planned to get into law, but then I realized that I really wanted to be a writer and so journalism was the way to go," Bird said. He described how he became more interested in broadcasting and, as the host of CTV's Indigenous Circle, Bird said he is happy with his career choice.

Some of the guest speakers pointed to the First Nations University of Canada's Indian Communications Arts (INCA) program as a good place to get a head start. "We know that there are many institutions that contribute to the success of our students and we recognize the contribution the schools and media outlets provide through internship and training opportunities," Barreno said.

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Profile of Dr Gord Asmundson

Nick Carleton, a PhD candidate in PSYC, recently published a profile of his supervisor, **Dr Gordon J G Asmundson**, in the October 2008 issue of *Canadian Clinical Psychologist*, the newsletter of the clinical section of the Canadian Psychological Association.

That profile is reproduced on the following pages with permission from *Canadian Clinical Psychologist*.

Profiles in Clinical Psychology: People Dr. Gord Asmundson

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*We all just wanna be psyc (rock) stars
And work in fully funded labs with fifteen grads
Pubs come easy like awards we'll reap
We'll all stay current 'cause we just won't sleep
And we'll hang out with coolest bards
In the VIP with the big psyc stars
Every good researcher's Gonna wind up there
Every first year student
With their new post-er.
Oh, hey, I wanna be a psyc (rock) star.*

First, my apologies to Nickelback for the dreadful parody. To be fair, this was my first attempt while Weird Al has been doing such things for years. These same lyrics might have been produced by Dr. Gordon J. G. Asmundson – previously known to some as G-father – had he pursued his interest in music rather than cutting his hair and changing his name. Instead, Gord sacrificed his rock star future to contribute as an elite, globally influential member of the field of mental health. It would be difficult to overstate the pervasive positive impact he has had on health science. More than a leading psychologist, Gord is an archetypal mentor for new researchers and students. In these ways, he has managed to nonetheless become a psyc (rock) star.

Gord has been an active member of the research community for nearly 20 years. As a young researcher he quickly earned a reputation as the rising star in the field of anxiety disorders – among the most common and costly mental health conditions in the Western world – and related constructs of psychopathology. In 1998 he was awarded the Anxiety Disorders Association of America Early Career Award and thereafter established himself as a pioneering researcher in fear-based contributions to chronic pain. His work has helped to revolutionize models for understanding and treating this complex and growing health concern. In particular, his fear-anxiety-avoidance model and the research it prompted have delineated cognitive mechanisms that contribute significantly to the maintenance or amelioration of chronic pain. These contributions were recognized in 1999 with an early career award from the Canadian chapter of the International Association for the Study of Pain. Gord's recent work has illuminated the complex, mutually maintaining relationship between chronic pain and posttraumatic stress disorder. His theories and research led to a CIHR New

Emerging Teams grant – as well as numerous operating grants – that facilitated his leading a now growing international effort to understand and treat both conditions. His research also extends into other anxiety disorders (e.g., panic disorder, social anxiety disorder) as well as clinically significant health anxiety (e.g., hypochondriasis, disease phobia) – distinct and emerging areas wherein he is already recognized as an international leader.

Gord is currently a Full Professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of Regina. He is widely accepted as the exemplar for teaching, research, and mentorship of graduate students. Serving as tangible examples of his leadership skill, Gord's students are recognized as leaders locally, nationally, and internationally, several being CIHR Brain Star Award winners, and attribute much of their success to his mentorship and training. Most of his current students working at the Anxiety and Illness Behaviours Lab are independently funded, well published in top peer-reviewed journals, and active members of numerous health-related professional organizations (e.g., Canadian Pain Society, Canadian Psychological Association). His students regularly attend national and international conferences showcasing independent and collaborative research efforts. Furthermore, graduates from his tutelage have all gone on to become highly successful independent clinicians, researchers, and professors.

Gord's own record of awards, publications, and professional accomplishments is immense – particularly given that he is still at an early stage in his career. Highlights include millions of dollars in scholarship and research funding awards over his career, half a dozen books (my current favourite being his research methods book: “Clinical Research in Mental Health”), dozens of chapters, more than 150 peer-reviewed publications, as well as hundreds of conferences presentations and abstracts to diverse national and international audiences. Gord's publication record, while impressive, pales in comparison to the impact his work has had on researchers, clinicians, trainees, and patients. Mindful of his professional community obligations, Gord works collaboratively with local, national, and international colleagues, serves as Editor, Associate Editor, and editorial board member for several leading journals, and as an ad hoc reviewer for dozens more. In addition, Gord served as the CIHR delegate to the University of Regina for years and continues to sit on one of the CIHR peer-review committees. These accomplishments attest to his leadership in, and dedication to, mental health.

On a personal note, Gord is a constant positive influence on everyone he encounters. His sharp intellect, integrity, and idealism are complemented by a keen sense of humour, a relaxed demeanour, and charismatic presence. For those who are unfamiliar with the G-joker, just find him early on during a conference and ask when the demonstration will occur – he will gleefully get you involved. Gord provides a model of a balanced life that puts family and friends first. It is the balance in his life to which he credits his success.

Gord is an impressive, innovative psychologist, a distinguished leader, and the archetypal mentor. His contributions to health

research have changed the landscape of mental health and his career is just beginning. In my opinion, Dr. Gordon J. G. Asmundson embodies all of the qualities Canadians have come to associate with the best in psychology. And who knows, with more time and a little support – okay, a lot of support – he may yet rise to the top of the rock star world as well, using his psychology skills to speak to the hearts and minds of the masses. I'm sure Capitol Music Group is waiting by the phone – but in the meantime, he'll have to be happy with being a psych (rock) star. Ψ



Nick Carleton is currently pursuing his doctorate in Psychology and working with Dr. Asmundson studying chronic pain and posttraumatic stress disorder. As a research assistant in the Anxiety and Illness Behaviors Lab, he is actively involved in and piloting several investigations in pain, anxiety, and trauma. His research interests include cognitive-behavioural models and treatments for anxiety, chronic pain, fear, and PTSD. Nick has recently been awarded a CIHR Canadian Graduate Scholarship to study biological and psychological correlates of trauma and pain.



Calendar: upcoming events and deadlines

| UR/URFA contract dates are highlighted in yellow | | | |
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| Faculty recruitment cycle dates are highlighted in rose | | | |
| Date | Time | Place | Event or deadline |
| NOVEMBER 2008 | | | |
| Thursday 6 | 7:30 | Chapters Southland Mall | Coffee House Controversies Kevin Bond (RLST) on yuppie spirituality |
| Friday 7 | 3:30 | TBA | ENGL seminar – Andrew Lycett on a practitioner’s guide to biography |
| Friday 7 | 7:30 | Book and Brier Patch 4065 Albert Street | Launch of <i>For All We Have and Are: Regina and the Experience of the Great War</i> by James Pitsula (HIST) – sponsored by the University of Manitoba Press |
| Tuesday 11 | | | University closed |
| Wednesday 12 -- Friday 14 | | Ramada Hotel and Convention Centre | CPHR and SPHERU Conference: New Directions in Population Health Research (with André Picard, Carolyn Bennett, Ron Labonte) – details at www.cntgrp.ca |
| Friday 14 | 8:30 -- 8:30 | Shu-Box Theatre Riddell Centre | Public reading of <i>Paradise Lost</i> |
| Friday 14 | 2:30 | CL 232 | RLST Ideas series – Lisa Alexandrin on dream diaries and feminine spirituality in medieval Sufism |
| Wednesday 19 | 2:30 | CL 128 | Faculty Council meeting |
| Friday 21 | 3:30 | AH 348 | HIST colloquium – Heather Meek (ENGL) on “Wandering Wombs and Wrongs of Women: Hysteria in the Age of Reason” |
| Thursday 20 | 7:30 | Chapters Southland Mall | Coffee House Controversies -- Brenda Anderson (Luther/RLST) on Muslim-Christian feminist dialogue |
| Tuesday 25 | 1:00 | Luther College Room 100 | INTL ST and JS seminar: Maria Alexandra Madi (Sao Paulo) on economic stability and social inequality in Brazil |
| Tuesday 25 | 7:30 | Connaught Library 3435 – 13 th Avenue | PHIL café series – Ann Ward on women, friendship, and politics Aristotle style |
| Wednesday 26 | 12:30 | FNUniv Room 2068 | FNUniv academic seminars series – Carrie Bourassa (SC/WMST) |
| Friday 28 | 3:30 | AH 348 | ENGL seminar – Michele Dawson (MA candidate) on the Kipling school story |
| Friday 28 | by 4:30 | Dean’s Office | Deadline for receipt of applications and supporting materials from candidates for academic positions in the Faculty |
| DECEMBER 2008 | | | |
| by Monday 1 | | Dean’s Office | Applications for promotion or tenure, including complete packages (7 copies) of materials and names/addresses of external referees, are due in the Dean’s Office. See Appendix H of the <i>Coll. Agreement</i> . |
| Monday 1 | 3:30 | AH 348 | PSYC clinical colloquium – Ken Craig (UBC, emeritus) on “Psychology and Pain” |
| Tuesday 2 | | Associate Dean (Undergrad’s) Office | The Associate Dean will review Winter semester courses (especially those scheduled to be taught by sessionals) for low enrolments and begin contacting Department and program heads as required. |
| Wednesday 3 | 2:30 | CL 427 | Dean’s Executive Committee meeting |
| Thursday 4 | | | Last day of classes for the Fall 2008 term |
| Monday 8 | | | First day of final examinations for the Fall 2008 term |
| 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 |

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| | | | appointments (exception: those people newly appointed in 2008). See Appendix H of the <i>Collective Agreement</i> . |
| by Wednesday 17 | | 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 |
| JANUARY 2009 | | | |
| 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 |
| Wednesday 14 | 2:30 | CL 427 | Dean's Executive Committee meeting |
| Friday 16 | 2:30 | CL 232 | RLST seminars – Ben Fiore (RLST/Campion) on the pastoral epistles |
| Wednesday 21 | 2:30 | | Faculty Council Meeting |
| Wednesday 28 | 12:30 | FNUniv Room 2068 | FNUniv academic seminars series – David Miller (INDG ST) |
| FEBRUARY 2009 | | | |
| 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 |
| Friday 27 | 2:30 | CL 232 | RLST seminars – Volker Griefenhagen (RLST/Luther) 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 |
| MARCH 2009 | | | |
| Wednesday 11 | 2:30 | CL 427 | Dean's Executive Committee meeting |
| Wednesday 18 | 2:30 | | Faculty Council meeting |
| APRIL 2009 | | | |

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| 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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*Deadline for submission of material for next issue: **Friday 7 November at 12 noon***